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Election results announced

On December 10 elections were held for the 1971-72 Senior Class Officers; Officers elected were President Celeste Alston, Vice President Richard Caniglia, Secretary Kimberly Hayes, Treasurer Jean Sundstrom, Boys Sgt at Arms Ron Ridley, and Girls Sgt. at Arms Ruth Kupfer.

President of the 1972 Senior Class is Celeste Alston. The President's duties include being in charge of any business conducted in auditorium homeroom, presiding over executive board meetings and graduation ceremonies, and being master of ceremonies at the senior banquet. Celeste currently participates in Student government, A Capella Choir, Latin Club, Mu Alpha Theta, and Wantu Wazuri. She was selected as 1971-72 Homecoming Queen. She is a past recipient of the Kiwanis Key Award, and the Optimist award. She has also been selected as a national merit semifinalist and a Girl's State alternate. Celeste is also a varsity cheerleader.

Richard Caniglia is the senior class Vice President. His duties are to head all committees. Rich has been active in Forensics and Junior Achievement over the past few years. He also is a member of the student assembly. He also was an organizer of the go-between program on drug abuse last year. Rich is also editor of the Junior Achievement Newspaper.

Secretary of the Senior Class is Kimberly

Hayes. Her duties are to record the minutes at the executive board meetings and at the meetings of the senior committees. She will also be in charge of correspondence concerning senior activities. Kimberly is currently the assistant editorial editor of the Register and the recording secretary of the Student Assembly. Over the past three years she has participated in Pep Club, Math Club, Wantu-Wazuri, J.C.L., and Future Teachers.

Treasurer of the Senior Class will be Jean Sundstrom. Jean's duties include collecting the money for the senior banquet and for caps and gowns. She will also keep a record of the expenditures for senior activities. Jean is currently the assistant business manager of the Register. She is a member of the Chamber Choir and A Cappella Choir.

Ronald Ridley is the Boy's Sgt. at Arms for the Senior Class. Ron's duties are primarily to serve on the senior committees. Ron is a noted Central poet and artist. He also played on the football team.

Ruth Kupfer is the 1971-72 Girls Sgt. at Arms. Ruth's duties are also to serve on the various senior committees. Ruth is Feature Editor for the Central High Register and has been active in her Church youth group. She is Band President, a member of the Orchestra and a Road Show Manager. Ruth has also been Vice President of German Club.

Signs of Central's history reflected in architecture

For those of you who are not aware of the details of the history of our obviously old high school, the Register has decided to alleviate your problem by relating some of Central's long history.

After the removal of the second Nebraska Territorial Capitol in 1868, the state deeded the land to the city of Omaha for the purposes of education. The result of this was Omaha High School which stood on our hill till 1901. In the year 1901, Mr. John Latenser, an Omaha architect was hired by the school board to construct a new high school for the city.

Most of the present Central High School was the result of Mr. Latenser's efforts. Even today, students can notice some of the artifacts of Central's past. Probably the most obvious are the ancient study hall desks and the old lockers throughout the building. In the south side of the basement, the tile walls and floors are explained by the fact that the old school cafeteria once existed there.

That cafeteria was operated by the Omaha Women's Club. Also, what is the bandroom today was originally intended to be a swimming pool for the school; obviously, this goal was never reached. The original plans also called for a two hundred foot tower above the school, this was disregarded as a waste of money.

The north and west wings of the school were concluded by

1920, and the total cost of the school was \$865,000.00. The last addition to the school was the gymnasium and auditorium area, completed in 1930. Architect Frank Latenser (John's son) employed the newly developed theory of acoustics in designing the auditorium. When this wing was completed, the gym was permanently moved from its old location on the fourth floor to the first basement.

Anyone who has looked at Burke or Westside might come to realize that Central is rather unique architecturally from other Omaha area schools. The school is built in a form of French Renaissance style called Palace de la Concord, a type of classical design. This style is typified by the plaster replicas around the school of Greek and Roman figures.

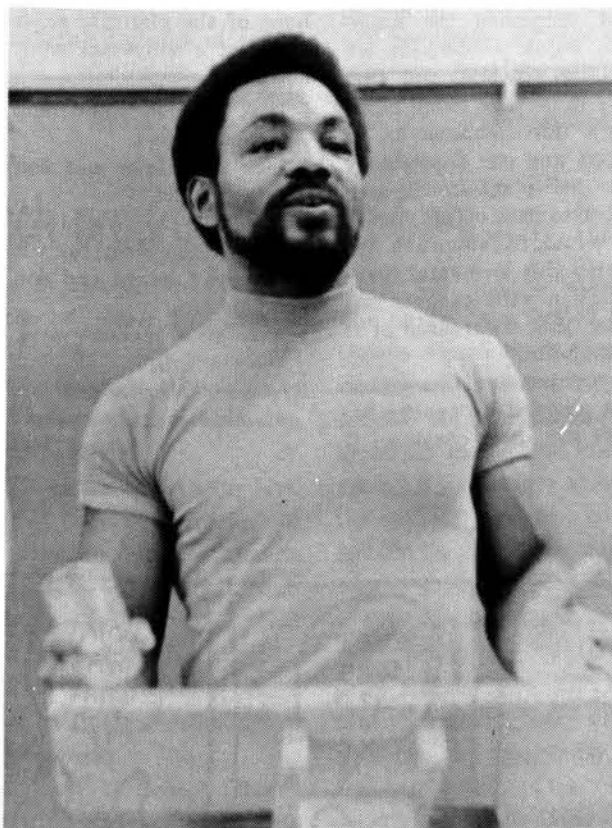
Among those figures are the Discus thrower, Winged Victory and Diana. One of the most interesting features of past years at Central was how Road Show was handled. It consisted of three separate acts, each performed in a study hall.

One act was held in the old school building. Another act was held in room 215 and the third act was held in, what was then, room 308. This room has since been split into three classrooms, 313-317. The large wooden arch in the Journalism room can be explained by this separation of rooms.



Centrals appearance at the turn of the century.

Chambers expresses views while visiting American Government classes



Senator Chambers talks with government students.

State Senator Ernie Chambers spoke to Mr. Lowery's American Government classes on December 6, in room 140. State Senator Chambers has recently been a champion of the Black cause in the United States. His speech covered a variety of areas and he encouraged audience response.

As to education Mr. Chambers said that lies are being taught in the schools. He said that schools teach that Blacks are inferior by not giving them full consideration, and this is seen when glancing through American History textbooks. The senator also contended that since almost all school administrators are white, students begin to equate authority with whites and inferiority to blacks.

Furthermore, he stated that it is a necessity for Blacks to stop being nice and quiet. "As long as blacks are submissive," he said, "whites are going to treat them like dogs. Blacks must assert themselves. They

must force issues and must demand things if exploitation is to end."

Senator Chambers pointed out exploitation in several areas. He remarked that the United States' economic system is based upon exploitation of blacks. Religious exploitation is also something which he contended is very common in the U.S. But, he said, no exploitation is going to be eradicated through silence.

Mr. Chambers also spoke out about racism on the different levels of government. "How can the government of the United States justify the bombing of Hiroshima?" he inquired. "How do they explain the refusal of admitting China into the United Nations? How do they explain acting like spoiled little boys by threatening to withdraw their money when they were defeated in the U.N.?" "No." None of these actions are rational. But racism is not rational. Not in the classroom, nor out of the

classroom."

Senator Chambers said that the state government is just as racist oriented as the Federal Government. He told the group that at one time this year the state legislature was going to refuse the funding of an Indian Commission. "After exploiting the Indians for several hundred years those whites were going to refuse the Indians money," he commented.

He also said that state senators couldn't understand why he wouldn't speak in memory of Washington's birthday. "Would the Jews," he questioned, "give speeches celebrating Adolf Eichman's birth." It is time, he said, that Blacks blow the whistle on such prejudice ideas.

Because of the conservative nature of most of today's youth the only way that they are going to act is through the ballot. Sen. Chambers stated. But any changes that did come through the ballot Sen. Chambers thought would be minimal.

Increased marihuana usage by students poses question of legalization

Driving fatalites would increase

In recent years, the use of marihuana has increased at an astonishing rate. Usage of the drug is often due simply to an act of defiance and often simply to maintain a social status with friends.

Laboratory reports (as *Scientific America*, December, 1969) have shown that the effects of marihuana are less potent than drunkenness from alcohol; this fact, however, is dangerously misleading. Marihuana, while still producing a desired high, has none of the undesirable side-effects of alcohol. It would seem apparent, then, that upon legalization, pot would be much more widely used than alcohol.

Well over fifty per cent of all fatal accidents involve an intoxicated driver. As of today, the police carry with them no means for determining whether a driver is under the influence of pot. Therefore, if pot were legal, not only would the number of intoxicated drivers increase, but pot users would be more apt to drive then when drunk from alcohol. Though the amplitude varies with different individuals, there is a certain loss of coordination, reflex time, and time perception when under the influence of marihuana.

Also dangerous to driving is a somnific effect of the drug. Marihuana's influence varies from two to four hours before sleep is actually induced. Since time perception is lost, this time of influence is distorted to the pot user. If marihuana were legal and uncheckable, driving fatalities would increase tremendously. This alone is the greatest danger from legalization of pot.

The most worn out argument against marihuana is the supposition that it leads to harder drugs. Obviously, this isn't true in most cases. However, if one never smokes pot, his chances of taking harder drugs is almost nill. Donald Louria, M.D., an authority on drug abuse, stated, "If a young person smokes marihuana on more than ten occasions, the chances are one in five that he will go on to more dangerous drugs."

Many youth smoke pot to relieve themselves of pressures and problems. Dr. A. F. Philip, Director of the Columbia College Counseling Service, stated that "the drug induced euphoria typically serves merely to cancel out the user's underlying depression." In reality, nothing is done to solve the user's actual cause of suffering. Users tend to become passive and social problems become even worse.

While under the influence of pot, users believe that they can think more clearly. On the contrary, users are less rational and more easily open to other peoples suggestions—whether good or bad. Dr. Dana L. Farnsworth, who formerly worked at M.I.T. and is now professor of hygiene at Harvard, stated, "Our experience at Harvard has been that the use of marihuana does entail considerable risk, does cause harm, and has few counterbalancing benefits. We have seen too many students who insist that it helps them even as their grades go down and their ability to cope with society decreases."

The pathway of marihuana to the brain and its effects on the liver have, thus far, been undeterminable. Simply because the concise long term physical effects of marihuana are unknown, it is ludicrous to believe that pot is physically safe. Only after a large number of people had smoked cigarettes for 25 years did lung cancer appear widely.

The December, 1969 issue of *Scientific America* could find no harmful effects from the smoking of marihuana. However, three months ago, the first evidence of physical danger due to marihuana was discovered. Biochemists Harris Rosenkrantz and Yugal Luthra found dramatic changes in the brains of animals exposed to marihuana over a long period of time. Of forty rats tested, twelve died during the test and more than half developed tremors. Even those given lighter doses showed signs of bizarre behavior.

Just last week, four British doctors found evidence that prolonged marihuana smoking may cause a man's brain to shrink and produce mental illness. Brain damage was found in ten young men who had smoked marihuana for three to eleven years.

All ten of the young men had sought medical help for severe headaches and poor concentration. Symptoms of brain damage were shown in all: poor memory, apathy, and lack of emotional response.

The glamour of marihuana and urgings from friends often overshadow its true psychological and physical dangers. Smoking pot is like driving without a seatbelt—time after time nothing serious will happen—but once that tragic event occurs, it is irrecoverable.

Bill Rifkin

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Harms of marijuana unproven

In examining the complicated question of the legalization of marijuana there are many questions that have to be dealt with before legalization can be considered. These problems are social as well as medical.

Today, the number of pot smokers is continuing to increase nationwide regardless of the laws; in addition to this, enforcement of the marijuana laws breeds a disrespect for other national laws, and more importantly, the government that is responsible for that law.

The law prohibiting marijuana is primarily maintained because of the health harm involved in its use. As far back as 1949, before the problem had reached a massive scale, Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia, of New York City, commissioned a study commission to examine the marijuana problem and to report to him on what action to take with marijuana in the future.

The committee reported that marijuana was little more than a "nuisance" and urged legalization immediately. This conclusion was reached, and ignored, over twenty years ago.

The Canadian government a few years back commissioned another group to study on whether to legalize marijuana. The committee reported back in 1970 to the effect that marijuana should be legalized, and that they had found no harmful effects from the plant. The Canadian government also shelved this report.

It has been pointed out that marijuana, if legalized, will

cause a precipitous rise in the amount of auto accidents and fatalities. It is assumed though, that on the passage of a marijuana legalization bill, the same safeguards would have to be put in as exist today for drinking and driving.

Since a person on marijuana would have his reaction time slowed, policemen would merely carry a device to determine reaction time, to determine if a man is under the influence of pot. Also the auto industry is contemplating on putting on a device in all cars that will not allow it to start if your reaction time is slowed. This would effectively keep the driver on marijuana off the road.

Perhaps the most important argument for the legalization of marijuana, is that not only is the law unenforceable, it actually increases the use of it. It is the old principle of if you can't have it something you naturally want it more than if it were readily available. This is analogous to the situation concerning prohibition in the 1930's. The government passed a law which actually invited people to break it.

In conclusion, this country has a law, which has been proven to be unenforceable, breeds disrespect for other laws, actually spreads the use of the plant which it is meant to stop, and finally has no proven medical reason for existing. In the face of this situation, there would seem to be no alternative but to urge the legalization of marijuana.

Bennet Rodick Michael Rips

Ecological factors deserve consideration

Man's technology destroys positive nature. The lack of positive nature destroys man. Therefore man destroys himself.

Any amount of garbage is acceptable unless you litter. How do you expect someone who lives in an ugly, crumbling, noisy neighborhood to feel about litter anyway? People forget that cities desperately need environmental attention and that garbage does not magically vanish. How many tons of garbage are produced by people at Central in a year?

Department stores base their security system on putting items in paper bags; salesmen laugh if you attempt to refuse that bag. Paper comes from trees; men produce paper. There will always be trees. When paper is produced, a living forest is killed, soil erodes and loses fertility, animals and plants are forced away. We insist on sacking every item and extravagantly wasting paper.

Water power, which is the cleanest form of electric power, is usually produced by damming a wild river. An energy crisis supposedly plagues the nation. Yet advertising continues to en-

courage the necessity of electric appliances. The largest consumers of power, the building which leaves all its lights on at night, etc., buy power at the cheapest rates. We unquestioningly accept the idea that growth for its own sake is a worthy goal.

Our relation to the land is strictly economic. The American Indian has traditionally seen land, water, animals, plants, and people as inseparable. Aldo Leopold, one of the greatest conservationists, wrote that we who have lost our roots in the land do not realize how wilderness gives definition and meaning to human enterprise. In the area of recreation we have not outgrown the stage where to enjoy wilderness we must possess, invade, and find souvenirs in it. The value of an experience that reminds us of our origins and our dependency on the soil-plant-animal-man food chain cannot be measured. Leopold wrote, "Civilization has so cluttered this elemental man-earth relation with gadgets and middlemen that awareness of it is growing dim."

The environment movement has been plagued by apathy because we do not consider it

seriously enough. We disregard the interdependence between man and his world. We have adapted ourselves to noise and ugliness; but at what cost? We have grown so unaccustomed to quiet, that when we find it we are uneasy and compulsively turn on the radio. The environment movement usually does not romantically suggest a complete return to nature. It asks that we look more sensitively and critically at our surroundings and that we consider the consequences of our actions more carefully.

Jerry and Renny Russell wrote in their beautiful book *On the Loose* "Evolution is aware of itself. At the last hour of the planting season the seeds of a universal sanity are sown.

I look at a redwood and don't see board feet.

I look at a lake and don't see an aqueduct.

I look at a marsh and don't see more rotting surplus wheat.

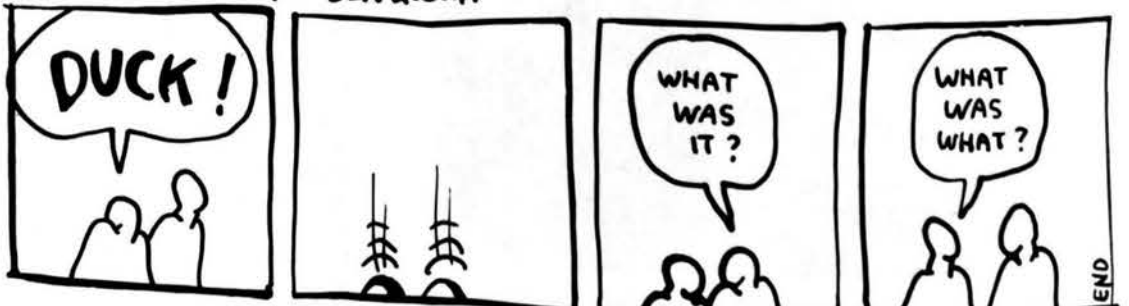
I look at a gorge and don't see a dam site.

I look at a meadow and don't see real estate.

I look at an egret and don't see an absurd feathery hat."

Janet Gendler

BLANK PEOPLE by BENZIOLA



Letters to the editor

Dear Editor:

Isn't it too bad. All that perfectly awful competition Janie Rimmerman was wringing her editorial hands over in your last issue. Why we might just scar our students for life, mightn't we? Oh, oh, horrors.

The fact is, competition is the medium by which excellence is derived in our country. Further, nobody seems to be able to think up a better way without compromising our freedom of choice. Without exposure to

competition in school, students would be completely lost upon graduation into the world. And with increasing demands for more "relevancy" in our courses, this hardly seems to be the time to divorce high school from the reality of the street.

When success is within their grasps, most students of our acquaintance like to compete. Could it be, then, that Miss Rimmerman is against competition just because she can't "hack it."

James Williams

Dear Editor

When you hear the word "Christmas" what is the first thing that comes into your mind? Trees? Presents? Carols? Cookies? This kind of thought seems to be the general trend. Materialism and commercialism have taken over Christmas.

Stores start advertising for Christmas shopping before Thanksgiving. Some people spend large amounts of money for various decorations for their homes. The old saying "It is better to give than to receive" has become just the opposite.

Christmas, after all, is the time of the coming of God's love

for man into the world in the form of Jesus Christ. To us, Christ is the only way through which we can have tranquility in our minds and lives.

The gift God gave all of us is the greatest gift that we could ever receive. When He gave us Christ, He gave us hope, grace, truth, love, and the opportunity to have inner happiness together in one package deal. All we have to do is open the package.

Once opened, you'll find the truth, and the absolute meaning of Christmas.

Jean Sundstrom
Ruth Kupfer

Dear Mr. Editor,

In regard to the recent article on student absenteeism, it would appear there may be other causes which were not mentioned. Among these causes not mentioned, are family illness or death, personal sickness, various appointments, and, most unrecognized, boredom.

Mr. LaGreca was quoted as saying, "I don't believe in one day illnesses." I deem it necessary to disagree with this statement. A student could get sick Saturday or Sunday, be gone

Monday, and therefore have a one day sickness. Yet, the women in the attendance office would challenge the validity of various professional excuses, such as doctor and dentist appointments.

If there was any suggestion that I could possibly make for less absenteeism, it would be to make the classes more interesting. Actually, on the whole, the entire school system more interesting.

Sincerely,
A concerned student

Dear Editor:

I have never enjoyed football, but Nebraska's obsession with it is intensifying my dislike.

It seems that all Nebraskans care and talk about is football. Bob Devaney would win any state office he ran for . . . without even campaigning. The university functions as a football factory.

Football fanatics talk about the relaxation they derive from football. In contrast, the tension of football has produced heart attacks and episodes of nail biting. If by some horrible quirk of fate the fan must leave the television, he suffers immensely. His body and movements are pulled to the television like a magnet.

The strong feelings of aggression and competition exhibited by Nebraska football fanatics (most Nebraskans) are some-

times frightening. A feeling of "you VILL see it and you VILL like it" is directed at skeptics. The amount of hatred and violent self-righteousness linked with football does not charm me.

Pressure has driven some football "stars" to pop pills. Some have gone so far as to suggest that insecure men see football as an assertion of their masculinity and take pride in the brute strength of football he-men. Football has contributed to the idea that watching television is one of the best forms of relaxation. So much passive, vicarious relaxation is ridiculous.

I jestingly declare that football is the opiate of the people and heretically suggest that Nebraska's fanatic approach to football is unhealthy.

Janet Gendler

Lunch program suffers from low funds

Even though the Omaha Public Schools' lunch program is suffering from lack of legislative appropriation, there will be no increase in lunch prices in the near future.

The Register spoke with Mrs. Marjorie Roberts, Director of Food Services for the Omaha schools. Mrs. Roberts said that Congress curtailed funds last August and revised its guidelines this fall resulting in a cutback of funds for the school lunch program.

The Omaha School Board joined with other school boards in an appeal to the USDA to

block the appropriations cut. The appeal was denied and the Omaha school lunch program is now operating at a substantial deficit. As an example of the problems facing the lunch program, Mrs. Roberts stated that the school system is losing \$50,000 a year on the milk service alone.

The school system could not raise prices due to the wage-price freeze. Mrs. Roberts said that currently her office is studying the possibility of increasing lunch rates. All increases must be approved by the School Board.

Math teachers attend study

On November 18-20, the Omaha metropolitan area sponsored the regional meeting of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM). The convention was held at the Hilton Hotel.

Miss Virginia Lee Pratt, mathematics department head, and Mrs. Kelly, mathematics teacher, served on committees. Miss Pratt set up sessions for senior high teachers and Mrs. Kelly helped with registration.

Other mathematics teachers; Mrs. Lois McKeen, Mr. Robert Olander, and Mr. Grossman, had some of their students' projects exhibited.

The purpose of the NCTM is "to assist in promoting the interests of mathematics in America . . . and to vitalize and coordinate the work of local organizations of teachers of mathematics."



Photo by Williams

Smoking situation examined

by Mike Rips

The problem of student smoking at Central is an endless source of aggravation for students, teachers, and administrators. It is a problem which is racked with inconsistencies and ironies.

Take for instance the plight of administrators. Mr. LaGreca, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Benning are all integrally involved in the running of the school, and their having to enforce against student smokers only hampers their effectiveness. Mr. Jones said that he considered taking action against smokers a nuisance. He also, pointed out that disadvantages could occur from being too lenient with student smokers. By taking no action it would seem that administrators were condoning smoking, regardless of its effects upon health.

Looking at the problem from the teacher's point of view, it seems that most teachers have pretty much given up the business of running around after student smokers. However, there are a few die-hards left who will very swiftly remove a student from the bathroom and plunge him into the office only to be let back into school when a meeting between his parents and administrators is arranged.

The student attitude is one of nonchalance. When questioned as to the risk of being caught, the questions were usually cast off with indifference. One girl remarked that if she did get caught it really didn't matter because her parents already knew about her smoking habit. Most students thought that the enforcement against smoking was pretty lax.

The number of student smokers is also greater than most people realize. On the north side of the building there are an estimated 50 to 75 smokers per lunch period.

Smoking students would like to see the cafeteria made into a smoking lounge. They realize the fire problem but contend that if the cafeteria and ashtrays were made available the chance of fire would be greatly diminished.

Students also complained that teachers tend only to recognize their own addiction to tobacco and have no sympathy with students who are in the same plight. One student commented, "Some of my best friends smoke in school. Those friends are some of the teachers at Central."



The Stooges are a little-known rock band out of Michigan: notorious for their lead singer Iggy Stooze. Three of the Stooges (Ronald Asheton, Scott Asheton, and Iggy Stooze) all went to a small town high school and graduated together. With Dave Alexander, they formed a rock band which played in towns like Romeo, Michigan where the outraged citizenry sat in shocked silence.

At one concert, Iggy completely stripped himself, was then covered with strawberry preserves, and proceeded to leap into the audience yelling "LICK ME, LICK ME!"

The Stooze's music is simple, basic rhythm and guitar. The critics were dismayed at their first album, entitled THE STOOGES, which was described by one as "revoltingly simple."

The Stooges are no longer together but have left us two albums, THE STOOGES and FUNHOUSE. Buy them if you like mean rock and roll.

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Lowery and Kugel perform in Marat/Sade

Marat brought to life by Kugel and Lowery

Central teacher Mr. Bobby Lowery and Junior Gretchen Kugel acted in the recent playhouse production of Peter Weiss's play "The Persecution and Assassination of Jean-Paul Marat as Performed by the Inmates of the Asylum of Charenton Under the Direction of the Marquis de Sade." The title explains the story.

Mr. Lowery received critical praise as Marat's Committed disciple, Father Roux. His acting was motivated by personal conviction that this play has a Message. He said, "The Marats of the world are alive and living now. The play shows how the bourgeois turn laws into instruments of oppression to alienate, exploit, castrate, and subjugate a specific class of people."

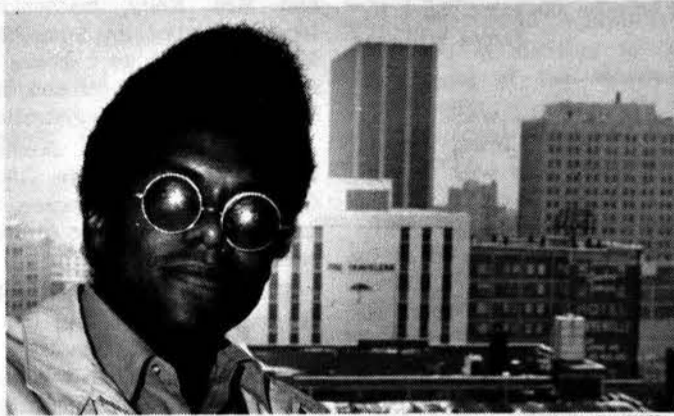
Gretchen Kugel was an inmate who played the flute and was a member of the chorus. Her interest originated because she has played the flute in recent playhouse productions. Gretchen explained that Marquis de Sade spent his last years in an insane asylum; he continued to write, and he directed other inmates in his plays. Occasionally he invited the public to see a performance; the Omaha playhouse audience felt like part of the public.

Gretchen said "I had to act convincingly crazy, which involved randomly staring and laughing at people in the audience. I had no difficulties with this, but sometimes I felt myself slipping into character in such embarrassing places as the halls of Central."

Both Mr. Lowery and Gretchen believe that acting is an important medium of self-expression and plan to work in future productions. Both would urge Central students to read the play "Marat Sade".

Creativity is more Important than knowledge

Einstein



Rivers contemplates poetry.

Photo by Williams

Centralite poet Rivers deals with black subjects

Ronnie Rivers, a senior at CHS, is a composer of poetry which is predominately written with the black person in mind. Commenting on the theme of his works, Ronnie said, "I try to relate to things that black people can feel." He also tries to express black unity. Ronnie has also written poems dealing with subjects such as love and philosophy.

Ronnie is somewhat critical of taking creative writing classes. He feels they may "cramp his style." On the other hand, though, he says this type of experience could be an advantage to him because it would introduce him to different styles and techniques in literature, which may prove to be helpful.

BANG POW BANG by RON RIVERS

Bang, pow, bang they began to sang
i rose from my bed
& killed the rat that laid by my head
bang, pow, bang they began to sang
the noise in the street sounds so sweet
this must be the day i say hurray
the night filled with millions of lights
a time for freedom for you and me
let me jump in my rags and run
to the sounds so sweet
i got to grab my gun
hurry down these stairs

all dressed in black oh my am i
ever ready to get into the act
hurry, hurry, hurry, hurry, hurry,
hurry, hurry, hurry, hurry, hurry
oooooh i was in such a scurry
for i knew this was it for what
else could it be?
rushing out the door, down the street,
around the corner
man i was on the move, got to find
my brothers too
through the stinking night
of the smutty slum
i flew like a jet no one could
beat my step
coming closer to the sounds getting
louder and louder
around this corner and i'll be there
i'll be there
what the . . . oh no
what i thought was revolution
was just some niggers celebrating
the 4th of july

Goodrich acts in productions around city

If you've seen some one walking in the halls lately carrying a blanket and sucking his thumb, don't be alarmed. It was probably Chris Goodrich practicing his role of Linus in "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown."

Chris played the part of Linus for the production which was presented by the Cultural Arts Department of the Omaha Parks and Recreation Department on the 19th, 20th and 21st of November.

Band, Dance Band, A Cappella, and Swing Choir head Chris's list of activities at Central. He is also a member of the Can Do Ambassadors.

His performing experiences include roles in "Li'l Abner, A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, South Pacific, and Music Man, all of which were produced by the Parks and Recreation Department. Chris also participated in Central's production of "Damn Yankees!"

Chris utilizes his musical abilities in teaching guitar lessons after school at various locations. The City of Omaha employs him at this.

Among the highlights of "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown" was the doghouse used by the cast. Chris pointed out the fact that he had to fall from the doghouse several times in the course of the play. He also cited the accident that happened to him when he was supposed to pretend to stomp on a girl cast member's foot and he really did stomp on it.

Political activist Dick Gregory to be broadcast soon on KIOS

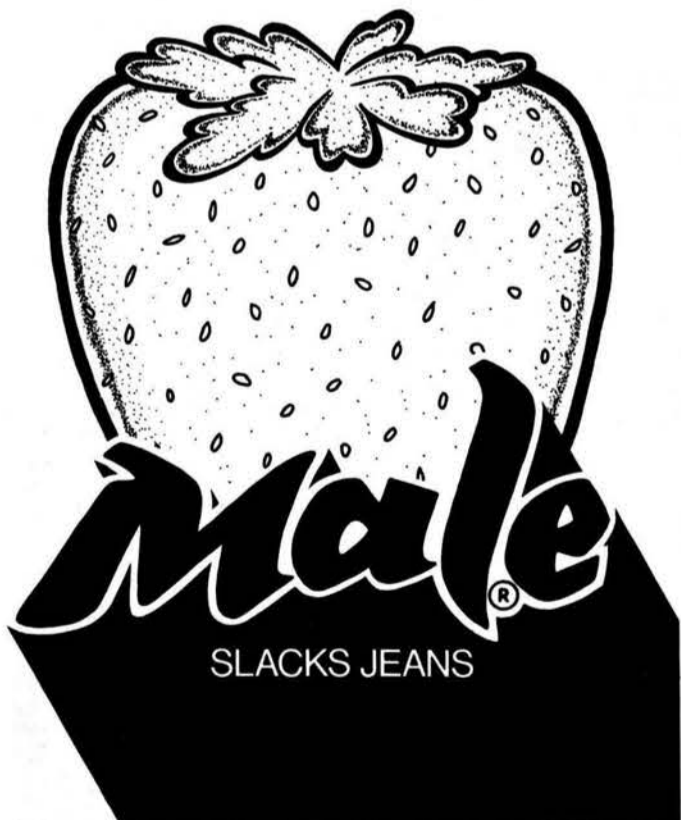
KIOS will broadcast a speech made November 12 by Dick Gregory, political activist and former comedian, in the near future.

Mr. Gregory was brought to the University of Nebraska Theatre by the Black Student Association. His dissertation, punctuated with witty remarks, consisted of comments on a wide range of subjects, from the

situation of students and black people in America to the war in Viet Nam. Mr. Gregory vowed eight months ago to fast until the end of the war, and is still continuing that fast.

The theatre was filled when Mr. Gregory gave his speech. KIOS will broadcast the speech because Mr. Gregory has important contributions to make to all communities.

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Commended students announced

The National Merit Scholarship Program has announced its commended students, and those qualifying for the Scholarship Program for Outstanding Black Students.

National Merit Scholarships are based on a combination of knowledge and testing ability. Edward C. Smith, president of National Merit Scholarship Corporation, said: "Although commended students advance no further in the Merit Scholarship competition, their standing in this nationwide program deserves public recognition. Their high performance on the NMSQT gives promise of continued success in college."

The NMSC commended students from Central are: Jane Christensen, Mike Couch, Debby Firth, Janet Gendler, Marcia Johnson, Howard Katzman, Janice Mierau, David Svoboda, and Richard Wiesman.

The commended students from the National Achievement Program for Outstanding Black Students are: Charlotte Davis, Kim Hayes, Portia Jones, and Paul Williams.



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Contest winners announced

The Mr. and Miss Natural contest which was held Friday, November the 19th, proved to be a great success for Wantu-Wazuri, Central's black student organization.

Mr. Natural, Ken Bolten, had this to say about the contest: "I thought it was a close contest because everyone was looking so black and beautiful."

Miss Natural, Vernessa Allen, said she was "scared". Vernessa portrayed a Nigerian woman. Ken was portraying a Watusi warrior.

Toni Walker and Vickie Claxton were first runners-up for the Mr. and Miss Natural titles, respectively.

The other contestants were: Theresa Bass, Joslyn Davis, Roslynd Davis, LaVaine Drew, Kimberly Hayes, Pamela Jackson, Martin Johnson, Larry Myers, Stephen Scott, Darlene Swiney, Jocelyn Walker, Jantha Whitmore, and Johndrea Whitmore.

Entertainment during intermission was provided by the Black Image, a singing group.

Many Omaha area colleges available to graduating seniors

For post-high school students without the opportunity to go away to college, there are four colleges in Omaha.

The College of St. Mary is a private four-year liberal arts and science college for women. It is affiliated with the Catholic Church. The College offers bachelor of arts or science degrees. Education is the largest department. Medical Record Science and Nursing are other specialties.

Tuition is \$960. Admission is open to any high school graduate who ranks in the upper half of her class. Satisfactory ACT scores are also required. Admissions is classified as less competitive.

Creighton University is a private coeducational Catholic institution open to students of all faiths and races. It has a liberal arts program, as well as professional and graduate divisions. Applicants must have com-

pleted fifteen academic units of high school work, including three years of English and two of mathematics, including algebra. For admission either the SAT or ACT is acceptable, but the ACT is required for placement. Tuition and fees are \$1,550. Admissions is classified as competitive.

The University of Nebraska Medical Center includes the College of Medicine and the School of Nursing. The annual fee for the College of Medicine is \$650 for Nebraska residents. The fee for the School of Nursing is \$290 for residents.

Students are admitted as freshmen only to the two-year program School of Nursing. Applicants must have completed sixteen high school units including at least three in English, two in social studies, and two

each of math, physical education, and science. SAT's must be submitted. Candidates for the B.S. in Nursing must have completed at least thirty-five hours of prescribed college-level work. All programs in the College of Medicine require prior college work of ninety hours. Admissions is said to be less competitive.

The University of Nebraska at Omaha is divided into six colleges—Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, Continuing Studies, Education, Engineering, and Graduate. An Air Force ROTC unit was established in 1951. An Urban Studies Center is also available.

Annual tuition for residents is \$450. Any graduate of an accredited high school is eligible for admission, which is classified as non-competitive.

Bramhall broadcasts

This year Central has a new teacher who is not new to many students. Mr. Frank Bramhall, the new teacher, also broadcasts the weather over WOW-TV. He is teaching advanced broadcasting and electronics.

Mr. Bramhall teaches advanced radio classes in the studios of KIOS-FM, KIOS-FM, with a frequency of 91.5, is the Omaha Public Schools' radio station, located at Central.

Teaching career liked

This is Mr. Bramhall's first job as a professional teacher although the idea of teaching is not new to him. He said, "There is one other thing that I wanted to do more than broadcasting and that is teaching. When I had the chance to work at both I decided to get the job."

This chance was given when a new teaching position was created at Central to alleviate the pressure on the broadcasting and electronics teachers. He heard about the job while working at WOW. "One of the engineers noticed the bulletin about the job, that was sent out by the school board, and pointed it out to me," he commented.

Mr. Bramhall added that the fact that he is still working at WOW could help his students by bringing them closer to actual broadcasting. Also he has experience in all other forms of broadcasting. "This will help me in preparing for teaching," he added.

Bramhall experienced

Mr. Bramhall's broadcasting career began in Carroll, Iowa where he worked at a radio station. Later, after being employed at a few other radio stations, he moved to Omaha where he worked at KMEO and KQAL-FM. His next job was at KOIL where he was an all-night disc-jockey under the name of Frank Hall. His name was changed to Hall for convenience.

"I am impressed with my students and colleagues," he said. He also added that he would like to see more students interested in broadcasting and electronics.

Totem deadline

January 17 is the first deadline for entries to Totem, the city-wide creative writing publication. The second deadline, for the second half of the entries, will be February 11.

Students should submit their entries to their English teachers. The teachers will pass them on to Central's screening committee consisting of Mr. Dan Daly and Mrs. Anne Aust.

This year Totem will consist of entries from kindergarten to high school. In addition to essays, poems, and short stories, Totem will feature foreign language translations and drawings.

Drama class tours Doane

On November 19th eleven advanced drama students took a trip to Doane College.

Mr. Walter Berry invited Mr. Ray Williams and his class for a visit and arranged a tour of the campus. The trip was to promote Doane College.

One activity the group took part in was to view the play, "Absence of a Cello".

"The play didn't meet our expectations," commented Dwight Dillard. "It was presented poorly, and could have been done better." The other students agreed with Dwight.


Other activities included in their schedule was Christmas caroling and playing football.

Sharon Cribbs was very impressed with the campus because she "didn't know it had so much to offer." She also stated, "The statistics there are beautiful, 46 brothers and 10 sisters." Sharon was supposedly the humorist of the trip.

Wes Bailey, Kathy Bailey, Mary Beales, Kristie Horn, Bethi Elkon, Sue Reinsch, Ben Ziola, Mr. and Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Reinsch also enjoyed the trip. They returned Friday at 11 P.M.

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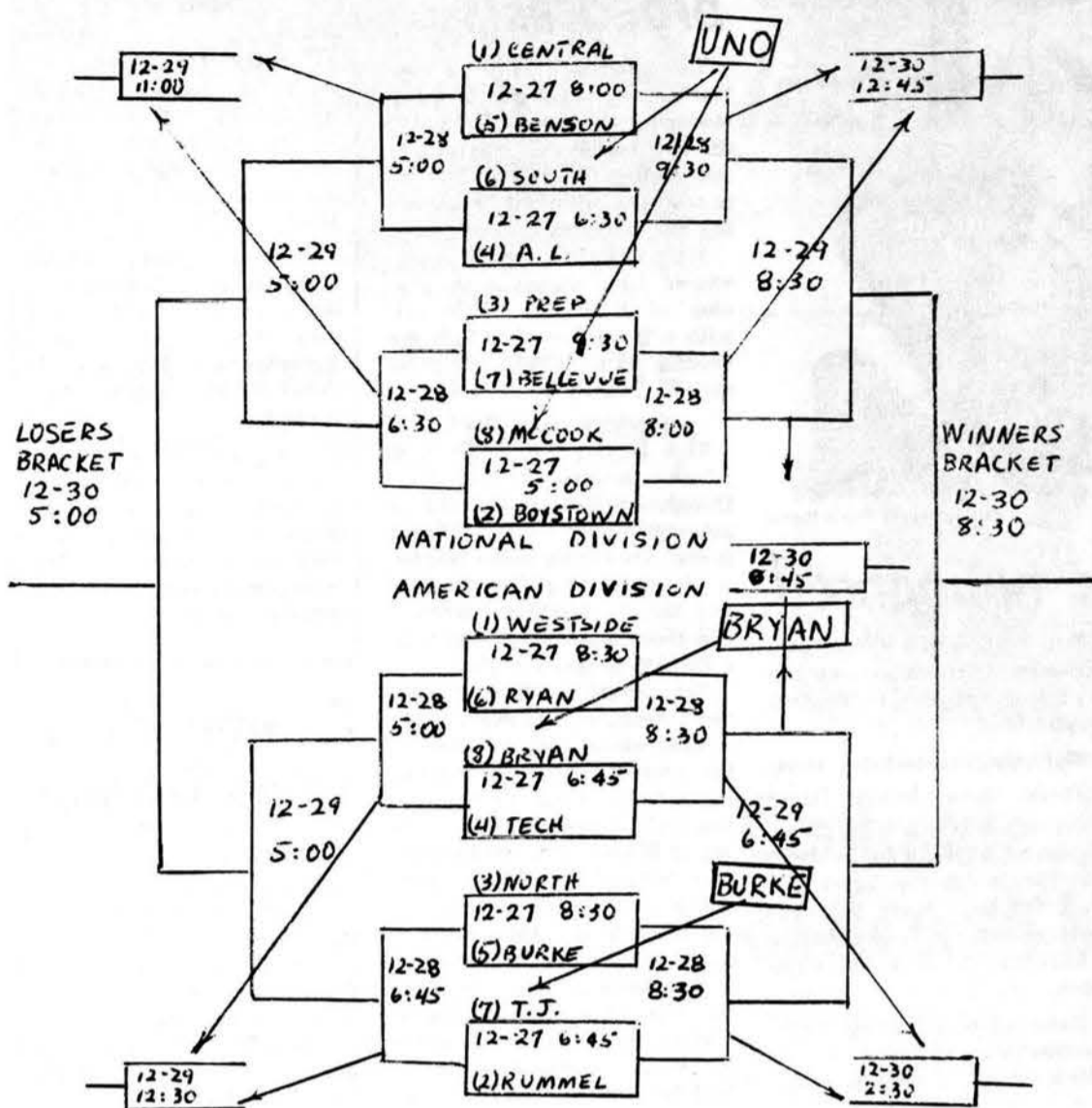
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The 1971 Holiday Metro Tournament. Arrows designate the loser's brackets. Boxes indicate the location in which the game is played. Parenthesis indicate the team's seed. The final day of action will be played at the civic auditorium.

Wrestlers lose to Bryan

The Central High rifle team placed second in the Varsity Division and third in the Novice division in the Third Annual Harry A. Burke Invitational Rifle Match. The match attracted eleven varsity teams and four novice teams from seven high schools.

Central's "Gold" team with a total of 996 points was second to Bryan in the varsity standings. Joe Upson, Dennis Hyde, Rick Lamar, and Dick Reynolds were the members of the "Gold" team.

Upson, Hyde, and Lamar finished second, third, and fourth, respectively, in the individual standings. Lamar was first in

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Coach Martin's Comments

Coach views loss to East

Man, I am so weary of staging those spectacular comebacks and then losing in overtime.

The heartbreaker we lost to Lincoln East Saturday was so reminiscent of many games last year: the McCook game where we played ho-hum basketball until the last three minutes; the Tee Jay game where we appeared on our way to an outstanding comeback win until Tim Williams sprained his ankle; and the district final with Bellevue where we valiantly fought back only to lose in overtime.

For the more uninvolved observer, it's pretty easy to think philosophically that the East loss may really help us. And this is quite possible for at least three reasons:

- (1) It should sober us and force us into working for better execution, better physical condition, and better mental attitude.
- (2) We no longer have that added pressure of being undefeated.
- (3) It was not a conference game and, thus, we are not hurt in our bid for the metropolitan Championship.

This game was a good example of how important rebounding is to a team. East out rebounded us 41 to 35 for the game.

The Spartan big men positioned us out so well during the first half that we got only four offensive rebounds. At the same time they were able to get 10 rebounds off their offensive boards. This means they had approximately six more second shots than we did.

Lincoln East was an amazingly poised team for so early in the year, and their execution in most areas of the game were quite deliberate and well disciplined.

We probably should be encouraged realizing that we nearly beat this fine team without Dennis Forrest and with Chester Bullion below par because of flu.

This week we play Rummel in a game which could possibly determine the eventual conference champion, and there's a possibility Forrest may be ready to play.

Rifle team second at Burke

Inexperience seemed to show as Central's wrestlers lost to Bryan, on Dec. 7 at Bryan. Central's JV, however, defeated Bryan 26-20. Two of the top JV wrestlers are Arlan Bates and Mike Polson.

In the loss against Bryan, Andy Holland won by a decision in the 98 lb. division. Tim Fullerton won by a pin in the 105 lb. division, and also finished in second place in the

North High Invitational. Bob Fullerton, Curt Clotfelter, Terry Ammens, and Gary Shaddy also won their matches against Bryan.

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Districts are disasters

It is, perhaps, a little too early to ponder Central's chances of taking state in basketball this year. However, an inaccurate method of district selections which could hinder our chances in state deserves some mention.

If you didn't know it before, Central's district includes Boys Town, Rummel, and Westside. Every team in our district has started the season off in good form. The combined won-lost record for that district is 10-1. While Central is stuck with three Metro championship contenders, South has to combat Bryan, Northwest, and Ralston. Benson must face Millard, Burke and Tech. Prep has to play Fremont, Norfolk, and South Sioux City. The only comparable district to Central's is the district which includes Lincoln East, Lincoln High, Lincoln Southeast, and Lincoln Northeast.

Other methods of selection

The system the district selectors use is the population system. Schools are placed in their respective districts according to size. The reasoning being that large schools usually have the more powerful teams. Thus, South, with 3,000 students would have a much better team than Boys Town with 500 students. It doesn't work out that way, however, because a good basketball team requires ten decent ball players, at the most. So for this season, South is 0-2; Boys Town is 2-0.

The method formerly used for district selections was a seeding system. The four top seeded teams in Metro would be placed in separate districts with the other teams randomly placed in the four districts.

An invitational tournament for state could be another possibility. Only teams with records above .500 would be eligible for state championship honors. This would put more emphasis on the regular season and create many important games at the end of the regular season.

Forrest back soon

Dennis Forrest, according to Mr. Martin, has been given permission to play by his doctor. This does not mean that his knee is in perfect shape, however. His jumping ability is still somewhat hindered by it, and it could be a matter of time until he will be in pre-injury form.

Mr. Martin said that Forrest could possibly be playing in the Holiday Metro Tournament. Dennis should be in good shape for districts.

Tourney to have four locations

The Metro Holiday Tournament will be played at four different locations this year instead of only at the Civic Auditorium. First round games will be played at UNO, Bryan, and Burke. The final two days of action will be played at the Civic Auditorium. Central is top seeded in its division.

Swim team to begin season with one senior to rely upon

Central's boys swimming team has started its new season. Central's first meet this year was against North and Ralston. Lon Canaday, the only senior, is expected to carry the bulk of the team.

"There are some excellent sophomore prospects. So the majority of the team is immature, but they are expected to develop into a competitive club," commented coach Brian Watson on this year's swim team.

One of the problems that Central's swim team suffers is that of having a swimming pool near Central. "If we had a swimming pool here (at Central) it would be much easier for practicing, but practice is too inconvenient for people who don't live near Norris," cited Mr. Watson.

The probable starters on this year's swim team are Craig Anderson, Lon Canaday, Tracy

Connor, Greg Dollis, and Charles Leonard. The divers on this year's team are Mike Kirshenbaum and Greg Monrad.

Some of the future meets Central will be in are Prep and Millard on Dec. 10 at Norris, Boys Town on Dec. 17 at Boys Town, Benson on Jan. 4 at Norris, South on Jan. 7 at South, A.L. on Jan. 14 at Norris, and the American and National Divisions Relays at Burke, Jan. 22.

When asked about the chances of this year's team, Mr. Watson replied, "I predict that we will equal or double last year's swim record."

Vikings, Bellevue fall to Central

Central's varsity basketball team defeated North High for the first time in four seasons 69-66. In the opening game of the year, however, Central had to overcome a lot of mistakes to win the game.

Central trailed at halftime 35-31. The Eagles were sloppy on defense, and allowed Art Turner basket after basket. Turner wound up as high scorer in the game with 27 points.

Central switched from man-to-man, to a zone defense and ran their fast-break effectively to turn their halftime deficit into a 52-46 lead at the end of the third quarter.

The Eagles were sparked by a brilliant performance from forward Chester Bullion, who finished as Central's leading scorer with 18 points. Carlos Dillard finished with 14 points, and Keith Brown added 13 points as Central shot 45 per cent from the field.

Central's second game of the year was against Bellevue. The Eagles won 62-51. Central led at one time 23-6, and used frequent substitution.

Central was led by Tim Williams who scored 11 points and had 10 rebounds in the first half. Tim finished with 19 points and was the leading scorer and rebounder for Central.

Carlos Dillard was Central's second leading scorer with 15 points. Central opened up to a 52-32 third-quarter lead, but Buzz Garlock led Bellevue to a fourth-quarter comeback, and finished with 16 points as Bellevue's leading scorer.

Last Saturday night, Central met the defending state champions, Lincoln East, in an overtime thriller. Unfortunately, Central's winning streak ended abruptly in a 67-64 loss.

After leading at the end of the first-half 25-24, Central trailed 42-41 at the end of the third-quarter. They fell behind even farther late in the fourth-quarter.

Then, Central was sparked by the clutch shooting of Carlos Dillard. He hit his fifth basket to send the game into overtime.

Tim Williams who came up with some brilliant defensive plays to help out Dillard, was laying in terrible pain on the court at the end of regulation time. Williams finally was helped back to the bench, but Central was not the same without him. Keith Brown put Central ahead with his fifth field goal, but East was not to be denied.

Reg Gast tied the game at 62-62 but missed the free throw of the possible 3 point play. Jack Ball put East ahead to stay with a free throw, and Gast hit on another field goal.

Ball added another basket with twelve seconds left. Carlos Dillard narrowed the margin to

3 points with another bucket.

Central's next game will be a tremendous challenge as they meet Rummel.

Central's JV basketball team, coached by Mr. David James, has a record of 1-2. In their first game they lost to a solid

North team 63-50.

The JV team easily defeated Bellevue 60-46. In their most exciting game of the year, Central came from behind by 20 points to go in the lead, only to lose in the last second to Lincoln East 58-56.



Bullion leaps toward basket.



Dillard drives for two.

Bauer enjoys scuba diving

Earlier this year senior Scott Bauer taught a one week mini-course on a subject that is rarely taught on the high school level. The subject of this course was scuba diving.

In the course Scott taught "what scuba diving is all about". He called the course a success but pointed out that the full effect of the course was diminished by the fact that some of his students just weren't interested in scuba diving.

Scott commented, "I enjoy telling people about scuba diving so that they can get interested in the sport. I would be

very happy to spend some time with anyone who would like to get information on scuba diving."

Scott has been scuba diving for two years but his interest in the sport goes back to his years in grade school. He has been scuba diving in the Pacific Ocean, the Atlantic Ocean, and the Gulf of Mexico.

When asked about any unusual activities that he has done while scuba diving, Scott said, "I have been diving in Lake Superior for sunken ships and I have plans of going to the east coast in search of sunken World War II submarines."

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