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FIVE CENTS

Seventeen Promoted To Captains

Wyatt Announces Crack Squad of '39; Inspection Ratings

Promotions from first lieutenants to captains were made November 30 by order of Major W. A. Mead, P. M. S. & T., Omaha high schools. They are as follows: Jim Duffy, Tom Grimes, Jack Nimmo, John Barakat, Bob Dougherty, Joe Williams, Louis Seybold, Sam Carroll, Conrad Young, Don Werner, Ephriam Gershater, Bill LeMar, Milton Petersen, Bob Milek, Webster Hayward, Warren Johnson, and Clark Ashton. Promoted from second lieutenants to first lieutenants are Chris Alevezos and Grove Johnson.

Other promotions are George Lipfert, technical sergeant; Nuncio Pomodoro, Tony Veneziano, and Norman Ruback, staff sergeants; Alvin Hertzberg and Charles Vacanti, sergeants; Warren Cooper, Larry Gates, and Bill Still, corporals; and John Anderson, Joe Britton, and Howard Feldmann, privates first class.

Following are the results of the general inspection for the month of November: first, Company A; second Band; third, Company B; fourth, Company D, and fifth, Company C. In the freshman battalion first place went to Company No. 1 and second to Company No. 2.

The following are the men on the Crack Squad under the direction of Captain Jim Duffy for this year: George Armstrong, Ray Arthur, Bill Bedford, Art Benolken, Andy Caldwell, George Devereux, Dick Enochson, Gordon Freyman, Al Garotto, Morton Gilinsky, George Grimes, Bob Knoll, Edward Malashock, Charles Morton, Bob Ploss, Dick Seagren, Bill Spier, Howard Westering, and Dudley Williams.

On the P. M. S. & T. honor squad for the month of December are John Barakat, Ephriam Gershater, Bill LeMar, Ray Arthur, McKaber Koory, Charles Morton, Randall Nelson, Bill Spier, Gordon Wainwright, Jack Berman, Warren Cooper, Bryant Pillsbury, John Carr, Morton Gilinsky, Gene Himebough, Keith Jewell, Don Larsen, Guy McDonald, Herbert Benson, Marvin Camel, James Crenshaw, Hays Holland, Howard Johnson, Knox Kupfinger, John Petello, Bob Putt, Bill Robison, and Dick Svehid.

1938 Opera Wins Audience

'Two Vagabonds' Goes Over With 'Bang'

Last night Central's auditorium again echoed with applause for the production of the opera, "The Two Vagabonds." It was in 1932 that this opera was first given by the music department. And to show what a point this fact is in the opera's favor, it is only the second opera to be repeated at Central. The other was "Chimes of Normandy" given in 1924 and 1930.

Kermit Hansen, now a colonel in the R.O.T.C. regiment at the University of Nebraska, had the lead in this first presentation. He portrayed Rene, the role of the troubador which John Plank is filling this year. Virginia Slabaugh is playing the part of Natalie, the heroine, which Margaret Fry took. Margaret is continuing her musical studies here in Omaha. Mary Jane France, at present singing over WOW and working in a local bank, was Natalie's friend, the part which Mildred Nielsen characterizes.

Bob Butts, who sings in the choir of the First Christian Church, took the role of the thief played by Howard Mitchell this year. Betty Wilkinson and Kay Holman have taken the places of Amy Rohacek, a teacher at Tech, and Beatrice Koory, as the maids of the chateau. Jerry Thomas has stepped into the shoes of Jack Kolbo, manager of the Orpheum theater, by portraying the romantic secretary, and Louis Wells into Francis Hesler's, by bringing to life the Viscount de Bordaleau.

Senior Fooled By Boys' Steps

After four grueling, tedious, academic, aspirational, and habit-forming years at Central, Margie Rivett '39 found out that sometimes even the smartest people have slight brain lapses. Advancing stealthily toward choir practice in the early dawn, our heroine suffered a temporary blankness of mind, and went down the boys' stairs. About half-way down these said stairs, but only after bumping into everyone and their brothers, her condition improved, and now our blushing star is considering marking the stairs for the poor upperclassmen who have temporary, but embarrassing, blackouts in the region of the upper skull.

Latin Contest Won By Virginia Bouton

Class Winners Were Predominately Girls

Winner of the Latin vocabulary and verb form contest held November 18 in Mrs. Bessie Rathbun's freshman classes was Virginia Bouton, member of the eighth hour Latin I class. Five others, all girls, were class winners.

Members of Mrs. Rathbun's three classes in freshman Latin participated in class spelldowns. Contestants held out through a list of over 100 forms. The two highest in each class met for the final spelldown.

Class winners were Gay Follmer and Patricia Garton, fourth hour; Beverly Steinberg and Pat Catlin sixth hour; and Margaret Hughes and Virginia Bouton, eighth hour.

Virginia was given her choice of several fine enlargements of pictures taken abroad by Mrs. Rathbun. She chose a photograph of the beautiful Notre Dame cathedral by the Seine.

Sam Carroll Shows Color Movies to Mathematics Club

Technicolor movies taken by Sam Carroll last summer in France, England, Germany, and Denmark will be shown at a meeting of the Math club Thursday, December 15, in Room 145.

The movies feature, in brilliant colors, the changing of the guard at St. James Palace, London, the Eiffel tower in Paris, and typical and unusual street scenes in all the countries. The zoo at Hamburg, Germany, and bicycling scenes in Denmark are also included.

Math club members will be admitted free, and other students for ten cents. Proceeds will be used for the mathematics prizes presented in the spring.

Mathematics teachers and the principals will be special guests at the meeting.

Freshman Is Senior

Bob Freshman, Now Owner of Public Address System, Began as a 'Ham' and Repair Specialist

Although he is not what is commonly referred to as an amateur, Bob Freshman is one of the more enterprising Central students who has found something out of the ordinary with which to occupy his spare time. For seven years now Bob has been tinkering with radio and all of its more intricate parts.

He first started to build an amateur station, but pleas for radio repairs from his friends sidetracked him to that field. After several years of repairing and remodeling other persons' sets, Bob had collected a pile of equipment. Having no better use for them, he sorted the pieces and designed and built a few radios for personal use. How an where he conceived the idea of a public address system, Bob hasn't the faintest notion.

"Well, I'll tell you—I got started tinkering with radio when I was just a wee shaver. Somehow I began working P. A. systems, and at the present accounting I have approximately \$325 invested in the system I use now."

In case the grapevine hasn't yet reached you, the play-by-play descriptions broadcast at the recent games were all made possible by Bob Freshman's much-discussed P. A. system. Descriptions of football



JUNE ROSE ANDERSON O-BOOK EDITOR; MALASHOCK IS CIRCULATION MANAGER

Mrs. Anne Savidge announced today the appointment of June Rose Anderson as editor and Irving Malashock as circulation manager of the 1939 O-Book. The associate editors and committees will be chosen next semester.

June Rose is a copyreader on the Register staff, library monitor, member of the German club, and chairman of the big sister committee of Central Colleens. She has been a member of Junior Honor society for three years.

Malashock is a library monitor,



member of Speaker's bureau, Student Council, and the Register staff. He has also been a member of the Junior Honor society.

The circulation manager will appoint 50 to 60 salesmen, and prizes will be awarded to the best salesmen. The sales campaign will start soon after the Christmas vacation. The art editor will be appointed next semester by Miss Mary Angood for the senior art class.

All appointments are approved by Principal J. G. Masters, Miss Jessie Towne, and Fred Hill.

G-Man Talks On Crime in U.S.

One Crime Committed Every Forty Minutes

"There is an average of one crime committed every 40 minutes in this country," said G-Man Robert C. Hendon when he spoke at an assembly, Tuesday, November 29.

Mr. Hendon, who spoke on the crime wave in the United States, is a special administrator from the St. Paul, Minnesota, office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Under the auspices of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, he came to Omaha for a series of talks.

Mr. Hendon made the startling statement that one person out of every five in our country has a criminal career and that many of the crimes are committed by youths under 21 years of age.

He told of the long preparation and training necessary to become a G-man. One must be thoroughly qualified in education, character, and social understanding. Although G-men learn to shoot all types of guns, they do not resort to these weapons unless it is absolutely necessary.

Greenwich Villagers Sell Etchings

Japanese prints, etchings, and Indian jewelry are being sold by the members of the Greenwich Villagers at their Christmas tea, which was held yesterday and continued today.

The prints were obtained from a large New York importing firm; the etchings are those of a nationally known Omahan; and the Navajo Indian jewelry is from Principal J. G. Masters' collection.

Dorothy Christensen is head of the refreshment committee, with Jean Rogers assisting. Ellen Maystrick is in charge of the articles sold by the club.

Teacher Returns As Substitute

Mrs. Lillian Greenberg, who taught typing and commercial arithmetic as a regular teacher at Central in 1936, substituted for Miss Gertrude Knie, commercial teacher, for the week of November 28.

"It feels like coming home again," said Mrs. Greenberg. "I have renewed many old friendships among both students and teachers."

Miss Knie, because of her mother's illness, was called to Dallas, Texas. She returned Tuesday.

Colleens Give Tea For New Girls

At a beautifully appointed Christmas tea, Colleen members and girls who are new to Central High school this year were entertained in Room 425 last Thursday. It has become customary, over a period of years, that members of the club be honored annually at a Christmas party. However, this was the first year that new girls were invited to the December meeting rather than to a social gathering in September or October.

The program, which preceded the tea, featured a play, "The Cornhusk Doll," presented by students of the expression department. Those taking part were Betty Marie Wait, Della Kopperud, Lou Dwyer, all '39, and Barbara Richards '41. Other features of the program, announced by Sarah Noble '40, vice president of the club, included the singing of Christmas carols by the group and several piano selections by Bertha Young '40.

While some guests were getting refreshments at a table decorated with small Christmas trees, snow, and tall white tapers, others danced to the music played by Bertha Young. Sarah Noble and Jean Short '39 presided at the tea table from which approximately 225 girls were served.

Slabaughs Like Two Vagabonds

Good singing voices must be hereditary, for there are several families represented in both presentations of "The Two Vagabonds." Virginia Slabaugh's elder sister, Jean, was in the chorus of the first production with Peggy McMartin, sister of Marilyn McMartin, and Claude Johnson, brother of Irene Johnson. Both Marilyn and Irene are in the chorus this year.

Doris Hosman Hahn, the aunt of Aline Hosman '39, who is also in the chorus, was in charge of the makeup staff in 1932. She was a teacher in the expression department at that time.

Pearl Payne Is Queen

Central High Gridders Cast Their Votes At Sophomore Dance

Last Friday Pearl Payne was crowned the queen of Central's Intercity championship football team at The Roundup, a dance given by the sophomore class to honor the team. The dance, sponsored by Mrs. Irene Jensen and F. Y. Knapple, was successful, and plans have been made to make the affair an annual event.

Pearl was crowned with a football helmet and presented with a gold bracelet by Fred Hill, assistant principal. The bracelet, a narrow gold band worked in black, was inscribed "To the Football Queen, 1938" on the inside. She had attended every football game this fall and helped root our team on to victory.

Jack Swanson's orchestra furnished music for the dancers from 7:30 till 11 p.m. for the admission price of 15 cents. The profit of the dance will be given to Miss Towne's fund for needy pupils.

The greatest attraction of the evening was the grab bag, from which all sorts of intriguing packages were fished. Hand noisemakers, oddly shaped, brightly colored hats, shrill horns, and numerous other fun aids were enclosed in the brown and white paper sacks.

Awards Given In Shorthand

Shorthand awards for November were received by students in Shorthand II, III, and IV for passing 60, 100, and 120 words-a-minute tests.

Those who received their awards for 120 words-a-minute were Paul Crouse, Esther Osheroff, Anne Firestone, Betty Abramson, all Shorthand IV, and Rosemary Antos, Marian Hanson, and Dorothy Rice, Shorthand III. The five who passed their 100 word awards are Betty Brown, Nancy Jane Longo, Pearl Simon, Ann Rosen, and Rona Willrodt, all Shorthand III.

Five passed their 60 words award in Shorthand II. They are Dorothy Borton, Rosalyn Rosen, Margaret Rundell, Elizabeth Scigliano, and Margaret Smith.

Choir Sings At Convention

Members of the cappella choir sang five numbers, two of them from the opera, "Erminie," for the American Medical association at the Fontenelle hotel, Friday, December 2. It is the second year the choir has sung for the association.

The choir sang "Alleluia" by Weelkes, "Let All My Life Be Music" by Cain, "Roll, Chariot!" arranged by Cain, and two numbers from Edward Jakabowski's opera, "Erminie"—"Goodnight Chorus," considered the best known number of the opera, and "Lullabye" with a solo part sung by Virginia Slabaugh '40.

John Goodsell and Catherine Holman, both '39, gave a comical song and dance skit, and chorus members in collegiate style presented "When Love Is Young," a chorus number from the opera. Virginia Slabaugh sang the solo of the chorus.

'Vagabonds' Superbly Produced

First Nighters Enthusiastic; Goodsell Comic

Glittering brocades, gleaming satin, rainbow hues, striking lighting effects, picturesque sets, and superbly blended voices combined to make "The Two Vagabonds" one of the most brilliant operas presented at Central High school. Its initial performance last night was enthusiastically received by a capacity first night audience.

Virginia Slabaugh as Natalie, the vivacious young heroine, displayed one of the most promising voices heard at Central in many years. Her rendition of the lullaby in the second act is one of the outstanding scenes in the production. John Plank gave an excellent performance in the dual role of Rene, the wandering troubador who switches his identity to that of the Viscount de Bordaleau. The opera was given a spicy touch of comedy by Howard Mitchell, whose riotous escapades as Chicot, the comical wallet lifter de luxe kept the plot moving at a fast tempo. An air of old fashioned charm was displayed in Mildred Nielsen's charming portrayal of Claire, Natalie's friend. In the role of Gerard, Natalie's lover, Jerry Thomas provides some well diversified scenes. Many chuckles were invoked at George Salstrand's absurd antics as the duke of Avalon, the conceited sugar daddy of the court. His description of the "pretty little deer" naturally mistaken dear by the chorus girls in the first act is one of the amusing scenes.

The prize for stealing the show, however, goes to Johnny Goodsell, for in his utterly simple manner as the blundering waiter, he captured the heart of the audience. His burlesque dance with Kay Holman, a maid in waiting to Natalie, is the funniest scene in "The Two Vagabonds," and his foolish motions and characterizations steal the attention of the audience each time he appears.

There is a delightful variety throughout the whole production. The lullaby and tender love songs contrast remarkably well with the stirring martial airs and quaint ditties, while the sparkling music of the choruses add to the diversity of the music. The charm of long past years is brought to life when the cast, with few exceptions, danced the minuet in hooped skirts and tight breeches.

The scenery for the first act, The Golden Stag Inn, and the sky background for all the acts were received in exchange from the Ak-sar-ben Den show for the loan to them of the peach arbor set used in "Blossom Time."

John Beranek acts as costume master with Marian Meyer, Flora Scott and Natalie Butler in charge of the girls' costumes. The stage crew is headed by Student Manager Jack Malquist.

Operas which have been presented in the auditorium:

- "The Mikado"—1931
- "The Two Vagabonds"—1932
- "The Mascot"—1933
- "Sweethearts"—1934
- "Princess Chic"—1935
- "Blossom Time"—1936
- "The Sleeping Queen" and "Trial by Jury"—1937
- "The Two Vagabonds"—1938

Book Week Quiz Prizes Presented

Results of the Book Quiz were announced this week. The winners are as follows: first prize, Helen Jensen '39, who was awarded a copy of "The Citadel" by A. J. Cronin; second prize, Glenis Peterson '39, who will receive 60 cents credit in the Pay Collection; and third prize, Ed Segall '41, who was awarded 30 cents credit in the Pay Collection.

The contest, which ended November 21, was sponsored by the librarians of Central High during Book Week in order to encourage the students to become acquainted with the library.

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Jumping the Gun

Since there are only fourteen more shopping days till Christmas, the Register is not only shopping early but also giving early this year—in praise. In our opinion the following three things are especially worthy of praise.

First, throughout the football season, the student body showed fine spirit by turning out for all the games. Fine attendance at school dances for the various causes showed co-operation of students. We promised at the beginning of the year not to write any more editorials on trite subjects than were absolutely necessary, but this is not to rouse spirit. It is to commend Centralites and to express hope that the same attitude will continue in the rest of the activities throughout the year.

Second, "more freedom" has been the cry of Central students from time immemorial, and this year an honor system has been installed in the library. The pupils are on their own, and if they do not do as they should, it is their own loss as there is nobody standing over them. According to the librarian, this plan has been quite successful; therefore praise is due to the teachers for trusting the students and to the students for not abusing the special privileges.

Third, there is a group of students who have gone ahead on their own initiative and organized a student council. This year's group, with the exception of the leaders, was chosen by the sponsors of each of the various classes to work on the idea and was actually made into a student council on the suggestions of the principals. We, the Register, want to wish this group luck in its venture, hope it will accomplish something worthwhile, and approve heartily the idea behind this movement.

On the Magazine Rack

DESERT DOCTOR Reader's Digest, December An adventurous American, who chose to practice in a pest hole of Arabia and became one of the world's leading surgeons, is Dr. Paul W. Harrison. Arabs themselves have no doctors. A sick Arab gets advice from his friends and tires their remedies. No wonder the Arabs have come to look upon Dr. Harrison as a miracle man—without knowing how truly right they are.

MUSIC WILL OUT Collier's, December 5 Between South Philadelphia and the pinnacle of serious accomplishment lies the story of Marian Anderson, the Negro girl who was born to sing and is competently fulfilling her destiny.

AVERAGE MAN Coronet, November Have you ever thought of how America's average man could capitalize on his title? Inside of a year Mr. Average Man could be one of America's 60 families—controlling elections and radio advertising.

WE NEEDN'T GO TO WAR Harpers, November America need not go to war. It is not necessary, for America could not crush fascism. Instead she might yield to a military nation. Furthermore, there is nothing that will drive the United States into such a war.

THE GREAT GALVESTON STORM Reader's Digest, December America's greatest flood, which besieged the city of Galveston in 1900, lasted only one day and one night. However, in that short interval, half of the population of the city was killed. The brave survivors reconstructed the city—now one of the best governed in the United States

DEBUT IN TEXAS Scribner's, December Sponsored by the city's leading bachelors, the Texas socialite makes her bow. Entertainment costs between five and eight thousand dollars. There is no stag line of college men—it is made up of young men with futures. There is no receiving line, but there are flowers and decorations galore!

MYSTERY OF THE BILLIONS December, American An ordinary citizen means softly or yawns. The debt is so vast, so remote, so incomprehensible, that he really isn't interested any more. "The national debt," he says,

"is a bore." He doesn't want to think about it, but he'd better. It may change the fundamentals of government more drastically than any present plans of men. He has a rendezvous—with Debt.

Life's Ups and Downs

If it were done when 'tis done, it were well it were done quickly. If the going up of the hair could trammel up the consequences and catch with its hairpins success... huh, why all the ifs, I've tried it 'n' I know for a fact. Gosh, while I was home in front of my own little mirror I thought I looked pretty smooth, hair swished up 'n' all... might even go so far to say I was sophisticated. The dawn came when I hit school, or should I say when school hit me! Well, I had a few misgivings when suppressed titters followed me down the halls, but I was in no way prepared for the howls of laughter that greeted me in my first hour class. I rather feebly tried to convince myself that the infants 'round this neck of the woods were just miles behind times 'n' that someone had to be a trail blazer. I slunk furtively into class next hour, but the news had traveled fast... more giggles, pointed fingers, 'n' wisecracks... I was in utter misery. I realized then how the Exhibit A in the side-show must feel. A rush of pity for that kindred soul swept over me. The remainder of the morning was spent sneaking down the hall 'twixt classes only to huddle desperately at my desk, hopefully thinking nobody would notice. Whoops, lunch at last! I tore madly to the nearest mirror to see with my own impartial eyes if it was as hilarious as all the Centralites seemed to think. My worst fears were confirmed; those same curls that were my pride 'n' joy in the morning were by noon drooping in a corkscrew like fringe 'round the top of my head. With wicked delight I yanked my comb through the top-knot of fuzz. Oh, well, we all make mistakes, don't we?

Central Stars

★ Warren Johnson

Our giant telescope centers this week on one of the most popular and outstanding stars of the senior class—Warren Johnson. Besides being acting captain of the band, Swede is a member of the football squad, a capella choir, Hi-Y, and O-Club

He likes all of his school subjects, particularly the one he has fifth hour because lunch comes right after that. Due to the efficiency of their "Manhattan Merry-Go-Round" program, Dr. Lyon's toothpaste can have Swede's O. K. anytime. As for the favorite comic strip, it looks as if Blondie will have to take second place, for this week's star says Little Orphan Annie is definitely tops, and he's getting gray hair and wrinkles wondering what's happened to Grudge (maybe "Information Please" could help).

Swede claims he has no personal interest in drama, but he thinks Boris Karloff and Zazu Pitts are keen and would like to see them together as the romantic leads in a picture. He follows in the footsteps of many previous stars in selecting blue as his favorite color. Artie Shaw's arrangement of "Old Folks" is number one on the list of perfection.

Pet peeves? Well, yes, Swede admits that he has just one: the "Foo" stories, which drive him crazy. His qualifications for THE girl are simple and sweet: she must have lots of pep, plenty of personality, and some mutual interests. If she doesn't beat a path to his heart the first times she tries, she might keep the old saying in mind that "the way to a man's heart is through his stomach" and make a second attempt with a frosted rootbeer in one hand. We guarantee better results.

Modest Swede may give credit for his attractive smile to his favorite toothpaste, but if you really want to know the truth, that smile is a revelation of his easy-going, likable personality—that's Swede.

Espionage . . .

greetings, gates, let's intimate . . . just a few lines to tell you what's been going on over the couple of week-ends we've been gone . . . the turkey trot went off pretty good this year with all the old grabs (typographical error) showing up and a couple of dark horses from out-of-town creating some furor but not doing much damage . . . incidentally, all you bill collectors, spence and dick are back on the gold standard . . . Saturday night the bachelors threw a barn dance and all went off very well except when borghoff's car was found hanging over the edge of a very narrow and very dark road . . . the barn looked mighty cheerful with little marj heyn showing her rather pretty face and nat butler racing around and raising abel's brother . . . uv cawss, those old standbys were there "billings" and cooling with mecaffery—we say "there" in a literal sense . . . we feel in a generous mood this week so we'll boost a couple of the lesser lights in school, who we feel should date more—ray arthur and bob daugherty—we think it's awful white of us . . . the smallest member of this year's crack squad is casting longing glances in joanie meyer's direction . . . della had a birthday party a cuppla weeks ago, but nothing much happened and ever'body was in bed by 10:30 . . . puny pome;

how fat she are, she usta wasn't. the reason is she dally doesn't.

congrats to pearl payne for getting the good news and also to ernie weekes for keeping her . . . for the best date of the week we nominate jim green and ann vogel . . . last friday many of our joyous family commuted to lincoln for the ball and other affairs—seen were helene albert and an orchid . . . i'll al maetier has been doing o. k. for himself lately and was spied in the lunchroom being fed by a spoon from the hand of his favorite . . . last saturday we looked in on hank bussee and saw art benoken deep in a dream with lois allen . . . we just heart of howle westerling's amazing experience "sans culottes"—to get the lowdown you'll have to ask hank . . . rumor has it that charley morton has definitely decided to stop chiseling on loule rodwell and from now on will take his mail in red oak, iowa . . . the mall stairs—at pody belmont, the mighty might of muscular manuevers . . . wal, chums, all bad things must come to an end, but before we leave we'll give you this; rub a dub dub, three men in a tub . . . my, saturday night already? stanislaus j. impropalous.

p. s. don't forget the opera tonight and tomorrow night and get your dates line up for the hard-times ball next friday and the christmas prom the 23rd. . . .

The Student Squeaks

Dear sirs: I'm in a quandary. The other day I got a 106 as the answer to an algebra problem, and the teacher said it wuz 10.6. What wuz wong? I cried in my applesauce.

Dear icema: You probably just didn't get the point.

Dear squeaker: I hain't got no coat and I cain't afford to buy one. Now dat cold weather's coming on, what'll I do? bewilderd.

Dear Bewildered: The best bet for you is Bob Wellman.

Dear Friend: If I could only get 5 A's just once, my parents say that I could go to Chicago for Christmas. Would you please tell me how to do so before vacation? It seems that I couldn't quite make it the last time cards came out.

Wanna Travel.

Dear Wanna Travel: Cut on the dotted line!

AAAAA

Dear Squeaky: This question has been worrying me for some time, so would you please answer it for me in time to hang up my Christmas stocking? If I had a wife named Ruth and I murdered her, would I be considered Ruthless?

Icant Gon.

Dear Icant Gon: This question is going to take some serious thinking and I don't think I can advise you without the aid of the student body. How about it, students?

Why not write in to us with a few of your favorite questions and answers and we'll try to make this interesting!

Alumnotes

Competition for the freshman 1942 business board of the Dartmouth daily paper was won by Herbert Osbourne '38.

Mrs. Engle has received word from George Tobias '38 at Dartmouth, telling of his contacts with boys from many foreign countries in the world including Siam, China, Argentina, England, and Germany.

Leo Eisenstatt and William Williams, both '35, are on last year's junior class honor list of the College of Business Administration at the University of Nebraska. Eisenstatt received special recognition as a "brilliant scholar and a fine fellow in every way" from Dean Le Rosignol. He ranks in the upper 10 per cent of this year's senior class.

Jerene Clarie '34 has won the distinction of a cum laude degree at Los Angeles City college. To receive the degree, a student must have maintained a 2.2 grade point average for at least two semesters at the college.

Marian Bremers '37 was elected to the girls' pep organization, the Tassels, at the University of Nebraska. Marian was also chosen to be the sponsor of Company A at the annual military ball.

In Days of Old When-----well

Once more we turn back the clock and view again when . . . Amberson and Westering were on the eligible list . . . were? . . . and when all the junior gals (seniors now) went out to Inspiration Point . . . we didn't know why then but we do now . . . and remember when Stuh and Art were Rushton Harriet Smith and someone threw a phid when she heart it . . . looks like Art kinda runs to Harriets . . . when no one liked R. Brightman's "poor little me" attitude . . . "little" me? . . . When Mary Carey was nominated for Central cut-up . . . she'd still qualify . . . if she were still here . . . when it was only a rumor than Jan Thomas' heart-throb was Slap-happy Clow . . . remember when Dick Thomas was somebody's idea of an up-and-coming freshman . . . when Vice-President Hassler of the Women Haters' club broke down in favor of Hap McIntosh . . . it's still that way as far as we can see . . . when Kay Holman got a teething ring for Christmas 'cause she hadn't got her second teeth yet . . . when they dedicated "You're Building Up to an Awful Letdown" to Jackie London . . . he probably knows now what they meant . . . when Duff caught Jeannette and Bix and Bix caught a shot at him with a rifle he had along "just in case" . . . in case what? . . . and when Bill McBride got a slip from the office . . . and took it seriously—went to his locker and took all his books with him . . . now he wouldn't even know half his books if he saw them . . . remember when they called Ben Rees "the Acot Kid" . . . and Della Kopperud was putt-putting along . . . well, we could say more but we won't . . . next time lock up your dairies.

Female Sartorial Selections Through the Popular Male

This week we have decided to print what the fellows think of girls' clothes—since after all we do dress to please 'em, why not get their views on the subject?

We'll start at the top 'n' work down—and my frans, hats are something to start with. Jack McGrane was the most encouraging as he thinks they are okay at times. Jack was upheld by Allan Mactier, who was rather skeptically comforting with the thought that "the hats this year are different anyhow." For the most part the guys slid with Spence Porter, who said, "The hats of '38 look like they are alive"—and Dan Schmidt believes that "crazy hats are for crazy women."

The hair is next in line—Bob Clow, Jack Hassler and Dick Levine contend that hair up is really the stuff, while Bill McBride remains neutral by pointing out the fact that "he doesn't have to comb it so it doesn't make much difference." Then there are the rabid reactionaries 'n' we do mean Jack Hickey, Harry Foulks, and Hale Bixby—Jack says, "Down with communism, down with fascism, and down with gals' hair!" Hale is less emphatic 'cause he doesn't know exactly why he doesn't like it; he just doesn't—Harry explains that it makes 'em look as dumb as they really are.

"Perfume should be used in moderation," says Jack McGrane, and his opinion is confirmed by such notables as Jim Green, Bill Horan, and Dallas Madison. Tweed is rated as tops by Dick Levine, while Dallas Madison holds out for the more "outdoorish type of smell" like pine needles and cedar. Confidentially from Bob Horan's list.

Bramson, Bill McBride, and Milton Peterson, "It stinks!"

On the subject of clothes, the men folks almost unanimously vote on sport clothes or sweater 'n' skirts, the reasons being varied. For instance, Jack McGrane likes his date to look comfortable as well as fashionable 'n' it is his belief that sweaters and skirts are 'bout as appropriate as anything. Jack Hassler is partial to mellow shoes, dirty shoes, in fact any kind of shoes just as long as they aren't new. Bob Bramson avers that ya can't beat a nice fuzzy sweater with fuzzy anklets.

And now, my frans, for the important matter of formals with or without straps—the vote was 10 to one in favor of the decollete—Jim Slatery thinks it is a style that should be adopted by all the gals—makes 'em look extra special. Jack Landon wonders why they didn't take it up long ago—he is for it 100 per cent!

When it came to the girl of the week, the men folks really went to town—Mary Lou Andrews was picked by Hale Bixby for having slick hat 'n' coat—Marge Hyn was chosen by Jack Hickey and Bob Clow for being the gal with the right clothes for the right time—Jack McGrane and Billy McBride are specially partial to Jan Thomas' keen polo coat—Miv Kennedy's fuzzy mittens rate as A-1—Bob Bramson ain't a-mentioning any names, but he does wish more of the gals would wear 'round with their shirts hanging out like they used to. "Boy, if the girls don't sit up and pay attention after reading this, well, I give 'em." 'Nother famous quotation from Bill Horan's list.

Rees Brothers

Elected to Societies

Two brothers, alumni of Central, have won honors at Yale university. Tom Rees '35 has been elected to Alpha Chi Sigma, national chemical fraternity, and has also received an award for excellence in his studies. When a senior at Central, Tom was elected president of his June graduating class and to the National Honor society. His other activities included the regiment, Gentlemen's French club, and various school entertainments.

Harding Rees '34 has been elected to the Yale chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. While at Central, he was also elected to the National Honor society, was active in the regiment, and was president of hte orchestra in his senior year.

Betty Rosen '37 was one of five freshmen women elected to chairmanship of Orange Feathers, the freshman division of the Woman's league at the University of Illinois.

Mirror

Once more the mirror turns and reflects the menace of every school—the study hall pests. No matter how much is said about girls combing their hair in study halls this practice still goes on and still annoys boys and girls alike. There is nothing the person who sits behind you enjoys more than having little flakes of dandruff and ends of hair drift down on his desk. Save the hair—insist on grabbing your purse, emptying your private belongings on the desk, and searching for a note to read aloud at some inopportune moment should hear the blessings they receive, too. Maybe notes aren't a part of the school curriculum, but they are usually a part of the modern miss' life and are supposedly private. The girls also "love" the boy who stretches out his long legs under the desk and kicks their shoes (which are usually suede and had to keep clean) until they have to sit on their feet to get out of his way, or the fella who grabs their lunch and gobbles it down before they have time to object.

Ah, yes, a study hall is a place to study if the seats all around you are vacant or filled with intelligent students, who know the value of concentration.

New Books--In a Line

Brophy — Men Must Work

Describes how to prepare for employment by technical study and by development of personality assets.

Gray — Life of Penn

Amid England's religious and political conflicts William Penn stands forth like a lighthouse of courage, honesty, and faith.

Lindbergh — Listen! the Wind

Mrs. Lindbergh tells of their 'round the Atlantic trip in 1933. The colonel's drawings are included.

Charters — Follow the Saint

Mystery of a package of tea which contains thirty 50 pound notes.

Clarke — Graduate Nurse

Faith Rivers is forced to give up a doctor's course and turn to nursing as more immediately profitable.

Sikorsky — Story of the Winged S.

A personal history of a man of science, a dreamer, and a pioneer, who by ceaseless and intelligent effort has risen to a position of acknowledged master in aeronautics.

Thompson — Highway Past Her Door

Judy Van Duyn develops a successful business of her roadside stand, where she sells fruit, vegetables, jellies, etc.

Means — Shattered Windows

A Negro girl, 16 years old, goes to live with her mysterious great-grandmother on an enchanting island off the coast of South Carolina.

Raymond — Sylvia, Inc.

Modern story of two girls who went to school together and later joined forces in an unusual business venture.

Welshimer — Society Editor

Weddings were the business of Barbara Kingsley, pretty young society editor of the Martinsville Post, but she saw no virtue in them. Several exciting incidents led her to consider changing her mind.

Oppenheim — Spymaster

Certain powers attempt to make demands on Great Britain in the belief that she is unprepared to face the consequences of refusal.

THEATRE

BRANDEIS — Starting Thursday, December 8: "Girls' School," with Anne Shirley, Nan Grey, and Ralph Bellamy. Second feature: Kay Francis in "Comet Over Broadway," with Ian Hunter. Also new March of Time.

OMAHA — Starting Thursday, December 8: Bette Davis and Errol Flynn in "The Sisters," with Anita Louise, and Ina Hunter. Second feature: "Always in Trouble," with Jane Withers and Arthur Treacher.

ORPHEUM — Starting Friday, December 9: "Algiers," with Charles Boyer, Sigrid Gurie, and Hedy Lamarr. Second feature: Lew Ayers and Lionel Barrymore in "Young Dr. Kildere," with Lynn Carver and Nat Pendleton.

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Clubs Players Hold Quiz, Red Cross Works On Project; Girls Give Donations

Club
Than Meiches '40 received 50 pts credit in the Pay Collection of the library as first prize in the Latin quiz held at the last meeting of the club, November 22. Sylvia Zeman '39, Marie Carlberg '40, and Charles Cook '41 also won prizes.

The quiz was prepared by an alumni of Central High school, Bud Corpe, '26, who now conducts the buzzerbee program on KOIL.

Club
Corrine Poissant spoke at the meeting of the French club, December 3. She told of her recent stay in France, where she visited Bill '33. The next meeting will be a French movie, "Merlusse," to be shown at the Muse theatre, December 7, at 4:30.

Club
Plans for future activities of the A.A. were made at the meeting on Tuesday, November 22. A "kid" Christmas party to be held in the gym for all members is scheduled for December 16. New members will be initiated at the January meeting.

At the meeting members of special committees were announced. After a short period for business, progressive games were played. Lollipops were the prizes for the "high five" winners.

Central High Players
Blas Madison, president of the Central High Players, thanked all members for their cooperation in connection with the fall play, "Young America," at a meeting held Tuesday, November 22, in Room 35. The vice president, Blaine Carp, assisted by Mildred Nielsen, presented a Professor Quiz program.

Members called upon were Betty Jenner, Goldie Azorin, Phyllis Moran, Geraldine Bernstein, Sarah Hale, and Margery Stewart.

Club
With a membership of over one hundred, the Motor club opened the program with the first meeting last month. After paying dues for the semester, each student received a membership card and a study book for the year, "The Principles of Driving." The organization adopted the name, "The Third E Club."

Reserves
Superclassmen of the Girl Reserves had a meeting on Monday, November 28. As the girls entered the gym, they were handed numbers for free door prizes. A dance will be held for the girls and their dates at the Y.W.C.A. tomorrow.

Travel Club
Key with all the trimmings, with gifts of food and clothing, were given to a poor family on Thanksgiving day by the Lininger Travel Club. The seven members of this club have been aided by the Lininger Travel members for three years.

At a future meeting of the organization the history of the club and

of Omaha will be studied. An outside speaker will address the meeting.

Math Club
G. E. Barnhill, mathematics teacher, was in charge of the November meeting of the Math club; the program chairman was Alex Weinstein. Roland Lewis spoke on the history of arithmetic; Ruby Kulnick on illusions; and Leonard Morgenstern on figurate numbers.

The Math club is using a different system this year with Miss Amanda Anderson as executive sponsor, while the other mathematics teachers take charge of the individual.

Girls' Rifle Team
Twenty-one girls out of a possible 80 have been selected to try out for a Central High girls' rifle team to be chosen within the next week.

The girls practice on the range Wednesday and Friday mornings under the direction of Don Werner '39. Miss Marian Treat and Sergeant Wyatt, who are sponsoring this activity, will arrange matches with other high school girls' teams in the city.

Junior Red Cross
Committee reports and final plans for the year were discussed at the Junior Red Cross meeting held November 30, in Room 38. Committees are working daily on projects which will be beneficial to hospitals in the city.

It was decided that members will take turns selling candy at the basketball games to raise money for expenses incurred two years ago when a representative of Central attended the National Red Cross conference, held in Washington, D. C.

Discussion Club
German-American relations were discussed at the last meeting of the Discussion club, Thursday, December 1. A speech by Harold Nesselson '39 stressed the Jewish question and the causes behind the recall of the United States' ambassador to Germany. Paul Crouse and Clifford Shewan, both '39, also spoke.

The topic to be discussed at the next meeting on Thursday, December 15, "The Future of American Defense," was suggested by Ephraim Gershater '39.

Hi-Y
G. McKenzie, president of the Corey-McKenzie Printing company, spoke to a group of senior Hi-Y club members in the log cabin of the Y.M.C.A. on Thursday evening, December 1. The subject of the lecture was the progress of printing. Mr. McKenzie brought several samples of type, some of which he gave away.

Arrangements for a banquet and a state meeting were discussed by members of the club.

Johnny Gives Kay the Bird



— Courtesy World-Herald
Opera stars John Goodsell and Kay Holman frolic during the rehearsal of "The Two Vagabonds." There will be performances tonight and tomorrow night in the Central High auditorium at 8:15 p.m.

Central Team Debates T. J.

On Monday E. B. Mortensen, debate coach, announced the debate schedule for the next two weeks. Tuesday, Leonard Lewis, Yale Richards, Harvey Burstein, Lazier Singer, Paul Crouse, Justin Wolfson, Ray Simon, and Margaret Rundell, Central debaters, debated against Thomas Jefferson High school.

On Wednesday, Yale Richards and Leonard Lewis, a negative team, debated in Council Bluffs against a team from Abraham Lincoln High school. At the same time Paul Crouse and Justin Wolfson, and Harvey Burstein and Lazier Singer, both affirmative teams opposed students from the same school.

Those members of the school squad who will debate at the Topeka tournament, to be held December 9-10 at Topeka, Kansas, are Paul Crouse, Justin Wolfson, Leonard Lewis, and Yale Richards. Harvey Burstein and Lazier Singer will serve as alternates.

Sidelights

For the first time in 50 years Atlanta Senior High school may hold dances in school buildings. Social dancing in school buildings has been forbidden by the Board of Education.

We always have something to say against the Board of Education here, but let's be thankful (if you haven't been thankful for anything else) that we have a sensible board making rules for us.

Pupils as Shorewood High school, Shorewood, Wisconsin, asked their teachers what constitutes a typical teacher's weekend. Contrary to popular opinion, it seems that few of them bury themselves in hopeless test papers.

We suppose that it's the same way the world 'round and hope that our Central teachers comply contrary to public opinion. Remember, teachers, you need your Sunday rest, too.

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'Round About Central's Halls

Members of the expression department entertained a group of young people at a dinner at Hanscom park church recently. "Objections Overruled," a one act play, was presented by Mildred Nielsen '39, Jim Green '40, and Mildred Beasley '40. Jack Gariss '39, Mary Joan Evans '41, Rhoda Berstein '39, Blandene Rosenthal '41, Dolores Blandschein '41, and Eugene Hauge '41 were members of the cast of "Breakfast," which was also presented. Two readings were given by Goldie Azorin '39.

Winners of the Spanish spelldowns held in Miss May Mahoney's Spanish classes recently are as follows: Martha Marchant '40 and Maurice Hall '39, third hour; Jack Dwyer '40 and Al Busch '39, fifth hour; Norman Ross '40 and Anastasia Macchietto '40, sixth hours.

Coach Allie Morrison gave an address on football at the Davenport, Nebraska, high school last week.

In the list of teachers who are members of Phi Beta Kappa the names of Miss Ada Ewing and Mrs. Augusta Turpin were omitted.

Those who made the honor roll for Type I in Miss Dorothy Anderson's classes are the following: third hour—Marian Stecher, Rose Anne Coffin, Betty Compton, John Capoccia, Betty Baldwin and Suby Catania; eighth hour—Norma Kaplan, Martha Marchant, Marion Palmquist, and Stanley Silversman.

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SPORTS SPOTLIGHT

Central's gridders were indirectly honored this week when the Black Raiders of Sioux City East was one of eight teams considered for playing in a national prep championship game down south. The Eagles were the only team that could salvage so much as a tie from the Raiders. To do that we had to make six goal-line stands and depend on Weekes' kicking to get us out of the several holes we were in. Despite the fact that it was not the team that defeated us, Sioux City East had the greatest high school aggregation ever seen by yours truly.

You've all heard about the "blocking back," the boy who does all the work that is unheralded in the back-field. This is one time that you are going to hear OF him. For Bob Moran, who is the kind of a swell fellow that one imagines would fill the role, was the blocking back on Central's team this year. Very often it was through his hard, aggressive blocking that Weekes was enabled to make the opposing secondaries look foolish.

It has been rumored that some backer is going to invest in a glorified icebox where hockey hooligans and Sonja Henies may cut (and display) figures on the artificial ice. If such be the case, it would be capital of some enterprising school to organize a hockey team, and have hockey as one of the intercity sports. Such leagues are very common in the east and bring in a good gate, so why not?

If you happen to be one of those individuals who likes to sling it (and you probably do) you will be missing a great opportunity if you don't sign up for this year's intra-school bowling league after school tonight. Get a bunch of fellows together, organize a team, and register. Last year the league was a great success, and all the participants enjoyed it immensely. Registrations will be taken in Room 149.

"A tisket, a tasket; Central made a basket" will be the song as the basketeers of the Purple and White play South next Tuesday. Get your vocal chords in tune and be out in full attendance to support the team. The game will start at 3:15 p.m.

HOWARD SCHONBERGER,
Sports Editor

Seniors Attend N-Club Banquet

Members of the Purple grid team, 1938 city champs, were guests of the Omaha chapter of the "N" club at their annual banquet given at the Paxton hotel last Wednesday evening. A steak dinner was accompanied by after-dinner addresses by such noted personages as Coach Bernie Bierman of the Minnesota Gophers, Line Coach Lyman of Nebraska, and the members of Nebraska's squad. Biff Jones could not attend.

The dinner was attended by all the Omaha high school senior football lettermen and the coaches. Coaches Knapple and Buising attended with the seniors Goodsell, Krecek, Schonberger, Vecchio, Weekes, Moran, Swanson, Basso, Johnson, Halloway, Rodwell, Maisel, and Swenholt.

Grapplers Will Meet Iowa Champs

Pomodoro and Evans Will Bolster Purple Chances

With four returning lettermen and a number of experienced underclassmen, Central's chances for city and state wrestling honors are bright this season.

Head Coach Morrison and Assistant Coach Sorenson, aided by Clyde Kettleton and Howard Humphreys, have been pushing their pupils through the fundamentals. The squad contains good material from all four classes. Most of the boys have gained weight, thus putting them in a new class of competition. The gain will improve the caliber of the team after a period of hard training.

Nuncio Pomodoro, Maurice Evans, Al Garrotto, and Ernie Weekes are the men returning from last year. Sammy Bachman lettered the year before. A number of boys from last year's freshman ranks have been advanced to the first string.

Several of the starting positions have been decided by Coach Morrison, and the remaining berths will be settled after this week of eliminations. The opening meet will be with Cherokee, Iowa, December 10. The Iowa lads took the Iowa state championship last year and have a strong, well-trained team.

Slyter opens at 85 with Gene Evans and Louis Caniglia fighting it out for the 95 pound post. Maurice Evans, an all-state man last year, will hold down the 115 class, while Chilese and Garrotto battle for supremacy at 125. Another inter-squad battle is being waged between Podrousek and Latenser for domination of 135. Rossitto looks best so far for the 145 division. Boker and Weekes are battling at 155 with Al Caniglia at 165. However, Morrison may shift Weekes to 165 thus leaving Boker at 155. The heavyweight duties will probably be handled by Pomodoro.

WRESTLING SCHEDULE

- Dec. 10—Central vs. Cherokee at Cherokee
- Dec. 16—Central vs. South at Central
- Jan. 6—Central vs. North at Central
- Jan. 13—Central vs. Tech at Tech
- Jan. 24—Central vs. South at South
- Jan. 27—Central vs. T. J. at Central
- Feb. 3—Central vs. North at North
- Feb. 10—Central vs. Tech at Central
- Feb. 17—Central vs. Creighton Prep at Prep

whosit?

Age—17
Height—5 ft., 11 in.
Weight—150
Hair—Black
Eyes—Brown
Ambition—To have the girls quit calling him their hero.
Activity—Basketball, Register
Nickname—"Pwitty -Boy"
Favorite song—"60 Second Got Together"
Fitting song—"You Must Have Been a Beautiful Baby"
Favorite saying—"Aw, cut it out, fellows!"
Last week's whosit was Howard Schonberger.

Register's All-Opponent Team

By Howard Schonberger

In past years the Register sports department has picked an All-City team, the result being a repetition of the local papers' teams with perhaps the addition of one or two extra Centralites. It seems to me, however, since a reporter is not to believe anything he reads and only half of what he sees, that it would be impossible to select an accurate city team unless the writer saw every city game played by every city team.

In view of this fact, we are picking this year an All-Opponent team based on the performances that opposing players gave when they played against Central, and not upon their previous or later demonstrations of ability.

This has been done by gathering opinions of the fellows on the Central team after games, by my actual experience with opponents on the field, by comments made by our coaching staff, and by obtaining the expert advice of others on the sports staff. The following teams comprise the most formidable foes faced by Central's gridders the past season:

FIRST TEAM

- Dean Jackson, Lincoln.....LE
- Gilbert Baker, Tech.....LT
- Hammond, S. C. East.....LG
- Will Riordan, S. C. East.....C
- Bob Vassar, Benson.....RG
- LaVerne McGraw, S. C. East.....RT
- Adam Nashleanas, S. C. East.....RE
- Fred Metheny, Lincoln.....QB
- Perry Harris, South.....HB
- "Boots" Gallo, Abe Lincoln.....HB
- Howard Debus, Lincoln.....FB

SECOND TEAM

- Tom Capel, Abe Lincoln
- Rudy Matulka, South
- Bob Ogden, Lincoln
- Joe Parkington, Lincoln
- Bill O'Keefe, S. C. East
- Howard Martig, Benson
- Roland Grubbs, Fremont
- Bob O'Dell, S. C. East
- Paul Trasowech, S. C. East
- Dick Nisley, Tech
- Warren Marquiss, Benson

Hill Elected Officer Of Valley League

Plaque Will Be Given As Permanent Possession

At a meeting of the directors of the Missouri Valley Athletic association held in Sioux City last Saturday, Fred Hill, athletic director of Omaha Central, was elected secretary-treasurer. Schedules for 1939 and 1940 were arranged, and rules were discussed.

The directors voted to adopt a plan whereby each school in the conference is to have a plaque which will be its permanent possession. On the plaque will be engraved the conference championships and the year in which they are won.

Coach Knapple also attended the meeting to plan for the coming basketball season.

Tough Schedule Arranged For Central Cagesters

- Dec. 13—South at Central
 - Dec. 16—Lincoln at Lincoln
 - Jan. 6—Sioux City Central at Central
 - Jan. 13—Tech at Tech
 - Jan. 14—North at North
 - Jan. 20—Abe Lincoln at Central
 - Jan. 24—Benson at Benson
 - Jan. 28—Lincoln at Central
 - Feb. 3—South at South
 - Feb. 4—North at Central
 - Feb. 10—Sioux City East at Sioux City
 - Feb. 17—Abe Lincoln at Abe Lincoln
 - Feb. 21—Benson at Central
 - Feb. 24—Tech at Central
- All but South and Benson home games are at night.

Frosh Report For Practice

Forty Answer Call For Basketball Tryout

Forty freshmen answered Coach L. W. Buising's call last week for this year's freshman basketball team. The first year men report for practice 7:30 every morning in preparation for their first game, January 7.

Last year the frosh hoopsters were not as successful as they had been in recent years, but the new team will be out to regain the city championship. Coach Buising, with the help of the team manager, Reno Imolati, is organizing his team and, though doubtful, sees some possibilities of gaining honors.

The freshman basketball schedule is as follows:

- Jan. 7—Central vs. South at Benson—10 a.m.
- Jan. 14—Central vs. Benson at Central—9 a.m.
- Jan. 21—Central vs. Creighton Prep at Creighton Prep—9 a.m.
- Jan. 28—Central vs. Monroe at Tech—11 a.m.
- Feb. 4—Bye
- Feb. 11—Central vs. North at South—11 a.m.
- Feb. 18—Central vs. Tech at Benson—11 a.m.

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Purple Hoopsters Start Season Tuesday with South

Squad Built Around Kriss and Bramson

'Fencing No Sport For Sissy', Declares Olympic Instructor

When Joseph Vince, champion Olympic fencing instructor of the 1936 sabre squad, came to America from his native Budapest, he accepted a woman pupil to prove or disprove to himself that he could train a woman to become a champion like so many of his male students. She was such an apt pupil that she felled him in more than one way; she married him.

Today Mr. and Mrs. Vince, who was three times national women's champion, are traveling around the country to promote fencing as a regular school sport, like football, basketball, and baseball.

2,000 U. S. Schools Have Fencing
"There has been a marked increase in the fencing interests of students in the last few years," said Mr. Vince. "Today there are at least 2,000 high school in the country which include fencing in their curricula. Fencing is invaluable for good posture and body coordination. One must be erect to fence properly."

Fencing is as popular today in the European countries as it was in ages past, but the modern fencers wear guards.

The tips of their foils are blunted to avoid injuring the opponent. However, both Mr. and Mrs. Vince believe that America is the up-and-coming country for fencers, for the youth of today are becoming interested in the sport and will continue to practice it throughout their lives. The youth of Europe are so regimented in their daily life and are given so little free time for private sports that they are losing touch with the graceful art of fencing.

Must Practice to Be Good
However, fencing is not an art one can "pick up" in spare time. It is acquired over a long period of years and takes many hours of practice. Mr. Vince has been fencing for over 40 years.

"When I have been fencing for 50 years, I will consider myself an expert. One of the recent Olympic champions was over 50 years old. It is the only sport in which perfection may come in middle age," remarked the agile instructor, who is 47 now.

Fencing is a sport which has been considered rather feminine in this country, but in Europe, where it originated, there is no more manly art.

Central's basketeers ring up the total of the 1938-1939 cage season at 3:15 next Tuesday afternoon at our gym by playing South in a promises to be one of the most thrilling battles of the season. South into the game the more experienced of the two because of previous games with Blair and Tech, but Central has been showing up well in practice is by no means the underdog.

Coach Knapple has been using last year's lettermen, Jim Kriss and Bob Bramson are in key positions, and the other three spots well taken care of by Jack Bohan, Westy Basso, and Dustin Swanson. Besides these men there are several capable reserves to fill in. Among these, Bob Kahley, Leonard McAlaid, Al Pommerenk, and Char Vecchio are expected to show most skill. Vecchio has been absent from school for a week, and when gets back into shape, he will make a strong bid for a starting berth while Louis Wells, who lettered last year, will also be after a top spot. Wells has been forced to lay off practice for a week because of recurrence of a knee injury suffered in football.

South has its traditional top-notch cage team as usual. This year's big geared model is built around Pe Harris, fleet forward, who was one of the city's outstanding backs in football. Harris scored 15 of South's points in the Blair game.

The Purples are expected to be one of the city's high scoring teams with Jim Kriss, one of last year's high-score men, in the center position and Bob Bramson, who is an expert at teamwork and also a sharpshooter at forward. Kriss will be well remembered for contributing 20 Central's points in its 59-32 margin of Benson last year.

The probable starting lineups:

Central	South
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