# central high register 



Last week, A Cappella Choir presented four performances of the musical comedy, "Once Upon a Mattress."

In this picture, the Queen is shown leading her subjects in a dance called the Spanish Panic. The Queen hoped that the dance would tire Princess Winnifred, so that she would fail the sensitivity test.

The play had a happy ending. Winnifred passed the test (with a little help). The Prince defied his mother's wishes in order to be able to marry Winnifred. As a result, the curse on the mute King ended, and he was able at last to command the now silent Queen.

The production was directed by Mr. Robert McMeen and Mr. Ray Williams. Mr. Williams was also set designer and technical director.

## Riflemen compete

Central's City Champion Rifle Team has participated in two tournaments during the past four weeks. On December 7, the Rifle Team participated in a match at Kansas State University The team placed fourth in the team firings while team captain Darwin Montgomery placed third in individual competition.

On November 16, the Rifle Team won nine trophies and fifteen medals at the Seventh Annual General George Barth Invitational Rifle Match at the Leavenworth Senior High School, Leavenworth, Kansas.

Led by Darwin Montgomery, the Rifle Team received the First Place Team Trophy and the Aggregate Team Trophy, plus many individual awards.

Montgomery placed first in the individual segment of the match. Roland Lindeman, Mike Mauro, and Pat Harkins also participated. Merle Rambo went as the alternate.

Lindeman had the second highest score in the prone position with a 98 out of a possible 100 . Montgomery was third.

Mauro placed second in the kneeling position with a 91 out of 100 . Montgomery again was third.

Darwin was also third in the standing position with an 82 His combined prone, kneeling, and standing scores were good enough for the individual championship.

## CHS debaters are victorious

In the past three weeks the Central debate squad has won three tournaments. The varsity has won first place trophies, while the novice debaters have won one first and one third place trophy.

Three weeks ago at the Notre Dame Invitational Gary Anderberg and Arie Bucheister won seven debates against no defeats to take first place in varsity divison.

The novice debate team was undefeated in the ten preliminary rounds, and thus the two two-man teams of Jim Lehr and Jim Kirshenbaum, Frank Kaiman and Ron Felman were recognized as the outstanding novice debate squad at the Notre Dame tournament. Jim Lehr and Jim Kirshenbaum went on to win first place while Frank Kaiman and Ron Felman won third place honors.

The weekend of December 7 saw the varsity debaters at Lincoln Northeast High School. The team of Dennis Moore and Greg Wees had a record of three wins and one defeat. Dennis and Greg received one of the four unmarked trophies presented at the tournament.

Last weekend the varsity debate team of Arie Bucheister and Joan Faier won first place at the Kansas City debate tournament with a record of nine wins and no defeats. This was the first time a Central team has won first place at Kansas City in the history of the tournament.

## Olson, Chambers discuss social problems at clubs' meeting <br> The Selective Service System and local race re- <br> While advocating the use of deferments, Olson

lations were the topics for discussion for two prominent speakers who addressed Centralites last week.

## Conscientious objection

Speaking before an audience of over 50 students of the Domestic Relations and Political Science Club on December 9, Mr. Dayton Olson contended that contrary to popular belief, "Nobody avoids the draft."

Olson is the area director of the American Friends' Service Committee. He represents an organization which is opposed to the draft and the war in Vietnam.

Besides reviewing the basic draft laws concerning registration and classification, he stressed the point that "The nation is not full of phony conscientious objectors." According to Olson, "It's not just a matter of filling out a form; a conscientious objector must prove his sincerity."

He also maintained that selective conscientious objection should be allowed since certain religious traditions adhere to the philosophy that each war must be judged upon its own moral basis.
felt that "the Church had allowed itself to be bought off." A former Quaker clergyman, he believes that the clergy have often refrained from criticizing the Selective Service System by accepting ministerial deferments.

Olson is opposed to the local board concept because he feels that "the friendly neighbor philosophy" has become obsolete in "an increasingly urban society."

He advocates the implementation of a volunteer army, although he is "unsure of whether enough recruits could be obtained for a major ground war." Olson's second choice would be to replace the present conscription system with an impartial lottery.

Chambers speaks
Addressing nearly 300 persons last Wednesday, Mr. Ernest Chambers spoke on the subject of "Black Awareness and its Relevance to the Black Student."

Chambers, who has been commissioned by the World Book Encyclopedia to write a paper on black history, is a nationally recognized civil rights activist. He articulated the problems that he feels exist
at Central
istration.
"The Emperor Jones" by Eugene O'Neill, which is required reading for most Central seniors, is "derogatory literature," claimed Chambers, in the spirit of "Little Black Sambo" and "Old Black Joe." He also contended that "despite Central's high academic standing, the attitudes of many teachers are ones of disrespect and discrimination."

## Black history

Critical of the local school board, Chambers stated, "the Board is not responsive to black citizens." He further remarked, "they know the achievements but destroy the black child by not teaching him his ancestry."
"We need to know about the man who is discriminating against us in housing, the law, and education," Chambers commented. Referring to the police and the judiciary, he added, "these men, sworn to uphold the law, are frequently the biggest violators of the law and often bring it into contempt."

## Rambo wins 'best cadet' award; general attends

Cadet Captain Merle Rambo was awarded the Legion of Valor Bronze Cross of Achievement, during senior auditorium homeroom on December 5. The distinction was presented in recognition of Merle's outstanding academic record, as well as his leadership in the ROTC program.

Second highest award According to Colonel Charles Myers, director of the ROTC program in the Omaha Public Schools, the achievement award is the second highest available for a high school ROTC stu-

Recipients are chosen by the Legion of Valor of the United States of America, Inc., an association of former servicemen who have earned special distinction in combat. They select annually 20 national winners from some 750 nominations from throughout the country.

Making the presentation was Mr. Kermit Hansen, a Central graduate and a brigadier general in the Army Reserve. In addition he serves as a civilian aide to the Secretary of the Army.
Merle qualified for the achievement award by virtue of his outstanding scholastic record, his numerous activities in the military department, and his other extra-curricular activities.

Outstanding student Besides being the third highest student in the senior class, Merle participates in the ROTC's drill team, rifle team ROt police and King's Hus cadet police, and King's Hussars for the Ak-Sar-Ben coronation. In addition to being a Boys' Stater, he has won several awards in the inter-city architectural drawing contest in both his sophomore and junior
years. years.

On hand for the ceremony were ROTC cadet officers from Benson, South, Burke, North, Bryan, and Technical High Schools.

Second Central winner Merle is the second student from Central to ever receive the Legion of Valor award.
In his brief speech, Mr. Hansen emphasized the value of "leadership and service" to the "leadership and service" to the American republic. He also reminisced how he helped inaugurate the Central auditorium as part of the production of Gilbert and Sullivan's "Mikado."

Out of the 20 national awards, four were to be made in the Fifth Army area, which includes 175 ROTC units in 13 includes 175 ROTC units in 13 Midwestern states. Another Omaha cadet officer, Douglas Brigance of Bryan High School, was presented the award on De-
cember 13 .


Merle receives ROTC award from Mr. Kermit Hansen

## Dr. Moller's holiday message

I'm pleased to have this opportunity of extending, in behal of the entire Central faculty, a sincere desire for every Central student to have the best and happiest holiday season he has ever experienced. And that desire extends right on into and through 1969 also.

Pause. Count your blessings. You may think you're in short supply - but your circumstances could be so much worse.

If your blessings are to increase, one person, and only one will be chiefly responsible; and that one person is you. Your desires, your determination, your willingness to work hard - on your own and with other people - and your general attitude toward life ane the real determining factors. Fortunately, they are all factors over which you have maximum control

In spite of the complexities of today's world, two supreme tests always will remain near the end of one's life for determining the value of that life. 1) Hate I always done the best I could in everything I did? 2) How many people are happier for the fact that I was born?

This traditionally is a season for "taking stock," in business and in one's personal life. Take stock.

Happy Holidays!

Dr. G. E. Moller

Art treasures found in loft; Class of

If one has ever journeyed through the art room, in room
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teresting exits. These exits lead teresting exits. These exits lead to rooms cut off in fear of hazardous accidents, such as a direct flight to the basement floor.
The class of '68, in one of those exits, left a little remembrance of what they have found within the confines of the walls. This nemembrance can be found directly to the left of the Little directly Gallery.

Yarn for award
Underneath some boards one can find a sack full of yarn. The sack contains the remainder of yarn used by Chris Carithers in weaving his wall '68 leaves legacy
hangings
On your right you'll find "the window" painted by the class of ' 68 before its ignoble end. About twelve steps straight ahead you can find Barnie Bust a plaster cast of an unsung hero. He is known for saying, "I've always wanted to paint that."

Old and new papers Three steps further mark the place where the expeditionary force of Carithers, Briggs, and Dimuro found a copy of a 1907 "Daily Bee," which had lain in the dust of age since that time. The spot is covered by a 1968 "World Herald" edition. To the left of that spot is

## Cuddles the bat, hung by the

 neck until dead by an unknown executioner.You may complete your journey by taking a left turn, whenever possible, except when it's only possible to take a right turn. If you should happen to turn the wrong way, you may end your journey on the thir floor. From that situation one can observe the art room, with out being observed.
This piece of treasured paper, explaining the rarities of the art rooms, was bequeathed to all with the hope of love, peace tranquility, and dust. This document was written and signed by Dimuro, Carithers, and Briggs, former art students at Central

## Katz, Rips share interests in political science

An interest in urban affairs on local national and international levels provides a common like in the interests of Gordon Katz and Harlan Rips.

Gordon's interests in this field have led him to choose a major in public affairs at the University of Chicago next year. He defined his area of study as, "a field devoted to the study of international relations and urban affairs."

He hopes to put his college education to use in an occupation such as journalism or teaching on the college level.

Dimension Editor
As a member of the Register staff, Gordon has varied duties. He writes feature stories and occasionally writes editorials. His concern with current problems and controversial issues is shown by the opinion polls he conducts for the Register.


Gordon Katz

Editor, Gordon will assume the respon sibility of editing the creative writing publication from Central in the spring of next year.

Gordon's interests in journalism extend beyond his duties on the Register He is currently serving as Central's "World Herald" correspondent for the Youth Section.

A past member of the Debate team he received the J. Arthur Nelson Award for Novice Debating and the Sarah Ryan Award for the Outstanding Varsity Debater. In debating for two years, he placed in over ten tournaments. This year he is president of Central's Na tional Forensic League Chapter.

In competition in his junior year he was runner up in the Nebraska District N.F.L. Debate Tournament. He expressed his feelings on debate saying, "Despite its drawbacks, it's a good ex ercise in research and logical analysis."

One of Gordon's diverse hobbies is that of gathering rare and obsolete publications. An example of his collection is the "United Mine Workers Journal." He described this magazine as a "fascinating publication.
He remarked that music was also a favorite pastime. Such artists as Pau Butterfield and the Cream are of par ticular interest to him. He also enjoys reading twentieth century American au thors like Norman Mailer and Langston Hughes.
This year Gordon is taking AP American history, AP English, physics, and journalism. He participates in many chool activities which center around hi specific interests. He holds membership

## lations Club.

Harlan Rips is also planning a career concerned with political science. He is looking forward to either a history or political science major in college. After college Harlan plans to "marry a rich girl and capitalize on the American rich girl and capitalize on the American system. Seriously, he is considering work in the Foreign Service or entering the field of politics.

## Register duties

As Managing Editor of the Register, he is responsible for assigning stories to the staff. Designing the layout for the front page of the paper is another duty of the Managing Editor.

As writer of the Superfluous Survey Harlan is responsible for finding humorous statistics to report to the students. "The Survey is an intense intel lectual attempt to bring unexpurgated nonsensical ambiguity to our neaders."

Besides being an active member of many clubs at Central, he has held office in the Forum and DRAPS. He is currently president of French Club and treasurer of the Forum. In addition to being founder of DRAPS he is a member of Human Relations Club and Chess Club.

Leader in Temple youth
As vice-president of his religious youth group, Harlan is in charge of organizing the committees connected with the activities of the club. He commented, "I feel that this group is important because it serves as a social tie to our cultural and religious background."

Two summers ago, he attended the Andover Summer Institute where the


## Harlan Rips

took a course on the novel. Through this session he "learned to appreciate the tream of consciousness novel"

He also took part in a summer in stitute at Northwestern University at the Medill School. Here Harlan studied "Journalism and Contempory Thought" to prepare for his position on th Register staff. He stated that the In stitute's purpose was to give the student a greater knowledge of urban problems. He said "the reason for this is becaus many journalists report the news with out really knowing why it's news."
The art of paper folding, Oragami, is a favorite pastime of Harlan's. He also enjoys snow skiing He is fond of work of Mark Twain and Henry Fielding.

This year he is studying AP Ameri can history, AP English, trigonometry, honors French and journalism.

Russell, Evans head ROTC

Helping train tomorrow's sol- background information useful diers is the task of Central's two ROTC instructors, Sergeant Cecil Russell and Sergeant John Evans.
First Sergeant Cecil Russell came to Central to teach ROTC in 1959, on an assignment awarded to him while he was in the army. He served 20 years in the army prior to his retirement.
retirement.
An Oklahoman by birth, Sgt. Russell attended Oklahoma State College. He planned to major in engineering, but became interested in the ROTC program and soon after joined the army.

Instructs various activities Here at Central, Sgt. Russell's duties are varied. He instructs the junior and senior ROTC students and senior Rifle Team, and also dhe Rifle Team, and also does much of the training of the Hussars and Lancers who perform the Ak-Sar-Ben coronations He feels that the ROTC program is a very good one. Its purpose is to generally aquaint young men with basic
in military service. The program hopes to teach students self-discipline, respect for constituted authority and the basics of leadership.
"I have found this assignment to be most rewarding from a personal standpoint, as I enjoy personal standpoint, as I enjoy
the opportunity to work with the opportunity to work with
young people," says Sgt. Rusyoung
sell.
Sgt. Russell has received a number of awards, including the Bronze Star, commendation medals, and several decorations. An enthusiastic bowler, Sgt, Russell also enjoys hunting, fishing and coaching rifle shooting.

ROTC outstanding program Master Sergeant John Evans, who is in his third year at Central, is equally enthusiastic about Central's current ROTC program. He states, "I feel it's an outstanding program for high school students. We see many instances where individuals have been helped considerably by it in actual military service."
raised in Sioux City, Iowa. He retired from the service in 1964 after 22 years of duty.
At Central, Sgt. Evans coaches the Drill Team, or Crack Squad, as it is commonly called. He instructs freshmen and sophomores in ROTC.
Sgt. Evans chose to teach ROTC after his retirement due to his former connection with military service.

> Many unique jobs

In 1957, Sgt. Evans was chosen "Outstanding Soldier of the Month" while his unit was stationed at Fort Dixon, New Jersey. Sgt. Evans held many unique positions in the service. Among these are serving as a gun crew chief, a military policeman and an area supervisor for recruiting
Golf is Sgt. Evans' favorite sport.
Sgt. Evans has six children. His son is presently in the navy and one of his daughters served for a time in the Coast Guard. He also has a daughter who is a junior here at Central.

## Council Column

The Student Council this week has sponsored the Holiday Boutique. Interesting articles and objects were made and sold in an effort to make money for the annual Spring Prom.
The Council now will be in charge of one-half of the bulletin board outside the main office. Any advertising or club announcements should be submitted to Barby Olson, and they will be put up promptly.

For the future, the Counci has arranged for Whitey Koker to come to Central High School on January 14. He will speak second and third hours, the two assemblies consisting probably of study halls and social studies classes.
The Student Council heartily welcomes the six sophomores presently joining Student Council. All of us wish you the best of Holiday Season's Greetings!

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## UN exam looms <br> Miss Patrica Shaffer, Central history teacher, is sponsoring this year's United Nations Contest. This contest is open to all high school students, including ninth graders, in public, private and parochial schools. It is based on a newly revised edition of the official study guide on the United Nations, "The UN in the Age of Change," by Sidney and Hazel W. Hertaberg. A free copy of this pamphlet may be obtained from Miss Schaffer; copies of the ex- <br> amination are also free <br> National awards include travel in Europe or an 800 dollar college scholarship, and travel in the United States or a 400 dollar scholarship. Prizes are awarded on the basis of a written examination involving a one and a half hour objective test and a one and a half hour theme. The theme will deal with United Nations and its problems. The test will take place early in March. Mr. E. A. Lindberg, Social Studies De-

## Superfluous survey five

Happy 1st anniversary dear Survey! In honor of our paper anniversary we will page through our records to the time when we papered over our rather pulpy competition. As we take our stationary stand we find that we don't even have to pad the results for another success.
We found that the Social Studies Department alone uses a yearly number of 68,350 sheets. Since these have been distributed for have been distributed for over 30 years, we tabulated gran pieces of paper. These leaves could be combined into 4,101 reams. The average work sheet (in fact all work sheets) is 11 inches long. When laid in a line they would reach $22,555,500$ inches or $1,879,625$ feet.

Each ream is one and one half inches high. If all the reams were piled on top of each other they would rise 512 feet. This is the same height as Skykkje falls on the Skykkjua River in scenic Norway. Or it is exactly the same height as the tallest building in Rockefeller Center.
we noted before there are $2,050,500$ published worksheets. This is equal to the amount of dollars earned by the internationally known jockey Willie Shoemaker in the calendar year 1966 .
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partment head, said, "I would like to have as many participants in this contest as possible."
Central has dominated the winners of the contest for the last three years. In 1965, Alison schuler won first in the state and Carla Grissom placed sec ond. 1966 saw Phyllis Winroth place first and Marty Shuckert place second. Out of 60,000 en testants Phyllis placed 15 in the nation. In 1967 in Zelinsky placed first and Fran-
ny Brody came in second for the state. Miss Shaffer commented, "I would like Central to place very high in the national standings. I really see no reason why we cannot have a national winner with the talent we have in our school."
State winners receive a series E savings bond. There are 300 schools partic. There are 300 schools participating in the state.
Sample questions for the test are as follows

1. Which of the following is
the oldest UN problem? a) The representation of China b) The Kashmir question c) The Cyprus issue d) Disarmament
2. All of the following are principles found in the UN charter EXCEPT: a) Democracy b) Sovereign equality c) Peaceful settlement of international disputes. d) Prohibition of the use of force.


Applications are due today in room 048 for those students who wish to try out for Road Show. Tryouts will be held on January 6-10.

Although he must have an SA ticket to participate in Road Show, any student may try out. No one can be in Road Show without first trying out.

During tryouts, acts are given a three-minute time limit. No props, sets, or costumes may be used, although musical accompaniment is allowed.

Those people who will be in Road Show will be notified by January 24. Road Show will be held on March 27, 28, and 29.

## Chicago riots in perspective

## Letters to the Editor

It has been over three months since the Democratic Convention. Despite this fact, journalists throughout the country are still rushing to their typewriters to bang out copy concerning the event.
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The results are as follows:
$19 \%$ 1. The demonstrators came looking for trouble and deserved what they got.
$16 \%$ 2. Although a minority of demonstrators were provocateurs, the police had no alternative but had no alternative
$5 \%$ 3. Demonstrators did little to provoke the violent
reaction which a subpolice engaged in.
$54 \%$ 4. Some demonstrators provoked the police; some police officers reacted
force.
$6 \%$ 5. City officials were negligent in the screening and training of their police officers.
As the percentages verify, Centralites tended to be moderate in their views toward what has been labeled "the Siege of Chicago." Not only were the proponents of "law n' order" in a minority, but an even lesser number of students felt justified in levying the blame with only one particular faction. Anticipating this development, we asked the same students, "what factors influenced your "what factors influenced your opinion?"

As Marshall McLuhan might have predicted, radio and television received the greatest number of votes. The second most influential factor was the opinions of parents and friends. Finishing third as a moulder of student opinion was the "World-Herald."
We also asked those polled to list any additional persons, organizations, or publications organizations, or publications
that might have influenced their decision.
The most frequent response was the "Walker Report" which was prepared for the President's Commission on Violence. Also noted were the publications of the local "underground," the "Asterisk" and the "Buffalo Chip." National news weeklies were occasionally mentioned but to a considerable lesser extent.

## Andy's Dandies <br> \section*{dint have a good time at}

In referring to cannibalism Mr. Bitzes was heard to say, "I hear juicy thighs are very good."

Chris Casperson enlightened his A.P. English class with a book that was, in his words, "a comic book for idiots."

Dan Kenny informed me the other day that he likes "Hamlet," because in his words, "I groove to a good dirty book."

One teacher explained his problem to his class by asking the rhetorical question, "You don't think I'm crazy enough to think I'm normal do you?"

One student told a friend in the halls the other day, "You don't fight this system; you ignore it."
good old CHS, but one teacher we all know thinks this is not true of the faculty. In his words "the ignorance that we teachers are supposed to dispell in the student makes for a very boring day."

Mr. McMillian says he knows someone who never uses soap when he takes a bath. His reason, "it gets the water dirty."


In referring to the results of sin, one English teacher told his class, "You follow your owi way to Hades; I'll see you there."

Mr. Clark explained his philosophy of life to one student by saying, "hypocrisy is a special saying, hypocrisy is a special it is good if you can hold on to it and embellish it through later it and
life."

One well known teacher of Greek descent explained in one of his classes, "Greece, arise and tell the people of earth that the world is a cube!"

Andy continues to print all the news that isn't fit to print. If you want to get in on my first 1969 fiasco, drop any funny school happenings in the feature editor's box in room 317 .

## Math students re-survey survey

After lengthy computations, we, the undersigned, wish to Register a complaint. The Fantastic Four of the AP Math class desire to dispute the value the survey team found for the volume of the total number of hotdogs forced down by Central High students ver the past half century.

The correct volume is 4,175 cubic feet, which, of course, is equal to the storage space of 23 Volkswagen buses. The survey team's error resulted from the fact that they used 12 as the number of cubic inches in a cubic foot.

Please, for the sake of these hallowed halls, keep those figures straight.

## Supersleuthingly, <br> Wayne Harrison <br> Dave Cain <br> Scott Cate <br> Dave Hanson

## Bleicher discusses cafeteria status

According to the most recent Sanitation Ratings of Eating Establishments in Omaha, issued as of November 1, 1968, Central High has a sanitation rating of good, which is the third of the four ratings given. It is lower than that of any other high school in Omaha. Why must the Omaha school with the highest scholastic rating have the lowest sanitation rating?

Recently I spoke with the head of our cafeteria, Mrs. Jones. She showed me that our stoves are badly out-dated and that several of the refrigerators are near the point of breakdown. Even with new tables and a recent painting, our cafeteria has several bad sanitation problems.

At Tech, all of the student-workers in the line wear disposable plastic gloves for extra sanitation. Also there is a bread dispenser which prevents each person from reaching into a loaf of bread to get a slice. These are some reasons why Central has a low rating.

You can help this situation. Write letters such as this one to the Register, the Public Pulse, and the Omaha School Board. It takes more than one complaint. Central High start eating cleaner food!

Bob Bleicher

## Study hall schedule condemned

I am writing this letter to protest the changing of the library study halls during hours one, two, and three, to the cafeteria. I can see no reason why rooms 221 and 225 can be put to better use by teachers bringing their classes in occasionally. Approximately 525 students use the libraries for concentrated study durmately 525 students use the libraries for concentrated study during the first three hours, and the resources and privi
rooms are put to good use.

Jim Heese
Letters to the Editor must be signed and should be placed in the editor's box in room 317. The Register reserves the right to choose the letters it wishes to print, and to edit these letters.

## Wrestlers hit mats, Ross wins


#### Abstract

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Central High's wrestlers, seeking to improve on last year's 3-9 record, finished a somewhat disappointing eleventh in the North High Invitational.

The meet, held at McMillan Jr. High, December 5-7, was dominated by a strong Thomas Jefferson squad. The Yellowjackets ran away with the tournament, winning twenty points more than second place finisher Bellevue Last years winner, Bellen, finished cighteenth


## Districts change

The Nebraska School Activities Association has announced the eight Class A basketball districts.

Central has placed in the fourth district in the Omaha area along with Bellevue, Boys Town, and Beatrice.
According to the "Omaha World-Herald", Beatrice was selected to fill the final spot in the fourth district because apparently, it is a "geographic orphan".
The state tournament will be held March 13-15 in Lincoln, with the districts being held the week before. This year, the Omaha Class A district games will be held at the Civic Auditorium.

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Tony Ross, defending state champion at 165 pounds, was the only Eagle victor. He won the only Eagle victor. He won at 175 pounds, vacating the Invitational last year.
Ross' experience proved invaluable as he overcame Bellevue's Cliff Stovall in the finals, 8-3. Earlier he had pinned grapplers from Westside, Burke, and Benson.
Central's George Thompson reached the semifinals in the 133 bracket. Thompson, a junior, tacked 5-0 and 6-5 losses on wrestlers from AL and Ralston before falling 4-0 to Bellevue's Ted Butts.
Eagle grapplers in the other weight brackets suffered re-


Dave Dinsmore and Boyd Smith display wrestling techniques

## Frohliche Weihnachten

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| Judy | THE | O-BOOK STAFF | Dick |  |
| Deneen | Howard | Kathy | Mary | Sibyl |

## Eagles nest in "łree";

## Cagers top Bellevue by 15

The Central High Eagles nested on a "tree" last Friday night at McMillan Junior High School. Calvin "Tree" Forest led Central to a $65-50$ victory over Bellevue, as the Eagles successfully opened their defense of the Metropolitan Conference title.
Central scored eight straight points to break a 2-2 tie early in the game. The Chieftains in the game. The Chieftains failed to come within six points of the Eagles after the first quarter. Forest, a 6-4 junior, took command of the game early as he scored six of these eigh ${ }^{+}$ points.
Bellevue dwindled Central's lead down to three points with 1:44 left in the first quarter. However, Henry Caruthers' three point play ruined Belleue's hopes for an upset. Although the Eagles scored on only $37.5 \%$ of their shots from the field and had numerous turnovers, Central led 17-9 at the quarter.
Forest scored five of Central's thirteen points in the second quarter as Bellevue's fullcourt press appeared to trouble the Fagles However, the Eathe Eagla

Henry Caruthers and Bruce Muskin added seven and six third quarter points respective-
y. Central's defense stymied the Chieftains as they increased their lead to 46-38.
The fourth quarter was all Forest; he adde five more field goals to finish with 24 points. The "Tree" hitting on 10 of 15 shots from the field, pulling down fifteen rebounds, and blocking six shots, established himself as one of the area's best big men.
Bellevue's full-court press proved unsuccessful in the fourth quarter. The Eagles passed over the pressing Chieftains, resulting is easy layups for Forest. The Eagles, hit at a $42 \%$ clip from the field and $50 \%$ from the free-throw line.


The Eagles will face Rummel at Burke December 20th, South at Norris January 10, Tech at Norris January 11, and Bryan at Bryan January 17. Central will play in the Holiday Tournament December 26January 4.

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# HAPPY HOLIDAYS 

FROM CENTRAL HIGH PLAYERS

## Merry Christmas and

## Happy Hanukkah

Central's gymnastics team Ed Mohanna placed first on successfully opened its season by defeating Tech 78-31 and Burke 581/2-531/2.
Coach Bruce Riley ranks this years team as average since Ken Vorhies cracked a bone in his wrist. Vorhies is rated as Cenwrist. Vorhies is rated as Cen-
tral's best all-around performer tral's best all-a. Vorhies' four to by Coach Riley. Vorhies' four to five week absence should definitely hinder Central's hopes for a state championship.

Central cloúts Tech In the Central-Tech meet, the Eagles took all seven events. Larry Dussault and Vorhies were double winners. Dussault took the floor exercises and tumbling. Vorhies took the parallel bars and the trampoline. Rich Vondria finished first on the side horse, Warren Alston took the horizontal bars, and


Moore practices for match


## GAA sponsors various playdays

In the city wide sports compe- mural games at their schools. tition the only regular matches open to girls are in the sport of tennis. However, there sport organization which makes an organization which makes up or this deficiency. GAA Athletic Association) provides planned competition in a number of different sports.
On an all city basis GAA members are given the opportunity to compete in Playdays. These Playdays are scheduled throughout the school year and are held at different schools in the Omaha area.
Participants in the Playdays are girls representing different Omaha high schools. The representatives are those who have scored well in the inter-

The Playdays are held for many different sports, some of them are swimming, gymnastics volley ball, basketball and track. Besides the competition provided in the Playdays, the members are urged to take part in many programs at school. Besides the sports stressed in the Playdays, the club provides activities in areas of individual sports, like table tennis, badminton, deck tennis, golf, bowling, and modern dance.
Modern dance is one of the newly organized activities of the club. The girls will be taught fundamental skills by an instructor from the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

During winter months at school, the club provides a tournament in bowling. The tournament in bowling. The teams bowl at a near-by alley. To highlight the tournament, a banquet will be held to honor participants in five different categories. Trophies will be awarded to the girl with the highest average of the series, the girl with the highest individual score. The teams in first, second and third position will be honored.
In the spring the club officers are looking forward to a camp-out for the senior members of the club and the girls who are running for an office are allowed to take part.

## Tankmen split dual, dual meet

Coach Frank Hanel's swimmers opened their season by defeating Ralston 56-39 and falling to North 56-39 in a dual, dual meet. The Eagle tankmen fell to Prep $67-28$ in their sec ond meet of the season.
In a dual, dual meet, swimmers from all three schools swim simultaneously, but points are scored as if two separate, dual meets were occurring.
In individual events, five points are awarded to the first place finisher, three points to the second place finisher, and one point to the third place finisher. In the medley relay, seven points are awarded to
the winner while no points are given to the
place finishers.
In the dual, dual meet against North and Ralston, Central's medley relay team of Rich Thiesen, Dale Gruber, Bob Brinkman and Bob Schmill finished first with a time of 1:54.
Central had three winners in Central had three winners in
individual events. Doug Gillan individual events. Doug Gillan
took the 200 yard freestyle in 2:09.2 and Craig McWilliams won the 200 yard medley in $2: 27.3$. Bob Schmill won the breaststroke in 1:14.
Coach Frank Hanel commented, "the medley relay team's time of $1: 54$ is the best recorded by a Central team since I have been coach."

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defeated Central 67-28. Coach Frank Hanel stated, "barring injury, Prep has the best team in the state."
Central's medley relay team of McWilliams, Thiesen, Sramek, and Gruber finished first in 154.2. Dale Gruber was Central's 154.2. Dale Gidual winner nly individual winner as h took the backstroke in 1:06.8.

## Tell Tales

by Sue Norman
'Twas the day before vacation
When all through the school
All students were rejoicing
The teachers were too.
My suitcase was sitting By the fireplace with care For Miami of Florida I soon would be there.
No worries had I
'Cur BRANDEIS had solved All my distresses of what to wear. I had gone to the Young Juniors Department and found Bobbie Brooks had the look Of spring 1969. Styles were abundant In linen so fine.
Then the sales lady remarked,
"They come in aqua,
And neutral and red
And chocolate and navy so fine.
To brighten my wardrobe I added quite a fow
Of the dresses that looked neat And only cost \$13 through and through.
One of my favorites is navy And a stove pipe collar it has The sleeves may be short But the admiring looks aren't. White stitching and shell bolt Add up to great accents For the dress that comes In Junior sizes 5-13. On my way to Florida I'll wish BRANDEIS the best 'Cus I'll fit in with sun and fun. And all through my trip I shall try to remember
The sales lady's words As I left BRANDEIS
"Happy Hanukkah to all, And to all Merry Christmas."


