

McMeen announces leads for 'Annie'



Left to right: Steve Dygert (Charlie), Debbie Brewer (Annie), Tim Asper (Frank), Betsy Cohn (Dolly), and Gary Younger (Chief Sitting Bull).

Mr. Robert McMeen, vocal music teacher, has announced the cast for the up-coming musical, "Annie Get Your Gun", to be presented by A Cappella Choir. The production dates for the evening performances are December 11th and 12th. The date for the student matinee will be announced later.

The story takes place in the late 1800's, primarily in Cincinnati, Ohio, and Minneapolis, Minnesota. The plot is centered around the character Annie Oakley, played by senior Debbie Brewer.

Annie is "sharp-shooter" with gun

Miss Oakley is a back-woods-type girl who can neither read nor write, but "can never miss a shot" with a gun. She challenges Mr. Frank Butler, the star of the famous Wild West Show, to a shooting match, in which she wins. Frank is played by another senior, Tim Asper.

Annie impresses Charlie Davenport and Buffalo Bill with her sharp shooting. They are also members of the Wild West Show, and convince Frank to let Annie join the show as his assistant. Charlie is portrayed by Steve Dygert, a senior, and Wesley Bailey, a sophomore, plays Buffalo Bill.

The plot thickens

Annie joins the show, but not without becoming romantically involved with Frank. This is much to the disgust of Dolly Tate, who was Frank's former assistant. Dolly is played by senior Betsy Cohn.

Another important character is Chief Sitting Bull, who adopts Annie into the Sioux Indian Tribe, and joins the show himself. The chief is played by senior Gary Younger. Dennis Brown, a senior, portrays Pawnee Bill, who is the star of a competitive western show, and a former partner of Buffalo Bill's.

Other characters are played by Ann Quinn, Randy Ratner, Jim Redelfs, Craig Spidle, and Stephanie Steinbart. Understudies are: Annie-Sue Smith, Frank-Dave Boehr, Dolly-Pat Frampton and Charlie-Steve Denenberg.

Mr. McMeen will direct the acting and the chorus. Mr. Tom Marsicsek, stagecraft teacher, will build the sets and scenery for the show. Mr. Raymond Williams, drama teacher, will design sets and take charge of make-up. Mrs. Jean Stone will do the choreography. Pat Frampton, Central senior, will be the student director. Mr. John Jorgensen will direct music.

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CHS has new course; student Davies to teach

Starting November 2, Senior Brian Davies will assume a dual identity. He will start the day routinely as mild-mannered student Brian Davies, but after homeroom, he'll inconspicuously slip into a nearby faculty lounge where he'll change into Professional Mini-Man. Brian will be teaching a mini-course entitled "Images of Man: Alternatives to the Absurd."

He got the idea for the course through readings from Sartre and Albert Camus; existentialist philosophers who maintain that any philosophy about man's role in the universe must arise from concrete human experience. The course is an introduction to the beliefs of several modern philosophers on the absurd starting from the assumption that the universe is absurd and outlining the choices man can make in the face of a universe that is meaningless. Should man accept it and consent to human suffering, should he resist and create new suffering, or should he find a compromise between the two?

Brian's course will attempt to answer the questions: who are we, what are we doing, and where are we going. Texts that may be used will be Marti-Ibanez's "Tales of Philosophy" and existentialist Camus' "The Rebel."

Davis, Elliott reign



Photo by Couch

King LeeRoy Davis and Queen Rose Elliott at Homecoming.

LeeRoy Davis and Rose Elliott are Central's 1970 Homecoming king and queen. The two were crowned at the annual Homecoming dance on Saturday, Oct. 17, climaxing the festivities that included a pep rally, car parade, football raffle, and a victorious football game against Tech.

Sophomore, Terri Corrigan was the winner of the Homecoming football which was raffled off at the Purple-White Pep Rally on eighth hour on Friday, Oct. 16. The raffle was sponsored by the Varsity cheerleaders.

The dance was held at the Livestock Exchange with music by Mecca. The king and queen were crowned at 10:00 p.m. Queen candidates received flowers and engraved necklaces from the Student Council, while the King candidates received engraved key chains.

Candidates presented at dance

Queen candidates and their escorts were: Janie Case and Greg Peck, Sue Hahne and Layne Yahne, Linda Parker and John Riha, Cathy Pennell and Gary Jerman, Meg Dietz and Arthur Foster, Rose Elliott and Paul Skog, and Dee Beck and Dan Slosburg.

King candidates and their escorts included: Jim Rowoldt and Shirley Parks, Gary Noerrlinger and Carla Spenser, Clint Bellows and Nancy Rumbolz, Jerry Lloyd and Becky Vitagliano, Milt Lastovica and Beth Santi, Pete Goodman and Kris Paulsen, LeeRoy Davis and Becky Everson.

Student Assembly plans take form

Hope, hard work, and careful consideration are the watchwords that describe efforts made this fall to put plans for Central's Student Assembly into operation.

Proposals for the Assembly originated last spring, following the Omaha Public High Schools' Conference on Student Unrest and Drug Abuse, held in South Sioux City. Delegates to the conference from Central, including administrators, faculty members, parents, and students, generally concluded that some sort of action should be taken to alleviate problems at Central.

It was suggested that a new student organization, a "Student Assembly," could do much to improve communication and understanding within the school, as well as give students a greater voice in school affairs. An organizational committee was formed on return to Central by the students attending the conference, for the purpose of studying the proposal, and writ-

ing a constitution for the Assembly.

Members of the committee this fall include seniors Lynn Baumgartner, Frank Beck, Denise Cooks, Pat Frampton, Jim Kirshenbaum, and Jim Lehr, Chairman. Juniors on the committee are Tom Dunn, Kathy Krush, and Mike Simms.

By the time school had slipped into its second week this fall, the committee had prepared their first draft of the constitution. Since then, several meetings have been held between the students' committee and a committee of teachers, for the purpose of discussing the Assembly and its constitution in detail. Most of the constitution has already been scrutinized.

Committee members hopeful

Lynn, President of the Student Council, looks forward to the birth of the Student Assembly, although it would replace her Council. "With its larger membership and greater sense of purpose, the Assembly

could do more towards helping solve school problems," she commented.

Mike is also hopeful for the Assembly, and feels that "blacks will have more representation and a greater voice in school policy and affairs."

Jim Lehr expressed the committee's gratitude for the cooperation and time given by the teachers on the faculty committee. "Through our joint meetings, a number of flaws in the constitution have been ironed out. If things continue to run as smoothly as they have in the past few weeks, the Student Assembly should be in existence by second semester."

Still to come is acceptance of the constitution by a majority of faculty members and students. This is the next step after the students' and teachers' constitutional committees have finished their work. If this acceptance of the constitution is obtained, elections for the Assembly will follow.

Plethora of tests given at CHS

CLASS	TEST	TEST DATE	REG. DATE	FEE	REQUIRED TEST
Freshman	Lorge-Thorndike	November 5			X
Sophomore	National Educational Development Test	November 3			X
Junior	National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test	February 16	December 1	\$1.50	Not required, but those in the top 1/3 to 1/4 of their class should take it.
Senior	Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and Achievement Tests	November 7 (Sat only)	October 7	\$5.75 (The same for all) (1, 2, or 3 Ach. Tests cost \$8.75)	
		December 5	November 4		
		January 9	December 9		
		March 6	February 3		
		April 17	March 17		
		May 1 (Achievement Tests Only)	March 26		
	American College Testing Program (ACT)	December 12	November 9	\$6.00 (The same for all)	
		February 20	January 18		
		April 24	March 22		

For additional information contact Miss Eden in room 117.

Responsibility of all high schools to provide for draft counseling

One of the harshest realities recognized by students is the requirement that all 18-year-olds register for the draft. Whether one views the draft as a social obligation or the most blatant form of involuntary servitude since before the Emancipation Proclamation, it is difficult to deny that the prospect of registering for Selective Service can be unsettling, disturbing—even traumatic. Few students are aware of the complexities of the Selection Service System. Few recognize the alternatives open to them; fewer still know their inalienable rights as registrants.

Schools should provide draft counseling

An avowed goal of the public schools is to propagate that unknown quantity called "citizenship." How can true citizenship be instilled when the vast majority of students are unaware of their supposed "obligations as citizens?" The reason students know so little about the draft is because they are not given free access to the information they so desperately need. Dean A. Allen, in "Responsibilities of the High School for Providing Information on Conscientious Objection to War" in the

November 1968 issue of the "Phi Delta Kappan," comments: "High schools have tended to ignore or avoid these issues, perhaps on grounds that they are too dangerously controversial for the community . . . So high school students arrive at age 18 ill-prepared to understand the significance of registration for national service. It is essential that these young people who bear the burden of our country's military policies . . . be fully conscious of the issues. Their teachers and guidance counselors must provide them with all the appropriate information, with ample opportunity for open discussion, and with sympathetic support as they grapple with decisions forced on them by the tragic course of world events."

Draft counseling does not imply "influencing young innocents to flee to Canada;" it merely means outlining for the student all the choices open to him and supplying him with detailed information on each alternative so that he may decide for himself. Is not a true citizen a well-informed, conscientious individual who freely defines for himself his role towards his country? Allen

concludes that "high schools which fail to give teenagers help in facing the moral dilemmas posed by the draft are negligent in their citizenship education responsibilities."

Youths are unable to find draft assistance

The spectre of unintentional racism may also arise from the school's reluctance towards draft counseling. There are thousands of poor students—black, white, Chicano, and Indian—who have no one to turn to for help with their conscription problems. A youth faced with burglary charges at least can rely on a public defender, while often that youth's own wits are all that stands between him and death in Vietnam.

Says Graham Hodges: "So long as we accept Selective Service, the very least we can do is create a competent, free and impartial draft counseling service which will be as near to any American boy as the nearest draft board." The reluctance of the high schools to aid their students in making decisions of life-or-death consequence is inexcusable.

Brian Davies

Letters To The Editor

Study hall desks in dangerous condition

Dear Editor,

The desks in study hall 325 are in very poor condition. I leaned my hand against the left side, and the top of the desk came off. The school should replace certain desks immediately before someone gets hurt and has to bother the Mutual of Omaha Insurance Company because of Central's faults.

John Flatowicz

Adult backlash may cause student revolt

Dear Editor,

I write this out of frustration. Lately, I have been reading the newspapers much more carefully than I ever did before because I'm watching the government. Right now, because of bombings, riots, and demonstrations by youths, there is a backlash. The adults, instead of turning around and saying, "What is that for?," say, "Hey! You there! Stop that!"

I am afraid for this government. There is no attempt at understanding, not even a pretense of listening, just a wild rush to quell the noise. Take a good look at some of the laws passed recently. The Supreme Court just ruled on a case and stated that a Congressman can be bribed, and if he's caught, only the individual offering the bribe is punished, not he who accepted it. Don't you see that this could lead to corruption in the government?

Anything that is great cannot remain so once it becomes stagnant. Why don't adults give youths the benefit of their knowledge. Back young ideas with old experience before the "Revolution for Change" becomes a revolt for control.

Roxanne "Rocket" Gilmore

Slow lunch lines due to choosy students

Dear Editor,

In response to the letter of October 14 concerning "the poor cafeteria service," I would like to say a few words in my own defense.

I am one of the two "boys that are serving the meal." We keep three bowls of food on the counter at all times during the line.

Perhaps, the line is slow, but by the time each student has picked up a bowl of food, examined it closely for contamination, impurities, proper-size serving, etc., he has himself slowed the line considerably.

Please observe the rate at which you select your food as opposed to the amount of talking going on behind the counter.

Jim Redelfs

Girls concerned only with hair, fashions

Dear Editor,

I get so disgusted when girls say they get bored when they go up to a group of boys, and all the boys talk about is football and auto racing and things like that. Boys get just as bored when they walk up to a group of girls, and all the girls talk about is new hair styles and new fashions. The girls just want things run their own way, and I think they're getting out of line.

Bud Furry

CH library inadequate for school needs

Dear Editor,

I am very concerned about the sad condition that the Central library is in. For the size of this school, we should have more books with better information.

Some of the books that we have are not as up-to-date as they should be. How can you find some good information on a subject when the book was published in 1914?

I feel that Central should have better books for the future.

James Tate

Lunches not worth high prices, service

Dear Editor,

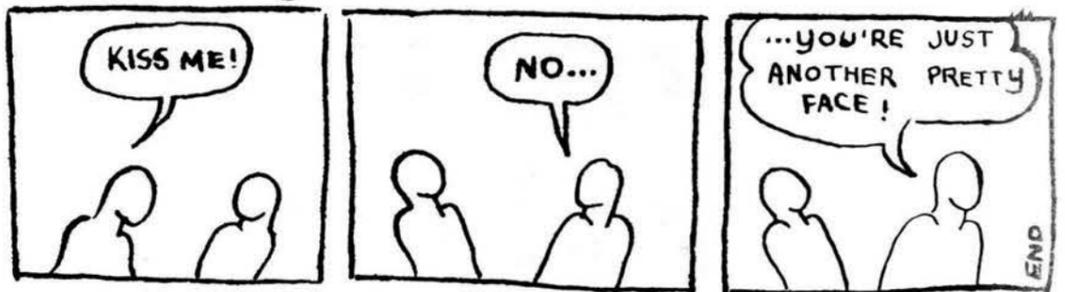
I feel that the cafeteria prices are too high. Many students simply cannot afford the prices. In addition, you receive poor service, and your food is cold. If you have third lunch, you will receive leftovers. By the time you get your lunch, the bell is about to ring.

For these prices, you should receive much better service.

Freddie Walker

The Register staff welcomes more student and teacher participation through "Letters to the Editor." All letters must be signed and given to Mr. Gaherty in room 317. Names will be withheld if requested.

BLANK PEOPLE by BEN ZIOLA



Superflous Survey

Survey team climbs to new heights

For more fun and frolics survey lovers, tighten up those tennis shoes, pull up your socks, and prepare to follow your beloved survey team to the ends of the earth (and the limits of our intelligence) as we wear out our very souls to bring new and improved scenic spots to all our ever-loving eagles everywhere.

This week our motto is "Mind your own two feet." That's right, friends, take care of those ambling appendages because, every day, the student body's 2000 pair of feet carry it over 1500 miles around Central's hallways. That, you must

admit, is quite some feat.

Using the latest methods of higher mathematics (and re-counting all our fingers and toes), we have reached the conclusion that Central students, collectively, walk 7,837.5 miles every week. Five weeks and seventeen pairs of shoes later, this would mean that one of us (using everybody's miles) could walk across that well-known island group of Spitsbergen (so named for its famed "spitting mooses"), located somewhere in the Arctic Ocean. Or if the student body wanted to put its mileage to shorter use, how

about a quick jaunt from New York City to that great wonderland of thrills, Pensacola, Florida?

For those hardy mountaineering folk, fear not and rejoice! Your "survey team" has rented four formidable peaks—Bear Mountain, Alaska; Grizzly Mountain, Colorado; Shasta Mountain, California; Sneffels Mountain, Colorado—glued them all together, and has created—are you ready?—your very own, compliments of your thoughtful team, "Shasta Sneffels Grizzly Bear Mountain" (not really located anywhere), to climb in your spare time or when you're a little peaked.

Since students put in 270,000 miles per school year, rejoice! You have enough miles to climb this mountain five times! No doubt this fact further elevates your souls.

Not to be outdone, our teaching staff, those pedagogic pedestrians, have collectively clocked approximately 90 miles per day (only approximately, because "some people we know" have forsaken their place in their hiking boots for a place in the elevator). With 90 miles to their credit (or discredit), these vagabond voyagers could walk twice the distance that the Afternoon Hiawatha (that world famous passenger train) travels from Portage to New Lisbon.

Lagging sadly behind the energetic student body, the faculty body, alas, jogs only 16,200 miles during one school year. With 16,200 miles, however, a finned and flipped faculty could (in a depressing display) flap their way to the depths of the Red Sea, the Black Sea, and the Yellow Sea, and still have enough miles left over to complete a scenic tour of the route between Omaha and Godthaab, Greenland. Oh, what energetic talent!

Alas! Time marches on and so must we. Until next time . . . Bon Voyage! Survey lovers, and pick up your feet!

Council Column

Sophomore and freshmen elections for Student Council were held today. The list of the twelve sophomore and four freshmen finalist candidates will be posted on the bulletin board in front of the office on November 2. A newsletter containing the candidates opinions on various school issues will be published before the final election.

This year Student Council will be showing a series of four films. There will be one film offered each quarter. The films will not be similar to the ones which were presented yesterday. Some will be informative, dealing with several of the problems of today, while others will be strictly for entertainment.

Lynn Baumgartner

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Crew nets state singles crown

Central and Prep shared top honors in the Metro Invitational Tennis Tournament held October 16, at Dewey Park. Both Mark Crew and the doubles team of Mike Muskin and Mike Ripps reached the finals.

Mark Crew received top honors as he won the singles tournament. A come from behind victory over Westside's Scott Baker (2-6, 6-3, 6-4) and a decisive victory over Prep's Mike Sobczyk (7-5, 6-1) brought Crew the championship.

Central's doubles team of Muskin and Ripps fought their way into the finals by beating Rick Lippe and Dave Eiler of Abraham Lincoln. But in the finals, Muskin and Ripps lost a tough match to Prep's Joe Cleary and Jim Kennedy (8-6, 6-3).

Netmen fall to Warriors

Central's tennis team had compiled an unbroken string of victories in dual matches covering three years until they met Westside in the Metro Conference Championship held at Dewey Park.

Westside, 8-1, in the American Division, and Central, 9-0 in the National Division, fought an almost equal match to decide the championship, with Westside upsetting the Eagles 3-2.

In this match Central received no help from their singles players. All three lost with the biggest upset coming when Scott Baker of Westside rebounded from his earlier defeat to Mark Crew in the Metro Tourney, and

beat Crew in three sets (7-5, 5-7, 6-4).

Warrior John Goldman easily defeated Mike Muskin in two sets. A bright spot on Central's singles team almost occurred when Craig Speidel nearly upset Westside's highly touted Pete Kinnick in three sets (6-2, 5-7, 6-1).

Central's doubles teams provided the only encouraging note of the day. Mike Kohler and Richard Bernstein handily defeated Mike Staenberg and Bob Freeman of Westside (6-4, 6-1), while Mike Ripps and Mark Kutler ripped through their opponents.



Photo by Musselman

Crew ... State champ

It was a tough match to lose, but the netmen never gave up. The final match decided the outcome, and even though Westside came up on top, the Eagles should be proud of a very successful season and should certainly be looking forward to the State Tournament.

Eagles runner-ups in state Central's tennis team entered

Harriers run to divisional crown

Central's cross country team, finishing second to Ralston in their district meet, will prepare this week for the state meet to be held this Saturday in Lincoln. The October 23 state qualifying meet run at Fontenelle Park saw the Ralston Rams finish three points ahead of the Eagle harriers. The first three teams in each district qualify for state. Benson will be the other team out of Central's district to compete next Saturday.

Frank Hawkins, running the most consistent for Central this year, captured fourth place in the time of 10:32 over the two mile course.

The harriers became the National Division champs on October 20 by whalopping Abraham Lincoln 10-38. Seven Cen-

tral runners had crossed the finish line before one Abe Lynx runner placed. Hawkins, Dennis Mitchell, Rob Crossman, Louis Jackson, Layne Yahnke, Bill Melton, and Joe Markuson led the rampage.

In other dual competition, Central got by North 16-25 for the first victory over the cross-town rivals since Coach Jim Martin has been cross country coach at the Hilltop. That was five years ago. Hawkins continued his domination of dual meets as he set a record for the Fontenelle Park south course of 10:52. The previous record was 10:55 by Dave Michaels of Rummel.



Photo by Musselman

Yahnke prepares for State meet

The Eagles finished a disappointing fifth place in the Metro Conference Championships on October 13. Hoping for a possible upset of Burke, who the harriers have been runner-up to in several invitationals already this year, Central ran its poorest race of the season.

The meet was originally to take place Friday, October 9, but was postponed because of a snow storm. "The rescheduling of the meet may have taken a lot of the psyche out of the team for that meet," commented Martin.

the State Tournament with high hopes of bringing home the big prize. The netmen were also looking for revenge from their earlier defeat to Westside for the Metro Championship.

Husky sophomore Mark Crew got his revenge. Crew had little trouble reaching the finals as he "bulldogged" Chuck Hawkins from Burke (6-1, 6-1).

In the championship match, Crew broke away from a 2-2 tie in the first set and completely overpowered Mike Killham of North Platte 6-2. The second set was all Crew as he won the match and the championship 6-3. The doubles team of Mike Muskin and Mike Ripps failed to make the semi-finals.

North Platte walked off with the team honors as they reached the finals in both the singles and doubles competition. Central finished second, six points behind.

Netmen will be back

Class A tennis coaches have little to look forward to next year as Central boasts the return of State Champion Mark Crew and the highly acclaimed doubles team of Mike Muskin and Mike Ripps. Craig Speidel, who improved steadily throughout the season, Mark Kutler and Gary Cohen will all be back.

Central rounded out the season with a 9-1 record, winners of their National Division and runner-ups in the Metro. Mark Crew was able to walk away with both the Metro Invitational and State crowns and should repeat himself next year.

Gymnasts fall to three opponents; Parker sustains injury to hand

The gymnastics team, unable to manage a victory since the first meet of the season, fell to three successive opponents in the last two weeks. Their record, now 1-7, is not indicative of some of the performances being given by the gymmen.

The October 14 loss to Bellevue was the closest of the meets. Stan Parker broke his hand while competing in free exercise and was unable to compete on his speciality, the trampoline. The points Parker would have received for at least competing on the tramp would have at least assured a tie for the meet. Bellevue won by a score of 74-71.

The Abe Lynx meet saw the Eagles fall 92-79.98 on October 20. Genovisi managed a victory on the side horse, and Rick Weiner took first on the p-bars and second on the rings.

Their most recent meet saw Prep, led by the versatile Gene Mackie, thrash the gymnasts 118.33-76.04. Central did not get a first place as Mackie captured victories in five events.

The gymmen will entertain Boys Town today at 4:00 in our own gym.

Eagles win Homecoming tilt; tie Packers in muddy dual

For the second straight year the CHS football team has treated its fans to a Homecoming victory. The 6-0 win came at the hands of the Tech Trojans, a team Central hasn't been able to handle for the past 10 years. The October 16 victory on the Burke sod was the third time this season the Eagle gridders have played there, and the third time they have come out victorious.

Things looked bright for the Purple and White as they stopped the Trojans on their first three plays from scrimmage, but a Curtis Cotton fake of a fourth down punt gave Tech a first down after Cotton's 35 yard scamper. Tech then marched down to the two before Nick Lucas pounced on a Tech fumble.

After an Eagle punt, Melvin Jefferson picked up a Bo Bronson fumble and raced five yards until he was knocked out of bounds at the Trojan 42. Jerry Lloyd, employed at fullback on the power offense, and Bob Vacek set up Arthur Foster's 14 yard TD run to give Central the only score it needed to win the game.

The maroon and silver clad Trojans had another opportunity to score in the first half, but the fired-up defense of Central headed by Pete Goodman, Milt Lastovika, and Foster stopped the Cuming Street boys on the Eagle eight with 2:25 to go.

As if not given enough chances to score already, a Lucas fumble of a punt at the Central 48 with 6:45 to go in the game gave Tech a final opportunity to even the score. Cotton and Company failed to do so, and Central owned its second straight Homecoming victory.

Martin announces basketball tryouts

Basketball tryouts for all boys interested will begin Monday, November 2, Coach Jim Martin announced yesterday. The early November practices is a Metro rule for this year. Previously basketball practice could not commence until after the Metro Championship football game.

At a meeting held yesterday, Coach Martin explained the procedures that would be followed this year in the conducting of tryouts. Tryouts will be held after school at 5:15 in the gym for all grade levels.

The reason for the late after-

Three in a row — at Burke

Cent-Tech	First Quarter	Time left
6-0	Foster 14 run (pass failed)	4:16
Statistics	Cent	Tech
First Downs	8	6
Total yards	135	132
Yards passing	0	2
Yards rushing	135	132
Passes	0-3	2-11
Intercepted by	2	0
Fumbles lost	1	2
Punts	7-34	5-31

Defense dominated October 24, at Bergquist Stadium, as Central fought the South High Packers to a scoreless tie.

South showed early offensive power as they took the opening kickoff and marched all the way down to Central's 20 yard line. On fourth down and four at Central's 20, Junior Oscar Nantito threw South quarterback Dan Thornton for a loss, and Central took over on downs.

The second quarter was filled with errors, but neither team was able to capitalize on them until Central's defense forced South to punt late in the first half. Senior Pete Goodman was able to break through South's line and block the punt with Central recovering the football on South's 18 yard line.

Central could still not muster an effective attack until on third down a pass interference call on South took the ball to the Packer five. Senior Arthur Foster responded by taking a Tom Galas pitch-out and carrying it into the end zone.

While Central fans were celebrating Foster's touchdown, the referees decided on off-setting penalties which nullified the score. Foster had one more chance, but he could only reach the one yard line as time ran out.

Deadheat . . .

Statistics	South	Cent
First downs	8	5
Total yards	169	76
Yards rushing	135	70
Yards passing	34	6
Passes	3-11	1-5
Intercepted by	2	2
Fumbles lost	0	2
Punts	3-32	4-35

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PLOTS AND PANS

by Brian Davies

Annually the Miss America Pageant spews forth upon the public its own unique variety of shoddy commercialism and vulgarity. But at long last a newly-formed troupe of local wags calling themselves "Sweetness and Light" has given Bert Parks and Co. their long-deserved dramatic disemboweling.

Billed as hailing directly from "colorful, culture-conscious Omaha, Nebraska, where the East peters out," their satirical revue, "Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Miss America But Were Afraid to Ask," attacks the excesses—both histrionic and sexual—of the pageant in no uncertain terms. Some may find it too bawdy for their own tastes, but few can deny that it is in general wildly funny. Pat Proft brings an almost madcap zaniness to the role of Bert Parks, and his co-host, John Cameron Crazy, is convincingly played by Dick Mueller. Mary Maudlin, Miss Nebraska (Mary McTigue) turns out to be a brainless social-climber from West Omaha. Every few minutes she breaks

out into hysterical giggling. A CHS senior, Sharon Walters, steals the show as Miss Emily Plain, Iowa's militant feminist contestant who collects shark's teeth and makes sculptures out of old fragmentation bombs. "My philosophy is one of Love and Peace towards everyone," she says, "except for a few select—"

While the two-act "comedy of manners" sometimes overstates its case, and the second act is disappointing, "Miss America" succeeds because it combines some savagely pointed observations on American culture with a genuine sense of the absurd. For example, musical accompaniment is provided by Centralite Monica Teply, who appears in CHS band uniform to plunk out "Old Man River" on the piano. And Proft as Bert Parks gives a rendition of "Mammy" that rivals Lana Turner in pure schmaltz appeal.

In the words of one titillated viewer "I haven't seen anything so beautiful since I visited the CHS wrestling room."

Ecology Club members save CHS prize trees



Ecology club members saved four of Central's beautiful pin oaks last Thursday. The trees had been suffering from Chlorosis, an iron deficiency disease. The students, under the leadership of Mr. Dave James, biology teacher, treated the trees with an iron compound.

Photo by Staff

Students call Isaac Asimov in yearly rite

Four tense eighth grade boys gathered purposefully around a telephone, fully realizing that soon they were to be connected with one of the world's greatest living minds. The night was Halloween, 1967. The young men were Lawrence Denenberg, Bennet Rodick, David Weiner, and Michael Wise.

They contacted the operator in West Newton, Massachusetts. All they said was, "Can you give us the telephone number of Dr. Isaac Asimov?" The operator complied with their wishes. Young Rodick began to stammer quite frequently now. "Is-s-sac Asim-m-mov, Is-s-sac Asim-m-mov," was all that he could utter. The other three were more collected. They gazed, fascinated at the spinning dial. Now the code was complete! They waited. The ringing persisted incessantly.

Immediately they redialed the operator, told her to keep trying to make contact for them, and entrusted with her their own number to present only to Dr. Asimov's ears, upon the event of his return.

After a period, three of the foursome departed from young Lawrence's home, overcome by Impatience. Only Lawrence remained to ponder over the events which had led to their exceedingly wondrous attempt.

He thought of how he and the rest of his class at school had been avidly devouring Dr. Asimov's Foundation Trilogy, along with the distinguished author's other works. He remembered how his friend's furtive little minds had snatched up that amazing scheme which they had executed that very night. All Lawrence could do now was await the illustrious doctor's call.

After a matter of hours, the phone at the Denenberg residence began to ring, just as Lawrence and the others had hoped. Drowsily, for it was late at night, Lawrence picked up the receiver. The caller was he! Dr. Asimov! Elated at the success of the scheme, but nevertheless saddened that his companions had left, Lawrence began a conversation with the master of science fiction that was to last

almost 20 minutes.

It was now Halloween night, 1968, and the four young friends once again gathered about their instrument of communication, again seeking to link themselves through sound with Dr. Asimov. This time he was home! Young Rodick again was overcome by nervousness, and displayed his tension amid those of the gathering. The fellows marvelled at the writer's joviality and pleasantness as they inquired as to his opinion of the works of other science-fiction authors, as well as to whether the good doctor was to continue writing in the same genre in which he was so extremely adept.

The next year, the four, now students at Central High School, repeated their annual ritual, this time with a written list of subjects with which to engage Dr. Asimov, and he was ready for them.

And now the time again draws nigh when, come Halloween night, a phone in West Newton, Massachusetts will be again responding to the volitions of the infamous four.

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Cohn pilots yearbook staff

The new O-Book staff at Central this year is busy preparing the 1970-71 publication of the yearbook. Leading the staff is Editor-in-Chief Nancy Cohn.

Nancy hopes that this year's O-Book will be a "good representation of this year at Central so that students can look back on it in the future. I think it should be a true summary of the year."

Nancy went on to say that "we are trying to have more pictures in the book. Our aim is to have a representation of the entire student body."



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Nancy Cohn displays O-Book.

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