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1981: (Under Construction)

1982:

1983: 0-11



1983 Girls Swim Team: Row 1: Coach R. Dietrich, P. Campbell, S. Wallace, L. Mutzfeld, E. Miller, S. Kaiser, L. Campbell, assistant coach J. Graham. row 2: K. Bal-

dwin, T. Shaw, C. Wagner, M. Feick, P. Harrold. Row 3: D. Wagner, K. Wickliffe, A. Cartwright, A. Dye, K. Bemis, M. Thornburg.

1983 Girls Swim Team		
	WE	THEY
Northside	56	110
Highland	47	104
Yorktown	30	117
Blackford	69	96
Madison Hgts.	39	130
Pendleton Hgts.	38	132
Delta	43	127
Anderson	51	120
Jay Co.	57	114
NCC	8th	
South Adams	61	100
Delta	56	114

Bemis highlights long season

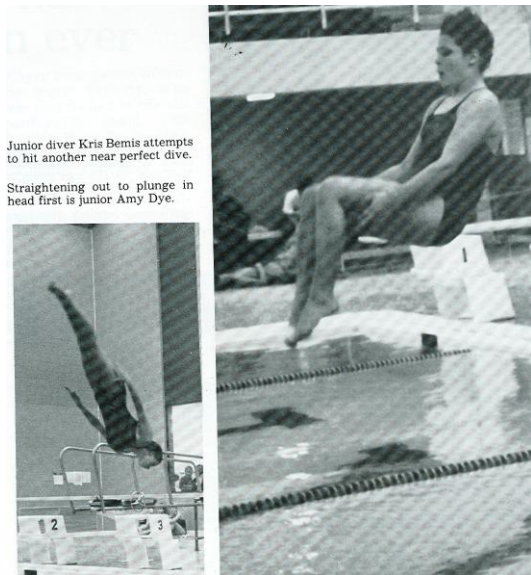
The girls swim team sent another swimmer to state for the fourth straight season. This year it was junior diver Kris Bemis. Bemis was unable to advance to the finals but placed well.

As a team the young Bearcats didn't have the stroke. They finished the season winless with an 0 and 11 record.

The girls used this season as rebuilding. They

gained experience and learned from every meet for they are only losing one senior for next year.

Outstanding swimmers named by Coach Rebecca Dietrich were, of course, Bemis in diving, junior Amy Cartwright in the back stroke and 200 individual medley, and sophomore Karen Wickliffe was mentioned for the 50 and 100 freestyle, as well as the 100 butterfly.



Junior diver Kris Bemis attempts to hit another near perfect dive.

Straightening out to plunge in head first is junior Amy Dye.

1984: 0-11

Although winless, individuals shine Bemis Places 31st

Although Muncie Central's girls swimming team remained winless for the second straight season, the 'Cats were sparked by individual achievements. Central managed to advance at least one swimmer to the state meet for the 6th straight season. This season it was senior diver Kris Bemis going for her second consecutive season.

After finishing 2nd at sectionals Bemis went into the state meet seeded 44th out of 55 competitors.

After all was over and points totaled Bemis finished with an impressive standing of 31st.

Another individual mark was an 11th place sectional finish by freshman Holly Costill.

As a team, the most points

the lady 'Cats could total up was 71 against South Adams. In the meet the 'Cats finished first in five events. Here the 'Cats were led by individuals, junior Karen Wickliffe was a triple winner while junior Polly Harrold and Bemis were double winners.


Four awards were given out by Coach Dietrich. The major award was the M.V.P. which was awarded to senior diver Kris Bemis. There were two "Most improved" awards, one to the upperclassmen and the other to the freshmen. These awards were earned by Lara Schmutte and Andrea Terry, respectively. The final award was the "Most dedicated" which was awarded to sophomore Stephanie Kaiser.

Reflecting back on the season Coach Becky Dietrich remarked, "The participation in the sport has improved greatly here at Central over the years."

Junior Carol Wagner comes up for air during her competition, the breaststroke.

Girls Swimming

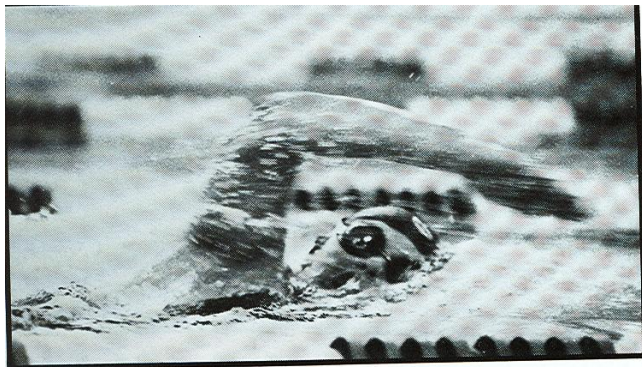
	MC	OPP.
	37	105
Northside	55	94
Highland	55	100
Yorktown	70	86
Blackford	51	115
Madison Hgts.	44	119
Pendleton Hgts.	51	116
Delta	46	113
Anderson	65	102
Jay Co.	8th	
N.C.C.	71	95
South Adams	51	119
Delta		





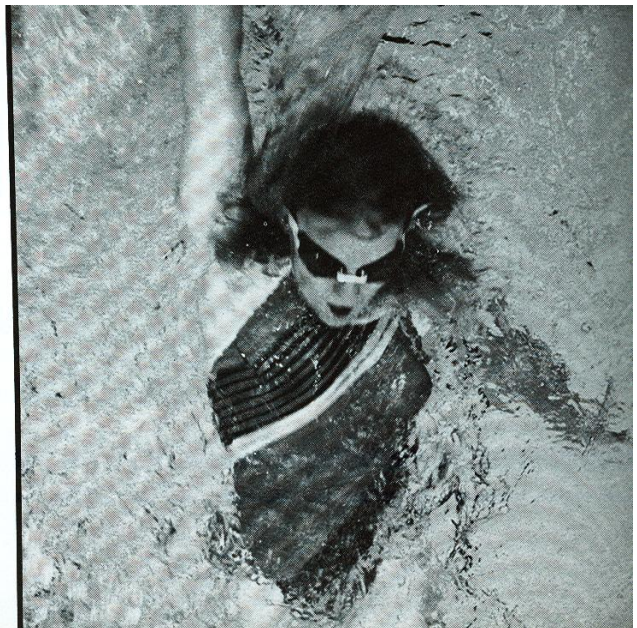
Girls Swimming Team. Row 1: J. Johnson, L. Lehman, A. Terry, J. Rust, M. Carnes, K. Noble, A. Dye, L. Schmutte. Row 2, coach R. Dietrich, M. Ginther, C. Marine, S. Kaiser, M. Feick, H. Costill,

M. Isabel, E. Miller, K. Bemis. Row 3, B. Weaver, A. Dye, C. Wagner, P. Harrold, S. Norris, mgrs. J. Vandergriffe and J. Smith.



Junior Michele Feick shows determination on her face as she swims her laps.

Stretching out to reach the wall is junior swimmer Polly Harrold.



1985: 0-13



1985 GIRLS SWIM TEAM: ROW 1: Cheryl Hollensbe, Shawna Kennedy, Anna Partain, Georgianna Grimes, Michelle Cooper, Julie Stackhouse, Lisa Stigman, Robin Swingley, Michelle Grile; ROW 2: Carol Wagoner, Pam Ronnau, Stephanie Kaiser, Holly Costill, Polly Harrold, Ellen Miller, Michele Feick, Michelle Carnes, Jodi Phillips, Lara Schmutte, Coach Becky Dietrich, Ass't Coach Kazmierizak.



THE LONG HOURS of practice paid off for senior Ellen Miller. Miller was named MVP and established a time of 1:22:56 in the 100 meter breaststroke

Costill performs well

“Going four years without a team win has given the word victory special meaning to me.”

Senior Polly Harold

Starting off the blocks rather slowly the lady swimmers lacked the strength to be a force in the conference, placing eighth in that competition, and ninth in sectional play.

“During NCC, we had a really hard time. Our improvements came during sectionals when our times came down and our attitudes changed. We basically had a hard way to go,” said Coach Becky Dietrich of the season.

Dietrich named senior Ellen Miller as the MVP, freshman Michelle Cooper as Most Dedicated and Most Improved and junior Stephanie Kaiser as Most Improved

CONCENTRATION IS A MAJOR PART of junior Pam Ronnau's diving technique. Ronnau performs a one and a half receiving a composite score of four and a half.

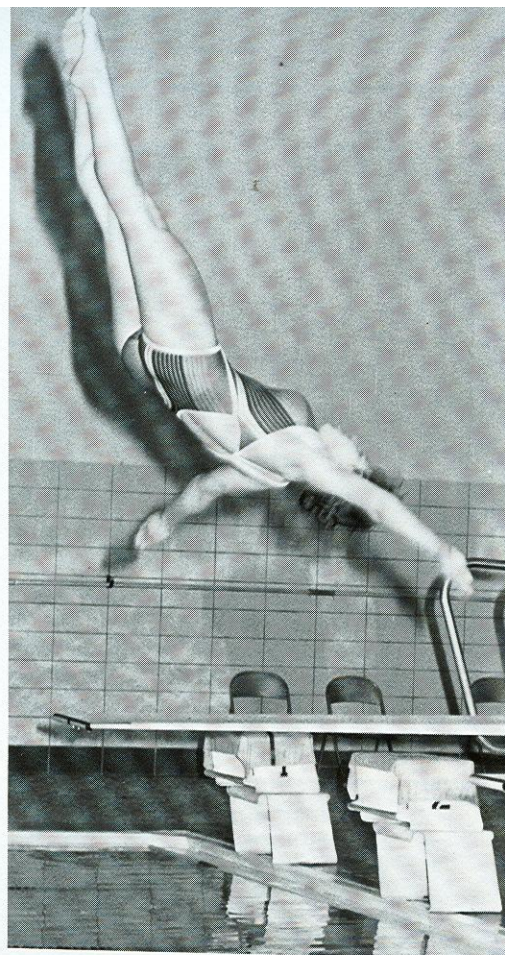
Upperclassman.

“I was really surprised, I worked hard all season and it was a good way to end the year,” said Kaiser of her award.

While the Bearcat team totals didn't add up to victories in the big meets, one individual found personal success in the diving event. Sophomore Holly Costill placed sixth in the sectional competition.

“It wasn't as good as I had hoped to do, but I was really excited that I placed,” said Costill.

Through the tough 1985 season, the 'Cats can still be optimistic about the upcoming one. The team will have several returning lettermen and can look forward to making a big splash into 1986.



A REVERSE requires hours of practice to perfect. Second year diver, sophomore Holly Costill, competes during a meet with Marion.

	MC	OPP
New Castle	49	120
Northside	47	115
Highland	43	124
Yorktown	43	126
Blackford	49	75
Madison Heights	61	107
Pendleton Heights	62	107
Delta	65	107
Anderson	56	111
Jay County	65	102
Marion	60½	107½
NCC		
8th		
South Adasm	50	115
Delta	52	119
SECTIONAL		
9th		
FINAL RECORD 0-13		

1986: 0-11; New Coach Cindy Ivagnilio

Swimmers improve with new coach



The girls swim team faced yet another winless season, but with the arrival of new coach Cindy Ivagnilio, they made vast improvement.

Ivagnilio was formerly the girls swim coach at Northside. To start the Central season, she began scheduling morning practices and developed a circuit of warm-up exercises. Ivagnilio was assisted by Laura Lowden, and the team captains were Stephanie Kaiser, Michelle Carnes, and Laura Heinrichs.

The season's training was, according to coach Ivagnilio, "directed towards being more competitive and developing better technique."

Team members felt that the season was an improving one. Senior Michelle Carnes said, "I think we had a good season even though we didn't win

a meet. We each gave our best effort to improve."

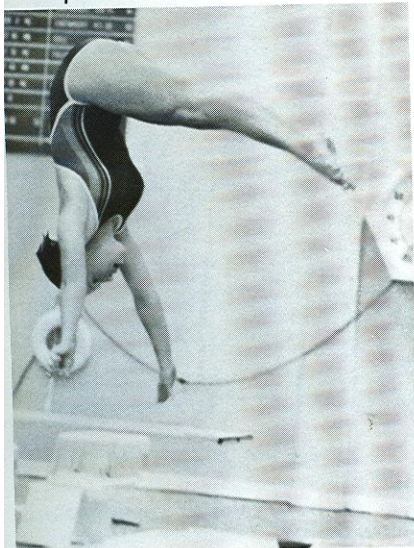
The girls' record was 0-11. No one went to finals in the NCC, and they tied for seventh place in the sectional meet, but the team's morale remained high. At every meet there were personal bests, and new goals reached.

Coach Ivagnilio talked of the future of the program. "We plan on having off-season conditioning, such as weight training. We want to make individuals feel that they're contributing to the program and also that they're getting something out of it."

Seniors, leaving this year, won't benefit from future programs, but as senior Stephanie Kaiser said, "Being on a team for four years without a win can be discouraging, but learning to achieve personal goals can be even more rewarding."

Holly Costill

Girls' Swimming



MC OPP

Marion	46	117
Northside	46	117
Highland	52	117
Yorktown	54	116
Madison Heights	59	110
Pendleton Heights	42	126
New Castle	58	112
Delta	55	117
Anderson	47	123
Jay County	81	90
South Adams	58	103

Sectional

Tied for 7th

Final Record 0-11

Junior diver Holly Costill performs an inward dive in pike position during a home meet. Costill placed eighth in sectional competition. Photo by Peoples Photo Center

Junior Sheryl Hollensbe rests in the water after a tough race. Hollensbe placed first or second in most of her races and was named MVP at the end of the season. *Photo by Peoples Photo Center*



1987: 2-10; Coach Lynn Allardt takes Control

Swimmers start winning as they show improvement throughout season

This year's record for the girls' swim team was 2-10 with wins against Southside and Blackford.

"It was very tough swimming at conference," said Lynn Allardt, coach of the team. "We did not place any swimmers or divers in the top six."

Lorese Brighton, Holly Costill, Betsy Barnett, and Kirsten Miller led the medley relay to a ninth place finish in sectionals. Other finishers at sectional were Costill in diving, sixth and Dorian Cantrell in diving, eleventh.

Barnett finished ninth in the 100 butterfly. In the 400 free

Stat Facts

The girls' swim team won its first meets in eight years against Southside and Blackford.

relay Kennedy Conrad, Shawna Kennedy, Darcy Lewis, and Michelle Longfellow placed seventh.

"There were many personal best times at sectional." said

Coach Allardt.

She continued, "Throughout the season, though we only won two meets, the girls continually bettered their times. Each meet averaged sixteen personal best times. The girls practiced hard and were very motivated."

Awards went to Barnett, Most Outstanding Swimmer; Costill, Most Outstanding Diver; Kennedy, Best Attitude; Miller, Improved.

Allardt concluded the season by saying, "I'm looking forward to working with the girls next year!"

• Marguerite Muterspaugh



• **Girls' Swimming.** Row 1: Amy Filler, Kirsten Miller, Shawna Kennedy, Lorese Brighton, Robin Swingley; Row 2: Manager Stacey Swingley, Darcy Lewis, Betsy Barnett, Kennedy Conrad, Dorian Cantrell, Suzette Bogue, Michelle Longfellow, Coach Lynn Allardt, Holly Costill, Coach Kevin Hite.

Photo by Peoples

Girls' swimming		
	MC	OPP
New Castle	48.5	114.5
Southside	114	51
Northside	55	114
Highland	44	113
Yorktown	43	128
Blackford	95	62
Madison Hgts.	49	121
Pendleton Hgts.	44.5	105.5
Delta	54	118
Anderson	37	133
Jay County	76	94
NCC 7th		
South Adams	57	112
Sectional 8th		
Final Record 2-10		

1988: (Unknown)

1989: 11-2; 6th in NCC; Third in Sectional; New Records

Relay Team Reaches State

According to Coach Lynn Allardt, the 1989 girls swim team had an outstanding season. For the second year in a row, the girls placed sixth in the North Central Conference and third in Sectionals.

The medley relay team of Amy Errington, Alisa Springman, Katherine Pinger, and Natalie Stetson placed 11th in the state meet, with a new school record of 1:56.21. Pinger also qualified for state in 100 breaststroke.

“One particular high point of the season would definitely have to be Errington, Springman, Pinger and Stetson’s first place sectional victory, and their 11th place in state,” said Coach Lance Ottinger. “Their hard work really paid off with a new record.”

The swimmers’ hard work really paid off by improving four records: medley relay (Err-

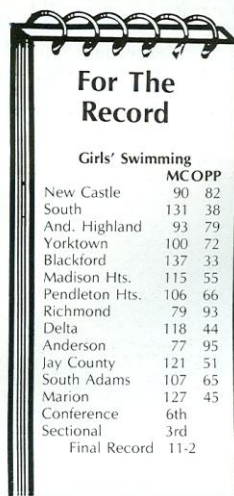
ington, Springman, Pinger, and Stetson 1:56.21), 200 free (Gina Diebold 2:02.90), 500 free (Diebold 5:30.94), and 400 freestyle relay (Stetson, Errington, Pinger, and Diebold 3:54.72).

“There were many personal bests achieved throughout this year. They had a great sectional and good state times,” said Allardt.

Natalie Stetson received Most Valuable Swimmer, Kami Hiatt was voted Most Valuable Diver, Alisa Springman was the Most Improved Swimmer, and Amy Errington, Erin Carter, and Gina Diebold all received Attitude-Leadership-Captain awards.

“I hope to have the opportunity to work with the team again,” said Ottinger.

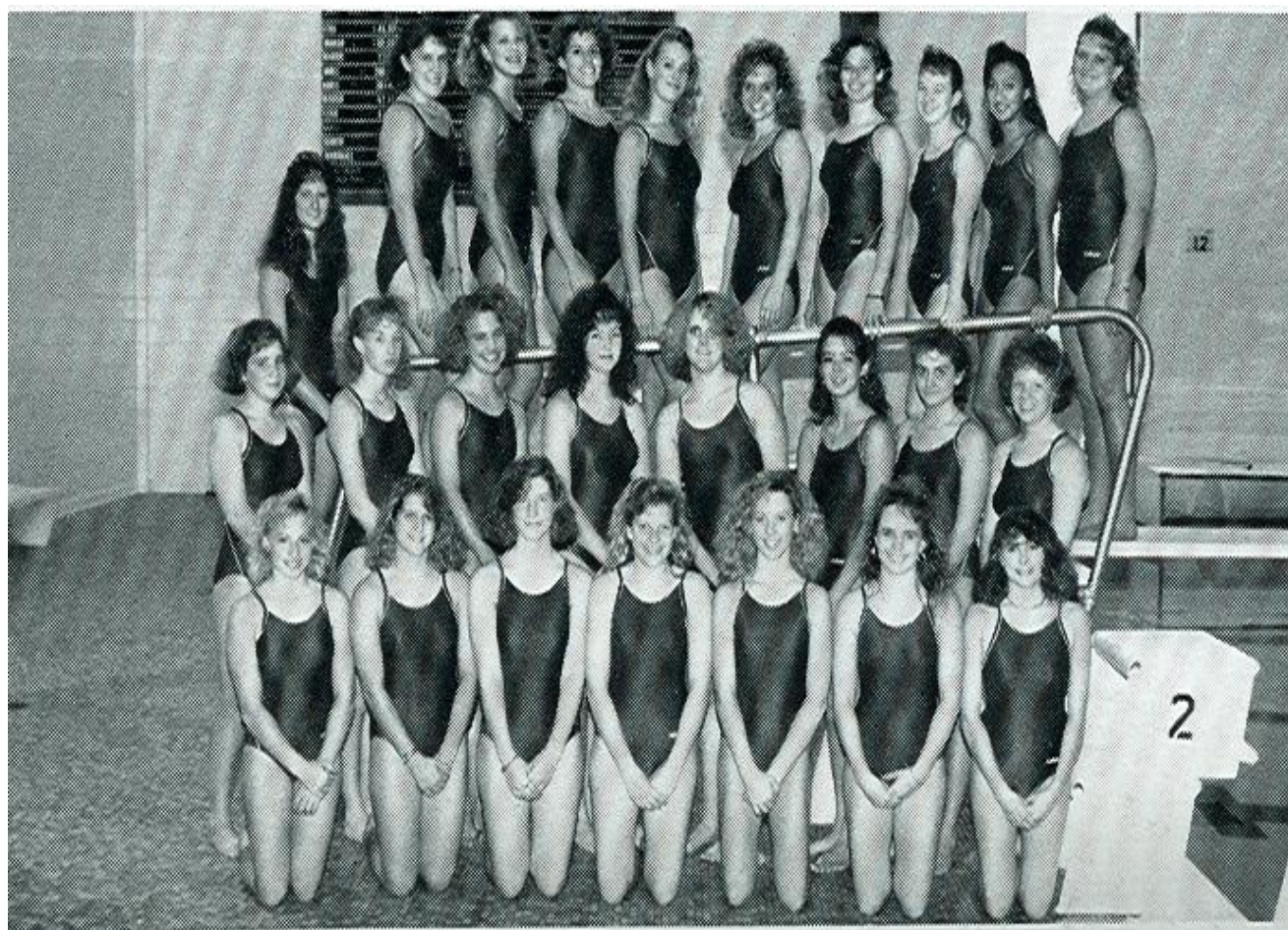
Jolene Rankin



For The Record

Girls' Swimming

	MC	OPP
New Castle	90	82
South	131	38
And. Highland	93	79
Yorktown	100	72
Blackford	137	33
Madison Hts.	115	55
Pendleton Hts.	106	66
Richmond	79	93
Delta	118	44
Anderson	77	95
Jay County	121	51
South Adams	107	65
Marion	127	45
Conference	6th	
Sectional	3rd	
Final Record	11-2	



Girls' Swimming 1989-90. Row 1: Laurie Dekeyser, Allison Lawton, Megan Flynn, Shannon Jenyk, Leslie Kaluzynski, Kami Hiatt, Megan Slavin; Row 2: Rachael Stahlke, Delora McLaren, Portia Renner, Adrienne Ingram, Sarah Renner, Kimmy Hunter, Melissa Baird, Laura Bowles; Row 3: Jerrilynn Kallen, Jolene Rankin, Alisa Springman, Gina Diebold, Amy Errington, Erin Carter, Katherine Pinger, Natalie Stetson, Betsy Barnett, Holly Alexander.

Pulling Together Brings Team Success

Working as a team always pays off in the end. If you don't believe it, just ask Amy Errington, Katherine Pinger, Natalie Stetson, and Alisa Springman. The medley relay team's hard work pushed them all the way to the state finals, where they finished 11th.

They attributed their success partially to a special closeness that they felt as a team.

"We practiced for an extra week together, and spent more than 24 hours traveling and swimming together in Indianapolis," said Springman.

Pinger agreed that this togetherness was a factor in their ability as a team. "Since we had all swam together for several years, we almost felt like a family," she said. "During the week of preparation for state, we nearly lived as one."

All of their "living as one" was well worth it, in their eyes. Stetson said, "Going to state was a great accomplishment, especially

placing 11th."

Springman said, "It was great. I felt that all my hard work during the season had finally paid off. It was a lot of fun traveling with the relay team and the coaches."

Lance Ottinger, assistant swim coach, was quite pleased with not only the relay team's performance, but with the rest of the team as well.

"Whenever a swimmer improved her time, it was a high point. I believe another high point would involve the team's ability to get along with one another. All of the team expressed a great deal of sportsmanship and encouraged each other to improve, and I think that is very important," said Ottinger. "If I had to nail it down to one particularly high point, I would have to look at the medley relay team and Stetson's first place sectional victory.

Jason Tucker

New Muncie Central Records:

200 Medley Relay: Amy Errington, Alisa Springman, Katherine Pinger, Natalie Stetson / Sectional Champions / 11th in State Meet / NEW SCHOOL RECORD: 1:56.21

400 Free Relay: Natalie Stetson, Amy Errington, Katherine Pinger, Gina Diebold / NEW SCHOOL RECORD: 3:54.72

100 Breast: Katherine Pinger

200 Free: Gina Diebold 2:02.90

500 Free: Gina Diebold 5:30.72

The 1980s were a painful decade for Bearcat Girls' swimming. It was the closing of Northside high school in 1988 that helped the Bearcats of 1989 rebound.