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It's a long way down! A Photographer's Guild camera woman takes pictures of the Class of 2014 last month from Central's roof. The studio's appearance at Central on November 13th marks the last chance for Seniors to have their individual picture made for the 2014 yearbook.

## Ladies Prepare for 2013 Sadie's

The 2013 Sadie Hawkins Dance is set for Thursday night, November 14th, at Crowne Plaza in downtown St. Paul. The dance is scheduled to go from 7:30 to 10:30 P.M., with admission to the event ending at 9:00. Tickets cost either \$15 or \$10 (if a food donation is made for the local food shelf).

This year's theme is "Into the Wild." Coinciding spirit days for this week were scheduled as Sweatpants Day on Monday, Camo Day on Tuesday, Superhero Day on Wednesday, and Thrifty Thursday, on Thursday.

The dance is for Central students only. Central's new Dance Guidelines (see right, below) will be used.

The tradition of girls asking boys to the dance has appeared in many places, based on an old newspaper comic strip called "L'il Abner." The comic strip (1934-1978), written by Al Capp, focused on the imaginary hillbilly town of Dogpatch. There, on one day of the year, women who could catch a man in a footrace and drag him back into town before sundown were allowed to marry him.

The men were given a head start. The town's mayor sought to marry off his daughter, Sadie Hawkins. Other colorful characters included the beautiful Daisey Mae; her handsome, but reluctant quarry, L'il Abner; and the judge, Marryin' Sam.

### The New Dance Guidelines

1. Show current Central student ID when purchasing ticket.
2. Show current Central student ID when entering the dance.
3. A breathalyzer will be present and utilized.
4. Teachers, staff, and parents will be asked to chaperone.
5. Each student will be given a wristband as they enter the dance. The wristband will act as a way to monitor a student's behavior during the dance. If a chaperone witnesses a student acting inappropriately, the first warning will be to cut off the wristband. If the inappropriate behavior continues to occur, the student (now without a wristband) will be removed from the dance.

## French, German Visitors "Discover" America

Fifteen French students visiting Central and other parts of America from Caen, France, and fourteen pupils doing the same from Neuss, Germany, recently returned to their homelands after several days of discovering ideas about America.

The French visitors spent about ten days in the Twin Cities; the Germans about eleven. Itineraries for many of the guest students included attending Central classes, visiting the Mall of America, seeing a Central football game and going to the two downtowns. In the future, many of the Central students who were part of host families will visit either France or Germany.

According to German student Ferahnur Erguen, "Minnesota is a great state. I didn't know that it's that beautiful. All of the people are kind."



A trio of German students pose with Centralites after a Central football game.

## Nine Students Take HBCU Tour

by Mansura Aerea

Nine Central students had the opportunity to tour various Historical Black College and Universities (HBCUs) in North Carolina last month during teacher workshops break. Schools visited by the Central students included Benedict College, Johnson C. Smith University, Winston-Salem State University, Shaw University, North Carolina A&T University, and North Carolina Central University.

The students also took part in many fun and educational activities, including touring a civil rights museum. The trip, which also included non-Central students, was made through the auspices of Progressive Baptist Church Ministry.



As has been the practice in recent years, Central seniors once again held their Rent-a-Senior Day in conjunction with the observation of Halloween. According to Treasurer Julia Chang, the class raised about \$460.00 through the rental event. The money will be used to help fund senior field trips and class gifts.

## Spanish Students Learn About Latin Dance Styles



Eileen DeBoer and Andres Valencia Garcia demonstrate some new dance steps.

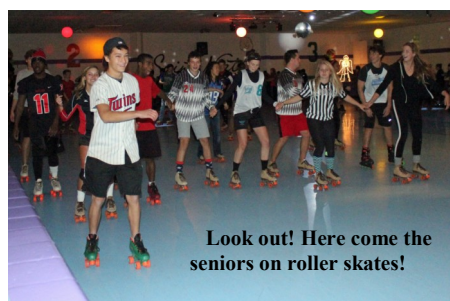
Students in Spanish 3IB and 5/6 IB were given two Latin social dance lessons November 7th and 8th, courtesy of the Cowles Center for Dance and the Performing Arts and a pair of their dance artists.

The students learned how to dance Salsa and Bachata. Salsa is a style that originated from Cuban Son and Afro-Cuban dance. Bachata started in the Dominican Republic.

According to Spanish language instructor Marcella Tellaria, the dance instruction "was a wonderful experience."



SHE, Central's women's empowerment group, put on another successful fashion show Friday night, November 8th, raising a considerable amount of money for charity.



Look out! Here come the seniors on roller skates!

## Seniors Enjoy Roller Skating

The Class of 2014 enjoyed one of the perks of being seniors last month as they participated in their annual roller skating outing at Saints North rink in Maplewood. Over 300 persons skated.

"I ended up with a few bruises," said Hannah Fox, "but it was worth it." Jesse Rice observed that "It was really nice spending time with the senior class." Teron Welch is "excited for all the other senior field trips."

## Congratulations!!!

Congratulations are in order for the following Central students for their recent outstanding achievements:

Mary Key and Gao Thor finished in first and second place in the Marshall-Brennan Moot Court Competition at William Mitchell College of Law. Both students will now set their sites on the national competition in Washington, D.C., in April.

Emely Mancia Chavez, Daniel Katzman, and Ayaan Natala have been selected as four of the fifteen winners of this year's Optimist Club of St. Paul college scholarships. Each scholarship is for \$1,500.

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## Coach Willie Taylor's New Basketball World

By Sarah Lam

Over the years, Central's Boys' and Girls' Head Track Coach and study hall supervisor Willie Taylor brought his Central Girls' varsity basketball teams to the state tournament six times, winning first place twice and third place three times. He resigned his basketball position last spring to pursue coaching at the college level. He currently works as an assistant womens' basketball coach at Hamline University, which is in Division III. How is his new basketball "world" different than his old one?

Taylor says that coaching at the college level is different because the players are there because they want to be, it's not a social event. The players are also all young adults, which Taylor says is good because they have more life experience which helps with their decision-making, both on and off the court. Taylor has never coached at the college level before, but he says he's enjoying it.

Coach Taylor encourages Central students to join extra curricular activities in high school and college because not only are they fun, but they also "help with academics." This is true, he said, because playing a sport or joining a club teaches you to be "organized and focused," skills that you can carry over to school.

Taylor would like to one day be a head college basketball coach. The person replacing him at Central is Marta Waalen, one of his former players and assistant coaches. Taylor's words of advice for her are to "have patience, because patience is the key."

### "Blockbuster" Wins Tourney



A team named Blockbuster defeated five teams in winning a sixteen squad coed school volleyball tournament sponsored November 8th by Central's badminton team. The victors included, from left, Tou Long Lor, Maya Hedstrom, Kaylee Dupay, Jimney Lor, and Jefferson Xiong.



Super Sisters Zoe (left) and Helen Klass-Warch hold the second place medals they won in 2A Doubles competition last month at the state tennis tournament at the University of Minnesota.

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# 2013 Fall Sports Wrap-Up

Here's a wrap-up of Central's fall sports seasons, except for swimming, which has not yet completed its season.

### Boys' and Girls' Cross Country

Central's boys' team raced to second place in the conference meet and ended 8th of 14 teams at the section meet. The girls' team also finished in second place in the conference meet. The girls' team placed 12th of 13 teams in its section event.

### Football

Central's football players topped the city conference with a 5-0 record and finished with an 8-1 overall mark. The team was stopped by Henry Sibley in the first round of the playoffs, 20-7.

Ten Minutemen were named all-conference and nine were identified as honorable mentions. Dailen Walker was selected as the conference MVP, Te'Ron Welch was named the conference Defensive Player of the Year, and Bobby Bergstrom was chosen as the conference Lineman of the year.

### Boys' Soccer

The Minutemen boys' soccer team earned a 6-1-5 mark in the conference, which was good for third place. The team had an overall mark of 6-6-5.

The boys' soccer team had three persons selected as all-conference and two members chosen as honorable mentions.

### Girls' Soccer



Central swimmers Kate Nelson (left), Erin Kennedy, Madeline Moberg, and Mary Cerkvenik, following a conference record-setting effort in the 400 Yard Freestyle Relay at the Humboldt pool.

The team garnered a second place finish in the conference (10-2-10) and had an overall mark of 10-6-1. Four players were named all-conference and four made honorable mention. Bailey Perry was selected as the conference Player of the Year.

### Girls' Swimming and Diving

The girls have earned some new records. More details will be listed in the team's season wrap-up in the next High Times.

### Girls' Tennis

The team won first place in the city conference with a 6-0 record and had an overall mark of 9-8. Sisters Zoe and Helen Klass-Warch won second

place in the state tournament's 2A doubles' division (see picture at lower left). Six players were selected all-conference, seven as honorable mention, and Annie Stofferan was named as a Jeanne Arth sportsman award winner.

### Volleyball

The volleyball team finished its season with a tie for second place in the conference and a conference mark of 9-3-0. Overall, the team was 13-15-0 during the year and had one five game winning streak.

Three Central volleyball players were named to the all-conference team. One person was selected as an honorable mention.

## One Last Look at the 2013 Central Homecoming Game



The game's relatively close score was symbolized by this Central touchdown that was almost prevented near the goal line.



The 2013 Homecoming Royalty included, from left, Lady Destiny Wilson, Lord Opi Agenhu, Queen Quinessa Stibbins, King Tony Vang, Princess Nicki Lee, Prince Chango Cummings, Duke Chad Faust, and Duchess Kennedy Gay.



Clockwise, from lower left: let the game begin; Rayeon Williams scores a touchdown; the Homecoming Royalty, newly crowned; the band plays on; Central captains pose by the scoreboard's final marks.

"The homecoming game was so much fun. I could feel the excitement buzzing around me and cheered for my team with my friends. It is something I will never forget." —Isaac VanNatta-Flies  
 "The game was really fun and we beat our rival school, Highland! The half time was great! I can't wait until next year!" —Sueraya Kalib