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Israeli official talks of student acts; declares students unsure of solutions

An assembly for Central students held on Monday, March 30, in the CHS auditorium featured General Shaul Rosolio, Commander of Israel's Police Force. General Rosolio spoke to a large group of Centralites on the topic of "Student Unrest in the World."

Served in many capacities

General Rosolio, a native Israeli, served in the Haganah, or Palestinian defense force, throughout his school years, including college. Upon graduation he became a full-time member of the Haganah, serving as a chief instructor.

After the establishment of the state of Israel in 1948, General Rosolio joined the new police force and served in various capacities on the force. From 1952 to 1956, he served as chief superintendent of the National Police Training Department. The general was in charge of the police security at the famous Eichman trial.

In discussing the low incidence of student unrest in Israel as compared with that in the rest of the world, Commander Rosolio noted that secondary school is not available for all students. Those who cannot afford secondary school tuition or are not capable of handling the work are trained in various vocational schools. General Rosolio felt that this method helps keep all students involved in the society

in an active manner.

All youths drafted

General Rosolio also commented that Israel's "constant state of emergency" makes it necessary for every Israeli of age 18, including girls, to be drafted into the army. He commented that most youths are not anxious to join, but they realize the absolute necessity of the situation. "This war is in our backyards. We must fight for our homes, and the youths know this."

Commenting upon the almost non-existent use of drugs in Israel, the general noted that this low incidence is due to the fact that the social structure frowns upon such use.

Youth lacks goals

General Rosolio felt that there is no generation gap in Israel, as it is a youth-oriented society. He said that education of youth is a main goal in the country.

Giving his opinion of the reason for worldwide student unrest, the commander said, "Youth knows what it is against, but not what it is for."

A question and answer period followed the general's talk. He declined to answer several questions on solutions to specific problems in the United States, saying that he was not sufficiently familiar with this country to answer in depth.

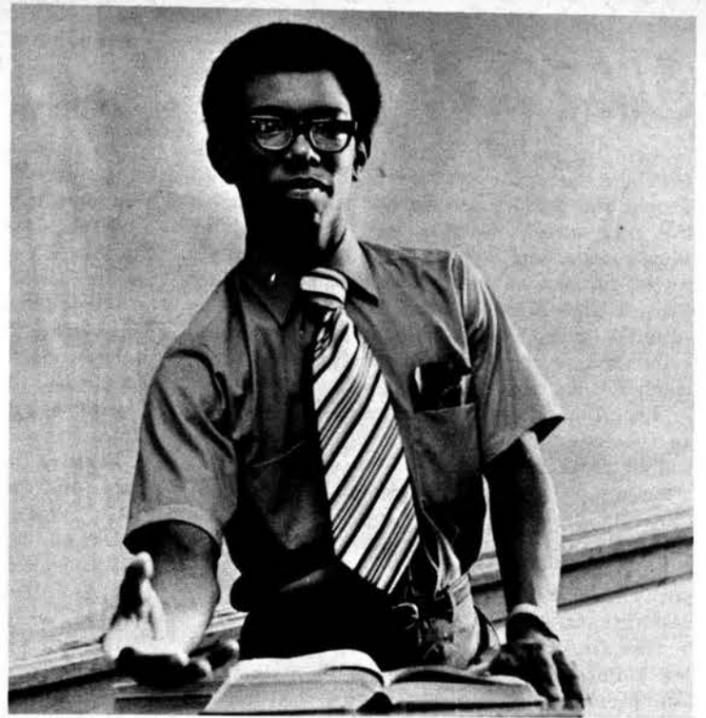


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Keith Lewis talks about his recent trip to Washington D.C. and New York.

Lewis meets Nixon, tries for 'Boy of Year'

Keith Lewis, one of ten finalists in the 1970 Boys' Club "Boy of the Year" contest, shook hands with President Nixon two weeks ago in Washington, D.C.

The meeting with the President was the highlight of an exciting week for Keith. The President personally talked with each finalist. President Nixon mentioned to Keith that he knew the former Omaha Mayor A. V. Sorensen who was active in organizing the Omaha Boys' Club.

Keith added that "I had on a pink shirt and tie, and the President said he liked it very much."

Contestants tour Washington, New York

The trip to Washington climaxed an entire week of activities. While there, Keith and Tom Davis, director of the North Omaha Boys' Club, toured the city. Congressman Glen Cunningham took the two to lunch at the House of Representatives restaurant in the Capitol building. Keith then observed a meeting of the Senate where debate was proceeding on the Carswell nomination.

Keith had gone to New York City a few days previous to his trip to Washington. The semifinals were held in New York. On the basis of interviews, a committee selected half of the twenty semifinalists to continue on in the competition.

The committee questioned the boys on their background, their community activities, their knowledge of current events, and other topics. It was these ten boys who went to Washington as regional winners.

In New York, Keith went sightseeing with the others and was a special guest at Radio City.

"I didn't believe it"

Keith's overall comments on his trip were "I didn't believe it. It's a great honor. I didn't even know my name had been submitted for the contest."

Keith had become a contestant when the North Omaha Gene Eppley Boys' Club entered a portfolio of Keith's achievements in the contest. The Boys' Club of America sponsors this contest annually for its 850,000 members.

Keith was chosen on the basis of his overall community performance. He is active in athletics at the Boys' Club and frequents there two to three times a week.

A sophomore at Central, he is an honor student and also participates in sports. His community activities include being a volunteer for the Menonite Volunteer Service and participating in the choir at his church.

Centralites get national awards; Faier, Slosburg place in contest

Two Central seniors have been named as national award winners in Quill and Scroll's National Writing Contest. Quill and Scroll is an honorary society for high school journalists, although entrants are not required to be members.

Two editorial winners

Joan Faier and David Slosburg both were declared winners for articles in the editorial division. Joan's editorial dealt with cafeteria reforms, whereas David's was on the lack of representation in the student council.

Last year, thousands entered the contest with 182 persons winning gold keys for writing excellence. The entrants are divided into six divisions.

This year the divisions were editorials, news stories, photographs, feature stories, advertisements, and sports stories. Each school was limited to just two entries in each division.

Scholarship possibilities

In past years, there have been about 700 entries in the editorial division with only 35 winners. As seniors, Joan and David are now eligible to apply for one of the Edward J. Nell Memorial Scholarships in Journalism.

This scholarship, amounting to \$500, may be used toward any college or university offering a major in journalism. Five boys and five girls are chosen among the applicants

for the scholarships.

After hearing that she had been declared a national winner, Joan said, "Winning this was important to me because I would like to write professionally in the future."

"I was really surprised when I found out that I had won," said David. "I didn't even remember entering the contest."

Mr. T. M. Gaherty, journalism advisor, stated that this was the first time that he had sent entries into the Quill and Scroll contest. He said that this year he is entering more national contests than in former years.



Photo by Hood

Leni and Kathy were both winners in the contest with stories done for creative writing.

Central writers win twice in 'World-Herald'

Two Central High students have won the Omaha World-Herald Opportunity for Writers contest this year. Leni Sommer and Kathy Etter, students of Mrs. Ellen Trumbull, entered stories which they had written as creative writing assignments in Mrs. Trumbull's class.

Kathy's story, *One Summer*, was the first-place winner in the January contest. It was the first story she had ever submitted for publication. *One Summer* developed from a class assignment on effective use of dialogue. Kathy said that the object of the assignment was to "make the people seem human."

Leni won first place with *Penelope*, a story which was "to portray a single emotion using kids." Her story won the contest in March. Leni has entered other contests, but this is the first time she had anything published.

Only winners in Omaha schools

The Opportunity for Writers is a monthly contest. One entry per month per school is all that the contest rules allow. Mr. Clark and Mrs. Trumbull choose the entries and submit them to the World-Herald.

Central is the only school in Omaha which has had first-place winners in the World-Herald contest this year. Also, the fact that Leni and

Kathy won the contest just two months apart came as a surprise to both the girls, as they were in the same class at the time of the contest.

Class hears stories

Mrs. Trumbull said that the stories were read aloud to the creative writing class. The class then made suggestions as to how to improve the stories. She thought that both girls revised their stories several times before their final drafts were submitted.

Mrs. Trumbull commented that the stories "seemed real and unfake" and that the students were not "overreaching themselves." "They wrote about something that they really understood."

Students enjoy writing

Kathy and Leni were very happy about the results of their writing class. They both said that they enjoyed the class because, as Kathy said, "It made me sit down and write." Leni added that it "keeps you to a schedule if you know that you have to turn in your work for a grade."

Both girls stated that they had been definitely influenced by other writers. Kathy's favorite author is Carson McCuller, who wrote *The Heart is a Lonely Hunter*. "Her writing is simple but effective." Leni said that she favors Ray Bradbury's books because they are "haunting."

They shoot pigeons, don't they? Central starts pigeon extermination

Can you imagine Australia without her kangaroos or America the Beautiful without her litter? Should you remove the candied roses on top of the cake merely because they taste terrible? Would you attend a circus without buying cotton candy, popcorn, or peanuts? Or, can you picture Central High School without her pigeons? This editorial will examine the stepped-up pigeon extermination program at Central and the arguments for and against such action.

Recently, perhaps, you've noticed men from an Omaha exterminating company applying poison to roofs and ledges of the building in an attempt to eliminate the pigeons. Programs of this sort have been undertaken periodically in the past. The current program will be used at eight Omaha public schools each month for one year. The *World Herald* pointed out that the cost of the extermination will be \$923.

The first and most important argument for the killing of the pigeons stems from the fact that pigeons carry diseases. Often, they can be the carriers of fatal diseases. Secondly, the pigeons pose a problem because they make the school grounds look dirty.

On the other hand, the question arises of how harmful the existence of pigeons really is to the

school environment. Perhaps the money spent on the pigeon removal program could be put to a more beneficial use.

First, regardless of the care taken in applying the poison, the existence of the chemical on ledges can be just as harmful to the ecology of Central as the original pigeons. Second, the spray may affect other birds in the area. The third, and perhaps most important, practical objection to the ruthless killing of the pigeons is the question of what will be done with the dead pigeons after extermination.

Finally, the sentimental value which the pigeons hold should be another consideration. Certainly, they symbolize Central High School and distinguish it from other high schools as much as the purple and white.

If we allow pigeons to continue to be exterminated, we may be replacing the present dirt of the live pigeons with the bodies of dead pigeons cluttering up the grounds. Certainly, these bodies will be a greater harm to health and will destroy the ecological balance of the area much more than the present situation. Before Central forsakes her pigeons, we should all think twice about what Australia would be like without her kangaroos.

Joan Faier

"Lest we forget..."



Letters to the Editor

Dear Sirs:

Wednesday, March 18, was another fun day at Central. We not only had Career Day, but at exactly 11:55 we all went out for a romp in the snow. Of course, those of higher authority would like us to believe that there was a bomb threat. In fact some person was kind enough to call and warn the administration of the exact time. So, in order that we would not waste any valuable time, we left five minutes early.

The administration as well as the thoughtful person who warned us deserves our deepest and sincerest thanks for a delightful ten minutes in thirty degree weather.

We realize all the trouble and preparation that went into this activity. The teachers deserve special commendation for the fine job they did of being cheerful hosts in their warm winter coats and fur hats. If we had been able to finish our delicious lunches, everything would have been perfect.

A special note of appreciation goes to those heroic administrators who, in ten minutes, searched Central High and saved our school.

Julie Mallory

Barb's Barbs

After spring vacation it's always fun to watch students in the attendance office receive their little white cards that denote an excused absence. It's amazing to see how many got suntanned faces during their "illness."

One girl a few weeks ago truly became ill in school. She got car sick in the drivers' ed simulator!

Waiting to hear from colleges and to graduate makes seniors particularly restless and nervous this time of year. Rick Lien commented that the only math he does now is counting the days until graduation. When Joan Faier heard from a college that she had been accepted to the Class of '74, her first

thought was that they were going to make her wait four years before she could enter.

Mr. Daly did not let April Fool's Day pass unnoticed. On the door of his classroom was posted a sign that read: This room has been rated X. One must be 18 or accompanied by a parent or a guardian to enter.

One suggestion found in the Student Council suggestion box worth noting was:

We are tired of sharing our restrooms with cockroaches. We are tired of sharing our lockers with cockroaches. We are tired of sharing our halls with cockroaches.

Two "bugged" students,
Kathy and Laura

Centralites attend NPI conference

Several Centralites attended the ninth annual Conference on Human Sciences, which took place at the Nebraska Psychiatric Institute on March 21. The purpose of the meeting was to convince concerned youth of the need for commitment to the career field of mental health.

Central students attending the conference were Brian Davies, Janet Lipsey, Cindy Shoemaker, Debbie Simon and Terri Smith. Miss Valasek, a counselor at Central, also attended.

A number of students from each Omaha area high school were invited to the conference by the staff at the Nebraska Psychiatric Institute (NPI). NPI is a department of the University of Nebraska College of Medicine.

After a welcome by administrative director, K. Patrick Okura and director, Merrill

Eaton, an "angle" was confessed to by Eaton. "Our purpose is simply to interest the young in careers in psychology. One tenth of the population have serious problems requiring hospitalization, yet there is a shortage of qualified psychologists."

Mr. Okura then proceeded to inform the youthful audience of the problems of maintaining an adequate standard of mental health, commenting that a mentally healthy individual is tolerant and practical, capable of accepting disappointments and meeting life's demands.

With such a definition of mental health, it wasn't surprising to learn that, according to a representative of the PTA, "11 to 22%" of our youth have serious emotional problems, requiring treatment."

The purpose of NPI, it was

added, is to provide that treatment. Only a few dozen patients can be accommodated at any one time; more extensive facilities and more trained psychologists are needed.

A video tape interview with a youth patient—a chronic drug user—was presented, and then a panel of staff members (the NPI treatment team) discussed how the treatment team works with an adolescent. Each member of the team worked in a specialized field.

Dr. Emmet Kenney was the team's psychiatrist, and Alan Fix, the psychologist. Other members included a social worker, Jacqueline Stocker; an educational therapist, Harley Winchester; a staff nurse, Margaret Vahling; an occupational therapist, Darlene Hicks; and a vocational rehabilitation worker, Irving Schaefer.

Lehr, Kirshenbaum debate champs

Jim Lehr and Jim Kirshenbaum became Nebraska state debate champions on March 24 at the University of Nebraska. They are now eligible to go to the national tournament which will be held June 16-19, in Kansas City, Missouri.

Jim and Jim ended the tournament with an 8-0 record. The boys debated the resolution that Congress should prohibit United States unilateral military intervention in foreign countries.

Debate brings out the truth

The two debated both on the affirmative and negative side. Jim Lehr said, "There are three

sides to every issue, the affirmative, the negative, and the truth. By debating negative and affirmative positions, one is exposed to all facets of a problem and is able to reach a conclusion."

Jim Kirshenbaum, who also won the district extemporaneous speaking contest, continued by saying, "Most people have a definite opinion on the debate topic before doing research. As one studies the particular ramifications of the proposition, one realizes that there are justifiable arguments for the opposing side."

The last time Central took state in debate was in 1966. Mr. Arnold Weintraub, debate coach, further pointed out the boys' accomplishment when he said, "It's a hard transition to make from a novice to a varsity debater. It's phenomenal that they were able to accomplish this widely sought after goal as only juniors."

There were four preliminary rounds scheduled on March 23 and one round the following day. Quarterfinals were announced in the afternoon. Central debated Lincoln East in the quarterfinals, Ralston in the semifinals, and Marian in the finals.

Victory very rewarding

The boys felt that their victory was particularly rewarding. Jim Lehr explained, "After a winning novice year our first year as varsity debaters was relatively disappointing until now. Also, we had a friendly rivalry with the team we beat in the final round."

Central was awarded the National Forensic Sweepstakes Traveling Trophy for having accumulated the most points in the district. By taking first place, three Central students have qualified for the national tournament: Jim Kirshenbaum and Jim Lehr in debate; Jim Kirshenbaum in boys' extemp; and Barb Guss in girls' extemp. Student Congress is to be held April 24, and the outstanding senator will qualify for the National Student Congress.



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Jim Kirshenbaum and Jim Lehr are the first state debate winners since 1966.

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Gym class adds new programs

Physical Education class is no longer a place where one just runs laps and does toe-touchers. Like everything else, the Physical Education Department has become more mechanized and specialized, especially with their three new additions—a weight machine, a kinesiology class and a resource center.

The weight machine develops strength, speed, power, endurance and flexibility. The weight machine is not only used for any one particular sport, but for physical fitness.

Each coach plans a routine that would develop muscles used in his particular sport. For instance, a baseball coach might make up an exercise that strengthens a batter's arms. If the machine is used diligently, Coach Frank Hanel says, "It has to help the person."

Twelve boys work on machine

Twelve boys can work on the machine at one time. The machine is being used by the gym classes, but it is open to anyone. The weight room is located in the basement by the bandroom. The room was an old storage room which the O-Club cleaned up and painted. The machine was purchased with Central High School's own funds.

The kinesiology class was developed by Mr. Hanel to go along with the weight machine.

Kinesiology is the study of muscles as they are involved in the science of movement. The class was started nine weeks ago. It is held 6th and 7th hour.

Juniors and seniors eligible

Juniors or seniors who have their gym credit are eligible for the class. On Monday, Wednesday and Friday, the class works in the weight room on a circuit training program that changes every four weeks. The circuit training program will be developed by the class the remainder of the year.

On Tuesday and Thursday, in the classroom, the boys learn how the human body functions. They are shown how the muscular system, cardio-vascular system, and the respiratory system are affected by exercise.

A group of tests are given at the beginning of the course to test muscular strength and endurance. In one of the tests, a boy steps up and down on a bench 20" high as long as he can up to five minutes at the rate of 30 times per minute. After one minute's rest, the boy's pulse rate is checked to see how fast it is returning back to normal. At the end of the course the boys are tested again and checked for improvement.

To the best of Mr. Hanel's knowledge, Central High School is the only school in the area with this class. Its objectives are the improvement of total physical fitness, and the understanding of how and why physi-

cal fitness is improved. It also provides a chance to help a boy who might be planning to continue in the study of physical education.

George Payne, a student in the kinesiology class, said that he felt, "If a guy learns why he should stay in shape by studying the body then he will be more interested in keeping the body in good physical condition."

Resource center started

Individual study at the resource center is another new approach being used by the Physical Education Department. The resource center is used during class. The center is a storage room off of the gym which was cleaned up and painted. The room contains books, pamphlets, and audio-visual equipment.

If a student is having difficulty with a stunt, he can use material available in the center to help him. In this way each student can progress at his own rate. This eliminates the possibility that an advanced student would spend two weeks on a forward roll merely because others cannot master the stunt. At the present time the center is not being used to its fullest extent but Mr. Hanel and Mr. Robert Whitehouse plan to expand the program.

The room will be also used for showing films of games and meets to the various teams. Central is one of the few schools in the area to have a center like this.

Coach's Comments

We have experience

by Mr. Tim Schmad

It has been said that experience is the teacher. For the past two years many of the boys on our baseball team have been learning this the "hard way". Now we will be looking for something in return.

When looking at our roster, one can readily see that we do have a great deal of experience—fifteen of the squad members are hoping it will, we should be in for a fine season.

Probably the most crucial week of the entire season is the one we are presently in. On Tuesday, April 7th, we opened with Tech, a surprisingly tough team the last several years. The following day we meet dangerous Creighton Prep. Then on Friday, we round out the week with South.

To be very truthful, I am hoping one of our first two games will be postponed because of weather—the reason being our lack of pitching depth. We will be very hard-pressed if we have to play all three games that first week.

Previewing the season I would have to say that we could be a very respectable team if we play the kind of ball that I've seen us play. The fault in the past has been our inconsistency. This year we hope to rid ourselves of this stigma.

Athletes' Feats

by Jeff Scott

Assistant Sports Editor

Let's suppose we're at the Dutch White Relays. Around you are some of the best tracksters in the city. Suddenly you hear your event being announced. As you walk to the block it seems as if every eye in the stadium is watching your entrance. Just what thoughts would go through your mind?

This question went through my mind while watching the track team work out. Stirred on by curiosity (and the lack of anything better to do) I decided to inquire among the team as to how they felt before a meet. The following are some of the comments I received: "What's a track meet?", "Ask me next week", "sick, I refuse to answer on the grounds the coach might can me."

Seeing that this method of public questioning was getting me no where I decided to use a more secretive approach. I cornered three of the members alone.

John Spencer, this year's standout in the 440 and mile relay said, "If I had to give one word for how I feel it would be nervous. Whenever I even think of running in a meet I break out in goose bumps. However, due to my superior ability as an athletic..."

Discontinuing that interview for fear of getting a cauliflower ear I moved on to Rodney Easter. Rodney was a little less talkative and simply injected one word into the conversation, "fear".

Using my last ace-in-the-hole I inquired of Gabe Scott, this year's distance man, as to how he felt before a meet. "I dread the thought of going. It seems as if the crowds, the track, and the responsibility are all on your shoulders."

By this time I was beginning to wonder how we would ever win a meet if these opinions served as common denominators for the rest of the team. I received my answer the following week at our first contest of the season.

On the faces of those I had previously interviewed I saw instead of extreme nervousness, fear, and dread (as I had expected) a look of eagerness and anxiety. What changed their timidity to aggressiveness; their fear to courage? To quote Robert Burns, a pre-Romantic poet of the eighteenth century, "A Ham's A Ham For All That".

Pep club has active leaders

During basketball season, the spirit squad seems to be able to raise their voices in unison. The secret lies in the spirit stick.

When the spirit stick is erected, the club is supposed to cheer, and they do. The stick is held by the top four point attainers. These points are acquired by attending athletic functions or promoting school spirit.

This year the top ten point attainers in Pep Club were Katie Bigley (117), Linda Ralston (115), Ginny French (108), Janet Peterson (108), Portia Jones (106), JoAnn Tsuji (103), Diana Griego (101), Jean Sundstrom (101), Janie Case (100), and Susie Frank (97).



Photo by Lambert

Bob Handleman takes a strike as John Maliszewski catches.

14 cagers letter

This year basketball coach James Martin has lettered fourteen members of the 1969-70 team. The seniors are Rad Clemens, Jim Crew, Calvin Forrest, Dave Hamilton, Rick Lien, Stanley Logan, Marvin Moss, Dick Sinner, and Keith Trimble.

The juniors are Mark Liekus, Greg Peck, and Paul Rickter. The sophomores are Keith Brown and Tim Williams.

Trackmen show well

Central's fleet cinder team got off to a spectacular start this season by placing second in a dual meet between Prep and South.

Coach Bob Whitehouse's squad dropped the meet to Prep 74 to 68 on Wednesday, April 1 at Bergquist Stadium. Rather bad weather seemed to be the Eagle's only nemesis as they took first in seven events.

George Payne turned in a fast 4:55 to take top honors for the mile.

The mile relay team of Pat McCall, Rick Lien, George Payne, and John Spencer took first as did the two mile relay team anchored by Gabe Scott.

Other individual winners for Central were Marshal Nelson in the 100, Doug Mann in the 120 high hurdles, Ron Brinkman in the 180 low hurdles, and Rick Lien in the 440. The next meet is on April 17 against Bellevue and Abraham Lincoln.

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Dinsmore jaunts

"When the mood strikes" senior Steve Dinsmore, he escapes the boredom of riding the bus and seldom accepts rides from friends in undertaking a "four mile jaunt" to school.

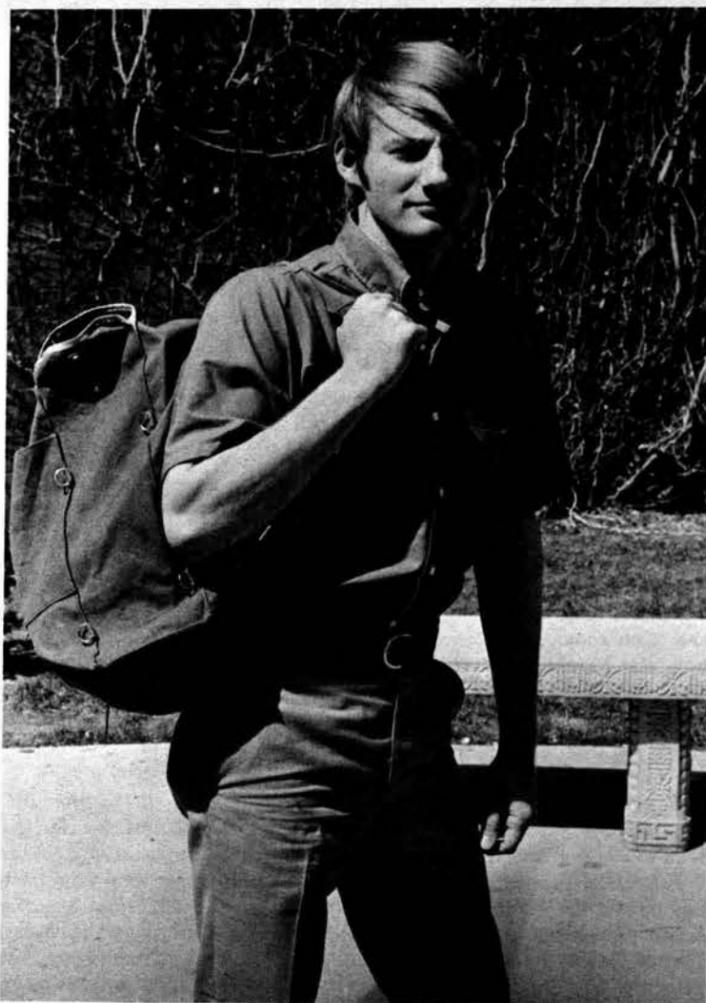
Leaving his home at 5636 Jones at 7:15, Steve takes "the scenic Leavenworth - Turner Boulevard route," reaching Central in an hour. At his "leisurely" four mile-per-hour pace, he exceeds the pace recommended in the **Boy Scout Handbook** by one mile-per-hour, but falls short of his 7.58 mph set in walking home from a summer school class in 1967.

That initial walk led to the peerless pedestrian's walking daily to and from school as a sophomore. The next year Steve walked to school and occasionally hitch-hiked home. This year he admits to less frequent jaunts, attributing his laxness to "old age."

Steve would like to be mailman

Because he enjoys walking, the sauntering senior would like to be a mailman. (The weather makes no difference to him.) Though his after-school job now forces him to take the bus home, Steve's morning treks help prepare him for the coming day. He likes to observe day by day changes and meet people, many of whom have undoubtedly learned to recognize him by his moccasins and his knapsack slung over his right shoulder.

If the few Centralites who have followed Steve's example are any indication of a coming fad, perhaps parents' boasts of their daily treks to and from school will cease, at least temporarily.



Dinsmore escapes boredom by walking.

New teacher brings ideas

A new teacher has come to Central bringing unique teaching ideas. The teacher, Mrs. Doris Cohn, is replacing Mrs. Idelle Benedetti.

After four successive substitute teachers, Mrs. Cohn came to room 137 as a permanent replacement for Mrs. Benedetti. She now teaches English History and World History.

Mrs. Cohn had preferred substitute teaching to permanent teaching, but she has become very pleased with her job at Central. She substituted for four years.

Mrs. Cohn feels that substitute teaching has helped her to find a successful teaching method. While substitute teaching, she observed the teaching methods of many teachers. By studying this variety of teaching plans she was able to create her own teaching method.

Several innovations have been tried by Mrs. Cohn. She has placed the desks in her room in a circle. Mrs. Cohn feels that by having the desks this way she can see everyone and no one can keep from getting involved in the discussion. She feels that this arrangement of the desks creates an atmosphere of freedom.

During college, Mrs. Cohn had a double major in French and History. She started college at Washington University in St. Louis and finished at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Journalists attend yearbook seminar

Several members of the Central High O-Book staff attended the annual Inter-Collegiate Press Yearbook Seminar at the Holiday Inn in Omaha on March 31. Several other high schools and colleges from Nebraska participated in the program.

Students from Central attending the seminar were Dee Beck, Judy Dolgoff, Laurie Harkness, and Shirley Parks. Mr. T. M. Gaherty Central journalism instructor, also attended. There were approximately 50 people at the meeting.

The seminar consisted of a yearbook workshop and a dinner.

Mr. Larry Romjue of Inter-Collegiate Press was in charge of the program. Mr. Kessler, also from Inter-Collegiate Press, presented slides on different techniques used by various yearbooks.

A guest speaker, Mr. R. H. Thacker, was the associate editor of the 1969 **Cornhusker**, the yearbook of the University of Nebraska. He spoke on the techniques used by the **Cornhusker**.

Schools which attended the conference in addition to Central included Blair, Dana, Lincoln Northeast and Southeast, South, and Westside.

Creative writing develops skills

Central High School has a wide variety of course electives aimed at the individual interests of its students. One such course is creative writing taught by Mrs. Ellen Trumbull.

Seeking to expand the writing ability of Central students, creative writing is open to anyone who has a high interest in writing stories and poetry. Mrs. Trumbull, trying to recruit more people into her class, asked, "How will students know if they have a creative potential unless they try to develop their abilities?"

Mrs. Trumbull can cite many examples of how students have benefited from taking creative writing. Stories written in creative writing by Kathy Etter and Leni Sommers have won World Herald awards for their originality and creative excellence.

Although there is no homework in the course, Mrs. Trumbull asks the students to work in three general areas. Preparing a journal of interesting things that have happened to

them, working on exercises in developing writing skills, and the actual writing of original

"Theme writing is an excellent part of the English curriculum," said Mrs. Trumbull, "yet the minimum number of themes that have to be written quite often become the maximum." Mrs. Trumbull went on to say that creative writing could be very helpful for those students who feel that their English class does not offer enough opportunity for the writing of original stories and poetry.

Cast selected for spring play

The cast of *In White America*, Central's spring play, has been chosen. Ann Beck, Mike Bicak, Betsy Cohn, Robert Curry, Charlotte Davis, Mike Hill, Steve Robertson, and Elaine Wintroub will participate in the performance. Barb Blank and Calvin Senter will be the guitarists. Pat Frampton is the student director.

The production will be Central's first experience in Circle Theater. The audience will be seated on stage around a raised platform, about four feet high. Multi media lighting will be used.

Each member of the cast will play several roles as the various aspects of slavery will be explored.

Pat Frampton commented that having the audience on stage would eliminate the "fourth wall" that usually separates the cast from its audience. She added, "The actors will talk to the audience. There will be a closeness between the actors and the audience."

Pat also remarked that the play "will give all students a chance to learn about black people and for black people to learn more about themselves."

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