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Front row: left to right: Lozier, Ramsey
Back row: Denenberg, Gorelick, Seaver, Miss Pratt.

English staff attempts new final test plan

This semester English finals will be different. In a recent meeting of the English department, the faculty decided to replace the departmentalized final with ones made up by individual teachers.

More books available

When asked what brought about the change, Mr. Edward Clark, head of Central's English department, replied, "The number and variety of books available to the classes has greatly increased. Due to this fact, classes of the same level seldom study the same material and cannot be fairly tested over what they have learned in class."

Last semester, a committee of English teachers created a test that was given to all students taking a certain level of English. These tests were generally the concept-type that didn't ask questions about specific books read in class. Instead, they tested the students' ability to understand and analyze what they read. The new system will allow the teacher to give each of his classes his own final pertaining to what has been studied in his class.

Students' memories tested

Mr. Clark feels that the new type of final will be better than the old. "It is better for teachers to determine for themselves the material over which their students should be tested," he stated. "Also, the teachers will be able to see what students remember over a long period of time."

These "individual class" English finals are expected to be given next year also.

Arts, Speakers, movies mark Black History Week activities

Black History Week was marked by black, red, and green crepe paper, films, speakers, art, poetry, and posters of blacks who are active in the community and the nation.

The schedule for Black History Week began Monday with a rally at the "C." Art, borrowed from the Black Culture Center at Wesley House, was also on display.

Films were shown Tuesday in Room 245. The films depicted various phases of black history and life in general. One film, "Oh Freedom," showed the progress of civil rights from 1954 to 1966.

On Wednesday Wantu-Wazuri displayed original paintings and drawings by black students. About twenty Centralites entered their artwork.

Black Economics: A Perspective was the theme of Thurs-

day after school with a poetry session. Poetry, by Central students and reknowned black poets, was read.



Barbara Freeman

Mrs. Mary Harvey, Wantu-Wazuri advisor, stated that Black History Week resulted from "the desires of students to commemorate this week." She said that much of the history, roots, and culture of blacks is not given at this school. "This could be shown and illustrated during the weeks activities," she commented.

Senior Fred Spigner commented, "The week's going along perfectly. At the beginning of the week there wasn't as much student involvement as the end. People started feeling self-pride."

Fred looked toward the fu-

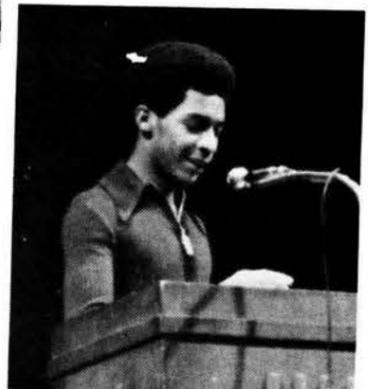


Ted Johnson

day's events. Various blacks from the community spoke at an assembly eighth hour. The speakers were: Dr. Hubert Lock, Dean of School Public Affairs and Community Services; Dr. Earl Pearson, Physician and Political activist; and Ted Johnson, from the Comprehensive Health Association.

Thursday's activities were concluded with the evening production of *Uncle Tom's Revolution*. The play, written by former Centralite Harry Eure, is a time line for the progression of the black man from slavery to modern times. The Black Cultural Art Center presented the play.

The third annual Black History Week was climaxed Friday



Fred Spigner: 'Self-pride'

ture, "Next year I'd like to see black participation increase in every activity. I'd like to see 50-50 representation on Student Assembly. I'd also like to see white students get interested in Black History Week, and get overall participation, not just one group."

Central math team first at Creighton Field Day

Leapfrog Relay, Mad Hatter Marathon, and Chalk Talk Derby may sound like names from a child's book, but they were actually the contests held at the Creighton University Math Field Day on Saturday, February 10. Eighty high schools participated in the event including two five man teams from Central. The first team from Central, Clark Ramsey, George Lozier, Steve Denenberg, Steve Gorelick, and Tim Seaver, won first place in the large school division. All are seniors except Tim who is a sophomore.

Mathletes rank high

In individual contests, Clark and George won first place in the Leapfrog Relay. No, they did not hop over each other. George is 6'5". Two man teams are entered in Leapfrog with each person working different sets of math problems; at the end of 60 minutes papers are exchanged and each person is allowed 60 minutes to check and correct his partner's work.

Steve Denenberg and Tim Seaver competed in the Mad Hatter; Steve was in the junior

and senior division and Tim in the freshman and sophomore. The Mad Hatter consists of problems being shown on a screen or blackboard or read aloud. The contestant works the problem as rapidly as possible since one problem is given only seconds after the previous one. Tim placed second in his division.

The Chalk Talk Derby consists of each contestant giving a five minute prepared talk on a previously given subject of mathematics. Steve Gorelick competed in the Chalk Talk for Central's winning team.

The second team included Ken Fishbain, Meyer Schwartz, Dean Way, Neal Greenberg, and Bill Hoff.

'Coach' is proud

Miss Virginia Lee Pratt, head of Central's Math Department, commented, "I was thrilled and proud of our team's victory, and I am tremendously indebted to each member of the team." The members of both teams felt that Miss Pratt's constant help and "coaching" was the key to Central's victory.

Of Central Importance

Dimension accepts poetry

The creative writing class is presently accepting contributions for the Dimension, Central's creative writing magazine. "We're looking for entries from a broad representation of the entire school, not just from juniors or creative writing students," said Denise Ogletree, editor of the magazine.

According to Mrs. Ellen Trumbull, sponsor of the Dimension, "Almost all types of writing are acceptable. Any poetry, informal essays, or short stories may be turned in to room 230 before March 9."

The writings are read by the creative writing class, who decides whether or not they are acceptable for the magazine. "Comments, suggestions, and an analysis will be written for the submissions that aren't accepted. They can be picked up in room 230 after the Dimension comes out," added Mrs. Trumbull.

Seniors Regents winners

The University of Nebraska at Lincoln has announced its 1973 Regents Scholarship Winners. Central seniors who will receive the four-year scholarships are: Marjorie Dickey, James

Williams, Steven Denenberg, Vicki Werner, Judy Koperski, Clark Ramsey, Lyle Peterson, Kristin Menke, William Grant, and Martha Hazard.

Winners are determined according to their SAT scores. Their scholarship goes toward tuition.

Moller attends convention

"You find out what other people are doing," said Dr. G. E. Moller, Central High principal, of his participation in the N.A.S.S.P. Convention, February 2-7.

National Association of Secondary School Principals sponsored its 57th annual convention in Dallas, Texas. Dr. Moller was one of 10,000 principals attending. There were five other principals from the Omaha area at the Dallas meeting.

The convention consisted of five general assemblies and many discussion sessions varying in size and nature.

Briefhand course begins

Briefhand is a new eight week mini-course that has been offered to students with a free

period fourth hour. The course began Friday, February 9. Mrs. Wanda Utecht, from the business education department at Central, is teaching the class.

"The course is designed for people who have to take a lot of notes," said Mrs. Utecht. "It's not as complicated as shorthand and it's very easy to learn." Mrs. Utecht added that the course will be offered during third hour next quarter to all interested students.

Debate team rates second

The varsity debate team of juniors Davida Alperin and Bob Tracy took second place at the Ralston-Gross Invitational on February 10. With a record of four wins and no losses, the team missed placing first by one point.

Approximately 19 schools were represented with 40 varsity teams. The winning trophy is on display in the office.

On February 12, Jeff Pattee, junior placed third in the American Legion Oratory Contest at the American Legion Hall. Junior Nick Newman placed fourth.

The topic of the contest dealt with the rights and responsibilities granted to U.S. citizens under the constitution.

Beat the Boredom

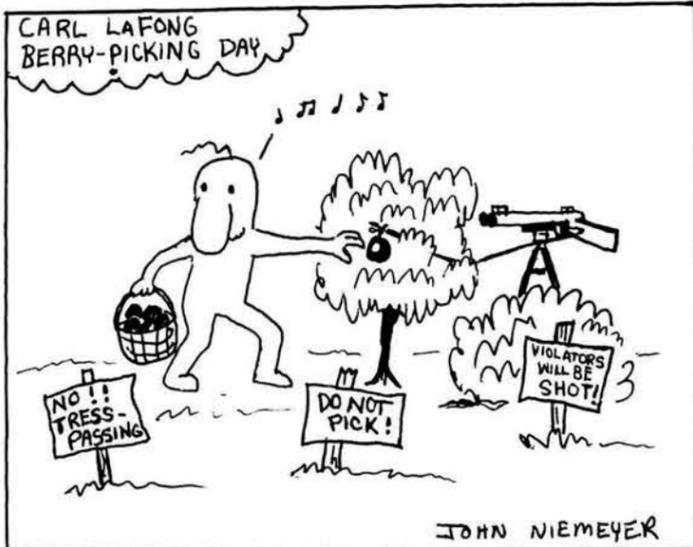
Un-holiday season here

by
Kristin Menke

Well, after a month and one-half of thrill-a-minute fun in '73, we are now entering what is commonly referred to by avid holiday observers as "the long haul." But never fear, I have been researching the problem and have found that this seemingly holiday-barren season is actually chocked full of little known (I wonder why . . .) causes for celebration.

First on my list is Febr. 23, Lawrence of Arabia's umpteenth birthday. A good way to commemorate this date is to drive down to Merritt's beach and kick up a little sand. (If you can borrow a white sheet, that's even better).

Next, for sportsmen in the crowd, Febr. 25 is opening day of the Mongolian Jackalope and snipe hunting season. The fact that these two critters are so hard to catch explains why this event is so hard to remember.



Another excellent opportunity for merry making is coming up one week today, Carl La Fong Berry Picking Day. Since Mr. La Fong neglected to allow for the lack of berries available in February, you can celebrate this one just about any way you want. I might suggest eating a bag of fortune cookies while launching crunch berries off the Dodge Street overpass.

Maybe you're beginning to understand why some of these holidays have remained thus far unknown and uncelebrated, and feel it best to preserve their present state of obscurity. If so, I have a few more suggestions which may appeal to you.

Norman Rockwell Exhibit, Joslyn Art Museum. Admission \$1.
Omaha Sport and Travel Show - starts the 27th.

"The Heart Break Kid," - Dundee Theatre.

"Derick and the Dominoes in Concert," Live 2 album set, Clapton on guitar.

Grateful Dead - Concert, Pershing Aud. Febr. 26.

Oh yes, one last item on my calendar, National Dried Fruit Week - February 21-28. Make a date to prune your fig tree now. They'll be raisin the currant prices in the spring!

Matthias enlists to avoid lottery

Art teacher Mike Matthias left Central for the Army Reserves at the end of first semester.

Worried that he would be drafted, Mr. Matthias made an appeal to the draft board that he be deferred since he was a teacher. He did not receive his desired deferment, however.

When he was in college, Mr. Matthias had had a student deferment until his graduation.

Upon graduation, Mr. Matthias was thrown into the nineteen-year-old pool. He also had a low draft lottery number. These are two reasons why he decided to enlist.

Now it appears that Mr. Matthias need not have enlisted. First of all, there was the possibility that his number would have been drawn on the day of former President Harry S. Truman's funeral. One that day no one was drafted.

Shortly after that, President Nixon abolished the draft. As his friend and colleague Steve Nelson said, "Either way he could have gotten out of it."

Mr. Matthias has a guaranteed job in the Omaha Public School System when he returns from basic training. The training can last anywhere from four and a half to six months, according to Mr. Nelson.

Cooks enjoy class

Mrs. Doris Adrian's second hour French VIII class has a delicious assignment. For two weeks the class has been experimenting in the art of French cuisine.

Mrs. Adrian feels that the cooking class helps to get her students totally interested in the French way of life. "The students always enjoy this project," she said.

The class has tried various recipes including Caesar salad and chocolate eclairs. The extra calories are worth it, according to one gourmet-student. His comment: "It's better than eating in the cafeteria."

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Opinion Forum

Blackness should shine every day

Black is beautiful. This is Black History Week and all the brothers and sisters of Central High School have joined together in prayer and song to show their unity. But why do we have to wait until Black History Week to show our unity and pride in each other?

Being black is not a one week affair, it's not what you wear

or how you dress, or how you have your hair styled, but what you have in your mind and heart. So black brothers and sisters, let's let our blackness show, 25 hours a day, 8 days a week, 32 days a month and 366 days a year.

Steven Scott

Portia Love

North Vietnamese POWs return to grim future of hunger, bitterness

It seems that the big news nowadays is the return of the POWs from Vietnam. Little other POWs, the North Vietnamese.

I noticed that the Americans are returning to ten to twenty thousand dollars worth of back pay, families (in most cases) and the richest country in the world.

The North Vietnamese on the other hand probably will find the hamlets and villages from which they were from, torn, gutted, and burned. The families of many simply will have disappeared. For others, nothing but a grim future of hunger and

bitterness remains.

Unlike the Americans, the North Vietnamese won't get much money to heal their wounds. And furthermore, not too many could truthfully say they are proud of the honorable peace they have achieved.

I am inclined to suspect that until the American public has suffered through a similar experience and seen the great Eldorado crumble under foreign bombs. Until we see and smell the true sights and odors of victory we will always be proud of President Nixon, our country, and an honorable peace.

John Niemeyer

Finding parking space can be fun

I have the answer for all those people who complain of nothing to do or claim that Central stifles their creativity. Just drive to school in the morning and try to find a parking place.

Finding a parking spot is an unusual and difficult challenge. You could even make a game out of it. For example, parking in the faculty lot without being towed away might be worth ten points; a more basic move, such as breaking off Joslyn's parking lot gate, might be worth eight.

Actually paying for a parking place, either in the Joslyn lot or the vacuum cleaner lot would be against the rules. Anyone who stooped to this would be subject to a ten-point penalty unless they had a good reason to be at their first-hour class on time.

Of course, I suppose there are going to be some partyoopers who insist that students should have their own parking lot instead of playing games in the morning.

Already the Student Assembly has tried circulating a petition to make all-day parking legal on the streets around Cen-

tral. Luckily, out of forty petitions, only one was returned.

Since that failed, they made up a plan to extend the new parking lot and use the available space on Central's grounds. However, since the Student Assembly is now busily at work reorganizing themselves, they probably won't have time to present it to anyone.

Meanwhile, anybody with a car can continue the game: by driving over the logs of the Joslyn lot, parking in a two-hour zone for eight hours, driving into Northwestern Bell's dirt lot on a rainy day, or parking in the west parking lot directly over the boiler room to see if this is the day it caves in. Five years ago, Central had a parking problem. This year we still have one.

Five years from now, we'll probably still have one if the PTSA hasn't moved the whole high school by then. So why worry yourselves about it? After all, there are other things in life, like swimming pools, football fields, roomy hall, classrooms, more teaching aids, modern lab equipment, complete libraries. . . .

Greg Goodrich

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*Colleges of Mid-America

the benchwarmer

by Steve Rosen



All-Around Performer

What type of person means so much to their team, that her teammates wanted to postpone a meet because of her absence? Give up? The answer is Sue Grisinger.

Sue performs in the all-around events on the girls gymnastics team, and means so much to her team, that before a meet against Northwest, her teammates wanted to postpone the meet because of her illness. The all-around event consists of performing on the beam, the uneven parallel bars, vaulting, and floor exercises. Doing the all-around performance is probably the hardest position on the team, because you have to be skilled in four events.

No Speciality

Sue, who is a two year member of the gymnastics team stated, "Most girls specialize in one or two events, but I didn't really specialize in anything, so Coach Morris said that I should do the all-around performance." Last year, Sue finished second in the Metro in the all-around.

Coach Joyce Morris commented, "Sue is the strongest member on the team in the four events. She has a strong gymnastics background, having gone to Sokol Hall for many years. Sue has more knowledge of gymnastics than I do."

When asked if she finds it hard practicing for four events, Sue, who is nicknamed Choo Choo, because of her determined attitude stated, "No, I usually practice about two hours a night,



Sue Grisinger performing on the vaulting horse.

dividing my time working on different routines. You must have good, solid routines that you are able to do with form. I try to practice on my style; the way you move yourself and control your body. You have to be coordinated, and you must have a certain amount of muscles."

Better Team Member

Sue continued in saying that her routines consist of such things as, cartwheels, back walk-overs, leaps, turns, and backward rolls. Music is needed to accompany the floor exercise performance. "First," stated Sue, "I pick out the music, and then fit in the routine."

Sue doesn't believe that she has improved much in her gymnastic skill over the past year, but Coach Morris disagrees, "Sue has greatly improved as a team member. She is passing her great gymnastics knowledge on to other girls, and helping the other girls on their routines."

O-Club Victorious

O-Club, which is Central's letterman society, ended a long standing victory draught, defeating the faculty 39-38, February 15. Nary a faculty member could be found that could remember the last O-Club victory.

O-Club, informed of the news that downslips would be coming out shortly, nevertheless, played a strong game. O-Club, coached by Steve Galvin, was led by the 17 points of Otis Samuels, while Mr. Tim "Spectacular" Schmad, hit for 11 points to lead the faculty. The game was played to help raise funds for the O-Club.

Riflers score high

Once again the Central Rifle Team shot their way to victory against Benson High School. The total score of the February 6 match, held at Central, was 1204 to 1112. Central's top scorers were: Dennis Hyde, Joseph Upson, Bruce Chatfield, Terri McGee, and Michael Krupicka.

Eagles ready for district

Central will take a 13-6 record into their final regular season game against Burke, this Friday, at Norris. The Eagles, after dropping out of Metro title contention, are on a two game win streak, while being ranked fifth in the state.

Central will enter district play Wednesday, February 28, as the top seeded team in district 5. The Eagles will play Millard in opening round action, with a victory pitting them against the winner of Rummel vs. Bellevue, Friday, March 2. All games will be played at Northwest High.

Bunnies burned

Central broke open a tight game late in the third quarter, and went on to breeze by Benson, 57-43, last Saturday night at Northwest.

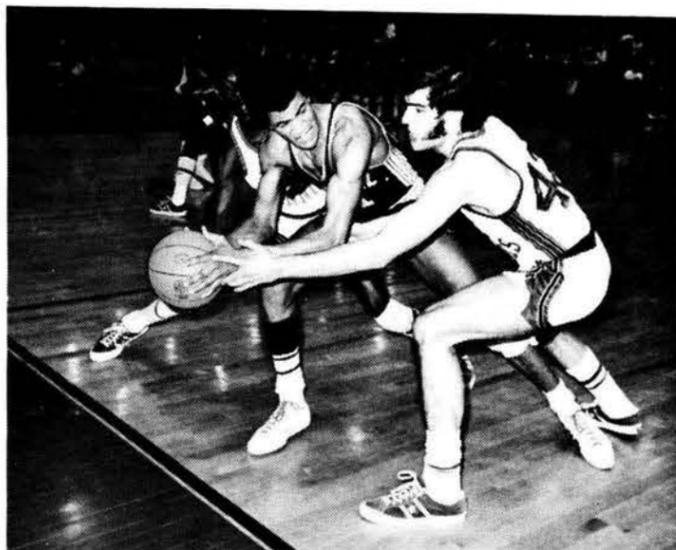
Down 25-23 at the half, the Eagles ran up nine unanswered points on the Bunnies in the third quarter, to open up a comfortable lead that was widened to the 14 point victory margin. Key baskets in the streak were made by Dennis Forrest, Charles Lewis, and Mike Ashford.

Dennis Forrest led the Central attack with 24 points, while Charles Lewis assisted with 13. Central's strong second half defense was led by Larry Butler and Chester Bullion.

Prep streak ends

Central ended Creighton Prep's seven game win streak, defeating the Junior Jays, 45-43, Friday, February 16, on the Jay's home court.

Central, which owned an 18-17 halftime lead, spurred to a 40-33 lead halfway through the fourth quarter, but needed two free throws by Larry Butler with less than a minute left, to insure the victory over the scrappy Jays. Dennis Forrest was the only Eagle in double figures



Dennis Forrest closely guarded by Benson foe during Eagle 57-43 victory.

with 21 points, while Charles Lewis tallied 8 points.

Cold spell hits Eagles

An ice-cold second quarter spelled the difference between victory and defeat, Saturday, February 10, as Central fell to Metro Conference leader, Boys Town 64-59, in a game played at the Boys Town field house.

Central, tied 18-18 at the end of the first quarter, could manage only a three point play by Ron Parker, while shooting a nightmarish 1-17 from the field during the second quarter. Coach Jim Martin stated, "I never dreamed that we could be this cold. It looked like we would never score." In fact, Parker scored with only 1:28 seconds remaining in the half.

Dennis Forrest led an ill-fated Eagle comeback in the second half, in an effort to cut the Cowboy's 34-21 halftime lead, but Central could get no closer than three points. For-

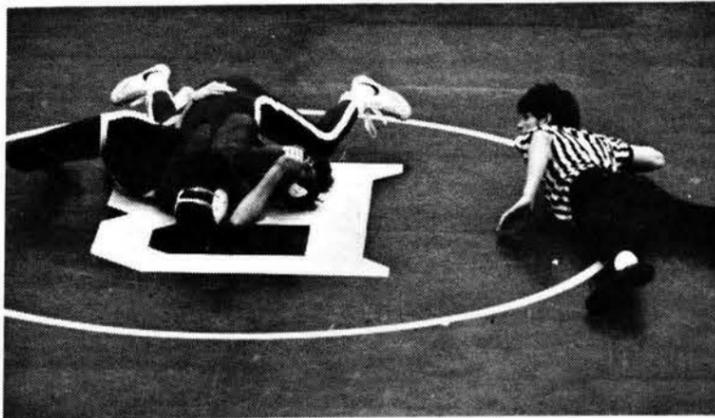
rest finished with 25 points, while Ron Parker netted 15 points. The loss ended Central's hopes for a second straight Metro Conference title.

Too much Vaculik

Ryan, behind the deadly shooting of 6-8 Larry Vaculik, eased by Central 57-51, at the Norris gym, Friday, February 9.

Vaculik, who scored 25 points, continually put in the big baskets every time that Central appeared to be making a run at the Knights. Central would have been blown off the court, if not for a third quarter rally that brought the Eagles within two points, 35-33.

Ryan, however, broke out fast in the decisive fourth quarter to snap Central's six game winning streak. Dennis Forrest led Central with 14 points, and was backed by Chester Bullion's 11 points, 9 of which came in the last quarter.



Glen Dawson looks for pin at district meet.

Eagles free relay team sets record

Central's swim team lost a close one to Bellevue, 57-39. "Although the score doesn't indicate it," said Coach Brian Watson, "we lost some first places by a hand reach."

Things started out right with the 200 yard medley relay team of Larry Schmitz, Tracy Connor, Mark Kling, and Mark Hodgson coming in first. But Central could only come up with two more first places with Mark Kling in the 100 yard fly, and Larry Schmitz in the 100 yard back.

Brian Gillan took second in both the 200 Individual Medley, and the 400 yard free Mark Blankenau captured second in the 50 yard free, and Kees de Leeuw placed second in the 200 yard Free. Paul Hodgson and Greg Dollis also placed second in the 100 yard free, and the 100 yard breast, respectively.

During the Metro swim meet, Central qualified Brian Gillan in the 200 Individual Medley, and the 400 yard free, and also qualified both relay teams. Central's 400 yard free relay team of Mark Kling, Kees de Leeuw, Paul Hodgson, and Brian Gillan, broke a Central swimming record with the time of 3:50.8, and placed seventh.

The medley relay team of Greg Dollis, Tracy Connor, Mark Kling, and Paul Hodgson placed eighth in the finals.

No wrestling surprises found in Class A meet

Central, which was last year's surprise team in the state wrestling meet, finishing with a fifth place finish, and two state champions, surprised no one this year, as they finished far back, while failing to gain any state champions.

Three qualifiers

Three Eagle matmen qualified for the state meet, which was held in Lincoln, February 16-17. Defending state champion, Bob Fullerton, qualified from the district meet at 112 lbs., along with Glen Dawson at 138 lbs., and John McCue at 167 lbs.

Central dreams for a repeat of last year's performance quickly faded as Fullerton and Dawson lost in the preliminaries. McCue won his preliminary match, but was pinned by Lincoln East's Rick Carr, in the

quarterfinals.

Fullerton takes third

Bob Fullerton, wrestling in the wrestle-backs, took a creditable third place finish, defeating Scott Miller of Millard, 10-5. Coach Jim Bond commented, "Bob showed a lot of courage, making his way back in the wrestle-backs to take a third place finish." Fullerton was in the hospital during the week of the state meet, after becoming ill in the district meet.

John McCue also battled for a third place finish, but was decided by Ryan's Gary Shaddy, 11-6. Central finished with 12½ points for the two day state meet. Coach Bond stated, "I was happy to get a third and a fourth place finish, but I was disappointed that we couldn't get any state champions."

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Brown Central's community aide

Do you know someone who:
—wishes to drop out of school because of an insolvable problem which cannot be told to a teacher?

—has a drug problem?
—needs medical help and doesn't know how to get it?

The solution to this person's problem may be found from Mrs. Helen Brown, Central's Community Aide.

What is a Community Aide? "You might call us Girl Fridays", said Mrs. Brown. "We do a number of jobs, all in one building." Mrs. Brown has been a Community Aide for seven years; this is her first year at Central. She describes the Community Aide Program as an effort to develop closer relationships between home and school.

Mrs. Brown and her co-workers help by acting as liaisons between the school and the community. This is done in a number of ways. An Aide can assist as part of a counseling team when there is a child with an attendance or behavior problem.

The Aide is there to talk to people who need medical attention but didn't know whom to ask for help. Maybe she can help if there is a person in a welfare situation who needs assistance involving food, clothing or transportation, for a doctor appointment.

It is the Aide's job to supply the school with a better understanding of a student's home situation, and to supply a parent with information concerning a child's work in school.

Mrs. Brown cites the following example. A student has been absent from school for about three days. A phone call is made to find the cause of absence. The mother is shocked to hear that the child has not been in school.

The Aide makes a home visit to talk with the parents and the child. After some discussion it is determined that the student has had a behavior problem in one of his classes, and was told that he would not be readmitted until he brought his parents in for a conference. Because he did not wish to tell his parents,



Mrs. Brown . . . a liaison between school and the community.

he avoided going back to school. The problem was straightened out and the student returned to school the next day.

Mrs. Brown is available in room 11-D for anyone who needs help with some type of personal problem. "Most of all," she said "we try to honor confidences, for otherwise, how could students ever come to us with their problems?"

Nabity amateur taxidermist

"So many people see a stuffed animal and say, 'That's so gross', but taxidermy isn't gross at all," commented Doug Nabity about his hobby. Taxidermy, according to Webster's Dictionary, is "the art or process of stuffing and mounting the skins of dead animals for preservation or exhibition."

Doug, a Central senior, explained that he didn't deliberately kill innocent animals just to display their skins. "I just go one step further than any hunter. I hunt, but preserve the beauty of the animal later."



Doug Nabity and friends

Taxidermy runs in the Nabity family. Doug learned the art from his father. He has been practicing it since he was in the ninth grade.

Ten Steps

Doug cautioned that taxidermy "is much harder and more involved than people may think. There are ten basic steps to stuff a bird.

1. Cut a slit in the skin on the stomach side of the bird.
2. Pull the skin off of the animal.
3. Discard the body. (You can eat it if you like).
4. Scrape fatty tissue from the skin.
5. Put calorax (a preservative) on the skin.
6. Make an artificial body out of shredded wood and clay.
7. Clean and reshape skull with modeling clay.
8. Pull skin over dummy and sew it together.
9. Put in the artificial eyes, preferably both in the same direction.
10. Shape up feathers to give a life-like effect.

Flexible hobby

According to Doug, taxidermy is also a very flexible hobby. "One of my ultimate dreams is to make a creature with two heads, three legs, wings of a different species, and a squirrel's tail." This would be possible because one can fit appendages from other animals into the artificial body.

Doug said that taxidermy could be a very profitable hobby if the taxidermist could get enough business. Doug also mentioned, however, that he does not plan to go into the field professionally.

Student teacher Cleary also reporter on police beat

The place is the downtown police station. The setting is a small, smoke-filled office. Four homicide detectives and a newspaper reporter crowd into the room. They discuss a murder.

The reporter is James Cleary. Four nights a week he is the night-time reporter assigned to the police department for the Omaha World Herald.

Jim is a journalism student at Creighton University. This semester he has taken on a third task—that of student teacher in Mr. T. M. Gaherty's Journalism I class.

About his new role as a teacher, Jim says, "It's not so much that I wanted to teach, but I love to teach journalism." He is currently instructing the beginning journalism students in the art of newswriting.

Jim's interest in journalism began in high school as editor of Creighton Prep's newspaper. An ex-Marine who served one year in Viet Nam, Jim enrolled in Creighton University to pursue that interest. His interest was spurred even further when he met a girl who "was so good at reporting that I decided to marry her."

Jim started working parttime

for the World Herald two and a half years ago. His first job was answering the phone and taking scores for the sports department on week-ends. He also got a taste of copyediting, headline writing, and page layout.

When there was an opening, Jim landed the job as reporter on the police beat. He quickly learned that the life of a professional journalist is fast paced. He starts work late (five P.M.) and ends early (two P.M.)

Journalism is a constant experience, according to Jim. You have to be a digging reporter and a solid writer.

What does Jim love about journalism? "I like the excitement. When you do the big story, it's exciting and satisfying." It was exciting the night he covered the murder case; it was satisfying to see his name on the story in the paper the next morning.

"You can get hooked on journalism just by seeing your name in print," Jim commented. Then he added, "I even like the smell of the ink in the printing room."

Boys learn homemaking skills

Students taking Home Economics II learn a variety of skills—cooking, sewing, home decorating, everything a girl needs to know. Right? Two male members of Central's student body don't agree with that statement. Senior Billy Williams and sophomore Donald Bryant are presently enrolled in the traditionally all-female class.

Boys want to sew clothes

Why would a guy want to take home economics? "Well, I wanted to learn how to sew," Don stated as one reason. "I plan to learn to make and design clothing—so I can keep in style." Bill's reasons were basically the same. "I'd like to take a pattern and then re-design it in my own way," he said.

Mrs. Jerelean Mitchell, Bill's homemaking teacher, feels that "home-ec is definitely open for guys too. A bachelor needs to know how to decorate his apartment and how to cook for himself. Also if guys sew their own clothes it's much more economical and the clothes are what he wants, in fit, color, and style."

Atmosphere changes

Donald's teacher, Mrs. Mary Giles, commented that the atmosphere of the class has changed since it has become co-ed. "The behavior of the girls is much better. They act like ladies. I think the girls try to impress him (Donald)." Mrs. Mitchell agreed and added, "The girls choose their topics of conversation more carefully when there is a guy sitting at the same table."

The girls in the classes seem to like the new arrangement. "It's really cool," commented Joanne Chaloupa, a freshman. "At first it seemed really strange, but now everyone's gotten used to it. I think he's got a lot of guts."

This is the first semester boys have been in a home-ec class. "We've been trying to get co-ed classes for about two years," said Mrs. Mitchell. "This time there were some guys that really wanted to take it." Mrs. Giles added, "I hope there are more guys interested in home-ec in the future."

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Foreign Activities

Polka anyone?

Did you know that dogs in Germany have to carry litter bags? This was one thing the German Club learned from Mrs. Bertha Myers, the guest speaker at their February 5 meeting.

Following the talk Mrs. Myers gave on her experiences during a recent trip to Germany, the German Club members enjoyed learning the polka. President John Niemeyer commented that the Polka Party was one of the biggest successes the German Club has had this year.

Spanish art curios

A colorful hand-woven Bolivian belt, a Columbian straw basket, and a candle snuffer from Barcelona were the subjects of a talk at the February 12 Inter-American Club meeting. Central junior Jean James delivered the talk on art objects from Spanish speaking countries. Other curios included a 15th century chess set, a lace fan from Sevilla, Spain, and a Mexican dice cup.

Soyez mon valentin

"Soyez mon valentin" (Be My Valentine) was one of the many lines of love written into original Valentine cards made by French club members. Prizes were given for the two most creative cards at the February 13 Valentine's Party. Everyone played French bingo and refreshments were served.

Honomichl teaches

Cheryl Honomichl has taken piano lessons since she was seven years old. Now she is teaching others on the piano. Three days a week Cheryl instructs at the Parker School of Music. "I took piano and flute from Mr. Parker, and he asked me if I'd like to be an assistant," Cheryl said.

Cheryl says that she has benefited from the experience. "It reviews what you should have learned before. I'm more able to apply my knowledge of the keyboard."

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