

Principal Nelson retires after 24 years at Central High School



Principal J. Arthur Nelson

After 41 years of service to education, Dr. J. Arthur Nelson will retire as principal of Central High School this June. His retirement will close an educational career that has been marked by success in many fields, not only for Dr. Nelson himself but also for the students he has guided.

Dr. Nelson was born on a farm near Leigh, Nebr., 67 years ago. He was married in 1930 and has five daughters and nine grandchildren. Three of his daughters have been teachers.

He received his A.B. from Midland College in 1927 and his M.A. from the University of Nebraska in 1935. He also had graduate studies at the University of Iowa and received a John Hay Whitney Fellowship for study at Williams College.

His professional career started in 1927 in Fremont, where he taught debate, public speaking, American history, and English. In 1935, he came to

Omaha, where he was the debate coach and head of language arts at Benson High School.

From 1939 to 1942, Dr. Nelson was the principal of Monroe Junior High, and from 1942 to 1944 he was the assistant principal of North High. Since 1944, he has been the principal at Central.

He has received many honors in recent years. He received an honorary doctorate from Midland College in 1964, and he was given the Omaha Education Association School Bell Award in 1965.

He was named Honorary Cadet Colonel by the Central High ROTC in 1966, and Creighton University made him an honorary alumnus in 1967. Also, he was awarded two commissions as an admiral in the Nebraska Navy.

Dr. Nelson has devoted time to the Omaha Education Association, serving as editor of the OEA Quarterly and president. He was president of the Nebras-

ka State Education Association in 1945-6, and for nine years thereafter was a member of the NSEA board of directors. He has also been active in the local Red Cross and has served as the superintendent of the Augustana Lutheran Church Sunday School.

He has devoted time to two innovations in education in this area. He was a member of a group that worked on the development of the Advanced Placement program, and he originated College Night at Central in 1955.

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Rasp, Trachtenberg receive National Merit Scholarships

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation recently named Central seniors Pam Rasp and Charles Trachtenberg as recipients of Merit Scholarships. This is the fourteenth consecutive year that Central has had Merit Scholars.



Rasp

Both Pam and Charles fulfilled many requirements to become scholarship winners. First they took the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test in February, 1967, as did over 800,000 other students across the nation.

Out of the 800,000 tested, about 14,000 students were chosen National Merit Semi-finalists on the basis of their test scores. Ten Central students were named semi-finalists. They were Harlan Abrahams, Francie Brody, Steve Colan, Corinne Crammer, Julie Jorgenson, David Katz, Alan Peterson, Pam Rasp, Charles Trachtenberg, and Ed Zelinsky.

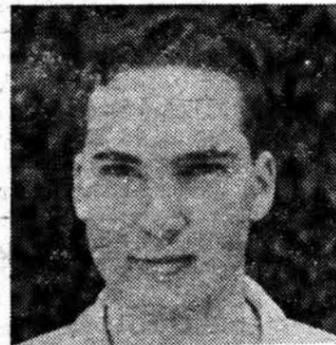
To advance to finalist status, all ten semi-finalists had to take the Scholastic Aptitude Tests, be endorsed by their schools,

and submit required information. This information included essays concerning extra-curricular activities, special achievements, and financial status.

All of Central's semi-finalists became finalists. Finalists were awarded Certificates of Merit and were considered for Merit Scholarships. Pam and Charles were selected for scholarships on the basis of the records they submitted to become finalists.

Out of Nebraska's 128 semi-finalists, 23 are scholarship winners. Nine are from Omaha.

This year for the first time the National Merit Scholarship Corporation presented two types of grants: four-year scholarship grants from \$1,000 to \$6,000, depending on the student's



Trachtenberg

need, and one-time non-renewable awards of \$1,000.

Pam's award is a one-time \$1,000 scholarship award, while Charles' is a four-year scholarship. Pam plans to attend Washington University in St. Louis next year. Charles will attend Columbia University.

Rambo wins in creative competition; Dillon accepts national art award

Central senior Sandra Rambo has been named fourth alternate in the Hallmark - General Federation of Women's Clubs Art Talent Contest.

Her entry was a collage entitled "Trees in the Snow." It will be exhibited at the Statler Hilton Hotel in Boston during the Federation's June convention.

Sponsored by the Omaha Women's Club, Sandra was one of the 65 Nebraska finalists, entered in national judging.

Freshman Felisa Dillon was

one of 17 Nebraskans receiving a National Scholastic Art Award this year.

She was one of the winners of a regional contest sponsored by J. L. Brandeis and Sons of Omaha. She was awarded a Gold Key for her picture. The painting was then sent to New York where it received honorable mention.

The title of the water color painting was "The Hallucination." The figures were abstracted and color harmony was used. Felisa is considering a career in art.

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Ex-envoy speaks at CHS

Tran Van Dinh, Acting Ambassador from South Vietnam to the United States between 1963-64, spoke in the Central auditorium May 9. The main portion of his speech dealt with the prospects for peace in Vietnam.

The Ambassador (whose name is pronounced Tron Von Zinn) stated that the United States must seek an "honorable settlement" at the peace conference. He stated that our conference strategy should begin with demands for a total cessation of bombing by the North Vietnamese at the same time that the US stops its bombing.

Control of the cease-fire, suggests Mr. Dinh, should fall upon the International Control Commission. This commission was set up in 1954 and has been in existence up to this time. Member nations (Canada, Poland, and India) were assigned the task of maintaining a cease-fire at the Geneva Conference. Mr. Dinh suggests the expansion of the commission to include the United States and Russia.

The policy of the US toward Southeast Asia "is, as it should be, with the goal in mind of the creation of a situation in which each country will be able to evolve its own political system over a period of years."

Mr. Dinh feels that the US needs to develop a "rational way of economic development" in South Vietnam. He spoke of the peasants as being simple pragmatists. The Vietnamese peasant, according to Dinh, knows that he is a member of either the Buddhists or the Catholics, and the great majority know of no other organized political or social group. He



Dinh speaks to Centralites about the Southeast Asian crisis.

also stated the only organized political organization in Southeast Asia at this time is the Communist Party.

One long-term program the Ambassador saw as being most important was the development of the Mekong Delta. When completed, there will be electricity in every village in Southeast Asia, thus fostering new industries. With these new industries, Dinh saw a future Southeast Asian commonwealth

of nations.

Mr. Dinh was optimistic when he spoke of the negotiations concerning the war in Vietnam, saying, "I am confident, after a series of negotiations, peace will be obtained in Vietnam." He also stated that the conference, because of its already faltering lead-off, would go very slowly until at least next November, after the US elections.

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Guss to speak at graduation exercises; seniors to participate in Baccalaureate

Bob Guss has been chosen commencement speaker for Central's class of 1968. Graduation will be Saturday, June 8, at the Civic Auditorium, ending a week of senior activities.

At that time, Dr. J. Arthur Nelson, CHS principal, will present the graduating class to the members of the Board of Education. School Board members Mr. Richard Hiller and Dr. Merle Musselman will then hand

out diplomas. Senior activities will begin Sunday, June 2 with Baccalaureate. Theron B. Maxson, President of Hastings College, will give the traditional message to all graduating seniors in Omaha high schools.

Technical High School is in charge this year. Baccalaureate will be held at the Civic Auditorium at 3:00 p.m.

Apathy strikes column

In the first issue of the *Register* this year, it was announced that a new column entitled "Letters to the Editor" would be started. The reason for the initiation of this article was that this would give students a chance to voice their opinions publicly on school matters.

The *Register* staff thought that members of the student body would like to have a place in the paper where they could "speak out" about how they feel. The staff believed that there would be enough interest and concern at Central to make the idea work, as it had at other schools.

But from the first, it was evident that the "Letters" idea would not be a success. Although the only requirements for letters were that they be typed and that the writer sign his name, there have been fewer than TEN letters turned in since the beginning of the year.

Why has this column been such a failure? Students are constantly complaining about school policies, student apathy, and the suppressed student voice. But when they have a chance to expound they do not.

Is it because they fear embarrassment if their fellow students do not share their beliefs? Is it because they are afraid to say what they think? Perhaps the problem can be attributed to the indifference found everywhere today. But for all the supposed indifference, many students do a lot of complaining to their friends.

One reason for the "Letters" fiasco could be that Centralites are lazy. But this, too, is hard to believe. It is probably these combined reasons that resulted in the lack of participation in the new column.

Whatever the cause, it looks as if Centralites just do not care. It is the fault of the students that the column failed so miserably.

Perhaps next year this idea, if the new staff decides to continue it, can become meaningful. There is no reason why it can not if students can put forth the time and effort to make it successful.

Superfluous survey ten

Brushing off permanent praise at a hurried clip, the Central survey crew has crowned its former peak by combing the student body to net the average hair length. Indeed, this week's expedition encountered many a close shave. What's vital is the results:

A) While Central males average 4.1 inches (hair inches) apiece, their long-tressed counterparts average 10.5 inches.

B) The total amount of

hair on Centralites' heads, wound into coils, would support 2,818,000 pounds, or 1409 large brown horses from Kentucky.

C) Since the average head has 110,000 follicles, the mass, wound into one hair, would be 141,020,000 feet (hair feet) — sufficient to span the sides of the Empire State Building 140,000 times.

D) Collected into one head of hair, the fall would be 1280 feet long. Ironically, a haircut would take no longer than usual.

CHS profile

Smith, Johnson share courses

by Pam Rasp

Although the schedules of Kay Smith and Julie Johnson are almost identical, they pursue strikingly different interests. Both of them take AP English, AP Latin, AP history, and journalism, but Kay finds that English holds the most fascination for her, while Julie enjoys foreign languages.

"I necessarily want to incorporate English into my career since I hope to go into the field of communications," Kay remarked. "I've decided to major in speech and drama next year at Stanford and then go into radio or television broadcasting."

She explained that, in relation to her journalistic experience, there are opportunities open for women in writing, announcing, and advertising. "It's harder to break in on the local level, because the operation is on a smaller scale and the jobs are less suited to women, but that's probably where I'll try to start," she commented.

Kay's experience includes several major roles in Central productions. The most recent was her performance as Passionella in *Road Show '68*. She was also a member of the Chalk Garden cast, playing Mrs. St. Maugham, and last year, she received the Central High Play-

ers' Best Supporting Actress award for her portrayal of Seraphina Tiffany in "Fashion."

With interests ranging from sports to scholastics to music, Kay, a Nebraska Regents' Alternate, and a reporter on the *Register* staff, belongs to the Junior Classical League and Central High Players, of which she is president. A recipient of the D.A.R. Good Citizenship Award and co-chairman of the entertainment committee for the senior banquet, Kay is also a member of A Cappella Choir.

She has been first runner-up in the girls' singles city-wide tennis championships, and she was a reserve cheerleader during her sophomore year.

Last summer, Kay attended the 5-week National High School Institute in Speech at Northwestern University. "I was in the drama division," she said. "We studied stagecraft and certain pieces of drama, but from watching the activities of the television division, I think that it could develop into a more challenging career."

"While I was there, I was introduced to the theatre of the absurd, which I found to be fascinating. We studied plays by Albee and Ionesco that say absolutely nothing and mean nothing on the stage until they are analyzed. Then, you discover that they have deep comments on society and moral issues."

Julie, who is a National Merit Commendation winner and a Nebraska Regents' Alternate, commented, "My particular interests are in languages, and in Latin especially. To me, translation is like working a crossword puzzle, and when you have finished translating a particularly hard work, you really have accomplished something."

As exchange editor and assistant business manager of the *Register*, Julie's job is to send out exchange papers to other schools and to keep the financial records, occasionally helping to sell ads.

During the past summer, Julie participated in a journalism workshop sponsored by the journalism department of Iowa University at Iowa City. "We studied the mechanics of newspaper work and put out our own paper, but the best part of the institute was living on my own and meeting people," she remarked.

Julie also attended the National Latin Convention in Tucson, Arizona last summer as one of three Central delegates. Of the experience, she said, "It surprised me to see how much JCL's across the country are trying to push the classics. They are also stressing publicity—making people aware of the existence of Latin Club and of the fact that Latin is very much alive as a language."

A member of the senior Activities Committee, Julie was co-chairman of the Banquet Committee for Latin Week this year, and as past president of her church youth group, Methodist Youth Fellowship, she also takes responsibility in extra-curricular activities.

Next year, Julie will attend Nebraska Wesleyan University and probably major in either psychology or foreign languages, most likely Spanish, "because it is so closely related to Latin."

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Johnson and Smith share similar schedules though their interests vary.

CHS seniors leave possessions with mixed emotions

As these last days of May rapidly depart, Central seniors reflect upon their high school years. From all their experiences and memories, these seniors leave behind a few pieces of what Central has meant for them.

Paul Lubetkin leaves the *Register* and his title to Anne Aresty.

Sally Simon leaves the *O Book* to Susan Ogborn.

Emmy Bergquist leaves her gavel and Column to David Cain.

Leslie (still trying harder) Grissom leaves her hair to Beth Wintroub.

Edward Zelinsky leaves his garbage pail to Mr. Bitzes.

Bruce Boyd leaves his campaign tactics to Harold Stassen.

John Nixon leaves his choir blazer to Hank Shrier.

Lynn Kaplan leaves his beautiful math notebook to Steve Marantz.

Steve Colan leaves his fan club to Dudley Doright of the Mounties.

Larry Boguchwal leaves his imbedded numbers imbedded.

Bonnie Evans leaves her hairdresser to Gary Anderberg.

Larry Katzman leaves backwards.

Gary Soiref and Dave Katz leave bad sports.

Barry Kaiman leaves fifth hour.

Bob Taylor leaves his senior picture to Mr. Clean.

Barb Taff leaves her haircut to Prince Valiant.

Bob Guss leaves his sideburns to Don Kohout.

Gary Colick leaves his smile to Liberace.

Linda Maurer leaves her height to Susan Sturges.

Dave Katz leaves Hank Aaron to Milton Spencer.

Mark Klein leaves his blue jeans standing.

Charlie Trachtenberg leaves his white socks to David Kaplan.

Maggie leaves talking.

Bill Gilinsky leaves his voice to Maureen McCourt.

Jane Prohaska leaves her culottes to Mr. Clark.

Greg LeDuc leaves being asked, "Is it true blondes have more fun?"

Another Coolidge leaves.

Mommy Metoyer and Daddy Hopkins leave Grandma Hunter.

Kerry Spitzenberger leaves her tennis racket to Julie Ramsey (but she's taking her horse with her.)

Ken Wollberg leaves his violin to Don Garland.

Pam Weiss leaves her common sense to Karen Gould.

Alexander Pikelis leaves his tie to Tex Ritter.

Lindsey Bloom leaves her boots to Santa Claus.

"Mr. President" leaves a fox in your den.

Harlan Abrahams leaves a little bit of his nose for everyone.

Pam Rasp leaves "The Great Australian Novel" to Gretchen Menke.

Jennie Stitt's voice left.

JoAnn Carr leaves her play costume to Debbie Blanton.

Alan Peterson (the Walking Delicatessen) leaves his between-meal snacks to the debate team.

Contemplating Johnny leaves the radiator to Mr. Cain.

Sally Fox leaves her collection of Cliff's notes to Monarch.

Jacque Landman and Chuck Karpf leave together.

Sandra Rambo leaves the Little Gallery to Debby Knotts.

Barb Berti and Julie Jorgensen leave their flutes to the Pied Piper.

Kathy Greenberg doesn't leave her English accent.

Jack Slosburg leaves his "Nixon's the One" button to Harlan Rips, who wouldn't accept it in 100 years.

The lunch bunch leaves room 131 to Mr. Jones.

The court improvements are left for another year.

The fourth year Latin class leaves 26 "translations" to Miss Pilling.

The CHS survey team leaves superflous, superfluous, and superfluous to Noah Webster.

The senior baseball players leave their hitting to Mr. Dineen—he'll need it.

The *Register* staff leaves happily.

The senior class leaves auditorium homeroom for good with a "word to the wise."

The school year is almost over and for many seniors, it is the last they'll see of Central. There are a few concrete things which they can humorously leave behind, but they cannot leave what they have gained in any other way. The senior class leaves with mixed emotions knowing it is leaving something to which it can never really return.

Frisbie, Blanchard to retire from CHS

Miss Josephine Frisbie, after 32 years at Central High School, is retiring.

Miss Frisbie received her bachelor's degree and with a fellowship, her master's degree from the University of Nebraska. A member of Delta Kappa Gamma Sorority, she has since served on its International Headquarters and International Building Committees.

In 1936, Miss Frisbie came to Central as a Latin teacher. She later acted as guidance counselor and then became an English teacher. She was chosen to head the English Department in 1952.

"English never stays the same; it's always changing. The biggest change at Central is that it has become a little less formal," Miss Frisbie commented. "Central has always been quite a conservative school. Many of the things we teach, other schools have dropped and then taken up again."

"The last few years, most of my activities have been along the line of creative writing. I think there should be a place in the students' lives for them to express themselves. They need to explore and want to

explore new ideas, but it's pretty hard to do in a regular class."

Miss Frisbie has done graduate work in the humanities and guidance at the University of Omaha, the University of Chicago, and Northwestern University. Last summer, she worked with students from disadvantaged areas in a "general improvement course."

An active participant in teachers' organizations, Miss Frisbie served as President of the Omaha Educational Association and the Nebraska Council of Teachers of English. In addition, she is on the Board of Directors of the Omaha Teachers' Credit Union and a working member of the Nebraska State Educational Association and the National Educational Association.

Miss Frisbie has taken part in civic programs too. She was on the Omaha Public Library Board for ten years, and at present is involved with the Educational Committee and the Library Committee of Joslyn Memorial.

In regard to Miss Frisbie's retirement, Dr. J. Arthur Nelson

stated, "It is with deep regret that we see Josephine Frisbie close her professional career. She is an ideal teacher, an ideal counselor, and an ideal department head; and her kindness, her understanding and her standards have touched and made richer the lives of many, many students."



Miss Josephine Frisbie



Mrs. Catherine S. Blanchard

"Books are our friends—come let us read!" This is the motto

Central High's librarian. This of Mrs. Catherine S. Blanchard, year Mrs. Blanchard is retiring after over 35 years at Central.

A Central alumna, Mrs. Blanchard was president of the Art Society during her senior year. She wanted to become a commercial designer until she began working in the State Historical Library while at the University of Wisconsin. Mrs. Blanchard received her Master's degree in Library Science from the University of Denver.

She has witnessed the great growth of Central's library. Mrs. Blanchard was at CHS when Room 117 served as the library. It was then moved to Study Hall 225. The walls between 225 and Rooms 221 and 220 were then removed to make way for the growing library.

A plaque in the office honors her son Byron as one of Nebraska's first two recipients of the Westinghouse Talent Search award, a fact of which Mrs. Blanchard is quite proud. Her son, a graduate of the Mass. Institute of Technology, is an electrical engineer.

Looking back on her career, she says, "One lovely thought comes to me—a thought which

has kept me from thinking about the effects of the passing years. The ones with whom I have worked these many years have never grown old. Since each year one senior class stepped out and the next freshman class (just as eager, trusting, and enthusiastic as ever) entered, the ones with whom I have worked have always remained the same age, and have seemed perpetually young."

Mrs. Blanchard remembers many of her past students. She relates that several of her former helpers have become prominent librarians.

She claims that if ever given the chance to re-live her career, she would have nothing changed. Mrs. Blanchard assured that in her retirement, "I will find interests which will keep me 'out of mischief.'"

According to Dr. J. Arthur Nelson, "We're sorry to see a teacher who has been so much a part of the tradition of Central High School leave. Catherine Blanchard has seen a longer span of the history of the school than any other teacher on the staff and has been a very valuable member of the faculty."

Moller, Dale receive Ed.D.

Mr. Gaylord Moller and Mr. Clifford Dale have just completed work for their Doctor of Education degrees at the University of Nebraska.

The two assistant principals attended classes for one and half days a week during this year. Mr. Moller took courses in contemporary trends in education and Social Psychology, as Mr. Dale studied Modern Education Administration.

They will become Dr. Moller and Dr. Dale at the completion of commencement exercises June 1.

Mr. Moller, who "learned a lot and enjoyed the course," wrote his dissertation on the problems of beginning high school teachers. He had personal interviews with 37 first year teachers from 11 Omaha and Lincoln high schools. He sent out 163 questionnaires to 316 beginning teachers in 34 high schools in 10 states. He found that the first problem is to get the student to perform at a satisfactory level and the second is concerned with absentee make-up work.

Mr. Moller recognized the importance of his doctorate degree, as it would help him towards his goal in education. He said that he "might become a metropolitan high school principal, a college professor, or a personnel director."

Mr. Dale took the course because it enabled him to "receive professional advancement and enriched knowledge of education." His dissertation concerned the use of electrical data process in secondary schools. He commented that it "enables us to do much more, we are no longer burdened with clerical work so we can give better service to the teachers and students."

Mr. Dale, who plans to continue with school administration, studied first-hand the Memphis school system's data processing system, which he termed "very advanced." After 16 years of college work, Mr. Dale said it was "kind of a relief" to have his doctorate.

Aresty, Ogborn to head publications

Anne Aresty and Susan Ogborn, Central juniors, are editors-in-chief of the Register and O-Book, respectively, for the first semester of the school year 1968-69. Mr. T. M. Gaherty, journalism instructor, posted his staff appointments last week as his Journalism I class began to move to its new duties.

Anne's main assistant will be Harlan Rips, serving as News Editor. The position of Editorial Page Editor was awarded to Carol Christensen. Steve Marantz will be Sports Editor and Hank Shrier will be the Fourth Page Editor.

Mr. Gaherty has appointed Gretchen Menke to the position of Assistant Editorial Page Editor and Nathan Feldman to assistant Sports Editor.

Feature Editors are to be Gary Anderberg and Susan Anderson. Gordon Katz will be editor of the Dimension, CHS Literary Magazine. Business Manager of the Register will be Sue Norman, and the Assistant Business Manager and Exchange Editor will be Bill McCartney.

CHS Council members choose officers; Cain, Olson to preside over new group

The Student Council officers for the 1968-69 school year have recently been announced.

They are Dave Cain, president; Barby Olson, vice-president; Bob Bernstein, treasurer; Vikki Dollis, recording secretary; Bob Brinkman, corresponding secretary; and Marilyn Katz and Ellen Alston, sergeants-at-arms. Also elected was Dave Dinsmore, parliamentarian.

Along with his duties as president of Student Council, Dave Cain has a full schedule planned for next fall. He will be taking AP Latin, AP Math, AP ex. English, American history, and A Cappella Choir.

Besides taking over for the president when necessary and designing projects for the Council, Barby will have to find time for AP ex. English, fourth-year Latin, third-year honors

Diane Christensen is to be next semester's copyreader, and Susie Muir, Vicki Dollis, and Bihla Karpman will be the papers' reporters.

The new staff will assist the old in preparation of this issue, the final Register of the present school year. Its first edition will come out next fall.

O-Book chiefs under Susan Ogborn include Joanie Abramson, Activities; Susie Higgins, Clubs; Cheryl Poole, Seniors; Sibyl Myers, Military; Deneen Cochran, Faculty; Mary Sramek, Girl's Sports; Howard Epstein, Boy's Sports; and Harriet Manheimer, Index Editor.

Section assistants are Judy Hahn, Activities; Beth Malashock, Clubs; Barb Wojtkiewicz, Seniors; Barb Fishbain,

The photo staff of both publications is nearly the same, with Howard Rosenberg serving as Chief Photographer and Richard Lindeman as Assistant. Carol Grisinger will serve on the O-Book staff as Photo Coordinator, a liaison agent between the editors and the darkroom.

French, second-year art, American history, and A Cappella Choir.

Bob Bernstein will be in charge of all Council finances. Along with many other extracurricular activities, his schedule next Fall will include AP ex. English, AP Math, AP Latin, AP chemistry, and orchestra.

Vikki's main job next year will be to take notes at Student Council meetings, while Bob Brinkman's function will be to write letters to neighboring schools and companies for information.

The duties of the sergeants-at-arms will be to maintain decorum at meetings and post all Council minutes. Completing the Council for the first semester next year will be Patty Shafer, Jim Crew, Derek Majors, Judy Zaiman, Cindy Rasp, and Barb Guss.

Military; Kathleen Harrold, Faculty.

Mr. Gaherty commented on the task of choosing his staff members from a highly qualified class, saying, "this year's applicants form a very select group. I am pleased with the new staffs."

Bermuda Shorts Day will be Friday, May 24. For 25c students are allowed to wear Bermuda shorts to school. No cut-offs are allowed and socks must be worn. Funds raised by this event are used to finance the Student Council scholarship.

In order to qualify for the Council's award, the student must be a senior carrying a three average, and must not have received a scholarship from any other source.

Trio lauded

Central High School's winning Math Team was honored recently by the Nebraska Section of the Mathematics Association of America. Honors went to three senior boys.

Charles Trachtenberg has been awarded a one-year membership in the Nebraska Section of the M.A.A.

Steven Colan and Howell Richards have been awarded a one-year subscription to the "Mathematics Magazine."

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Council Column

This week we had our elections in Council. Five senior officers and two junior officers were chosen.

The projects we're working on now include Bermuda Shorts Day and a Ping-Pong tournament. The tournament will be held in the court yard during the week of May 20 with the finals to be held on Friday, Bermuda Shorts Day. Money from Shorts Day will go to finance the Student Council Scholarship for a CHS senior.

Right now there is a pending amendment to the student Council constitution. Several members feel that an eight position should be open for seniors. Presently, the Council comprises six sophomores, seven juniors, and seven seniors. If the amendment is ratified, there will be six sophomores, seven juniors, and eight seniors. If you have any comments, please tell us.

Since this is the last issue of the Register, I guess it follows that this is the last Council column for this year. Good luck to next year's Council.

A salute to educator Dr. J. Arthur Nelson

Dr. J. Arthur Nelson's influence as an educator can best be seen through the words of his former pupils. In honor of Dr. Nelson's retirement, representatives from the alumni have written letters to the Register which expressed their personal view of Dr. Nelson.

I have come to the conclusion that the best way to relate my feelings is to tell of an incident which occurred while I was a student. As has been the case for the last twenty-four years, Dr. Nelson was principal.

The 1963 basketball team of Central High, of which I was a member, was on its way to the State Basketball Tournament. On the day of our first game I received an office call to see Dr. Nelson. When I arrived in his office I saw the other members of the team. Here we were, twelve basketball players who thought Dr. Nelson didn't even know we were in the tournament, standing in front of this distinguished educator. As we were to shortly learn, Dr. Nelson was very much aware of our achievements. And he was just as pleased with our athletic achievements as he was with our citizenship. He reminded us that whatever we did was in the name of Central High—not just any high school, but that of Omaha Central High School. He wished us the best of luck.

The team did not win the State Championship that year, but I'm sure that some of the members of the team learned something about their principal. He was not the same man who was supposedly only interested in the "I" student. He became a man who was interested in every student at Omaha Central High. From that day in 1963 until the present, I have had a great respect for Dr. Nelson.

Sincerely,
Timothy Schmad

We would like to pay tribute to Dr. J. Arthur Nelson, on the occasion of his retirement as principal of Central High School. Under his leadership, Central has maintained its excellent reputation, through academic standards and faculty members unequalled by any other high school in Nebraska.

Those of us who benefited by knowing him appreciate his desire for achievement, his administrative ability, his warm sense of humor, and his concern for students. We will never forget his encouragement and pride in the math and debate teams, nor his efforts in college and scholarship recommendations.

From a personal perspective, we found our college preparation equal to or better than that of students from other high schools. Dr. Nelson's responsibility for these high standards is recognized in the admissions offices of many outstanding universities.

A recent edition of the *Harvard Lampoon* questioned the existence of the Midwest. Dean Glimp removed any doubts on the subject by referring to Central as "the Boston Latin School of Nebraska". We say "thank you" to Dr. Nelson for putting us on the map.

Amy Brodkey
Richard Green

My four years at Central High School were most enjoyable. During that time J. Arthur Nelson displayed the leadership and guidance that made Central High School one of the top high schools in the country.

My best goes to J. Arthur Nelson for a job well done.

Gale Sayers

Rather than being a principal who was a pal, J. Arthur Nelson, more importantly was the symbol of authority who organized and ran Central High School efficiently and successfully—always keeping an A1 rating scholastically.

Mrs. Howard D. Vann



Dr. Nelson works in his flower garden.

I graduated from CHS in 1962, and because our mens' counselor left at the end of our Junior year, Dr. Nelson assumed his responsibilities. For this reason my classmates and I were able to have several private conferences with him. As the year progressed, I became more and more impressed by the interest Dr. Nelson took in his students, in every student. His purpose was not, it became clear, to place a certain number of students in the prestige schools; rather, he was concerned that each of us went to a college where we would be challenged and yet comfortable—whether that school be within the state or a thousand miles away.

This interest in the individual student, is but one of Dr. Nelson's many virtues. To be sure, were it not for our original counselor's absence, many of us would not have known him personally. Yet Dr. Nelson's tenure influenced every Central graduate—over ten thousand of us—since he became principal. During these years Omaha Central has obtained a reputation of excellence which stretches far beyond the city limits. Few can argue with the fact that this stature is directly attributable to Dr. Nelson's leadership. His standards have been high for students and teachers alike. But results were obtained, and we all profited from his presence.

Robert Gross

As the years have passed since I attended Central High School my appreciation for Dr. Nelson's character and achievements has deepened.

I was an ardent debater while at high school and, through this activity, had an opportunity to know Dr. Nelson in a more personal way than perhaps many students. He attended debate tournaments quite often and occasionally accompanied us on trips. I found there was a sense of humor beneath his outer dignity and reserve. There was also a marvelous objectivity and insight.

When school problems involved outside pressure and emotional feelings developed, I respected his ability to come to decisions and keep those decisions unwaveringly.

Dr. Nelson is a man of principle and knowing this about a person is always more important than mere agreement.

I am proud to be a graduate of Central High School and that pride is reflected in the standards and achievements the school has attained through the years that Dr. Nelson has been its principal.

Mrs. Warren Buffet
(Susan Thompson - 1950)

Dr. Nelson has proven himself to be an outstanding and dedicated educator and has done a superb job in providing great leadership at Omaha Central High School for so many years. Perhaps the greatest result of his work and efforts has been the fact that Omaha Central High School is acknowledged as one of the finest high schools in the area of college preparatory work in the United States. This not only means that our Omaha youngsters have been exceptionally well-prepared for college, but also that they have had the opportunity of carrying on their higher education in some of the finest schools in the country—because of the outstanding work and training they have had at Central under Dr. Nelson's leadership.

Not only has Omaha benefited these past years from Dr. Nelson's outstanding leadership, but it is hoped that many of "his students" will return to give leadership to Omaha for many years in the future. We are truly indebted to Dr. Nelson for all that he has done for Central High School and for Omaha. We wish him much health and happiness and many years of enjoyment and contentment in his retirement and whatever he chooses to do in the years ahead.

May I add my personal congratulations and best wishes to Dr. Nelson.

Richard H. Hiller



Senator Roman Hruska congratulates Dr. Nelson at the reception given in his honor.

Dr. J. Arthur Nelson, retiring Central High School principal, was honored at a reception held in his honor May 19. The affair was held at school and was open to the public.

The program for this J. Arthur Nelson Day read, "To commemorate the 41 years he has devoted to educating young people, and particularly the 24 he has served as Principal of Central High School, we dedicate this program."

From 2:00 until 4:00, Dr. Nelson received his honoring guests in the Central courtyard. Refreshments were offered in the front of the large auditorium, where the program began at 4:00.

First came the presentation of the colors by the Central High School Color Guard, composed

of ROTC members Tom Lemon, William Behmer, Paul Chadwick, and Michael Peterson.

The Master of Ceremonies for the function was Central English instructor W. Edward Clark. The invocation was offered by Dr. G. T. Monson, Associate Pastor of Augustana Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Robert Grissom, President of the Central High PTA; City Councilwoman Betty Abbott, representing the City of Omaha; Emily Bergquist, Student Council President, representing the student body; and Dr. Harold E. Monger, Past President of the Men's Garden Club of Omaha, all spoke for Dr. Nelson.

Others who spoke in his honor included Dr. Owen A. Knutzen, Superintendent of the Oma-

ha Public Schools; Charles A. Peters, President of the Omaha Board of Education; Miss Josephine Frisbie, head of the CHS English Department, representing the friends of Dr. Nelson; the Hon. Edward W. Danner, Nebraska State Senator, representing the State of Nebraska; and the Hon. Roman Hruska, U.S. Senator from Nebraska.

The A Cappella Choir, under the direction of Mr. Robert McMeen, then sang "Create in Me" by Johannes Brahms, "Alleluja" by J. S. Bach, "The Road Not Taken" by Randall Thompson, and "Salvation Is Created" by Tschesnokoff.

The program ended as Rabbi Myer S. Kripke of Beth El Synagogue offered a benediction.

CHS stature grows under Nelson

Nelsons look forward to leisurely retirement

Under Dr. Nelson's leadership, Central has advanced to a high ranking among American high schools. Several different surveys have placed the school among the top 20 high schools in the United States, including one by the University of Chicago, which has given this honor to Central this year for the 5th year.

Among other achievements, Central has earned more National Merit winners over the years than any other school in Nebraska, won the Nebraska division of the National High School Math Contest 8 out of 10 years, won first place in Creighton Math Field Day the last two years, won all awards offered in the 1967 University of Omaha "Grain of Sand" Con-

test, and won at least one of the six awards presented to Nebraska students by the National Council of Teachers of English each year Central has entered.

Also, Central students have won the state chess championship the last four years, produced three Boys' State Governors and three Girls' State Governors, won many art awards, triumphed in many debate and speech tournaments, and set high standards of musical achievement in plays and concerts.

Central's limited athletic facilities have also produced many stars, both local and national. Gayle Sayers and Joe Orduna are two familiar names to sports fans, and this year's athletes have maintained the tradition.

One way to measure the success of Dr. Nelson is to count the number of scholarships awarded to Central students, often because of his aid. Since his first year, the total number of scholarships is 3,251.

After his retirement, Dr. Nelson hopes to pursue his hobbies, which include fishing and iris cultivation. The latter will be one major activity, since he is presently vice-president of the American Iris Society and serves as editor of the society's national magazine.

Both Dr. and Mrs. Nelson hope to retire to a mild climate where they can enjoy flower growing, fishing, and painting. At their leisure, they would like to put some of their theories about flower genetics to the test.



Above, Dr. Nelson reviews his calendar in his office. Below, Dr. Paul Miller, former Superintendent of Omaha Public Schools, gives Dr. Nelson a certificate awarding him a Honorary Lt. Colonelcy of Central's ROTC, as well as a colonel's sword at the 1967 Military Ball.



Above, Dr. Nelson speaks with a student, below, Nelson in 1944.



Scholarship fund created

In honor of Dr. J. Arthur Nelson, who will retire as principal of Central in June, a special scholarship fund will be established in his honor for Central seniors.

Each spring, the recipient will be chosen by a committee composed of the principals and counselors at Central and a representative of Dr. Nelson's family. The scholarship will be paid directly to the college of the student's choice.

At the beginning of this week, the fund had reached about \$4,000. U.S. Senator Roman Hruska, speaking at the ceremonies in honor of Dr. Nelson on Sunday, said that contributions were coming in well, but "there's still room for improvement."

Donations are to be mailed to the J. Arthur Nelson Scholarship Fund, care of the OEA Foundation, 502 Center Bldg., Omaha, Nebr. 68105.

Checks should be made payable to the OEA Foundation and noted for the J. Arthur Nelson Scholarship. Contributions are tax deductible and will be acknowledged.



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CHS news briefs

The debate team chose the recipients of the Sarah Ryan and J. Arthur Nelson awards at an April 26 meeting of the National Forensic League.

Robert Guss, Gordon Katz, and Alan Peterson were this year's winners in competition for the Ryan Award, which recognizes annually the superior varsity debaters of the Central squad. Named as recipients of the Nelson Award for the superior novice debaters were Arie Bucheister and Gary Anderberg.

The Student Council is sponsoring Central's first Ping-Pong Tournament. It began May 20 and will continue through May 24.

Sophomore Derek Majors is chairman of the tournament.

Debra Warddrip, a freshman, and Lindsay Bloom, a senior, have recently been named Teen Queen of Nebraska and Miss Omaha, respectively.

Recently, senior Louis Duncan won a four-year, \$15,000

scholarship sponsored by the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps.

Central's senior banquet will be held Monday, June 3, at the Livestock Exchange Building. It will begin at 6:30 p.m. Ira Fox, senior class president, will preside as master of ceremonies.

On May 20 and 21, the Human Relations Club sponsored an exchange day involving students from four area high schools. Approximately 90 participants from Central, Marian, Mercy, and Creighton Prep took part.

Music echoed through the Norris and Lewis and Clark Jr. High auditoriums on Tuesday morning, May 7, as A Cappella Choir gave its annual spring concert for these schools.

Central High senior Larry Boguchwal will receive the Omaha Chapter of the American Institute of Industrial Engineers Math Achievement Award at a dinner on Wednesday, May 15.

Ex-envoy speaks

Continued from page 1

He saw a possible advantage in the negotiations in that the North Vietnamese spokesman is avowedly pro-Russian and anti-Chinese. He also stated that the USSR would play a important role in the forthcoming talks.

Mr. Dinh stated that the strongest presidential candidate for the US should be the one "whose word is trusted" in Europe and Asia. He said that when President Johnson promised that America would go anywhere at any time to discuss peace and then stalled when asked by Hanoi to the conference table, most of the world lost the faith once given the President. Mr. Dinh also asked that the US citizens consider each candidate's "sense of moral integrity" before they go to the polls.

Mr. Dinh is on a nation-wide speaking tour sponsored by the Methodist Board of Christian Social Concerns. While in Nebraska between May 8-10, he spoke at the Lincoln Rotary club, the Omaha Committee on Foreign Relations, the West Side Kiwanis club, the annual dinner of the League of Women Voters, Creighton University, Dana College, and several other places.

Mr. Dinh was born in Hue and was active in the anti-Japanese underground and in the Vietnamese independence war against the French. He joined the South Vietnamese Foreign Service in 1954; his last post was Acting Ambassador to the US. He resigned in 1964 to become a journalist, writer, and lecturer.

He has contributed articles to "The Christian Science Monitor," "The New Republic," "Commonweal," "The Nation," "War Peace Report," "New Politics," "The Washingtonian," and "The Christian Century." He has published a book on the war in Vietnam titled "No Passenger on the River."

He is a member of the Center of Vietnamese Studies (Saigon); The Siam Society (Bangkok), the Burma Research Society (Rangoon), and the American Academy of Political and Social Science.

Mr. Dinh is a regular columnist for the U.S. Collegiate Press Service. He is also Director for the U.S. and Canada of the Overseas Vietnamese Buddhist Association.

Many Hilltop organizations hold elections for officers

Several CHS organizations have chosen their new officers for next year. Many clubs will choose new officers later this year or next fall.

Representatives, French Club, Homemakers elect

Homeroom Representatives have already chosen their new leaders. President is Scott Yahneke, Vice-president is Linda Wagner, Secretary-Treasurer is Frankie Weiner, and the two Sergeants-at-Arms are Karen Gould and Patty Shafer.

French Club's new officers will be President, Harlan Rips; Vice-president, Sandy Lipsman; Secretary, Joan Faier; Treasurer, Dave Slosburg; and Sergeants-at-Arms, Dave Cain and Judy Zaiman. Officers were announced at the French Club picnic at Benson Park.

Pam Rasp, retiring French Club Vice-president, stated, "We played various French games, and, to give authenticity to the occasion, French pastries were served."

Homemaking Club chose two of its officers at the regular May meeting and will choose the secretary and Treasurer in the fall. The new President is Cathy Sloboth, and the new Vice-president is Barb Dailey.

Players vote for officers, best performers

Central High Players held elections for all of next year's officers, who were announced at the annual spring banquet on Saturday, May 18, at the Tomahawk Inn.

The officers are President, Nancy Oostenbrug; Vice-president, Nancy Kaplan; Recording Secretary, Carol Piskac; Corresponding Secretary, Jan Rasmussen; Treasurer, Gretchen Manke; Historian, Barby Olson; Marshall, Jeff Zimmerman; and Sergeants-at-Arms, Gina Piazza and Mary Redelfs.

Also announced at the banquet were the "Amy" Awards. The Best Actor award went to Bob Hopkins for his role as Maitland in "The Chalk Garden." The fall play Best Actress is Linda Hunter, who portrayed Granny in "The Sandbox." The spring play, and Madrigal in "The Chalk Garden." Best supporting actor was Don Kohout for his role as the judge in the fall play and Lanette Metoyer was voted Best Supporting Actress for her role as Mommy in the spring play.

Teachers, Nurses, Germans chose leaders

Future Teachers held elections this month. New officers were: Janet Jelinek, President; Mary Schoettger, Vice-president; Diane Ebener, Secretary;

Gail Blanchard, Historian; and Kathy Prescott, Treasurer.

Future Nurses held elections at their regular monthly meeting and held a special election meeting to break a tie. Officers for next year will be President, Barb Jordan; Vice-president, Marsha Johnson; Secretary, Sue Hickson; and Treasurer, Twila Chmelka.

German Club officers were elected at the May 6 meeting. Sue Vana will be President of the club in 1968-69.

Other officers include Judy Papish, Secretary; Bob Brody, Treasurer; Bob Brinkman and Judy Schubert, Sergeants-at-Arms.

A hayrack ride at Lisa and Frank Latenser's home was the main feature of the German Club picnic on May 18.

Mathletes, Inter-Americans select

Bob Brody, a junior Boys' Starter, will head the Central High **Mathematics Club** next year. "We hope to continue our excellent Math Club program and add a few innovations of our own, including a College Bowl-type math contest to be held at a number of our meetings next year," said Bob.

Julie Ramsey was selected Vice-president; Barb Guss, Secretary; and Susie Prohaska, Treasurer. Sandy Lowder and Howard Epstein are the Sergeants-at-Arms.

Miss Virginia Pratt, club sponsor, commented that next year's Math Club "is going to be a great one."

At the picnic on May 13, officers of **Inter-American Club** for next year were announced. The new president is Ron Romanik, a junior. Debbie Roach will be the vice-president and program chairman.

Sue Andersen and Mauricio Brodsky are secretary and treasurer, respectively. Sergeants-at-Arms are Stephen Rexroat and Dennis Moore.

Entrepreneurs elect, eat

The **Entrepreneurs** have elected Jim Heese and Fred Vacanti as president and Vice-president of the club for next year.

Jerry Abboud is treasurer; Marsha Johnson is secretary. Mr. Anthony LaGreca, club sponsor, stated that sergeants-at-arms would be elected next fall.

"The purpose of the club is to be able to finance a banquet at the end of the year," commented Mr. LaGreca. This was accomplished by completing tax returns and sponsoring a contest at the beginning of the year. The banquet was held at Gorats.

Rambo takes architectural award; wins two \$300 scholarship grants

Junior Merle Rambo has won the 14th annual Architectural Awards Contest. There were over 200 entries in the program sponsored by the Omaha Home Builders Association.

Merle won both divisions of the contest. He received two \$300 scholarships to the college of his choice. Mr. Gordon Thompson, Merle's instructor, stated, "To the best of my knowledge, no student has ever won both categories before."

Merle, who placed fifth in last year's contest, also received four trophies. Mr. Thompson said that the contest is usually "won and placed in by high school seniors."

The contest consisted of working drawings and presentation drawings. Merle described presentation drawings as "the architect's concept of what the house will look like."

Presentation drawings consist of a floor plan of the house, a plot plan of the house and yard, a wall section, and a perspective drawing done in color.

The working drawings are those needed to actually construct the house. Merle's consisted of six different full sheets of drawings.

His contained a floor plan, a

O-Book near

The 1967-68 edition of the **O-Book** will be distributed on Wednesday, May 29. "We think that the new features and improvements will make this **O-Book** a unique memento of this school year," commented Mr. T. M. Gaherty, journalism instructor.

This year's staff was headed by Sally Simon, Editor. Susie Endelman is the Activities Editor, assisted by Jackie Hammer. Club Editor is Sally Fox, assisted by Karen Chapek. Gayle Lerman and Debbie Caffrey are Military Editor and Assistant Military Editor, respectively.

Sports editors are Linda Hunter, girls', and Andy Liberman, boys'. Andy is also assistant photographer. Francie Brody is the Senior Editor, with Jacque Landman as her assistant.

Sue Friedman and Pam Beck are Faculty Editor and Assistant Faculty Editor, respectively. Judi Caniglia is the Index and Copy Editor.

layout of electrical fixtures, a basement plan, and a plan of exterior elevations. Also included was a plan of stair and wall sections and a roof and lot plan.

The winners were selected on the basis of suitability for family living, idea originality, and economics. The designs had to be architecturally sound and suitable in construction details. Excellence in presentation and draftsmanship was also necessary.



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Central junior Merle Rambo won the 14th annual Architectural Awards Contest.

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Sorry: about that! Eagles state champs on court

— Gary (Sorry) Soiref
Sports Editor

It is true that Central did not win many state titles this year, nor was it often in the sports limelight. However, a good look at the last eight and one-half months shows many noteworthy achievements.

Footballers faulty

On the gridiron, the Eagles finished 4-2 in their division and 4-5 overall. Their five losses came to teams that had a combined record of 36-5-2.

In the Metro conference, they wound up first in pass defense and third in total defense, with 304 yards and a 182.9 yard average, respectively. Tony Ross, a junior, and Bob Taylor, a senior were named to the National Division All-Stars, with Ken Woita and Bruce Van Langen also receiving votes.

Both the J.V. and the sophomore teams wound up 4-1-1, showing that there should be plenty of support next year for Ross.

Caruthers leads harriers

The cross country congregation finished 3-4 after losing its first three contests. They were aided when ace harrier Henry Caruthers returned for the fourth meet and proceeded to grab two first places in the remaining four races.

They ended ninth in the Metropolitan Invitational Cross Country Tournament and eighth in the Metro championships. They also wound up fourth in their district.

The team was very young, however boasting three juniors, with Caruthers, Andy Guzman, and Jim Demott as its best trotters. Sophomore Ned Williams showed promise when he finished 13th out of 82 in a junior varsity meet.

Ross excels again

The Eagle wrestlers fought hard to better last year's dismal 2-19 record and succeeded. They finished 3-9. There were bright spots, however.

The grapplers finished eighth in the South High Invitational and the North High Invitational. Junior Tony Ross pinned down the 165 championship in each of these.

Dave Dinsmore was runner-up at 127 at South, and Glen Renner was runner-up at 180 at North.

The matmen finished fifth in the state, qualifying Ross, Renner, Art Palma, and George Bowie. Even though Ross captured the state title at 165, Central finished tenth.

Gymnasts lack experience

The main problem which confronted the gymnastics team was one that was becoming quite familiar—youth and inexperience. There were only two seniors on the team, Dennis Moen and Gary Zednick.

Fortunately, there were numerous excellent younger competitors, such as sophomore Ken Vorhies and junior Tom Bersch. Other standouts were Lee Holiday, Joe Burket, Ed Mohanna, and Larry Dussault.

They finished third in a very tough district, with Bersch qualifying in three events and Vorhies in two.

Swimmers young also

The swimming team had a pretty good year, especially considering the absence of experience once again. They finished sixth in the Metro swimming tournament.

Also, two new school swimming records were established. Craig McWilliams, Bob Brinkman, Rick Thiesen, and Jim Costello swam the 200-yard medley relay in 1:59.9. Brinkman then swam the 400-yard free style in 4:42.6.

The rifle team took its third consecutive inter-city rifle title, led by captain Von Trimble.

Cagers come back

The basketball team made another almost phenomenal showing, winding up with a 20-2 record despite the fact that there were only four returning lettermen.

In the beginning of the season, Central was picked behind Creighton Prep in the ratings. This choice rang true as the Eagles dropped a one-pointer to Tech in the Holiday Tournament and Tech went on to lose to Prep.

The ratings continued to fluctuate throughout the entire season with Prep, Tech, Lincoln Southeast, Lincoln Pius, and Central dominating. Then Pius fell, as well as Tech and Southeast.

The stage was set for the big showdown between Central and Prep. Both the Metro championship and the number one spot in the state rankings rode on one game. The Eagles attained a complete victory and emerged as the Metro champ at 13-0.

But then it happened again. The Eagles, highly favored going into the state finals, lost again to darkhorse Lincoln Northeast. Obviously, the Rhythm Boys were the better team—usually.

Dwaine Dillard, Willie Frazier, John Biddle, Roy Hunter, Ralph Hackney, and Phil Griffin—six of the top seven Rhythm Boys—will all be gone next year. The first two of these boys played the last two years for a 42-4 record.

More youth on links

The golf team also had the problem of youth this year as they finished 3-4 overall. Next year they should prove to be one of the toughest groups in the state and may find their toughest competition among themselves.

The baseball team continues to have trouble, now holding a 2-8 record. They can't seem to get their hitting together with their pitching in the same game.

The track team has done well, even though it hasn't met up to the standards of the teams of the last two years. They captured fifth in the over-all state championship and sixth in the Class A state championship.

Netmen find golden slipper

Last, but far from least is the state champion tennis team. This Cinderella story starts with the fact that the team has only one senior.

In addition to the state championship, they went undefeated (6-0) in their division. Next year they should be better. After all, they still need experience.

Central's young tennis team went all the way with great finesse to capture the Class A State High School Tennis Championship.

The state championship was attained through the talents of sophomore Jim Crew, playing singles, and the doubles team of senior Tom Crew and sophomore Dan Grossman.

Each school entered one singles and one doubles team.

Crew outlasted

Jim Crew went all the way to the semifinals, where he fell to the eventual state singles winner, Steve Gerdes of Westside.

Crew reached the semifinals by beating Brian Kohl of Hastings 9-7 and 8-6; and Steve Holroyd of Lincoln High 7-5 and 8-6.

He lost to Gerdes after a gruelling match, 6-3, 6-8, and 6-1.

Doubles are champs

Tom Crew and Dan Grossman had less difficulty in taking the state doubles championship. Jim Wragge and Gary Cox of Fremont fell 6-1 and 6-4 in the first round.

In the second round, the highly regarded Westside combination of Brooke Peterson and Brad Petersen fell 6-3 and 6-4.

Seven racers qualify

Central qualified seven trackmen for the state track meet, finishing third in the district meet held at Burke on Saturday, May 11. Tech again dominated the field, totaling 78 points to 39 for Benson and 38 for Central.

Vince Orduna captured firsts in both hurdle events, as expected. He ran the high in :14.2 and the lows in :19.5.

His times were considerably better than those recorded at any other district meet in Nebraska. The time in the lows bettered Gale Sayer's district record of :19.7 set in 1961.

Terry Paulsen also qualified in two events, finishing third in the 440 and second in the 880.

Relays, field events qualify

The 880 relay team zipped to its best time of the year, capturing the event in 1:29.5, which breaks the district record.

Runners falter, place sixth; Orduna falls to G I's Butts

Scottsbluff and Grand Island tied for the Class A championship as they upset favored Tech in the State High School Track Meet, 39-35. Central finished sixth with a total of 14 points.

One of the big surprises of the meet was the double victory of Grand Island's Randy Butts in the hurdles. He defeated Eagle Vince Orduna in both events. Orduna ran second in the 120 highs and third in the 180 lows.

Aided by winds of up to 40 miles per hour, Butts ran an unofficial record :14.0 in the highs and :19.4 in the lows. Orduna ran his best time of :14.1 in the highs, but an injury held him to :20.0 in the lows.

Relay teams whiz

The 880 and two-mile relay teams both blazed, finishing second and fourth respectively. The 880 team, which ran under the state winning time of 1:30 in the districts, were defeated by

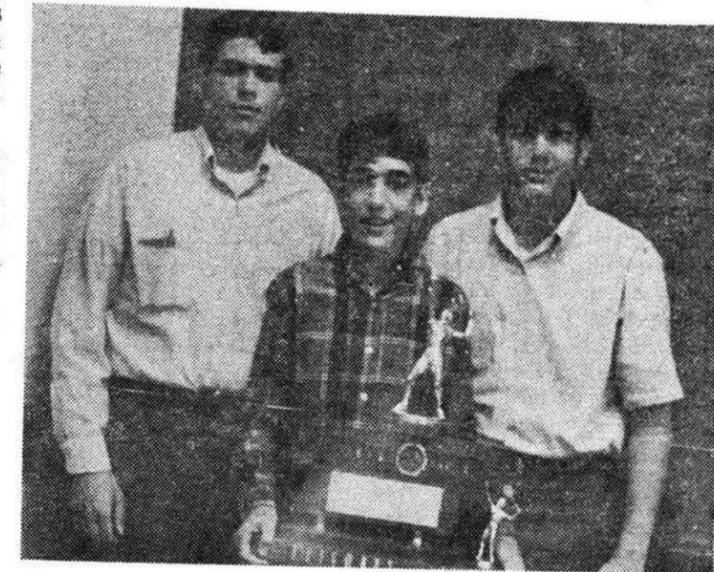


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Central netmen who captured State title are (from left) Tom Crew, Dan Grossman, and Jim Crew.

The semifinals found the dynamic duo beating Tech's Don Purdy and Dwane Nystrom 6-2 and 11-9.

Then, in the finals, they made a strong comeback against Lincoln Northeast's Dave Dohl and Jim Hoyt. Having dropped the first set 2-6, they came back to win the next two 9-7 and 7-5.

School scoring:

Om. Central	12	Bellevue	4
Om. Westside	10	Lincoln SE	4
Om. Prep	8	Om. Tech	4
Lincoln NE	8	Lincoln	2
Om. Benson	6	Fremont	2

Sole Eagle to state; Eagles place fourth

In the district golf competition, the Eagles continued to have trouble, qualifying for only one place in the state tournament.

Eagles fourth

Central finished fourth in its district at Benson Park with a 246. Team scores were figured by the total of the scores of the best three of four competitors for each team.

Benson finished first at 233. They were followed by Bellevue, 241, and North 242.

The top three teams and best five individuals went on to state. Central's Scott Cate was third at 77.

Benson won three individual places, with North grabbing the fifth.

Hastings takes state

In the state golf tournament at North Platte Country Club, Hastings finished number one with a 224.

Westside finished second at 234.

Central's district enemies didn't fare so well. North finished sixth with another 242. Benson, 251, and Bellevue, 255, finished tenth and eleventh, respectively.

Hastings' Jim White took the individual medal with a hot 70. Westside's ace, Rick Schultz, finished fourth at 76.

Central's representative, Scott Cate, ended with an 85.

Bill Agnew, leader of Benson's district victory with a 76, shot up to 90 at state.

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Grand Island. The Eagles covered the distance in 1:32.7.

The two-mile team was eight seconds behind winner Omaha Benson, which ran 8:12.0.

Terry Paulsen was the only other Central athlete to place, finishing fifth in the 440 in :51.7. Tech's Reggie Duncan was first in :50.0.

Eagles fifth in grand championships

Central finished fifth in the World-Herald's Grand Championships, which takes into consideration only the best times and distances in all classes.

Tech was the Grand Championship winner, nosing out Scottsbluff 26-24½. Central had 12 points.

The state meet capped a successful season for the Eagles, who ran over all Metro opposition except Tech. Central proved most effective in the hurdles, the intermediate distances, and the relay events.

Fielding proves Eagle nemesis- Central record collapses to 4-8

Poor fielding cost Central's baseball team several important runs in four losses to Burke, South, Benson, and Bellevue. With a win over Abraham Lincoln, the Eagles changed their record to 4-8.

Although the fielding was poor, the hitting was more than adequate, with seniors Bill Burri, Dick McWilliams, Gary Lien, Ken Woita, and Willie Frazier helping the team to collect at least as many hits as its opponent in each game.

Bulldogs bite

Larry Brisby and Bob Gilmore of Burke hooked up in an exciting pitching duel, but the Bulldogs pulled off a 2-1 victory, scoring twice in the fifth inning without a hit.

The Eagles outhit their West Omaha opponents 5-4, but were unable to put the hits together in any inning except the fifth, when two hits provided the only run.

Gilmore fanned 11 Eagles.
South cops slugfest

Aided by five hits in the first inning, Central jumped out to a 7-0 lead, only to be downed by South 16-12 in a makeup game held Sunday, May 5.

South blasted its way back to tie in its half of the first with the help of four Eagle errors, two walks, and three hits. A home run from Central batsmen in the second made the score 8-7, but the Packers stormed back for four unearned runs in the third to put the game out of reach.

Central closed the gap to 14-12 in the top of the sixth, but two Packer runs in the bottom half of the frame ended the threat.

The win raised South's Metro record to 6-0.

Eagle errors fatal

Central again jumped out to a quick lead against Bellevue, but nine errors allowed the Chieftains to overcome the early Eagle advantage.

After Bellevue picked up two runs in the top of the first, Central bunched six hits for six

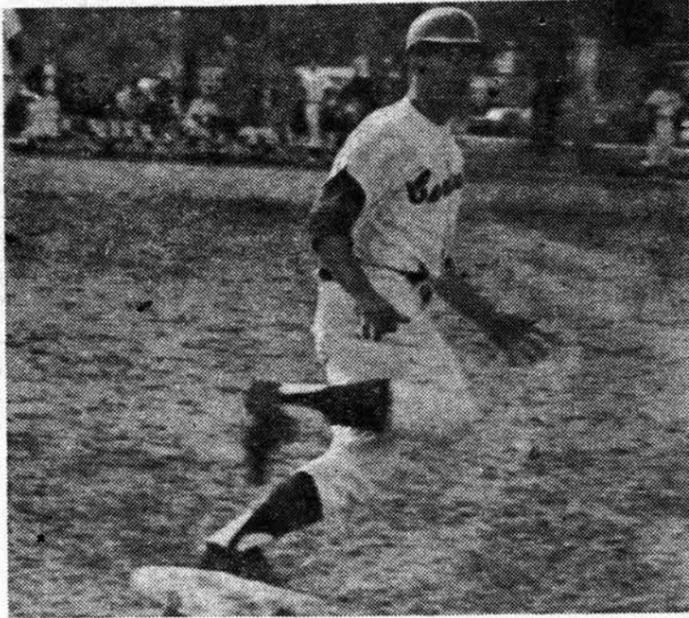


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Ed Mahanna rounds first while checking for fielder's peg.

runs and a 6-2 lead. Bellevue changed pitchers and the Eagles were able to collect only four more hits in the final six frames.

Yellowjackets stung

Tom Delong tossed a two-hitter to lead Central to a 5-3 triumph over Abraham Lincoln. The knuckleballer befuddled Yellowjacket hitters with his butterfly pitch to notch three strikeouts.

After the Eagles moved out to 3-1 lead with single tallies in each of the first three innings, Bob Handleman rapped a two-run single in the fifth to drive in Gary Lien and Woita, who had walked.

Central collected six hits in defeating the Yellowjackets.

Bunnies hop past Eagles

George Kamp of Benson allowed Central only three hits in shutting out the Eagles 3-0. Two first-inning runs provided all the runs that Kamp needed.

Brisby pitched a fine game, giving up only six hits and two earned runs.

The game was played in a light rain, but the moisture did not keep the Eagles from playing one of their most flawless fielding games of the season.

Trackmen victorious

The Eagle track team was extended before edging out Burke 73-68 at Burke on April 30. Coach Bob Whitehouse once again had to rely on his superb relay teams and seniors Vince Orduna and Terry Paulsen for the victory.

The 880 relay team produced a win with a time of 1:30.2, the fastest in Nebraska this year and the ninth quickest on the all-time state charts. The team consists of George Bowie, Milton Spencer, Orduna, and Paulsen.

Orduna and Paulsen once again produced double victories. Orduna was first in the 180-yard low hurdles in :19.5 and nosed out Earl McCulloch in the 120-yard highs in :14.3.

Paulsen took top honors in the 100 and 220 with times of :10.1 and :22.7 respectively.

Juniors Spencer and Henry Caruthers showed Coach Whitehouse that he has much to look forward to next year by winning the 440 and 880. Spencer covered the quarter mile in :51.4 and Caruthers outdistanced the field in the half mile in 2:01.4.

The other Eagle individual winner in the track events was Scott Yahnke, who copped the two-mile with a time of 10:56.8.

Eaglettes chosen

Carmen Orduna, Stephanie Spilker, and Debbie Scheffel were chosen to be co-captains of the 1968-69 Eaglettes, selected last week after five days of tryouts and practices.

The girls selected were Ellen Alston, Judy Avant, Carol Blair, Debbie Blanton, Lanette Bird, Bunnie Buckingham, Sandy Corrigan, JoAnn Donaldson, Debbie Golden, Ricki Goodman, Nancy Hansen, Kathy Harrold, and Betty Jacobsen.

Others were Marilyn Katz, Jayne Kirshenbaum, Julie Mallory, Joan Mauer, Maureen McCourt, Barb Naughtin, Bonnie Naughtin, Jill Nesvan, Debbie Olive, Barby Olsen, Cheryn Poole, Jane Rice, Mary Jo Slosburg, Gail Wages, Barb Wasko, Sue Wolf, and Judy Zaiman.

Dineen to rule gridiron

Mr. Tom Dineen has been promoted to the position of head football coach at Central High School. He will replace Mr. Pat Salerno, who is returning to his alma mater, the University of Nebraska, to do graduate work.

Coach Dineen is far from being new to the sport of football. During his high school career, he was a football-basketball standout for Creighton Prep here in Omaha. He later played for Creighton University.

His football coaching began at St. Patrick in Sidney, Nebr., in 1946, where his record was 24-12. He then went to Riordan High in San Francisco for four years, where his record was 27-9.

After four years, he moved to Marin High in San Rafael, Cal., where he established a 21-9 record. In 1958, he returned to Omaha and Ryan High School, where he finished 29-19-1 before coming to Central in 1965.

Before his promotion, Dineen had been baseball coach and assistant football coach at Central.

School Superintendent Owen A. Knutzen said, "Dineen's appointment was recommended by the Central High School administration. No replacement has been named as yet for Dineen's post as varsity baseball coach."



Mr. Tom Dineen, new football coach for CHS.

Netmen go undefeated

Central smashed all its opponents while winning the National Division tennis championship with a 6-0 record. The Eagles later went on to fall to Westside in the playoffs and Metro tourney.

Burke easy

Burke was crushed 5-0 in the first of four dual meets. Jim Crew won the first singles match quite easily, 6-0 and 6-0.

Dan Grossman also had little trouble in the second singles contest, winning 6-1 and 6-1. Dave Dinsmore won 6-2 and 6-1 in taking the third solo contest.

John Ellerbeck and Tom Crew won the first doubles match 6-4, 5-7, and 6-2, while the second team, Dave Slosburg and Dick Brezacek, won 6-1 and 7-5.

Rebels suppressed

Rummel presented little more of a challenge as they lost to the Eagles 4-1. Tom Crew won 6-1 and 6-0, while Grossman won 4-6, 6-3, and 6-2.

Dinsmore won 6-3, 3-6, and 7-5. Ellerbeck and Crew triumphed 6-2 and 6-3.

The only loss was incurred upon the pair of Slosburg and Brezacek, 3-6, 6-4, and 5-7.

The eager Eagles then went on to defeat Tech and South easily. Both matches were won 5-0.

Eagles whitewashed

The Metropolitan Conference team tennis championship playoff took place between Central and Westside at Hanscom Park.

Westside was given a great added advantage at the start when rain forced the playoff to go inside. Westside, used to practicing indoors when necessary, used this aid to its fullest extent while blanking the Eagles, 5-0.

Cate, Miller lead linkmen past Tech

Eagle golfers won one of their final three dual matches and finished season competition at 3-4.

Cate takes honors

South beat the Eagles in a nerve-racking contest by the score of 158-159. Low scorer for Central was Scott Cate with a 36.

Other scores in the Spring Lake meeting were Steve Miller, 38; Jim Rice, 40; and Bruce Muskin, 45.

Tech blasted

Central roared back, slaughtering very weak Tech, 163-210, at Elmwood Park. Scott Cate once again held scoring honors at 39, this time sharing them with Gary Negley.

Finishing the Eagle total were Steve Miller, 41, and Jim Rice, 44. Muskin shot a 36 while playing with the J.V. to allow a playoff between Negley and Rice.

Once again the Eagles had problems as they lost to Rummel 168-173. Steve Miller led the Eagles with a 41.

The team consists of three juniors and six sophomores. The junior varsity is undefeated.

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