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Colleges Extend Unlimited Scholarship Opportunities

Many seniors cannot attend college because they do not have sufficient funds. However, they do not realize the great amount of scholarships available to anyone with the proper qualifications. Scholarships are given in every field of study, by almost every college, to students of every racial and religious background.

Some types of scholarships are awarded to students on the basis of tests. The National Merit Scholarship is awarded on the basis of the College Board Scholastic Aptitude Test. Also, Westinghouse and NROTC scholarships are given according to the grades of special tests sponsored by those scholarship organizations.

New Students Join Central High Ranks

Twenty new students have entered Central High school since the beginning of the semester.

The new pupils have come from as far as Hanau, Germany, and from as near as Papillion, Nebraska.

The new freshmen are Michael Reid Martin, Topeka, Kansas; Michael McKeown, Harlan, Iowa; Ruth Ann Schnopp, Lincoln, Nebraska; Joe W. Egr, Vincent, Oklahoma; William Luker Jr., Beaumont, Texas; and Richard E. Penney, Hanau, Germany.

Donald N. Davidson, Long Beach, California; Julie Thompson, Richmond, Virginia; Tom Scriver, Papillion, Nebraska; Jerry Garret, Fort Worth, Texas; Thomas Hammarstrom, Park Forrest, Illinois are the additions to the sophomore class.

Entering the junior ranks are Larry Weber, Newhall, California; Jill Marie Birkes, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Gloria Hunter, Chicago, Illinois; Teresa Bunce, Inman, Nebraska; and Deloris Williams, Vermillion, Ohio.

Judy Diane Karof, Lincoln, Nebraska; Lola West, Atwater, California; and Sandra Hunter, Alameda, California are the seniors who have recently come to Central.

More Students Plan To Take Journalism

Eight more students have been accepted for Journalism I, a course in which students learn basic journalistic skills with which to publish the Register and O-Book next year.

The students are Jerry Ferenstein, Dora Gerber, Susie Gilinsky, Larry Greene, Peter Miller, Daniel Novotny, Diane Purviance and Burma Sorenson, according to Miss Margery Molden, journalism adviser.

The class will meet during first hour.

Many individual schools offer scholarships. The Chicago Institute of Technology, The Illinois Institute of Technology, Duke University and the Northwestern School of Business are a few of these.

The General Motors Scholarship, Lockheed Leadership Scholarship and Alfred P. Sloan National Scholarships are given to students to certain specific schools.

The monetary remunerations of the scholarships vary as widely as the types. Some include only a \$100 stipend, while others pay for tuition, fees, living expenses and extra money for as long as the student is in college. The scholarship amounts also depend on the family's income.

Some scholarships, the date and place of application and the requirements for each may be found by looking at the bulletin board outside the office. In addition, anyone interested should contact his counselor or Mr. Nelson. Investigating the vast amount of scholarships now available would be worthwhile for any student interested in college.

TO KEEP IN MIND	
December	22 Christmas vacation begins.
January	4 School reopens
	6 Basketball; Westside at Westside
	14 January College Boards, Abraham Lincoln at Morris North at McMillan Junior High
	17-20 All-City Music Clinic

Junior ROTC Cadet Commander To Be Appointed To A New Post

The Omaha high schools' professor of military science, Major Charles W. Myers, has announced a new system of selection of the Junior ROTC cadet Corps Commander for the Omaha high schools.

One ROTC cadet from the city high school system will be chosen to be the ROTC "Cadet Corps Commander." This is a new position started this school year. The cadet will be chosen by a board of senior army officers this spring, and he will assume command of the cadet corps at the federal review held in April.

The Cadet Battle Group Commanders from Benson, Central, North and South high schools who will be chosen by each school and presented

TV TOPICS	
December	
22	ACTION THEATER, "The Cruel Sea," 10:30 p.m., WOW-TV
23	EYEWITNESS TO HISTORY, 9:30 p.m., WOW-TV Omaha University Choir, 12:30 p.m., KMTV Bell Telephone Hour, 8:00 p.m., KMTV
24	Christmas Eve at Washington Cathedral, 8:30 p.m., KMTV FAMILY THEATER, "A Star Shall Rise," 10:30 p.m., KMTV
25	"Amahl and the Night Visitors," 3:00 p.m., KMTV CHRISTMAS STARTIME Leonard Bernstein, 4:00 p.m., WOW-TV CHRISTMAS SPECIAL, Fred Waring, 7:00 p.m. WOW-TV
26	CBS REPORTS, "The Great Holiday Massacre," 7:00 p.m., WOW-TV
29	ACTION THEATER, "Kidnapped," 10:30 p.m., WOW-TV

Ex-editor to Staff Of Harvard Paper

Ronald Greene, editor of the 1959-60 Register, is one of three freshmen as part of the staff of the Harvard Crimson. The Crimson is an independent daily newspaper published by students of Harvard University.

Approximately 15 freshmen normally participated during a probationary period in the competition for staff positions before the final selection.

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The qualifications are based on an academic grade point average of 3 and a military grade point average of 2 with a minimum grade of 2 in military teaching methods, leadership, drill and military courtesy. Personal interviews, citizenship, participation in extra-curricular activities, civic activities and the principal's recommendation will be used by the board in the selection process.

The cadet Corps Commander's staff will be composed of one cadet major from each school to be chosen by the school.

Red Cross Members Entertain Patients

The Junior Red Cross Council, sponsored by Miss Dorothy Cathers, has presented parties at the University of Nebraska Hospital for Thanksgiving and Christmas, Nov. 23 and Dec. 20.

At the Thanksgiving party a chorus composed of the following members sang several holiday songs: Sandra Wiseman, Adelaide Morrow, Marilyn Rasmussen, Laura Hollander, Muriel Fokken, Diane Halperin and Kirsten Erikson.

Other Council members presented gifts to children in the pediatrics ward: Connie Pennington, Harold Friedman, Cheryl Taubman, Elaine Boehr, Connie Louvaris, Robert Lane and Titus Alston.

Holiday Celebration Customs Differ Throughout Many Lands

It is now the Christmas season. Not only Americans but also the citizens of other countries are preparing to celebrate the perennial holiday. However in each foreign country Christmas is celebrated in its own distinct way.

The French celebrate Christmas in their homes and in the village church. On Christmas eve the townsfolk remain at home to eat their holiday dinner and to burn the *suiche*, or the yule log. When the church bells ring at midnight, each villager lights his Christmas candle, a small taper stained with different colors, and rushes to the church to celebrate the Noel. After services he returns to his cottage for an early-morning supper, a feast which is so joyous and cheerful it often lasts until the dawn.

In the German villages, the townsfolk throw open their living room doors at dusk on Christmas eve. Inside the living room, the center of festivities, stands an evergreen tree decorated with colorful lights and with candy. Each person's presents are stacked in individual piles underneath the tree.

In Russian villages the children celebrate Christmas similarly to the



Latin Club members present skit at Saturnalia celebration

way American children celebrate Halloween. As they go through the streets of the town, they shout and sing at each house until the villagers come out and give them food. Sometimes the children pull a beautiful girl through the streets on a sled and stop at each cottage to sing Christmas carols.

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Ex-French Teacher Recipient of Award

Miss Bess Bozell, French teacher at Central High for 33 years, was the recipient of an award from the French government at a luncheon, Dec. 10.

Honorary Consul to France Mr. Robert C. Fraser has been commissioned by the French government to present the Palmes Academiques award "in recognition of her many years of inspired teaching of the French language." This award recognizes outstanding service in the field of teaching.

Miss Bozell was a teacher at Central until her retirement in 1953.

'Mikado' Presents 'Professional' Show

Beautiful music, colorful scenery and costumes and the hard work of many Central students combined to create a professional atmosphere for "The Mikado," this year's opera, presented Dec. 16-17.

The combined efforts of Mrs. Elsie Howe Jensen, general director for the opera, Mr. Robert Harrison, Mrs. Caroline Rojo and Mrs. Delma Barber helped to make the opera a success.

From the moment the curtain rose, the audience found themselves enjoying the scenes of love, comedy and within the Japanese village of Titipu.

The humor of the opera was brought out in the Mikado's desire for an execution and in the rivalry between Nanki-Poo and Ko-Ko for the hand of Yum-Yum.

"A Wand'ring Minstrel," "Three Little Maids from School Are We" and "Here's a How-De-Do! If I Marry You" are examples of some of the famous music sung by the A Cappella choir.

holiday similar to Christmas, called Saturnalia. This feast, given in honor of Saturn, the god of harvest, began on December 17 and lasted seven days. The Saturnalia festival was a joyful celebration in which all public business was halted and all schools and courts were closed. The Roman citizen, his family and his slaves held elaborate banquets. The Romans reserved the last day for visiting and gift exchanging. The presents they gave were small wax images called *sigillaria*.

At the same time that Christians celebrate a holiday called Chanukah. This "Feast of Lights" was started in 165 B.C. by Judah Maccabee to honor the rededication of the temple in Jerusalem. The Jew celebrates Chanukah for eight days and lights candles at sundown on each day. This year Chanukah begins on December 13.

No matter where the holiday is celebrated, no matter how the season is observed, the lessons which one can gain from it are universal and lasting.

Two Seniors Gain 'Early Acceptance'

Seniors Mollie Ramsey and Susan Speier have recently been accepted for early admission to Vassar College and Pembroke College, respectively.

To be eligible for early admission, a student must send in an application to the exclusive college of his choice after his junior year. Decisions are based on excellence of a three-year record and college board scores. Both Mollie and Susan applied during the summer.

Susan, notified of her acceptance Oct. 17, will attend Pembroke College in Providence, R. I. next year, with a possible major in psychology. Mollie received the announcement December 2 and will attend Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., majoring in either French or art.

Gross and Danberg To Citizenship Meet

Bob Gross and Neil Danberg attended an annual Citizenship Conference at City Hall Saturday, December 10.

The purpose of this conference was to give high school students an opportunity to learn about the operations of their city's government and to promote good citizenship.

Four open-framed workshops, followed by small group discussions and question and answer sessions, were held. Among the workshops were one sponsored by the League of Women Voters, and another sponsored by the City Council and led by Warren Swigart, city councilman.

Religion Important for World Peace

No matter who we are—all of us have had our lives touched and bettered by the gentle philosophy of the great teachers of our religions. As we face the complex problems of a perplexed world, none of us can resolve better for ourselves or for our world than to vow sincerely that we will live our lives in the ideals which the great religious leaders of the world have given to us. To live honestly, to act charitably toward others, to treat all men as brothers, to submerge ourselves in the service of mankind and the building of a better world—these are the virtues of which Peace on Earth is made.



J. ARTHUR NELSON
Principal

Did You Know?

... Y-Teens gave awards to four of its members for excellent dressing of dolls. In the "Toddler" doll class Linda Rushing won first place and Liz Kolacny achieved second. Judy Swanson was the first place winner in the "Teenage" dolls category with Anna Williams placing second. Kathy Hoag received special mention.

... Jan Alcott, a Central senior, says she's distantly related to the authoress, Louisa May Alcott.

... Banks are beginning to offer "insured education." That is, one may get a loan on the whole college education and pay the bank back at no interest and with reasonable financing cost over a period of six years.

... It will cost an average of \$1,550 to attend college this year, according to a survey by the University of Michigan.

... O-Books are still on sale in Room 317. They are \$4.50 with SA ticket, \$5.00 without.

Use Vacation to Best Advantage; Broaden Knowledge by Reading

During the coming vacation all students, especially those planning to go to college next year, should make some scholarly use of their time. One of the best ways of doing this is reading worthwhile books. Following is a list of books which all high-school students should read before entering college:

- Bible (King James' version preferable)
- Boswell—Life of Johnson
- Carroll—Alice in Wonderland
- Conrad—Lord Jim
- Defoe—Robinson Crusoe
- Emerson—Collected Essays
- Franklin—Autobiography
- Homer—Illiad and Odyssey
- Melville—Moby Dick
- Steffens—The Autobiography of L. Stephens
- Swift—Gulliver's Travels
- Thoreau—Walden
- Twain—Huckleberry Finn-Tom Sawyer
- Whitman—Leaves of Grass



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- Joyce and Doug
- Porky and Sam
- Tommie Fellman
- Louie Doane
- Sherry and Rog
- Gruesome Twosome—Larry and Chet
- The Sabres—Howard, Steve, Arnie and Bunny
- Bunny and Arnie
- Kavich and Brown say hello
- Happy Chanukah from Edie and Wedie
- Ellen Hurwick
- Sandy and Sherm
- Paul and Patty
- Fred and Jeanie
- Mouse and S. B.
- John Sutin
- Cookie and Jeanie
- Janet and Howard
- Chris and Bill
- Misty and Bows
- Louise and Lou
- the happy heretics
- p.t.a.
- Seasons Greetings, friends— from Hurricane Ernie
- Saxy, Rot, Frank, Noz and Lily
- Seasons Greetings U.S.Y.
- Have one imbriclic holiday— Charlie and Bill,
- Val Masek
- Mr. Lubman
- Vivian Jenkins-Io Saturnalia
- Happy Chanukah—Ifnatz Moscovitog
- Giselle M. Bouganim
- The Lollypops
- Diana and Louie
- Sherry and Yugi
- Susie and Gary
- Pam and John
- Saki and Short
- Happy Humphrey
- Happy Chanukah to Russ Kelley
- Lee Ann and Jon
- Mike and Dee
- Dixie and Marrienne



- Liz Katz
- Jan and Doug
- Rick and Sandi M.
- Gizelle Denes
- Papsy and his 14 fruits
- Jerry Frank
- Merry Xmas—Kay and Tim
- Hello from Mark and Susie
- Happy Holidays—Rohanue B.B.G.
- Steve and Carole, Susie and Lynn
- Sally Jacobson and Anna McMahan
- Ruth, Doris, Barb and Marie
- Djana and Marita
- Haystacks
- Rosen, Number 42
- Merry Xmas from the "Triumphant"
- The Fernsters
- Happy Chanukah from Human Lanansky
- To Luffer
- Merry Xmas Mr. Fields—H.R. 311
- Him and Me
- Rich and Westside
- Rimmerman and Katskee
- Earnest, John and Henry
- Jackie Grassman
- Bob Weinstein and Thelma
- Rosie and Steve
- Rayim Fraternity
- A.Z.A. 100
- Chuckie and Ardyce
- Larry Graham
- Lew and Linda
- Parly, "T," Sliver, Suell Davie, Lu
- Georgi and Ruby
- Judy and Howard
- Little Four
- Hevrah B.B.G.
- Carol M. Blough
- Miss Weymuller
- Mr. Hagerman
- Ediar B.B.G.
- Diller and Killer
- Greetings from David Adams
- Pep Squad
- Phyllis Lewin
- Inter-American Club
- Bunny Butler
- Pat Naughtin
- Annheiser and Rose
- Have a holiday full of Chucks
- Netti, Penny, Poppy, and Marian

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GREETINGS FROM THE VARSITY CHEERLEADERS
Arlene Karen Connie
Googi Mary Jan
Cordella Chris Pam
Judy Peggy

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TO THE DEBATE SQUAD SEASON'S GREETINGS and Best Wishes for Continued Success throughout the coming New Year. Miss Miller

Vacation Orders from COC: Have a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR

MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR from the RUSSIAN CLUB

MRS. SKINNER TRUDY BILL SHELLEY JANIE CONNIE JEFF BILL SEASON'S GREETINGS FROM THE STUDENT COUNCIL BUDDY DAVID BOB CAROL BOB CHRIS STEVE

A Yule Reminder

"Peace on earth, good will towards men." This familiar phrase often greets one's ears now that the Christmas holiday season is here.

Whether one's religion is Christian, Jewish, Moslem, or any other, it would do well to stop for a minute and think about "peace on earth, good will towards men."

Is this to be the future of this creature called man? With Khrushchev beating his shoe in the United Nations, with Castro ranting and raving at the United States, one wonders whether it really pays.

Council Corner

Merry Christmas! Happy Hanukah! and have one swinging New Year! These sober thoughts we, your Student Council, send to you with our best wishes.

In the true scientific way this paragraph will try to prove conclusively that Student Council does not simply eat Ritz crackers and rutabaga eighth hour, Monday-Wednesday-Friday.

Confronted with the problem of paying for the Alumni Tea this year, the S.C. sold Central pennants—needless to say, these pennants were a "steal" at only 30 cents.

Wait! I remember cake and punch in the dim past, sometime long ago. Ah yes, it was the Inter-City Student Council meeting held at Central two weeks ago. This meeting was a very important one not only for the Councils but also for the Omaha high school students.

It is often easy for the basic and natural relationship between the Student Council and the student body to become obscure. When this happens, it is important to remember that we are not only Student Council members but also student body members.

There is one final matter which cannot be overlooked: this Student Council—student body relationship implies obligation. As representatives, we have the obligation to speak intelligently and honestly what we consider to be the student opinion.

Genius is one per cent inspiration and ninety-nine per cent perspiration. —Thomas Edison

CHS Profile

Mr. J. Arthur Nelson

Principal of Central High



photo by Norm Bleicher

Doubtless the most important job at Central is held by none other than Principal J. Arthur Nelson.

Mr. Nelson is a man of varied interests and has a fascinating background. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Midland College with a double major in science and English, and a minor in speech.

From 1927 to 1935, Mr. Nelson taught speech and debate at Fremont Senior High. After that he taught the same subjects at Omaha Benson for four years.

"After I had three state champion (debate) teams, they transferred me into administration," Mr. Nelson commented. In this department he served as assistant principal at Monroe Junior high from 1939 to 1942, and as assistant principal at Omaha North from 1942 to 1944.

Mr. Nelson became a member of the John Hay Whitney Fellowship in the summer of 1958. He also had an important role as a member of the conference of high school principals which formulated the program for the advanced placement courses.

In the past Mr. Nelson has conducted classes in public speaking at Offutt Air Force Base and Omaha University.

Principal J. (for John) Arthur Nelson has a fascinating hobby—raising hybrid iris plants. In connection with this, he has made a continuing study of color classification for the American Iris Society.

When asked about his family, Mr. Nelson smiled proudly. "Like Eddie Cantor," he quipped, "I have five daughters."

Mrs. Nelson and two of the daughters are very interested in art. Mrs. Nelson has taught color theory and flower arrangement at numerous places throughout the Middle West.

What does Mr. Nelson like best about his job at CHS? "I like to work with young people. And I like to work in a school and with a faculty that has an academic tradition."

Gavel Gab

As Christmas time is nearing, And the Santas are appearing, Central's clubs are in the swing, 'Cause new gay parties are the thing!

Slaves Become Masters The Saturnalia was celebrated in traditional Roman style by the Latin club, Dec. 12.

According to custom, this is the day on which the slaves become masters and select a king who represents Saturn.

A Saturnalia skit for the occasion was provided by the JCL.

Two Clubs Combine Programs Thespians and Central High Players held a joint Xmas party, Dec. 13. Kathy Brady and Linda Gould were co-chairmen of the Thespian skit.

German Flavor Added to Meeting The German club created an old-world atmosphere for its Christmas meeting, Dec. 6.

After Joan Lively read an account of a traditional Christmas, the club sang German carols.

Santa Visits Meeting A traditional pinata and a visit from Santa were the highlights of the Inter-American club's Christmas meeting, Dec. 12.

Resolved: To Retain My Resolutions

Another New Year rolls 'round so soon! It seems I'm singing a different tune Than 365 days ago (I recall we were steeped in glistening snow) When I pledged myself on my honor to keep—to no temptation would I leap— To make a resolution or two; to turn a new leaf, that's what I'd do.

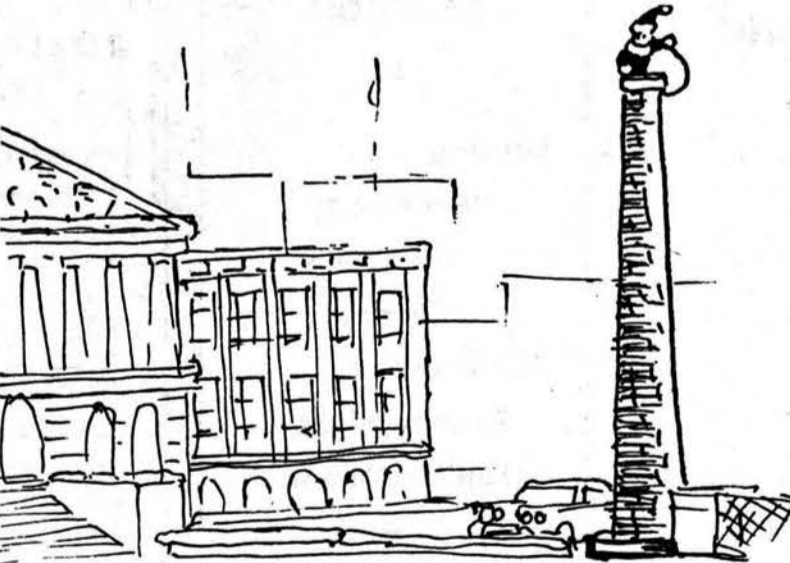
"Let's see," I thought. "What's wrong with me? I seem to act quite perfectly." Ah well, I'm only kidding, of course; I'll change my ways if I have to use force. I'll stop interrupting my friends while they're talking. On the proper side of my date I'll start walking.

"Thank you" and "please" my by-words shall be! I'll do all my lessons in history. "I seem to be getting somewhere," said I. "I'll be truly reformed if these goals I shall try." So I added a few more I thought would be needed and hoped my advice would sincerely be heeded. No more would I crowd while entering a bus. No more over test grades would I raise such a fuss. A splendid example of American youth—egad, I'd be glad to be perfect, forsooth!

"Have I left any out? Probably not—I'd listed the very few faults that I've got." On second thought maybe I'd add one more item—I s'pose I could carry this ad infinitum. "What was my worst characteristic," I thought, "the fault against which I'd most steadfastly fought?" "Aha!" I shrieked out of thoughtful confusion, "I never can keep my New Year's Resolutions!"

This above all I must conquer to win; for if I don't, I'm back where I started again." This I decided would put me in place—to decide to do what I'd decided in the first place. With this giving force to all I attempted, my resolves would succeed with nothing exempted. Not a single of my actions would ever be suspect—I used to be conceited but now I'd be perfect!

—Anonymous



cartoon by Buddy Marcus

In addition, there were Spanish songs and refreshments.

St. Nicholas Arrives

The Christmas meeting of the French club was held on St. Nicholas Day, Dec. 6.

Members of the club heard the legend of St. Nicholas and then saw a skit showing how French children celebrate the holiday. Following the skit, Linda Gould and Kathy Brady sang "Cantique de Noel." As St. Nicholas passed out candy, the December edition of the club's paper was distributed.

Taken From the Texts

Of course marking up books is frowned upon; nevertheless, an observant person might see signs such as these adorning various books around school. Keep in a cool, dark place. Bored of Education. For emergency use only. In case of flood, stand on this; it's very dry. Do not expose to light. Do not open 'till Dec. 25th. This one was seen on an American History book— Open All Night



RATHER HAVE WISDOM THAN WEALTH Our next education lesson shall deal with information in general. The following is a list of important facts about various subjects in various categories.

WHO'S WHO

1. Ptolemy was a Greek scientist who discovered ptomaine poisoning.

ETHICS

1. In modern American society, a man is allowed to have only one wife. This is called monotony.

ANATOMY

1. The spine is a long line of bones that holds you together. Your head sets on one end, and you set on the other. 2. The human heart is an organ shaped like a valentine. 3. The three parts of the intestine are the duodenum, the ileum, and the odyssey.

HEALTH

1. Doctors today say that fatal diseases are the worst. 2. Doctors now treat their patients with ultraviolet rays. 3. If the air contains more than 100 per cent carbohic acid, it is very dangerous to health. 4. When there are no fresh vegetables, you can always get canned.

GOVERNMENT

1. A republic is a place where nobody can do anything in private.

LAW

1. The Magna Charta provided that no man should be hanged twice for the same offense.

QUIPS

The young seventh-grade geography student didn't know how right he really was when he said, "The principal export of the United States is money."

We have been informed by telegram direct from the North Pole of the following message:

Due to the increase of generosity of the children of the world, Santa Claus has acquired an overweight problem caused by eating too much cookies and milk left out for him. Eve. Therefore, his staff is issuing a request that this year, all these generous kiddies leave him only one-half cup of Metrecal by the fireplace.

Our cultural report this week is in the form of a musical criticism: An amateur Central High string quartet played Brahms in the auditorium last night. Brahms lost.

There's one good thing about owning one of those tiny foreign sports cars. If you flood the carburetor on a cold winter morning, you can just pick up the car, put it over your shoulder, and burp it.

OUR HOLIDAY GIFT TO YOU

As a special holiday treat to all our readers, we are going to present some predictions for the new year of 1961 made by the MAGNIFICENT YETZERPHUMPP OF THE CENTRAL HIGH REGISTER. This is our first publication of the YETZERPHUMPP'S wondrous talents, and we hope it will not be the last.

According to the YETZERPHUMPP these things will happen in 1961:

- 1. Eighteen more sinus cavities will be discovered. 2. Somehow, sometime, somewhere a Timex watch will stop running. 3. Mort Sahl will become America's good-will ambassador. 4. TV commercial viewers will be surprised as the guy with the dried-out, messy hair will get the girl. 5. Relations between Russia and Communist China will drift farther apart as Mao Tse-Tung will refuse to trade baseball cards with Nikita Khrushchev. 6. Comedian Buddy Hackett will make his first dramatic appearance on the Broadway stage with a memorable portrayal of Hamlet. 7. It will be revealed in the Dick Tracy comic strip that the real father of Little Boy Beard is Fidel Castro. 8. The 87th Congress will convene in January with a debate on what should be done with the putting green on the White House lawn. 9. Also in the 87th Congress, members of the Senate and House will form a joint investigating committee to investigate the various investigating committees. 10. A Central High student will be released after serving a three-month sentence in his locker for attempting to use his Diners' Club card to pay for his lunch in the west cafeteria. 11. Motion Picture Academy Awards winners will be: Elvis Presley for his portrayal of Jody in "The Yearling," Brigitte Bardot for her portrayal of Madame Defarge in "Tale of Two Cities," Jayne Mansfield for her portrayal of Thomasin Yeobright in "Return of the Native," and Jerry Lewis for his portrayal of Ulysses in "The Odyssey." 12. The 1961 O-Book will receive the Nobel Prize for literature. 13. Kasavubu, Lumumba, Mobutu, and Tshombe will bury the hatchet—in each other.

Season's Greetings! H.C.

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Girl Debaters Bring Home Trophy From Missouri Valley Tournament



Photo by Harold Forbes

Buehler, Kaiman, Kripke and Siegler stand with trophy won at meet.

"It was a very decisive win and I am proud of them" says Debate Coach Miss Donna Miller.

Miss Miller was referring to Central students Diane Buehler, Judy Siegler, Donna Kaiman and Madeline Kripke winning the Girl's Missouri Valley Debate Tournament, Dec. 1-2.

North High school was the host to six intercity schools participating in the five round debate event. The debate topic at this meet was "Substantial Strengthening of the Power of the U.N."

Central won first place with a 9 win-1 loss record. Second place went to South, 7 wins—3 losses and third place to North, 5 wins—5 losses.

The Girls' Missouri Valley win was the fourth major debate victory of the season. Since September of last year Central has won 14 trophies. This is the first time in the last eight years that Central girls have won the championship.

The next debate event to be held is a beginners' tournament, Dec. 17. A road trip to Kearney, Nebr. will take place Jan. 6-7. The All-State Speech and Forensic Meet will be held at this time.

P-TA Holds Dinner; Top Team Honored

The Parent-Teacher Association sponsored a football banquet for Central's state championship team, Thursday, Dec. 8.

Guest tickets were issued by invitation. The guest list included the 33 members of the first team and their parents. Also invited were Mr. J. Jay Planteen, former Assistant Principal, and Mr. Frank Y. Knapple, former Athletics Director.

Superintendent of Education Dr. Harry A. Burke, Board of Education President Robert Hastings and Dr. Milo Bail, president of Omaha University, also attended. Chancellor Clifford M. Hardin of the University of Nebraska was guest speaker.

Home economics students set tables for the banquet. They also provided the decorations, in cooperation with the art department. The Central High Dance Band entertained. The P-TA officers and members of the Hospitality committee acted as hosts and hostesses for the evening.

The Omaha Council of Parents and Teachers held two meetings at Central, Dec. 5. The Council board met in the morning, and the full association in the afternoon. The Horace Mann Chorus presented a program.

Word Complications Create New Effect In Spanish Class

It happened in Spanish class:

... A student meant to say, "Me vestri pronto," (I got dressed quickly), but he said instead, "Me vestri, tonto," (I got dressed tonto.)

... A student meant to say "Sali con mi novia," (I went out with my girl friend), but he said instead, "Sali con mi rubia," (I went out with my blonde.)

... A student meant to say "Fuse aire en las llantas," (I put air in the tires), but said instead, "Fuse ayer en las llantas," (I put yesterday in the tires.)

... Some students were talking during a skit in one of the Spanish classes, and Miss Nichols shushed them. A moment later the boy who was playing the service station attendant in the skit looked up surprisedly at her and said thank you for the sound effects. Miss Nichols hadn't been listening to the skit, but she'd put in the right sound effects.

... A student meant to say, "holo," (Spanish for hello), but he said instead, "Aloha," (the Hawaiian equivalent of the same word.)

Centralites Asked Whether Christmas Is Commercialized

At this time of year, a question rises in many people's minds. With all the decorations, advertising and use of the Christmas motif, does Christmas become too commercialized?

Here are some answers from Central students confronted by this question:

Steve Carlson: Yes, I think Christmas is becoming commercialized in a way, because the real meaning of Christmas seems to be decreasing as time goes on.

Shela Baskin: Christmas is definitely too commercial. People get sick of the holiday season by the time Dec. 25 arrives. The stores and papers have been advertising it since the last of November!

Jim Vondra: Yes, because the real meaning of Christmas is the spirit of giving, but most people would rather receive than give gifts.

Pat Blackman: The department stores use Christmas as a time to increase store profits, but if American families really feel the Christmas spirit, they can disregard the attitude that all the stores seem to take.

Mike Weber: Christmas is becoming too commercialized because people think more of getting presents and think little of the true meaning of Christmas. Everybody should stop and think of what a great gift we got 2000 years ago, and the presents nowadays would have little significance.

Neil Danberg: The answer to such a question as this is obviously yes. It is very obvious when we turn on television or radio, or open a newspaper or magazine that many business firms have attempted to capitalize on this Christmas holiday. This is only natural to some extent, but the great mass of advertising so evident in recent years has placed less emphasis on the spiritual aspect and thus has weakened the true meaning of the holiday.

Burma Sorenson: Christmas is good business. Why not commercialize? The Christmas spirit doesn't deteriorate—it's in your heart, not in a store.

Margaret Mathys: People put too much favul on material things. They no longer believe it is more blessed to give than to receive.

Jerry Wallin: No, Christmas is keeping with every trend in this present age of commercialization.

Larry Batt: Christmas is becoming commercialized mainly in the advertising field. I feel that there should be some ban put on the amount of advertising pertaining to Christmas.

Susie Sachs: I don't think Christmas is being too commercialized. Giving gifts on Christmas is an expression of sentiment. Singing the popular Christmas songs is also a part of the joy of this season. It is only commercialized to people who forget the real meaning of this holiday.

Imagination, Wit Employed in Course

Hi, hey, ho, help de walk-but, he be goo, gut. Savel! It is late, too.

... Bulb de walk-but flashes for paper.

In whiteness come they in high-pitched, red, big, long, wide, new truck-car.

No is the use . . .

The above lines are excerpts from a poem written by a student taking creative writing. The purpose of this course is to provide a stimulating environment for prospective writers. Those participating in the class learn to delve below the surface of various works, try to interpret symbolism, and compare the writings of professionals.

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Greetings all you happy people! I know everybody must be so anxious for that bell to ring at 3:15 this afternoon, because (in case some of the more naive students don't realize it) today is "temporary liberation" day. A definition of liberation: staying out late at night, sleeping late, and doing nothing vitally important during the days for almost two weeks.

Purple and Red!

Some people are not that lazy, however. The more ambitious ones will go to parties and dances—more active occupations, m'est pas? Many of you girls may be wondering how to look dressed up at a "slacks 'n sweater" party. Well, the Junior Colony at Brandeis (third floor — downtown; third level—Crossroads) has the answer for you.

Lee Ann was smart, for she chose her holiday 'slacks' outfit early. She will really stand out in her purple velvet tapered pants topped with a rose-red blouse. They are bright colors to match the season!

For an alternate top, Lee Ann bought a white blouse printed with big flowers in the same rose-red. John will certainly think Lee Ann is dressed-up when she wears either outfit!

Plum Plaid!

Janet had an early start, too, and is really set for the holidays. Her slacks are a pale plum, and pale blue plaid, on white. The matching pale blue sweater has a stand-away, pointed collar accented with a bow.

The sweater is just the right style because Janet can wear it with the plaid straight skirt also. Howard will like the delicate color combination, especially on Janet.

Dee liked the same outfit so well that she could not resist it. But she still did not have to buy the same combinations that Janet did. The Colony gave her a choice. To top her slacks, Dee picked out the light blue, ribbed sweater. It reaches over her hips, but the waistline is accentuated with an inner draw-string. The boat neck collar is perfect on Dee, also. For the skirt, Dee wanted a little more of a 'suit-look.'

The gold buttons on the blue blouse match the ones forming a V on the front of the plaid cropped top just right. Dee's combinations are sure to be a hit with Mike!

Knit and Warm

Attention all homo sapiens (human beings) of the male sex. The Brandeis Campus Shop (fourth floor—downtown; arcade level—Crossroads) is waiting for you to come buy your holiday wardrobes.

Since John only needed a jacket to complete his wardrobe, he really went all out; The beige, bulkie, ribbed, knit looks like it should be a spring jacket. But the quilted lining is insulated against the cold weather.

The big patch pockets are edged in suede to make it the sportiest ever! Of course, Lee Ann thinks it is the best looking boy's jacket she has ever seen. But she always did like John's taste.

Non-Sloppy Sweatshirt

Some of you fellows seem to have the problem of how to look "non-sloppy" during the day when you don't want to wear your best sweaters. Howard found the solution at the C Shop. The green sweat-shirt is as sharp looking as any sweater.

The box style is meant to be worn out so that the patch pockets will show. The regular shirt collar and the slit neckline make it easy to wear a shirt under. Janet thinks it is one of the best inventions in masculine clothing.

Two-Tone Gray

Mike chose something really different for his holiday 'casual.' The gray, wool-flannel pullover features a wide V neck emphasized by ribbed, knit stripes in charcoal, gray and black. The plain gray ribbing is repeated on the cuffs and bottom. Dee can't wait 'till Mike wears it to the holiday parties!

Buy, buy, Bonni

Christmas Eve at Cape Canaveral

by Jerry Frank

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the base, Not a misfile was stirring, not even a trace. A rocket was placed on the broad launching pad, In hopes next day's firing would not turn out sad. Each worker lay down in his bunk for the night While nightmares of sputnik brought cold-blooded fright. Colonels, Lieutenants and Sergeants and I Were sick of attempting to clutter the sky. When all of a sudden a thunder and roar Rattled the windows, vibrated the floor. I groped for my glasses, then shuffled around To see what was causing that earth-shaking sound. Away to the blockhouse I finally went Over all kinds of meters and gadgets I bent, When there on the screen was a horrible sight— Someone had set off the Christmas Day flight. The numbskull who pushed the "go" button too quick Just couldn't be anyone but my pal Nick. He had a good mind but a rash disposition That probably fostered this harmful condition. He asked not a soul when he pulled off this gem: Launched six million dollars, an ICBM. The general bellowed, "Did you cause this mess?" Poor Nick responded, "It was a success." Torn by the trouble that he'd brought about, Nick planned on taking the next missile out. And I heard him exclaim as he blasted away, "Merry Christmas to all, and a Happy May Day."

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All-City Festival To Be Jan. 19-21

Approximately 240 Centralites will participate in the All-City High School Music Festival, Jan. 19, 20 and 21.

Dr. Richard P. Condie, director of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, will conduct the chorus selections. Both A Cappella Choir and Junior A Cappella Choir will sing. The 175 Central students will sing eight songs.

Sixty-five members of the band will be directed by Mr. James Kerr, conductor of bands at the University of Wichita. They will play six selections.

Mrs. Elsie Howe Jensen, director of the vocal music department, and Mr. Robert Harrison, director of instrumental music, are both on committees planning the festival.

First O-Book Pages Sent to Publisher

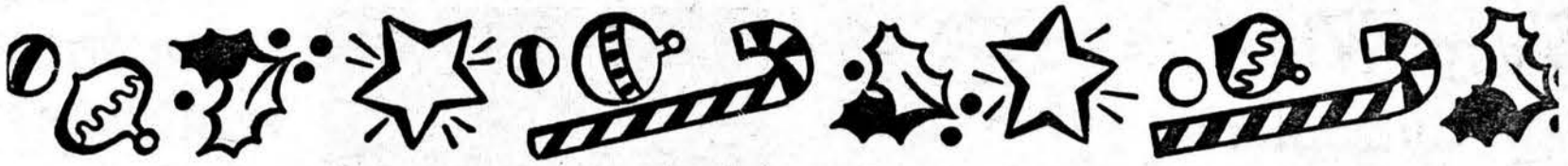
Approximately 65 pages of the 1961 O-Book are ready to be sent to the publisher, according to Bonnie Tarnoff, editor.

All copy for the senior section, including pictures, lists of senior activities, and informal shots has been prepared. After careful checking by Miss Tarnoff; Fran Erman, copy editor; and Miss Margery Molden, journalism adviser, the copy, pictures and layout pages will be sent to the printer today. Senior Section co-editors are Shelley Steinberg and Bruce Wintroub.

Miss Tarnoff said that other section editors have nearly completed all layouts for their pages and are beginning to work on copy. She also said a few copies of the O-Book are still on sale in room 317.

Spends Day With Evans

Head of Central's English department Mr. Frank Rice spent Saturday, Nov. 19, with Mr. Bergan Evans at Wesleyan University. Mr. Rice was a member of a panel discussing the matter of "Teaching English Usage." Films of the discussion were later shown on local television news broadcasts.



30 Years Ago— O-Book Nearly Stopped

Thirty years ago at Central things were just as lively as they are today. The major story in the Christmas issue, Dec. 19, 1930 was news that the 1931 O-Book had been abandoned because of a lack of parental support and a business recession. Questionnaires had been sent to the parents asking them to indicate whether or not they believed there should be a yearbook that year.

Only 223 of the 365 ballots returned favored publication. The real reason behind the action, and the reason for parental disapproval was because of a "general business depression." The principals issued a statement saying "It would be folly" to publish the O-Book with such sentiment against it.

Later, however, a petition by seniors re-established the O-Book for the year. Parents posted a \$500 guarantee, and the staff was finally appointed in March.

Work on the Gym and Auditorium was begun that year. The Math club made the first donation to the organ for the new auditorium, and it was announced that if work began on the auditorium before March the annual Road Show would have to be held at Technical High's auditorium.

Faculty members that year carried an extra burden: to keep order in the halls after school and prevent them from being completely closed, a faculty patrol was assigned.

Students from Central Grade School ate lunch at Central and Student Control members found it hard to make them obey the lunchroom rules.

A Central student was president of the National Student Council.

The 1930 Register staff went to the Nebraska High School Press Convention in Lincoln, as this year's staff did, but they also went to the National Scholastic Press Association Convention held in Cleveland, Ohio.



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Seniors' Counselors Have College Data

by Jim Kagan

Senior class counselors Miss Irene Eden and Mr. Harry Stayer are willing and able sources of information in many subjects which are of interest to seniors. They have much needed information on colleges—application, scholarships, courses of study, etc., as well as personal guidance for the numerous problems which confront a student in his last year of high school.

Since information on seniors is in constant demand for the filling out of recommendations and applications, Miss Eden and Mr. Stayer sent Senior Information Sheets to all senior home-rooms to be filled out by the students. These forms are intended to be a ready source of accurate, detailed information on each senior student.

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