

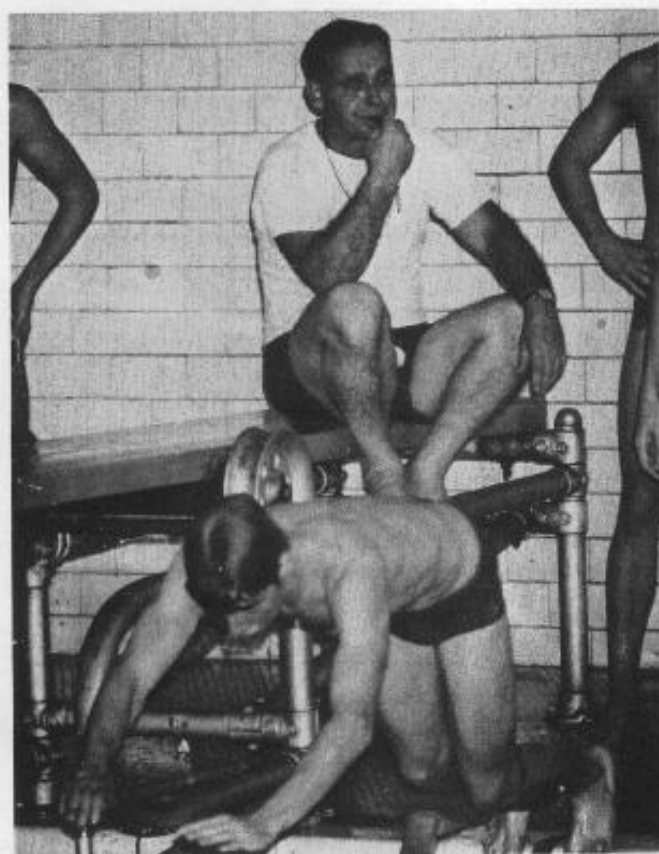
## 1969-1970: 12-2

### 1969-70 SWIMMING SCOREBOARD

	CHS	GPP.
Fort Wayne Snider .....	63	32
New Castle .....	63	25
Richmond .....	49	46
Marion .....	75	20
Shelbyville .....	53	42
Yorktown (J.V.) .....	65	30
Frankfort .....	53	42
Yorktown (J.V.) .....	56	39
Richmond .....	55	40
Anderson .....	47	48
Lawrence Central .....	39	56

1969-70 BEARCAT SWIMMING SQUAD:  
(Bottom Row) Bruce Stanley, Charlie  
Cross, Gary Cook, Mike Watts, (Row 2)  
Jerry McCullough, Tom Lawry, Tom Hin-

shaw, Rick Schmidt, Larry Retchford, Joe  
Jackson, Gary Perrin, Phil Eley, (Row 3)  
Dale Mallon, Gary Leff, Steve Blazer, Jim  
Hagen, Bob Maryan.



Using the best of coaches tools, the whistle, Coach Ernie Sutton supervises relay team practice at the YMCA pool.

### *Aqua-'Cats set record; posted improved season*

In one of their best seasons ever, the Muncie Central swimming squad compiled a dual meet record of twelve wins against only two losses. The "Aqua 'Cats" also placed second in the sectional at Anderson. Progressing to the state meet, held at Ball State's pool, the 'Cats saw the 400-yard freestyle relay team composed of Dale Mallon, Bob Maryan, Phil Eley, and Gary Perrin break a school record with a time of 3:35.4. Another school record was smashed in the sectional when Jim Hagen broke it for individual medley. His time was 4:16.1, besting the 4:17 set in 1968 by Central's state champ, Tom Perrin.

The swimming squad placed fourth in the NCC race in a tie with Richmond. The event was won by Lafayette. Wins for the 'Cats were against Fort Wayne Snider, New Castle, Yorktown, Richmond, Marion, Shelbyville, and Frankfort. The two losses were to Anderson and Lawrence Central. Only three members of Coach Sutton's squad this year will graduate: Eley, Jerry McCullough, and Rick Schmidt.

## 1970-1971: 7-5

### *Individual wins took swimmers to state finals*

#### 1971 SWIMMING SCOREBOARD

	CHS	OPP.
Fort Wayne Snyder	43	52
New Castle	65	30
Marion	58	37
Laurence Central	33	62
Marion	58	37
Shelbyville	32	63
Triangular meet		
Madison Heights	73	20
Northside		64
Frankfort	33	62
Northside	61	34
Southside	65	29
Richmond	48	47
Anderson	41	54

Coached by Mr. Ernie Sutton, the swim team compiled a 7-5 season, making up for a lack of depth with outstanding individual performances.

Setting a school record of 3:29.5, the 400-yard freestyle relay team placed fourth in the state swim meet. Gary Perrin took another fourth in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 57.7.

Jim Hagen's 2:12.9 was ninth fastest in the state. Dale Mallon qualified for the state by taking the Sectional in the 50-yard freestyle and in addition took a 23.5 NCC win. Tom Hinshaw and Don Kratz placed second in the Sectional in the 100-yard freestyle and diving.

Practicing starting positions at the Northside pool are members of Central's 400-yard freestyle relay team—Jim Hagen, Dale Mallon, Gary Perrin, and Tom Hinshaw.



1970-71 SWIM TEAM: (Bottom Row) Joe Jackson, Gary Cook, Bruce Stanley, (Row 2) Randy Sights, Mike Watts, Jim Campbell, Gary Perrin, Bob Maryen, Don Kratz, (Top Row) Tom Hinshaw,

Dale Mallon, Jim Hagen, Tom Lawery, Ed Lazar, Rick Lee, Jim Myers, John Hass and Coach Ernie Sutton.

## 1971-1972: 4-8

Ready to make his final turn, underclassman Brent Simmons goes all out hoping to add a few points to the total score.

Hoping to get his team to reach their physical peaks, Coach Ernie Sutton shouts an important command to his swimmers.



In hot pursuit of his competitor in the freestyle is freshman Greg Simmons, one of many underclass swimmers this year.



## Twin victories over Southside brighten season

This year's swimming team, coached by Mr. Ernie Sutton, compiled a disappointing 4-8 record for the season. The team's major problem was that not enough students participated in the swimming program.

Highlighting the season were twin victories over rival Southside. In their first meeting the Cats out-scored South 77-18. The score in the rematch was a little closer, 58-37, with double winner Captain Tom Hinshaw leading the way.

A large percentage of the swimmers were underclassmen, many of whom will return next season.

### 1971-72 SWIMMING SCOREBOARD

	CHS	Opp.
Fl. Wayne Slider	19	74
Anderson	18	82
New Castle	27	68
Southside	77	18
Shelbyville	31	64
Madison Hts.	51	44
Yorktown	56	59
Blackford	44	51
Northside	72	23
Southside	58	37
Richmond	35	59
Marion	25	59
HCC		5th place
Sectional		6th place

## 1972-1973: 3-9; First Year in Muncie Central Natatorium

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## 1973-1974: 3-8-1



1973-74 VARSITY SWIM TEAM: Row 1: Jessie Casperson, Jeff Taylor, Randy Faunce, Tom Cox. Row 2: Chuck Plumb, Mike Crozier, Tim Twinning, coach Ernie Sutton. Row 3: Randy Daniels, Tom Feick, Mark Anderson, Brendan Kerrigan, Herb Duncan, Scott Jackson, Mike Tuck. Absent when photo was taken were John and Jerry Cox.

### 1973-74 SWIMMING SCOREBOARD

	CHS	Opp.
Anderson	44	125
New Castle	55	114
Southside	87	81
Yorktown	58	112
Shelbyville	51	122
Madison Heights	61	111
Yorktown	52	120
Blackford	96	71
Northside	46	126
Southside	102	70
Richmond	58	110
Marion	60	106
Yorktown Relays		3rd place
N.C.C. Meet		2 pts. 8th
I.H.S.A.A. Sectional		19 pts. 11th

1974-1975: 5-11



VARSIITY SWIMMING TEAM: Row 1 (l to r): Tom Cox, Roger Herbert, Rob Mitchell, Rick Hofe, Joe Greiner, Jesse Casperson, Coach Sutton. Row 2: Randy Faunce, Tim Scott, Ronald Faris, Randy Daniel, Scott Jackson, Tim Twinning, Greg Simmons, Mark Davis.

1974-75 Swimming Schedule

	CHS
Yorktown Relays	6th
Burns	W
Pendleton Heights	L
Anderson	L
New Castle	L
Southside	W
Yorktown	L
South Adams	W
Shelbyville	L
Madison Heights	L
Delta	W
Connersville	L
Blackford	L
Yorktown	CANCELLED
Northside	L
Southside	W
Richmond	L
Marion	L

## 1975-1976: 4-9-1; Coach Sutton's Last Season



Row 1: Dave Crampton, Stan Willis, Ron Farris, Coach Ernie Sutton, Randy Daniel, Kenny Upton, Jeff Stevens, Doug Walter, Tom Parker, Joe Glancy. On the board: Rob Mitchell, Greg Drago, Andrew Lindblad.

Tim Scott, Eric Hole, Randy Faunes, Tim Twining, Tom Cox, Gert Laphart, Steve Schmalz.

Under the direction of coach Ernie Sutton, the boys' swimming team was led to a 4-9-1 season record. The team improved considerably.

Returning varsity tankers for the 75-76 season were senior Randy Faunes, juniors Tom Cox, Randy Daniel, Tim Twining and sophomores Eric Hole and Rob Mitchell. Other returning swimmers were sophomores Ron Farris and Tim Scott.

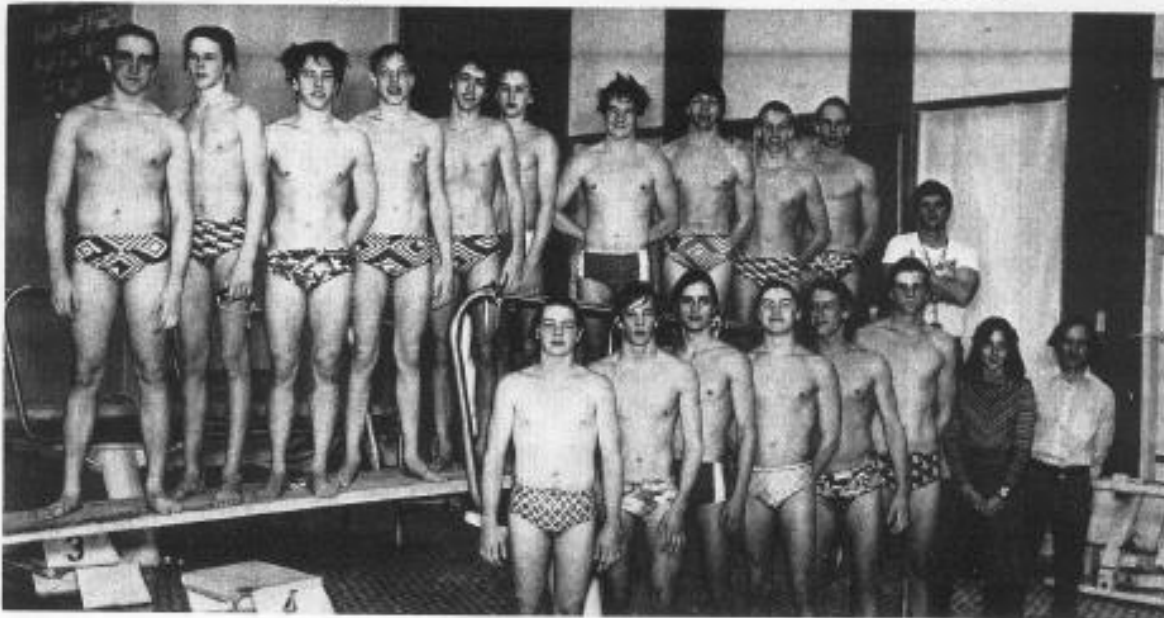
Those teams falling to the 'Cats this season were: Southside, Delta, Madison Heights and Jay County.

Swimming meets were held here at Central quite frequently and were timed by Girl's Swimming team members and other volunteers who were rounded up by Mrs. Sharits, the Girl's Swimming team coach. Also aiding in the meets were other volunteers from the community. Attendance at the meets was much improved this year.



After being given the signal that the wall has been touched by Jeff Stevens, Toey Phipps starts from the back.

## 1976-1977: 8-4; Coach Jim Hagen Takes the Helm



Row 1: Tom Cox, Andre Darger, George Irving, Jeff Stephens, David Crampton, Stan Willis, Terry Schermerhorn, Ass't. Coach Bruce Stanley. Row 2: Kurt Lephart, Chris Haisley, Greg Drago,

Tony Shaw, Steve Phillips, Brian Spangler, Rob Mitchell, Eric Hole, Joe Glancy, Tim Twining, Coach Jim Hagen.

Keeping with the trend of new happenings, the swim team underwent several changes this season. New to the coaching staff was Mr. Jim Hagen, head coach and Mr. Bruce Stanley, assistant coach. Also new to the team was manager Terry Schermerhorn. Terry is the first girl to manage the swim team.

Steady improvement throughout the season left the new coach with high hopes for next year's team. Although three lettermen, Tim Twining, Tom Cox, and Greg Drago, will be lost through graduation next year, Mr. Hagen feels, "Next year's team will be even stronger than this year's because of fine attitudes of the team members regarding hard work."

Tankers spent three hours a day in the pool; one hour in the morning and two hours in the afternoon. All of those hours and the hard work paid off.

The entire team dropped their times during the season. Central had its best dual meet record in six years with an 8-4 record. Three swimmers qualified in the top six in the sectionals. And Jeff Stephens placed fourth in sectional action in the 100 yard backstroke, turning in a time of 1:00.4, which qualified him for the state meet.



Heading for the finish line is Eric Hole, junior. This was Eric's third year on the swim team.

Yarktown Invitational Relays	Third
Anderson Highland	W
Ferdinand Heights	L
New Castle	L
Southside	W
Yarktown	L
South Adams	W
Doha	W
Madison Heights	W
NCC	Sixth
Norhside	L
Southside	W
Maries	W
Jay County	W
SECTIONAL	Fifth



Getting off to a good start is important in swimming. Improving such techniques as

this led to better scores for the tankers.

## 1977-1978: 11-2



Row 1 — T. Parker, S. Porter, J. Stephens, G. Irving, mgr. D. Stassen, mgr. M. West, mgr. J. Davis Row 2 — B. Clements, R. Mitchell, J. Glancy, S.

Gilbert, T. Shaw, C. Haisley, C. Lephart, E. Hole, Coach J. Hagen, Assistant Coach B. Stanley

Yorktown Invitational Relays	2nd
Pendleton Heights	W
Anderson	L
Southside	W
Yorktown	W
South Adams	W
Delta	W
Madison Heights	W
Highland	W
NCC	3rd
Northside	L
Marion	W
Jay County	W
Hagerstown	W
Sectional State	2nd

Spence Gilbert 100 break stroke 10th  
Jeff Stephens 100 backstroke 9th

### 11-2 record was 'Cats best in awhile; Stephens, Gilbert are State contenders



Throughout the 1977-78 boys' swim season, records were broken, awards were won, high honors were given, and Central's swim team clawed its way back into familiarity with the rest of Indiana's swim world.

Head coach Jim Hagen, along with assistant coach Bruce Stanley, worked with thirteen young men who turned in a very impressive 11-2 won-loss record along with a few other honors.

The Bearcat tankers received third in the NCC meet which saw outstanding swimmer junior Spence Gilbert winning a medal in the 100 breaststroke.

Gilbert, who comes to Muncie from his family in Japan, became Central's top swimmer, dominating in many events, with his specialty being breaststroke. He won the 200 breast in North's Invitational and went to State in the 100 breast, placing 10th with a 1:04.5.

Senior Jeff Stephens made his way to State for the second time in as many years in the 100

backstroke, and overall placed 9th, in a school record time of :57. Stephens was the #1 man all year in the 100 back, although junior Tom Parker was right on his heels, and near the end, Stephens showed his versatility in becoming a 100 flyer.

Hagen received Sectional "Coach of the Year" and well deserved the honor, as his team was, at the start of the season, rated 20th in Indiana.

Four seniors graduation plague the 1978-79 team, but for the most part, the team will be quite tough, with returnee Gilbert leading the way.

Stephens, State backstroker and backstroke leg of the Medley Relay will graduate along with long-distance 500 freestyler George Irving. Irving proved to be good in lesser distance too, as he swam frequently the 200 and 100 free events, and was a member of the free relay. Eric Hole and Rob Mitchell were fly-freestylers and will be missed next year also.

Spence Gilbert won many races in the 100 yard breast stroke for the 'cats this season as well as several other events.





***1978-1979: 10-6; Spencer Gilbert sets Four School  
Records; 25<sup>th</sup> in State***

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*Bearcat Tankers sees Coach Sutton retire and Central Alumnus Jim Hagen renew the winning tradition despite a strong Northside High School. Cats start and end the decade in style.*

*Bearcats go 57-58-2 for the 1970's.*