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Four at Central receive black semifinal award

Four Central Students have won semifinalist placement in the National Achievement Scholarship Program for outstanding Negro Students. They are Hubert Brown, Debbie Miller, Valerie Morrow, and Bernie Williamson.

The Centralites are among 1400 winners who are equally distributed in 12 districts. There were 50,000 entrants. One thousand of these students will become finalists, and 500 will receive achievement scholarships. Out of the 500 scholarships, 300 will be for 1000 dollars, and 200 will be for 1500 dollars a year or 6000 dollars in four years.

L. C. McMillan, National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) Vice President, in a press release of October 2, said, "One of the Achievement program's purposes is to encourage exceptionally promising black students to set high educational and career goals and to utilize their talents in pursuing them."

He added, "By identifying and publicly recognizing these able and motivated black youth, we hope to increase their educational opportunities so that they will be better prepared to assume



National Achievement Semifinalists: (left to right) Hubert Brown, Valerie Morrow, Debbie Miller, and Bernie Williamson.

professional and leadership roles in the future."

In the 11 previous years this scholarship has been given out, 3,800 students have won 10.6 million dollars and attended 900 colleges.

The semifinalists are chosen according to how they score on the PSAT/NMSQT tests. In order to become a finalist or winner, the student must score

favorably on the Scholastic Aptitude Tests (Sat) and maintain a favorable class record.

The NMSC has also released the names of students who received commendations in the 1976 National Merit Scholarship Program. Commended students are:

Debbie Berka, Brent Bloom, Linda Bowen, James Brown, Peter Buffett, Debbie Denenberg, John Harris, Bob Hekl, Debbie Hoffman, Terri Johnson, Mike Matejka, Mike Perelman, Mark Simon, Tom Stephens, Donald Thomsen, and Marlon Weiss.

Orchestra leader wants professional orchestra

"A professional orchestra is maintained for the people it performs for, a community orchestra is maintained for the benefit of the players . . . that's the big difference. What we really need in Omaha is a professional orchestra."

With these words, Mr. Thomas Briccetti, newly hired conductor of the Omaha Symphony Orchestra, wound up a 30 minute talk with members of Central High's Orchestra on Thursday, September 25.

Speaking to the 50 or so Orchestra members gathered in Central's Band Room, Mr. Briccetti said, "We should be committed to making the Omaha Symphony an important organization in this country - not just in the Omaha area."

Mr. Briccetti, who has worked as a conductor in Florida, Indiana, and Ohio, before coming to Omaha, told the assembly that he would like to see the Omaha Symphony do more for Omaha "than just the 11 concerts at the Orpheum Theater."

"The orchestra owes this community a lot . . . such as concerts at old people's homes, elementary schools, parks, zoos, and in small towns outside of Omaha," he said.

Mr. Briccetti plans to create

a nucleus of full-time orchestra members within the symphony orchestra itself, which, up till now, has been entirely composed of musicians who have other occupations outside of the orchestra.

With this group of paid professional musicians, Mr. Briccetti would hold small, traveling concerts throughout Omaha and the surrounding area. Many members of the present orchestra, however, oppose the move, and have organized a strike which has halted scheduled orchestral performances.

After his talk with CHS students, in which he did not directly mention the strike or litigations stemming from it, Mr. Briccetti reported that he thinks the strike is "a manifestation of the growing pains which are necessary to the development of the orchestra."

"Omaha is not a cowtown and it deserves the finest," he said. "It deserves a nucleus of players in its orchestra with full time commitment to performance and rehearsal."

A winner of a Ford Foundation Fellowship in Denver, Mr. Briccetti also talked to the students about the pros and cons of composing and conducting for a symphony orchestra.

CHS grad now President's aide

Mr. Jeffrey P. Eves, a graduate of Central High in 1965, was in Omaha last week to prepare advance arrangements for President Gerald Ford's White House Conference in Omaha on Wednesday, October 1.

Mr. Eves, 29, is the director of Ford's White House Conference Office and has been a member of Ford's staff since the President's inauguration.

The conferences, which, according to Eves, are essentially "town-hall type meetings in which the President takes part," require Eves to work with close to 200 members of the community, 300 to 400 members of the press, top presidential cabinet members, and both the President and the Vice President of the United States.

Eves controls every aspect of the Conferences, from arranging the President's accommodations to working closely with the Secret Service to provide for the President's security.

Interviewed the night before the Omaha conference, ex-Centralite Eves admitted that directing the whole affair is quite a task. "It keeps me busy," he said.

Praise for Central

A native-born Omahan who still has relatives in this area Eves attended Central from tenth through twelfth grade. He had high praise for Central, citing the schools academic excellence as one of his reasons for attending.

"I think the education I received at Central was a very good one," he said. "When I went there, Central had a high ranking among schools across the country - around twentieth I think. It is still rated as one of the finest schools in the nation."

"It was an advantage to go to Central, because that seemed to make it just a little easier to get into the colleges with more difficult requirements," he added.

Began as Junior Achiever

Starting with the presidency of a Junior Achievement company sponsored by Omaha radio station KFAB, Eves became involved with broadcasting in

high school, gaining experience that was to aid him later on.

After graduating from Central in 1965, Eves went on to the University of Nebraska, receiving his undergraduate degree in business administration.

Because of his continued work in radio, Eves was named America's Outstanding Young Reporter in 1968 and was given the chance to cover the 1968 political conventions.

Upon receiving his graduate degree in economics from the University of California at Berkeley, Eves went to work for a San Francisco marketing firm.

Worked for Nixon

In 1971, when President Richard Nixon established the Price Commission as part of the Wage/Price program, Eves went to Washington to work for the Commission and soon became its chief spokesman.

Upon the dissolution of the Price Commission after Phase II, Eves left Washington only to return during the last six months of the Nixon administration to act as a liaison between government and business.

Eves stayed on after Nixon's resignation and became involved with Ford's Public Liaison Office, which extended the liaison concept to minority groups, consumer groups, labor organizations, etc.

As part of the duties of the Public Liaison Office, Ford also wanted to institute conferences across the nation similar to "town hall meetings" which would allow Ford and his staff to hold day-long discussions with various groups and civic organizations. Eves was asked to become the director of the office overseeing these White House Conferences.

"A strong Republican"

While Eves admits that he is "rather obviously, a strong Republican," he feels that the conferences are important in providing solutions to the country's problems on a non-partisan basis.

He concluded by saying, "We have to look for answers that make the most sense and not those that are the most politically expedient."

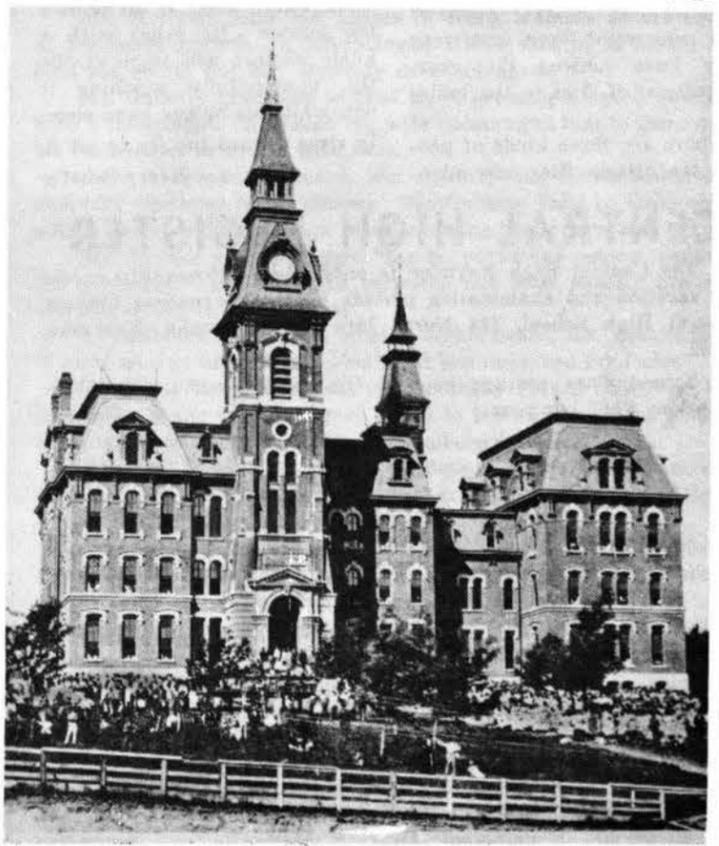
Central Centennial Grant visited old CHS

This is the first in a series of features to be presented periodically to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Central's first graduating class. Photos courtesy of the Bostwick-Frohardt collection.

The picture shows the first high school building to occupy the site where Central now stands. It was built in 1870.

The school was called Omaha High School at the time because there was only one high school in Omaha. The building had four stories and eighteen rooms. It was considered one of the most beautiful public school structures in America.

President Ulysses S. Grant climbed the tower and shook hands with some of the students when he visited Omaha on October 1, 1875. This date is exactly 100 years before President Ford came to Omaha!



Selections need variety

Somehow, it seems that the same students' names and faces appear everytime an award or honor is given out.

We realize, of course, that there are a few students who are deserving of these honors everytime. However, honors such as Boys' State, Girls' State, and attending President Ford's talk on Economic Affairs should not be limited to the same few students.

In the case of awards such as those mentioned above, there are four things that decide which students are to be chosen: The student must have a good high school record and above average grades, particularly in American Government; The student must be outgoing and ready to meet new people; The student must be able to bring back valuable and interesting information; and the student must show a genuine interest in the field of local and national government.

Those students who were awarded honors such as Boys' and Girls' State, we believe, did a good job of representing Central. It is important that more than just a few people be given the opportunity to represent their school.

Above all, we feel that involvement in extra-curricular activities both at school and in the community are essential in choosing representatives for Boys' and Girls' State and for the President's speech. Members of Student Council, also, should have priority over those people who are not active in extra-curricular activities.

Apparently, in the selection of students who were to attend President Ford's talk, underclassmen were not even considered. There were no qualifications as to age or grade, but, for some reason, only seniors were selected.

For many years it has been a tradition to present various opportunities to seniors. However, with an event as rare as the arrival of the President of the United States in our city, the tradition deserves to be broken. Those outstanding underclassmen who might have attended the conference would then have had more to contribute when they became seniors.

In conclusion, we believe that giving more students a chance to participate in certain events to unite the student body and encourage students to work harder.

Vox Pop is Latin for "voice of the people." This section of the Register is reserved for students and teachers who wish to express their opinions, criticisms, comments, and ideas in the form of an article or "letter to the editor." There is need for more student representation in the school paper. Bring your articles to the journalism room, 317. We reserve the right to shorten articles. All articles must be signed. We look forward to hearing from you.



"Voice of the People"

Flies invade CHS halls

No, it's not a takeoff on the movie "Bug" nor is it a propaganda stunt for an upcoming event. In all actuality flies have invaded Central. Those of you who went here last year may have noticed the overabundance of flies in the building.

There are three kinds of people that these flies are intro-

duced to. There is the overly-paranoid person who blinks, wiggles, and fidgets in order to lose the fly. There's the common cool person who shrugs off the fly. Last of all there's the hunter. He (she) with a killer instinct will stare at the fly, unmercifully psyching it out, while his or her hand slowly rises toward the fly to hit it.

Kerry Schafer

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Students attend Ford's speech

Six Central students and one faculty member were among the 1,000 delegates at the Nebraska-Iowa White House Conference on Domestic and Economic Affairs held in Omaha last Wednesday, October 1.

They were Hubert Brown, Debbie Denenberg, Valerie Morrow, Rick Renn, Bob Spitzer, Steve Swanson, and Mr. Jack Blanke, the head of Central's Social Studies Department.

The Centralites heard President Ford and other officials of the federal government speak and answer questions about current national affairs.

The normal registration fee of 20 dollars was waived for delegates from local high schools. Each area high school was represented by its student council president.

Five additional invitations were given to Central besides the invitation for Hubert Brown, the Student Assembly president. The other five students were chosen by a committee of teachers.

Each official gave a fifteen minute speech which was followed by a forty-five minute question-answer session. This format led to the comment by one administrator that the conference was "plain talk among friends."

This conference was the tenth in a series of similar conferences being conducted across the country. They are designed to increase communication between citizens and government.

Responding to a question from Hubert Brown, Dr. David Mathews, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, said that there are no miracles in the process of integration of schools. "There are many alternatives to bussing," he said, "all work well sometimes, but not so well other times."

The alternatives to bussing which Mathews cited were the magnet school concept which is being implemented at Tech High School and the educational park concept in which all of the educational facilities are located in one or two areas of a community.

Mathews said, "We are obligated to try any means which appear to lead us to the desired end. I think that in the bussing issue, we have become too concerned with the means, in other words bussing, and we've forgotten that the goal is a quality education for everyone."

President Ford arrived for the last hour of the day-long conference. He gave a short speech and then answered questions from representatives of the 17 co-sponsoring organizations of the conference.

All of the Centralites were pleased with the conference. "It was very interesting," said Bob Spitzer, "I thought that it might get boring hearing all of them talk, but, for the most part, they kept my attention."

Rick Renn thought that Dr. Mathews was the best speaker at the conference. "I listened to him for the whole hour without getting bored.

That's unusual for me."



Ford delivers speech.

(World-Herald Photo)

Overcrowding a problem

If you Central veterans have been thinking that the halls and classrooms of Central seem a bit more crowded this year than in the past, you are suffering from neither double vision nor paranoia.

According to Dr. G. E. Moller, Central High principal, and assistant Anthony LaGreca, Central's present enrollment is up to 100 students higher than last year's.

The increase, both administrators say, lies in the greater number of freshmen who have transferred into Central in 1975. Many of these transfers came in over the summer, according to Dr. Moller, and even more applications for registration were coming in during the start of the second week of school. During that week Dr. Moller said "the situation is not desperate," "but if more applications keep coming in like they have been, we might possibly consider hiring some more teachers."

Mr. LaGreca also admitted that the situation was tight but said that it was not unbearable. "We have had to do a lot of rescheduling," he said, "to ease the pressure on the more crowded classrooms. Unfortunately, this had to include dropping some of the smaller 'specialty' classes, such as Probability Statistics and Honors Trigonometry."

With a staff of 60 or so teachers at Central, a maximum of 1,600 students would be the most comfortable to work with, Mr. LaGreca reported.

"Things would be just great with that number of students," he said. "None of our teachers would have to travel around, our schedule would be less confused, we would know where every-one was at any time of day." He said that as of Monday, September 2, Central's enrollment stood at 2,184 students.

An interesting contrast appears as the sizes of the other OPS high schools are brought into the picture. According to a temporary census (taken on the second week of school), OPS enrollment breaks down like this:

South	2,328
Central	2,184
Burke	2,084
North	1,863
Northwest	1,588
Benson	1,457
Bryan	1,218
Tech	522

The enrollments of both Benson and Bryan are down from last year. North High, which almost always matches Central in enrollment, is also down. Burke High is up considerably, but the highest enrollment, at South, is offset by South's larger physical size.

Why the sudden influx of students into Central? Both Dr. Moller and Mr. LaGreca were unable to pinpoint the reason, explaining that too many factors were involved.

The destruction of Lewis and Clark by the May 6 tornado, which could conceivably cause many freshmen to enter high school prematurely, can be discounted as a basic reason because of the fact that the School Board is not allowing ordinary transfers for freshmen from Lewis & Clark.

Suburban "white flight" from court ordered bussing programs scheduled to take place in 1976 can also be ruled out as a major cause for the simple reason that most students going to Central would have to take a bus anyway. Secondly, because of its wide attendance area, Central has already been well integrated for years.

Of course, the most obvious reason, as Mr. Jack Barnhart, School Board Vice-President put it, is babies.

As a result of the last of the post Korean War "baby booms," Omaha's birth rate in 1960-61 reached a peak of 28 births per thousand inhabitants. These babies eventually grew up to become freshmen, reported Barnhart, and for this reason the schools are unusually crowded.

However, by the time that this year's equally large eighth grade class graduates from high school, school enrollments will begin to decline dramatically as the baby boom youths "leave the fold."

Just the same, the fact that Omaha schools are overcrowded does not explain why so many freshmen will choose Central this year. The overcrowding situation (which will ease as, according to Dr. Moller, "around 50 or so students unfortunately drop out,") cannot be explained away with simple answers.

Mr. LaGreca, nevertheless, has his own theory. "Perhaps everyone wants to come here," he postulated, "because we're so dang good."

Project to utilize integration idea

If you have been seeing students about four feet high wandering around in the basement, don't worry—the average size of the Central student is not shrinking.

The young students are a part of a voluntary integration project which gives them a chance to learn about different people and occupations. Room 019 has been converted into an art learning resource center where the children draw, paint, and listen to guest speakers.

Fifth-graders from various Omaha elementary schools attend morning or afternoon classes. The classes are held every school day and last for three weeks. Throughout the school year, eleven three-week sessions are offered.

"We try to get two schools—one from a majority race area and one from a minority race area—to attend either a morning or afternoon session," said Mr. Jerry Pabst, supervisor of the program. The children require parental permission to participate and are brought by bus from their schools.

Usually the entire class from a school will come, accompanied by the teacher. Two or three guest speakers are invited every week.

"Our speaker for the first week was an architect. Later the children designed tree houses that they would like to live in," Pabst explained.

Pabst stated, "The program is sort of a multi-cultural approach to art. It gives the children a chance to work with materials they don't have at their other schools."

Approximately 120 fifth-graders attend each three-week session. They are taught by four instructors, three of which are regular teachers. Last week, youngsters from Lothrop, Fontenelle, Robbins, and Walnut Hill grade schools were present.



Mr. Pabst supervises fifth-graders.

McLaughlin speaks on surgeon problem

Ten representatives of Central were among the audience of 500 who listened to Dr. Charles McLaughlin's speech, "What Do You Know About Your Surgeon?" The speech was held on September 30, at Holiday Inn, 72nd and Grover.

The ten from Central, Jolene McWilliams, Mark Lewis, John Harris, Mike Simpson, Rick Walch, Marlon Weiss, Brent Bloom, Bob Hekl, Barry Hoberman, and physics instructor, Mr. Robert Wolff received the tickets from Ronald Roskens, Chancellor at UNO, through Harry Duncan, science director for Omaha Public Schools.

Dr. McLaughlin, president of the American College of Surgeons, presented the speech as part of the UNO "ABC Series" entitled "Facing Forward."

Recognized as one of the nation's leading surgeons and educators, Dr. McLaughlin said, "Of the 94,000 physicians performing surgery in this country, 36,000 are not College Board certified." He added, however, that this number of sur-

geons was certainly adequate for the United States population.

Concerning the malpractice question, Dr. McLaughlin said that, today, one in three physicians should expect a liability suit, of which 80 per cent of those which reach court are ruled in favor of the defendant. Several years ago, only one in twelve physicians would be involved in a malpractice suit.

Dr. McLaughlin also spoke of the "Marcus Welby" syndrome; that is, the idea that each patient will get constant attention from his physician while in the hospital. Dr. McLaughlin denounces this idea.

He said that while twenty years ago, 30 per cent of hospital medical care was by one's personal physician, today a hospitalized patient sees his doctor only 7 per cent of the time. "This is due to the advancement of specialized fields in medicine," Dr. McLaughlin said.

A breakfast was served before the speech.

Artists picture future

The Omaha/Douglas County Bicentennial Commission has announced that it will sponsor an art contest called ART-2076. The goal of the project is to see how local youths picture the future of America. It is open to students of Douglas County between pre-kindergarten and 12th grade.

The competing piece must be submitted at Bicentennial headquarters, Union Station, 801 South 10th Street, Omaha, before October 15, 1975. All work is to be on 11x14 inch paper or canvas. The media is limited to oils, acrylic, tempera, watercolor, collage, crayons, chalk, ink, print techniques and pencil. No sculptures will be accepted.

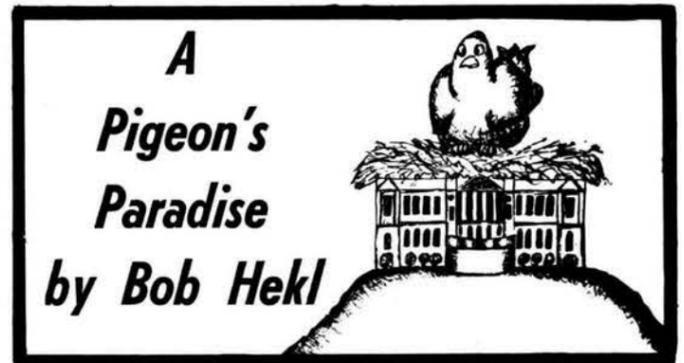
The artwork will be divided into three categories for judg-

ing: Pre-kindergarten through 6th grade, 7th through 9th, and 10th through 12. A jury of three to five persons will be announced at a later date.

The winning 12 entries, four from each category, will be published in an official 1976 Bicentennial Calendar to go on sale to the public around December 1 of this year.

Mary Headley, chairman of the Visual Arts Committee of the Bicentennial Commission, is hopeful that ART-2076 will involve every school-aged youth in Douglas County.

For additional information, contact ART-2076, Omaha/Douglas County Bicentennial Commission, Union Station, 801 South 10th Street, Omaha, Nebraska, 68108.



Teachers flaunt beards

Six years ago, nary a hair could be found on the chin of a Central High faculty member. Today, in the advancement of society, eight CHS teachers abound with protruding pigmented filaments of the facial epidermis. That is to say that beards are now in vogue.

These eight teachers include Mr. George Garrett, Mr. Gordon Thompson, Mr. Creighton Steiner, Mr. Steven Turbot, Mr. Charles Lettes, Mr. Dirk McNeely, Mr. Michael Gaherty, and Mr. Jack Blanke.

Mr. Gordon Thompson is regarded as the first of the beard growers among the present Central faculty members. In explaining the precedent which he set, Mr. Thompson said that teachers should be allowed the choice of reasonable and proper dress which is permitted for students.

Mr. Thompson said, "In the future we will see people with beards and without beards, just as the changing styles of women's dress."

Mr. Steiner, since he has acquired his beard, has been said to look like the man in the Hamm's beer commercials. A student, however, said he looked more like the bear.

While this is his fourth beard, Mr. Steiner said that he grew it mainly because he didn't want to shave, and it served as a time saver. Nevertheless, he takes care of his whiskers and brushes it every morning.

Mr. Turbot grew his beard in Colorado as a second muffler to keep him warm. His beard lives in constant suspense, for even it does not know its own destiny.

Mr. Turbot said, "I might shave it off someday, or I might take it to the grave."

"Laziness" is what Mr. Lettes attributes to the growth of his beard. He said that he is used to his beard, and most of his friends look at him the same, with or without the beard. He did say that he "has trouble eating some foods, especially ice cream cones."

Mr. McNeely joins Mr. Lettes in citing laziness as the cause of his beard growth. A psychologist friend said he is hiding behind his beard, but Mr. McNeely does not agree.

Mr. Gaherty gradually worked up to growing a beard, starting with a moustache. Although his wife encouraged him to grow one, his mother has never got used to it.

Since he grew his beard, Mr. Gaherty has found fewer disciplinary problems in his classes. Mr. Gaherty feels he looks older with a beard and may shave it off someday "to look young again."

Mr. Blanke grew his beard "for no particular reason, perhaps for a change." He said that response has been equally pro and con concerning the new goatee.

In reference to his own opinion of his beard, Mr. Blanke said, "I have no way of knowing whether it has improved my looks."

Much has been written on pogonotrophy (beard culture). Lactantius wrote that the beard added to the dignity of the mature body, an ornament of virility and strength.

Reginald Reynolds, in his book *Beards*, states there is no discernible evidence for the view that bearded men are more addicted than others to the eating of horseflesh.

According to Mr. Jack Blanke, "People did not grow beards 200 years ago." But, I say, as United States culture has advanced, people have recognized the importance of beards.

Therefore, to prove to the fathers of our country that beards should be put in their proper places, the Register is sponsoring a Bicentennial Beard Burgeoning Bash.

All male and female CHS students and faculty are eligible and may register in room 317 on the entry blank. Applicants will be notified of the time and place the contest is to begin.

Chins must be clean shaven at the beginning of the contest. Judging will be done and prizes awarded during a February basketball game.

Of Central Importance

Math team to compete

The Central High Math team will compete nationally against other high schools this year in the ATPAC Mathematics League.

The League, sponsored by George Washington High School, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, with David Rosen as chairman, has invited schools from all areas of the country to compete.

In each of the six tests, from October to May, awards will be given to the three highest scoring teams and five highest scoring contestants. The teams are determined by the ten top scoring individuals from each school.

According to Miss Virginia Pratt, Mathematics Department Head, "While I don't know much about the other schools participating, it certainly will be good experience for the students involved."

O-Book sales to begin

The 1975-76 Central High O-Book will go on sale next Monday, October 13. The price of the book will be six dollars with a student activity ticket, seven dollars without one. The selling of the yearbooks will be handled by O-Book staff members during homeroom.

Declining to fully reveal the theme of this year's book, O-Book editor Peter Buffett would only say that it is "something old and something borrowed."

Mr. T. M. Gaherty, Central's journalism advisor, said that he hopes yearbook sales top the 1200 mark. "That would be the most we've sold for as long as I've been here."

The sale of the O-Book will last for about three weeks.

Chessmen 'rook' foes

This year Central's chess club is sponsored by Mr. Robert Cooper, who is new here at Central. The club went against Lewis Central and won 7½ to 4½.

The club meets every night from 3:30 to 5:30 in room 329. The members went against T.J. on Oct. 7. "If you are interested in chess, you are always welcomed," exclaimed Mr. Cooper. There are 20 members in the club. "Also, there are a lot of good chess players in the club again this year," he said. Some who were mentioned are Steve Gautier, Dennis Klopping, John Wiesmann, Mike Wilke and Jim Jensen.

"It seems that this year promises to be another successful year for chess club," he said.

Candy sale nets profit

The CHS German Club has again sponsored more candy sales for club funds. This year, as the G-Club members roamed the building, over \$100.00 was made, with several thousand candy sticks sold.

Debbie Beals, German Club president, said there are many uses for the money. "The money from this sale," said Debbie, "will be used to pay the dues for membership in the NFSG (National Federation of Students of German) and also help defray the cost of transportation for the students going to the NFSG's national convention."

Reporters 'rap' about it

What do Jane Johnson, Susie Koperski, Molly Reinmuth, and Kathie Slavin all have in common? They all are school reporters for various radio stations and/or newspapers. Jane Johnson and Molly Reinmuth are Central's reporters for the Dundee Sun, Susie Koperski and Jane Johnson for WOW radio station, and Kathie Slavin is the reporter for KOIL. The school reports can be heard on WOW from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Monday nights.

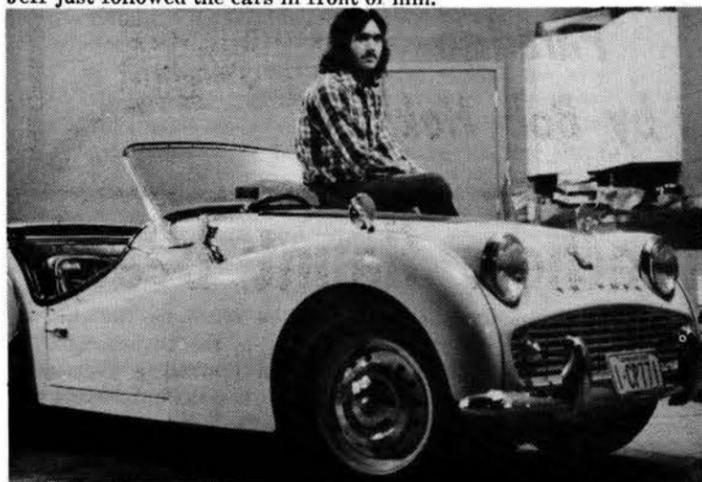
ATHLETIC FOOT-NOTES BY BRENT BLOOM

Mac's Midnight Madness; sounds like the going out of business sale for a local discount store. Well, it isn't. Mac's Midnight Madness was a road rally that senior Peter Buffett and Central graduate Jeff Lebens participated in over the summer. The rally was sponsored by a local automotive parts establishment. Peter said that he saw the ad for the rally in the want ad section of the *World Herald* and just decided to go. Peter thought the rally would just take a couple of hours and would just take them around Omaha. Little did he know.

The grueling competition started at, as the name implies, midnight, and lasted to within 28 seconds of seven a.m.

Peter, the navigator, informed me that this rally not only took them outside of Omaha, but it took those two brave enthusiasts as far south as the teeming metropolis of Rockport, Missouri.

Mario, as Peter's friends call him, fell asleep a few times while navigating (not driving) from the five page set of directions each contestant was presented with. While Peter was asleep, Jeff just followed the cars in front of him.



Buffett "Triumphs" in road rally.

The directions not only told you where to go, but how fast to go. The purpose of the rally was accuracy and not speed. The contestants soon found that they had better be extremely accurate in their driving, as one point was taken off for every one - one hundredth of a second one was early or late reporting in to one of the numerous checkpoints along the way.

Peter commented that the rally was extremely well organized and that there was really no way one could get around following such great directions as "turn left at the stop sign or reduce speed to 25 mph at the yield sign, whichever comes first."

One may ask, "what induced these two normally sane people to do something like this?" It certainly wasn't the trophies, as they haven't heard hide nor hair of them since the day of the rally.

When asked if he would do it again, Peter replied, "Nope."

Centralites bike over summer

Angeline Nockai, a junior at CHS spent three of our hottest summer days last August pedaling ferociously and perspiring heavily on a bike trip through Iowa.

On the afternoon of August 26th, Angeline and her companions left home feeling quite excited about their bicycle trip. After traveling 45 miles in extremely warm temperatures, they were pretty hot and exhausted.

A group of ten Indian students, four girls and six boys, participated in this trip. They began on Tuesday, August 26th, at Crescent, Iowa. They rode 45 miles to De Soto Bend on the first day. There, they camped overnight and started out again

about 9 o'clock the next morning. On the second day they rode about 40 miles to Lewis and Clark Lake, where they camped out for the night. On Thursday they rode all the way back to De Soto Bend, where they spent their last night. Their trip ended on Friday, when they returned to Crescent, Iowa. Their entire trip was close to 185 miles; they were all glad to be home again.

Their meals consisted mainly of sandwiches, but occasionally they had a treat like macaroni or pork. These meals were cooked over an open fire.

Angeline seemed to enjoy her trip a great deal and is looking forward to another trip of the same type.



Badgett confines Northwest offensive play.

Eagles score; victory elusive

Good offensive and defensive strength by the Eagles held the 3rd ranked Bellevue Chieftains scoreless throughout the first half, as the Eagles led at half-time, 6-0. Central's first score of the season came as junior quarterback Mike Curran handed off to junior Phil Bates and Bates ran 46 yards to score with 4:29 to go in the first half.

The second half proved to be less than eventful as Bellevue had two scores in the third period and one in the fourth to make the final score 20-6 in

favor of the Chieftains.

Central cornerback Larry Pollard almost got the Eagles back in the game when he picked up a Bellevue fumble deep in Central territory and ran it back 55 yards before being brought down by Chieftain quarterback Brad Humphrey.

Despite Central's lack of scoring during the second half, good defensive and offensive play was exhibited by several Eagle athletes.

Husky defense defeats Eagles

A tight defensive battle was fought between the Northwest Huskies and the Central Eagles last Friday night at the Burke High School stadium.

Again, an Eagle mistake figured in their defeat as Northwest's Mike Knauss picked up a bad pass from center on a punt and returned it 32 yards

for the Huskies only score of the game.

Central's only score came in the third quarter, as Husky Mike Knauss was tackled in the end zone to score a safety for the Eagles.

Late in the second quarter the Eagles had another chance to score, but a 22 yard touch-down pass from Mark Sims to Terry Slattery was nullified because of a penalty.

Another Eagle scoring drive that brought Central to the Northwest one yard line was capped by time running out in the first half.

The Central defense blocked two Northwest punts and played a good overall ball game, as this was mainly a defensive game for both teams.

The next football game is tomorrow against Burke at Burke stadium, 7:30 p.m.

Men join yell squad

Three young men have been added to the previously all female varsity squad. This year marks the second beginning of male cheerleading at Central. Not since 1964 have male and female voices officially joined together in the promotion of our school spirit.

The credit for this action goes to last year's varsity squad. These cheerleading alumni planned and conducted tryouts last spring. As a result Doug Allen, Steve Jones and Sylvio Reboloso were chosen to be on the varsity squad.

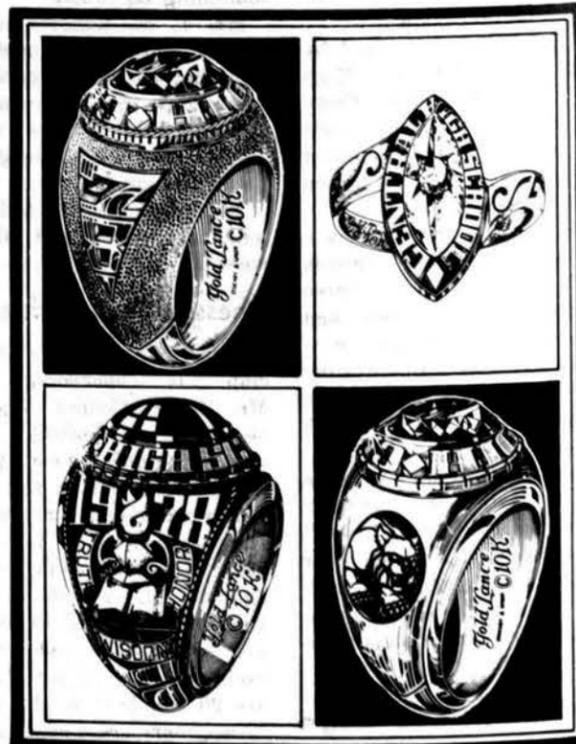
The most valuable asset contributed by the three is strength. Their powerful voices insure that all cheers and chants are heard by all. Physical strength allows the squad to perform daring stunts, which otherwise would not be attempted.

All three recruits admit that they enjoy working with the girls simply because they are girls. Also they feel that their presence has improved school spirit.

Mrs. Barbara Tegt, the new cheerleading sponsor, commented that she felt both the boys and the girls show lots of potential and that working together will be a learning experience for them.

A total of twenty-eight cheerleaders— nine Reserve, eight Junior Varsity and eleven Varsity — may be seen practicing each day in the east hallway leading to the gym, which is their homeroom and first hour class. During the summer, practices were held for the girls on Monday through Thursday of each week with the boys joining them on Tuesday and Thursdays from six a.m. to seven.

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Centralite backpacks in Rockies

Last July, while most students were working to save up for a car, Valerie Morrow was rapping with nature on a Girl Scout sponsored backpacking trip through three National Forests: Rocky Mountain, Roosevelt, and Arapahoe, in Colorado.

The name of the event is Hia-Wak-A II. It is an Indian term meaning "high walk" and the first one was held in the summer of 1973. Valerie said that the reason that it held every other year is because, "it takes a lot of planning to put the trip together."

Valerie said that it was part of the Girl Scout Wider Opportunity, and it included people from all over the country. "403 people applied to go on a trip that had only 60 openings," stated Valerie, "but, since the response was so great they took the alternates also. The group, including staff, totaled 90."

"We carried everything we needed," said Valerie, "We ate regular food instead of backpacking (dehydrated) food, so it did tend to get a little heavy. It was also very, very cold there," she recalled, "and even with all down clothing, down mittens, and down booties it was very cold." Valerie said that a girl from Florida asked herself why she was here, "when it was 90 degrees at home."

"We crossed the Continental Divide twice," said Valerie. "You feel like dying half way up, but it's worth it once you see the view." She also noted the popularity of backpacking was so great that when they got to the top of the Divide, there were already 75 there. Since 90 is a very large group, Valerie said that they were split up into six different groups using different trails.

In climbing to the top of the divide, they have to go up a series of "switchbacks" which Valerie explained. "They are a path carved up the mountain, back and forth up the side, instead of straight," explained Valerie, "because if you go straight up, you destroy the mountain, ruining it for other people."

Valerie said that she likes to do all kinds of outdoor activities, including canoeing, camping, and backpacking, and she is planning to apply for a position on the staff of Hia-Wak-A III, in 1977.

Gym shorts

Cross country

The Central High harriers, led by senior Keith Schafer, hold a 5-3 record in eight dual meets so far this season. Their most recent victory was against Council Bluffs Thomas Jefferson at Council Bluffs Dodge Park, September 30.

Placing fifth as a team in the Bryan Invitational, Coach David James feels that his team has improved throughout the season. They are now getting ready for the Metro Meet this Friday.

Coach James is hoping that the team will place in the top six. James also noted that the stronger teams in the state, including Bellevue, Burke, Prep, and Northwest, are also in the Metro conference.

Individually, Keith Schafer is hoping to place in the top five individual runners, he also is hoping to place in the top six in the district because, "only the top six runners go to State."



Schafer nears finish.

As a team, Coach James will be trying to bump off the weakest team in his district, which includes Bellevue, Burke and Prep. The weakest team is Prep. His plans are for each runner on the team to go after a runner on the Prep team and hope to beat them. Only three of the four teams will be going to State.

The District meet will be held Friday October 17.

Girls' volleyball

The Central High girls' volleyball team, after winning their first two games, have dropped four straight, including their loss to state champion Marion, 15-13 and 15-12.

Coach Thomas Dolfay feels that the lack of experience, and playing teams that have more experience, have hurt the girls in the season. Also, with the tough part of the schedule being near the end of the season, he feels that it will be an uphill climb for the girls.

Looking forward to the district meets, Coach Dolfay says that even though the team has been set back by the recent losses, they have been playing well together. Dolfay feels that they have an even chance of winning their first round game in the district meet, which includes Millard, Northwest, and Gross.

Their next game will be tomorrow vs. North High School.

Jayvee football

The junior Eagles evened their record to 2-2 by winning over Northwest 14-0,

followed by a loss to Prep 22-6.

The leading rusher in the Northwest game was Ernie Addison, gaining a total of 77 yards on the ground. Scoring the two touchdowns were Tony Edmonds and Tyree Webster.

In spite of the loss to Prep, the statistics show a marked improvement in offense. Total yardage gained was 200 yards compared to 160 yards in the Northwest game.

Ronnie Williams was the leading ground gainer with 139 yards against Prep. The only score was on a nine yard pass from Dave Akin to Darrel Brown.

Coach Haskell felt that overall, the team played a good game against Prep. Haskell also noted that they have a very balanced and good football team.

Reserve football

The reserve football team, under the direction of Coach James Bond, has improved their record to 3-1, with recent wins over Northwest and Tech, blanking both teams 6-0 and 22-0, respectively.

The scoring against Tech came on a 64 yard punt return by Oscar Pulliam. Central missed the extra point attempt. Coach Bond was impressed with the defense in the game, keeping Northwest scoreless.

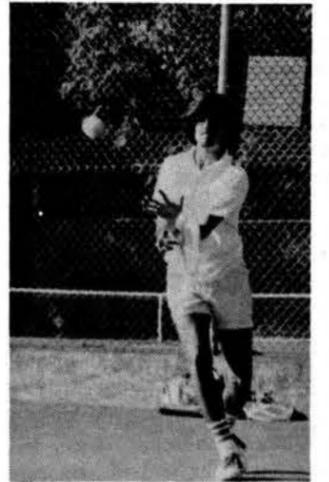
The reserves struck early against Tech, with touchdowns coming on the first and second possessions by the team. They scored again in the second half on a pass to Kevin Friesen.

Coach Bond cited the defense in all the wins saying that the defense is playing as a team. He also said that he is pleased with the offense, but feels that they still need a little more work.

The next reserve football game is Thursday, October 9, at Bergquist Stadium, against Prep, at 4:00.

Boys' tennis

The boys' tennis team lost a closely contested dual match to Gross High School, three matches to two. Winning the two matches for Central were Stuart Kolnick, playing second singles, and Leonard Bates, playing in the third singles position. Coach John Talty said another consistent player has been senior Bob Johnson.



Kolnick nets victory.

The next tennis meet is tonight at Dewey Park, when Central will play Bellevue High School. The Metro Tennis Tournament will be played tomorrow and Friday, the Metro Playoff will be October 13, and the Nebraska State Tournament will be October 16 and 17, 1975.

Girls run to victories

This past summer, two CHS students, Joann Olsen and Toni Midder, participated in the Amateur Athletic Union A.A.U. Junior Olympics. The girls were involved in track competition.

Regional competition was held July 20 in Hastings, Nebraska. Our region consists of Nebraska, Kansas, and Iowa.

The qualifying races were held at Burke High School where Toni placed first in the 100 yard dash and second in the long jump. Joann placed first in the 440 and 880 relays. At the regional meet, Toni brought back second place in the 100 yard dash and Joann placed first in the 880 relays, settling for a third in the 440.

Toni and Joann qualified for the Des Moines Mid-Western competition. However, only

Toni was able to attend. Toni claimed sixth in the 100 yard dash and first in the 440, with a speedy time of 48.7 seconds.

Joann commented that the A.A.U. competition was really tough compared to the competition in Nebraska. Joann said that "the Texans were really fast".

Both runners belong to the Omaha Skylarks track club. The Skylarks sponsored them in the A.A.U. competition.

George Anderson, (ex-olympian), Dana Jackson, and Lloyd Hodges coached the team.

Joann said that "track takes a lot of dedication and is very mental compared to less individualized sports."

According to Toni and Joann, the experience was "well worthwhile," and they "met and passed a lot of fast people."

Football playoffs due

High school football teams in Nebraska have something new to look forward to this year - a state football championship.

Nebraska has had a state basketball tournament for many years, but is just gaining a state football playoff.

Dr. Don Benning, athletic director at CHS, commented that the state playoffs will do the same thing to football as they did to basketball; they will diminish the importance of winning the Metro Tournament.

The football playoffs will be set up similar to the way the basketball playoffs are done. Districts will be set by school population. These districts will not be the same as the divisions in the Metro Conference. Omaha will have two districts.

All schools had to decide by August 1, 1975 whether, if meeting the qualifications, to go to the Metro or State championship. A team cannot participate in both. Central opted, if they qualified, to go to state.

Having a state playoff will then allow the second or third place teams in the Metro divisions to play for the Metro championship, as the first place team will have usually opted to go to state.

Dr. Benning commented that the state playoffs will provide more incentive for second or third place teams to do well, in hopes of going to the Metro championship while the first place team goes to state.

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Modern dance classes taught by Edwards

Last Monday, October 6, a two-week Modern Dance class began here at Central. It is being taught by Quincy Edwards, a professional dancer and choreographer.

The class is held second hour in the auditorium in place of Ms. Vicki Lee's survey acting class. Members of the acting class plus five other students who have study halls that hour are in the Modern Dance Class.

The total enrollment numbers 40, which is the maximum number Mr. Edwards will allow in one class.

Another first

Central is the first Omaha public high school to host the dance program. "We'll have a two week course at six Omaha public high schools," Mr. Edwards said, "but the curriculum will vary between each high school."

Miss Joyce Morris, a Central gym teacher, said that the program is connected with the Physical Education Department, but that the best facility available for the class was the stage area.

After October 17, when Central's class finishes, Mr. Edwards will move on to Bryan High School. By the end of the first semester, the class will have been offered at six high schools. For the entire second semester the class will be offered at Tech High School as part of the magnet school concept.

Mr. Edwards is one of several "artists in residence" with the Omaha Public School System "The advantage of this program," said Mr. Edwards, "is that a professional gets to teach a subject which is in his field of expertise."

Quincy Edwards has been living in Omaha for about seven months. He has performed in and choreographed several Broadway musicals and, during the summer, he choreographed local productions of "Lay My Burden Down" and "Godspell."

Alfaro from Philippines

Jose Alfaro, a senior, has literally come a long way since his junior year in high school. Last year, Jose who prefers to be called Joey, was attending school in the Philippines.

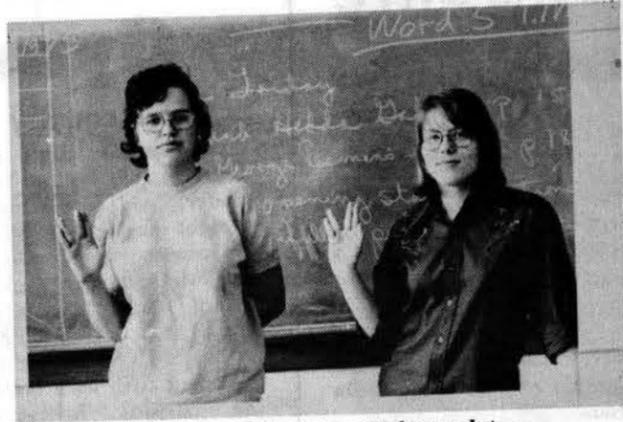
"They have about the same subjects in the Philippine schools as we have here, but I think you have more opportunities to get a better education here," he said. "My teachers were good, but most of them were pretty old."

Joey flew to the United States from Manila last July with his seven brothers and sisters. He said the hardest thing to get used to was the different accents in the United States.

"The climate in Manila is much warmer, of course. There are lots of beaches there, but none here," he stated. He said that he misses the climate and the ocean most of all.

In Manila, Joey had a part-time job making tape recordings at a friend's shop. He enjoys swimming, chess, playing the guitar, basketball, tennis, and reading.

"I learned English well by reading a lot of books. They helped develop my vocabulary



Cindy and Anne give Vulcan salute.

Star 'Trekkers' still spaced out

Among the universal assortment of members of clubs and cliques at Central, is the never-far-wandering Trekker (more properly known as a "Star Trek Enthusiast"). Two of the more prominent "Enterprise" entrepreneurs are seniors Cindy Dye and Anne Galaska.

They belong to the CHS generation that still remembers the late 60's series that had everything from pointy eared Vulcans, to evil-eyed Klingons, to the rest of the international crew. Although there are those Trekkies that admire the show only for the performances of their favorite actors (human or otherwise), for Cindy and Anne, it goes deeper than that.

"Even though it was only on for about two-and-a-half years," states Cindy, "that's quite a long time for a sci-fi space show. The show just attracted all sorts of people for any number of reasons. I went to the Star Trek gathering held in Lincoln, Nebraska, the sixth of September, and at times there were over a hundred people there just from this immediate area."

"I liked the show because of the stars and special effects and things," Anne said, "but it held my interest mainly because I thought it had something to say; not just a kiddie show without meaning. I really enjoyed the wide variety in the crew of the Enterprise, and the

idea that such a group of different people could work so well together. It may be something worth hoping for in the future, with space becoming such a common part of our lives."

The convention held in Lincoln, however, was just a small scale mid-western caucus compared to the national convention held in Chicago, Illinois, which pulled together literally thousands of Trekkers from several light-years distant. Of course,

Even though the show has been off the air for over six years, reruns still pull audiences with unprecedented power. According to "Time" magazine, there are 142 local stations in this country and another 117 overseas stations from Zambia to Abu Dhabi that still carry the show. "I was, of course, upset when they (NBC) took off the show," said Anne, "but when I learned that my brother-in-law in Austin, Texas just put in a new antenna and could see Star Trek reruns three times a day, I wanted to move down there so badly!"

Both Cindy and Anne have a vast selection of Star Trek memorabilia and collections of models, books, blueprints, and whatnot. Cindy has many slides and pictures taken from the actual shows, and they both have every book that ever came out on the program.

Cindy said that the Lincoln meeting drew many people: "There were fans there of all ages, some old enough to be my grandparents, but all of whom were touched at heart with the series. It had so much to offer if you really put yourself into the feel of the time and characters."

Like the Trekkers say, "Keep on Grokin!"

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'Apple Tree' starts soon

From the 12th to the 15th of November, you will be able to see Central's production of the musical "The Apple Tree." What you will not see between now and November 12 is the work behind the production.

Rehearsals started right after the cast was chosen about two weeks ago. At first the rehearsals last two hours every night, but as show time nears, they gradually become longer.

Mr. McMeen, Central's vocal teacher, is in charge of the musical preparations, while Ms. Lee, CHS drama instructor, is in charge of the acting. Ms. Lee said that the play was keeping her "as busy as a bee in an old apple tree."

Sets for the production also occupy a large amount of time. Mr. Tom Marsicek, the sets director, said he was very optimistic about building because the crews are ahead of schedule.

There was time lost, however, because of the SCAT-STEP tests taken last week by the juniors. The study halls were used for testing and regular study classes went to the auditorium, allowing no building time on those two days.

Mr. Marsicek also said that the sets being built this year were different than any built in years past. Platforms are being used in all three plays, each containing different props on them. Right now sets for "Adam and Eve," one part of the three part musical, are being built.

Members of this year's crew are Vicki Abraham, Gayle Chatfield, Mike Coppock, Dave De Witt, Julie DeWulf, Tony Emmanuel, Karin Fellows, Darrell Fluehr, James Gue, Angelo Ludacka, Kevin Mears, Debbie Overman, Bart Reed, Karin Stark, and James Stober.

Bart Reed is head of the sets this year, and Darrell Fluehr is head of the lights.

About 120 hours will go into the preparations for the presentation of the play.

City program to test writing

The Omaha Public Schools conducted a "project among the schools in Omaha simply to see what happens after three years of teaching," according to Mr. Edward Clark, English Department Chairman.

Forty students from each of the eight high schools (Central, Benson, Tech, North, Northwest, Burke, Bryan, and South) took the test in their sophomore years (1972) and again in their senior year (1975).

The students were given two periods on consecutive days to write their themes. The themes were first graded by Mr. Clarke, and then sent to the Joslyn Castle, administrative headquarters for OPS, where Bob Cain, English Department Chairman at Northwest and former teacher at Central, regarded them.

The results are not available for other schools. At Central, only 17 of the original 40 stu-

dents took the test again in their senior year, thereby making the results inconclusive. The original 40 students averaged 3.0, and the average of the remaining 17 was 2.4.

An analysis of the errors in the themes was made and given to the teachers in their pre-school conferences. The number one error was misspelled words with 192. Run on sentences staggered in at second place with 85 errors. Third place was awarded to Faulty omissions with 58 errors. Other style book rules scored fewer errors.

Mr. Clarke said the high number of spelling errors was due to overconfidence in the student's spelling ability. He pointed out that they had ample time, and since they were in the library there was plenty of opportunity to use a dictionary.

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