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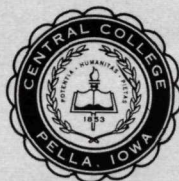
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### LIFE AFTER CENTRAL

One of my most delightful experiences during the past four years has been meeting the alumni of Central College. We have travelled to New York and California and numerous communities in between to attend dinners, receptions, and focus groups at which alumni have been present. Loyalty to Central College has been one factor contributing to a positive experience when meeting alumni. Alumni who have experienced Central College, whether four years ago or forty, for the most part reflect upon that experience as a significant period in their lives. Many alumni express an eagerness to give back time, talent, or treasure to the college in appreciation for what they have received.

In addition to being loyal, Central College alumni are accomplished. Our society measures accomplishment in many ways. Reputation is valued. Professions are highly regarded. Entrepreneurship is admired. Wealth may be a mixed blessing, but our society also takes note of those who are successful in achieving this. Many alumni of Central College are accomplished by society's measures. The Central College mission statement includes a reference to providing students with the knowledge and skills to pursue careers. The fact that for the most part, Central College alumni are successful in society is an indication that Central is achieving this aspect of its mission.

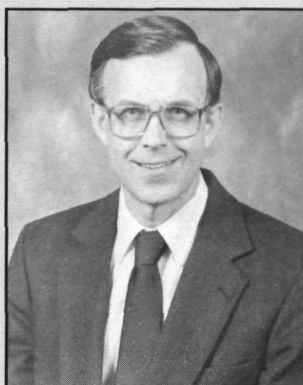
What really makes meeting our alumni such a satisfying experience, however, is who they are as people, as citizens, as members of a community--whether a neighborhood, a church, a small town, or a large city. The Central College community is informed by

values. A Central College education not only emphasizes knowledge and skills, but stewardship, servanthood, and an in-depth understanding of the spiritual dimensions of life. This is evident when we are on campus and interact with students, faculty, and staff on a day-to-day basis within the Central community.

What is exciting about

meeting alumni is to see how the values which students brought with them to the college, and which their experience in the Central community reinforced, continue to shape their lives. As I have said to some of our alumni, "you really are what we would hope that the students that we have on campus would become after, five, ten, twenty, thirty, or forty years." It is a beautiful pattern of growth to observe, and a privilege to witness this.

It is clear from meeting our alumni that there is life after Central. It is a life that bears the fruit of four years of intensive involvement in the Central College community. We look forward to future opportunities to meet you where you now live. ♦



*William M. Witzung*



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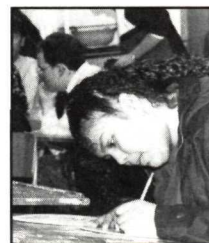
The lives of Central graduates reflect a kaleidoscope of careers, families and achievements. Does this quilt have a pattern?

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#### DIVERSITY INCLUDES GAYS AND LESBIANS

To the Editor:

I was surprised by the article in the recent *Bulletin* about the need to develop a multicultural welcome on the Central campus. I attended Central from 1968-1972 and the same issue was talked about then. With the extraordinary international programs that Central has, it seems that a multicultural campus would be the easiest thing possible.

As surprised as I was that this is still an issue, I was equally disappointed that the article neglected an inclusion of lesbian and gay students into the Central multicultural mix. There were gay and lesbian students, faculty and administrators when I was at Central and they are part of the community now. If one believes the culture is resistant to include African-Americans, Latinos and Asians then they need to know that the culture is extraordinarily discriminatory towards lesbians and gay men.

I am convinced that my life would have been entirely different if my college experience would have included a role model or even an informed picture of other gay men. I am also convinced that many of the gay men currently infected with HIV could have avoided the devastation to themselves and their community if the culture they matured in would have been willing to give good information about sexual choices. I don't mean sexual preference, but clear information about how to make sexual choices.

I was interested to see that Central is preparing panels for the *Names Project AIDS Quilt*. While sentiment is nice - education is the key. And the place for education is within the cultural context of family and college and workplace.

As a gay man I am grateful that I finally found a community and a family. I only wish I could have found some of this while I was in college. If Central intends to be a truly multicultural community it must also be a welcome place for students who are lesbian and gay. ♦

Bob Long, '72  
Norristown, PA

#### 'ALMA MATER' RESONATES FAMILIAR THEMES

By Kristen Gandrow

It is easy to imagine the lure of an alma mater that beckons in middle life with opportunities - if not revelations - that were never envisioned by the vigorous youth spent during a brief four years' time in college. Harder to maintain is a balanced view of what was, what is, and what a school might become. But in revisiting his alma mater in a book by the same title (*Alma Mater: A College Homecoming*), P.F. Kluge ties remnants of his grateful as well as grinding college memories to insights and ponderings offered by the school's current population in an engaging and conversational narrative.

Kenyon College in rural Ohio has called Kluge back on several occasions to fill temporary teaching positions for a semester or two, just enough, apparently, to pique his interest in an extended stay for the entire academic year. Kluge tackles the book during this fourth stay, when he is housed on campus with freshmen in the same men's dormitory that he lived in more than 30 years previously. His details about life in Lewis Hall might just as well be tales from Gaass Hall; the similarity is striking if not entirely surprising.

There are beautiful reflections in the book about the nature of teaching, for instance, and other philosophical musings that seem prevalent - and are accorded importance - in the world of academe. Kluge seeks impressions from the tenured professors who are bastions of the college as well as from the transient, visiting, junior faculty who always have one foot on the doorstep.

### REVIEW

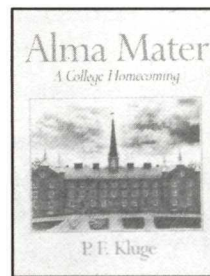
A colleague in the English department who is teaching, "Tintern Abbey" for the twenty-second time described to Kluge how teaching is exciting at first, and then challenging as the years pass and the struggle for clarity versus cleverness overthrows the ability to deliver every truth with an anecdotal punch line. The process enriches life like "a gift ... a transformation that you spend the rest of your life discovering," he says (pg. 44). Kluge uncovers several simple but profound "gifts" like this one during conversations on campus. It is comforting to be reminded of how seriously our professors take their task to heart, and I felt a connection to favorite faculty from my own college experience.

Throughout the book, Kluge searches for metaphors to describe relationships. For the president and the academic community, he discards prison and guard, settles on landlord and tenant but decides the topic requires further consideration. Early on he labels faculty meetings bad opera for a handful of hilarious reasons, then he later enlarges that theme, then ultimately changes it from resembling bad opera to professional wrestling. With compelling evidence.

For graduates of any college, the book enables an occasional suspension of reality while the rich hues of one's own college days flood the mind. When Kluge walks Kenyon College's Middle Path, in my mind's eye I'm crossing Central's bridge. When he mentions the fraternity parties and politics, faces of Phi Deltas and Thetas swim back into focus from obscurity, and I smile. The tapestry of the book is woven in colors of faded glory like an old flag, and it stirs something in the heart.

*Alma Mater* is a powerful testimonial to the enduring uniqueness of a small liberal arts college that sustains tradition, encourages growth, and focuses on standards set at a fine caliber. Sounds familiar. ♦

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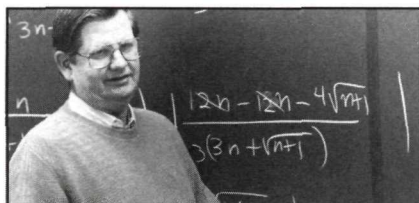
### BEARCE RESIGNS, IVERSON INTERIM DEAN

**T**om Iverson, professor of mathematics and computer science, and chair of the natural science division, has been named interim dean of Central

College. He replaces W.H. "Hutch" Bearce, who resigned Jan. 1 of this year, citing "personal, professional and institutional" reasons. President William Wiebenga, in announcing Bearce's departure, said "he has been a valued colleague and a friend to many at this institution." Bearce's future plans were not immediately known.

The six faculty division chairs met in mid-December to recommend an interim dean and selected Iverson. The college hopes to find a full-time replacement by Sept. 1.

Iverson, who joined the faculty at Central in 1976, has represented the faculty on several college committees, including Strategic Planning and Policy and Personnel. He is active in the Pella community and at Third Reformed Church, where he is an elder and a member of the consistory. He received an outstanding performance award from Central in 1991,



**Tom Iverson**

and was chosen as speaker for Central's matriculation convocation last fall.

Born and raised on a sheep ranch near Roundup, Montana,

Iverson has continued to spend occasional summers there. He graduated from Westmont College in Santa Barbara, Ca. with a degree in psychology.

"We're all here because we have a stake in learning," Iverson said in his matriculation convocation address. He's translated this philosophy to his present position. "If I would have had the attitude of spending six to eight months here just taking care of the details, I wouldn't have accepted it."

Iverson hopes to be able to build the feeling of community at Central. While promoting critical thinking among the student body, you must at the same time temper the critical thinking of faculty into a community, he said. But that doesn't mean you have to agree. "Diversity of opinion makes a community a living thing," Iverson said, "yet you need a common language to appreciate differences and enrich communities from them." ♦

### FACULTY ADDS MUSCLE TO CORE CURRICULUM

**I**n a unanimous vote by the Central College faculty, the school approved the most significant changes in its academic curriculum in 20 years, including a cultural awareness component that requires students to have "significant contact with some minority, subculture or international group."

This two-quarter-hour requirement may be met by studying abroad, taking experiential modules or taking a course that requires face-to-face contact with domestic minorities or subcultures.

"We want our students to become citizens of the world," said Tom Iverson, chair of the natural sciences division and acting dean of the college. "This requirement should help them extend their horizons."

Central's current curriculum requires students to complete four quarter hours of cross cultural courses for graduation. The new requirement says students must complete 14 quarter hours along with a language proficiency test.

In addition to the changes in the cultural awareness requirement, the school has nearly doubled the number of required courses a student must take to graduate.

The new academic requirements are scheduled to be implemented in the fall of 1995. ♦



**Pella third graders participate in an interactive class with students in Des Moines.**

### FIBER OPTICS DEBUT

**T**he future arrived at Central in January when the college's fiber optic classroom began receiving and transmitting programs via the Iowa Communications Network. The ICN provides instantaneous transmission of interactive voice, video and data to more than 100 sites in the state. It is the first network of its kind in the U.S. and the beginnings of a proposed national information "superhighway."

Despite a network glitch that inhibited some transmissions during a statewide "town meeting" sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts,

the meeting itself was a success, said Director of Libraries Robin Martin.

Carol Pulz, a teacher at Jefferson Elementary School in Pella, brought a group of her third grade students to use the classroom in January. They interacted with an elementary school in Des Moines. Pulz wanted to expose her students to the technology and teach them to use the equipment.

Interactive meetings and distance learning represent only a fraction of the system's potential uses. "It's mind boggling what can happen with it yet," Pulz said. ♦





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### KING TRIBUTE HIGHLIGHTS DIVERSITY WEEK



**Pam Thomas, coordinator of multicultural student support, speaks at the unveiling of a photograph of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s 1967 visit to Central.**

Central's Coalition for a Multi-Cultural Campus (CMCC) sponsored a "Celebration of Diversity" week Jan. 10-16. A commemoration of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s visit to Central in 1967 highlighted the week-long event with a re-dedication and unveiling ceremony of a picture taken during King's visit. Randy Sims, executive director of the National Council of Christians and Jews, spoke at the event.

Following the ceremony, students presented a multi-cultural fair, which included a fashion show, dances, songs and food.

A panel discussion on multi-cultural issues included faculty and staff who shared their own personal and professional experiences with diversity, and offered ideas on how Central can become more diverse.

On Jan. 14, CMCC sponsored a multi-cultural dance in Grand Central Station. The Rev. Leon Herndon of the Burns United Methodist Church in Des Moines, led campus church on the 16th, with the help of the Grinnell Gospel Choir. ♦

### BLACK STUDENT'S ORDEAL REMEMBERED

During the Christmas break of 1962, Roland Glover, a Central College student from Ghana, and three other college students were beaten and harassed by white supremacists while driving through Alabama. When Glover returned to Central, the campus was faced head-on with the issue of racism.

It was five years later, but some believe it was Glover's story that prompted Martin Luther King Jr.'s historic visit to Central in the spring of 1967. Central commemorated King's visit during a week-long "Celebration of Diversity" Jan. 10-16.

Professor of English Maxine Huffman has vivid memories of King's speech. "He gave a very powerful and stirring speech. People at that time were worried that it might cause problems in the town but it went very smoothly," she said.

Donald Meyer, professor of math/computer science, also recalls feelings of tension in Pella. "The student reaction was very open but the town was uptight and apprehensive," he said. "His speech was held in the old gymnasium where the chapel is

now. The gymnasium was full and King was very well received."

Glover's beating occurred while he and three companions were traveling through the South during the holiday break. When they stopped at a gas station, one of the students took a picture of the three signs above the bathrooms

#### **Glover's beating occurred while he and three companions were traveling through the South during break.**

that read "Men," "Ladies," and "Coloreds." After the group pulled away from the station, they were stopped for questioning by police who said they had received a complaint from the gas station. After the police were finished with their questioning, they told Glover and his friends they wanted to show them a short-cut to the highway. Glover's group naively followed.

"As soon as we left town we saw a line of cars following us," Glover said. A short time later a car pulled in front of Glover's car and a group of men jumped

out and surrounded them. Several were carrying guns.

Glover was "roughed up" but not seriously hurt. Apparently the attackers believed Glover, who was carrying his passport, was a foreigner and therefore unaware of racial norms in the South. Two of the other students, also from Ghana, didn't have their passports and were savagely beaten. One of them was hospitalized with broken ribs. The fourth student, who was white, was beaten so badly he required surgery. The incident made national and international headlines and Ghana even briefly suspended travel to the U.S.

According to Jim Graham, Central's academic dean in 1962, Glover's experience inspired Central students and faculty to become active in the civil rights movement. Central students later participated in marches in both Washington, D.C. and Selma, Ala.

Glover, who graduated from Central in 1965, is now a professor of African studies and political science at the University of Southern Florida. He received a distinguished alumni award in 1990. ♦

*-Kathleen Lowe*





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### IT'S FREEZING OUT HERE



**Sub-zero temperatures throughout January and early February didn't deter Central students from having fun.**

### BACK TO KENTUCKY

A contingent of Central students for the third consecutive year devoted their spring break to helping the people of Jackson County, Ken.

Led by a Campus Ministries team in collaboration with Jackson County Ministries, the students at the Spring Break Workcamp provided home repairs for residents of the nation's sixth-poorest county. In addition, students participated in spelunking adventures in the caves of nearby Daniel Boone National Forest, and gathered for evening devotions.

Senior B. J. Nykamp of Hamilton, Mich., said the work camp provides a way for students to live out their faith. "We could have gone to a lot of different places, but we've had such great experiences in Kentucky, we wanted to go again." ♦

As if 1993 didn't have enough extraordinary weather, 1994 began with a month of cold that snapped records more than 100 years old.

Students endured Arctic blasts that sent the temperature plummeting to -23 on January 18, breaking a record set in 1880. Central ran bus shuttles throughout the day from student housing units in the Collegiate Center to various parts of the main campus.

To cope with the coldest January in 30 years students found new and interesting pastimes. We distilled their best suggestions and compiled them below in the form of Top Ten Winter Survival Activities.

10. Get on a plane, fly to Jamaica, and get a terrible sunburn.
9. Stay inside and play Scrabble.
8. Take tiny little steps to avoid slipping on the ice.
7. If you fall and nobody's watching, just lie there and enjoy it.
6. Repeat several times "At least we're not in Minnesota."
5. Erect a tent on the "tundra" and lob snowballs at the Theta house.
4. Remember what your Arizona relatives said about missing "the change of seasons."
3. Build snowmen that look like former presidents. (Of the United States.)
2. Read up on the latest global warming theories.
1. Play hockey under the bridge. "He shoots, he scores!" ♦

### STUDENTS HELP CHIAPAS REFUGEES

Responding to pleas from Yucatan program director George Ann Huck, students and the Faculty Benevolent Association in January organized a relief effort for people in the Chiapas region of Mexico.

Chiapas is home to indigenous Mayan people as well as thousands of Guatemalan refugees who fled that country's violence. Recent fighting between a rebel group and Mexican troops resulted in hundreds of deaths and the displacement of hundreds of people. Huck, who regularly takes a delegation from Central's program in Merida to Chiapas, contacted faculty members with news about the suffering caused by indiscriminate bombing. Refugees who fled the bombing

had nothing but the clothes they were wearing, according to Huck. She said the refugees needed blankets, clothing, food, and medicine.

Amnesty International and the FBA collaborated to solicit funds for the people of Chiapas. Students signed up to skip lunch on February 1 and donated the cost of the meal to the relief effort. Amnesty International circulated petitions urging an end to the fighting. In all, \$1,300 was raised.

Materials donated from Central were sent to the Human Rights Center in San Cristobal, where many of the refugees are living.

Huck visited Central in early February when she presented an update on the situation in Chiapas. ♦



# LIFE AFTER CENTRAL

by Kevin Cool



**Scott and Becky Eversman, '83,  
and their daughter,  
Sarah, live in  
Ely, England.  
See story  
on opposite page.**

Something funny happened on the way to this story. We went looking for "typical" Central College graduates and couldn't find any.

In searching for the ordinary we were struck by the extraordinary diversity of Central graduates that defied our best attempts to homogenize them. Every time we thought we had the species pegged, another evolutionary marvel emerged from the forest -- a man conducting research on the Exxon oil spill; a blind woman who climbs mountains; the first walking, talking recipient of a revolutionary heart pump that keeps him alive while awaiting a transplant. And so on.

Our search did reveal some interesting facts. Did you know, for instance, that there are as many Central College alumni living in Pago Pago as in Rhode Island? Were you aware that half of all Central alumni have graduated in the last 20 years? Or, that 40 percent of all graduates have attended graduate school?

If you plotted the population of Central College graduates in a connect-the-dots pattern, you'd wind up with a picture that looks like a 2-year-old's Etch-a-Sketch drawing. The big blob in the center would be Iowa, where about 43 percent of all graduates live. The rest of the picture would consist of hundreds of asymmetrical tentacles reaching out to places like Goodyear, Ariz. and Jim Thorpe, Pa. Central graduates live in all 50 states and in more than 30 foreign countries. They live in high rise apartment buildings in Manhattan and in basement efficiencies in San Francisco. They have ranches in Utah and farmsteads in Texas. They commute from pretty Vermont villages and congested Chicago suburbs.

Some have "traditional" families and many do not. They're married, divorced, single, and widowed. Some have decades of life behind them and others are just beginning to explore their possibilities.

They coach Little League teams and host AIDS benefits. They teach Sunday school classes and tutor inner city children. They drive kids to swim meets and buy Barney the Dinosaur lunch boxes. They sit on front porches and wave at cars; they sit on beaches and catch the waves.

There isn't much "typical" about them.

We did find one vein of consistency among the vast Central family -- humility. It's not easy to get these folks to 'fess up to their achievements, even when the evidence is overwhelming. Despite their success, Central graduates are an unpretentious lot. They're not impressed by titles, particularly their own.

To give you an idea of what Life After Central resembles, we've winnowed the thousands of personal histories to a few that seem representative. You'll meet graduates from the '60s, '70s and '80s as well as husband-wife alums who are both in graduate school. We'll also examine how the career services office contributes to starting on a post-Central path; and a current senior expresses in X Generation terms the anxiety and anticipation of facing Life After Central.

Happy traveling.



Occasionally, if you listen very closely, you can detect the hint of an accent in Becky (Reitveld) Eversman's voice. The English countryside has shouldered its way into her speech as well as her heart.

Becky ('83) and her husband, Scott ('83), have lived abroad since 1987. Their children were born in England and they call home the village of Ely, 12 miles from Cambridge.

#### After 10 years

"When you're an American abroad it forces you to think about and define what it is that makes you American. It makes us more cognizant and more proud of our Americanness," Scott said.

An executive search consultant for Preng & Associates, Scott works out of the company's London office to help Western companies, primarily oil and engineering firms, begin business operations in the former Soviet Union. Since 1990 he has lived a quarter of each year in Russia, watching the transformation

from Evil Empire to Big Mess. Every few weeks he flies to Moscow to navigate the massive Russian bureaucracy.

Both Scott and Becky trace their interest -- and their success -- in living abroad to the semester they shared in Central's program in Carmarthen, Wales.

"Both of us knew after going to Wales that we wanted to come back to the U.K. to live," said Becky. "Malcolm Gilbert, who taught the Soviet Studies course in Wales, was a big influence."

Scott and Becky visited the Soviet Union as part of Gilbert's class. "I got a compelling desire to pursue Soviet foreign policy and security issues as a result of that trip," Scott said. "I wanted a master's level program so I went into the Air Force."

The Eversmans moved to England in June 1987 when Scott, an intelligence specialist, was assigned to a base in Mildenhall. Becky taught school at nearby RAF Lakenheath where most of

her students were children of Air Force personnel. Meanwhile, Scott pursued a master's degree in international relations at the University of Southern California's program at Cambridge University and at the London School of Economics.

Life in Ely is sedate and comfortable. "In some ways it's like Pella, or any small town -- everybody knows you and looks out for you," Becky said.

Most of the couple's professional friends are American, but they socialize primarily with their English neighbors. "We're able to learn the depth of this country because we have lived here long enough to be a real part of it," Scott said.

The couple welcomed twin sons, Joshua and Zachary, in October last year, joining their daughter Sarah, age 7.

"America is our homeland and someday we will probably come back, but right now England is home. That's my space," Becky said. ♦

McMinnville, Ore. is about 40 miles south of Portland, one hour from the ocean and two hours from the snow-capped mountains to the east. But until she picked up and left the security of her life in small-town Iowa, Kathy (Brown) Cerwinski, '75, had never heard of the place.

In 1979 she was teaching music at an elementary school in Madrid, Iowa but wanted to move west. She didn't have a job to go to or family to stay with. She went anyway.

"We knew if we didn't do it then we never would," she said. Two weeks later Cerwinski was hired by the McMinnville school district as a full-time music instructor.

"I've always been open to change. It was a little scary doing it the way we did

it, though," she said.

Cerwinski is now principal of that same elementary school, the product of a circuitous route that included a stint teaching fifth grade and music during the same year. She graduated from Central with a double major in music education and elementary education, a decision she calls "the best of my life." Without the additional certification in elementary education, she would have been forced to leave McMinnville when the district cut its budget and eliminated a full-time music teaching position in 1986.

Ironically, the year before the budget cuts Cerwinski had been named McMinnville's Teacher of the Year. "I was invited to this free dinner to hear Sen. (Robert) Packwood speak and when I got there, in the middle of the

meal, they announced that I was the Teacher of the Year. I'm sitting there with cake in my mouth -- I had no idea.

"What meant the most to me was that my friends had nominated me and then staged this elaborate scheme to surprise me. It said a lot to me about my friends."

Cerwinski, who is divorced, is proud of her ability to adapt. "The fact that I've done a lot of this on my own gives me a good feeling," she said.

She remains active as a musician, singing with a madrigal group at nearby Linfield College and serving as choir director at her local church.

Cerwinski expects to return to Central this fall for a class reunion, her first visit to campus since the late '70s. "I can't wait to see it again. Central was the best four years of my life." ♦

As the images of Patriot missile explosions and anti-aircraft tracers flickered across the television screen, Tim Redeker and his wife, Judy, burrowed deeper into the couch and tried not to imagine the worst. Their son, Scott, was out there somewhere in the Desert Storm and they didn't know when or if they would hear from him again.

Living through the Gulf War while his son fought with ground troops in southern Iraq, Redeker ('65) came to fully realize the value of faith. "We rely on faith as our strength and that allows us to handle things as they come along,"

he said.

Scott survived the war without injury and last year presented Tim and Judy their first grandchild, Jacob. The Redekers have two other sons -- Kevin, a horticulture student at the University of Georgia, and Stephen, a fourth grader.

"I've had a fulfilling life. There's a sense of satisfaction in being able to have a good family and maintain an adequate standard of living for them. I've always put my emphasis on family," Tim said.

Redeker has worked as a software engineer for Hewlett-Packard in Atlanta since 1978, when he gave up a teaching

position at Georgia State University to pursue what he called "a real world job." He holds a master's degree from Ohio University and a Ph.D. from North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

Church involvement is an important part of the Redekers' life. Tim is an elder at their Presbyterian church and Judy is organist.

Although nearly 30 years have passed since he left Central, Tim recalls the personal relationships he developed as a student. "The size of the college and the opportunity for really close relationships with classmates and faculty was the most valuable part of my experience at Central." ♦

#### After 30 years



No money.  
Long hours.  
Major stress.  
And that's the easy part.

## GRAD SCHOOL COUPLES

'When we look at how little we earn in a year, I think, Holy Cow, how can we even eat?'

By Kevin Cool

**K**evin and Sara (Vander Kooi) Huyser have nicknamed their apartment "the cinder block." The square cement building near the campus of the University of Iowa bears a striking resemblance to an Army barracks.

Preston and Kjersten (Walker) Klassen were married on New Year's Day this year. To celebrate, they got in their car and drove to Ann Arbor, Mich., where Preston was interviewing for a residency position at the University of Michigan Hospitals. "That was our honeymoon," Kjersten said.

Welcome to graduate school life.

From afar, the prospect of attending a prestigious graduate school program sounds appealing, but up close it is a grueling, mind-bending, gut-churning ordeal that extracts a heavy physical, mental and psychological toll. If, in the middle of cramming for comprehensive exams and editing journal submissions you also are trying to maintain a home and a relationship ... well, only the fittest survive.

Graduate school couples are not uncommon among Central alumni. In the past five years, several husband-wife teams have simultaneously pursued advanced degrees, usually in different disciplines. The Huysers and the Klassens took somewhat divergent routes, but shared many of the same challenges.

Kevin and Sara, both of whom graduated from Central in 1990, have lived three years in their cinder block. To make ends meet they've relied on an assortment of odd jobs -- from cooking at a family restaurant to babysitting their professor's children. "When we look at how little we earn in a year, I think, Holy Cow, how can we even eat?" said Sara, laughing.

Entertainment? How about going to the grocery store. "That's a big family activity for us. Washing dishes has become a recreational activity. At least we can spend time together and it doesn't cost anything," Kevin said.

Kjersten Klassen, '91, said her finances were so slim she virtually lived on cereal. "At some point the question becomes, 'How far past the expiration date is it still safe to eat?'" she joked.

Poverty aside, graduate school has deepened the commitment these couples feel toward each other and to their fields of study. Kevin Huyser will complete law school this spring and take the bar exam in June. After that he will enter the Air Force as a judge advocate and handle court martials and other litigation within military jurisdiction. Sara Huyser, who has worked at Old Capitol and

the university's medical museum while studying for a master's degree in American history, hopes to eventually work at a historical museum.

The Klassens are also nearing the end of their graduate school period, although Preston, '90, still must complete a three-year residency in internal medicine. He is being courted by some of the leading research hospitals in the nation -- including Duke, Stanford and the University of Alabama. Kjersten,

whose achievements include a fellowship at the Hoover Institute at Stanford and a Hewlett fellowship at the Carter Center in Atlanta, is preparing for her final year of study toward a Ph.D. in political science. They have been apart for all but a few weeks of their four-year odyssey; Kjersten was at Emory University in Atlanta while Preston toiled at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha. "I thought three hours was a long driving distance when Preston was in Omaha my senior year at Central," Kjersten said. "When I went to Emory we were 18 hours apart."

The experience has taught Kjersten and Preston to take nothing for granted, especially each other. "We're enjoying the time we have together now because this will be as easy as it gets for quite a long time," Preston said. The couple currently lives in Omaha awaiting word on where Preston will be placed for his residency.

Preston, who has received the prestigious Nellie Craven House research scholarship as well as a regents scholarship at UNMC, looks back on his graduate school experience as a rite of passage. "The first two years were so intense, it

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**A**fter nearly four years of college I avoid absolute statements, so I'll just say that one possible, important part of human life is patterns. They're important to me, anyway, but that's because these are the four most selfish years of my life, right? Or I hope so. I can't say it follows that there's a drive to make sense of one's life from these patterns; time after time my behavior runs contrary to what I feel is the fiber of my being. So I forget and live; a cheap way to sanity.

I've fallen into a four year pattern -- high school and Central College are the latest cycles. Academic grind began with ninth grade. That is, school became transcripts, future opportunities, and impossible decisions instead of a routine between meals, television, and overblown social crises. By impossible decisions I mean those that require a grasp of yourself, your character, while at the same time you shudder at the person you were last year and just as quickly next year's version will shudder at you. That first philosophy course won't help, either. (But stick with it, the second and third might.) With time the decisions become more impossible as you feel opportunities disappear, while all the mistakes faithfully drag down your G.P.A. or brand your ego.

The freshman to senior odyssey has defeated me twice, sapped my energy and spit me up without direction. At least an undergraduate degree followed logically after high school, but what follows logically now besides...life?

God forbid I should blame my apathy on the mood of these times, but it's so appealing, though nothing new. I'm too quick to embrace a downward spiral, or even search one out. Maybe it's because the only TV shows I regularly watch are "Cops" and "The Simpsons." But then I can't get enough of "It's a Wonderful Life," either. I don't long for a return of our stable, fabled '50's post-war society, just its job market.

For the past three summers I've chalked ball diamonds and whacked weeds for a community school district -- occasionally they'd let me play with the dump truck. Without sounding pretentious, I feel ready for a new, bigger and better challenge. (I did enjoy my deep tan and bleached hair look, though.) So why does my challenge lay in finding one? I'm now convinced that Bono is the mouthpiece of my gloom boomer generation; I do feel "Numb" in our zoo. "I have no compass/ And I have no map/ And I have no reason, no reason to get back."

But there is a quasi-decision staring me in the face: the graduate school vs. job/real world dichotomy. If personal mitosis were possible maybe I'd take both forks and join up later to compare notes. Or, to dream, I might find that golden graduate school fellowship or benevolent employer willing to invest in my further education. Not that I've been able to choose a graduate school. A stack of journalism program applications sits in my room, but my mind has toyed with five different futures just in the time of writing this.

I really wouldn't mind postponing the real world for a bit; I'd like to learn to balance my check book first. Since high school I've shunned the math and business world, and it seems that around May 20th I'll begin to pay my dues. But fame and fortune will soon divorce me of these worries, just as soon as the world realizes what a genius I am; details will take care of themselves.

There will be one sigh of relief I'll breathe upon graduation, for that diploma will automatically exorcise all my bad habits. No more of that monster nicotine. Fruits and veggies will fill my fridge. Exercise as a philosophy. At least eight hours of sleep a night. I'll finally have time for all the writing, reading, and other intellectual side pursuits college life kept me from. And women will absolutely attack me.

But seriously, I plan to pursue my own personal land of milk and honey. I only wonder how many stars one should keep in one's eyes for the chase. Milk and honey are apt metaphors because they're fluids; you've got to bring your own container. I've some holes to patch up, brother.

So here I am, Kyle Munson, Central College English major and communication minor graduate. Wow. I can't decide how to end this rambling mess, let alone plan my life, so to hell with it. I do have more Bono wisdom, but he stole it from Hank Williams: "These days run away like horses over the hill."

Check back with me in ten years. ♦

Every senior  
faces one basic  
question as graduation  
looms

**NOW  
WHAT?**

**'Fame and fortune will soon divorce me of these worries, just as soon as the world realizes what a genius I am.'**

**By Kyle Munson**



Jobs are scarce,  
but Central  
graduates are  
beating the odds

## MAKING IT

**Y**ou've probably heard the horror stories. Ph.D.s driving cabs. Teachers working behind fast food counters. Biologists bussing tables.

There is so much worry going around about the future, or lack thereof, for current college students that sociologists say this generation is the first in American history to have expectations lower than their parents. Across America, young men and women are graduating fearful that they will never own a home or be able to afford college for their kids.

So why are Central graduates doing so well?

The answer lies in a collection of factors attributable in part to the education they receive and in part to the sheer diligence and abilities of Central grads. In combination, these factors add up to trend-bending success in job and graduate school placements. Indeed, at a time when white collar jobs are disappearing and experienced professionals are looking for work, Central graduates are succeeding at rates at or above the school's already historically high levels.

Tom Epperly, Central's director of career services, points to the strong work ethics students bring to college as a key to future success. "Most of our graduates are from hard-working families. They aren't afraid to work. They were in the top of their high school classes; they are leaders. That's why firms like Arthur Anderson, Eli Lilly and Phillips Petroleum come to our campus to interview them."

"They're not only good students," Epperly added, "they're good people. It would be awfully hard for some of them to fail."

Central recently expanded its career services office, adding Pat Joachim Kitzman as a full-time career counselor. Kitzman begins working with students in the winter or spring terms of their freshman year. She calls it a period of "discovery and assessment" as students sort out what they like to do and where their skills lie. "Students take stock of themselves. They explore their likes and dislikes, their decision-making styles, their personality -- all of that can be pulled together to point them toward a career," Kitzman said.

These younger students may agonize over selecting a major or identifying a career path because they don't see clear choices. "Part of my job is to make students comfortable with a 'positive uncertainty.' I tell them it's okay not to know what you want to do with the rest of your life, but you need to be intentional about figuring out what you want."

By their junior year, most students will have some basic idea about possible careers. Internships, summer work and part-time jobs are all helpful in identifying skill areas, Epperly said. "A lot of students need to discover what they don't want to do before they can decide which direction to take. A few weeks on the job during the summer may give some insight about what they do or don't want in a career."

Epperly's goal is to prepare students for the job search by creating good resumes and credential packets, developing interviewing strategies, and cultivating references. He emphasized that his office does not "find people jobs." Debunking this myth is one reason Epperly avoids the term "placement" when discussing career services.

"The first thing I tell students at senior seminar is that it's their job to get a job. We train them on how to market themselves and where to look for jobs, but the rest is up to them," he said.

Students must overcome misconceptions about where to locate job openings, Kitzman said. "A lot of them assume that newspaper ads are the place to begin, but only about 10 percent of all jobs are ever advertised. We encourage them even as freshmen to begin meeting people and establishing contacts. Most job leads result from knowing somebody in the field."

Alumni mentors are excellent entrees to the job market, Epperly said. His office has prepared a book of alumni contacts representing every major and dozens of occupational fields. "One of the best things alumni can do for these students is help them understand what's involved in pursuing a career. In some cases graduate school will be necessary."



**Seniors Todd Isley and Kyle Coffey prepare for a presentation.**

**By Kevin Cool**



## Couples

was like boot camp. To some extent I was motivated by fear of failure. That changed when I began my clinical experience. Medicine became fascinating."

Shortly before they were married, the Klassens conducted a grueling four-day tour of university hospitals in the Southeast. Preston interviewed at North Carolina-Chapel Hill and Duke in the same day, then the couple drove to Birmingham, Ala. -- an 8-hour, overnight trip -- and arrived just in time to catch two hours of sleep before the next interview at the University of Alabama. The next day they traveled to Atlanta for a meeting at Emory.

The Huysers have balanced their lives with their study for so long it has become second nature. "The hard part is knowing which to make your priority. As an undergraduate, your school work comes first because you don't have those family responsibilities to deal with," Sara said.

Both couples believe Central prepared them well for graduate school, but not because of the material they learned. What was most valuable, they said, was the discipline and work habits required to succeed at Central, the same qualities they've needed in graduate school. "You can always pick an institution that will prepare you better in a particular field, but in the end it's your internal motivation that's most important," said Preston Klassen.

Kevin Huyser agreed. "I really appreciated the way I was challenged at Central. I learned a great deal about what is required to be successful academically." He said playing football at Central also was an important developmental experience.

Kjersten Klassen credits Associate Professor of History Michael Schrier for convincing her she could succeed in a graduate program. "He does a great job of encouraging you and sorting out your concerns. He continues to be a great source of support for me."

The Huysers had their first child in December, a son, Nathan. They are anxiously awaiting word on where they will be stationed; they would like to be in the Northeast or West. And they won't miss leaving the cinder block.

"As Kevin says, it will be easy to move. All we have to do is move out the furniture and hose it down," Sara chuckled.

It's downhill from there. ♦

## Careers

Epperly concedes that many students, because of looming school loan burdens, are under pressure to find work soon after they graduate. He encourages them to take unglamorous jobs if necessary to make ends meet and to hone their work skills. At the same time, they must keep their fingers in the network so they can quickly respond to opportunities when they develop, he said.

"I think students are realistic. They know they have to start somewhere and climb," Kitzman said. But others have a "doom and gloom" outlook.

"We tell them that their first job may not be the one they dreamed about, but their degree will always be there and eventually that education will pay off," Kitzman added.

In an age of increasing specialization, a liberal arts education is actually more valuable, Epperly said. "It establishes a pattern of learning that tells an employer 'This person can do anything.' With jobs turning over the way they do now, the people who can continue to learn new things are the ones who will succeed."

As an example, he pointed to a recent campus interview session conducted by Hormel, Inc. in which a handful of students were selected to interview for production management positions. The students represented six different majors, including psychology, physical education, and political science. "That tells our students employers are looking for things other than what they're learning in their major," Epperly said.

The economy is not producing as many jobs as it did 10 or 15 years ago, but Epperly expects it to rebound. "There's not much vertical movement in some areas because we're just coming out of a recession. When that movement starts again, it opens up jobs at the bottom."

In some fields, such as computing, there are more jobs than graduates to fill them. In others, such as manufacturing, the job market is stagnant.

The shakeout from the recession has resulted in more alumni inquiries to his office, Epperly said. "I could keep an assistant busy all day just dealing with alumni requests. We have 15 active resumes on file right now." ♦

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## SCHOLARS

### THE VIEW FROM THE HILL

If Ted Tran's story wasn't true, you might assume some Hollywood screenwriter made it up: A 10-year-old boy escapes Vietnam on a fishing boat, makes his way to Iowa where he becomes a top student, and later goes to Capitol Hill to work on legislation that might bring other war-scarred children to the U.S.

Tran, a senior political science major from Cedar Rapids, participated in the prestigious Minority Leaders Fellowship program in Washington, D.C. last year. The highly competitive program provides gifted students of color the chance to intern in their area of interest and experience the culture of the nation's capitol. Tran was one of 48 students across the nation chosen to participate. "I was very excited," he said. "I didn't think I would be selected."

Tran's short life has been an odyssey. He is a native of Vung Tau, Vietnam. When the North Vietnamese invaded his country in April 1975, Tran's father was sent to a camp for "re-education," a euphemism for communist indoctrination.

Tran's father realized he didn't want his children to grow up under the repressive North Vietnamese regime so in 1982 he orchestrated their escape. Ten-year-old Ted and his older brother and sister fled by fishing boat to a refugee camp in Malaysia. They waited six months before sponsors were found for them in the United States.

Tran has lived for the past 11 years in foster families, all the while keeping one eye on the day he could make full use of his opportunities. The Minority Leaders Fellowship opened the door.

He began his Washington experience with a one-week intensive seminar. Students were then matched with members of Congress; Tran worked with Pennsylvania Representative Lucien Blackwell.

Tran was put in charge of two bills Blackwell planned to introduce to the House. The first bill would grant Filipino children of American servicemen the



**Ted Tran stands on the steps of the capitol building.**

opportunity to immigrate under American sponsorship. An estimated 30,000 Filipino children fall under this category. "Most are street kids," said Tran.

The second bill would give Filipino WWII veterans full benefits as American servicemen.

While working with these bills, Tran met President Fidel Ramos of the Philippines, the ambassador to the Philippines, generals, military servicemen, and lobbyists.

He held briefings, organized receptions and worked with other congressmen, lobbyists and the legislative director. Tran also met with the legislative assistants of senators to generate sup-

port for Rep. Blackwell's bill in the Senate.

Tran spoke to various Filipino groups about the lobbying process. He worked with the Pearl Buck Foundation in Philadelphia to find groups to sponsor the Filipino children, if given immigration rights. Tran was interviewed about his efforts by *Ms.* magazine.

The Minority Leaders Fellowship program ended in August, but Tran was able to continue his work with Blackwell until December on Central's Washington program.

The bill for Filipino children is in committee and will be taken before the full House this year. Tran expects it to pass. "It won't cost the taxpayers anything to allow the children to immigrate," he said. The second bill will be brought to the House floor this year as well.

The networking he did while on the program was the most valuable experience he received, Tran said. "I got the chance to meet Asian-American leaders and kids from all across the country."

"His was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and he did a great job," said Don Racheter, professor of political science.

"He is a young man who really knows how to take advantage of opportunity," said Central President William Wiebenga.

Tran's parents and four younger brothers are still in Vietnam. He hopes to eventually bring all of them to the United States.

After graduation, Tran plans to attend law school and work with a lobbying firm for Asian-American concerns. He continues to be inspired by the courage of his father.

"He took a chance for me. I want to do something in return to make him proud," said Tran. ♦

-- Jill Hicks





## SCHOLARS

### POETRY IN MOTION

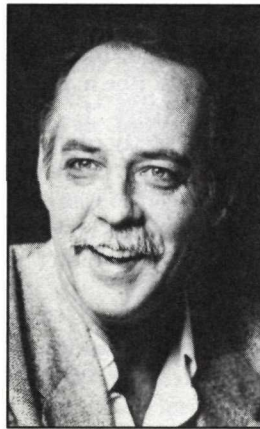
**M**y interview with poet William Matthews was both relaxed and illuminating, though amid the noon bustle of Grand Central Station. He found it useful as well. "This saves myself the embarrassment of sitting alone at the table the whole lunch," he said.

Matthews was a poet-in-residence at Central from Jan. 9-28. The Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Writing Fellows Program made this possible through a \$1.8 million grant to the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, which in turn selected Central and 17 other small, private liberal arts colleges to host a writer. Keith Ratzlaff, assistant professor of English, served as Matthews' campus coordinator and was largely responsible for initiating Central's involvement.

"One thing that my presence here says," Matthews said, "is that there are people that do this for a life. There's a living American literature and it's important." To promote this view, Matthews maintained a full schedule, interacting with students and the community. The Central College Writers Reading series featured him Jan. 13 in the Mills Gallery, where he read selections from three of his books, including the 11th and latest, "Selected Poems & Translations 1969-1991." Matthews worked with two classes of poetry students and a travel writing class. French language students collaborated with him, translating poems into English and one of Matthews' own into French. Elaine Erickson, adjunct instructor of music, set two of his poems to music; those pieces and a third composed by a student will be performed in April when Matthews makes a return visit.

Matthews graduated from Yale University in 1965 and earned a mas-

ter's degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill a year later, but he's more prone to mention childhood landscape when explaining his writing. He considers it a writer's most important geographic touchstone. "I came here and drove through the countryside



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between Des Moines and Pella. Pig and corn country. I recognize this!" said Matthews, who grew up in rural Ohio.

For the last ten years Matthews has been a professor of English at City College in New York, where he currently teaches two graduate poetry courses. But he has taught at a variety of colleges and universities nationwide throughout his career, including Cornell University, the University of Iowa, and Columbia University. Matthews' credentials also list a long string of prizes, honors, fellowships, and service. He's served as chairman of the Literature Panel for the National Endowment for the Arts, president of the Board of Directors of Associated Writing Programs, and president of the Poetry Society of America, to name a few.

This American poet has also broadened his experience to an international scope, participating in residencies in both Italy and Scotland. The latter experience was based at Hawthornden Castle,

where nearly 400 years ago English playwright Ben Jonson and William Drummond met for what was probably a rather gloomy weekend. I was studying Jonson in an English seminar at the time of the interview, and had read a Matthews poem inspired by that week-

end. He called the poem a response to his immediate surroundings, and something more. "There's a sense in which Jonson or Drummond aren't entirely dead if someone like me pays attention to them," he said. "There's a way in which places have a memory of what's happened there."

Matthews' busy schedule at Central still allowed him the luxury of writing time. "The Woodrow Wilson Foundation doesn't want the college to squeeze me like a lemon," he said.

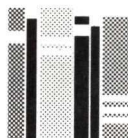
So what's the writing process like for Matthews? "I write without any regard that anyone else would enjoy reading them," he said.

"The book you're the most interested in is the one just published. Old books are like grown children. They've left the house; they're out of your hands."

"Selected Poems & Translations 1969-1991" is a summary of Matthews' works to date and restores some of the material that's been out of print for several years. He's now turned his attention to a book of essays in progress and some further French and Latin poetry translations. Although he's written the occasional piece of short fiction, poetry remains Matthews' first and foremost love. But the one informs the other, too. "The medium changes the nature of what it's asked to represent," he said. "The reason to do more than one is to find out what the difference is." ♦

—*Kyle Munson*





## ACADEMIA

### EDUCATION CHANGES GET GOOD MARKS

#### DEPARTMENT STRESSES EXPERIENCE

**S**chool days for students in Central's Department of Education mean more than tutelage in teaching the three "Rs." The department is continually revising and updating its educational goals and methods to prepare students to teach well into the 21st century.

According to Professor of Education Lee Collins, re-evaluation must happen frequently in education to keep up with changes in the discipline, goals of the department and standards set by the state of Iowa.

Collins stressed that the education department is not only preparing students to teach now, it's preparing them to teach in the future as well. Education majors at Central may be teaching other students who will become teachers. "You're

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talking about making an impact on a future that's 100 years away," she said.

With these factors in mind, the education department adopted a new mission statement and a new set of departmental goals in the fall of '92. Bev Brand, assistant professor of education,

said the department made changes that would make the curriculum more "developmentally sound." "The changes were made to help students make decisions based on experience rather just what they think they might want to do," she said.

Students now take introduction to education in the freshman year, as opposed to the sophomore year. By allowing students to begin their course work earlier, the students have more time for observation and hands on experience with children. The state of Iowa has mandated that education majors must have 40 hours of experience working with children. By the time an elementary education major at Central graduates, he or she has 250 hours of experience in student teaching, aiding, observing and working with children in field experiences.

"When you start (teaching) with 250 hours of experience you start at a different level and can move that much further," Brand said.

Associate professor Rex Shahriari believes that learning to deal with students from different backgrounds is one of the biggest issues in education today. "It's tougher being a kid today," he said. "That's the reason being a teacher is more difficult."

The department is trying to expand students' opportunities to work in minority, at risk and multicultural settings. (See story on Page 9.) In addition to exchange programs that have been set up with different schools in Iowa, the department is

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#### ALUMNUS PLEASED WITH PREPARATION

**T**he job market for teachers in rural Midwestern states like Iowa has been limited for the past couple of years, but that didn't keep '93 graduate Jayna Blom from finding a job.

The market has been tight due to lower student enrollments, financial pressures on school districts, consolidation of schools and lower attrition rates among teachers. Associate Professor of Education Phil George believes that part of the success of Central's education students in the job market can be attributed to the quality and reputation of Central's program.

Blom is a fourth grade teacher at Harding Elementary in Clinton, Iowa. She mailed about 100 resumes and was called for five interviews. "I

think I was pretty confident that I would find a job," Blom said. "I was just afraid I would have to go somewhere I didn't want to go."

As someone who always knew she wanted to be a teacher, Blom said she sees teaching as a way to make an impact. Her job at

Harding was her first test at putting the four years of training she received at Central to use.

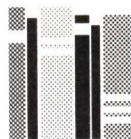
Blom frequently uses cooperative learning techniques she learned at Central with her own classes. By allowing her students to work together in groups, Blom's students learn more than what she could teach them by standing in front of the class and lecturing. In a lesson on pioneer and prairie life, Blom had students work together to develop skills of diplomacy. "There is a purpose with the teacher giving direct instruction, but learning to get along in a mini-society is a great way to teach additional skills," she said. "I really feel that was a valuable skill I learned at Central."

Blom also advocates "active learning," another teaching skill she acquired at Central. She walks among the desks during a lecture to monitor children's reactions to the material and whether they are absorbing it. Central stresses active learning throughout its education curriculum, Blom said. "It isn't something I learned in one class. It's something I appreciate from the program at Central and it's good for my students."

Blom tries to assess her students' level of learning by having them demonstrate their knowledge through activities. In a section on aviation, she had students make paper airplanes and perform in a flight show. The students were instructed to make planes for speed and others that would produce more

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### SAC AND FOX CHILDREN BRING CULTURE TO CLASS

When Assistant Professor of Education Bev Brand realized that Central's education majors weren't receiving enough exposure to minority and at risk students, she decided to do something about it. She brought the minority and at risk students to Pella and took Central to the students who were at risk.

Central conducted an exchange program with the Sac and Fox Settlement School located at the Mesquakie Indian reservation in Tama, Iowa. This was the second program of its kind. The first exchange program was held in the spring of '93 with Longfellow Elementary in Des Moines.

According to Brand, the program was designed to be a mutually beneficial experience. The at risk and minority students receive exposure to higher education and Central students get experience working with a culture different from their own. The exchange programs are a part of the intergroup and minority relations class that Brand teaches. Associate Professor of Education Rex Shahriari helps supervise the programs.

"We have a pretty homogeneous group at Central," Brand said. Brand went on to explain that there's nothing wrong with this, but the experiences Central students have had in their schools are different from the experiences of children in inner cities or minority schools.

"We felt it was very important for us to get some hands on experience and really get into the situation rather than just talk about it," Brand said.

The first step in the process was for Central students to "adopt" a student from Sac and Fox. The students corresponded by letter in order to become acquainted before the visit. In the letters, students told of their favorite subjects and activities.

On Jan. 27 third through eighth-grade students from the settlement



**Students from the Mesquakie Indian reservation visited Central in January.**

school came to Central. The day included a science activity of making "slime," lunch with the Central student who adopted them, and an art activity.

When the Sac and Fox students arrived they seemed painfully shy. Shahriari said that Native Americans tend to be more aloof in their culture. "What we might perceive as disinterest in a student is actually a cultural trait," he said. "It's not socially acceptable for them to make eye contact." Shahriari emphasized that it's these kind of lessons in culture that Central students can learn from. "Hopefully our students will now know how to deal with a Native American child in the classroom."

Paula Peterson is a senior English major who is earning a teaching certificate. She plans to teach at the junior high or high school level. Her adopted student was an eighth grader. "She (the adopted student) was really reserved at first," Peterson said. "At first she wouldn't look at me. She talked with her head down, but by the end of the day she was smiling and making eye contact."

The second part of the exchange took place Feb. 7 when Central's students traveled to the settlement school. Central's students had a question and answer time with the teachers, attended a school assembly on Mesquakie culture, played basketball with the students and participated in other educational and social activities.

Kevin Brown, a junior elementary education major, hopes to teach kindergarten in the West. He said the group and minority relations class has given him some of his first exposure to minority and at risk students. Brown is from Pisgah, Iowa, a town of about 300 people. "I never knew many at risk students while I was in school," he said.

Shahriari and Brand have done more than the Mesquakie exchange to

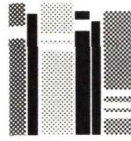
expose students like Brown to other cultures. Brown said one of the highlights of the intergroup and minority relations course was the day some high school drop outs came to talk to the class. "This was my first exposure to at risk students," Brown said. The class was able to ask the drop outs questions to find out why they had left school and the obstacles they faced.

The children at the Mesquakie school are in a high risk group because of the high school drop out rate. After the eighth grade, the students transfer to the public high school in Tama. "Many of the eighth-graders will go and start, but the drop out rate is phenomenal," said Carol Carlson, a seventh and eighth-grade teacher at the Sac and Fox school.

Heather Hellenga, a fifth and sixth-grade teacher at Sac and Fox, said that low self-esteem is another problem that puts the students at risk. This is one of the reasons the students benefitted from visiting Central. It allowed them to see another culture and helped them to come out of their shells. "I tried to let my student see that I'm a real person," Peterson said. "She got a chance to put herself in a college setting and think, 'I can do this, I can go on to college and succeed.' I hope I gave her more confidence in herself." ♦

--Shawn Presley





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### EDUCATION

providing more international opportunities for students. Phil George, associate professor of education and chair of the department, said because of Central's strong emphasis on international programs, the education department is trying to provide more international internships.

Brand has set up two internships in the Yucatan. The primary focus is teaching English in the Merida schools, but there is also the opportunity to work in an orphanage with 5- to 14-year-old homeless boys. The department is working to develop education related internships in England, Holland and Wales.

Technology is another rapidly changing area in the field of education. "Even kindergarten students use computers," Shahriari said.

George said teachers must be computer literate. "They must be able to meaningfully incorporate computer technology in their teaching," he said. "They must be able to help students comprehend computers."

Some schools have computer equipment that they don't know how to utilize. In order to help these kind of schools, Collins would like to send students out who are leaders in the computer field. Training students to be leaders in this area isn't easy because students' levels of computer literacy vary.

Computers can be used to teach children critical thinking skills as well as the basics of reading and writing. Computers are also important for a teacher's management skills in areas such as grading.

If the teachers in Central's education department are going to teach Central's students the most current teaching techniques, they have to keep themselves up-to-date. They accomplish this in several ways.

The state mandates that teachers must spend 40 hours teaching in the classroom every five years. This helps them keep in touch with trends in public education and current teaching practices. Keeping in touch with alumni also helps the department stay on top of things. In the fall of '92, the department introduced The Central Connection, an alumni newsletter that's published twice a year. In addition to letting alumni know what's happening in the education department, it serves as a tool for soliciting ideas about what's happening in the field.

There will always be different trends in education and the education department will continue to adopt new goals, make structural changes in the curriculum and implement the newest techniques in teaching. One thing should always remain the same, however, and that's the overall philosophy of the department: producing effective educators. ♦

### ALUMNUS

wind resistance to glide longer. She timed each student's plane to see whether they understood and could apply the laws of aerodynamics she had been teaching.

"I want these kids to go on to college and perform well all the way through," Blom said. "Grades are a part of life, but I want to make sure my kids are thinking and not just memorizing."

Blom doesn't have any "at-risk" students in her classroom, but she does have disadvantaged children who need extra attention. "The only thing I can do as a teacher in school is try to make them feel like school is a positive place to be," she said.

On the whole, Blom believes Central prepared her well for her first job. "In our preparatory courses they did a good job of not only showing us how to do things but letting us try them ourselves."

There are some areas where Blom feels Central could have helped her prepare more. She cites classroom management as one example. "You don't just walk into a room and earn respect," she said. "I use different things I learned at school, but I think they should have a course in classroom management."

Blom's mother and sister are school teachers, so she is able to rely on them for ideas, "but you never know how hard that (earning respect) can be," she said. "I have to try each day. It would have been nice to have a plethora of ideas to use."

Associate Professor of Education Rex Shahriari said Blom's feelings are typical of a recent graduate. "There isn't a single education graduate who doesn't wish he or she had more training," he said. Shahriari also pointed out that kids are simply harder to teach than they were years ago. Blom agrees that it isn't easy to keep the attention of the video generation. She constantly struggles to come up with new ways to keep students focused. She has begun teaching her math lesson in different accents. One day she pretended to be a guest lecturer from Britain to encourage the kids to listen.

Blom said Central's program is almost too progressive for some schools. "They (Central) teach us how we should teach, but not every school district teaches in this way," she said. "I think we needed some old fashioned instruction." She cited reading instruction as one example. Her school district requires students to demonstrate certain reading proficiencies and to meet these goals she must often spend time teaching basic phonetics.

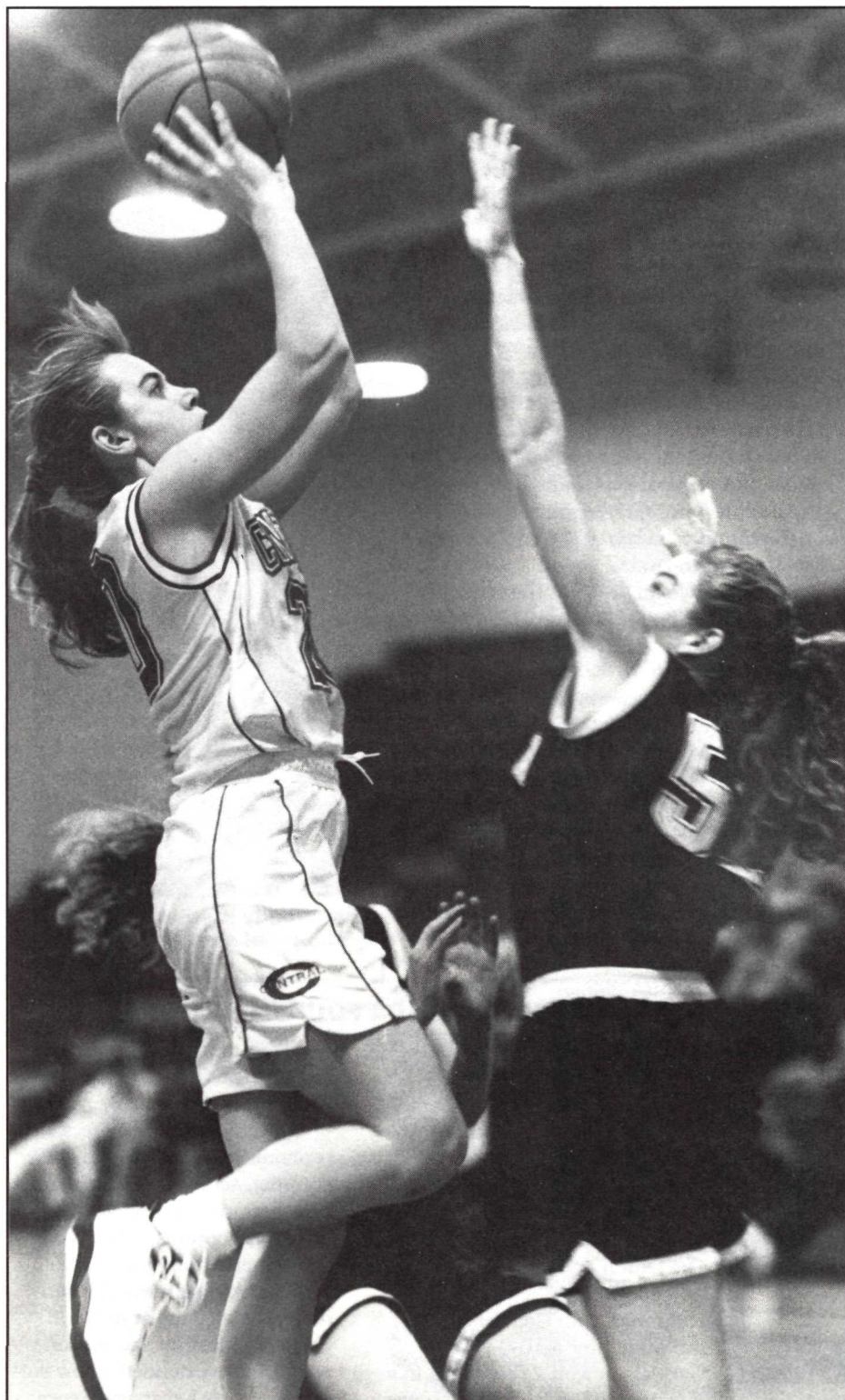
When asked if teaching is fulfilling her expectations, Blom said, "can you ask me that every other day?" The job is a constant challenge with ups and downs but the benefits outweigh the disadvantages. "I go home a lot of times and think I'm doing what I really want to do and I'm doing it right," Blom said. ♦





## ATHLETICS

### WOMEN WIN CONFERENCE; HEAD TO PLAY-OFFS



Junior point guard Kelle Hutchcroft stabilized the backcourt for the Dutch.

Michael Gens

As startling as last year's national championship was for Central's women's basketball team, this season's Iowa Conference title and subsequent NCAA play-off berth was even more dumbfounding.

Back from the NCAA title team were gifted forward Emilie Hanson, an all-tournament and all-conference selection, and . . . well, not much else. At least that's the way it appeared on paper. Center Brenda Rempe was the lone senior and she and junior guard Wendy Rinehart were the only other returning players who even lettered last year. No player stood over 5-foot-10. A 110-77 loss in the season opener at Mt. Mercy and a school-record 40 turnovers in an ugly 89-80 victory at Knox did little to inspire optimism.



**Emilie Hanson**

But Hanson, Rempe and the rest eventually had a lot of people munching their words. The Dutch didn't just win the league, they dominated it, with a best-ever 15-1 record. Central stumbled in the conference opener at Wartburg, 73-61, then reeled off a school-record 16 straight wins to close the regular season with a 21-4 mark.

Hanson, a smooth 5-foot-9 junior, received most of the attention and deservedly so after destroying much of the school record book. She finished the regular season as the second-leading scorer in Division III with a 29.4-point average.

Junior Kelle Hutchcroft emerged as the starter at point guard and averaged 9.2 points and 3.2 assists a game. Rempe scored 8.2 points with 6.9 rebounds, junior reserve forward Kelly Miller scored a school-record 32 three-point goals and hard-nosed sophomore Angie Striegel won a starting spot at forward, scoring 7.7 points with 6.9 rebounds.

Hanson's was twice named national Division III player of the week and is a sure bet to become all-American. ♦





## ATHLETICS

### SCHIPPER HEADS COACHES GROUP

Central football coach Ron Schipper was elected president of the American Football Coaches Association for 1994 at the group's national convention in Anaheim, Calif.

Schipper, who moves up from first vice-president, succeeds outgoing president Hayden Fry of the University of Iowa as leader of the 6,000-member organization.

"Without question, serving as president of the AFCA is a great honor," Schipper said. "Outside of family and faith, football and the coaching profession have meant more to me than anything else in my life. Leading my fellow coaches in this way is a great thrill."

Elected to the 14-member AFCA Board of Trustees in 1985, Schipper has served the association in many capacities since first joining the group in 1961. Among his most recent duties were serving as chairman of the AFCA College Division Kodak All-America team; as chairman of the Amos Alonzo Stagg Award committee and as a member of the AFCA honorary membership committee.

In addition, he served as a member of the search committee which selected former Baylor University football coach Grant Teaff to succeed the retiring Charles McClendon as AFCA executive director. ♦

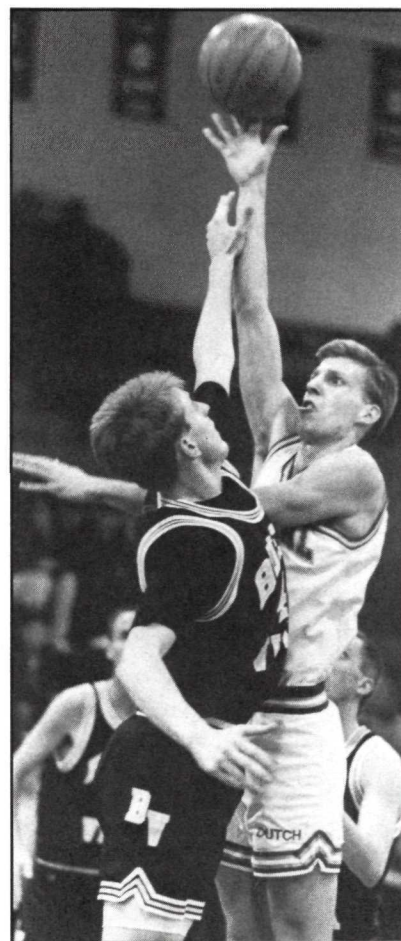
### MEN GET PLAY-OFF INVITATION

In one of the tightest races in league history, Central emerged with a share of its 14th Iowa Conference men's basketball title and its seventh NCAA Div. III play-off berth.

The crown was maybe a year ahead of schedule for a young Dutch squad which had just one senior starter and was coming off a 10-15 campaign. But in an evenly matched league which saw six teams enter the season's final week-end with championship hopes, Central wrapped up its share of first with a 78-64 win over William Penn before losing the season finale at Loras, 73-62. Upper Iowa won its final two games to force the tie, but Central was named the league's play-off representative through a tiebreaking procedure. The two teams split in head-to-head action.

"I thought we might be in the hunt this year, but I don't think anyone really expected us to win it," coach Jack Walvoord said.

The team's top scorers were junior guard Randy Smid, who averaged 15.5 points a game and senior forward Woody Klyn (15.1). Sophomore center Arlen Dykhuis was a major surprise, coming off the JV to earn a starting berth and average 12.2 points a game while sophomore forward Mike Valster scored 10.4 points. The fifth starter was sophomore guard Chris Barton. ♦



Michael Gens

Senior Woody Klyn was a go-to guy in crucial situations.

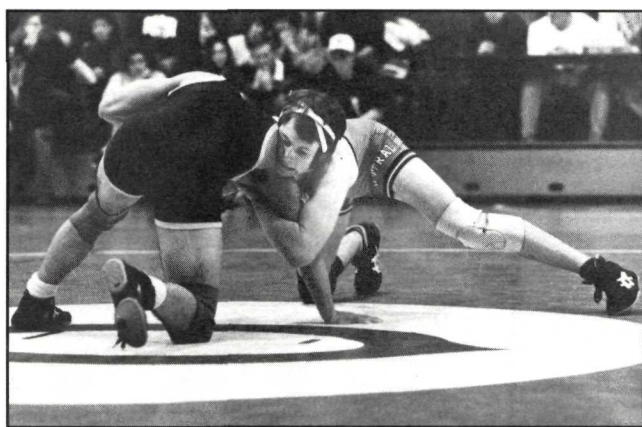
### WRESTLERS PLACE FOUR IN NATIONALS

Despite injuries and inexperience, the Central College wrestling team continued to make a name on the national level.

Four Central wrestlers qualified for the NCAA Div. III tourney March 4-5 at Stevens Point, Wis. The Dutch entered the meet ranked 19th in the country. Freshman Dan Gabrielson led the way. After a 10-6 start, Gabrielson won 21 matches in a row, taking the Iowa Conference title at 126 pounds. Gabrielson

also won tourney titles in large fields at the Cornell and Wheaton invitationals.

Other national qualifiers were sophomore Brent Dunlap (142 pounds), senior Chad Jensen (158 pounds), and senior Sean Lash (190 pounds). The Dutchmen's chances for another high finish disappeared when returning all-American Brian Reece was lost for the season with a hyperextended elbow suffered in early February. Reece had a 28-6 record at the time. ♦



Freshman Dan Gabrielson won the Iowa Conference at 126 pounds.





## THE ARTS

### REWRITING THE KING JAMES VERSION

Reimer's first adaptation was submitted to the Royal Shakespeare Company at Stratford-on-Avon. 'If I want to sell it to an American audience, I'll need to cut it shorter. The British have longer attention spans.'

**I**t was nearly seven years ago that Treva Reimer, associate professor of communication and theatre, began her adaptation of the play "Ignoramus: The Academical Lawyer" while in London. In January, the Central College Writers Reading Series featured it as a rehearsed reading with a cast of 12 Central students and faculty.

Reimer's interest in the obscure play developed during her time as director of Central's program in London in the late 1980s. Reimer and her husband, assistant professor of English Keith Ratzlaff, accompanied students to an old manor house in Finching Field. The baronet who dwelled there, Sir John Ruggles Brice, was an ancestor of George Ruggle, author of "Ignoramus." And so Reimer's interest, and work, began.

Ruggle was a master at Clare College, and wrote the comedy for a visit by King James I to Cambridge in March 1615. It was in Latin and based on an Italian play, "La Trappolaria," which in turn was based on the Roman play "Pseudolus," by Plautus. King James was apparently delighted with the play and its ridicule of the legal profession; to Reimer's knowledge, "Ignoramus" is the only play he requested again. The King returned to Cambridge in May of the same year for the second performance. "King James had all of Shakespeare to choose from, but this is the one he wanted to see twice," Reimer said.

For Reimer's adaptation, she began with a 1660 English translation found in the British Library of the British Museum. Due to the fragility and rarity of the old manuscripts from that time, the only option was to copy the entire play in pencil, and then transfer it to computer. (This was before the availability of laptop models.) It was during this process that Reimer discovered a major goal of her adaptation. "(I wanted to) make it shorter," she said. "When King James saw it the whole thing ran about five hours." Reimer's version is a svelte two-and-a-half hours.

That wasn't all. "One of the problems with the play to tackle," Reimer said, "was

that the play was originally written in Latin, the setting is in France, one character speaks Portuguese, and there are characters at the end who come in speaking English. I've got all these layers of language to get across to an audience." There were archaic literary references within the play as well that Reimer replaced with Shakespeare. "You find a way," she said, "of finding a literary reference that a contemporary audience will understand while keeping it within the time period of the play."

Reimer's first adaptation was intended for a British audience. She submitted a copy to the Royal Shakespeare Company at Stratford-on-Avon. "They're hanging onto it, whatever that means," she said. "If I want to sell it to an American audience, I'll need to cut it shorter. The British have longer attention spans."

The title character of the play, Ambidexter Ignoramus, is a shady English lawyer, and he caused quite a stir at the time. "Ignoramus," a "university wit play," fueled the rivalry between Cambridge and Oxford, the lawyers of the latter institution taking the portrayal personally. The character's name itself implied dishonesty and ignorance; an "ambidexter" was a jurist who accepted bribes from both the defense and prosecution, and an "ignoramus" was ruled when there wasn't sufficient information to continue a case. This was, incidentally, the first use of "ignoramus" applied to a person.

"I feel encouraged from the response of the audience at the reading," Reimer said. One reason for this positive American response, she believes, is the way her adaptation shifts a key plot development from the beginning to end. "I could tell they caught on, as the facts came out."

This reading hardly marks the end of Reimer's "Ignoramus." She still considers it a work in progress and plans to submit the play to summer Shakespeare festivals this year. But she'd also like to find a more permanent American staging. "It needs to find a home at a theater that does classic works, from the 17th century," she said. ♦

—Kyle Munson





## THE ARTS

### TAKE MY BLUES AWAY

**R**oger Neumann, a saxophonist, composer and arranger who has worked with the Beach Boys, Count Basie, Ray Charles and Ann Jillian, was the guest artist at Jazzmania XV, Feb. 5.

Director of Jazz Studies Susie Miget said she chose Neumann because of his style. "His music is representative of jazz at the height of its development," she said. "A lot of bands are now fusing Latin, rock and funk into jazz and that's great, but I wanted to show the students what jazz is in its true form."

The day-long clinic included competitions, clinics and performances for high school students across the state.

Neumann performed with the Central Jazz Band and the Jazz Combo as well as performing two duets with Miget.

Miget was particularly pleased with the audience's response to the performance. "There's just something that happens with an audience when they are into the music," she said. ♦



**Jazz saxophonist Roger Neumann jams with Director of Jazz Studies Susie Miget during a concert culminating Jazzmania XV in Douwstra Auditorium, Feb. 5**

Angela Hoskins

### FESTIVALS ATTRACT HUNDREDS

**M**ore than 240 Iowa high school students attended Central's band, choir and orchestra festivals in late January and early February.

The festivals were designed to expose high school students to Central's music program and to help them improve their performance abilities.

Attendance was up from previous years for the band and choir festivals. Registration was up for the orchestra festival, but due to an ice storm the day before the festival, only 40 of the 80 registered participants were able to come.

Originally, the three festivals were combined. Last year the band and orchestra festivals were held on one day and the choir festival was held on another. This year each festival was held individually. "Our facilities just

couldn't handle all of the students," said Ray Martin, orchestra festival conductor and professor of music.

Another first for this year's festivals was the addition of a guest conductor for the band and orchestra festivals. According to Paula Holcomb, band festival conductor and associate professor of music, a guest conductor not only provides more learning opportunities to the students who attend the festival, it also benefits Central students by allowing them to learn from the guest conductor's style and techniques.

Holcomb said the festivals also benefit Central's music education majors by allowing them to see what it's like to put a festival together. "The students are going to have to know how to do this when they get out of school," she said.

The choral festival was conducted by Professor of Music David Williams. ♦

### STUDENT DIRECTS WINTER PLAY

**T**heatre Central presented Steven Metcalfe's "Strange Snow," as the winter mainstage production. The play ran Jan. 27-30 and was directed by senior Scot Shepley.

"'Strange Snow' is about two Vietnam veterans struggling to overcome past guilt and learning to live again, while fighting for the affections of a woman caught between them," Shepley said.

Shepley stressed that while the play was about two war veterans, it would be too simplistic to lump it into a category of "war plays." "The feelings of guilt, loss, and the striving for redemption are present in every person's life," he said. "The need to make connections with each other and find a way to live again is paramount for all of us."

In April, guest director Diane West of London, England, will present an adaptation of Alexander Ostrovsky's "A Family Affair." ♦



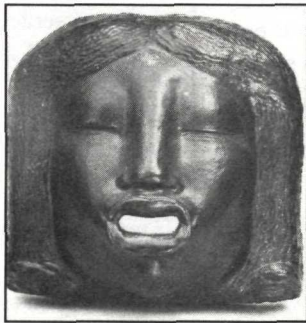


## THE ARTS

### EXHIBIT TURNS TO STONE

**M**ills Gallery hosted an exhibition of the works of sculptor Jose de Creeft, January 6-31.

The exhibit included wood and stone sculptures as well as the artist's drawings. The Spanish-born artist, who lived from 1884-1982, lived and studied in Paris and became a U.S. citizen in 1929. His works reflect the influence of Pablo Picasso, Auguste Rodin, and pre-Colombian and African art. In 1960 the Whitney Museum in New York honored de Creeft with a retro-



**Jose de Creeft sculpture**

spective exhibition.

The works included in the exhibit were on loan from the private collection of Nina de Creeft Ward, the artist's daughter.

"I think the exhibit made quite an impression," said Valerie Lind Hedquist, assistant professor of art and gallery curator. "The quality of the work is outstanding."

Junior Andy Zastrow said, "In my opinion it was the premiere Mills Gallery show on this campus in the three years I have been here." ♦

### DANCING 'DIVINE'

**T**he Co'Motion Dance Theater presented "Divine Liturgy" Jan. 28 in Douwstra Auditorium. The five-member dance troupe was accompanied by four Central students and three Pella residents.

Valerie Williams, the choreographer for "Divine Liturgy," said the performance was about the ability of humankind to produce goodness when faced with tragic circumstances.

Kathleen Lowe, a senior from Green

Mountain Falls, Colo., participated in the performance. "It's amazing what Valerie did with the choreography," Lowe said. "People will interpret it in their own way, but she did an excellent job of portraying the emotions she was trying to get across."

The residency was made possible by funding from the Ames Commission on the Arts, the Iowa Arts Council, the Kuyper Foundation and the Pella Community Center. ♦

### 'PRIMAL' DRAMA IN STUDIO B

**T**heatre Central presented "Death and the Maiden," a provocative play about revenge and redemption, Feb. 10-12 in the Mr. B studio theatre. The play was directed by Bob Schanke, professor of communication and theatre.

The setting of the play is an unspecified South American country, but parallels playwright Ariel Dorfman's native Chile of the 1970s. Many Chileans were subjected to the kind of horrors the play's Paulina endures.

The play opens 15 years after Paulina's imprisonment and torture. She is confronted by her past when a visitor arrives at her and Gerardo's home. Paulina believes Roberto is the abuser who performed heinous experiments on her during her imprisonment. She decides to put him on trial for his crimes.

"You're dealing with a very primal situation. There is nothing more primal than the case of a woman who must decide what to do to the man who hurt her very, very much," said Dorfman.

Schanke saw "Death and the Maiden" in London two years ago and decided to bring it to Central's small stage. "I was struck by the power of the play," he said. ♦

### FAMED ART SHOW LIVES ON



**Duchamp's  
"Nude  
Descending  
A Staircase."**

**A** postcard from the most important early event in the history of modern art, the Armory Show of 1913, is still being used in classes by Professor of Art Joline De Jong 40 years after it surfaced in the home of a retired Central librarian.

The International Exhibition of Modern Art, better known as The Armory Show, introduced modern art to the United States public and revolutionized the way artists thought and worked. De Jong said artists either "recoiled in horror" or attempted

to emulate Cubism in their own work after seeing the show. Although preliminary reaction to the show was negative, it grew in significance as wealthy collectors acquired work from the exhibition and modern art gained a foothold in the U.S. "It was an extremely significant event in the history of art," De Jong said.

A postcard depicting Marcel Duchamp's "Nude Descending A Staircase," was received by Central librarian Martha Griener in July 1913. Forty

years later, Griener, who had retired, found the card while cleaning her house and gave it to the art department. Larry Mills, who was a young art professor at that time, began using the postcard to illuminate lectures about the Armory Show. It has been a standard prop in art history classes since then.

It's doubtful that any of the 300,000 people who saw the exhibition are still alive, which makes the postcard even more valuable. "It's really a priceless artifact," Mills said. ♦





## THE ARTS

### THE TUNKUL MAKER OF DZITNUP

By Raymond Martin  
Professor of Music

One of the great treasures of my experience as a teacher in Central's Yucatán program in the spring of 1991 was a visit to the Mayan village of Dzitnup, the home of one of a long line of makers of the Mayan tunkul, a kind of two-keyed log drum whose noble lineage dates back at least to the 17th century and may even have been used during the Classic period of Mayan history (circa 300-900 A.D.), well before the Spanish Conquest.

The instrument is made from a large piece of a tree trunk which is hollowed out and closed at both ends. An H-shaped slit is cut in the top of the log and a rectangular opening is cut in the bottom for resonance. The tunkul (which is essentially the same instrument as the more ornate Aztec teponaztli and the Zapotec tün) is played by striking two (or more) keys with a pair of skin- or rubber-tipped mallets; each

key produces a different pitch and other pitches may be produced by

striking other areas of the log.

Pictures in the Mayan Codices suggest that the drum was usually placed on a stand so that the player could stand upright and achieve maximum resonance when performing. The instruments were apparently used for song accompaniment and often in aggregate for elaborate ceremonies.

My interest in this instrument had first been piqued when Don and

Maxine Huffman brought one back to Pella in their van after teaching on the Central program during the winter of 1987-88. George Ann Huck, the direc-



**Eustacio Poot Moo demonstrates how to play the tunkul.**

tor of Central College's Yucatán Program, had arranged for the acquisition of the drum and led the expedition to Dzitnup, where it was

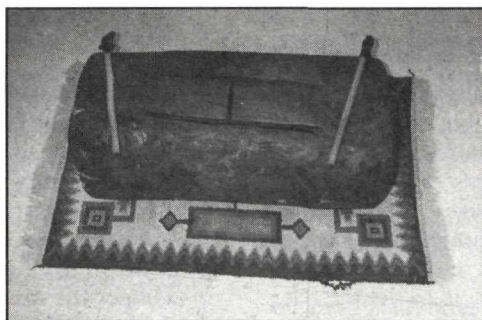
purchased. The Huffmans then conveyed the drum back to Pella, where it

was presented to the Central College Music Department. It now resides in the Cox-Snow Music Center and is used in various music history classes

and, on occasion, in recital performances.

The tunkul maker, Eustacio Poot Moo, is a small, dark-haired 63-year-old man who also makes masks for religious theatrical performances in the town's Catholic church; the tradition of these performances dates back to the 16th-century

religious plays brought to Latin America by the Spaniards and called autos. They were primarily used as tools for converting the Indians to Christianity. When George Ann, the students in Central's program, and I visited Dzitnup, Don Eustacio was very willing to show us his shop where he makes the instruments and the masks. He also took us to the church, where he performed extensively on the tunkul and demonstrated how the masks, tunkul and other instruments are used in the religious plays. The experience was a magic one for all of us. ♦



**The tunkul is a log drum used in Mayan celebrations.**





## ALUMNI

### HERITAGE DAY/ SPRING REUNION WEEKEND

**Friday, May 20**

**10 a.m. to Noon - "Morning Mixer"**

Registration and reception under the tent, located near Kruidenier Center. Campus tours available.

**11:30 a.m. to Noon - "Worship Service"** (The Chapel)

**12:30 p.m. - "Heritage Day Luncheon"** (Graham Dining Hall)

New Heritage Roll and Heritage Club members will be announced, including special recognition of the classes of '34, '39, '44, and '54. Entertainment will be provided by the Central College A Cappella Choir.

**3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. - "Koffee Klatch"** (Maytag Student Center)

Relax and renew acquaintances in the "Atrium" of Central's newest facility. Refreshments will be served. Student ambassadors will host walking campus tours and provide transportation for Pella city tours.

**4:30 to 5:30 p.m. - "Reception and Class Reunion Photo Session"** (Maytag Student Center)

**5:30 p.m. - "Class Reunion Dinners"**

The classes of '34, '39, '44, and '54 celebrate their return to Central and their respective anniversaries.

**7:30 p.m. - "Baccalaureate Service"** (First Reformed Church)

Special music will be provided by the A Cappella Choir.

**7:30 p.m. - "Reunion Socials"**

An intimate evening of memories and relaxation for reunion class alumni.

Class of '34 - Mart and Elva May  
Heerema Residence - 516 Lincoln Street,  
Apt. 104

Class of '39 - Pete and Norma Gaass  
Residence - 1115 Marion Street

Class of '44 - Earl and Etta  
(Kallemyn) Vermeer Residence - 1350  
Broadway

Class of '54 - Dale and Irma Jansen  
Residence - 1215 West 2nd Street

**Saturday, May 21**

**7:30 to 9 a.m. - "President's**

**Breakfast"** (Peace Mall, center of campus)

**10 a.m. - "Commencement Exercises"** (Kuyper Athletic Complex)

**12 noon - "Luncheon Buffet"** (Graham Dining Hall) ♦

### UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

Central will visit several cities in the next few months to meet alumni and friends and share information about the college. Below is the itinerary through the summer.

DATE	EVENT	SITE/CITY
March 10	North New Jersey/New York City Reception	Saddle Brook Marriott, Saddle Brook, N.J.
March 24	Cedar Rapids Reception	Sheraton Inn, Cedar Rapids, Iowa
April 6	A Cappella Choir Concert	Salem Lutheran Church, Creston, Iowa
April 7	A Cappella Choir Concert & Reception	Ebenezer Reformed Church, Oregon, Ill.
April 8	A Cappella Choir Concert & Reception	First Reformed Church, Oostburg, Wis.
April 9	A Cappella Choir Benefit Concert	Plymouth Creek Christian Church, Plymouth, Minn.
April 23	Kansas City Reception	Crown Center, Kansas City, Mo.
April 23	Des Moines Botanical Center Outing/Reception	Des Moines, Iowa
April 27	Northwest Iowa Reception	Sandora's, Sioux Center, Iowa
April 28	North Central Iowa Reception	Best Western Holiday Lodge, Clear Lake, Iowa
May	Western Michigan Reception	(to be announced)
May 7	Iowa Cubs Baseball and Picnic	Sec Taylor Stadium, Des Moines, Iowa
May 12-14	Tulip Time Celebration	Pella, Iowa
May 20	Heritage Day/Spring Reunion Weekend	Central College Campus
May 21	Commencement	Central College Campus
July 22-24	Summer '94 "Weekend Getaway"	Central College Campus
August 14	Blank Park Zoo Outing and Picnic	Des Moines, Iowa

Please note that events and dates are subject to change; specific information about upcoming events will be mailed to alumni and friends of the college who live near the event sites. If you need more information or if you are interested in planning an event in your area, call the Alumni Office at 1-800-447-0287.

Central alumni events are open to all alumni and friends of the college, including family members of graduates and current students.

### ALUMNI SERVICES COUNCIL GETS NEW MEMBERS

Formed in 1992 to develop, promote and implement alumni service programs, the Alumni Services Council continues to serve Central College constituencies in very meaningful ways.

"Input received from this representative sample of our alumni population assists greatly in the decision-making processes that we face," reports Mark Ellingson, director of alumni and college relations. "As we continue to address the challenging issues related to the needs of our alumni and college friends, the council's role becomes even more important."

New members appointed to three-year terms include: Barbara (Jones) Hasselmann '66, from Elk Grove Village, Ill.; John Halma '77, Des Moines; and Troy Hansen '87, of Marion, Iowa.

Continuing members of the Alumni Services Council are: Carolin (Missall) Vermeer '56, Sioux Center, Iowa; Dave Wesslink '64, North Wales, Pa.; Sue (Spaans) Brandl '65, Pella; Will Hoekman '67, Des Moines; Barbara (Weeber) Ross '67, Plymouth, Minn.; Chuck Laug '74, Pella; Betty (Mobbs) Rusthoven '74, Anaheim, Calif.; Craig Wassenaar '84, Pella; Lisa Jaarsma '91, Chariton, Iowa. ♦





## ALUMNI

**33** Lewis C. Van Der Wilt  
2910 Oakland Street  
Ames, Iowa 50010

**Iva Stoehr Rensink**, at the age of 92, is writing her fifth book. It is about her grandmother and is entitled "Johanna." Iva lives in Boyden, Iowa.

**34** Willis J. Vander Kooi  
310 1st Street S.E.  
Orange City, Iowa 51041

The **Class of '34** celebrates its 60-year class reunion during Spring Reunion Weekend May 20-21, 1994. Don't forget to return your memory book form to the Alumni Office.

**35** Helen (Vander Linden)  
Glendening  
915 W. Third Street  
Pella, Iowa 50219

**George Friday** of Toledo, Iowa, is retired. He and his wife, Eileen, enjoy spending winters in McAllen, Texas.

**39** Harriet Heusinkveld  
221 E. First Street  
Pella, Iowa 50219

The **Class of '39** celebrates its 55-year class reunion during Spring Reunion Weekend May 20-21, 1994. Don't forget to return your memory book form to the Alumni Office.

**40** Loren Loupee  
427 W. 12th Street S.  
Newton, Iowa 50208

Ann and **LaVerne Barton** live in Lone Tree, Iowa. LaVerne has health problems and had major heart surgery in 1992 with complications following. He uses a wheelchair, but is able to use a walker some of the time. The good news is that he is his usual cheerful self.

**41** John H. Hoekstra  
552 7th Avenue N.W.  
Sioux Center, Iowa 51250

**Mina Baker Roelofs** was guest editor for a food column in the December issue of the Dutch International Society publication. The article reviewed Pella's Christmas activities and included suggestions for holiday entertaining, including menus

for brunch and dinner featuring recipes from the Central College Auxiliary cookbook, *A Taste of the World*. Mina is professor emerita of home economics at Central.

After teaching industrial arts in Ar-We-Va Community Schools for 20 years, **Ralph Huisman** has retired from teaching. Ralph and his wife, Ruth, have been married over 50 years and continue to live in Westside, Iowa.

**Garrett C. (Gary) Roorda** received the J.C. Penney Golden Rule Award. As chaplain and forensic representative of the Colorado Alliance for the Mentally Ill, he intercedes in the criminal justice system on behalf of mentally ill persons. As a result, more than 100 persons are under care rather than serving jail sentences.

**44** Samuel N. Allen  
433 23rd Street N.W.  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52405

The **Class of '44** celebrates its 50-year class reunion during Spring Reunion Weekend May 20-21, 1994. Don't forget to return your memory book form to the Alumni Office.

Theola and **Edgar Van Arkel** are retired, and live in Pella, Iowa. Edgar is an active volunteer for the First Baptist Church and in the Pella community for the Pella Community Hospital, Pella Historical Society, Chamber of Commerce, and Work of Our Hands (a gift shop with Third World items.)

**48** Jean Baker Shively  
Route 1, Box 53  
Hamilton, Iowa 50116

Having served on the Iowa Supreme Court since 1980, **Justice Louis Schultz** retired in September. He will continue to work as a senior judge in the Court of Appeals or district court three months each year. He also hopes to work in the field of mediation and arbitration. Louis and his wife, Jean, were honored at a retirement ceremony attended by Governor Terry Branstad,

## Distinguished alumni nominations sought

Nominations are now being accepted for the **Central College Distinguished Alumni Awards** that will be presented to recipients during Homecoming Weekend festivities on Friday, October 14, 1994.

The program, which is sponsored by the Alumni Association, is designed to recognize and honor alumni who have distinguished themselves through their professional endeavors and their exemplary service to humankind. Any Central College graduate or former student is eligible to receive an award.

All nominations must be submitted to the Alumni Office by June 1, 1994. Since not all those nominated will be selected for the Distinguished Alumni Award distinction, the Alumni Association asks that you keep your nominations confidential.

Please send nominations to:

Alumni Office  
Central College  
812 University  
Pella, Iowa 50219

### Nomination Form

Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year \_\_\_\_

Address (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

(Street)

(City/state/zip)

List the reasons why this individual should be considered for a 1994 Distinguished Alumni Award. If you need more space, please use additional paper.

Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year \_\_\_\_

**Please return your nomination form to the Alumni Office by June 1, 1994.**



members of the bar, and family. Louis and Jean live in Coralville.

In January through April, 1994, **Joan and Carl Vogelaar** will be traveling on the MS Statendom on the Grande World Cruise, where Carl will serve as protestant chaplain.

**49** Betty (Brands) Huitsing  
1736 Maple Lane  
Wheaton, Ill. 60187

**Glenn Meerdink** has retired, but still serves as consultant in wills, trusts and planned giving. He enjoys singing in his church choir and a barbershop quartet group called SPEBSQSA. He and his wife, Sharon, live in Findlay, Ohio.

**50** Mark D. Vander Ploeg  
503 Columbus Street  
Pella, Iowa 50219

**Armand and Joyce Willemssen Renskers** retired from pastoring and teaching. The couple now resides in Ellenton, Fla.

Julia and **Everett J. Trueblood** are retired and living in Tucson, Ariz. Everett is fighting diabetes and cancer, but reports that he is "doing alright." They enjoy their expanding family of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**51** Aaron Koskamp  
220 Prairie Street  
Pella, Iowa 50219

**Cecil Martens** has retired after 39 years of service in the active ministry. He served churches in New Jersey, Michigan, and Iowa. Cecil and his wife, Arlene, live in Artesia, Calif. Cecil is serving as interim pastor at the El Dorado Park Community Church in Long Beach.

**52** Jo (Vanderwall)  
Harmeling  
1218 Main Street  
Pella, Iowa 50219

**Robert and Lavinia Snuttjer Block** live in Paterson, N.J. Bob continues as director of the North Jersey Christian Muslim Project and special intern minister of English Neighborhood Reformed Church in Ridgefield. Lavinia is an Arabic bilingual teacher in Patterson. She serves as church organist, choir and handbell director at United Reformed Church in Clifton.

**Robert and Marion Kruis Staley** live in Arlington Heights, Ill. After 20 years, Marion retired in June '93 from teaching. Both she and Bob volunteer at the

local hospital and enjoy time to travel and play golf.

**53** Henry Vande Kieft  
1331 Northwest Drive  
Pella, Iowa 50219

Lester and **Vera De Vries Bach** lived in Java, Indonesia from December '86 to June '89. They traveled extensively in that region of the world. Now living in Renton, Wash., Vera is employed at Highland Library for the City of Renton and Lester works for Boeing in Seattle.

**Janice Van Zomeran Beran** authored "From Six on Six to Full Court Press: A Century of Iowa Girls Basketball." It was published by Iowa State University in 1993. Jan is a professor emeritus in sports history at Iowa State University. She was honored by Ames Women's Political Caucus as Ames Woman of the Year for 1993.

**Marvin De Heus** is now retired and enjoys traveling. For information about **Joyce Willemssen Renskers** see the '50 news.

**54** Dorothy (Heideman)  
Cook Julian  
1306 East 2nd Avenue  
Monmouth, Ill. 61462

The **Class of '54** celebrates its 40-year class reunion during Spring Reunion Weekend May 20-21, 1994. Don't forget to return your memory book form to the Alumni Office.

**Jennette Noordsy Andeweg** has been elected to serve as national president of the National T.T.T. Society. She will serve a two-year term, from October '93-95. T.T.T. is a women's philanthropic organization for the promotion of service to others through group effort on local, state, and national levels. The national project is a summer camping experience for deserving girls who have completed fourth grade. Jen has been a member of T.T.T. for 24 years and has held various offices on both state and national levels. She and her husband, **Logan Andeweg**, live in Pella, Iowa.

**Janice Van Alstyne** composed a Christmas carol that was featured in the choral service before midnight Mass on Christmas Eve at her church. She lives in Albany, N.Y.

**57** Harold & Norma  
(Kuiper) Hiemstra  
700 East 19th Street  
Yankton, S.D. 57078

**Claron White** has been

named city administrator for West Point, Iowa.

**58** Verle L. Rinehart  
225 Kari-Glen Drive  
Fayetteville, Ga. 30214

**Eldon Schulte**, after serving 17 years as recreation director for the City of Pella, Iowa, has accepted a position with the athletic department at Central College. **Mary DeMaster Schulte** continues to teach pre-school for the Pella Recreation Commission. Eldon and Mary live in Pella.

**Paul Tambrino**, president of Iowa Valley Community College district, has been selected for inclusion in "Who's Who Registry of Business Leaders" and "Who's Who in the Midwest." He lives in Marshalltown.

**59** Darrell G. Brand  
Box 173, Diamond  
Trail Road  
Montezuma, Iowa 50171

**Carl and Elaine Heusinkveld Soerens** have moved to Plano, Texas. Carl is manager of recruiting for the information systems division of J.C. Penney.

**60** Dan & Patricia  
(Ratcliff) Zioberek  
1112 Carver  
Iowa City, Iowa 52240

**Susanne Williams Palmer** is staff development coordinator for Southern Prairie Area Education Agency in Ottumwa, Iowa. She is studying for ordination as a deacon in the Episcopal Church. She and her husband, John, live in Albia.

**Alyce Verduin Folkerts** and George Werkema were married on August 11 in Lynden, Wash. They reside in Albuquerque, N.M., where Alyce is employed by Mountain View Academy. They enjoy exploring Albuquerque and the surrounding mountains.

**61** Dave Sutphen  
203 Elm Street  
Pella, Iowa 50219

**Glen De Master**, having served the regional RCA Synod of the Far West for five years, is the executive pastor at the Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, Calif. He is responsible for overseeing the staff and ministries to the congregation. **Marilyn Dummet De Master** is completing 15 years as minister of children at New Life Community Church in Artesia, Calif. They live in La Palma.

For information on **Elaine**

**Heusinkveld Soerens** see the '59 news.

**62** Gary Claypool  
714 Soule Blvd.  
Ann Arbor, Mich. 48103

**Bill Kibby** of Jefferson, Iowa, has been selected as an Iowa Hall of Fame Coach, selected by the Iowa Football Coaches Association. A special presentation was held at halftime of the Class 4A championship game in November in Cedar Falls. The last six years Bill has served as the athletic director, science teacher, and head football coach at Jefferson-Scranton High School.

For information on **Mary DeMaster Schulte** see the '58 news.

**63** Bob Blean  
226 Lamar Blvd.  
Goodyear, Ariz. 85338

**Daryl Vander Wilt** is a grant officer at Iowa State University in Ames. He and his wife, Suellen, live in West Des Moines.

**64** Jessie (Van De Voort)  
Madden  
2010 23rd Street  
Rock Island, Ill. 61201

**James Engelkes** is the executive director for Lansing Psychological Associates in East Lansing, Mich. He is the co-author of four graduate text books in career exploration and counseling. **Marcia Hopp Engelkes** is a realtor associate for Coldwell Banker. They and their two children live in East Lansing.

**66** David Zoschke  
2040 Shady Wood Road  
Orono, Minn. 55391

For information on **Marcia Hopp Engelkes** see the '64 news.

**Marv Hackert** has been elected to a three-year term on the United States National Committee for Crystallography. He and his wife, Bretna, have returned from a missionary trip to Estonia. They accompanied a church group to deliver medical supplies and a radio transmitter. Choir members of the group presented a concert in a 13th century cathedral in Tallin, Estonia.

**67** Mary (Van Mantgem)  
Kuyper  
1413 W. Third Street  
Pella, Iowa 50219

**Donald and Joyce Plagge Benes** and their two sons have



moved to Japan. Donald is the high school principal and Joyce is a fourth grade teacher at the American School in Tokyo.

**Gwen Mathes Krueger** was honored by the Plymouth, Wis., school board for excellence as a long term substitute in an elementary classroom for the emotionally disturbed.

George and **Meredith Shakel Roland** and family live in Glendale, Ariz. Meredith is a psychiatric technician at Del Webb Hospital psychiatric unit in Sun City West.

**68** Larry Embling  
3021 Woodmont Drive  
South Bend, Ind. 46614

**Jan Jolink Hamm** and her

Can you help us locate the following "lost alumni?"

**Donna Bennett, David A. Bottger, Sharon Coleman, John H. Daley, Jeffrey Ekeland, Sandra (Diggs) Fairweather, Mary Green, Mike Hooper, Mark Hull, Stephen Leung, Curtis A. Paul, Walther W. Roth, Daniel Warubi, Karlene (Koenen) Willemsen**

For information on **Joyce Plagge Benes** see the '67 news.

**Judy Vander Gaag Tott** has received her master of science in administration degree from Georgia Southeastern College. She works for Methodist Home for Children and Youth as group home director. She and her family live in Americus, Ga.

the Pekin-Packwood school system for 20 years. Harlan teaches math in both middle and high school. He and his wife, Eunice, live in Richland.

**71** Mike O'Neil  
1706 Xavier Avenue  
Granger, Iowa 50109

**Darrell Bosch**, associate professor at Virginia Polytechnic Institute recently returned from a one-year sabbatical at the United States Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C. Darrell, his wife, Kathryn, and their two children live in Blacksburg, Va.

Bob and **Kristine Feigenbaum Erickson** and Kristine's son, Brian, live in Chandler, Ariz. She is a benefits

executive director of the Bartlesville Landmark Preservation Council and Dan is a technical manager at Phillips Petroleum.

**Elizabeth Scannell** is an assistant professor at the University of Vermont in Burlington. She has returned from a year's sabbatical studying the cost vs. income of housing between the United States and France. She worked in Paris at Caisse Nationale des Allocations Familiales on the housing comparison study.

**Arlyce Schiebout** lives in Perth, Ontario, and serves as student supply minister for Bathurst Pastoral Charge, United Church of Canada. She is completing a B.Th. at Queen's Theological College while serving a three-point rural charge in Eastern Ontario.

**Julia Boll Swallow** teaches high school talented and gifted students at Dallas Center-Grimes Schools. She lives in Redfield, Iowa, with her husband, Dwaine, and son, Aaron.

**Barbara Vermeer** has been pleased with the results of her Arabian horse, Tsiara, at the Florida Arabian horse shows this past year. Her horse won overall championship in the first show in Dressage class and three blue ribbons in the spring show in the hunt class. Barbara lives in Miami and is a flight attendant with Delta Airlines.

**Fred and Paulette Vogelaar Widmer** and three sons live in Austin, Texas. Fred is an information project leader for Apple Computer and was relocated to the Austin office. In December, Paulette completed course work for a registered nursing degree.

**72** Karen (Metcalf) Ackley  
4015 11th Place  
Des Moines, Iowa 50313

**Dave and Jean Slingerland Brandt** live in Chariton, Iowa. Dave is the assistant principal and activities director at Chariton High School, and Jean teaches first grade at Prairie Valley School District.

**Gayle Browning** and her daughter, Arra Ebersten, live in Seattle, Wash. Gayle is a registered nurse at the University of Washington Medical Center's newborn and maternity unit. She is a certified lactation consultant.

In June, **Helen Dykstra Jones** completed teacher certification from Ottawa

## '23 ALUMNUS STILL HAS MUCH TO SAY

**Y**ou've got to give Iva Rensink credit. At 92, she is writing her fifth book.

It's about her grandmother and will be titled simply, "Johanna."

Rensink, '23, was born in Colorado; her family moved there from Kansas during the gold rush.

Influenza hit Rensink as a senior in high school. She lost six schoolmates and neighbors. Her doctor's advice to move to a lower elevation meant forgoing a sizable scholarship from the University of Colorado at Boulder.

High school basketball friends told Rensink about Central College. On her train ride to college, she wrote in her diary, "I have seen the plains for the first time, and I can't say I like them too well."

However, she learned to love college life in Iowa only to see it interrupted in her second year by the depression of 1920. Many students were forced to return home to help out their respective families.

Her first book, "Memories, Thoughts and Prayers in Verse," resulted from a collection of devotionals written for her daughters. Her second book, "The Girl, That Was I," was about her high school and college days.

That 124-page volume was followed by a collection of devotionals, memorials and short stories aimed at helping readers through difficult times, "This, That and The Other."

Her next book, "Pieces Form The Whole," is about her life in Iowa. It helped her work through the sorrow of her husband's death in 1984.

Rensink is her own publisher. She has typed, printed and bound all her own books.

"I began by giving them to the children and grandchildren. I held autograph parties and sold some that way. I used no money for myself. Anything above cost is given to charities," Rensink says.

The satisfaction she gets from readers' letters makes her efforts worthwhile, she says.

In addition to the books, Rensink writes a letter to every one of her extended family members on birthdays. Her 43rd greatgrandchild was born in December.

"I write for the joy of it," she says. "Books have always fascinated me."

Rensink has received many awards. She was named Citizen of the Year in Boyden in 1977. ♦

husband, Otto, have moved to Columbia, Md. They will be working on a two-year medicaid project for the State of Maryland.

**69** William L. Rankin  
2315 W. Viewmont  
Way W.  
Seattle, Wash. 98199

The **Class of '69** celebrates its 25-year class reunion during Homecoming Weekend, October 14-16, 1994. Plan a visit to Central's campus and join your classmates for this celebration.

**70** Don Logan  
505 Northview Drive  
Van Horne, Iowa 52346

**Robert and Jo Hamilton Parrott** and their three children have moved to Houston, Texas. Robert is an agency manager for Principal Financial Group.

**Harlan Van Voorst** is the new pastor of Packwood Christian Church in Packwood, Iowa. He has done lay speaking for some time and now assumes the duties on a regular part-time basis at Packwood. A teacher in

analyst for Alexander & Alexander, an international insurance broker.

Joan and **Robert Fink** reside in West Bend, Wis. Their daughter, Jennifer, is a senior at Central College. Robert is an 8th grade mathematics teacher and was awarded the Rolf's Teacher of the Year Award in 1992 as outstanding middle school teacher in the school district.

**Daniel and Joyce McReynolds O'Donnell** live in Bartlesville, Okla. Joyce is



University in Ottawa, Kan. She is now a Homebound Teacher operating from her home in Glendale, Ariz. Homebound teachers serve ill and injured children who cannot attend regular school classes. Presently she works with five children, ranging from third through eighth grade. She and her husband, Ben, live in Glendale.

**Barbara Pettitt** was appointed chief of surgery of Atlanta's new children's hospital, Hughes Spalding Children's Hospital. It is part of the Grady Health system, which provides the bulk of the care for indigent patients in metro Atlanta.

**Dell and Mary McDonald Richard** live in Iowa City, Iowa, where Mary works as counselor for Student Disability Services at the University of Iowa. Dell is a self employed attorney with Bray and Richard.

**73** Rick Hickman  
2155 S. 4th  
West Des Moines, Iowa 50265

**Byron and Cindy Grootveld Loomans** and their family live in Mequon, Wis. Byron is project manager at M & I Data Services in Milwaukee and Cindy is a part-time middle school math teacher.

**Harry Smith**, is a host on CBS This Morning, and his wife, Andrea Joyce, is a CBS sports host and reporter. The couple helped cover the Winter Olympics for CBS in February. They and their two sons live in New York, N.Y.

**74** Bill Rollison  
5705 Columbine Drive  
Johnston, Iowa 50131

The **Class of '74** celebrates its 20-year class reunion during Homecoming Weekend, October 14-16, 1994. Plan a visit to Central's campus and join your classmates for this celebration.

Can you help us locate the following "lost alumni?":  
**Judy Abbott, Ron Abrams, Robin (Boremski) Agan, Patsy (Hoekstra) Aguero-Avalos, Arlene Andrews, Phillip Bleadsoe, Alvin Campbell, Sandra (Perez) Castanon, Louis P. Chapman, Timothy J. Coates, Deborah Comstock, Janice Crumbacher, Terry Diaz, Tom Ebersten, Don Feeney, Donald Frank, Daniel Goldman, Randolph Gunter, Bernard Hamady, Susan (Collier) Haskett, Ray Hummell, James L. Hunter, Michael Jensen, Larry G. Jeter, Judy Jurgenson, Jerry Kruse, Jesus A. Lacera,**

**Barbara (Wiegand) Lulow, Michael J. McCormick, Ben Michalko, Susan Nordholm, Kristi Olsen, Martha Richardson, Bonnie L. Riley, Virginia Sandt, Cynthia Sayles, Jane Shartzter, Craig Swift, Diane (Lewis) Thomas, Oliver G. White, Kathleen (Yeager) Williams**

For information on **Jean Slingerland Brandt** see the '72 news.

**Elwood Mather** is a member of the history department at Eastern Montana College in Billings, Mont. He was the writer and producer for Magic City Singers' 1993 Holiday Production, "Over the River and Through the Woods." The Magic Singers is a community group that performs a wide variety of musical expressions, such as light classical, contemporary, popular, easy listening, country, show tunes, religious, and patriotic selections. It was designed to provide the Billings community with an entertainment service.

**Sheryl and David Mattern** live in Des Moines, Iowa, where David is a teacher and assistant principal at Lovejoy Elementary School. He has been selected to appear in the 1994 editions of these professional publications: Who's Who in American Education; Who's Who Among America's Teachers; Who's Who in the Midwest; Who's Who in America; Who's Who World Wide; and Who Will be Who in the 21st Century - Dictionary of International Biography.

For information on **Paulette Vogelaar Widmer** see the '71 news.

**Sparky and Craig Willemsen** live in Barrigda, Guam. Craig has been selected to attend the level II coaching course endorsed by the International Amateur Athletic Federation on middle to long distance (running) coaching in Canberra, Australia. Craig is guidance counselor at Simon Sanchez High School.

**75** Debbie Davis  
18 Alyce Lane  
Bella Vista, Ariz. 72714

The **Class of '75** celebrates its 19-year class reunion during Homecoming Weekend, October 14-16, 1994. Plan a visit to Central's campus and join your classmates for this celebration.

Can you help us locate the following "lost alumni?":  
**Peggy Aldrich, Wendell J. Anderson, Sue Balk, Reinada (Jackson) Gale, Toni Gillis,**

**Linda Graf, Sherry Greene, Robert D. Kelley, Kathleen Kerrigan, August Kruger, Janet (Hulsizer) Krueger, James Kulp, Robert LaSpina, Peter D. Lynes, Larry McMillan, Carol Olson, Donna K. Ross, Kathy D. Vitullo Samuelson, Debbi L. (Kaderarek) Sayler, Michael R. Sowa, Denise St. Ores, Sarah B. (Frost) Stafford, Jacqueline (Gerads) Steuer, Marilyn Stuart, Debbie (Beal) Thyberg, Brynda J. (Walker) White, Claudia (Hindrikson) White, Kevin White, Lester Wilson, Michael T. Woods, Terry Youngblood**

For information on **Claire De Koster Gillaspey** see the '78 news.

**76** Cathy (Hinga) Haustein  
1214 Main Street  
Pella, Iowa 50219

The **Class of '76** celebrates its 18-year class reunion during Homecoming Weekend, October 14-16, 1994. Plan a visit to Central's campus and join your classmates for this celebration.

Can you help us locate the following "lost alumni?":  
**Jack D. Baty, Nora Belton, Lynda Bennett, Keith Bock, Peter D. Bolokor, Maurice E. Bruce, Sally (Miksch) Carr, Teri Engler, Charles D. Green, Robert Hadley, Sandra (Weismantel) Hotaling, Peggy Hueffner, Rex Jeffries, Linda K. Jewett, Sally Keller, Camille Khoury, Constance Knosby, Bruce Kummer, Terri (Smith) Mallen, Marilee (McClennen) Mellon, Abigail L. (Fisher) Osborn, Deborah Russell, Carole L. (Murphy) Rutter, Ronald W. Sawhill, Thomas Slater, William M. Smith, Bob Vitanza, Ed Williamson, Chaouki Younes**

**Terry Cockman Jernigan** and her husband, William, live in Belgium. Terry was promoted to lieutenant colonel in the United States Army, Military Intelligence.

**77** Doug Soseman  
416 North 12th  
Denison, Iowa 51442

**Nancy Beardslee** was ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament by Classis New Brunswick in 1993. She serves as pastor of the Reformed Church in Prince Bay in Staten Island, N.Y., and resides in New Brunswick, N.J.

Working for Travelers Insurance, **Gary Nieuwsma** is the assistant manager of premium audits for commercial lines. Gary lives in Midlothian,

Va.

**Joseph and Jill Pleska Scherer** live with their son, David, in Romeoville, Ill. Jill is customer service administrator for Motorola, Inc. in Schaumburg and Joe is a fire fighter/paramedic for the village of Bolingbrook.

**Don and Cinda Cummings Synhorst** live in Bussey, Iowa. Cinda is a teacher in the talented and gifted program and teaches home economics at Twin Cedars School.

**78** Paul Gillaspey  
651 Sioux Drive  
Freeport, Ill. 61032

**Twyla Appenzeller Eaton** is an administrative assistant for Chandelle Properties in Denver, Colo. She and her husband, John, and children live in Aurora.

Since September, **Paul Gillaspey** is vice president-controller for Amerock Corporation, a member of the Newell Group. Paul and **Claire De Koster Gillaspey** and family live in Freeport, Ill.

**Martin Young** is with the United States Air Force at Camp Humphries in Korea. He is assigned to the 619 AIN Squadron in mobile/tactical communications until December, 1994.

**79** Mary Ohaver Moermond  
4627 67th Street  
Des Moines, Iowa 50322

In September, **Mark Baumann** was the featured organ recitalist at Union Sunday School in Clermont, Iowa. Works by Bach, Handel, Mendelssohn, Vierne and Guilman were performed on the restored 1894 Kimball organ. Also that month, he lectured on "Hymns Old and New for Lectionary Year 'B'" at the Church Music and Worship Conference held at First Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids. **Marcia Edwards Baumann** was promoted to consumer loan secretary at Farmers State Bank in Marion, Iowa. The couple lives in Marion.

Savatore and **Lisa Juliano Contini** and their three children live in Mission, Texas. Lisa does free-lance writing and has had three articles published in the last year and a half.

**Bradley and Linda Houston Swanson** and their two sons reside in Stillman Valley, Ill. In December, Linda completed work on her B.S. degree from Northern Illinois University in De Kalb. She student taught in



a second grade classroom in the Rockford School District.

Jim and **Mona Mullennax Van Zomerén** and family live on a farm near Oskaloosa. Mona is home schooling her kindergarten-age daughter.

**80** Matthew L. Sojka  
1628 Country Club Road  
Washington, Iowa 52353

**Jean Rutledge Couch** works at Jo-Ann Fabrics as a part-time sales associate. Jean and her husband, Christian, and two children live in Kirkland, Wash.

Rev. Robert and **Rev. Tamara Van Enter Entin** serve as co-pastors at Stuyvesant Reformed Church in Selkirk, N.Y. Tamara is also an office manager/legal secretary and Robert is an attorney. They are certified foster parents for the State of New York and on August 13 Alejandro Robert, born August 18, 1986, became a legal member of their family.

**Mitchell Martinez** is a supervisor for the United States Air Force stationed at Falcon Air Force Base. He enjoys travel adventure and has spent some time in the Phillipine jungles and the Australian outback. His home is in Colorado Springs, Colo.

**81** Dave Schleisman  
314 1st Street S.E.  
Waverly, Iowa 50677

**Tammy Getting** is a part time instructor in German at Urbandale High School, Urbandale, Iowa, where she lives.

**Dr. Kevin C. Massick** is a faculty physician at Broadlawns Medical Center in Des Moines, Iowa.

**Kent Mollenbeck** is the branch manager of the First National Bank in Latimer, Iowa. His wife, Mary, is a substitute teacher and piano instructor. The family lives on an acreage near Hampton.

**Deborah Strong** received her masters in communications management from Simmons College in Boston, Mass. She is director of special gifts for Eastern College in St. Davids, Pa. and lives in Malvern.

**82** Cam (Ratering)  
Mc Calmont  
201 Highland Avenue  
Piedmont, Calif. 94611-3709

For news of **Marcia Edwards Baumann** see the '79 news.

## BOOK CHRONICLES LEGENDARY GAME

*Excerpted from an article by the Ames Daily Tribune*

One hundred years ago, women first started playing basketball in Iowa. That fact has affected the life of Jan Beran, a 1953 Central graduate – but she wasn't a basketball star. Instead, she did research and wrote a book about the sport.

Beran is a professor emeritus at Iowa State University in sports history.

She is also the author of the recently published book, "From Six-on-Six to Full Court Press: A century of Iowa Girls' Basketball."

"For one million women in Iowa, basketball has been a very important part of their life," Beran said. "My book is just a readable story about the game and the women who took part – a reflection of our values and leisure habits."

Major changes have taken place in the game over the years – not only in costuming, but rules, playing style, programs and tournaments, Beran said.

"For instance, girls' basketball came to Iowa in 1893, and it has evolved from a traditional six-player competition to five players using the full court – the result of a 1993 decision to change the game rules," she said. "Because of the decision, my publisher and I worked very hard to make the book available to the public at the end of this centennial year."

History has always been of interest to Beran, and she attributes this to a mother who has a love of Iowa history. Growing up near Oskaloosa, in the small town of Leighton, Beran said there were plenty of people and lots of history to pique her curiosity.

She received her undergraduate teaching degree from Central College in physical education, and a master's degree from Drake in Des Moines in science and history. After college, she and her husband, George, a professor of veterinarian epidemiology at ISU, went to the Philippines and worked as educational missionaries with the Presbyterian Church – teaching at Silliman University for 13 years. They returned to Iowa, specifically Ames, in 1973.

"It was after we returned to Iowa that I realized the unique opportunities and tremendous value of girls' basketball," Beran said. "I did some early work on rituals in the high school basketball tournaments, but the real reason I wrote

the book is because very little has been written as a resource for teaching. I just wanted to fill the gaps."

Beran has been active in her church, the Iowa and International Partners of America (a group that sponsors understanding between the United States and countries in Central and South America), and as committee member and past president of the League of Women Voters.

Beran and her husband also have been foster parents to more than 20 teenagers in connection with Youth and Shelter Services in Ames.

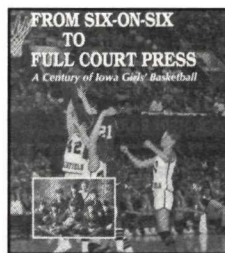
Although teaching is important in Beran's life (she will be instructing classes in the retired seniors' educational program), her main interest in the last few years has been researching girls' basketball.

Since completing her doctorate in sports history at ISU in 1976, she has done exhaustive research based on many sources, including hundreds of interviews with players and their parents, coaches and officials, media personalities and school administrators.

"Girls' basketball championships have been going on since 1920, but the girls' game has not always been looked upon favorably over the years," she said. "In 1925 they were ousted from the Iowa High School Athletic Association. The reasoning was that playing the game exploited women – it wasn't healthy for them and it affected them physically. It was then that the Iowa Girls' High School Athletic Union was formed."

After that, competition stayed mainly in the smaller schools, but by the late 1960s and early 1970s, that changed. Now, every school in the state boasts a girls' basketball team, and "March Madness" – the state tournament held in Des Moines – reigns.

In her book, Beran wrote that "thousands of eager fans stream from pickup trucks, vans, yellow school buses, jampacked cars, and even a few motor homes to the big barn on the prairie, Veterans Memorial Auditorium, or Vets. The uninitiated might suppose the attraction is Holiday on Ice, a concert by a big-time pop music star, a major college basketball game or even a tractor pull. None of these would beckon such a crowd, but in Iowa the high school girls' championship basketball game does. And it has drawn crowds for decades because Iowans love basketball." ♦





Janet and **Brad Depke** and new daughter live in Gurnee, Ill. Brad has been promoted from the diagnostic division to information delivery supervisor and project manager with Abbot Laboratories.

On October 15 **Jeff Groteboer** received a heart transplant at Stanford University Hospital in California. He is recovering at a hospital convalescent house.

Marilee and **Tom Hinga** live in League City, Texas. Tom is "Mr. Mom" for their daughter, Allison, and Marilee is employed by Amoco Chemical Company.

**Sandi Markow Larson**, her husband, Larry, and their two children live in Mason City, Iowa, where Sandi is a part-time teacher at Hamilton Business College.

**Anita Casper** married Gerald Miller on August 7 in Pennsdale, Pa. The couple resides in Willemsport, Pa., where Anita is the program coordinator at STEP, a youth employment training center. Gerald is an aquatic biologist for Pennsylvania DER.

In November, **David Vollmar** was named executive director of the Pella, Iowa, Chamber of Commerce. He was previously employed by the Cedar Rapids Gazette in Cedar Rapids. David, his wife, **Karen Rozeboom Vollmar**, and two daughters have moved to Pella.

**James Whalen** has been hired as program assistant in the Student Disability Services at the University of Iowa, in Iowa City, Iowa, where he and his wife, Pricilla, live.

**83** Tammy L. (Renard) Day 1218 Pine Road Omaha, Neb. 68144

In January, **Janet Benson** was promoted to supervisor of regulatory affairs at U.S.C.I., a division of C. R. Baru, Inc. She lives in Nashua, N.H.

**Cynthia Danals** is a youth coordinator for Prospect United Methodist Church in Delaware, Ohio. She is a certified candidate for ordination in the East Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Since October, **Kim Dykstra DiLallo** has been the marketing manager for Breckenridge Ski Resort, which includes Keystone Resort and Arapahoe Basin Ski Area. She resides in Breckenridge, Colo.

For information about **Karen Rozeboom Vollmar** see the '82

news.

**84** Bill Molenaar 1740 Westminster Ct. SW Byron Center, Mich. 49315

The **Class of '84** celebrates its 10-year class reunion during Homecoming Weekend, October 14-16, 1994. Plan a visit to Central's campus and join your classmates for this celebration.

Can you help us locate the following "lost alumni?": **Tamara (Sherman) Alaniz, Jerry Arkless, Roger E. Belknap, Julie Burmont, Tammy J. Cameron, De Ann L. Ellis, Kathy (Eggers) Gray, Keiko Hiramatsu, Karen (Morrow) Hughes, Jeff Knight, Jin-Sung Ko, Michael Kreischer, Daniel L. Lazenby, Kim Lehman, Tony G. Lind, David May, Annette Melvold Sohl, Michael G. Newsome, Megan J. Overman, Brad K. Pitzer, Michael R. Schermer, John L. Starckovich, Yuki Takai, Christopher E. Vogel, Martha L. Williams**

**John Bermel** won the Iowa-Illinois Section Professional Golfers Association tournament last summer and advanced to the National Club Professional tourney where he qualified for the prestigious PGA Tournament in Tulsa, Oklahoma next summer. Bermel is the head pro at Beaver Hills Country Club in Cedar Falls. John and **Tracy Durst Bermel** live in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Jeremy and **Anya Gasinski Pitzer** live in Honolulu, Hawaii, with their son, Brandon. Anya serves as foreign language department chairperson at Punahou School in Honolulu.

**Craig Groehn**, a licensed psychotherapist specializing in work with depressed patients, now works out of Dr. Joseph Latella's office in Webster City, Iowa. He also retains a private practice in Ames. Craig, his wife, Denise, and their twin daughters live near Stanhope.

**Ariadne Henry** works in Washington, D.C., as a real estate agent at Sophia Henry Real Estate. She was named to the Board of Trustees of Washington International School, Washington, D.C. in October, 1993.

**Thomas Summers** is an application systems manager at Wells Fargo Bank in San Francisco, Calif., where he and Paul Dahlke live.

**85** Sue Poppens 4280 Trinity Mills #1402 Dallas, Tex. 75287

Thomas and **Rita Daniels-Churchill** live in East Dubuque, Ill. Rita is coordinator of academic support at the University of Wisconsin, Platteville.

**Jan Sedlacek Grenko** has been named head girls' softball coach at Iowa City High. Grenko has been the Little Hawks' sophomore coach since 1990 and has previous middle school experience at Fort Madison, Central Lee, and Cedar Rapids Roosevelt. Jan and her husband, **Mark**, live in Iowa City with their children.

**Sheila Holzworth** received a promotion to training consultant, corporate training and education for Principal Financial Group in Des Moines.

Brenda, and three sons live in Pasadena, Md.

**Lynn Wassink** and Bartholomew King were married on November 21 in Occidental, Calif. Lynn continues to edit comic books, graphic novels, and write free lance for Eclipse books in Forestville. They live in Sebastopol.

**Jill Wiebenga** lives in Winfield, Ill. She is a flight attendant with American Trans Air. On one of her flights to Frankfurt, Germany she was pleasantly surprised when **Mark and Denise Dahm Glessner '84** boarded the plane.

**86** Tom Koos 12525 W. Weatherstone Blvd.

## RED ROCK HISTORY

**P**rofessor Emeritus of Geography Harriet Heusinkveld has written a history of the community of Red Rock, a frontier settlement that disappeared in the late 1960s when Red Rock Lake was constructed.

Heusinkveld researched the book for over a year, hoping to preserve the history of a community many newcomers didn't know existed. "It's very rewarding to see the book in print because nobody had written much about Red Rock," she said.

Red Rock was established in 1843 in a section of land bordered by high red sandstone bluffs from which it took its name. The village was situated near the site of the mile long bridge spanning the western section of what is now Red Rock Lake.

Heusinkveld's book will be part of a celebration this summer commemorating the lake's 25th anniversary.

The book is on sale at The Central Shoppe and bookstores in Pella and Knoxville. ♦

Iowa. Her responsibilities include training corporate and/or field personnel in professional skills such as customer service and sales. Sheila lives in Des Moines, Iowa.

**Elizabeth Mateer Roth** is a 401(K) pension plan service representative for Great-West Life. She travels extensively, educating employees from several companies of their retirement benefits. Her husband, Jim, works for United Parcel Service. The couple recently became homeowners in the small East Bay town of Antioch, Calif.

**Nathan Thiesse** is a mathematician for the United States Department of Defense. During the 1992-93 academic year, he was a visiting professor of mathematics at the United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. Nathan and his wife,

New Berlin, Wis. 53151-9032

For information on **Tracy Durst Bermel** see the '84 news.

After four years in the mission field, **Scott Deaver** teaches Spanish at Green Run High School. Scott lives in Virginia Beach, Va.

Robin and **Thomas Dirksen** were married on November 28, 1992. Thomas is a consultant with Coopers & Lybrand in Arlington Heights, Ill. They live in Chicago.

**Kim Doyle** is a missions researcher and project coordinator for Global Evangelism Movement. She lives in Richmond, Va.

**Paula Hoskey Fontinel** and her husband, Damon, live in Kirkville, Mo. Paula is director of physical therapy in Green-Smith Hospital. Damon is youth



minister of First Baptist Church.

**Lee Meyer Hood** is an early childhood special education teacher at Goldfield Elementary School in Goldfield, Iowa. She earned licensure in ECSE from Iowa State University in Ames last May. Lee and her husband, Connor, a school psychologist with Arrowhead Area Education Agency, live in Humboldt.

**Darren Huinker** has been promoted to key account sales representative at Pella Corporation in Pella, Iowa. He lives in Pella.

Randy Lubbers and **Carolyn Jaarsma** were married August 7 at the Central College Chapel in Pella, Iowa. Carolyn is co-owner of Mode Huis, a women's clothing shop in Pella, and Randy manages the accounting department at Precision Pulley, also in Pella.

**Bill Strauss** has been promoted to outbound sales manager for Iowa and Nebraska for A.T.&T. He lives in Mount Vernon, Iowa.

**87** Beth A. Van Voorhis  
2421 Alder Street  
Bakersfield, Calif. 93301

**Amy Coughenour-Betancourt** and her husband, Victor, live in Austin, Texas, where Amy is program coordinator/anti-hunger advocate for the Texas Association of Community Action Agencies.

**Jonathan Crary** teaches French at a middle school for Baltimore County Public Schools in Baltimore, Md.

**Lila G. Daus** received her licensed social work certification last summer and is a therapist with high risk Head Start students. Her husband, Joe, is an intern in the doctoral program at the University of Missouri in Columbia, where they live.

**Lila Williams Daus**, therapist, is now in private practice. She provides therapy two days each week to three Head Start centers. Her husband, Joe, is in his last semester of doctoral coursework.

**Daniel Drees** is working on his master's degree in Japanese at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kan.

**Janice Hector** married Jeffrey Fox on September 25 in Des Moines, Iowa, where they reside. Janice is a supervisor for Johnson & Higgins KUI in West Des Moines and Jeff is employed

## GETAWAY WEEKEND

**P**lan now to attend Central's second annual Summer "Weekend Getaway" scheduled the weekend of July 22-24. This summer "homecoming" of sorts, is designed to provide all alumni and their families the opportunity to return to campus in a leisurely setting with plenty of educational and social provisions. The weekend 'getaway' concept is intended to serve alumni traveling from long distances as well as those who wish to spend all or part of a weekend on campus.

Saturday morning seminars will focus on the theme "Education in Today's Changing World." A variety of current topics will be discussed with presentations made by alumni volunteers. If you would like to share what you are doing in the educational field, please call the Alumni Office at 1-800-447-0287.

### tentative schedule

#### Friday, July 22:

- Alumni Office open
- Campus tours available
- Housing available on and off campus
- Movies in the van Emmerik Studio

#### Saturday, July 23:

- Registration & Refreshments, 8:30 a.m. - Maytag Student Center

- Admission Office open to campus visitors and prospective students
- Childcare available 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Welkom Session, 9:30 a.m. - van Emmerik Studio
- "Education in Today's Changing World" Seminars, Maytag Student Center

NOTE: Volunteers are sought for topics such as: school administration, effective teaching methods, current topics in education, distance education, technology affecting educational processes, education in later life, parenting/grandparenting skills, characteristics of youth, issues of importance to youth, discipline in the classroom, to name just a few.

- All-Campus Brat & Burger Feast, 12:30 p.m.
- Campus tours and Pella city tours, 1:30-4 p.m.
- Afternoon recreational opportunities include use of the Kuyper Athletic Complex, city pool facilities and Lake Red Rock
- Shopping in Pella's charming shops and boutiques
- Explore historic Pella
- Koffie Klatch (Coffeetime), 3-4 p.m. - Maytag Student Center
- Housing available on and off campus
- Movies in van Emmerik Studio

#### Sunday, July 24:

- Meals available in Graham Dining Hall
- Attend the local church of your choice

Mark your calendar and plan to attend Summer '94 Weekend "Getaway." Watch your mailbox this summer for a finalized weekend schedule. For more information call the Alumni Office at 1-800-447-0287. ♦

firm in Sabetha, Kan.

**Jill Dierks Lutes** has become the vice president of economic development for the Marshalltown, Iowa, Area Chamber of Commerce. Jill lives in Marshalltown.

**Darrel Murray** has been promoted to account executive with United Airlines, covering Coral Gables, Coconut Grove, and Miami, Fla. He resides in Miami.

**Melanie Ollendieck**, of Davenport, Iowa, started teaching first-year and third-year Japanese classes at Bettendorf and Pleasant Valley High Schools in August.

For news of **William Olson** see the '88 news.

Mike and **Joan Kain Stein** and their new son, Jordan, reside in Prairie City, Iowa. Joan is a Medicare supervisor for Blue Cross Blue Shield and Mike works for Allied Insurance, both in Des Moines.

**88** Joel & Brenda  
(Glasnapp) Alberts  
400 N. 1st Street, Apt. 301  
Minneapolis, Minn. 55401

**Brenda Glasnapp Alberts** is the assistant news director of WHEC TV in Rochester, N.Y. **Joel Alberts** is a tax attorney for Coopers and Lybrand in Minneapolis, Minn. Brenda commutes to Minnesota on weekends.

In Chicago, Ill., **Eve Benson** works in the Back Office Division for Banque Nationale de Paris. She has begun her own business selling frames made from stamps. In April, she spent time traveling and visiting Chile, Easter Island, Montana, and Wyoming.

**Alicia Arthaud** and Jay Borman were married on October 2 and make their home in Eagan, Minn. Alicia is a preschool director at Easter Preschool in Eagan, and Jay is an information systems specialist with St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance in St. Paul.

**Cynthia Braren** teaches special education classes in the St. Paul, Minn., schools. She is pursuing her graduate degree at St. Thomas University and makes her home in Champlain, Minn.

**Anita Den Herder Fleming** has moved to Atlanta, Ga. She is a senior account executive with Architectural Concepts.

Julie and **Greg Lehman** were married on October 16. The

by Ambico, Inc. in Dallas Center.

**Margaret Ganyo** lives in Pasco, Wash. She is an attorney

at Evergreen Legal Services in Pasco.

**Brad Lippert** is a partner in the Gurnon and Burdick law



# New to the Central family

Andrea Joyce and **Harry Smith '73**, a son, Grady Thomas, October 28.

Linda and **Gary Keller '74**, a son, Drew Edward, November 2.

Christian and **Darlene Schultz Walther '76**, a son, Dylan Andrew, October.

David Stevens and **Jeanne Karstens '77**, a son, Eric Daryl Stevens, September 12.

Craig and **Jill Heuvelman Bowles '78**, a daughter, Sophia Joy.

John and **Cathy Meyers Lynn '78**, a son, Tyler Jon, April 20.

George and **Lynn Sobania Lyon '78**, a daughter, Sarah Nicole, October 24.

Pat and **Nancy Sheldon O'Donnell '80**, a son, Benjamin Joseph, December 11.

**David '81 and Wendy Martin Pillard '81**, a daughter, Julia Cary, April 6.

Alan and **Linda Takes Powell '81**, a son, Kevin Scott, May 2.

Jon and **Amy Soseman Stover '81**, a son, Daniel William, November 21.

Janet and **Brad Depke '82**, a daughter, Jessica Michele, November 14.

**Ken '82 and Lisa Lundy Korver '84**, a daughter, Keri Erica, November 11.

**Jim '82 and Cindi Strobbe LaFayette '81**, a daughter, Katelyn Ann, June 28.

Tom and **Mary Neerhof Nebel '82**, a son, Peter James, September 20.

**Dan '83 and Karen Hietbrink Hassman '86**, a daughter, Brianne Noel, October 29.

Mike and **Kendra Van Hulzen Slycord '83**, a daughter, Kristelle Louise, December 23.

Mark and **Sue Vander Werff Becker '84**, a daughter, Alyssa Susan, November 3.

Larry and **Susan Harada Bentley '84**, a son, Jordan Kenneth Lester, November 16.

Rhonda and **Tim Bleadorn '84**, a son, Alexander Norman, January 12.

Ken and **Kathy Harvey De Vos '84**, a daughter, Kourtney Kaye, November 23.

Alice and **Robert Dunn '84**, a son, Pierson Daniel, October 28.

Wendell and **Linda Wallace Clifton '85**, a daughter, Amber Sue, August 12.

Carolyn and **James Joy '85**, a daughter, Rebecca Mae, October 2.

**Todd '85 and Kristin Kluis McDonald '88**, a daughter, Lauren Grace, December 29.

**David '86 and Kristi Jaarsma Balk '88**, twins, a daughter, Allison Lynn and a son, Aric David, November 11.

Robin and **Thomas Dirksen '86**, a son, Evan, March 5, 1993.

Karen and **Dave Dreeszen '86**, a son, Robin Charles, August 9.

Kelly and **Steve Steddom '86**, a daughter, Jessica Renee, December 7.

Sheryl and **Kurt Ver Helst '86**, a daughter, Janae Lynn, December 6.

Susan and **Jeff Beeck '87**, a son, Turner Dylan, November 16.

Todd and **Amy Rietveld Sanders '87**, a daughter, Sarah Ashley, October 11.

Michael and **Joan Kain Stein '87**, a son, Jordan Matthew, September 17.

Bob and **Jane Broek Kramer '88**, a son, Benjamin Joseph, November 20.

Greg and **Darcy Van Maanen Horstman '88**, a daughter, Jenna Danelle, October 18.

Rick and **Diane Kingery Rowley '88**, a son, Markus Lloyd, November 2.

Mark and **Jill Fox Jensen '89**, a daughter, Jennifer Lynnae, December 12.

Chris and **Diana Buckles Wolf '89**, a son, Jacob Keith, September 25.

Cindy and **Lonnie Hartsock '90**, a son, Tanner Robert, August 25.

**Kevin '90 and Sara Vander Kooi Huyser '90**, a son, Nathan Paul, November 19.

Jennifer and **Gary Moeller '90**, a daughter, Ally Inez, September 27.

Jim and **Kitty Hoskey Tysseling '90**, a son, Aaron James, November 3.

**Curt '90 and Robin Hugen Vink '90**, a daughter, Calandria Kay, January 2.

**Joel '91 and Christine Lowery Campbell '91**, a daughter, Kelsey Lynne, November 5.

Daryl and **Terri Thomas Schofield '91**, a son, Eric Thomas, January 20.

George and **Kim Veenstra Blom '93**, a son, Matthew Donald, January 20.

couple resides in Des Moines, Iowa, where Greg is an architect for HLKB Architecture.

**William and Cindy Kline Olson** live in Des Moines, Iowa. Cindy is an analyst of employee benefits for Principal Financial Group and William is an internal auditor for Communications Data Services.

**Bob Ryan** is the director of KAM Physical Therapy Services at Palmer Lutheran Health Center in West Union, Iowa. He lives in West Union.

**Nick and Sandy Schulz-Van Egmond** live in Appleton, Wis. Sandy is the administrative assistant at Fox Valley Pastoral Counseling Center and Nick is a salesman for Vermeer Sales & Service.

**89** Mike Eilers  
2204 Crown Flair Drive  
West Des Moines, Iowa 50265

**Troy Andrews** and Erica Culver were married on October 9 in Gowrie, Iowa. **Damon Andrews '91, Kevin Whetstone '93, and Marty Kerger '92** served as attendants. The couple lives in Kansas City, Mo., where Troy is supervisor of the reclamation facility of Petroleum Ventures, a division of Williams Energy Ventures. The facility deals with a new innovation in recovering petroleum from the sludge that is created when downstream petroleum storage tanks are cleaned. Erica is an artist in the Ambassador cards division of Hallmark in Kansas City.

**Sara Dunn and John Barten** were married on October 2 in Clear Lake, Iowa. The couple resides in West Des Moines. Sara is a human resource representative at Norwest Mortgage and John is a pension specialist at Principal Financial Group.

**Mitchell De Stigter** married Becky Park July 3 in Appleton, Wis. Mitchell graduated from the University of Iowa in May, 1993 with a J.D. from the college of law and M.A. from the university's graduate program of health administration. The couple lives in West Des Moines, where Mitch is an associate attorney in the health law department of Davis, Hockenberg, Winc, Brown, Koehn and Shors P.C.

**Mark Den Adel** married Wendy Dunston September 18. Mark is a senior auditor for Ernst and Young in Des Moines, Iowa, and Wendy is employed by Neodata. They live in Des Moines.



**Scot Dierks** lives in Salinas, Calif. He is product manager for Dole Food Company.

During the summer of 1993, **Heidi Ehrenberger** was awarded outstanding technical volunteer at Theatre Cedar Rapids. She lives in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and works there as a software technician for Rockwell International.

For information about **Susan Moats Haren** see the '91 news.

**Lisa Zahn Marcou** is a nuclear medicine technologist at North Country Medi-Scan in Vista, Calif. Her husband, Paul, is in the United States Navy stationed on USS Chandler as logistics support. They list in Vista, Calif.

**Rick Roe** married Catherine Halder on September 11 and they reside in Clive, Iowa. Rick is a pension underwriter with Principal Mutual Life Insurance.

**Mark Rottler** is an investment banker at First Services Financial Ltd. in Storm Lake, Iowa. He lives in Storm Lake.

For information on **Kris Rowe** see the '94 news.

**Teresa Ellis** and Stephen Sabanty were married December 11. The couple lives in St. Charles, Ill.

**Mary Valentine** has received her master's degree in teaching English as a second language at the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls. She teaches in the preparatory English program at Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, Mo.

Mark Van Den Einde and **Karen Schneider** were married August 7 in Bellevue, Iowa. The couple resides in Woodbury, Minn., where they both have teaching positions at Cowern Elementary School in St. Paul.

**90** Trent & Kris (Brandt) Vaughn  
2170 N.W. 138th Street  
Clive, Iowa 50325-8721

**James Arnold** works for K. Threlkeld Insurance Agency, Inc. in Chariton, Iowa. He has moved back to his hometown after working for AAA Motor Club of Iowa in Des Moines for two years.

**Darcy Beeman** is territory manager for Hormel Foods Corporation in Minnetonka, Minn. Darcy lives in Minneapolis.

**Mike and Angelica Garcia Boelkens** live in Arlington, Texas, where both teach in the

Mansfield Independent School District. Angelica teaches Spanish and is the department head at Howard Middle School. Mike teaches English and coaches football, basketball, and track at Worley Middle School.

**Todd Borger** spent the summer of '93 as assistant director of the Central America team of Celebrant Singers, a group that ministers in many Catholic churches throughout the world. He traveled through southern United States and El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras. He is now working with Engineering Missions International, an organization based out of Colorado Springs, Colo. involving design professionals in ministry. Most of the projects are buildings for widows and orphans, hospitals, water treatment facilities, and campgrounds. Todd spent the month of February in Africa doing surveying and has now returned to Colorado Springs for follow-up design work.

**Angela Shipp** and Scott Brackett were married on October 2 in Vail, Colo. After working in Colorado as an assistant vice president for FirstBank of Vail for three years, Angela has joined her husband in California. They live in Novato.

Curtis Edgecomb and **Kim Starner** were married in April and serve as resident directors at Willowbrook Bible Camp in Des Moines, Iowa. Kim also works as an underwriter/statistical clerk for Allied Group Insurance in Des Moines.

**Suzan Felando** is a correctional treatment specialist with the Department of Justice Federal Bureau of Prisons. She lives in San Pedro, Calif.

**Eric and Kristi Peters Good** live in St. Louis, Mo. Eric supervises production at SIGMA Tissue Culture division and Kristi is editor of Daedalus Publishing Group.

John and **Kathy Brown Harvey** live in St. Paul, Minn. Both are employed by 3M, Kathy in medical imaging systems and John in audio video technology.

**Paul Huso** married Sharon Carney on October 2 in Lakeshore, Minn. The couple lives in Hurst, Texas. Paul is the district representative for North Star Steel, a division of Cargill, for the Southwest United States. Sharon is employed at Principal Financial Group.

**Mark Iverson** is enrolled in the master's program in

theology and arts at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities. He lives in White Bear, Minn.

**Lori Kommes** sells real estate for First Realty Better Homes and Gardens in Des Moines, Iowa, where she resides.

**Scott Kueker** and **Jackie Haar** were married on October 2 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Waverly, Iowa. The couple resides in West Des Moines, Iowa, and are both employed at the Principal Financial Group in Des Moines.

**Patricia Telfer Manning** is a graduate student in the doctoral program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She lives in Madison.

**Shannan Mattiace** lives in Austin, Texas. She received an M.A. degree in political science from the University of Texas in Austin and now is a teaching assistant at the University.

**Susan McGovern** is a professional staff member for the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education in Washington, D.C. She lives in Arlington, Va.

**Ann McDonough Michels** and her husband have returned to Iowa from Chicago and live in Ankeny. Ann is a claims adjuster for women's compensation at Employers Mutual Insurance.

**Michelle Milder** is a swim teacher and lifeguard at the Y.M.C.A. in Downers Grove, Ill.

**Kerri McClimen** married Dan Miltner on August 14. Kerri is communications director for Representative Bruce Vento at the United States House of Representatives in Washington, D.C. Dan teaches high school math at Montgomery County Schools in Silver Spring, Md., where they live.

Jennifer and **Gary Moeller** and daughter live in Baudette, Minn. Gary is office manager at Ballards Resort. He received a Partner in Tourism Award in recognition of bringing the Cabela's/In-Fisherman Professional Tournament Championship to the Lake of the Woods.

**Kristin Moorhead** is teaching English on a Fulbright teaching exchange program at Berufsbildene Schule 11, a vocational school in Hannover, Germany. Her address is Mendelssohnstr. 9, 30173 Hannover. She expects to return to Wisconsin in July.

**Mark Oelke** lives in New Brighton, Minn. He is an assistant baker at Bethel College and works security at General Mills on weekends.

**Kris Reis** teaches and coaches at Norwalk High School. He lives in Des Moines.

**Carol Price Spurling** received a promotion to office manager at Hoffmann and Associates. She has become owner of her own writing and editing business, In the Attic. She lives in Missoula, Mont.

**Laszlo Stojalowski** spent the last year in Budapest studying psychology and teaching English and Spanish. He is now working on his master of arts degree in counseling psychology at Illinois State University in Normal.

**Darcy Moody** and Sean Travis were married on April 3 at the First United Presbyterian Church in Maxwell, Iowa. The couple lives in Altoona, Iowa. Darcy is a physical therapist at Iowa Methodist Medical Center and Sean works for R & D Plumbing in Altoona.

In August, **Kris Van Vark** began a new position as director of music at First Reformed Church in Pella, Iowa.

**Von Venhuizen** and **Susan Rozenboom** were married June 19 at Bethel Christian Reformed Church in Oskaloosa, Iowa. Susan is a teacher-caregiver doing hospital daycare, and Von attends Indiana University in Bloomington, in the master of fine arts program.

**Jeff Zylstra** is the director of Royal Park Place retirement complex in Zeeland, Mich. He received a master's degree in gerontological studies from Miami University of Ohio. He lives in Allendale.

**91** Steve Ackley  
6920 Idlewood Court N.  
#1609  
Indianapolis, Ind. 46214

**Richard Barnard**, a resident of Pella, Iowa, has been named assistant men's basketball coach at Central College, and continues to serve as assistant baseball coach.

**Matthew Benge** and Ann Birchmier were married on August 14 at Danforth Chapel in Iowa City, Iowa. The couple resides in Coralville where Matthew is a systems analyst for National Computer Systems in Iowa City.

**Holly Riphagen** married Steven Borkowski on July 31 in Irwin, Iowa. Holly works in the



resource room at IKM Schools. The couple resides on a farm near Irwin.

**Michael Coutermash** is the junior executive at Filene's Department Stores in Boston, Mass. He lives in Waltham.

A resident of West Des Moines, Iowa, **Kitte Dormady** works for the Republican Exchange Satellite Network (RESN). She is the Iowa coordinator for Republican Neighborhood Meeting.

**Brenda Bergsma** married Brent Finer on October 2 in Des Moines, Iowa. The couple lives in Lee's Summit, Mo. Brenda is a relay agent for Sprint Relay Services and Brent is employed by West Lake Hardware.

**Scott Gavin** and **Kristie Pennington** were married on August 14 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Perry, Iowa. Scott is an advertising representative at KKRF Radio in Stuart, Iowa, and Kristie teaches third grade at Stuart-Menlo Schools. They live in Stuart.

Terry Gerth and **Karen Dietrich** were married August 21 at the Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church in Bartlesville, Okla. Karen is employed by Phillips Petroleum Company in Bartlesville as an internal auditor. She has returned to school at Bartlesville Wesleyan College to become certified in elementary education.

**Chris Gross** and **Yvonne**

**Berquist** were married on October 9. The couple lives in Harvard, Ill., where Yvonne is office supervisor for USG Interiors, Inc.

**Mark Haren** and **Susan Moats** were married on August 21 in Story City, Iowa. Mark is marketing consultant for KEZT in Ames and Susan teaches at Roland-Story Middle School. They reside in Ames.

For information on **Doug Kane** see the '93 news.

**Natalie Laing** lives in Brooklyn, N.Y. She is an assistant program officer for CDS International.

**Michael Litterer** married Joan Bondreaux October 23. The couple resides in Waverly, Iowa. Michael is a paint manager for Diamond Vogel and Joan is a nurse for Dr. Snead in Waterloo.

**Julie Lundeen** received IIA certification in general insurance and is an officer services supervisor for Farmers Insurance Group. She lives in Aurora, Ill.

**Cindy Muller** is catering manager for Countryside Meats and Deli in Rockford, Ill.

A resident of Monroe, Iowa, **Christy Rawlins** is a teacher's associate and freshman volleyball coach for Prairie City-Monroe Schools. She is also working on her health teaching certification.

**Michael Roberts** and **Angela Thorpe** were married September 4 at the Central United Methodist Church in Oskaloosa, Iowa. The couple resides in West Des Moines, where Angela is a trust administrative assistant at Norwest Investments and Trust and Michael is employed by General Motors Corporation.

**Matt Schotton** graduated with a master's degree from the physical therapy program at the University of Iowa in November. He is a physical therapist at the Watertown Memorial Hospital in Watertown, Wis. Matt and his wife, **Sandy Koon Schotton**, make their home in Watertown.

**John Vander Ploeg** works at Release International in Iowa City, Iowa. He resides in Iowa City.

**Vicki Veldhuizen** is a staff member of the Greater Des Moines Chamber of Commerce Federation. She is administrative assistant for the Small Business Growth Group. Vicki lives in West Des Moines, Iowa.

**Deborah Williams** lives in Des Moines, Iowa, where she works as personnel assistant at Ruan Transportation.

**Jamie Williams** and **Michael De Riso** were married June 12 in Cordova Park at Red Rock Lake and reside in Knoxville, Iowa. Jamie is employed by Pella Corporation in Pella and Michael owns and operates Community

Home Improvement Building and Repair Service in Knoxville.

**Michael Rocheleau** and **Stacy Yakubik** were married on July 10. They make their home in Henderson, Nev.

**92** **Chris & Laura (Turk) Robertson** 6715 Country Hill Rd. N.E. #1 Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52402

In November, **Julie Anderson** began a one-year commitment to teach conversational English in Seoul, Korea. Last year she served as a youth director for an upstate New York Reformed Church.

Since July, **Krista Casey** has lived in Malawi, South Africa. She is a Peace Corps community service coordinator who serves as a Parks and Wildlife officer at the Lilongwe Nature Sanctuary. One of her accomplishments has been the establishment of a rabbit breeding program at the sanctuary to help feed the carnivores. She has passed an advanced language proficiency examination in Chichewa. Krista's term of service extends to September, 1995.

**Aulton Durham** is an inspector for the United States Customs Service. He lives in El Paso, Texas.

**Bethany Faber** is a corporate manager/trainee for Hallmark Cards in Liverpool, N.Y. She lives in Syracuse.

**Tammy Gilmore** works for

## OBITUARIES

1914

**Mary F. McCombs** of Albia, Iowa, (information received January '94)

1922

**Arie Vander Stoep** of Orange City, Iowa, died December 6, 1993.

**Jean Van Gorp De Haan**

(Music program '22-23), of Pella, Iowa, died December 24, 1993.

1923

**Avis Van Houweling Van Zomeren** of Pella, Iowa, died December 6, 1993.

1924

**Helene Van Zyl Wesselink** of Ocean Park, Wash., died September 12, 1993.

1929

**Fred W. TerLouw** of Grand Junction, Colo., died November 11, 1993.

1930

**Martina J. Korver** of Menlo Park, Calif., died July 16, 1993.

**Floyd Vander Zyl** of Pella, Iowa, formerly of Sully, Iowa, died December 17, 1993.

1933

**Ruth Dykstra Wierather** of Sun City, Ariz., formerly of Pella, Iowa, died October 13, 1993.

1934

**Wilson H. Duven** of Pella, Iowa, died, January 3, 1994.

1936

**Arthur Hoogheem** of Clinton, Iowa, died December 25, 1993.

1937

**Bernice Straks Buysman** of Sheldon, Iowa, died October 19, 1993.

**Jake E. Hoekstra** of rural Ruthven, Iowa, died December

17, 1993.

1946

**Robert M. Camp** of Los Angeles, Calif., died December 19, 1993.

1949

**Darlene Loyd Liddell** of Oelwein, Iowa, formerly of Mount Vernon, died December 10, 1993.

1950

**Kenneth Bowen** of Corpus Christi, Texas, died September 26, 1993.

**Keith Klyn** of Ottumwa, Iowa, died January 16, 1994.

1951

**Edward Wagner** of South Holland, Ill., died August 27, 1993.

1953

**John Walstra** of Port Washington, Wis., died October

21, 1993.

1961

**Sherri Griffiths Wolf** of Urbandale, Iowa, died November 4, 1993.

1964

**Dr. Norman Vincent Peale (Honorary '64)** of Pawling, N.Y., died December 24, 1993.

1973

**Jamie Hill**, of Bettendorf, Iowa, died January 28, 1994.

1978

**Dr. Arie R. Brouwer (Honorary '78)** of Teaneck, N.J., died October 7, 1993.

**Randy L. Donahue** of

Treynor, Iowa, died in January 1994, while awaiting a second liver transplant.

1984

**Sandy Mast** of New York, N.Y., died January 14, 1994.



Youth Homes of America as a youth care worker. She lives in Pleasantville, Iowa.

**Melissa Conde** and **Cory Holland** were married on October 23. The couple lives in West Des Moines, Iowa. Melissa is a component scheduler for Bridgestone/Firestone and a graduate student at Drake University in Des Moines. Cory is a commercial underwriter with Allied Group Insurance in Des Moines.

Living in Des Moines, Iowa, **Dori Jansma** is an office assistant for Dickinson law firm.

**Ayumi Kubota** lives in Manchester, Mo., and is a graduate student at the University of Missouri in St. Louis.

**Tim Lewis** teaches and is head football coach at Ackley-Geneva High School. He lives in Ackley, Iowa.

**Jon McGovern** is a graduate student at the University of Iowa in Iowa City, Iowa. He is a member of the Hawkeye Wrestling Club and lives in Coralville.

**Monica Pakkebier** is a long-term substitute fourth grade teacher at Bethlehem Lutheran School. Monica lives in Sheboygan, Wis.

**Barry Porch** is a graduate student at Western Illinois University. He lives in Forreaston.

**Tonya Richardson** is a teacher's aid at Prairie City Elementary School. She has been named the freshman boys' basketball coach for Prairie City-Monroe High School.

**Susan Rucker** is the assistant store manager at K-Mart in Bermuda Dunes, Calif.

**Chino Sato** is a cultural advisor at Canadian International Affairs Department College (for Japanese students) in Nelson, B.C., Canada. He expects to return to the Japan office in one year.

**Kristy Shakel** lives and works in Denver, Colo. She is a stockbroker at Chatfield, Dean and Company.

**Amy Janssen** and **Pat Smith** were married on Nov. 27 in LeMars, Iowa. The couple resides in Bozeman, Mont. Amy works for the soil conservation service, United States Department of Agriculture, as a public affairs specialist.

**Debbie Smith** is a sales representative for DeeKay Enterprises. She lives in Westland, Mich.

**Tim Timpe** is an agent for Country Companies Insurance Group in Freeport, Ill. Tim and his wife, Jackie, live in Rockford.

For news of **Susan Rosenboom Venhuizen** see the '90 news.

**D'Ann Wilbur** is an account executive at Household Finance in Independence, Mo. She lives in Overland Park, Kan.

**93** Chris Hulleman  
411 Orchard Avenue  
Indianola, Iowa 50125

**Connie Allison** began a new job in November, working full-time at Pleasant Park Estate, in Oskaloosa, as a rehabilitation specialist.

**Shanon Axtell** is employed at Village Resorts in Spirit Lake, Iowa.

**Bruce Balvanz** works for Farmers Cooperative Elevator Company. He lives in Iowa Falls, Iowa.

**Cheri Batschelet** takes classes at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. She lives in Waltham, Mass.

**Melodie Bishop** teaches three days each week at Montgomery Street Preschool in Knoxville, Iowa, where she lives. She also substitutes for Knoxville area schools.

**Karla Wiersema** and Travis Bowen were married on November 6 at Second Reformed Church in Pella, Iowa. They live in Pella.

**Troy Brinkmeir** is employed with Premier Financial Services in Freeport, Ill. He resides in Lanark.

Dale Carlson and **Jennifer Norine** were married August 14 at Zion Lutheran Church in Gowrie, Iowa. The couple resides in Gowrie, and Jennifer is employed as a family preservation therapist with Gerard of Iowa in Webster City.

**Sean Cavanaugh** and Lynda Shanks were married on November 20 in Pine Island, Minn. Sean is an international account representative for Best Power Technology. Sean and Lynda live in Sparta, Wis.

**Debbie Denny** is a shift manager for Pizza Hut-America West Arena in Phoenix, Ariz. She makes her home in Tempe.

**Kristina Doll** is employed at Living History Farms. She lives in Urbandale, Iowa.

**Cherie Foland** is bilingual receptionist and billing clerk for Salud Family Health Center in

Longmont, Colo. The center is a federally funded rural health care provider for northern Colorado migrant farm laborers, minorities, underprivileged and the poor. Cherie lives in Longmont.

For information on **Kristie Pennington Gavin** see the '91 news.

**Doug and Jenny Malloy Kane** live in Pella, Iowa. Jenny is a substitute teacher for Pella area schools and is employed part-time at Braun's Clothing at Penn Central Mall in Oskaloosa, Iowa. Doug is manager of industrial laundry at Village Cleaners in Pella.

**Jennifer Keuning** is enrolled in the graduate program of science in agriculture at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville.

**Julie Kleis** lives in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. She is an admission counselor at Iowa Wesleyan College.

For information on **Jackie Haar Kueker** see the '90 newsnotes.

**Dionne Wesley** and Tommi Makila were married on September 10 in Helsinki, Finland. The couple lives in Helsinki, where Dionne teaches English at Lingua Bella Language School.

**Lisa McEwan** lives in Fayetteville, Ark., where she is a management trainee with Semplex Motel Group, a franchise for Super 8 Motels, Inc.

**Jason Mohrfeld** is working at Van Hamme Construction Company in Tama, Iowa.

**Janelle Murphy** teaches fifth grade at Tri-County Elementary School in Thornburg, Iowa. She lives in Gibson.

**Amy Murray** teaches at Toledo International Studies Center. She also is an assistant programmer for Toledo-Sister Cities International. Amy lives in Toledo, Ohio.

**Kelly MacDonald Nesheim** teaches third grade for Troy Consolidated School District in Joliet, Ill. **Jason Nesheim** is a student at the Illinois College of Optometry. They live in Westmont.

**Joe Pratt** works as a legislative assistant for Sandler, Travis and Rosenberg, D.A. in Washington, D.C. He lives in McLean, Va.

A resident of Fort Wayne, Ind., **Jennie Raecker** has been

appointed communications coordinator for Northeastern REMC of Columbia City, Ind. This is the largest rural electric cooperative in Indiana serving over 15,000 consumers in a six county area.

**JaneAnne Ranney** is case manager for Lutheran Social Services of Illinois in Chicago.

**Joellen Rinehart** is a teacher's associate for Jasper County Youth Shelter in Newton, Iowa. She lives in Newton.

**Kurt Roberts** is an admission field officer for Graceland College in Lamoni, Iowa. He lives in Lamoni.

**Pat Ryan** is a management trainee for Pig Improvement International, an international company working in swine genetics. He lives in Franklin, Ky.

**Jennifer Skogsberg** is employed with The Mill in Rockford, Ill.

**Jason Snyder** is a fitness instructor at the Rochester Athletics Club. He and his wife, Michelle, live in Rochester, Minn.

**Brian Stewart** is an auditor for Crowe Chizek in Oak Brook, Ill. He lives in Bellwood.

**Amy Tourre** works for Braun's at Westshore Mall in Holland, Mich. She lives in Grand Haven.

**Catherine Twohill** works for Enduro Corporation in customer relations. She lives in Pella, Iowa.

**Megan Van Bodegraven** works for Cambridge Dry Goods Company. She lives in Reading, Pa.

**Brooke Vander Myde** is pupil services coordinator in guidance counseling for Fulton Elementary School in Fulton, Ill. She lives in Morrison.

**Tina Walton** is a nurse's aide at the United Presbyterian Home in Washington, Iowa. She is also a part-time student. Tina lives in Sigourney.

For information on **Jason Nesheim** see the '93 news.

On November 27, **Alanda Naaktgeboren** and **Kris Rowe** were married in the Central College Chapel on campus. Alanda is a supported community living skills counselor for Life Skills, Inc. in Iowa City, Iowa. Kris is a claims adjuster for Farm Bureau. They live in Coralville.





## PHILANTHROPY

### PRINCIPAL PLEDGES \$200,000

**C**entral College has received a \$200,000 pledge from the Principal Financial Group Foundation in Des Moines for the construction of Central's Center for International Studies.

The proposed \$5.2 million international studies building would be the largest construction project in Central's 141-year history. It is expected to house several academic departments and aid in the integration of Central's eight international study programs with on campus curricula.

"This grant is confirmation of Central's strengths in the area of international studies and our new directions in development," said Central College President William M. Wiebenga. "We are pleased to

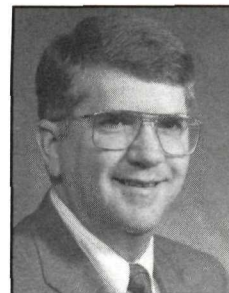
continue our partnership with the Principal Financial Group at such a significant level."

In addition to its impact on educational programs, the International Studies Center will remedy a campuswide shortage of classroom and office space. Programs that will be housed in the Center currently occupy five separate buildings. Thus the new academic building will provide the opportunity to revitalize a number of Central's existing structures and allow programs needing to expand adequate space to do so.

The building will be located between Geisler Library and the Vermeer Science Center on the site now occupied by tennis courts. It was designed by the same firm that designed the Maytag Student Center. ♦

### RUMERY JOINS STAFF

**R**andy Rumery has been named director of major and planned gifts in the development office. Rumery, a long-time Pella resident, was a financial planner with Koogler Company in Pella since 1990. He had been in banking and financial planning for 20 years and is a 1969 graduate of Iowa State University. He and his wife, Judy, have two children, Ryan and Travis. ♦



**Randy Rumery**

### GIFTS TOTAL \$1.4 MILLION

**A**s of January 31, Central received a total of \$1,421,000 in private gifts, which represents 50% of the amount raised during the last year of the "Agenda for Leadership" campaign. Of this total, \$780,000 was given through the Central Fund, \$480,000 designated to endowment and \$160,000 earmarked for

plant funds. Just over \$1 million has been raised in "new money" over-and-above pledge payments from the last campaign.

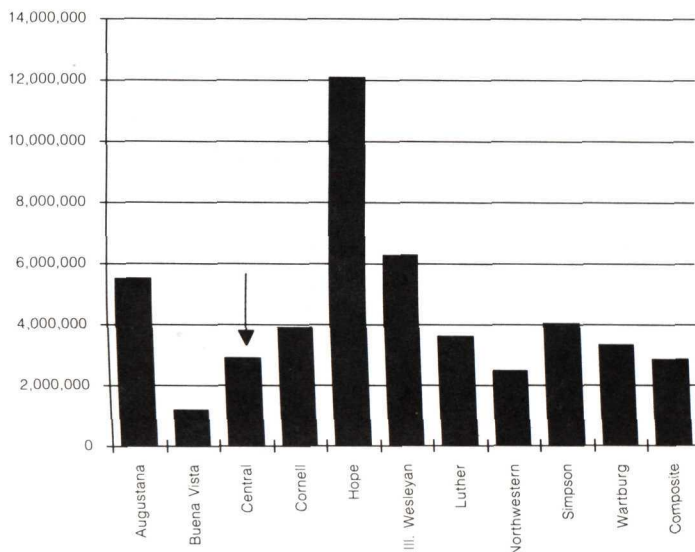
During the same period, new major gift commitments of \$2.1 million were received for capital and endowment purposes, of which \$1.9 million will be paid in over the next several years. ♦

### GIVING TO CENTRAL SLIGHTLY BEHIND OTHER COLLEGES

**C**entral recently surveyed some of its "sister" institutions — schools to which it is always compared, and schools exhibiting a level of quality in their programs, including development, to which Central aspires — and compared its 1992-93 fund raising results. These schools are: Augustana (IL), Buena Vista, Cornell (IA), Hope, Illinois Wesleyan, Luther, Northwestern (IA), Simpson and Wartburg. Figures were obtained from "Voluntary Support of Education, 1992". In addition, a study of 300 Liberal Arts I and II institutions, commissioned by the Council of Independent Colleges, was also used and is found in the last column of each graph as "Composite." Although Central had not participated in these surveys in the past, the figures used for Central are comparable to those provided by other schools in the survey.

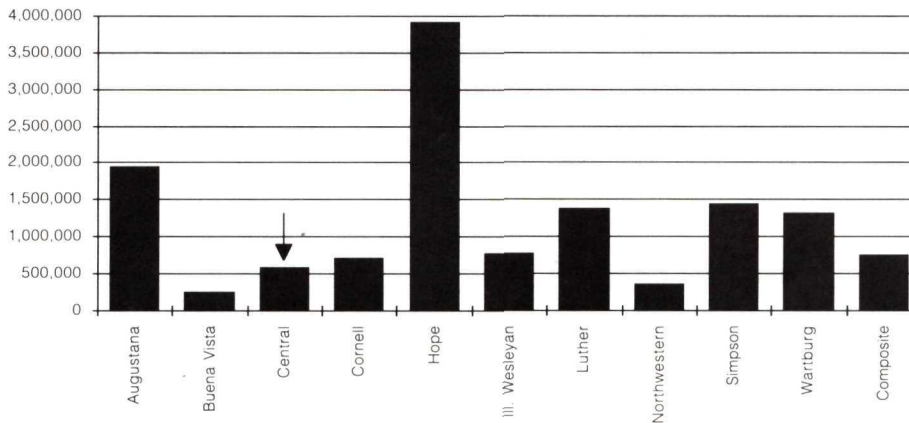
While Central is near its traditionally-similar schools in its overall fund raising results, it is not a leader and ranks behind institutions with which it competes on an academic level. Indeed, alumni giving as a percentage of that total is quite low. While 50 percent of Central alumni have made a gift to Central at some time, just 31 percent participated in the last three-year campaign and 27 percent made a gift to Central this past year. (The composite average was 32%). →

Private Gift Support 1992

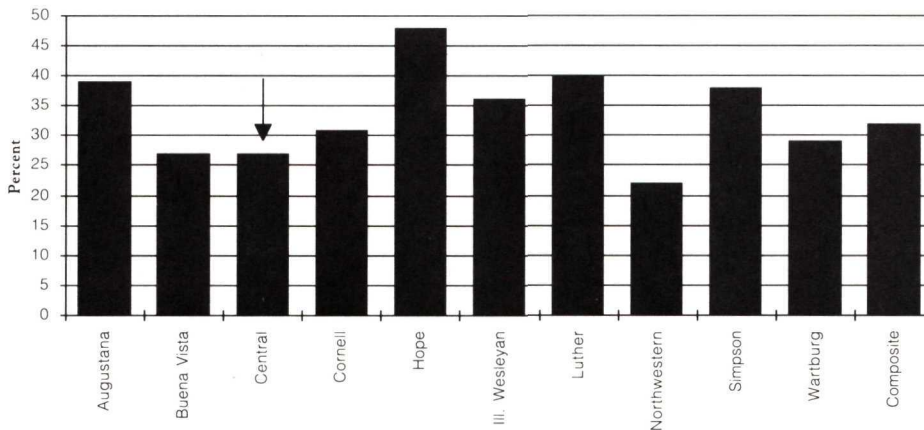




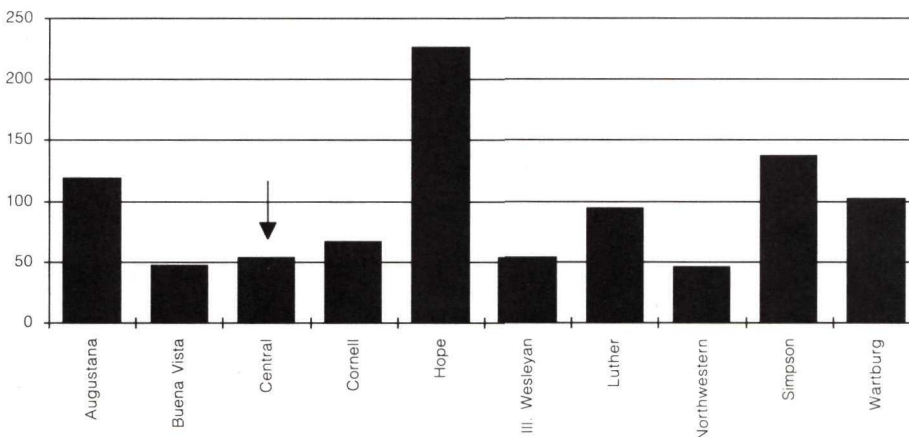
Alumni Giving 1992



Alumni Participation 1992



Average Alumni Gifts -- 1992



Central does compare well in terms of support for current operations, but giving for capital and endowment purposes has been far behind other schools.

While past fund raising efforts have provided a strong base of support for the college, the current support the college has been receiving is not sufficient to keep pace with the higher costs and changing circumstances in higher education. (See graph of nine-year support to Central below.) To assure that Central is able to provide access to a quality education for deserving students with limited financial means, giving from all sources will need to grow, said President William Wiebenga. The new initiatives in alumni and church relations, the establishment of the Central Fund, and a new emphasis on major gifts are all expected to increase giving in general and major giving specifically.

According to Jim Hamlin, vice president of development, the college needs the support of its alumni in various ways. "I am struck by the loyalty of alumni to this college," he said. "These comparisons, however, demonstrate to me that this loyalty is not necessarily visible in terms of tangible dollars to, and deep involvement with, the college. We on the development and alumni staff, along with our trustees, need to be more forthright about the importance of alumni involvement, and to convince alumni that Central should be a priority in their charitable giving."

Hamlin says he is pleased by the level of major gift support, initial giving to the Central Fund and the response to the several alumni receptions so far during this transition to a conventional alumni and development program, but he also notes that these results must continue to grow. "This college has an excellent case for support," he said. "We seek new levels of giving, not for the sake of raising more money, but to ensure the health and vitality of the institution. Our immediate task is to focus on the Central Fund to maintain and increase the past level of giving for the enrichment of the college. We are asking alumni and friends who participated in the last campaign to renew their support, and to convince the many alumni who have not played a role in the past to invest in their college." ♦



## Parting Shot



**The Maytag Student Center is the focal point for student activities and a favorite gathering spot for students.**



**CENTRAL TO HOST GENERAL SYNOD**



**Central College will host the 1994 General Synod, June 4-10. This year's event begins with the Synod Festival for delegates on June 4-5, featuring Bible studies, community worship, and a film festival. Business meetings begin on Monday, June 6. On Thursday, June 9, a special ceremony will honor the Rev. Edwin Mulder, a 1951 Central graduate, who is retiring this year as general secretary of the RCA. Central last hosted General Synod in 1983.**