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TEN CENTS

## Andrew Nelsen, Minnie Nansel's Retirements Told

Central's great loss is the retirement of Andrew Nelsen, assistant principal, and Mrs. Minnie Nansel, director of the cafeteria.

At a tea May 27 honoring Mrs. Nansel, all present and former cafeteria employees and faculty members presented her with a set of luggage.

Mr. Nelsen was graduated from Central High school "summa cum laude" at a dinner given in his honor May 27. Commencement exercises were held, and Mr. Nelsen, donned in cap and gown and hood, received his diploma. Class songs were sung, and class history was given by faculty members. Mr. Nelsen was then presented with a camera carrying case and a set of luggage by the faculty.

Mr. Nelsen's career at Central began in 1917, and he has been assistant principal and boys' counselor since 1939. He has taught most phases of mathematics but confesses his favorite was Algebra IV. Previously he attended Iowa State Teachers' college and the University of Iowa where he received his bachelor degree in physics. After doing post-graduate work at Universities of Chicago and Nebraska, he was awarded his M.A. degree at Creighton university. He worked on his doctorate at the University of Minnesota.

Before Mr. Nelsen came to Central High, he taught three years in Iowa and spent one year in the army.

His plans for the future include a trip with his wife to the Canadian Exposition in Toronto and a tour of the New England states this summer. In the fall they will tour Southern Europe; and in the spring, England and the Scandinavian countries. After Mr. Nelsen returns, he will retire to gardening and farming or to keeping his stamp collection in order.

The instructor relates his most gratifying experience at Central was watching students whom he has helped do well after graduation.

Mrs. Nansel, who has worked at Central for 26 years, remembers well when the lunchroom was in the basement where the bookroom is now.

Life for the lunchroom director can be trying, especially when students take the bowl of dressing thinking it is soup. However, Mrs. Nansel is repaid by watching students grow from the time they are freshmen to their graduation.

## Cast for 'Billy Budd' Revealed by Sutton

Central High has put into effect a new theory of play production. The Board of Education feels that high school plays should be educational as well as entertaining, for an educational play puts a greater load on the actor, since he feels he must do justice to a well-known piece of literature.

Therefore, the lays are cast the semester before the scheduled presentation, to give the actors more time to get the feel of the part. Under this system more departments participate in the production. The director is to be concerned only with directing; other departments handling properties, costumes, publicity and other phases.

Next fall's play will be "Billy Budd," a tale of life at sea by Herman Melville. Tryouts for the all-male cast began May 26.

Cast members include Pat Kuncel as Jenkins, Mike Solzman as Dansker, Stan Fellman as Claggart, Mike Lazer as Talbot, and Jeff Scott as the butler. Others are John Watts cast as Kincaid, Larry Morrissey as Payne, Dick Purcell as O'Daniel, and Gene DuBoff and George Bialac as mess-boys.

Also in the cast are Don Bray playing Squeak, Jack Baker, Duncan; Paul Davies, Budd; Topper Teal, Vere; and Dick Einstein, Hallam. Eugene Kohn takes the part of Seymour, Dick Raskin plays Ratcliffe, Tony Lang appears as Wyatt, Jim Nemer as Stoll, and Jerry Rosen as a drummer.

On the technical staff are Arthur Staubitz and Paul Festeren. Other parts have not been definitely assigned.

## Variety Keynotes Faculty Summer Vacation Plans

With the summer holiday in the very near future, Central High faculty is bustling with vacation plans.

However, it seems that some teachers, such as Miss Cecil McCarter, Wentworth Clarke, Esmond Crown, Harold Eggen, O. J. Franklin and Andrew Nelsen, don't wish to leave their stamping grounds so they will spend their summer teaching. If classes are large enough Miss Zenaide Luhr and Richard Peterson will also be seen at Central.

Three instructors, Master Sergeants Darrell Miller, Harvey Hanson and James Andre will spend the month of August teaching and counseling at the Ashland, Nebraska, summer ROTC camp. Miss Dorothy Cathers will have an interesting job as a workshop director for the Air Age Education Institute pointing out realistic uses for air age ideas and materials.

Some of the faculty members are going to take "their own medicine" this summer. Mrs. Edith Kraft will attend Colorado A and M to study for a master's degree in home economics while a Ph.D. will be Miss Marguerite Keller's project at the University of Minnesota. At Creighton Mrs. Julia Buresh will further her work on a master's degree in chemistry.

At the University of Omaha Warren Marquiss and George Andrews will take courses in education; Miss Ruth Pedersen and Mrs. Elsie Swanson, the choral workshop. Northwestern university is attracting Miss Amy Sutton and Miss Verona Jera-beck; Columbia university, Robert Taylor.

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## Seniors to Frolic; Others Plan Toil

While underclassmen are studying for exams, the seniors will be enjoying a pleasant evening at the senior banquet and dance to be held at the Fontenelle hotel June 8. Eddy Haddad's orchestra will provide the music.

The more somber side of graduation will be displayed during baccalaureate services at First Presbyterian church this Sunday at 4 p.m. Dr. Thomas R. Niven has chosen "It's a Great Time to Be Alive" as the subject of his talk. Music will be furnished by the a cappella choir.

As a climax to their four year stay at Central, 305 seniors will receive diplomas during commencement exercises June 12 at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium. David Young, commencement speaker, will talk on "Youth Replies."

Rehearsals are planned for baccalaureate today and commencement next Friday.



## 'State' Sessions to Begin Next Week

CENTRAL'S BOYS' AND GIRLS' STATE REPRESENTATIVES—Topper Teal, Stan Davis, Fred Davis, Suzi Festeren and Ejner Jensen. Not pictured are Virginia Frank and Jerry Ziegman.

## Centralites Garner Top Scholarships

Among 40 senior Centralites recently named recipients of 63 scholarships are two students awarded five scholarships each.

Henry Pollack, who may choose between Southern Methodist and Cornell, has also received an NROTC scholarship, a National Honor society scholarship and an Elks scholarship.

Fred Nelson has been honored by the University of Omaha, Polytechnic Institute and University of Rochester. Furthermore, he has been awarded scholarships from the Navy (NROTC) and from Bausch and Lomb Optical company.

Rensselaer and Carnegie Tech have their bids for Ray Kelly. Additional scholarships were received by Ray from the National Honor Society and Nebraska Regents.

Emily Bressler may choose her school from Monticello, William Woods or Lindenwood. Dick Gilinsky is recipient of an NROTC scholarship, as well as scholarships from Princeton and Yale.

The following seniors have received two academic awards: Bill Bell, Northwestern and NROTC; Nora Brown, Seven College Conference and Northwestern; Roger Burke, Drake and Grinnell; Beverly Cooper, Sears-Roebuck and an alternate University of Nebraska Regents; Laurance Hoagland, Harvard and Cornell; Sandra Joseph, Park and Milwaukee-Downer; Margaret Milne, Doane and Park, and Terry Moshier, Carleton and NROTC.

Other seniors who have received scholarships are Martha Anderson, Ottawa university; Arthur Armbrust, alternate Carl Gray scholarship; Geraldine Beatty, Dana; Jane Carlson, North Park; Nancy Jo Erickson, Park; Chere Glas, Doane; Gene Haman, University of Nebraska; Ronald Jensen, Lehigh; Pat Logeman, Midland; Marlene Martison, William Woods; Donald McIntyre, Dartmouth; Marlene Rogers, St. Mary; Kay Stephenson, Christian, and Dave Young, Carleton.

Several students awarded scholarships from the same schools are: Jane Fellows and Marilyn Flint, Monticello; Bob Hayes and Joan Kretschmer, Colorado college; Nancy McFarland and Jon Nelson, Kansas City Art institute; Anne Hruska, Kay Jorgensen and Sue Ann Tappan, Grinnell; Morgan Holmes, Jerry Margolin, Art Schwartz and Marsha Waxenberg, alternate Nebraska Regents.

## Polyhedrons on Parade

On display in room 228 are solid geometry projects undertaken for extra credit by students of Miss Cecil McCarter.

Polyhedrons, demonstrating various solid geometry theorems, are most numerous in the exhibit.

## Death Claims J. G. Masters, NHS Founder

J. G. Masters, former principal of Central, died in his sleep May 18 in Smethport, Pennsylvania, at the age of 81.

Mr. Masters retired in 1939 after 23 years of service at Central. Nationally known for his work in the educational field, he founded National Honor society, which recognizes seniors having outstanding records in scholarship, leadership and citizenship, as well as Junior Honor society.

His vacations were spent living with the Indians to gather their traditions, camping in historical spots and retracing the Oregon trail. Results of discoveries may be found in his two books, *Stories of the Far West and Conquest of the Last Frontier*.

In the educational field Mr. Masters' many honors included membership in the commission of the North Central association, president of the Oklahoma Education association, president of District Two of the Nebraska State Teachers association and chairman of the Nebraska Character Education council from 1932 to 1937.

He also had an active interest in conservation projects and experiments in growing and breeding vegetables.

In a short note thanking Central for a floral tribute Mrs. Masters wrote, "The tie between Central and J. G. was so like a family tie that we think of you as part of the clan."

Frequent notes from Mr. Masters gave evidence of this. Lively were his comments on articles, books or life in general and warm his greetings to friends here.

## College Preparation Discussed by P-TA

"Preparation for College" was the topic of discussion at the second meeting of the P-TA held May 22. The eight colleges represented included the University of Nebraska, the University of Omaha, Grinnell, Nebraska Wesleyan, Wayne State Teachers, Drake and Midland.

J. Arthur Nelson reported on his trip to Kenyon college where he discussed the possibilities of Central's offering college credit courses. He emphasized intelligence, the ability to stick with a job, attendance and maturity as the prime requisites for entering a college of today. "Extra curricular activities are overlooked in favor of academic preparation by present college standards," he continued; "therefore, the student should concentrate his efforts on building a good academic program rather than wasting his time by being overburdened by an excess of school activities."

The meeting was then opened to discussion by each of the college representatives who spoke on the particular requirements necessary for entering his college and on the trend of modern college education. Almost all the speakers agreed that a liberal arts course best prepares a student to fare in the world today regardless of the profession he chooses to undertake.

The next meeting of the Central High P-TA will be held September 15 which will feature discussion on the various activities of the school. Parents of incoming freshmen are urged to attend. The P-TA has made a fine start in its first year at Central and great hopes are held for its future accomplishments.

## Roy Busch Announced Honorary Fraternity Veep

Roy C. Busch, science department head, was named vice president of Phi Delta Kappa, honorary educational fraternity, at a picnic May 24.

Other Central High teachers in the Omaha and Council Bluffs field chapter are past presidents Andrew Nelsen and Duane Perry and Norman Sorensen and Bob Taylor.

The outing was held with Pi Lambda Theta honorary sorority to which the Misses Doris Carlson, Dorothy Cathers, Irene Eden and Ruth Pilling belong.



QUEEN CONNIE TARASCIO is congratulated by Principal Nelson as King Gene Haman looks on.

## Tarascio, Haman New Regal Eagle Athletes

The announcement of Connie Tarascio and Gene Haman as King and Queen of Sports climaxed the eighth annual O-Club at Peony Park May 21. They were selected by senior letterwinners from the members of GAA and O-Club.

John Radicia was elected best wrestler for his undefeated season as captain of Central's state wrestling champions. Best track man honor was given to Alan Rosen for his record discus throw of 47 feet in the 1954 TJ relays and his fourth-place award at the State Meet in Lincoln.

Gene was also named best all-around athlete. Besides being past president of the O-Club, he has lettered in football, baseball and basketball; he was a candidate for the World-Herald best athlete of the year award, and a member of the All Intercity and State football teams.

J. Arthur Nelson presented the awards as Frank Y. Knapple, director of athletics, served as master of ceremonies.

Connie and Gene received bracelets; the best track and all-around athletes were awarded the Pop Schmidt trophies which Central received in 1950 from three former students in memory of J. G. "Pop" Schmidt, coach. One trophy was given to the sports department and the other as a gift to the student body. The awarding of these trophies is based on scholarship and sportsmanship as well as athletic ability.

Forty-nine couples participated in the program which opened with a grand march. The couples then formed a pinwheel and an "O" to represent the O-Club.

Dance music was provided by Eddy Haddad's orchestra.

When award certificates are presented to members of O-Club, each will bear the handiwork of Maryanne Brereton '54. Maryanne has spent much of her free time writing the names of the boys and the sports in which they have participated on the certificates.

She volunteered for the scriptwriting job after her name was suggested to Frank Knapple by Miss Angeline Tauchen, who taught Maryanne handwriting for one semester.

## Central Students Win Top Driving Positions

Centralites took top honors in the Teenage Driving Road-e-o May 23 with Tom Dudycha placing first and Ray Kelly, third.

The contest, under the sponsorship of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, consisted of a written exam and a series of driving tests. For Tom the written test "was easy," but the driving skill test proved to be more difficult.

Maneuvering car tires between tiny red balls set at eleven and one-half inch intervals was among the feats tested. The contestant was required to perform this obstacle both going front and backward. Stopping safely was another Road-e-o feat. Each driver, traveling at the rate of 20 mph, had to stop at a given line.

Tom will compete with 20 other local winners for the state championship at Ak-Sar-Ben July 11.

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To the Class of '55 . . .

Challenge!

"Time marches on."

How often we have heard this expression. Yet, for the class of '55, this old maxim has already taken on added significance.

Without a doubt, we will be required to face a challenge in the field of scholarship. It will be a difficult task to surpass the records of preceding classes which have established Central High's enviable reputation for training efficient and outstanding college students.

We will also need to exert definite effort in the field of leadership. Those individuals who have been selected to head the various organizations throughout the coming school year have an obligation to both themselves and the school.

In a larger sense, they owe it to the school to make their organizations functional and contributing parts of the machinery which comprises the school's extra-curricular program.

As every American knows, developing good citizens is one of the major aims of our school program. With us lies the responsibility for learning and applying the principles of citizenship upon which the very idea of democracy rests.

Each day of our school life presents an opportunity to employ the practices of good citizenship. In the final year of high school, it would be well if good citizenship were put into effect not only at school but in our daily lives.

For each junior, the way is clear. Each day you spend at Central next year, strive for the top. Seek to attain those goals of scholarship, leadership and citizenship which will enable you to say with pride, "I'm from Central, class of '55."

E. J.

'54 Seniors Will Determine Their Own Future Success

June brings some rather solemn words to the ears of graduating seniors. They are told that the key to the future lies in their hands, that opportunity is just around the corner and that it is up to them to make the most of the world they are about to enter.

A person's graduation from high school is indeed a turning point in his life. For a lot of kids it means the end of the "soft life"—the soft life they never realize they are living until it is over.

Of course, not all graduating seniors will be obliged to go to work immediately after graduation, but those lucky enough to go on to college will share one sorrow with their classmates. With few exceptions, all these graduates will lose most of their high school friends.

Well, so long and good luck, class of '54. It's been great knowing you.

J. M.

Four Acts and an Encore

In the fall of '50 I entered C.H.S. And was approached quickly with homework and tests. I worked quite hard and passed with colors flying, When suddenly I realized my social life was dying.

When my sophomore year was completely finished And my straight "1" average had not diminished, My thoughts turned seriously to dancing in the dark And I took driving lessons to learn how to park.

My junior year brought thrills unknown. I was the lead in the play; my prestige had grown. I was going steady for the eighteenth time And my social life was at its prime.

My senior year at last arrived. But of all honors I was deprived. I'll be here for the new frosh to can 'Cause you see—I'm to be a five year man.

I'm really glad to leave here, Isn't it plain to see? And I won't miss a single rock In this penitentiary!

I won't miss all the teachers, Who've worked me this past four, Who gave me tons of homework, And then they gave me more!

I won't miss the assemblies Or writing for the paper, And I won't miss the Road Show Or watching the crack squad caper.

I won't miss the All-Girls' Party Or the meetings in 145, I don't give a hang for ball games Or hearing the dance band's jive.

No, I won't miss Old Central, I'm cheerful while good-bying, But if I'm so happy as I go, Just why in the heck am I crying?

This is a poem concerning the mumps, A condition that's cordially hated; Your cheeks get all puffy and sore as can be And look like they've just been inflated. Talking and eating soon lose all their charm, Your temperature's up to the ceiling; The doctor insists that you stay in your bed, warns, "No golf! Don't care how good you're feeling!!" The food that they give you hits the spot, Exceeding your highest wishes; Soup and pabulum, gooey mush, And other tasty dishes. Every day the gang comes by, That bunch of rowdy minors, And honk, and wave, and ask if you Would like to go to Tiner's. But do I mind that I can't go And join them in the sun? And does it bother me to know I'm missing all the fun?? YOU'RE DARN RIGHT!!!!

Last Will and Testament

These wonderful things Plus many more Are left by the class Of '54

Mary Curtis leaves her kittenish charm to Ann Samson Marti Jo Martilson leaves her wit to Topper Teal Jeanne Wilhelmj leaves her "oscar" to Prudy Morrow Sally S. and Bruce M. leave their secret to Peggy K. and Charlie D.

Nancy Tompkins leaves her beautiful voice to next year's opera lead Sue Ann Tappan leaves her appetite to the 1954 football team

Lynne Adams leaves all the time she's wasted to be used for exam cramming Chuck Boetel leaves his height to Stan Davis Park Ames leaves his curly hair to Frank Moberg Tom Toft leaves his bass voice to Gifford Tompkins Joe Vaccaro leaves Cindy Zschau to Mr. Sorenson for safe-keeping

Hank Pollack leaves the secret combination to his desk to Dean Jones Larry Epstein leaves his "THOUGHT FOR THE DAY" to Miss McBride Nancy Farber leaves her skill in refresher math to Suzi Festersen

Joan Shepard leaves her sophistication to Gwen Stoler Nancy Nagel leaves Tagging the Teens to ? Jane Fellows leaves Don McIntyre - - - what's this? The ideal couple?

Camille Wells leaves her straight hair to Sally Smith Nora Brown leaves her absent mindedness to Limeve McKie

Robb Madgett leaves his "Hi Guy" to Dick Herre Bernie Turkel leaves his tap dancing to Barton Barnes Joyce Wright leaves her dimples to Sandra Gosch Peggy Peterson leaves her walstline to Barbara Lane Jim Focht leaves his honor roll record to Ejner Jensen

Most Beautiful Baby



STEPHEN SAYLER

The "Most Beautiful Baby of 1954" was chosen by a majority vote of a faculty committee, consisting of Mrs. Beth Crabbe, Miss Ruth Pilling, Mrs. Any Sutton, Miss Margaret Weymueller and Frank Y. Knapple. Stephen won over 200 other senior contestants.

Ave Atque Vale

The year is 2000. (Now don't get excited; we're just pretending.) Or maybe this isn't 2000. (Feel better?) Anyway, the year is. It's got to be. I think.

The place is. . . Oh, well, let's not go into that. The event (here's something I know about) is the reunion of the Central High School Class of (please stand) 1954. (Resume sitting. Or, as long as you're standing, why don't you go on home. Nobody asked you to come anyhow. Come to think of it, nobody asked me to come either.)

Well, the meeting is about to be called to order by the retiring president, Lowell Siebrass ("Tip the canoe with Siebrass also") who has, by the way, just served the shortest term on record. But most of the alumni are still milling about the room, and I can see a great many familiar faces.

Here comes Overparked Ames, former ambassador to Long Island. . . And there's Bill Bell, the hotel owner. (NO, not that one.) . . . Over on my left I can see Russell Skavari who is currently filming the "Thin Man" series for MUM. I mean MGM. . . Coming in the door is . . .

No, Mr. Burke, you just sit down over there. You can sing your song in a while. . . Under the table? Oh, that's Jeannie Wilhelmj.

Now coming into the room, I see Sergeant Gilinsky of the Royal Mounted and his faithful dog, Yukon King. (Dick has had a change of locale since I saw him last.) . . . Behind him is Terry Moshier, the famous professional football . . . And there's David Young, who was killed in the Chicago fire. . . With him is Ed Rhodes, who was not killed in the Chicago fire. . . And over there is Morgan Holmes, who is the Chicago fire. . . Next to him is Henry Pollack who once ranked thirtieth in the nation. (Yogart Z. Kwright was first.) Now he ranks army store.

Unfortunately, there are a number in the class who could not attend the reunion. We miss the presence of Laurance Hoagland, who is vacationing in France. (And has been for some time, I might add.) . . . And it certainly won't seem the same without Nancy Tompkins who has been locked in 14B for the last 46 years. . . (Sitting on my left is Sam Marvin, who has the key.) . . . Then there's poor little Larry Epstein, who was killed while trying to reach a note that no one had ever reached before. (It was way up on the top shelf—and he fell off the ladder and broke his Zorch.) . . . And we mustn't forget Everett Richardson, who was abolished by the Celery Act of 1962. . . There will always be a place in our hearts for good old Ray Somberg, who died bravely in the line of duty. He accidentally rolled himself into his typewriter, and was hopelessly mangled. (The whole thing caused quite a stir at the time. When the body was discovered, the words PRELATE MOMVUS were found neatly typed on his forehead. Some people thought it was murder; and I, for one, wouldn't be surprised. Why just that day before it happened, I met him on the street and as we walked by each other, I heard him say, "jkmxp apple schnnkwhg" just as plain as day.) . . . John Hanna couldn't make it either. He's still serving some office ninth hours.

Most of the members of the class came, however, including that cute little class president, Kay Relly. I'm sure it will be very successful. By the way, you might be interested to know that the class of '54 is the second class in the history of Central to hold a forty-sixth reunion. (Yogart Z. Kwright was the first.)

Central Profile

Connie Tarascio

Our profile, Connie Tarascio, admits that her most thrilling experience was being named Queen of Sports at the O-Ball.



—Photo by Constable CONNIE TARASCIO

Connie first gained valuable volleyball skill and experience at Bancroft school. Her sixth-grade volleyball team won the Southside championship, her seventh-grade team advanced to the finals of the City championship and her eighth-grade team won the city volleyball crown.

The youngest of 11 children, Connie is called "Counge" by her family and good friends. When asked her favorite food, she replied, "Spaghetti and meatballs, of course." As for popular singers, Tony Martin is tops with her. On a summer evening she might be found indulging in her favorite recreation, watching a Cardinal baseball game.

Next year Connie wishes to continue in the field of sports by studying physical education at the University of Omaha and later by becoming a physical education instructor. With her unusual interest and ability she will surely reach her goal.

Central Profile

Gene Haman

King of Sports—a perfect title for Gene Haman, Central's remarkable all-around athlete.

During his four years at Central Gene has compiled an outstanding record in football, basketball and baseball. He lettered in football his junior and senior years, and this year he was selected by the World-Herald for the Inter-city and All-state football teams. Gene has won one letter in basketball and for two years has been center fielder of the baseball team. Recently he was nominated for the World-Herald's Athlete of the Year.



—Photo by Constable GENE HAMAN

Last semester Gene served as president of the O-Club and is now sergeant-at-arms. He has also been a member of the Latin club.

The night of the O-Ball was a memorable one for Gene. He not only received the Pop Schmid award for best all-around athlete and became King of Sports, but he took his first train ride (from Omaha to Council Bluffs!).

Better known to his friends as "Huey" or "Moose," Gene began his athletic training at a tender age. He remembers when his brothers would use him as the ball in their games of catch.

Gene's special preferences include "The Creep" and Jeanne, and of course steak is the favorite food of this husky, broad-shouldered athlete. He may commonly be seen helping highway patrolmen change flat tires or be heard uttering that popular expression "It's plain to see!"

After graduation Gene plans to study electrical engineering at the University of Nebraska. We have visions of Gene as fullback of the Husker football team leading Nebraska on to a Big Seven championship.

Garden of Eden . . .

Council Backs Worthy Plans

This closing article is to inform the student body of the Student Council's activities. In relation to the school events, the council has ushered for all productions assisted by the ROTC and taken charge of ticket sales for the All-Girls' Party, Road Show and Opera. Outside of school, we have donated our services ushering for the Omaha Symphony and Junior Theater. TB tests and 425 pictures were the main projects in the fall.

During the school year the Council supervised various elections, including Boys' and Girls' county, All-Girls' Party and Student Council. In addition, your Student Council assisted at open house, baccalaureate and commencement. The Council was represented and consulted at the preliminary meeting for the establishment of the P.T.A.

The Student Council wishes to thank the Home Room Representatives and the Register staff for their co-operation in helping to promote their activities.

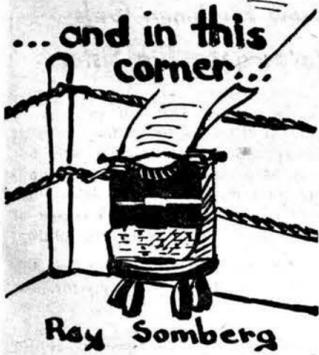
We've all worked hard And now we're through. From now on, Juniors, We leave it to you!

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## Eagles Fall to Packers in City Baseball Finals

**Hanna Handcuffs North as Purples Gain Upset; Haman Leads Swingers**

A loss to South in the semifinals of the Intercity baseball tournament terminated the season for Central's diamond crew.

The Packers banged only seven hits, one more than the Eagles, in scoring a wild 10-6 victory. A nine-run barrage in the second inning insured the triumph for the South Omahans.

Twelve batters paraded to the plate in the fatal second frame. The Packers merged six singles and two bases on balls for the nine tallies, as eight runs crossed the plate with only one out.

South added a security run in the fifth on an error, a walk and two sacrifices.

Central grabbed a one-run lead in the opening stanza when Gene Haman singled, scoring Stan Widman from third base. The Purples fought back from a 1-9 deficit with three more hitters crossing the plate in the third. Ray Somberg led off with a well-hit triple to deep centerfield and scored on Gary Ruck's sacrifice.

Widman and Brigrance became baserunners with a single and a free pass, and reliable Haman batted in his second and third runs with a double.

Haman was responsible for the Hilltoppers final two tallies, also. Brigrance led off with a base on balls, and Haman followed with a tremendous homerun. The slugging centerfielder teed off on a 2-1 count and blasted the ball at least 350 feet for the Eagles' second circuit clout of the season.

Central gained a semifinal berth in the city tournament with an 8-0 conquest of North May 19.

The Vikings, figured to be strong contenders for the city crown, met their master in Eagle hurler John Hanna. The Purples' twirler handcuffed the Norsemen with three hits, retiring the side in order in five of the seven innings.

Hanna, formerly hard-luck hurler for the Hilltop, received perfect support from his mates afield.

Three singles, three errors and a hit batter produced five runs in the third for the Karabatsosmen. The Flyboys added one run in the fourth and two in the sixth for the eight-run total.

Haman led Eagle swingers in almost every department in tourney play. He hit at a six-for-seven pace, scoring two runs and knocking in six. Widman led in runs with three, hitting safely four times in seven trips.

## Girls' Sports . . . Peters Lone Member in Tennis Semi-Finals

Central's girls' tennis team was victorious in the first round of the intercity elimination tournament.

In the second, however, only Dale Peters, the Eagles' singles standout, was successful. Dale was pitted against Virginia Falk, a Benson ace. Virginia carried Dale to three sets before she was defeated 6-8, 6-3, 6-4.

Central's flashy first doubles team was the victim of a surprising upset. Sandy Dungan and Janet Talty were defeated by the Greens' Gladys Craven and Jane Manz 4-6, 6-3, 7-5 in a hard fought contest.

Joyce Johnson lost her first match to Sue Moss of Benson 6-0, 6-2, and the Hares' second string doubles team blanked Nancy Troxel and Pat Edwards 6-0, 6-0. Dale fought her way to the third round only to be defeated by North's Marcia Wetzler 6-3, 6-3.

Central's varsity and sophomore cheerleaders have been chosen for the 1954-55 season. The first team squad consists of Donna Brinlee, Virginia Frank, Muriel Green, Sharyn Heldt, Juliann Kurtz, Barbara Lane, Mary Jo Mettlen, Sally Scheer, Janet Talty, Nilene Vaughn-Bey and Myrna Vlasnik, all juniors and seniors.

Members of the sophomore crew are Jane Adams, Sharon Bauer, Georgia Blaylock, Virginia Brager, Arlene Dergan, Laurie Frank, Evelyn Levy, Lois Moskowitz, Elizabeth Richards, Karen Rigby, Sharon Tagney and Lou Vogel.

	W	L	Pct.
Benson	7	0	1.000
CENTRAL	6	1	.856
North	4	3	.556
Prep	4	3	.429
AL	3	4	.556
South	3	4	.429
Tech	1	6	.143
TJ	0	7	.000

## Bunnies Bag Title; Top Flyboy Golfers

The intercity golf championship slipped out of the grasp of a down-hearted Eagle crew May 26 when the Benson Bunnies narrowly whipped the Centralites 351-356 at Dodge park, Iowa. The win gave the Green and White a 7-0 record and the city crown while it was the Andrewsmen's first loss of the season in the last encounter for both teams.

The slim margin of five strokes separating the two squads was the closest edge of the season. The match was evenly played until the middle holes when the Bunnies took a 13-point advantage. The Purple and White fought back to equalize the score but ended with the deficit.

John Mason, Hare stalwart, shot the medalist mark of the contest with a 39. The Eagles had Bob Epstein, Speedy Zweiback and Dick Frank in the low 40's, but none of the other Hilltoppers were able to break 45. The Benson total of 351 was this year's low while the Flyboys' 356 was the third best team score.

The majority of the duel was played in the sun, but during the latter holes the sky clouded and rain hindered play.

The '54 campaign proved very successful for the Andrewsmen despite this setback. As a team the Purple and White garnered second place in the city with a 6-1 record, second at the Fremont Invitational tournament and fourth ranking in the State tourney. These marks bettered last year's efforts at every event.

Individually, Frank placed ninth at Fremont and eleventh at Lincoln while Epstein and Zweiback were thirteenth and fifteenth in the State.

Intercity averages found Frank and Epstein with 43's while Zweiback followed close behind with a 44 mark. Remaining averages are John Goldner, 45; Morgan Holmes, 45; Moon Mullins, 46; Biff Olson, 46; and Nate Goldston, 49. The team median was 362. Epstein and Frank were the only two Andrewsmen to break 40. The golfers mentioned above won an O-Club letter. Others who participated in matches were Tony Lang, Phil Schragger and Jamie Shapiro.

## Frosh, Soph Place High in Track Meet

FRESHMEN	SOPHOMORES
CENTRAL 36	Boys Town 40
Benson 33 1/2	CENTRAL 35
North 26 1/2	North 25
Bloomer 20 1/2	Tech 24
Bellevue 19 1/2	Abe Lynx 21 1/2
Holy Name 15	Bellevue 13
South 14	Benson 12 1/2
Tee Jay 13	South 10 1/2
Boys Town 11	Prep 9 1/2
Prep 11	Holy Name 6
Tech 0	Central 5
	Tee Jay 3

Central freshmen and sophomore track aspirants served notice that should make future intercity cinder crews somewhat wary.

Eagle frosh and soph runners copped first and second respectively in the Greater Omaha Freshman and Sophomore Championships held at Benson May 19. Twelve schools were represented in the meet.

For the frosh Howard Kaslow notched fourth in the 60-yard high hurdles while Richard Nared took third in the 100 dash. Ray Moore was third in the 440 while Richard Chamberlain won the 100 low hurdles. In the 220 Moore was third.

440 relayers Nared, Moore, Chamberlain and Newman Jones won that event. In field events Jones and Kaslow took second and third respectively in the broad jump while Ray O'Brien copped the shot with a 36-2 1/4 heave.

For the second place sophomores Dick Kelley grabbed fourth in the 100 yard dash and also took third in the 220 run. Jones was third in the 100 while Howard Mason copped third in 440 and 880 sprints.

Milt Moskowitz, Wade, Mason and Kelley combined to win the 440-relay event while Mark Palmer bolstered the Eagle effort with a second in the shot put. Gene Almy pitched the disc 130-6 while teammate Jim Goer-mar added with a second in the same event.

# Hilltoppers Snare Fourth in Intercity Cinder Meet



JOHN BREMMER, FRED BUFFETT, FRANK ALLEY, ROGER WORDELL . . . championship two-mile relay team clutches baton after record-breaking performances.

## Who's Who in '55

Central football fans are hoping that the saying "There's strength in numbers" holds true for the 1955 squad.

Eagle pigskin mentor Frank Smagacz reported that over 140 boys have signed up for next year's competition, the largest turnout ever recorded for the fall sport in Central's history.

Coach Smagacz has ten returning veterans to support his hopes for next season. They include Gary Akromis, Frank Anania, Bill Dunbar, Nate Goldston, Don Havlu, Mark Palmer, Dave Pullias, Giff Tompkins, Ellie Watkins and Gene Williams.

Other possibilities are Sandy Rocca from last year's second team and Jack Hamilton.

The Hilltoppers open the season on September 11 against their traditional rivals, Lincoln Central. The Purples will be seeking to post their second straight victory over the Links after a 14-13 upset this season's opener.

## Rookie Diamond Crew to Carry Future Burden

Youth will be the keyword for next year's baseball team.

Coach Jim Karabatsos said the squad will be composed mostly of juniors, while a number of freshmen will lend valuable aid to the team. Karabatsos added that although the team will be young and inexperienced at many posts, the desire and spirit to play should make the squad a threat in intercity competition.

Next season's nine will be without the services of eight graduating seniors, but six sophomore and junior veterans will return to the Eagle ranks. Infielders Steve Rosenblatt, Milt Mares and Frank Anania will return for duty, and juniors Stan Widman, Bryant Brigrance and Gary Akromis will be back for outfield tasks.

Speaking of next year's pitching staff Karabatsos stated, "The '55 staff shows good possibilities, although it will be inexperienced. We have a good nucleus to build around, with some good young mound potentials."

Hopefuls for next season's hurling force include sophomores Stuart Westphal, Jerry Gray and Sandy Rocca and freshman Biff Olsen.

## Return of 29 Tracksters Brightens '55 Prospects

The adage, "What is to come we know not" cannot be applied to next year's potent returning track enthusiasts.

In 1955 Central should take top cinder honors with the loss this year of only five lettermen. While big names like Alan Rosen, Keith Banks, John Bremmer, Norm Hudgins and Joe Vaccaro will end their track careers, fellas like Dick Kelley, Dave Pullias, Gene Almy, Don Havlu, Fred Buffett, Gene Williams, Earl Slater, Frank Alley, Roger Wordell and Mike Gray will be back to bolster Eagle hopes.

Some 16 underclass letter winners and a total of 13 reserve winners comprise the 1955 squad. Included in this list are five freshmen who displayed possibilities in '54 efforts. They are Ray Moore, Howard Mason, Richard Nared, Dick Chamberlain and Howard Kaslow.

## Two-Mile Relayers Nip Record; Rosen, Palmer Nab Firsts in Weights

by Larry Epstein

How They Finished

Tech	57 1/2	Abe Lincoln	31 1/2
North	54	Creighton Prep	21 1/4
Benson	34	Thomas Jefferson	17
Central	33 1/2	South	8

The curtain fell on Central's track agenda with a fourth place effort in the annual intercity meet held at the University of Omaha May 22.

Eagles compiled 33 1/2 points, only one-half point behind third-ranked Benson.

Richard Nared, Dick Chamberlain, Ray Moore and Howard Kaslow started Hilltop scoring by copping third place in the freshman 880 relay section.

Next to annex honors was the record-breaking two-mile relay squad of John Bremmer, Fred Buffett, Frank Alley and Roger Wordell. Their 8:38.5 timing chopped 15 seconds off last year's record set by Benson's two-milers. Earlier this year the same two-mile team had nipped the District record.

Although the mile relay set no record it accounted for first spot in its division with a fine 3:36.6 clocking. Gene Williams, Howard Mason, Earl Slater and Dave Pullias toted the baton for the milers.

Pullias carried Eagle hopes into the 440-yard dash and was third in section and fifth in time comparisons with a :54.2 time. Earl Slater was also third in his section but failed to qualify in the time comparisons.

Alan Rosen, Gene Almy and Mark Palmer were the big names for Purple and White in field events. Rosen took first in the discus with a 135-9 3/4 toss while Almy grabbed second, only a few feet behind Al Palmer, a sophomore who had never placed in a meet, heaved the shot-put in a sensational 48-6 1/2 effort to top other shot entrants.

Norm Hudgins nabbed a tie for third in the high jump while Gene Williams tied for fifth in the broad jump to round off Eagle scoring.

## Track Letter Winners

Frank Alley	Ray Moore
Gene Almy	Richard Nared
John Bremmer	Mark Palmer
Fred Buffett	Dave Pullias
Dick Chamberlain	John Radicia, Mgr.
Mike Gray	Alan Rosen
Don Havlu	Earl Slater
Norman Hudgins	Joe Vaccaro
Mike Gray	James Wade
Dick Kelley	Eugene Williams
Howard Mason	Roger Wordell

## Track Reserve Winners

Dennis Ferguson	Ron McGruder
Jim Focht	Milt Moskowitz
Ray Gallagher	Walt Neevil
Jim Goer-mar	Ray O'Brien
Larry Hagan	Paul Taylor
Howard Kaslow	Giff Tompkins
Stuart Lynn	Bob Weigel

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# Ranny Merits YMCA Trip

Touring England and France plus a three week YMCA training course in the latter country will highlight Laurance Hoagland's summer vacation. After sending an application to a committee of the National YMCA board, he was one of four American boys selected for an international YMCA training course.

Following a two-day stay in New York City, Laurance will cross the Atlantic on the S. S. Georgia and head for England where he will stay for four days. He will then go to Melun, 25 miles from Paris.

Mornings in camp are devoted to classes and lectures designed to teach the 125 boys from all over the world to be counselors so as they may guide those who will attend the YMCA International Youth conference at Paris next year. Afternoons will be spent in building up the camp site in Melun or the conference grounds in Paris. When the three week training course is completed, the group will tour Paris.

Laurance, a senior, is president of French club and vice president of Central Hi-Y.

Marty Greene '57 and Mike Ban '56 placed second in the Missouri Valley Beginners' Debate tournament at Tech High May 13. There were five teams competing. After Central defeated Lincoln Northeast, they were beaten by North. The boys received a trophy.

Joanne Parrish '55 has been chosen to attend the University of Nebraska Speech clinic June 9 through 27. She will specialize in debate and original oratory.

Virginia Frank, junior, was selected to record her essay, "Responsibilities of Citizenship in an Air Age," for a national program honoring the second anniversary of Skywatch. She will be heard over station KFAB July 14. Virginia's essay won her a trip to Washington, D. C. last winter.

# Teal, Wilhelmj Win Best-Acting Oscars

"Oscars" were awarded to Jeanne Wilhelmj and "Topper" Teal for the best acting performances of the year at the Central High Players annual spring banquet Saturday evening at the First Methodist church. New officers announced were "Topper" Teal, president; Prudie Morrow, vice president; Sally Smith, treasurer; Kay Jones, recording secretary; Silvia Greene, corresponding secretary; Suzanne Festeren, historian; Virginia Frank, marshal; Paul Festeren and Jeanine Fischer, sergeants-at-arms.

Jeanne's award was given for her portrayal of Judy Graves in the senior play "Junior Miss;" "Topper's," for his part of Patton, the villain in the fall play "Ramshackle Inn." Awards for best supporting actor and actress went to Jerry Hobermann, Constable Small in "Ramshackle Inn" and to Carol McBride for her role of Joyce Rogers in the same play.

The awards were preceded by a dinner which was served by members of the church and a program. According to tradition, first on the entertainment list was the giving of the favorite lines from the fall play. This was followed by Jeanne Wilhelmj's singing, "You'll Never Walk Alone," and Jan Perrenoud and Ellen Greenberg's presentation of a short one-act play. Next on the program was Nancy Tompkins who sang

# Mumps Swell Ranks

Mumps, mumps, mumps! Everyone has mumps! Since Christmas 50 cases have been reported to the nurse; sixteen of them in the past two weeks. Miss Dwyer suspects a party or large gathering to be the cause of the sudden epidemic and urges everyone to avoid crowds. However, if you have come in contact with the disease, it will appear within 18 days.

# Teachers to Work, Relax

While vacationing in Chicago, Miss Angeline Tauchen will take a workshop offered to teachers of business education; Miss Alice Buffett is looking forward to a National Home Economics convention in San Francisco. Fred Waring's Shawnee, Pennsylvania, resort will be visited by Miss Josephine Frisbie before she goes to New York City for the National Education Association convention.

After spending a short time in the East, Mrs. Beth Crabbe will chaperone a group of 30 Centralites to the National Scholastic Press Association convention at the University of Minnesota.

Work dealing with school in a different way will fill the agenda for some instructors with Roy C. Busch working for the Board of Education and Robert Beck serving as a building inspector for the Board. Jim Karabatsos will coach Central's American Legion baseball team; Frank Smagacz, midget league and freshman baseball.

Duane Perry is readying his brushes and ladder to prepare to paint houses. Working for an insurance company will enable Frank Knapple to cover most of Nebraska.

Vacationing in New England and other eastern states will be Noyes Bartholomew, Andrew Nelsen, Frank Rice, Mrs. Augusta Turpin and the Misses Irma Costello, Myrna Vance Jones and Marilyn Treat.

The northern states will have Central visitors, too, as Miss Jane Nichols is spending four weeks at the Great Lakes to complete two years' service for Naval Reserves. Wisconsin will be the destination of Mrs. Opal Hawley and Miss Lois O'Meara while Mrs. Edna Dana and Warren Marquiss are attracted to Minnesota. The Robert Harris family is planning a trailer trip to the Pacific Northwest.

Others have looked to the West for their summer vacation as Mrs. Catherine Blanchard, C. J. Simpson and the Misses Irene Eden, Ruth Pilling and Adrian Westberg are heading for Colorado. W. Edward Clark will camp at Jackson Hole, Wyoming as he has in the past years. Headed for the South are Mrs. Betty Clayton Burke, Mrs. Marguerette Burke and Miss Virgene McBride.

Foreign shores beckon some of our lucky Central faculty. The fortunate ones are Mrs. Helen McConnell and Mrs. Fern McCready who are going to Hawaii. Mrs. McConnell is eager to taste some native cooking and spend time on excursions; Mrs. McCready hasn't told her plans as yet.

"With A Song In My Heart," and a comedy act by Sandy Dungan, the ventriloquist. A quartet, Judy Lewis, Sally Smith, Carol Vingers, and Prudie Morrow concluded the entertainment.

# Clubs Announce '54-'55 Officers

## Pupils Name Kohn Prexy

Next year's Junior Red Cross officers, chosen by the school May 24, are Gene Kohn, president; Mary Saylor, vice president; Ann Kirkman, secretary; Elizabeth Richards, treasurer, and Bob Hall, reporter.

The Intercity Red Cross council held a picnic May 22 for the entire polio rehabilitation center of St. Joseph's hospital. Representatives from Central were Nancy Jo Erickson and Sally Johnson.

Miss Zenaide Luhr selected drawings and paintings of Peggy Hellner, Larry Morrissey, Jon Nelson, Ronald McGruder and Elaine Sheean, to be exhibited in the reception room at the Red Cross Blood bank.

## Villagers Select Leaders

Results of the Greenwich Village election, announced at the May 10 meeting, are Georgiana Stober, president; Deanne Markovitz, vice president; Ann Kirkman, secretary; Sari Shukert, treasurer; Penny Buchanan and Bob Nelson, sergeants-at-arms.

Mrs. Nadine Hammon, a free-lance artist in Omaha, gave a demonstration of fashion illustration techniques used in newspaper work.

## Officers Told at Picnic

A picnic at Benson park marked the last meeting of the year for the Thespians. Highlighting the event was the announcement of next year's officers: Barton Barnes, president; Prudie Morrow, vice president; Cynthia Zschau, secretary, and Eugene Zweiback and Gene Kohn, sergeants-at-arms. A play was presented under the direction of Shirley Noddell and Mike Solzman.

## Library Club Picks Barnes

Barton Barnes was elected president of the new Library club. Other officers include Myrna Vlasnik, vice president; Ann Samson, secretary; Bill Bicket, treasurer, and Dee Mitlier and Maryan Dryden, sergeants-at-arms.

Next year the club will sell popular paper bound books to students for their own libraries; committees on improving the library and announcing new books will be formed.

## Strater to Head Y-Teens

The new Y-Teens' officers, installed May 20, are Mary Strater, president; Dorothy Lorimer, vice president; Janice Walters, secretary; Leata Clark, recording secretary; Marjorie Belden, fund raising secretary; Ada Gerlecz and Dixie Cagle, sergeant-at-arms.

The highlight of the program came when Park Ames, past chaplain of Hi-Y, crowned Joan Sheef as Y-Teen Point Queen. Joan received this honor after a year of outstanding service in the organization.

## Kuncl Leads Outdoorsmen

At the Outdoorsmen meeting May 24 officers for the coming year were elected. Pat Kuncl will be president; Bill Reynolds, vice president; Dewey Anderson, secretary; John Noble, treasurer, and Paul Festeren, Don Bray and Tony Gray, sergeants-at-arms.

## Move to Top by Bruning

Officers elected at the May meeting of the Chess club are James Bruning, president; Bruce Price, vice president; Bill Trester, secretary-treasurer, and Dick Nolan, sergeant-at-arms.

## GAA Gives Tea

GAA held its annual tea last Friday to announce next year's officers and present awards. Officers are: president, Virginia Frank; vice president, Sandy Dungan; secretary, Sally Scheer; treasurer, Susan Mayberry; sergeants-at-arms, Arlene Dergan, Joyce Johnson, Janet Talty and Lou Vogel.

## Hi-Y Pin Explained

The Hi-Y induction ceremonies May 22 taught the 14 new members the meaning of their club pin at a service held in the chapel.

After the ceremonies, members and their dates attended a party at Hanscom park.

# Awards

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## German Department

Winning German awards will be Topper Teal and Suzanne Festeren. Both participated in a spoken German contest at the University of Omaha last month. Topper won first place, and Suzanne won honorable mention.

## Latin Department

Susan Paxon Latin awards, based on examination grades, were given to the following advanced Latin students: Dean Jones, first place; Rita Peltz, second place; Cynthia Zschau, third place; Allen Shukert, fourth place, and Marvin Lue, Joyce Mihara and Raymond Young, honorable mention. Second year winning Latin students were Robert Schrock, first place; Franklin Greenman, second place; Ivars Vecstahiks, third place; James Anderson, John Goldner and Karen Kriesfeld, fourth place; Pat Tesar, fifth place, and Rosanne Robertson, Cecil Wittson, John Holmes and Gene Kohn, honorable mention.

## Art Department

Art awards have been given to Henry Brown, Jon Nelson and James Wade, Jr., who won first prize, second prize, and honorable mention respectively in the Wayne State Teachers College Art exhibition. Shirley Carson and Carole Kratyk won awards in the Latham Foundation International Humane Poster Contest. Jon also won a scholarship to Kansas City Art Institute while Nancy McFarland won an alternate one.

## Athletic Awards

GAA presented letters to girls who participated in nine sports, had outside activities, or were members of the tennis team. Winning first year awards were Karen Andersen, Dianne Brown, Marilyn Cerra, Gloria Claussen, Arlene Dergan, Sandy Dungan, Carol Edwards, Pat Edwards, Jeanne Foster, Jeanne Gartner, Connie Hiner, Jean Johansen, Karen Krause and Sophie Kupfer.

Other first awards were Jackie Lippold, June Mitchell, Carol Nechodom, Margaret Mitchell, Sandra Olson, Gwen Sandvall, Kay Schmidt, Jackie Sibbitt, Janice Snowball, Lou Vogel, Ruth Wade, Miyeko Watanabe, Kay Watson and Pat Wright.

Those winning second year awards were Judy Avery, Pat Brown, Barbara Dubbelt, Jeanine Fischer, Bernadine Grasso, Joyce Johnson, Pat Means, Joyce Mihara, Margaret Mitchell, Lenore Mohrhusen, Audrey Samms, Sally Scheer, Jan Talty, Joan Van Ryckeghem and Julie Vogel.

Third year winners were Marilyn Hilty, Susan Mayberry, Marlene Rogers and Sue Ann Tappan, while Dale Peters was a fourth year winner. Receivers of third and fourth year letters were Elise Dinkel, Frances Formanek, Joan Kretschmer, Shirley Palladino, Dianne Rasmussen, Connie Tarascio, Lillian Woitely and Marie Zaloudek.

Cheerleading awards were given to Donna Brinlee, Virginia Frank, Jeanne Gartner, Sharon Heldt, Joan Shepard, Jan Talty, Sue Ann Tappan, captain, Myrna Vlasnik and Julie Vogel.

Letters for girls on the tennis team were presented to Sandy Dungan, Pat Edwards, Joyce Johnson, Dale Peters, Jan Talty and Nancy Troxel. Carol Edwards received a reserve award.

# New Freshmen Girls to Acquire Big Sisters

"Big Sisters," a group of next year's seniors, will aid in making Central High freshmen feel more at home next fall. The girls will not only help their little sisters in finding their way around the school but will also take them to meetings of clubs they are interested in joining.

Two committees will assign big sisters and plan a coke party for next fall.

This project, organized by junior class officers, has never been undertaken at Central before, according to Mrs. Helen McConnell, junior girls' counselor.

## Marian Chalmers Honored

Marian Chalmers '50 has been recognized by Carleton College for high scholarship at the college's annual Honor's Convocation. She has recently been offered a Fullbright scholarship for study at the University of Munster in Germany.

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