

Senior Elections Soon; Committee Members Named

Seniors will go to the polls February 17 to elect officers to manage class business. Each person desiring to be a candidate may file for one office by giving his name to Miss Cecil Carter in room 228. This is the last day to file for an office.

Any senior in the upper third of the class may run for an office. After approval by senior counselors, senior sponsor and the principal, candidates will be announced in the senior auditorium homeroom February 5.

For three days, February 5, 8 and 11, students will be allowed to campaign for the primary election February 10.

Eleven boys and 12 girls appointed to supervise the election include Gerdyne Beaty, Jane Carlson, Beverly Cooper, Barbara Holmes, Kay Jorgensen, Sandra Joseph, Joyce King, Ivan Kretschmer, Connie Little, Susanne Richards, Kay Stephenson and Alice Vogel. The boys are Park Ames, Bill Bell, Roger Burke, Eugene Hanan, Laurance Hoagland, Morgan Holmes, Ray Kelly, Dyke Newcomer, Henry Pollack, Gary Ruck and Gary Salzman.

The committee, made up of seniors not running for office, will distribute and collect ballots and decide on questionable campaign tactics.

Ke Writes Letters to Central Seniors

Two Central seniors were greatly surprised when they received answers to letters they had written to President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The letters, sent by Nancy Overton and Ray Kelly, were written and mailed before Thanksgiving as part of an English assignment in Miss Josephine Frisbie's English VII classes. The answers came from President Eisenhower's aide, Sherman Adams, who expressed to Nancy the President's "warm thanks for our assurance of understanding and appreciation of the tremendous responsibilities of his office."

Ray's answer relayed a similar message. "The President particularly appreciates the letter you sent him as an expression of your reasons for being thankful. He found your letter very interesting."

Ray had thanked the President a representative of our country for good schools, happy homes and other blessings that are made possible by our system of government.

Miss Frisbie said that about three-fourths of the letter-writers had received answers, many in the form of Christmas greetings. The number of teachers thanked was high.

One reply came from a teacher the pupil had had in fourth grade. She wrote, "Your letter touched me very deeply. I have always felt that if I could reach only one child and help him or her lead a richer, fuller life, my years of teaching would not be in vain. I feel as though all my prayers had been answered."

Another teacher said, "It is pupils like you who make teaching such a wonderful job."

Staff to Participate in Journalism Clinic

Representatives from 45 Nebraska and Iowa schools will attend the combined sessions of the fifth annual High School Journalism Clinic and the first annual convention of District VIII of the Nebraska High School Press association at the University of Omaha February 4.

The day's program will include addresses by prominent persons from the press, radio, TV and public relations fields; panel discussions on common journalistic problems; competitions for both printed and mimeographed newspapers, and the presentation of awards to outstanding high school newspapers.

Central journalists participating in panel discussions will be Nora Brown, Editorial Page Patterns in Use at Central High School; Marilyn Flint, Using Salesmanship to Produce Advertising Sales; Marvin Lincoln, How Can We Write Colorful Sports Stories Without an Overdose of Adjectives and Editorial Opinion? Delmar Wilcox, "How Much Equipment Does a School Need for Thorough Editorial Coverage in Its Newspaper?" and Henry Pollack, "Using More Powerful Verbs in Headlines."

Contest areas entered by the Register are best news story, best sports story, best editorial, best feature story or column, best front page, best editorial and feature page and best sports page.

The Ball's the Thing ... CALENDAR

January
22—Prep game, there
23—Lincoln Central, there
25-28—Exams
28—North game, there (Ten.)
29—Military Ball
30—South, there
February
5—TJ game, here
5—Assembly
10—Assembly
12—AL game, there
12-13—State Wrestling tournament
19—Benson game, there
25—Assembly
26—Tech game, there
27—North game, here
EXAMS
Monday, January 25: 1:50-2:50—English
Tuesday, January 26: 8:30-9:30—History, Civics
Wednesday, January 27: 8:30-9:30—Language
Thursday, January 28:
8:30-9:30—Math
9:45-10:45—Science
11:00-12:00—Mod. Problems
Bus. Training
1:00-2:00—Conflicts

Ghost Woos McBride

The Spirit of 336 has returned. It was during a recitation of Hamlet in Miss Virgene McBride's English VII class. As the ghost of Hamlet's father descended from the shadowy mist, the room suddenly was pitched into darkness.

Students sat terrified as "Vallant Virgene" scanned the hall for the light switch culprit.

Officers Present Military Ball; Crack Squad, Band Spotlited



CANDIDATES FOR COLONEL'S LADY are top, Kay Jorgensen, Judy Lundt; middle, Mary Curtis, Connie Little, Marsha Waxenberg; bottom, Judy Whittaker, Nancy Tompkins.

Colonel's Lady to Be Revealed; 67 Cadets and Ladies to March

The seventeenth annual Military Ball, January 29 at Peony Park, to be highlighted by the announcement of the lieutenant colonel and his lady, will bring officership promotions to 67 senior cadets and the beginning of a Central ROTC regiment.

Preparations for Central's biggest and most hush-hush social affair, under the general chairmanship of Morgan Holmes, near completion as the cadets and their dates finish nearly three weeks of practice in the formation of intricate grand march maneuvers. The lieutenant colonel's lady has been elected by the Commissioned Officers' club from a list of seven senior candidates: Mary Curtis, Kay Jorgensen, Connie Little, Judy Lundt, Nancy Tompkins, Marsha Waxenberg and Judy Whittaker. The result of the secret ballot was tabulated by Principal J. Arthur Nelson and Master Sergeant Darrel W. Miller.

The ROTC band, under the direction of Noyes Bartholomew and cadet Fred Nelson, will begin the program with a concert at 8 o'clock. After presentation of the colors and the national anthem, J. Arthur Nelson will give his traditional address of welcome to the guests and audience.

The officers' promotion march or "suspense movement," which leads to the announcement of the lieutenant colonel, will find the cadets in platoon formation. As each name with the rank and position is read, the cadet will move out of line to take his place in the regiment formation until only one cadet remains . . . the Lieutenant Colonel of the 1954 Regiment. The new regiment commander will march his complement of officers off the floor, and the high-stepping Crack Squad, Central's foremost cadence drill unit, will execute its dazzling and intricate manuals under the direction of Cadet Second Lieutenants Richard Frank and Richard Gilinsky. The squad includes Mark Burke, Robert Forrest, Robert Larsen, Alan Levine and Phil Schragger, second year men, and Tom Bollinger, Gene Carlson, Gene DuBoff, John Goldner, Robert Hall, Jack Harrow, Dave Herzog, Robert Lucas, Bill Roark, Mike Thompson, John Watkins and Eugene Zweiback, first year members.

After the Crack Squad performance, the outstanding non-commissioned officer will then receive the Fred Hamilton award given on the basis of initiative, ability, leadership and scholastic rating. Then follows the grand march with the introduction of the officers and their ladies as they come onto the stage and take their respective places. With the appearance of the lieutenant colonel, the identity of the lieutenant colonel's lady will be revealed. Following the grand march and the first dance, which will be reserved for the officers and dates, the remainder of the evening will be occupied with dancing to Mal Dunn's orchestra.

The newly-formed regiment, which will better accommodate Central's greatly increasing ROTC department, will have two battalions of three companies each, plus the ROTC band.

The various Ball committees with their members include grand march—Richard Gilinsky, Richard Frank and Phil Schragger; invitations and seating—Henry Pollack and Eugene Zweiback; publicity—Sam Marvin and Robert Larsen; escorts and courtesies—Ronald Nemer and Mark Burke; stage and decorations—Gary Campbell, Jack Huffaker, Everett Richardson, Allen Akerson and George Ragan; tickets—Terry Moshier and Stan Davis, and officers' party—Laurance Hoagland.

Hruska Representative in DAR Essay Contest

Anne Marie Hruska, Central senior, was chosen as the school's representative to an essay contest sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution. The competition was held Saturday, January 16, at Joslyn Memorial.

Each chapter of the DAR sponsored different high schools for the contest. Central's sponsor, the Isaac Newton chapter, also had Benson, South and Bennington High.

Essays were on the topic "What Constitutes a Good Citizen?" The winning effort, penned by Julie Schwanager of Bennington High, will now be sent on to the state contest.

The winner will receive a pin from the DAR and all entrants will receive certificates from the club.

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TEN CENTS

Music Festival Highlights Four Central Soloists

Last week nearly 800 students from five Omaha high schools took part in the Omaha Centennial music festival which was held at the city auditorium. Among those participating in the orchestra, chorus and band were 167 Central High musicians and vocalists.

The program began with the festival orchestra's interpretation of several pioneer melodies. Leroy Anderson, noted composer and conductor from New York, led the orchestra in several pieces, including his own compositions "Penny Whistle" and "Fiddle Faddle."

Twenty-seven Central high orchestra members took part in the festival orchestra. Holding first chairs were Glen Burbridge, first oboes; Laurie Frank, second oboes; Virginia Frank, bassoons; Bill Ashley, third trombones and Joy Ann Woods, tympani. Lora Franklin received second chair in first violins.

The chorus, directed by Clayton Krehbiel, assistant professor in music education at the University of Kansas, began its part of the program by singing "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." Out of 500 vocalists, 120 were from Central. Central's Park Ames, Roger Burke, Larry Epstein and Gary Salzman were the four soloists.

The festival band began with the "Thunder Song March" and concluded their participation with their arrangement of the Centennial song "Salute to Omaha." Harold Walters, composer and band conductor from Chicago, conducted nearly 150 band members of Omaha high schools. Of the 19 members from Central, Paul Festeren received first chair in piccolos; Ernest Vincentini, third clarinets, and Jerry Gordman, fourth horns.

"The music festival helped to promote a fine feeling between high school students because they were working together instead of competing with each other," stated Mrs. Elsie Howe Swanson, Central's vocal instructor.

Some Changes Made

The new year saw some changes in the libraries. The magazine stand in 225 is now back to back with the college catalogs. In 425, History I students are receiving a "plus" in their education. Pictures of Egypt and Assyria from the valuable Carnegie collection have been hung around the room. This collection was donated to Central about 15 years ago. We were one of the few high schools in the country to receive this gift.

Old Neighbor Dies

Central High's oldest neighbor was gutted by fire during the night of January 11. The First Methodist church, on the southeast corner of 20th and Davenport, had been the scene of many Central High activities.

Central HI-Y and Y-teens held lenten services in the sanctuary of the church every year just before Easter vacation. Miss Marguerite Weymuller, sponsor of Y-Teens said, "The Y-teens are deeply indebted to the congregation of the First Methodist church for the use of their sanctuary for Central's lenten services and feel that the loss of the church is Central's tragic loss as well." The services this year will be held at Trinity Cathedral Episcopal church on Eighteenth and Davenport.

Central High Players' spring banquet was also held at the Church for several years. Art students sketched the Gothic structure from the art studio.

Road Show Managers Selected by Swanson

Three student managers, Roger Burke, Don Rohusek and Gary Salzman, have been chosen for the 1954 Road Show which will be held March 11, 12 and 13. Jack Huffaker will be student stage manager.

Tryouts for this all-school production will begin the week of February 8, but your acts should be registered in 14E before February 3. If you are a musician, actor or actress, singer or comedian, perfect your act and register it with Mrs. Elsie Howe Swanson.

Because this is Omaha's Centennial year, any skit based on the Centennial theme would be appropriate; however, other types of skits are needed and welcome, too.

You will have a better chance in the tryouts if your act is perfected and your costumes and any scenery you might need are complete. Judges will be a committee of several teachers headed by Mrs. Swanson.

Outdoorsmen Bestow Honors



MIKE GRAY AND DON KALISEK present certificate to Al Frisbie, Omaha World-Herald youth director.

As a special honor to people interested and active in conservation, the Outdoorsmen will present honorary memberships to the following persons: Ezra Taft Benson, Roy Busch, W. Edward Clark, Mrs. Elizabeth Crabbe, Esmond Crown, Glenn Cunningham, Benny Davis, Harold Egen, Dwight D. Eisenhower and Al Frisbie. Others are Paul Gilbert, Norman Harled, H. W. Haun, Frank Y. Knapple, Harry Koch, Douglas McKay, Warren Marquiss, Andrew Nelson, J. Arthur Nelson, Marlon Perkins, Duane Perry, Frank Pipal, Arthur and Robert Storz and Howard Wolfe.

In addition to an honorary mem-

bership, Mr. Koch, president of fish and wild life service, will be presented five dollars to be used for "ducks unlimited."

Four books recently presented to the library were Wild Life the World Over, Snakes of the World, Audubon Water Bird Guide and Wildlife Portfolio of the Western National Parks.

At their next meeting, Terry Pierce will show colored films of the wild life of Colorado and Wyoming.

On March 15-21 the Outdoorsmen will try to bring "home" to students and faculty the meaning of Conservation week. Stickers, a movie and a showcase display will be the methods. Their aim is to see each student take

Midterm Exercises Next Tuesday Eve

Ten Central seniors will terminate their high school education at the January graduation next Tuesday evening. To be held at the Benson high auditorium, the exercise, combining graduates from the five Omaha public high schools, will feature addresses by Mrs. Evelyn Lucas, newly elected president of the Omaha school board, and Dr. Walter K. Beggs, Professor of Education at the University of Nebraska. Chosen from the music clinic choir will be 50 vocalists—10 from each of the five high schools—who will furnish the musical background.

Graduating from Central are the following: John Arnold, Doshiella Drew, Toby Fellman, Monica Joffe, Ann Matulevich, Kathy Miller, Shirley Montgomery, Frank Loos and Denny Mogis.

Although Rota Krummins will graduate in January as far as her credits are concerned and will leave Central, she has chosen to wait until June to receive her diploma.

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A loud roar was heard coming from old Capitol Hill, namely Central High school. Windows were shaking, the building was trembling!!! We dashed toward the door. A gust of wind pulled us in and swept us through the crowd. Suddenly we stopped! Here it was, we had found it at last!

What??? you say? It was room 149 where all those wonderful '54 O-Books are going to be on sale during the week of February 8. It is to be the thickest and neatest, and has more pictures than one could ever imagine. But, seniors, BEWARE!!!! Your picture proofs must be returned to the studio by February 1!

A special program will be held early in February for the student body, and for further entertainment a sox dance, the Camera Cut-Up, sponsored by the art and journalism departments, will be held February 5.

Move on, Son

In library Mrs. Ida Kirn came up to a young man who was reading the newspaper over the shoulder of another boy and reminded him of the library rule "Only one at a time." Imagine her chagrin when the culprit turned out to be Robert Harris, debate coach!

We Haven't Seen Him Lately!

Circular notice: Tonight at 3:10 in our gym we wrestle Abraham Lincoln.

Student Opinion Poll

Study Halls . . Student Problem!

"Didn't you even pass study hall?" . . . an irate father to his son.

There is more truth than humor in this question. Many of us "flunk" study hall. We, ourselves, don't take advantage of this opportunity to study, and we make it impossible for others to do so.

The problem of study hall conduct lies completely with the students for no teacher can control a group that doesn't want to be controlled. Therefore, Wentworth Clarke's student committee have launched a poll to get student opinion on the present study hall system.

Simply fill out the ballot below and place it in the suggestion box in either room 119 or 225.

- 1. Should students be allowed to sleep during study halls? Yes? No?
2. Should a student be allowed to talk without gaining permission? Yes? No?
3. Should a student be allowed to leave study hall to go to his locker, the bookroom, etc.? Yes? No?
4. What suggestions have you toward curbing rule-breakers and improving the study hall attitude of students and teachers?
5. Should a simplified set of study hall rules be drawn up and approved by students and teachers? If so, what rules should be included?
6. Should a committee of study hall teachers and students be formed to meet periodically to discuss study hall problems? Yes? No?

Give More in '54

The serious epidemics of the past few years make it unnecessary to stress the importance of polio prevention . . . importance to you especially, for four out of every five polio victims are under 21 years. The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis has added to its past three services, professional medical education, research, patient aid, a fourth, polio prevention. For the first time research has produced both gamma-globulin and a tested vaccine to prevent polio. Only time can prove the success or failure of these latest discoveries, but only your support can make their importance known. Give that 10c coke at Tiner's, that 10c ice-cream cone at lunch to combat polio. One, 10, even 100 dimes can't begin to meet the cost of one polio case, but those small sums of money contributed by all Americans may provide the final answer to infantile paralysis in 1954.

N. B.

Omaha Sees Century of Progress

A century of progress is not only measured by time but also by the people who foresaw the future to be carved from the plains. To these stout-hearted men and women a vision of bigger and better things for tomorrow was the challenge they met, and succeeding generations have added their brains and brawn for the future of Omaha.

One hundred years ago Omaha was the home of Indians. Then, settlers built log cabins, and commerce began to flow toward this village on the banks of the Missouri river. From the busy town of sawmills, steamboats and overland teaming, Omaha has grown into a thriving metropolis.

The many firsts that Omaha has achieved in the past hundred years is an excellent reflection on its citizens. Its schools, churches, public buildings and institutions are a credit to Omaha's pioneer founders who demanded these things for the generations to come. The banner of "always forward" has been an incentive both to the pioneers and the present generation. Marking before all the world a hundred years' step in the march of progress is bound to increase the filial pride and incentive of Omaha's future leaders. Omaha will be in good hands under the guidance of today's youth whose forefathers helped to make possible the centennial of the city of Omaha.

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January 22

Oh grand and great
Jan. twenty-two,
I've had such a wait
Preparing for you ---

The biggest day
Of all the year,
And now, dear day,
At last you're here!

I asked the managing editor
And everyone on down,
I asked the paper's creditor
(The printer who's downtown.)

I crept into one-forty-nine
And hunted through the files,
But not a single clue could find
In the piles and piles and piles.

For all I craved was info.
On Jan. the twenty-tooth,
But as no one seemed to know,
I figured "What's the uth?"

Then much to my delight,
I got my one big chance
To have a small insight,
To the meaning, in advance.

For due to my skill on it,
I was asked to write a clue,
A clever little sonnet
On Jan. the twenty-two.

But much to my dismay,
One thing is still amiss.
I simply still can't say
Exactly what it iss!

We, of the committee on research for the betterment of underprivileged students . . . who study . . . hereby proclaim a new national holiday . . . JANUARY 22. This momentous announcement comes only after months of extensive study in the fields! (corn) Only now are we able to disclose our findings (with due respect to Senator McCarthy) to civilization . . . and to the students of Central High.

The Departments Speak! - - -
Methods Modernize Math
Fourth of a Series

This issue's departmental spotlight is focused on mathematics.

In order to fully understand the modern methods of mathematics teaching, the following question was asked of each teacher in the department: "What new approaches and practical applications of math are you using in the classroom?"

Mrs. Blough: Lesson assignments are not pages to be covered or problems to be worked. Rather, they are new skills growing out of former skills; they are new ideas suggesting applications to the next assignment and in this way are challenges for individual achievement.

Mr. Busch: The Algebra I classes have studied the law of the lever in the physics laboratory by balancing weights on a meter stick. This helps students understand the practical applications of the lever.

Miss Clayton: I try to add some interest to my classes by incorporating games in the course of study. We use "baseball" as a method of reviewing algebra. The geometry classes constructed geometrical solids for our Christmas tree.

Miss McCarter: We stress the presence of material things in our surroundings. We find that math is in all modern scientific discoveries; it is in amusements, art, advertising, propaganda, machines, maps and textiles.

Mr. Perry: I do try to relate our subjects to the everyday situations that arise and to make the subject interesting by using visual aids and illustrations of how math is used in other fields.

Mr. Smagacz: Work is stimulated by the photographs, diagrams, daily and weekly scores plus blackboard drills, interest on property taxes, life insurance, checking accounts and ways of sending money and budgets through the mails.

You know the present day methods of math teaching, but have you ever wondered what math teaching was like several years ago? Mr. Andrew Nelson, head of Central's math department,

"The books had less motivation, fewer illustrations, and few practical applications. There were, however, a great number of drill exercises."

Viola, L'Exams!

Did you ever know it to fail
When exam time comes around,
The freshmen all turn pale,
And their teeth make a chattering sound

The sophomores turn bright blue
At the thought of an exam,
And from seven until two,
They cram, and cram, and cram!

The juniors all turn gray
And get weak in the knees,
But after tests are over,
They say they were a breeze.

And then we have the seniors bright
And always so blase,
Who turn a lovely purple and white,
'Cause it's more patriotic that way.

Unabridged Documentary Report
Forerunning events

- 1. On January 22, 26,000 BC, the ninth wife of the Neanderthal man was executed (hung by the neck until the rope finally broke) for cooking her husband's three-minute egg four minutes . . . all of which proves that an egg in time saves nine.
2. On January 22, 40 BC, Publius S. Pono invented the first reversible, washable kleenex . . . which now knows the Roman nose!
3. On January 22, 1200 AD, Sir Oswald the Indifferent developed the first system of advertisement. His first billboard read:
A—always moldy
B—better toothpaste
C—cooler sunlamps

Always Buy Camels or Be Happy Go Lemac
4. On January 22, 1936 Betty Egbert was born!!!
In view of the many tremendous effects these many events have had on many people, many countries celebrate this holiday in many ways with many customs. Others just forget it!

Unabridged Documentary Report Cont'

- Forms of celebration
1. On January 22, in the southwest section of Morovia, inhabitants wear their ancient ancestors' native costumes which consist of.
2. On January 22, in the more fashionable centers of the world such as Paris, Rome, London, etc., they play atom bomb. (Only Moscow is omitted from this group, but novelist, Mickey Spillienin, promises that according to their most recent five-year plan, H-bomb will be played in 1975.)

You can see that this astounding expose is of vital importance to every man, woman and child . . . or any other various denominations running around. Therefore, we have taken the liberty to proclaim that this day should be set aside and celebrated at CHS . . . thusly . . .

- Freshman—Sing "Jovial January 22 To You" in the lunchroom.
Sophomores—Load your pea-shooters with black and blue paper wads. These are the official colors of January 22.
Juniors—Make a pilgrimage into the fiction room to honor the twenty-second book on the twenty-second shelf.
Seniors—Just skip!

WHETHER WE WRITE IT LARGE
orwhetherewritesmall
We Want To Wish A Jovial
January 22 To You All!

Bolshevik Ball

Evening, comrades. Is no use to say good evening . . . all evenings are good in happy U.S.S.R. This is Vladimir Steinweissky bringing you a blow-by-blow description of big social wing-ding of Russian winter season. This is big dance where promising young leaders receive Hero badges. Ball is taking place in Extra Special High School for Extra Special Smart Russian youth. Ballroom is large and well lighted. Is no subversive activity here.

Teachers are now arriving; they all wear sable, ermine, and/or mink. Teachers are all well paid in Russia. Teachers are all beautiful and happy, and all teachers have escorts. All girls and women always have escorts in U.S.S.R.

Ah, the lights are growing dim. There will be a concert by the band. They will play a special number entitled, "All Hail to Stalingrad" (soon to be known as Malenkovgrad). Also on the program is Benohvitz's "Portrait of a Three Minute Egg," Romashavitsky's "Rolling Down to St. Petersburg," Chopinagoff's "Symphony No. 64 in F Sharp Minor Flat," Sergi Schliekeneff's "To a Mig 37." The concluding selection will be Andre Korsakoff's "Waltz for Harp, Piccolo, Bassoon, Tuba and Moose Horn in H." Wasn't that lovely? All music in Russia is beautiful. Glorious Leader will make a short speech also, but Glorious Leader's speech will be on the front page of all Soviet free press publications for the next week so there is no use broadcasting it. All people may now go out for a short vodka.

Now the Hero candidates and their ladies are ready to make their appearances. They will appear at the southwest portico, make their entrance on a grand sweeping stairway, circle the room and take their positions sitting cross legged on the sawhorses.

First comes Egbert Starnheim and Maria Regiskyber-son. Maria's dress of dark brown Starnafloss is draped gracefully over three hoops of barbed wire. Now entering the portico is Leberace Schoninkopf and Martha Steakonabun. Martha's dress is too awful for words so why waste them? A few more peasants have oozed in and taken their places. Nothing spectacular about them except that one girl has on an orange angora formal, encrusted with bleu cheese, and dangling from her one ear lobe is a lobster tail, symbolizing the popularity of water in bath tubs.

The suspense is now broken for the announcement of the number one Lieutenant Hero is about to be made. He is chosen by the Kremlin floor mopping and laundry squad. His name . . . Georgie Stalin Lenin-Carst. The popular lady in his arm (Great Heavens, Paul, can't she walk?) is Petreina Ilyitch Grumple. Her gown is a clever replica of the flag of the U.S.S.R. She carries the traditional Russian bouquet: geraniums, sunflowers and celery stalks, intertwined with nodding petunias.

The young leaders and their lassies will perform difficult quadrangles all over the floor; and after that a delicious repast of head-cheese on dry Rye-Krisp, watered vodka will be sold for a pittance. (I hope all of you have your pittances with you because this shouldn't be passed up.)

The floor is cleared for Hero's cossack dance. All have good time . . . but Hero's must remember to report to most excellent Salt Mines early in morning.

Central profile
World Traveler

Fred Nelson

Activities and experiences unlimited . . . this could be just one way to describe Fred Nelson, our profile this week.



Photo by Constable

FRED NELSON

as well as a member of the dance band.

Fred, president of the Science-Math club, recently topped his science record by being awarded the national Bausch and Lomb award as the outstanding science student at Central. This qualifies him as a candidate for the Bausch and Lomb scholarship. He has already won a scholarship to Omaha university for his project in photography.

Our profile also claims a two-year membership on Student Council and on Junior Honor society, a commission as a Second Lieutenant in ROTC and membership in Chess club.

Outside of school Fred devotes much of his time to his activities as an Eagle Scout. Two years ago he was one of seven boys chosen from Nebraska to attend the International Boy Scout Jamboree in Austria. On this trip he toured Europe and Africa where he took over 550 colored slides. His experiences include anything from being completely lost in Venice to attending the Folies Bergere in Paris!

Fred's many notorious camping trips have taken him to the Black Hills, Colorado and all sections of Nebraska. In fact, our world traveler has been in 38 states, eight countries and three continents.

Rating particularly high on his list of favorites are sports cars, blondes, French fried shrimp, pheasant hunting, fishing and mountain climbing. In connection with this last, he even succeeded in hitch-hiking up Pike's Peak. Our profile's pet peeves are women drivers and getting up in the morning; and his suppressed desire is to have everyone attend the . . . plug "Spring Swing," April 15 . . . unplug.

Fred's future plans include an education at an eastern college and a second world tour (this time in a MG). He is as yet undecided as to a vocation, but with his many abilities Fred is sure to succeed in whatever field he chooses.

Tevee

This Is Basketball?

Let's face it! Basketball is actually a highly organized—somewhat complicated—game of "keep away."

The excitement begins with the energetic jump of the two contestants making the initial move. The one who marks his X on the ceiling first gains the advantage by maneuvering the basketball to his favorite running mate . . . he ignores the fact that in front of his contemporary are two giant-sized guards mechanically waving their arms about.

If singled out, a basketball guard in action sharply reminds one of a modern television dancer, sword fighting an imaginary knight. The purpose of his exercise is to keep the ball away from his opponents, especially the one he's guarding!

After obtaining the all-important sphere, the star player—the shortest in the crew—immediately races to the opposite half of the court. While running, he is required to dribble. In other words, he must keep the ball away from his hands by bouncing it several times during a stride.

Unfortunately, our hero dribbles his charge right out of control. Ten towering teammates stamped after the unassuming piece of vulcanized rubber. Naturally, with so many big fellows vying for possession of one thing, there's bound to be a foul—holding, tripping, etc. By avoiding physical contact or keeping away from the members of the opposite side, a player can avoid breaking rules and consequently remain in the game.

The athlete we've been rootin' for recovers the bouncing sphere and shoots for the first two points of the contest. Evidently the material tools of the game know how to play "keep away" too. Basket is holding partner Ball in its network of strings to keep Ball away from its pursuers!

Judy

Garden of Eden

Council Plans Series

Your 1953-1954 Student Council hopes that by initiating this series of articles, you, the student body, will understand better the functions of your council. These articles will attempt to bring to the students the full realization that the council is their representative governing body in close contact with Mr. Nelson and the faculty. Without your co-operation we have very little to represent, and our activities are limited to that of an individual organization. In the coming issues we will explain the functions of the Intra-City Council and relate our immediate activities.

Our purpose is to crystallize student opinion and to serve as a medium for the exchange and formulation of ideas between the students and the faculty.

Cagers to Prep, Matmen Invade North Tonight

Eagles Encounter Links Saturday; Matmen Seek 26

by Marvin Lincoln

Central's winter sportsmen face a full card this weekend.

The basketball warriors swing into action against Creighton Prep tonight on the Blue and White court and then journey to Lincoln tomorrow night for a tussle with the Capital Citizens.

Central's basketball hopes received a jolt when it was learned that Jim Carroll, senior center, would be ineligible until the final two games of play.

Prep is expected to prove rugged competition for the Eagle five. The Junior Jays, currently holding down the number nine ranking in the state, own victories over fourth-ranked Tech and Boys Town on the sixth rung.

Central, however, defeated Prep earlier this season 41-38. It was the Eagles' only win in seven starts.

Links Beaten Once

Lincoln Central, the number two team in the state, owns a flashy 7-1 record. The Links boast wins over Omaha Tech and highly-touted Lincoln Northeast. The Capital City crew's only loss was a 64-63 overtime defeat at the hands of Grand Island.

The Eagles thus far this season have compiled an unenviable 1-6 record. The main trouble has been, says coach Warren Marquiss, in the defense.

"As the defense improves, so will the team's play," Coach Marquiss said.

"The team has shown improvement as the season has gone along," Marquiss continued. "Norman Hudgins has aided the team with his improved play and will earn a starting berth tonight."

"The team has been hitting a fair percentage of their shots—32 per cent against Benson, 35 per cent against Tech—but coldness at the free throw line has continually kept us behind."

Vikes Try to Avenge

Meanwhile, a record of 25 straight wins will hang in the balance as the grapplers face North tonight. Coach Sorensen's matmen defeated the North crew in the last tussle, 22-14, but they had to win the last two matches to pull out on top.

The grunt 'n groaners are expected to be at full strength for tonight's tiff at 3:30 on the North mats.

Seconds Edged; Now Off Top

Tied with Benson reserves for first place, the Eagles seconds were forced off the rule of the roost when the Bunnies came out top-side of a 35-32 decision January 15 on the home court.

The Karabatsos kings held their own through the entire game but fell to a late fourth-quarter Benson surge.

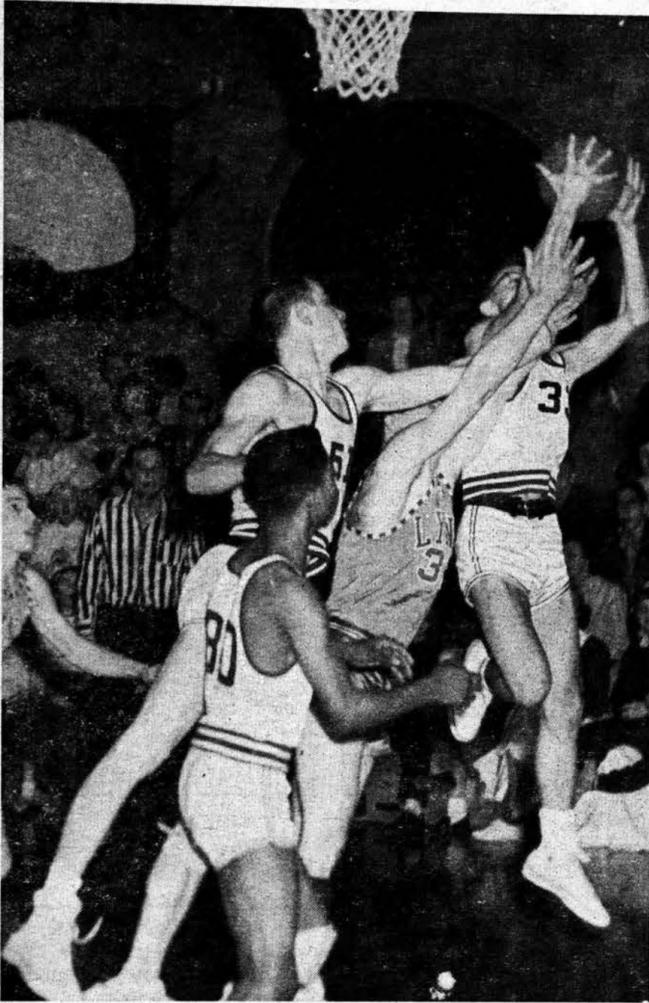
Larry Carmody turned in a stellar performance for the Hilltoppers and helped keep Central in the game to the very last. Sophomores Dick Kelley and Doug Cohn also aided the cause with eight and six points respectively.

It was a reverse of signals the following night when the Eagle seconds turned the tide with a 42-33 win over the Trojans of Tech.

A speedy Abe Lynx five spelled the initial defeat for Eagle reserves as they ushered in the new year with a 60-39 downfall January 8 at the Hilltop gym.

The first of the new 1954 basketball battles, the invaders displayed traditional AL class—and teamwork. Central was befuddled by the fast-breaking, accurate passing and precise shooting displayed by the Lynx. Larry Carmody and Wally Bryans were sparkplugs in the futile Eagle drive, as Bryans gathered ten points and Carmody had eight.

The high-flying Eagle reserves bumped a hapless TJ outfit by the tune of 48-32 December 18 at the Abraham Lincoln gym.



— Photo by Wilson Wilcox

HILLTOPPERS HUDGINS, BOETEL AND LINCOLN . . . converge on helpless AL cager to snare rebound in 64-50 setback.

Hoopsters Drop Four in Row; Fall Behind in League Race

Central's basketballers continued their losing habits as they dropped hard-fought decisions to rugged Benson and Tech fives.

A tall Tech quintet, monopolizing the boards throughout the game, handed the Eagles their fifth straight setback, 57-49, last Friday in the Eagle gym.

The lengthy Maroons, led by Jarrett Webb and Jack Hansen, pulled to an early 4-0 lead and were never headed. Central stayed within shooting distance, however, and trailed by only 10-8 as the first quarter ended.

Tech continued the assault in the third period as they held a 42-28 margin at the end of the stanza. The Cuming street lads effectively bottled up the Eagles' offensive attack, forcing them to shoot long shots.

Thomas and Carroll with five points each helped the Purples to a 20-point fourth quarter, but it wasn't enough and the final tally read 57-49. Ruck and Carroll fouled out in the final period to detriment the Eagle cause.

Purples Topple to Benson as Belated Rally Tamed

A last-minute surge by the Eagles in the Bunny contest was killed by fouls as the Marquissmen fell to the Green and White 48-42.

Central closed Benson's lead to 44-42 on Gary Ruck's shot with 16 seconds left, but Don Muenster hit from close in for a four-point edge with 12 seconds remaining. The nervous Eagles then fouled again in a desperate attempt to tie, and Herb Dehart iced the match with two free throws.

Benson grabbed a 6-0 lead with less than a minute played in the contest, and the Purples never recovered. However, baskets by Joe Warner and Jim Carroll narrowed the Bunnies' lead to 21-19 at halftime.

Top-Ranked Abe Lincoln Continues Winning Ways

A fast-breaking, sharpshooting Abraham Lincoln basketball crew defeated a ragged Central cager squad

Warner Heads Scorers

	fg.	ft.	pf.	tp.
J. Warner	24	12-24	12	60
G. Ruck	17	13-24	20	47
Red Thomas	13	15-25	11	41
Chuck Boetel	10	12-27	18	32
J. Carroll	9	14-28	18	32
Norm Hudgins	9	9-21	6	27
G. Williams	10	9-14	5	25
Bob Lincoln	1	1-2	2	3
Fred Buffet	1	0-0	1	2
G. Haman	0	0-0	2	0

64-50 January 8 in the Central gym. The victory kept Abraham Lincoln undefeated and rated first in the intercity while the Eagle record became 1-3.

The contest proved to be a one-sided affair as the Lynx obtained a first quarter advantage and never lost it. The Purple and White grabbed a momentary lead on Gary Ruck's two pointer at the start of the game. The Iowans then took control of the situation and went ahead 3-2 on Mark Thompson's free throw and Bill Cambron's basket. The Council Bluffs lads were challenged only once after that when Chuck Boetel's lay-up put the Hilltoppers only four points behind.

AL's Thompson and Cambron were high scorers with 19 and 18 points respectively while Hilltop leaders were Boetel and Joe Warner with 11 and 10 points respectively.

Flyboys' Early Lead Fades as Hoopsters Tumble Again

A first-quarter lead rapidly faded as Central dropped a 46-39 decision to Thomas Jefferson December 18 in the Abraham Lincoln gym.

Baskets by Joe Warner, Gary Ruck and Jim Carroll composed the Eagle scoring in the first period as they held a 6-3 lead. The Yellowjackets failed to hit from the field as they scored on three free throws but changed their tone in the second stanza.

Ron Clinton and Don Brown sparked their team to 17 points in the second quarter as TJ held a 20-15 halftime lead. The Council Bluffs lads continued the barrage in the second half with fourteen and twelve points in the remaining quarters.

Central narrowed TJ's lead to 41-36 with less than a minute left in the game, but Brown and Abe Steiner clicked for baskets to ice the game for the victors.

Ruck and Gene Williams lead the Purples' scoring with eight points each.

INTERCITY BASKETBALL STANDINGS

	W.	L.	Pts.	Opp.
Abe Lynx	7	0	369	295
Benson	6	1	364	298
Tech	4	3	320	305
North	3	3	277	300
Prep	2	5	302	313
South	2	5	303	359
Tee Jay	2	5	330	361
CENTRAL	1	5	269	303

INTERCITY WRESTLING STANDINGS

	W.	L.	T.
CENTRAL	7	0	0
South	4	2	1
Tech	3	3	1
Abe Lynx	3	4	0
North	3	4	0
Tee Jay	0	7	0

Sorensen Grapplers Hike String to 25 with Wins over TJ, South, Tech, AL

Without the aid of North High Invitational Champion Dave Roseland, Central's grapplers won a 22-16 decision over tough Abe Lincoln in the Purple gym January 22 for victory number 25 without a loss.

167-pounder Ellie Watkins was the Eagle big gun as he clinched the triumph with a 4-1 decision over AL's Chas Gates.

Results:
95—John Williams, Central, decided Dick Bachman, 3-2.
103—Bill Hudgins, Central, pinned Bob Tallman, 1-53.
112—Dave Hollinger, Abraham Lincoln, decided Charles Vacanti, 5-0.
120—Don Andrews, Central, decided Frank Jerkoich, 8-4.
127—Mickey Rocha, Abraham Lincoln, pinned Bob Mechan, 3-00.
133—John Radicia, Central, decided Duane Coleman, 8-4.
138—Jack Byrne, Central, decided Bill Story, 3-0.
145—Vern Hodge, Abraham Lincoln, decided Ray Gallagher, 6-2.
154—Ray Messeri, Abraham Lincoln, decided Al Rosen, 5-0.
165—Ellie Watkins, Central, decided Charles Gates, 4-1.
Heavyweight—Dean Stapleton, Abraham Lincoln, drew with Jim Goermar, 1-1.
Referee—John Garrett, University of Nebraska.

Rosen, Goermar Provide Narrow Margin Triumph

Alan Rosen and Jim Goermar became Central's wrestling heroes as their wins continued the Eagle record-breaking win streak. The bone-benders eked out a 20-16 victory over a powerful Tech team and won their twenty-fourth consecutive match.

The Purple and White surged to an early 9-0 lead on John William's, Bill Hudgin's and Charles Vacanti's decisions; but the Maroons crept back and trailed only by one point going into the last three matches.

154-pound Rosen then whipped

Tamidami Bowlers Tops as Keglers Start Season

Boys bowling has started again, and now after three weeks, it looks as if it will be a close league. With a difference of only 4 games between the first six teams, a slip any week might prove costly.

However, the Tamidami crew of Fred Simon, Stan Widman, Dave Widman, Morris Shrago and Tanny Horwich has managed a one game lead on the rest of the pack.

The team is led by Fred Simon who holds both individual records, with a 247 game and a 593 high series. Fred also carries the highest average in the league with a sparkling 177. He is followed by Mike Combs, 160; Bob Epstein, 157; Howie Kooper, 152; and Art Schwartz, 147. The team records are held by the King Pins who have bowled a 667 game and a 1811 series.

Bowling Standings

	W.	L.
Tamidami	14	7
Alley Cats	13	8

Star of the Week . . .

Goermar Extends Purple Streak



— Photo by Wilson Wilcox

HEAVYWEIGHT JIM GOERMAR . . . keeps Eagle string intact with crucial victory. The change from a supporting role to a major lead made sophomore Jim Goermar rise to great heights and thus receive your sports staff's "Star" award.

For the first time this season, a win in the heavyweight division was needed to insure a Central victory. Beaten previously by his opponent, Lou Woods of Tech, Jim came through when the chips were down.

The Eagles were leading 17-16 and a defeat in the final match would

mean the loss of the entire contest and the snap of a 25-match win streak. During the middle of the dual, Jim managed to slip away from his rival, gaining the necessary one point. He then gallantly held on to his Tech adversary, thereby preserving the Eagle win.

This important victory should bolster Jim's confidence and poise. Great things are expected of him in the near future, as he will have two remaining years after the current season.

Six Consecutive Victories Enable Defeat over South

Six straight victories pepped Central's bonebenders to a 28-10 triumph over South.

After Bill Hudgins opened the match by deadlocking with Percy Curtis, 4-4, Bob Amato, Charlie Vacanti, Don Andrews, Jack Byrne, John Radicia and Dave Roseland all garnered victories to give the Eagles a 23-2 lead.

Roseland led the spree with a 50-second pin of Herb Gilvon. Roseland, wrestling out of his weight, ran his undefeated string to nine.

Alan Rosen and Ellie Watkins also scored victories for the Purples, Rosen defeating Nick Chiburis 2-0, and Watkins edging James Shaw 1-0.

Two of Central's dependables came through in expectedly tough matches. Vacanti overcame Carmen Barone 2-0, and Radicia bested John Curtis 1-0.

The Sorensen men extended their win streak to 22 on December 18 as they easily triumphed over Thomas Jefferson 34-7.

ROTC Sharpshooters Whip Favored Northmen 888-883

Central high riflers won the initial match of the second semester by defeating the North Vikings 888-883. The Eagles avenged an earlier defeat by the favored Vikes and in doing so raised their hopes for a top placing in inter-city competition.

Viking Wallace Kelly was high scorer with 185, while Hilltoppers Bob Weigel and Laurence Hoagland followed with 183's. Ron Brodkey, team captain, copped a 178 for fourth spot.

Rifle competition at the first of the year will not enter into the second semester ratings. The Hilltoppers now have a chance to equal last year's top position in the standings.

Lucky Strikes	12	9
Middlemen	11	10
King Pins	10	11
Gutter Guys	10	11
Wild Cats	8	13
Ice Box 4	6	15

Red Cross Works on Gift Box Drive; Smagacz' Room Leads

Central's Junior Red Cross launched its annual gift box project January 12. Two empty Red Cross boxes were given to each homeroom to be packed with presents for the needy children in Europe. The individual homerooms were at liberty to fill as many as they pleased, and the donations were optional.

Frank Smagacz's homeroom was first to return two completed boxes to 333, headquarters. Miss Verona Jerabek's 315, Miss Jane Nichol's 313 and Mrs. Amy Sutton's 137 supplied four filled boxes and tied for the highest number of gift packages from any one homeroom. Wentworth

Clarke's homeroom stuffed three boxes and Miss Gayle Phillips' freshman homeroom contributed \$4.25 to the project for filling their three boxes.

Homeroom representative Helen Hokanson (328) proved most original in her purchase for the European boys and girls. Her choice included opera glasses, a navy wool cap with a red tassel and a compact sewing kit. More commonly sent are marbles, jacks, hair ribbons, soap, balls and plastic or rubber streamline cars.

The tiny tots across the sea are not forgotten. A few special boxes are filled with baby's favorite toys.

Eagle Debatores Prepare for Memorial Tournament

Central debaters, after finishing third place at the Missouri Valley Girls' tournament and capturing a trophy at the Nebraska Wesleyan university invitational, are looking forward to the Mortensen Memorial tournament.

Representing Central at Missouri Valley, Jerry Beaty, Joyce Bennett, Phyllis Brdaford and Pat Beran, had a winning record of nine out of 14. Jerry and Joyce gave the champion team from North High its only defeat.

At the Nebraska Wesleyan tournament Central's Jerry Cooper and Stan Fellman won a trophy for making the semi-finals. They also came away with the distinction of defeating the national sweepstake champs from Washington High, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and the South Dakota state champs.

The debate department is now preparing for the Mortensen Memorial invitational tournament to be held here February 5 and 6.

Nurse Warns Students; Protect Against Viruses

Mrs. Marie Dwyer, school nurse, reports that this is the time of the year to be aware of colds, sore throats and flu. She states that three cases of mumps have been recorded at Central and one of both measles and chicken pox.

"The best prevention," says Mrs. Dwyer, "is to stay away from people who have already been exposed, but once you have caught one of the diseases, the best cure is to isolate yourself and stay in bed."

Cadet Officers to March at Ball

The officers and their ladies who will march in the ball include the following: Robert Abramson and Fayna Manvitz, Allen Akerson and Georgiana Stober, Park Ames and Cynthia Bell, Edward Belzer and Barbara Ruback, Ronald Brodkey and Carol Micklin, Gary Campbell and Sandra Garey, Louis DeVan and Nancy Gassaway, Thomas Dudycha and Peggy Hellner, Lawrence Epstein and Barbara Joffe, Richard Frank and Gwen Stoler, Edward Ganz and Beth Marvin, Richard Gillinsky and Marcia Krupinsky, Fred Goermer and Sandra Vosseler, Timon Greene and Prudie Morrow, Thomas Hauser and Verlene Finch, Lawrence Hawthorne and Judith Hansen, Harold Herrin and Suzan Mueller, Ronald Hess and Carol Vingers, Laurance Hoagland and Julie Martin, Jerry Hoberman and Judy Rosen, David Hoffman and Beverly Stahmer, Morgan Holmes and Judy Whittaker and Jack Huffaker and Sally Johnson.

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Additional officers and dates include Henry Pollack and Marsha Waxenberg, Edward Rhodes and Myrna Vlasnik, Everett Richardson and Judy Lundt, Alan Rosen and Patricia Mogil, Gary Salman and Betty Egbert, Stephen Saylor and Sandra Joseph, Arthur Schwartz and Judy Cohn, Larry Schwartz and Jean Cutler, Robert Shukert and Pat Smith, Clifford Smith and Joan Kretschmer, Ramon Somberg and Suzanne Richards, Larry Swanson and Jacqueline Johnson, James Taylor and Elly Peter, Ronald Thedens and Shirley Palladino, Thomas Toft and Nora Brown, Bernard Turkel and Tevee Bernstein, Joseph Vacarro and Carol Kratky, Ted Vahl and Beverly Rasmussen and Jerry Watkins and Nancy Erickson.

Others are Richard Hughes and Nancy Brabham, John Jakobsen and Elaine Resznick, John Jordan and Carol Hammans, Ray Kelly and Mary Curtis, Robert Kessler and Nancy Nagel, Robert Krasne and Janey Weiner, Robert Kuhn and Carol McBride, Robert Kully and Nancy Farber, Gary Linn and Marilyn Flint, Richard Losch and Claudette Ramey, Robert Madgett and Lynne Adams, Jerry Margolin and Nancy Barron, Samuel Maryin and Nancy Tompkins, Donald McIntyre and Jane Fellows,

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New Actors Increase Thespian Membership

The Thespian troop, under the sponsorship of Miss Myrna Vance Jones, is now being activated by the membership of 21 potential actors and actresses.

The new Thespians, who were initiated at the meeting January 18, are Gail Anderson, Jack Baker, Keith Banks, Phyllis Boster, Frannie Brown, Michael Combs, Suzanne Estrada, Sharon Gidley, Jerry Hoberman, Joyce King, Ann Kirkman, Shirley Noodell, Karen Parsons, Diane Rasmussen, Ed Rhodes, Susan Sheehan, Kay Watson, Tom Wheeler, Judy Whittaker, Vaudys Williams and Pat Wright.

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What's a stroboscope? It's a "crazy" flashbulb and was the feature attraction of the Science-Math club's meeting January 6. Ben Rubin, a senior new to Central this semester, demonstrated the application of the stroboscope which he built himself last year. The device can be attached to a camera for high speed photography or can be used to study rapidly moving objects in the dark.

The Inter-American club held their meeting in room 145 January 11 when Miss Ruth Pilling showed slides on her recent trip to Europe, with special emphasis on Spain. A short business meeting preceded this program.

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