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Evaluation plans

Math teachers want longer periods

The CHS mathematics teachers feel that they don't have enough time to teach the students everything that they ought to learn as math students. This is especially true in Advanced Math. Even though Columbus Mathematics is rated very high in the state, Judy Owens, math department chairperson, said that additional time. (10 minutes), could be used as a direct study period for the students.

She also suggested that the double periods: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, could be juggled a little to help fit the needs of the mathematics department. They would like to see the time change from a 40-minute period to a 50-minute period.

Here is what the Mathematics Department recommended for the North Central Evaluation:

1. They would like to have the

High School teachers meet with the Junior High teachers at least once a year.

2. They would like to develop a written follow-up study for former graduates.

3. They would like their class periods lengthened to 50-minute periods.

4. They would like to restrict the size of Basic Math to 15 students per class.

Puckett, Miller rule Homecoming

by Lori Stone

Homecoming at CHS is a big day for everyone especially the candidates. There is the football game, the dance afterwards and most importantly the selection of king and queen.

The candidates that waited for the 1981 crowning were: Lori Dohmen, Tonie Hockenberger, Teresa Kyster, Jolene Micek, Karen Miller, Chris Nielsen, Tom Alt, Mark Bellum, Jay Bullington, Larry Jacobs, Rick Podraza, and Bill Puckett.

The opinions of some of these candidates were asked on the following questions: 1. How does it feel to you to be a homecoming

candidate? 2. If you were chosen as Homecoming King or Queen what would be your responsibility towards the school?

One CHS candidate, Bill Puckett said:

1. No comment.

2. To make sure the people and students of CHS never forget this.

Teresa Kyster said:

1. It feels good and different and I'm glad and happy about it.

2. For Booster Club to get things done and it would be pretty much the same as before.

Mark Bellum said:

1. I don't really think about it much because I'm concentrating on football right now.

2. To be the way I was before and not to let it effect my mind.

Karen Miller said:

1. I was surprised.

2. To show lots of spirit and for Booster Club to get done what we need to get done and have fun while we do it.

Jay Bullington said:

1. It feels good and it was also surprising.

2. To be kind of a spiritual leader.

Jolene Micek said:

1. I feel honored.

2. Just to lead my life as the way things are now.

Rick Podraza said:

1. It feels good.

2. I really don't have any idea.

Ship's Log

Oct.	15	4:00	State Meet, Tennis, Lincoln State Meet, Girls Golf, Omaha
		4:00	JV Football with Fremont, away
	16		State Meet, Tennis, Lincoln Cross-Country, Districts North Platte
		7:30	Football with Hastings, away
	20	3:30	Volleyball with Kearney, here
	23		Pep Rally State Meet, Cross-Country, Kearney
		7:30	Football with Norfolk, here
	24		Pershing Marching Contest Trans-Nebraska Volleyball, Hastings

CHS prepares for Carson

The halftime at the Columbus-Norfolk game Oct. 23 will be a memorable one.

Johnny Carson, "Tonight Show" host and Nebraska native, will make an appearance as a part of a TV special being filmed by NBC-TV.

According to CHS principal Robert Dierman, Carson will arrive in Columbus from Norfolk, where he is staying during the filming of the special, "Johnny Comes Home" (Carson is a Norfolk native).

The CHS band will play a big part in the evenings festivities, according to band director Bill

Bailey. The band, in conjunction with Norfolk High's band, who is also coming down for the occasion, will set up an as yet undecided formation and play "Happy Birthday" (as it will be Johnny's birthday) and "Auld Lang Syne". In addition, both bands will do their competition halftime shows.

Meanwhile, the city is not doing anything special for Johnny as of yet, according to City Administrator Lloyd Castner. He said that the city's main concern at the present time is finding seating and crowd control for the 4,000 people he expects to show up.

Better get your seats early.

Activity policy outlined

The new activity policy was laid down by the Board of Education on May 11, 1981. The intent of this policy is to control and coordinate the many fund raising drives by students and organizations related to a segment of the Columbus City School District.

Robert Dierman, CHS principal, explained that they are limiting the fund raising because more groups from elementary and jr. high schools are asking the community for money and it is limiting other organizations which may need just as much money.

Dierman said that these organizations are concerned about the activity policy as it may restrict the organizations ability for fund raising.

The fund raising drives must receive the approval of the immediate building level administrator. All money raised by students must be deposited within the appropriate activity account by the sponsor. Any group not willing to place the funds within the appropriate activity account must sign a letter of waiver or disclaimer

prior to approval by the building administrator.

The primary function of the Columbus City Schools is to provide education for young people. Therefore, the District is cautious about including activities in the schools which detract from the educational purpose.

Four-day festival

Columbus celebrates its 125th

by Chris Bleacher

They're all over the track. Practicing stops and starts and executing finely-calculated curves and precision skids. Occasionally an engine may stall and a quick stop in such a case may cause a temporary pile-up, but luckily no major injuries.

Yes, it's the scene of a big race, possibly the most important competition of the year; if you're between the ages of 3 and 8 and operate solely on peddle power.

Many munchkins, known as children to most, turned out for the big-wheel races held during the Columbus Days festivities on Saturday, Oct. 3. Approximately 50 to 75 pedal-pushers appeared for six heats ranging in 3 to 4, 5 to 6, and 7 to 8 year-old categories for girls and boys.

As one happy little boy put it "Everyone wins, Daddy!", as each child received a handful of candy, even if he or she came in last place.

The big-wheel winners received ribbons for first, second and third place finishes.

Of course, the big-wheel races

were only one of many scheduled events. Spectators and participants alike found plenty to do during Columbus days ranging from parades to watch, carnivals to investigate and air shows to marvel at. All these activities took place over a period of four days, from Oct. 1-4 all of which commemorated the 125th anniversary of Columbus.

The Meriam Show which ran from 3 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 1 to late that night and at intervals throughout the next few days began the celebration.

Another highlight was the karate exhibition held at noon Saturday, Oct. 3. Approximately 12 members of the AKC (members of Columbus-karate club) including three black belts and about the same number of red belts (the step below a black belt) turned out to demonstrate the karate method of self-defense. The demonstration included the AKC's normal exercise routines along with a special demonstration by the club's president, a black belt himself attempted to break as many boards as was possible for him in one minute. He succeeded in break-

ing 80 one inch thick boards, each one supported by either one of the karate students or by a number of cement blocks stacked up to allow room for the breakage.

Another highlight was the Columbus Days parade (of course) also held on Saturday. The parade was joined with the usual excitement and plenty of enthusiasts, though the weather looked rainy all day and proceeded to do just that just hours before the parade was scheduled to start. However, as the parade began at 3:30, fifteen minutes later than originally planned, someone saw fit to stop the drizzle, at least until a few hours after the parade had ended. So the parade began with a bang (from the gun of a tank the Armory had entered in the parade) after all.

The last major highlight of the weekend was the Columbus Days Air show held Sunday, Oct. 4. Many spectators showed up in the cold weather and wind to watch as members of a special Air Force group performed several airborne stunts.

CHS student receives Merit commendation

CHS Senior Michelle Zoucha is being commended in the 1982 National Merit Scholarship Program. A letter of Commendation will be presented to Zoucha, who placed among the top 51,000 participants in the current competition.

A spokesman for National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the Merit Program, stated, "To be designated a Commended student is an outstanding attainment, deserving of public recognition. The nation will benefit from the continued educational and personal development of students such as these, for they have shown exceptional promise. We sincerely hope that the able young men and women being honored will receive whatever assistance is necessary

for them to achieve the high goals they set for themselves."

Of some 1.2 million students who entered the 1982 Merit Scholarship competition by taking a qualifying test in 1980, about 36,000 are being commended this month, as they begin their final year of high school. These participants scored high, but slightly below students in their respective states who qualified as Merit Program Semifinalists. Only the 15,000 Semifinalists, who were announced in a national news release on September 16, will receive further consideration for Merit Scholarships. In the spring of 1982, NMSC will announce the names of about 5,000 Merit Scholarship winners who will receive awards worth \$15 million for college undergraduate study.

Editorial writer explains himself

Okay, I admit it. I wrote the editorial about the cheerleaders. I think I made a few people unhappy. The above statement belongs in the "Understatement of the Year" category.

You know what has happened to me since the general public got a hold of that editorial?

I have had people, totally P.O.'ed at my article, walk up to me and chew me out.

Walking past the commons, I was booed by a multitude of students there.

I was confronted by a large group of students, mostly football players, in the library, who told me, in effect, that they hated my editorial.

All this happened within two hours after the paper hit the halls. I guess it's like they say; friends may come and go, but enemies accumulate.

Wait a minute. Before you rip this column to shreds (or me to shreds, for that matter,) let me say something. The purpose of the editorial was to satirically point out some of the (how should I put this) "problems" I've noticed in those cheers. I probably went a little overboard in the sarcasm department, but the whole point of it was to say that, in my opinion, some of the cheers are getting a little on the dull side and could stand a little improvement.

If anyone was offended (and I'm afraid there were a few), I'm sorry. Really, I am.

Honor roll system in need of revision

What if, in this school, you are considered a brain, not only by the students but by the teachers? I mean, what if you make honor roll?

Okay, so you get your name in the paper. Big deal. You could also make the news by robbing a store, and you'd probably get more attention.

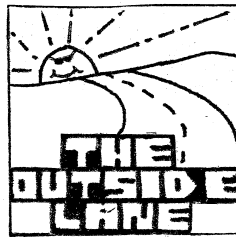
The point is, other than to get your name in the paper, honor roll serves little purpose. I'm sure none of you CHS'ers would like to see the system abolished, so some changes should really be made.

What if students making honor roll (and found to be reliable; not trouble-makers) received an 'honor pass', something to get them out of study hall? Now that they're out of study hall, how about having someplace to go? Like, maybe a study room or lounge. Make it comfortable, like the commons and maybe include a few more special privileges, such as special study materials. Hopefully the scholars would not have to study there, but could talk, break out a deck of cards, play backgammon, etc. It would be helpful if the school could provide one or two such recreational activities, if the school board could find it within their budget. If not, maybe the honor students themselves could organize long enough to hold a fund raiser for lounge materials. (It could be worthwhile.)

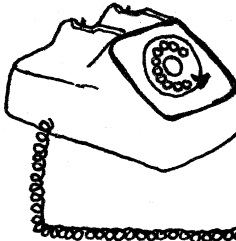
Of course these privileges could not be abused. If one was to abuse the system a simple revocation of the 'honor pass' could be a cure.

Sound like a good idea? May be you have an idea of your own you'd like to suggest? A simple letter to the editor will get it voiced.

Reach out and punch someone



by Terry Krepel



Ringggg . . .
 "Terry's Mortuary you stab'em, we'll slab'em and send'em to HELLO . . ."
 "Hello, is the man of the house there?"
 "This is as close as you're gonna get right now."
 "I guess you'll have to do. You can win a valuable prize if you can answer this simple question."
 "Let's not and say we did."
 "Who is buried in Grant's Tomb?"
 "Some guy named Grant."
 "You're absolutely right! Do you want to know what you've won?"
 "Do I have a choice?"
 "Well, you lucky devil, you, you've just won a six-night stay in Puerto Rico! . . . uh, hello?"
 "You wanna run that by me again?"
 "You've won six nights in Puerto Rico!"
 "That's what I thought. You mean, I won just for answering that stupid question?"

"You got it."
 "Well, how about that. A whole week in Puerto Rico."
 "Uh, not exactly."
 "What do you mean, not exactly?"
 "Well, you've won six nights in Puerto Rico. No days, just six nights."
 "So what do I do with my days?"
 "We don't care, just stay out of Puerto Rico."
 "That's stupid."
 "So are you. Besides, those are the rules."
 "They're still dumb."
 "Well, do you want to go, or don't you?"
 "How do I get there?"
 "That's your problem."
 "I think I'm being taken."
 "Not by us. You have to get there yourself . . . what's that noise?"
 "I'm pounding my head against the wall."
 "Why?"
 "Cuz' it feels so good when I stop . . ."

-letters- Bleacher's Babble

by Chris Bleacher

Dear Staff,

What you wrote about our cheers was very unkind. I disagree 100%. I think the cheers are good ones, and I don't think you had any right putting down our cheers.

Another thing I noticed is that you have not once covered the pep club (this year). We are also important with helping with the cheers. We deserve some credit.

Patty Husak

Dear Staff,

I think that you had better learn to keep your mouths shut, because our teams rely on those cheers and cheerleaders. What you said was unpleasant and unfair. You owe the entire school a public apology.

As in immediately, if not sooner.
 Candi Kirk

Dear Staff,

I disagree very much with your editorial concerning creativity in the cheers. If anyone on the staff can think of anything better, fine, I'd like to hear it.

You should be ashamed of yourselves. What would sports really be without us, the cheerleaders, chantleaders, and pep club? BLAH, that's what!

One more thing. Why didn't the person who wrote the article sign his/her name? If he/she wants to be bold and write stuff like that, then, like the people who write these letters, they should sign his/her name, right?

The writer of that article should be responsible for writing an apology to cheerleaders, chantleaders, and pep club for the cut-down of our cheers! You, as the staff, had no right to do that. I'd like to see you do better!

A very angry student,
 Angel Gerber

I think we should pioneer a special organization called Diet Lovers Anonymous. This group would be the sure-fire cure all for those saints who are on eternal diets such as Twiggy, Jack Spratt and countless others without whom we would not know the meaning of the word fat.

I certainly can't claim any stake in Diet Lovers Anonymous. I'm an habitual eater myself. Anything that looks fairly edible gets stuffed into my mouth, and any questions I might have are asked later.

Once as I whizzed full-speed through the kitchen I spied a motionless object lying on the

counter. I winced as I realized the dishrag was headed for the bottomless pit.

But did that stop my eating habits? No. At least, not for too long. Actually I have absolutely no intention of starving myself into the dimensions of a light pole, only twice as skinny. Nor do I feel the need to be able to slither under a pregnant ant. Therefore when ever anyone asks me if I have a personal motto I'm always tempted to respond "Here today, eaten tomorrow."

Well, I'd love to hang around and write at you, but I've really got to get going. My diet starts today.

'Special Edition' makes Homecoming successful

by Amy Zywiec

"Special Edition" was the band featured at the 1981 homecoming dance. Drummer for "Special Edition", T.K. Olson, said that this is one of many homecomings they will play for this year.

"Special Edition" first got started around the beginning of May, 1981. "Special Edition" is managed by the parents of T.K. and Terry Olson. (Terry is the lead guitarist). Mrs. Olson is the bookkeeper and Mr. Olson manages the band and runs the lighting for the show.

"My parents are really supportive," T.K. said, "we showed the interest and they gave the support."

The five-member band plays a wide variety of music, from classical rock to New Wave. They have a few more songs worked out also. They haven't worked too many shows yet but their future schedule looks pretty full.

T.K., 18, is a freshman at UNL. He plays the drums and keyboard for the band. He also sings lead and back-up vocals. T.K. said he has been interested in music all his life and has been active in the Lincoln Southeast marching band and in a variety of stage bands for a number of years. He won the Wayne State University trophy for being the outstanding drum soloist. He also was a member in the group "Cast of Players."

Terry Olson, 17, is a senior in high school. Terry plays the lead guitar and some keyboard for "Special Edition". He sings the back-up vocals. Terry first got started in music when he was eight years old, and has also played in a few bands. The most recent was the "Cast of Players".

Another "Special Edition" member, Mike McWilliams, 17, is also a senior in high school. He plays lead and rhythm guitar. McWilliams played the guitar for five years and has also played in other bands.

The group's keyboard player is Tom Ficke, 17, who plays a variety of instruments. He sings the lead vocals for the group. Ficke has been singing for 10 years as a barber shop singer and in high school musicals.

John Hitz, 17, is the bass player. Hitz has also played professionally for other bands.

The entire band is from Lincoln, and according to T.K., they all met through each other. T.K. and Terry are brothers, T.K. knew Mike through work, Mike knew John, and they knew Tom through school. All of the band members would like to further their musical careers by playing professionally.

"It really helps if the guys are all friends, you just go out there and have a great time!", T.K. said.

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Sportsquiz

By Scott Arnold

QUESTION:

What Yankee Batboy was fired for almost killing Babe Ruth?

ANSWER:

William Bendix, who, ironically, would later play the Babe in the movies.

When Ruth was at the apex of his career, a young batboy worshipped the Babe, and in turn, Ruth encouraged the young man to pursue a baseball career. Ruth's very wish was Bendix's command. The kid would shine the Babe's shoes, run his errands, and provide Ruth with all the heavy-eating Babe would require.

One day before a game, Ruth dispatched Bendix to obtain some soda pop and hot dogs. Dutifully, the kid returned with a dozen frankfurters and several quarts of soda. As usual, Ruth, one of sportdom's notorious eaters, devoured everything that Bendix delivered to the locker room.

This time the feast took its toll and, later in the afternoon, Ruth collapsed with severe stomach pains and was rushed to the hospital. Headlines across the country proclaimed that Ruth actually was dying. When the Yankees' front office discovered that William Bendix had delivered the food to Ruth, the young batboy was summarily dismissed.

The babe recovered and continued hitting home runs and drawing fans to every ball park in the American League. Meanwhile, the brokenhearted Bendix abandoned his pursuit of a baseball career and, instead, turned to the theater.

JV's defeat Central City

The CHS sophomore defense stopped the Central City Bison Monday, Sept. 28 in the first half to only two yards which helped the offense to a 7-0 lead.

Steve Sliva scored the touchdown with a four-yard run from scrimmage. Tom Ek hit the extra point to make the score 7-0 going into the locker room.

The second half Columbus scored again with a one-yard run by Tom Nelson. Again, Tom Ek hit the extra point to make the score 14-0. The defense held the Bison out of the endzone until the final 58 seconds of the game when the Bison went for two points and got it with a pass from the quarterback to the tightend to make the final score 14-8.

Columbus	7	0	7	0	14
Central City	0	0	0	8	8



Bill Puckett and Karen Miller were crowned CHS Homecoming King and Queen at halftime of the CHS-Grand Island game Oct. 9. Columbus won the game 17-14. (Photo courtesy Columbus Telegram.)

Launderville joins cast

The musical "Two by Two" will be a successful play according to CHS theater director Ruth Schlobohm. The practices for the play have been going well. "I'm very happy with the cast," Schlobohm said. Schlobohm is sure the cast will be ready by Nov. 13 and 14.

Senior Dennis Launderville took the place of Senior Laurel Brunken as Noah. Launderville didn't try out for the play the first time around, but the second audition he tried out and was selected for the part of Noah.

CHS Band marches in winning style

The Columbus High Marching Band stepped off to a good season this year by receiving a superior trophy at the Norfolk Marching Band Competition at Norfolk High School on Sept. 26. Only three class A bands were there, this being the earliest competition of the year. The Band also marched in a parade that day.

Coming off of a good showing at Norfolk, the Band hosted the Columbus Days competition . . . again receiving a superior trophy. The Band tied with Norfolk to earn the most points out of all class A bands (82.3). Bellevue East and Seward were not far behind with 79.6 and 78.7 respectively. So, despite the rain, the Band was off to another traditional superior season.

Band Director Bill Bailey is looking forward to the Wisner-Pilger competition to come on Oct. 17. There will be competitive bands such as Norfolk, Omaha Central and Omaha. Bailey would like to see the Band get another superior trophy and also get in the high 80's pointwise.

On the 24th, the Band will travel to Lincoln to compete in the Nebraska Marching Band Festival which is held indoors at the Pershing Auditorium. The Band will have limited space to work with because the auditorium is smaller than a regular field.

Also competing will be top bands such as Papillion, Fremont, Lincoln N.E., and Hastings. Bailey's goal is to break 90 points at Pershing.

Bailey also added that the Flag and Rifle Corps add in a very positive manner to the Band.

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Paprocki enjoys long summer in Germany

CHS Junior Ron Paprocki was a Youth For Understanding summer exchange student to Germany from June 26 till August 24. Paprocki lived on a small dairy farm 8 km from the city of Bassum, population 10,000.

Paprocki had a 17-year-old host brother named Carsten and a 15-year-old host sister named Suzi. Paprocki said he had a great relationship with his host family. He went to many dances and parties with his host sister or host brother and made many friends. With his new friends he traveled to an amusement park in Holland.

Paprocki said he liked about everything except the weather. It was usually around 60 degrees cloudy, and wet, and it rained about every other day.

"About everything in Europe is in some way or another different than in the United States" Paprocki stated. Some differences he noted were, on the whole, practically every German is very polite. In some cases too polite, such as when they eat. A German will rarely touch food with his hands. Things like pizza, rolls, french fries, and sandwiches are always eaten with a knife and a fork. A proper German NEVER puts his elbows on the table.

But some things about the Germans were not so pleasing. Germans aren't as well groomed as Americans. Girls don't shave their legs or underarms and people don't comb their hair as much — they comb it once in the morning and that's about it. People usually don't use deodorants in Germany and this can be quite difficult to get used to especially when one goes to a dance where practically everybody is dancing and sweating. Clothes aren't as neat as an American's because Germans like to conserve their water thus not washing their clothes as often and they wear their clothes for a longer period of time than we do.

German teenagers are also kind of different compared to American teenagers. Almost every teenager owns a big stereo component comprised of usually two four-stereo units not counting the speakers. It is usually the best thing a German teen owns. Jeans aren't as popular with them and about 50 percent of the teens now wear jeans. Skirts are very popular with the girls in Germany.

Since you must be 18 to drive a



Ron Paprocki and friend Imka stand beside a string of wooden shoes which hang in front of a Dutch shoe store.

car in Germany, the German teens ride bikes, but mostly mopeds if they have to get somewhere. Parents don't drive their kids to where they have to go very much. To get a license a person must take 15 tests, a year of driver's education and must pay approximately \$2,000 for his license. German teens were very surprised when they found that Americans can get their license at the age of 16 and pay about \$7 for a license.

German teenagers rarely go out on a date with just one boy and on a date with just one boy and one girl. When German teens go somewhere it is almost always in a group. The groups of teens are usually comprised of the teens that live in a certain area, like all the teens of a small village. It is not

unusual to see some of these groups consisting of young people ranging from the ages of 15-22. Age is not such an important barrier to them.

The best thing about German young people though, was being able to go to any restaurant, disco, or any other place that served liquor and order any alcoholic beverage you desired.

Discos are popular among European youths. In the nearby city of Bassum there were three discos. Discos in Germany are more like hang-outs where all the kids usually go talk and drink. They don't always play disco music, in fact over half of the time they play contemporary rock out of Britain. American music didn't really reach Europe much and most of the music Germans listen to is British.

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Band sees new plans

This is the time of year for bands from all over the country to step out on the street and perform for the public.

The Columbus High School Band did exactly that on Oct. 3 when they competed against other bands on the football field as well as on the street. The field competition was between 12:00 and 3:15 p.m. After field marching they took to the streets.

CHS Band Director Bill Bailey said that, "we (the band) have a show. The band is looking good and will be doing a few different things this year. They will be doing a slow step in street marching with a new drum cadence. The flag and rifle corps are going to have a routine while the rest of the band street marches."

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