



Photo by Brandeis

The cast of "In White America" (seated left to right) Calvin Senter, Barb Black, Pat Frampton; (standing left to right) Ann Beck, Mike Bicak, Mike Hill, Charlotte Davis, Robert Curry, Elaine Wintroub, Steve Robertson, and Betsy Cohn.

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## Architects design future homes

Perhaps the rather elegant, if old, style of Central High's architecture is an inspirational element to those CHS students studying technical drawing under Mr. Gordon Thompson. Regardless of the source of their inspiration, several Centralites in the advanced division of this course are turning out prize-winning entries in architectural design.

### Competition goal of drawing

Among winners in the Omaha Home Builders' Association Awards Competition, held on April 27, were John Schmidt, Jeff Skog, and Mark Higgins. John and Jeff were named second and fifth place winners respectively in the working drawing division. Mark placed fifth in the presentation drawings division. John will receive a \$250 scholarship for architecture or a related field. This competition was open to a students from the entire city of Omaha. Approximately 110 students entered, including ten from Central.

According to Mr. Thompson, "Competition is a goal in the technical drawing course." In addition to the Home Builders' Contest, Central students have also entered the McCook Open Competition. Mark Higgins placed third in the drafting division of this contest.

In addition to the incentive of competition during high school, the technical drawing students have a broad range of opportunities to lure them into further work in this field. Practical applications of this type of drawing during high school include illustrations for term papers and work as

part time draftsmen for various Omaha construction firms. Winning the various competitions aids students in finding such jobs.

### Draftsmanship valuable for all

Mr. Thompson noted that technical drawing experience is valuable even for the layman. He commented that such knowledge is helpful in assembling do-it-yourself projects. Several of the students also hope to put their knowledge to practical use, even if they decide not to become architects. Both Mark and John hope to design and build their own homes in the future.

The Central technical drawing curriculum includes three classes, consisting of about 46 beginners and 12 advanced students. Mr. Thompson noted that there are no girls presently in the course, but that several have been enrolled in previous years and a few are scheduled to join next semester. He commented that opportunities for employment in related fields are excellent for women and men.

Mr. Thompson is generally pleased with the performance of his students. "The fellows have become really good in planning," he said. This is necessary in architectural design because "If it's not both appealing and functional, it won't sell."

In commenting on the results of the recent competition, Mr. Thompson said, "There are always some really good ones that don't win." However, Mr. Thompson, along with his crew of advanced students, is eagerly looking forward to future competitions.

## Moore gains grant

Central High senior Dennis Moore has been awarded a \$1000 Merit Scholarship from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Winners of the scholarship were chosen from among the National Merit Finalists, whose names were announced in February. Dennis was the only one of Central's 15 Finalists to receive the scholarship.

Approximately 1000 scholarships were awarded nationally. The winners receive the money after they enroll in an accredited U.S. college or university. No restrictions are made on the student's choice of career or college major.

The winners are chosen on the basis of test scores, academic record, outside activities, leadership qualities, and biographical information submitted by the student and his school. The selection committee is made up of high school guidance officials and college admissions directors.

"I was very happy and surprised," exclaimed Dennis. "I think it's great that financial aid has taken the turn that it has. If I hadn't gotten the aid that I needed, I wouldn't have been able to attend college."

He added that many other students were able to go to good colleges because of various scholarships which they had received.

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## Play debut tomorrow, matinees for students

In *White America*, the first CHS Circle Theater production will make its debut on Thursday, May 7. There will be two student matinees on that date, the morning performance for juniors and seniors, the afternoon presentation for freshmen and sophomores. The evening performances will be Friday and Saturday nights. Because the play is being done "in-the-round," there will be only 250 seats sold for each performance.

### Actors have several roles

The spring play is about the history of Negroes in America from slavery to Little Rock, Arkansas, the location of the first school integration. Each of the eight performers—Ann Beck, Mike Bicak, Betsy Cohn, Robert Curry, Charlotte Davis, Mike Hill, Steve Robertson, and Elaine Wintroub—will be playing several different roles.

The cast will be on a multi-level platform. The audience will be seated on stage on three sides of the platform. The purpose of the circular theater is to provide a "closeness between the cast and the audience" which is needed to create a better understanding of the play, according to Mr. Ray Williams, the director.

### Play result of new trends

Black, yellow, and white are the colors of the set. Multi-media lighting will be used. Few props are needed, and these are limited to books, scrolls, hats, etc. No special costumes are required.

Mr. Williams remarked that *In White America* represents a different theatrical venture. Since the audience is on stage, there is a greater opportunity for involvement.

He added that the play is a result of the new trends in theater. Formerly, a play's primary purpose was to entertain. Now a play is usually written to make its audiences uncomfortable and feel a need to re-evaluate their own feelings.

Pat Frampton is the student director, and Mike Mauro is the stage manager. Guitarists Barb Blank and Calvin Senter will provide the background music.

## CHS courses under survey, teachers evaluate curriculum

The Omaha Public High Schools are participating in a self-evaluation program. Committees at Central High have been studying the school's facilities, curriculum, and organization for the past few months and have come up with comments and recommendations.

### Committees have two goals

Groups of teachers, parents, and students were organized to examine the various departments at Central. Their work was twofold in nature—evaluation and stimulation to improvement.

Each committee was given a booklet that provided checklists and evaluations for the committee to complete. These booklets, in turn, will be put together and sent to the Board of Education.

This summer teachers will be hired to take all the school reports and compile them into a verbal report. Ultimately, the reports will be put into a booklet for the entire Omaha Public School system.

Also, a team of inspectors made up of teachers, administrators, and supervisors from other schools and districts will visit each school for two or three days next year and write their own report. In all, this will be a two or three year study.

### Staff members comment

Some of the committee chairmen commented on the program. Mr. E. A. Lindberg, social studies committee chairman said, "This has been good for self-analysis in teaching procedures."

Miss Irene Eden of the counselling committee commented, "We have reported that we are in need of additional personnel in terms of counselors and clerical aid so that more students can be served and reached."

Dr. G. E. Moller seems to be pleased with how the program is progressing and said, "So far, the work has been gratifying. A lot of people have done a lot of work."

He added that there have been some "good evaluations and recommendations and it is hoped that the Board of Education will use the committee suggestions to try to improve the building and the program."



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# Problem of environmental pollution matter of life, breath, and death

We're all familiar with the song "America the Beautiful." But have you ever heard this version?

"Oh, Cancerous for smoggy skies, for pesticided grain . . .

Irradiated mountains rise above an asphalt plain,

America, America, thy birds have fled from thee:

Thy fish lie dead by poisoned streams from sea to fetid sea . . ."

This song was written by a group called Ecology Action in Berkeley. In case you haven't heard anything about

ecology or haven't looked at the condition of your environment, a few facts will be surprising.

For instance, *Time Magazine* pointed out that annually Americans junk seven million cars, 100 million tires, 20 million tons of paper, 28 billion bottles, and 48 billion cans. And all that garbage must go somewhere. Every year, U.S. plants discard 165 million tons of solid waste and 172 million tons of smoke and fumes into the air.

Motor vehicles spew into the air annually 86 million tons of pollutants, such

as 350 million pounds of lead, 12 million tons of hydrocarbons, and 66 million tons of carbon monoxide. Detergents are helping to pollute rivers and kill off life in lakes and streams. Although statistics may seem unrelated to the individual, you must keep in mind that you are the one who is affected by polluted water, air, and land.

The word ecology did not even appear in the English language until after 1873. Ecology merely deals with the relationship between living organisms and their environment.

April 22 was designated as Earth Day throughout the United States. Earth Day was apparent at Central, too. An assembly was scheduled. The speakers were Curtis D. Abdouch of the Fontenelle Forest Nature Center and Charles Gibilisco, a junior majoring in biology at UNO.

The speeches given by these guests should have been startling even if you only listened to part of the presentation. The United States has been severely mistreating her environment. This pollution and the effects of the pollution necessarily apply to everyone.

At least seventy posters were placed throughout the halls to focus attention on the problem of preserving our environment. Five hundred fact sheets on ecology were provided for student information although a little over a hundred copies still remain unsold.

A display was also placed near the office which contained information and

books relating to the population explosion. The display was in the display case for several days prior to April 22.

Now that Earth Day has passed, what was the meaning of calling the nation's attention to the pollution of its environment? You must remember that although pollution was only brought to attention on one day of the whole year, it constitutes a serious problem that we are constantly confronted with.

The first most important step will have to be the education of you and others. Interested students at Central are trying to get environmental teaching incorporated into the courses at school, and possibly, separately into the curriculum.

However, an individual can be easily educated on his own. For instance, there are many books and paperbacks that deal with environmental pollution. These are just a few of the better known ones: *The Environmental Handbook*, edited by Garrett Debeol, *The Population Bomb*, by Paul Ehrlich, *Moment in the Sun*, by Robert Rienow, and *Silent Spring*, by Rachel Carson.

After you read a few books, then perhaps you will realize the extent of the problem and try to make some contribution toward solving it. After all, it may be a problem of life or death. Barry Commoner of Washington University said, "I believe that continued pollution of the earth, if unchecked, will eventually destroy the fitness of this planet as a place for human life."



## Letters to the editor

### Creative writing class protests

Dear Sirs:

The members of the creative writing class are most astonished by what may be an oversight—your conspicuous silence concerning the publication of this year's *Dimension*.

You have four pages to fill every few weeks while we who have also worked hard have nowhere to publish our efforts.

There are many talented people who deserve to see their works in print, but you have taken away their main opportunity to be published.

We deplore your insensitivity towards the labors of this class, as well as those of many other writers in the school.

We are sure you will take immediate action to remedy this oversight.

Sincerely yours,

Seventh Hour Creative Writing Class

Editor's note: Due to insufficient funds, no *Dimension* will be published this year.

### Dress code inconsistent

Dear Sirs:

Once again the Central High administration has proven itself to be a master of the double standard. It is hard to believe that any school can allow a select group of students to attend classes in ancient Roman dress, and in the same day eject students from the building for violation of the dress code.

Not only is this action unreasonable, but it is illegal, and the administrators are well aware of it. The existing appearance code violates the Fourteenth Amendment "due process" clause (as defined by the Seventh Circuit, Eighth District, and Supreme Court), and the arbitrary action of the administrators in selecting students to be suspended is a violation of the "equal protection" clause of the same amendment.

The courts have ruled that "disruptive" appearance or dress by a student is subject to discipline by the school. So, what's more disruptive — a young man in a toga, or a young man with long hair?

If the administration won't do anything to remedy this situation, the students must! So, wake up administrators!

David Berman

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## Council Column

Clemens.

Thanks again to all of you who supported our very successful Prom effort.

May 15 will be a very busy day for Central students. Three events will take place on this day: Bermuda Shorts Day, the Courtyard Carrot Sale, and the final rounds of the week-long ping-pong tournament. Shorts Day funds and receipts from the Carrot Sale will be applied to the annual scholarship given each year by the Student Council to one of Central's seniors. For twenty-five cents any student who desires to do so may wear Bermuda Shorts to school

for one day, May 15. The ping-pong tournament will begin May 11 and run through May 15. Registration fees of thirty-five cents will be charged.

Student Council will soon be holding its elections for next year's members. Council members include eight seniors, seven juniors, six sophomores, and two freshmen. The only qualification necessary for any person to run for a Council position is that he has and maintains a three minus grade average. Good luck to all those who are interested.

Ellen Alston

President of Student Council

## Central High senior Stuto recalls Italian past

Central has Romantic blood coursing through its student body in senior Lino Stuto who came to America from his home in Lentino, Sicily in 1966.

After arriving in Omaha (He does not know why his parents happened to come here.) Lino was forced to learn the language he had easily pushed aside while a student in Lentino. Ironically, English is now his favorite subject at Central, though he still has minor dif-

ficulties in some of his classes. He is confident, however, that he will pass his test qualifying him for naturalization next year. He now considers himself "neutral", neither an American nor an Italian citizen.

Lino recalls his life in Sicily as peaceful. When not in school, he and friends would "mess around" in the plazas or in bars at night. (In Italy bars are legally open to any age group.) In the summer he swam in the

Mediterranean where his parents owned a cottage. Occasionally he played soccer. He now plays as a substitute for an Omaha soccer club.

Perhaps the Latin temperament has given Lino his interest in "creative hobbies" including building (He built his own bedroom in the basement of his home.), psychedelic painting, gardening, and playing the drums.

## Collection given to Hodge family

"He was a nice person to be around, always nice to everyone," said Larry Lott, friend and neighbor of the late Delbert Hodge.

Delbert Hodge, 17, was killed when his car skidded into a guard rail on the interstate following Central's Spring Prom.

A collection of a little over \$390 has been received in the Hodge Memorial Fund. The fund is being collected by student council. Karen Davis and Keith Lewis have been the individuals behind this project.

Rochelle West, another Central student was injured in the accident. She had been reported in serious condition and is now at University Hospital.



Photo by Hood

Lino Stuto hopes to become an American citizen soon.

# Eagles play inconsistently

The Eagle's baseball team has been extremely active for the past two weeks. They have performed in seven games, and compiled a 5-7 overall record. The squad played inconsistent ball, winning against Boys Town, Thomas Jefferson, and Lincoln High, while losing to Ryan, North, Bellevue, and Rummel.

## Ryan game plagued by errors

Larry Brisby suffered his third loss of the season, by throwing a 9-2 game, behind an erring field. The Eagles faced a strong Ryan team before they even began making mistakes.

The Bellevue game proved to be a real heart-breaker. The Chieftains came to bat in the final inning, with Central ahead and came up with a combination of fluke hits. These hits provided the game tying and winning runs.

Bob Brietzke took the loss. The team played an all-around strong defensive game. The final score was Bellevue 2, Central 1.

## Eagles out-hit Cowboys

Boys Town gave the Eagles a run for the money in the eighth game of the season, but Central held on to a 10 to 6 victory. Boys Town, not being the best team we've played this year, either played over their heads, or we played under our feet.

## Wind bothers Eagles against Burke

For the Burke game, spring-time gave the Eagles a taste of her wind and cold air. Central pitcher, Larry Brisby, suffered a 10 to 4 loss. The weather made it difficult for Brisby to put anything on the ball. Altogether, it was a long afternoon for the B-ball team.

The Eagles came up with an important win over the Thomas Jefferson Yellow Jackets, by a score of 4-2. Larry Brisby was the winner against a very respectable T.J. team.

For the first time this year, the hitting of the team was fairly consistent, while the fielding held up throughout the entire game. Central put together an impressive performance.

Goszulak comes up with first win

Mike Goszulak, in his first starting role as a varsity pitcher, threw against Lincoln High and won 9-3. With Mike's strong effort, capitalized by the mighty hitting of Reggie York and Paul Boisseree, Central enjoyed its fifth win. Reggie York hit the big hit of the season so far, with an unbelievable two

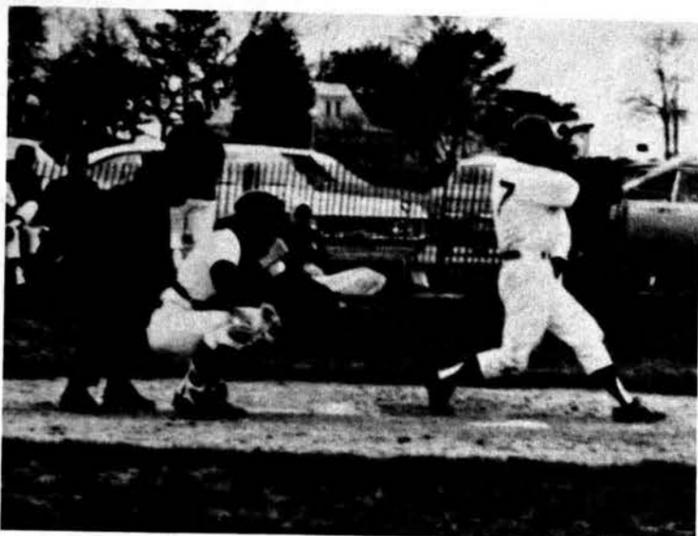


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Late in the Burke game, CHS first baseman, Paul Boisseree, connects for a hit.



Photo by Mintz

Leadoff hitter, Bob Handleman, scores in the Burke game.

run blast. He hit the ball out of the park. The homer gave the team their insurance of victory.

The play of Central in the North and Rummel games was very similar. The pitching of

Larry Brisby (North) and Joe Nano (Rummel) was excellent, but the hitting wasn't there.

In the North game, Brisby pitched a three-hitter and still lost 2-0. Coach Tim Schmad commented about the game, "It was the best game we had played for a long time. Our problem lies in our lack of clutch hitting. Several times we had the bases loaded and didn't score." The Rummel Raiders came up with five runs on four hits. Central stranded ten men on base.

## Districts are coming up

On May 11th, at 6:30, Central will take on Westside at Rosenblatt Stadium. If they win, they will play one of the other teams in our district, which includes Ralston, Tech, and Rummel. Coach Schmad said, "We have the easiest district in the city. We were very fortunate with our district. It is our fault if we don't make it to state."

# J. V. B-ballers go 2-2

Boys Town became Central's J.V.'s first baseball victim of the season. Since then the junior Eagles have gone on to rack up another win and two losses to even their record at 2-2.

On April 20 Central lost their first game to Benson. The Eagles main trouble came in the fifth inning, when they were leading 4-3. They walked in three runs to give Benson a 6-4 lead. From there, the Bunnies pushed their advantage to 9-4 to win the game.

On April 27 the junior Eagles felt the fury of Lincoln High as they lost their second game 5-1. The game was dead-locked

in a pitcher's duel with the score tied 1-1 until the fifth inning. Then Lincoln High loaded the bases on two walks and a single. To finish it off, Lincoln's clean up hitter hit a grand slam homer to end the game 5-1.

With two losses behind them and only one win, the Eagles met their next opponent, Abraham Lincoln. The climax of this game came in the fifth inning, when Tom Jaksich hit a home run.

Supported by the four-hitter of Tony Vacanti, a freshman, Central captured a 4-1 victory for their second win. A.L.'s one run came on a throwing error.

# Trackmen take ninth

Despite mild success thus far in the season, Central's track team has produced several fine tracksters. For example, under the able coaching of Mr. Robert Whitehouse, Doug Mann has developed into one of the area's finest hurdlers.

On April 24 and 25 the Eagle's fleet cinder team pitted their skill against the 14 other teams in Metro. Central finished a respectable ninth.

One of the highest individual finishers for Central was Doug Mann who placed in both the 180 low hurdles, and 120 high hurdles. Mann took third in the 180 lows in 21.3 and fourth in the 120 highs with a 15.8.

Central's 880 yard relay team of Ken Bolton, Ron Brinkman, Doug Mann and Marshall Nelson captured fifth with 1:34.4. The mile relay team tied for fifth in 3:34.6. Eagle runners were Rick Lien, Buzz Anderson, John Spenser, and Pat McCall.

The only other Eagle to qualify individually was Ken Bolton. However, Bolton was unable to place in the finals. In the field events, Central was only able to place in one event; the discus. Doug Reese took sixth with a throw of 129 feet and 11 inches.

# Golf team victorious

Central's golf team got off to a fine start this season, but showed poorly at the Metro Tournament. Central defeated Boys Town, Benson, South, and Prep in the regular season. This year's team members are Jim Bartek, Howie Cohn, Bob Swan and Dave Olson.

At the Boys Town meet, Jim Bartek shot a 37; Howie Cohn, a 42; and Bob Swan, a 47.

"It was a miserable day in more ways than one," was Coach Warren Marquiss' comment on the Metro Tournament. Central placed fifth. Jim Bartek was Central's lead scorer with 84. Cohn and Olson both shot 88 and Swan shot an 86.

Coach Marquiss felt that the bad weather affected the team's game. "I didn't think we would burn up the course, but I thought we would do better than we did," Mr. Marquiss said.

The next two big meets are the Fremont Invitational, May 12th, and district, May 15th.

# Girls tennis begins

The girls' tennis team began their season on April 22, when Central tied South 2-2. Teresa Beck, first singles player, beat her opponent 6-0, 6-1. Ellie Batt, second singles, won her match with a 7-5, 6-4 score. The first and second doubles team were defeated.

On April 27, Central beat Ryan with a 4-0 record. Teresa Beck and Ellie Batt both won their singles sets with 6-1 wins to take first singles. Second singles player, Donna Mosiman also won her match, with a 6-2, 6-0 score. Barb Dalgas, Christine Krolkowski.

Upcoming events for the team will be games against Tech, North, and Bryan this week.

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## Council names cutest babies

"You must have been a beautiful baby, but baby, look at you now" seems to have been the theme song of the 1970 Baby Picture contest sponsored by Student Council. Talmage Baltimore, Diana Fuller, and Diane Brown were selected as the cutest babies. Their prizes were, of course, comb and mirror sets.

Talmage Baltimore and Judy Zaiman were awarded toy flutes for taking first place as the cutest boy and cutest girl. That gave them something to "toot" about. John Matthews and Cindy Danaher were given

pacifiers to pacify them for only taking second place.

Under the category of boy and girl least changed, Art Sarka and Kathy Williams both took honors for still having "the cutest little baby face." Art and Kathy were given baby bottles.

The baby pictures were all displayed in the showcase in front of the main office for a week, and the winners were announced at Prom.

It is hoped that all those who did not win will not be crybabies.



Diane Brown, Diana Fuller, and Talmage Baltimore display their alluring qualities as cutest babies.

## Students pick Prom royalty

Central seniors Buzz Anderson and Debbie Corbin were crowned as Activities King and Queen at the Spring Prom on April 25. The Prom was held at the Stockyards Exchange Building.

King candidates and their escorts were Buzz Anderson and Judy Dolgoff, Radley Clemens and Sue Strauss, Jim Crew and Debbie Danberg, Ken Freshman and Joan Faier, Michael Hill and Stephanie Williams, and Dennis Moore and Diana Fuller.

Queen candidates and their escorts were Ellen Alston and John Matthews, Debbie Corbin

and Stan Logan, Barb Guss and Dan Grossman, Nancy Hanson and Andy Lubetkin, Linda Wagner and Monte Sophman, and Kathie Williams and Calvin Forrest.

Skip Rosenstock introduced the candidates. King candidates were given boutonnieres and key chains. Queen candidates were given orchid corsages and zodiac necklaces in keeping with the Prom theme, "Age of Aquarius."

Included in the prom proceedings were the announcement of the winners of the senior baby picture contest and the showing of silent movies.

## Junior to train with Safety Patrol

Junior Gary Noerrlinger has been selected to attend the Junior Lawman Program sponsored by American Legion Post No. 1. Gary was selected by his counselor, Mr. Richard Byers, and administrators on the basis of his academic achievement, teacher recommendations, participation in extra-curricular activities, and interest shown in the program.

The Junior Lawman Program, which takes place during the week of June 1 through 5, is

held in Lincoln at the State Patrol Training Center. One boy from each high school in the state will participate.

Gary will be taking part in a typical highway patrol training program. The participants ride with the patrolmen on their regular rounds, learning such things as defensive driving, laws regarding highway safety, and other areas regulated by the highway patrol.

When asked his reaction to being picked for the training program, Gary replied that he "felt it was an honor to be chosen." He also said he thought that the training would be good experience because he would be "learning more about the Nebraska Safety Patrol."

## Central takes first at physics field day

A team of Central High students captured first place in the Creighton University Physics Field Day last Saturday. The team members were Bridget Dziedzic, Tony Piskac, Bob Rifkin, Fred Ware, and Joel Wentworth. Howard Marshall entered as a one-man team, but he did not place.

Tony and Fred took first place in the Leap Frog event. Joel and Bob participated in the Mad Hatter Marathon, and Bridget was the team's chalk talker. The day was sponsored by the Society of Physics Students at Creighton University.

"Creighton worked hard in putting this on," commented Mr. Robert Wolff, a Central High Physics teacher. "They had nice facilities. Everyone had a good time."

"The field day was well organized," said Tony. "I thought that the contest was very difficult but interesting."

## Music department to present "Elijah"

Central High's A Cappella and Junior Choirs, under the direction of Mr. Robert McMeen, will perform a major portion of the oratorio, *Elijah*, by Felix Mendelssohn. Former A Cappella members, Philip Boehr and William Gilinsky, will be soloists.

The 200 voice chorus will present the work on Tuesday, May 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the Central High auditorium. Mrs. Patricia Allender will accompany the work. There will be an admission charge of fifty cents to help pay for the music.

*Elijah* is based on the Old Testament story of the struggle between Elijah and Ahab over whose god was stronger. This is the first time in a number of years that A Cappella has combined with Junior Choir for a presentation.

## Students participate in Law Day

A special Law Day assembly was held April 29. There was a student panel who questioned the members of the guest panel. Members of the guest panel were Police Chief Richard R. Andersen, Lt. Monroe Coleman, Michael Lazer, an attorney, and Larry Meyers, a member of the Human Relations Board.

Student panelists were Mary Musselman, Leon Paris, Tony Piskac, and Jim Weinstein. The assembly was the result of the combined effort of Mr. Lazer, who was chairman of Law Day, and Mary Musselman. Mary became interested in law enforcement last summer when she realized many young people hated and feared the police.

The panel answered questions concerning the Miranda case, over-reaction on the part of

police, police recruitment problems and the Vivian Strong-Loder case.

Dr. G. E. Moller commented that "overall I was pleased with the assembly. When you are dealing with an emotional topic, especially in a large group, you can expect a display of emotion."

There was no screening of questions. All questions were submitted to the student panelists by the student body.

Mary Musselman said that next year she would like to do away with the student panel. She would like the guest panel to field questions from the audience.

Mary felt that the panel accomplished little "except to start people thinking which, is a beginning."



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