

Obal now Lt. Colonel; enters city selection



Photo by Williams

Honorary Lt. Colonel Kristie Horn and Lt. Colonel Mike Obal.

This year's Lt. and Honorary Lt. Colonel are Mike Obal and Kristie Horn. They were announced on Wednesday, March 25th at the Military Ball. A saber was presented to Mike and Kristie received a dozen roses.

One of the highlights of the Military Ball was the performance of the Central High Crack Squad under the command of Tom Shinrock. They performed under black light. Orange stripes were placed on the squad's rifles and white gloves were worn, making the scene very effective.

The Convention provided the music for the dance. The dance lasted from 8-11:30.

Now that Mike is Lt. Colonel, he will compete against the other Lt. Colonels from the Omaha Public High Schools for the position of Lt. Colonel of the city. This position is the highest rank an ROTC member can achieve.

Denenberg one of top ten Regents in state

Larry Denenberg, a Central senior, was recently named one of the top ten Regents Scholarship Winners in Nebraska. Larry said that the score was determined by doubling the verbal and adding the math scores of the SATs.

Anyone with a score of 2050 and over received a scholarship. Larry had a 720 in the verbal and 800 in the math, giving him

a total score of 2240. He also said that over one hundred Regents Scholarships were awarded.

Larry plans on teaching a class of some of his friends on how to raise SAT scores about fifty points. "One can easily raise his score by learning how to take the test," Larry stated.

He had a few suggestions for the general public. "Never guess unless you can eliminate at

least one answer," he said. He added that on the verbal if two answers were identical, they would eliminate each other.

"Two people that know the same will not get the same scores," said Larry. "Think before you do anything." He added, "SATs of good-looking young girls will go up next year." Why? Those will be the people in his class.

Student from Yorkshire attends Central

If a boy speaks to you with a heavy English accent, it is probably Robert Wright. Robert and his family moved from their native Yorkshire, England to Omaha last October.

Robert, a sophomore at Central, made some observations about the English and American school systems. He said that in his former school in England, no elective classes were offered. "The student takes the same subjects every year."

Robert pointed out that the students in England usually graduate when they are fifteen years old. He said that if his family had not moved to the United States, he would have joined the English Navy after his graduation.

He seems to like the American teachers better than the English teachers. "In England, the teachers can hit you."

Robert enjoys athletics. In England, he was on the school soccer team. He also played rugby.

In Omaha, Robert has played only soccer. He said that he does not like to play football. He does like to swim. About basketball, he said "I've been to most of Central's games."

If Robert is not playing soccer or swimming, he might be out bird-watching. He said that there seemed to be a greater variety of birds in England than here.

Robert's family did not celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Robert has some opinions about the war in Ireland. "It's just stupid. Everyone's getting shot down. My friend was killed over there." He feels that no side is winning.

Is England a disappointment to tourists? Robert doesn't think so. "England is a much older country than the United States. There are many museums with a lot of old things."

Robert likes England. "I like England better than the United States. You can get around easier there because it is smaller."

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'Charlie Brown' shows adult ideas



Cast members are (from left): Snoopy (Ben Ziola), Schroeder (Paul Schmidt), Patty (Mary Beals), Charlie Brown (Kurt Stecker), Lucy (Gail Goynes), and Linus (Steve Bernier).

"You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" will be presented as the 1972 Spring Play.

Mr. Ray Williams, the director of the production, described the play as a "brand new, fresh musical. It's not too long and it has some nice ideas behind it." He said he also chose "Charlie Brown" because it has not been presented as yet by any other area high schools.

"'You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown' is musical entertainment, not a revue or a play," said Mr. Williams. He explained that all the action takes place in one day out of the life of Charlie Brown. There is no real story but a sequence of happenings ranging from the writing of a theme to playing in a baseball game.

Playing the part of Charlie Brown will be Kurt Stecker. Gail Goynes will portray the character of Lucy and Ben Ziola will be Snoopy. The part of Patty will be played by Mary Beals, Steve Bernier will be Linus, and Paul Schmidt will play the part of Schroeder. Student directors will be Bethi Elkon and Kay Kriss.

No attempt will be made to alter the cast to look like children, according to Mr. Williams.

The parts will all be played through the lines spoken, and as Mr. Williams said, the characters have "adult ideas."

Theater-in-the-Round

"You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" will be Central's third Circle Theater Production. It has previously presented "In White America" and "Dinny and the Witches." Staging will feature a raked stage; that is, the stage will be elevated and tilted in order to give the audience a better view. This is only one of the improvements which are to be applied to this show which were learned from previous Circle Theater experiences.

Mr. Williams stated that another reason he picked this show was because it could be "produced in intimate theater." In his words, "It's nice to play to a packed house." He said sets would be minimal, with only some blocks and Snoopy's doghouse, and that lighting would play a big part in staging.

Rehearsal has already begun with the cast and Mrs. Thelma Sparks, the musical director. They have been working with the score for the past several weeks after school before taking

the play to the stage for blocking.

Combo Supplies Background

The musical back-up group will consist of a small combo with percussion, bass, piano, and perhaps a few other instruments. They will perform off to the side as did the back-up group for last year's production of "Dinny and the Witches."

A preview of the play will be presented at Brownell Talbot School on Wednesday, May 3, the day before the opening at Central. There will be two matinees for Central students on Thursday, May 4, and one night performance on Saturday, May 6.

Because of the seating in the Circle Theater, only 250 tickets will be sold for all performances. The price of tickets for the matinee will be \$1.00 with an S. A. ticket and \$1.25 without one. All tickets for the evening performance will be \$1.50.

"The cast is absolutely ecstatic," said Mr. Williams about "Charlie Brown." "It should be one of the most exciting things to happen all year."

Wayne State host to Foreign Language Day

The annual High School Foreign Language Day at Wayne State College was held on March 24. Thirty-three advanced language students from Central attended. Mrs. V. Anderson, a Spanish teacher, was the sponsor and accompanied the group.

The contests for Spanish, French, and German students were held in separate areas. Everyone who attended received lunch and a tour of the campus.

The Spanish students presented an original play about Columbus in the Spanish Royal Court, both before and after his first voyage.

"Die Kuchenuhr" or "The Kitchen Clock", by Wolfgang Borchert, was acted by the German group. This play depicts the after affects of World War II. A young man, somewhat crazed by the war, tells about his kitchen clock, the only possession he still has.

"Rhinoceros", a play from the absurd theater, was presented by the French pupils. The story is basically about a group of people sitting in a cafe that see a rhinoceros suddenly run by.

Like father like son

Short sees future in puppets

"Steve Short's Puppets", a Central Road Show act, has an interesting history. A brief and fitting expression for the act is "like father, like son".

Some twenty years ago, Steve's father made one of his first performances as a puppeteer at Central's Road Show. Steve is now following in his father's footsteps.

Mr. Short is a professional puppeteer. He has traveled in thirty-six states performing his act. He has worked for such well-known stars as Johnny Carson and Ed Sullivan.

The puppet act consists of three different types of shows. The first is a string puppet show. The string puppets act out the fairy tale Rumpelstiltskin. The second is the hand puppets and the third is the muppets. The muppets are similar to the muppets on "Sesame Street". All voices for the act are recorded early on tapes to give the puppeteer more time to concentrate on the actions of the puppets.

Father and son team up for performances in the Omaha area. Their busiest time is during the Christmas season. The Omaha Musician Society recently sponsored the act for a performance at the Omaha Home for Boys.

Steve stated that puppetry is a good "hobby". When asked if he will become a professional puppeteer like his father Steve replied, "probably".



Photo by James Williams

Steve Short maneuvers ghouls for Road Show.

Editorial urges students to pledge \$1.00 on April 5th

Omaha Awareness and Action operates a number of drug related facilities throughout the Omaha area. These facilities include Equilibria, Sunshine Day Care Center, crash pads, rehabilitation centers, a counseling program under Operation Bridge, and half-way houses. The continued existence of this whole program is now in serious danger, and unless Omaha Awareness and Action can raise \$50,000 by November the accommodations which they provide for will be unable to operate.

While action to raise the money is being initiated in several areas of the community, plans for fund raising that are closest to the high school student rest in the hands of World Herald columnist Peter Citron. WOW-TV has generously given their full cooperation and time in planning a telethon to be broadcast between 6:30-8:00 on April 5, Channel 6, and to be devoted to raising money for OAA. Mr. Citron will host the show, with entertainment being provided by Mayor Leahy, disc jockeys from KFMX and KOIL, the singing group of Pat and Evans, Circus, and other talent.

Peter Citron, in a recent interview, commented that the purpose of the telethon was to be educational as well as entertaining. In an effort to accomplish this goal the programming will include a discussion with five drug users, interviews with parents of drug users, and an indagation into the drug facilities in Omaha. This type of format is also aimed at alluring both adult and youth audience.

Donations will be taken over phones, and an auction will be held over the air to insure more money. Peter Citron has promised

to hold a black tie dinner, including wine, candlelight, and strolling violin players, for all of those who donate \$50.00 or more. This piece de resistance will be held at McDonalds, another organization which has volunteered their services. On March 27th, McDonalds offered \$2.18 dinners to the general public with all proceeds going to the OAA.

In giving you a synopsis of the action taken toward retaining drug centers in this community I have purposely eliminated any emotional appeals. Being members of an urban high school which represents a cross-section of the population I believe that Central High students realize the magnitude of the drug problem. The students understanding of the drug problem as a whole is more extensive than that of teachers, administrators, or parents, and it is precisely for that reason that it is up to the students to provide an example.

This is a problem which transcends racial barriers and class distinctions. It is a problem which calls out for a unified effort. In order to achieve this unity I would like to offer the following proposal:

That each and every student at Central High School call into Channel 6 between 6:30 and 8:00 on April 5, and pledge \$1.00.

Let them know you are calling as a student from Central, but please pledge that one dollar. It may seem simple, but the result would be \$2,000 for a more than worthy cause.

Mike Rips

CHS students visit state pen

On Thursday, March 16, twenty students, under the supervision of Mr. William Lovercheck, Central High School Modern Problems teacher, visited the state penitentiary and unicameral in Lincoln.

"It's a nice place to visit, but I wouldn't want to live there," replied Jane Andrews, Central High Junior, when asked about her impression of the state penitentiary.

While touring the prison, the students noticed that there were never two doors open at the same time. As the students entered a room, the first door was shut and locked before the next door was opened.

The penitentiary, containing about 1,000 male prisoners, uses a progressive color system in the uniforms. The color of the uniform signifies whether the prisoner is a trustee, an inmate, or a regular prisoner.

Mr. Lovercheck said that the prison emphasized rehabilitation instead of punishment.

The students saw a gift shop containing goods which the prisoners had made themselves: purses, beads, leather goods, and furniture. If the prisoners in the administration building could afford it, they had television sets. Some of the inmates operated the prison's radio station. Any prisoner under the age of twenty-one was required to attend and finish the prison's high school.

As the tour continued, the students got to see the unicameral in session. However, many of the students were puzzled because the atmosphere was so relaxed and a few of the Senators seemed disinterested in the session. Mr. Lovercheck explained a bill was usually read several times before it was open for discussion. Consequently, the Senators become bored, unless it is their bill that is being discussed.

Pursuit of hobby problematic to Williams

While cleaning their attics, most people find relics that send their thoughts to follies of the past. James Williams, deviating from the norm, found a relic in his attic that established his future.

Intrigued by an old camera he found lying around other assorted junk. Jim decided to try his luck and purchased two rolls of film. "It's like using heroin," he said, "two fixes and you're hooked."

Jim soon discovered that having a drugstore develop his film was quite expensive. After taking a summer course in photography to no avail, Jim taught himself (with an instruction sheet and a bit of luck) how to develop his own pictures. With never-dying determination, he managed to secure the Norris Jr. High darkroom.

After gaining more proficiency at developing, Jim built a darkroom in his fruit cellar. The only drawback was a tendency of the room temperature to fall to 40° F. Eventually, he bought a portable heater.

On a few occasions, Jim has temporarily blinded himself. One such occurrence was the result of an attempt to photograph a glass of coke. To get adequate lighting, Jim froze wired flashbulbs in ice cubes and placed them in the drink. (Not having coke on hand, Jim had to settle for iced tea.)

Jim was looking at the glass as the flashes went off and was momentarily blinded. Upon recovering his vision, he noticed

that the heat of the flashes had melted the ice cubes all over the table.

A Bit of a Masochist

Appearing to be a touch masochist, Jim once lost a toenail for the sake of photography. He wanted to get a realistic shot, in his basement, of a foot coming in contact with a football. For effect, he placed the ball on artificial turf and put football pictures from "Life" in the background.

To avoid breaking anything, Jim built a backstop of pillows. He took ten practice kicks to ensure safety and a good picture. The camera was wired to snap when his foot made contact with the ball and on the eleventh kick went off as planned. Unfortunately, the repeated kicking had dislodged a toenail. And worst of all—the camera was facing the wrong angle and captured only the "Life" football photo background.

Having ecological sympathies, Jim once attempted to take a picture of a squirrel in a tree. Unfortunately, the squirrel wasn't sympathetic to humans and Jim "felt an odd sensation on his head."

Jim has spent many hours devising pictures for the Register. For one picture, Jim smeared vegetable oil all over one side of his head and pressed it against a sheet of photographic paper. The picture was a success, but "vegetable oil doesn't come out of hair too well."

Motion Pictures Too

Jim has also made some mo-

tion pictures. For a film about a man hit by a car, he needed a special sound effect. The desired effect was achieved by flushing a microphone down a toilet.

Last summer, Jim spent four weeks filming a wad of paper waddling about the city. As soon as he can find proper background music, he will formally present the film.

Presently, Jim enjoys riding elevators and snapping shots of people as the elevator doors open.

Jim doesn't spend all of his free time on photography. He once wondered how long it would take to read a daily newspaper cover to cover, so he did it. Six hours and thirty minutes.

In the future, Jim plans to make a film of John Niemeyer blowing up Central High. Shouldn't a career that started with a deviation from the norm end by one?

Ryan speaks about Ireland

Miss Jo Ryan, lay teacher at St. Margaret Mary's, spoke to Mr. John Keenan's fourth hour English class Wednesday, March 15 about her experiences in Ireland. Miss Ryan was invited by Mr. Keenan to speak in celebration of St. Patrick's Day.

Miss Ryan visited Dublin and Southern Ireland last summer. She showed slides to the class and commented on many aspects of Ireland.

The people are very hospitable, but they live in great poverty she said. She also stated that there is little industry and little farming. She added that the Irish sing all the time, and that the people create a homey atmosphere.

When asked about IRA activities, Miss Ryan said that she saw no real fighting as most activities take place in the North.

A TALE OF TWO CITIES by BEN ZIOLA (PART IV)
FROM A BOOK BY THE SAME NAME AND DEDICATED TO YOU-KNOW-WHO...



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I think it is now time to tell the administration the truth. Some students at Central High School smoke. Really they do! Unfortunately, the smokers are forced to sneak a cigarette either in the bathrooms or out on the south side during lunch. Many have been "caught" and suspended from school, the others merely take their chances. Perhaps a fair suggestion might be acceptable to our faculty. Since Central is a "known fire trap", it is logical that smoking should not be allowed in the bathrooms. Outside, however, only a few ash cans need be set up, and smokers could smoke there without littering the school grounds, and all would be satisfied.

Pamela Fox

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Excerpts from 'I am Third'

In his new autobiography, *I am Third*, Gale Sayers makes some very acute observations about Central. In a chapter almost totally devoted to his high school days, he comments on the athletic facilities, former coach Frank Smagacz, and the school in general.

Sayers, a prominent athlete in junior high, recalls about his decision to attend Central. He was recruited by both Tech and Central. He describes Central as "an academic school, primarily attended by rich Jewish kids, other well-to-do whites, and some academically inclined blacks." He writes that the main reason behind his attending Central was the personality of Coach Frank Smagacz.

Smagacz Well Liked

Central's football and track coach at the time, Smagacz came to see Sayers frequently. He told Sayers that if he wanted to attend college, Central was the place to come. Gale was then convinced to attend Central. He writes that Mr. Smagacz "turned out to be a fine coach and a wonderful guy." He recalls that all his friends used to imitate the way Mr. Smagacz talked. They would constantly repeat his famous sentence, "Oh, you guys, you can do better than that."

Sayers recalls that when he was flunking English he wrote an anonymous note to Mr. Smagacz which said: "A word of advice: If you want Gale Sayers to play next year, you better talk to his English teacher for he's having troubles in English!" He signed it "A friend of the team." After he delivered the note, Sayers wrote, things got better right away.

Sayers spent a few paragraphs lashing at Central's facilities. He calls the school "a dirty old graystone building." He writes that the school was located between Joslyn Museum and the Jewish Community Center, and that there is no land in between. Then, in several sentences, Sayers describes the field and its dirt track. Obviously, things haven't changed much since his days.

Individual Statistics

	G.P.	Rbs.	Rbs./game	FT	FT%	FG	FG%	Sts.	T.O.	T.P.	Pts./game
Larry Butler	16	13	.8	4	44	13	41	12	31	30	1.8
Carlos Dillard	21	181	8.6	63	74	95	41	11	68	253	12.1
Dennis Forrest	15	132	8.8	65	71	71	38	17	50	207	13.8
Chester Bullion	21	85	4.1	24	50	35	47	28	52	94	2.7
Ron Parker	18	22	1.2	4	36	22	32	11	28	48	2.7
Mike Muskin	8	2	.25	1	50	1	20	0	9	3	.4
Mike Ashford	18	41	2.3	26	72	16	28	7	14	58	3.2
Larry Hunter	21	148	7.1	29	69	57	41	21	37	143	6.8
Tim Williams	21	231	11.0	51	64	123	49	35	56	297	14.1
Kevin Kresl	20	42	2.1	9	46	13	38	4	6	35	1.8
Tom Wages	6	6	1.0	1	33	3	50	0	1	7	1.1
Keith Brown	21	30	1.3	43	63	87	46	42	89	217	10.3

G.P.=Games Played
Rbs.=Rebounds
Rbs./game=Rebounds per game
FT=Free Throws
FT%=Free Throw Per Cent
FG=Field Goals
FG%=Field Goal Per Cent
Sts.=Steals
T.O.=Turnovers
T.P.=Total Points
Pts./game=Points per game

Coach Schmad's comments

Schmad optimistic toward upcoming season

At the beginning of every year I am always optimistic, and I guess this year is no exception. I doubt if any other coaches in the Metro consider us a "title contender", but I do. Our team is going by the philosophy that we're just as good as anyone else, until they prove they are better.

Ohio State's football coach once remarked, "Show me a good loser, and I'll show you a loser." Well, in the past, I think we have been good losers too often. This year we hope to turn this around. If we lose, we won't do so without a supreme effort from everyone.

Vince Lombardi remarked once about sports, "Any man's finest hour is that moment when he has worked his heart out in a good cause and

lies exhausted on the field of battle—victorious." It might sound "corny" to many, but this is our goal. We might end up with a record of 0-15 or 8-8 or 15-0, but we will be putting forth great effort no matter what the outcome is.

Well, who am I counting on? First, we have two good pitchers in Scott Newquist and Tony Vacanti. Secondly, we have a fine defensive catcher in Don Schultz. Next comes the infield—Pat Gredys or Jeff Ballard at first, Bobby Fullerton or Paul Gredys at second, Rick Elliott at short, and Rick Anderson at third.

The outfield positions will be filled by Steve Becker, Tom Wages, John Czyz, and Paul Polson.

Our season starts April 11, with Tech as the opposition. I hope to see you there.

Cagers honored

Central's Metropolitan champion basketball team and state wrestling champions Tim and Bob Fullerton were honored by a banquet on Saturday night, March 18, at Domenico's restaurant.

Coach Jim Martin, Mr. Robert Redlinger, Dr. Don Benning, Mr. Richard Jones, and Mr. Anthony LeGreca were all present. Basketball student managers John Olsen, Bob Hanson, and Jerry Goodlet also accompanied the team.

Coach Martin and Dr. Benning spoke at the dinner after Lee Harris, the guest speaker, could not attend.

Girls tennis team to begin first year of competition

On April 4, the regular season will begin for the Girl's Tennis Team.

Mr. John Talty will coach the tennis team this year. This will be his first year coaching girls, taking Miss Joyce Morris' place. In the past, Mr. Talty has limited his coaching to Central's Boys Tennis Team.

There are five girls on the team, now practicing after school in Dewey Park.

The returning starters are Donna Mosiman, a senior, and Tina Krolikowski, a junior.

Mr. Talty says that he en-



Baseball player stretches his luck.

Baseball begins soon

"If the pitching comes through, then we'll probably be all right," said Coach Tim Schmad, Tuesday.

Most of the guys on this year's varsity baseball team are juniors, with the exception of 3 seniors, and a few sophomores.

Looking especially good so far are Scott Newquist, Don Schultze, and Tom Wages. Tom is also one of the best hitters.

The starters include Pat Gredys, 1st base; Paul Gredys, 2nd base; Rickie Anderson, 3rd base; Tom Wages, outfield; Rick Elliot, shortstop; Don

Schultz, catcher; John Czyz, catcher and outfield; Steve Becker, outfield; Paul Polson, outfield; and Scott Newquist, pitcher.

Tom Rifkin, Randy Johnson, Tony Vacanti, John Lawson, Jeff Armstrong, Gary Irwin, Jim Olsen, Jeff Ballard, Bob Fullerton, and Paul Tatum make up the rest of the team.

New this year is a plan to have some night games to increase attendance.

The first game will be April 10th against Tech at Adams field.

Central's home field again this year is Boyd.

Williams gets All-State spot

Although Central did not manage to reach the state basketball tournament this year, Tim Williams honored the team by being named to the World Herald All-State Basketball Team.

"Yes I was very surprised. I really think I did deserve to be named to the team; I was always out there hustling," commented Tim on his first reactions to the news.

"I thought the All-State team was chosen very well. However, I think Carlos should have made the All-State team over me," he added.

When asked about his feelings on the Rummel district game,

Tim said, "When we lost Keith Brown, we lost our ball control for the rest of the game."

"Ed Burns is incredible, being so good and only a junior. He has such a fast release it is hard to guard him," replied Tim.

"I felt very bad that we didn't get to the State Tournament because we were all seniors," cited Williams. When asked about the final ratings he answered, "I felt that the final ratings could have been alot better. We should have been in the top three in state."

Track starts at UNO

"I think we have one of the finest teams in some years," commented Coach David James of this year's track team. The boys are hoping to prove that this Friday and Saturday at the UNO Indoor Invitational Track meet. Out of approximately 40 team members, 22 have qualified for this weekend's competition.

The team began training late in January for this season's series of dual meets. Dual meets are held on Tuesdays, while weekends are reserved for inter-school invitational competition. The Metropolitan and District Track Meets will

Golf swings into action

The Central High golf team will soon be teeing up for a new season, with tryouts and practices starting shortly.

Coach Warren Marquiss' team will have only one returning varsity player, Dave Olsen, from last year's team that took third in the state tournament. However, a strong J.V. team, led by Steve Nepomnick, Dave Gross, Steve Blumkin, Don Taute, and George Rebensdorf, should supply ample material for Coach Marquiss to choose from.

Marquiss stated, that the boys have been practicing on their own and that tryouts will begin shortly. According to Marquiss, the tryouts will consist of a two week series of challenge matches, with head to head competition between the golfers.

The team will then be cut down to the top 8 players, when, after more challenge matches, 4 will be chosen for varsity, and 4 for J.V.

Marquiss continued, that the eliminated golfers can again participate in challenge matches, and if a top score is recorded, the golfer can qualify to play on the team.

Central's new home course this year will be Applewood, replacing Miracle Hills. The Eagle's still will face stern competition from Westside, Prep, Rummel, and Benson, who are all in Central's district. Marquiss rates Westside and Prep as the two top teams, on the basis of their returning players. Central has won their district 9 out of the past 10 years.

The Eagles will again play in the Fremont Invitational, and will be this year's host for the district golf tournament, to be held later this spring, with the winner qualifying for state.



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Rogers returns from trip

Central senior Carol Rogers returned February 18 from Greenland, Labrador, and Iceland, after being away one month. She is a member of the Omaha Can Do Ambassadors, a singing group of twenty-seven teenagers. The Can Do Ambassadors began three years ago in the summer and now give civic performances at Fort Omaha and other places in Nebraska.

Ten people, ages seventeen to twenty, went on the U.S.O. tour. They started out from McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey, "where we had to go to before we flew east," said Carol. The first stop was Thule, Greenland. "It was beautiful," she said, "but the Canadian Air Control strike kept us from stopping some places."

Carol commented about the thirteen hour flight, "That's different when you wake up and it's morning, but you're still over water." The Ambassadors entertained servicemen, and Danish and American civilians at Thule Air Force Base. Carol said Danish civilians were living in Greenland, because taxes in Denmark were high.

The next place the singers entertained at was Sondrestrom Air Base. "There aren't any trees in the whole continent of Greenland. There was a twenty-four hour darkness; the lightest time looked like the sun was setting and had a glow. It was freaky," Carol commented. She added, "We saw the Northern Lights, which were like a vision. That was the most memorable thing." Greenlanders speak Danish. "Only Eskimos speak Greenlandic, but we didn't see any," Carol said.

The Ambassadors spent a night in Goosebay, Labrador, and by then the Canadian Air Control strike was over, and planes could land. The group flew to Arjentina Naval Base, where "there were trees and sun!" Carol hadn't seen trees or the sun in two weeks.

"In Thule, there were three phases of weather.

Phase 3 was the worst. It seldom snows there; the snow blows off the mountains. In Arjentina there are conditions. We were caught in the day before we had to leave in a 125 mph wind, a condition 3," Carol explained. If they couldn't get to their next stop, U.S.O. would have had to cancel the rest of the trip.

The singers then flew to Keflavik, Iceland to a naval base. "It was the most beautiful. It looked like I think Mars would be, because there were volcanoes, black sand on the beaches, blue arctic seagulls, and orange rocks," Carol commented. "Every clear night we could see the Northern lights. They're crazy looking things," she added.

It snows in Iceland, but there are many warm underground springs that heat swimming pools in the winter. Carol said, "It freaked me out to see people running around in swimming suits, even bikinis. I didn't go swimming!" The Icelanders are required to learn English and Danish in school, besides Icelandic. "They are all trilingual. That's really beautiful!" Carol added.

The group received arctic wear—iron pants, mukluks, and heavy coats—to keep them from freezing. When asked if she had any unusual food, Carol replied, "Once I was invited to a moose liver dinner. Our director had whale meat, which was black. I've got nothing against black, but . . ."

"Coming into the American coast felt so good, because I couldn't be deported if I did something wrong. It felt good to come back home to Omaha, even though I hate it, but it's home. It was a queer feeling leaving home and going where I've never been and probably will never see again," Carol stated.

She commented, "This was a spiritual and cultural experience, as well as musical. It gave us a chance to really feel appreciated."



Carol Rogers back at Central

Pattee victorious at Optimist club

Central sophomore Jeff Pattee was the winner of the annual oratory contest sponsored by the Omaha Optimist club. After winning on the club level, Jeff will go on to compete at the city level; if he wins there he can go on to the state contest and have a chance to win a five hundred dollar scholarship.

While still at Norris Jr. High Jeff won the contest last year also. With this experience he hopes to go far in the upcoming city contest.

Centralites attend Joslyn conference

About sixty students, one from each of the social studies classes at Central, attended a seminar on freedom of speech. It was held at Joslyn Art Museum on March 23rd. The topic of the seminar was: Freedom of Speech—its use and abuse in the United States and Iron Curtain Countries.

The seminar was moderated by W. C. Mott, Chairman of the American Bar Association's Committee on Communism. The other participants were Eugene Methvin, Associate editor of Readers Digest, Dr. Richard Shugrue, professor of constitutional law at Creighton University, and Mrs. Bonaro Overstreet, authoress, representing the United States.

Those representing the Iron Curtain countries were Leonid Vladimirov, former Soviet journalist, Dr. Ivan Volgyes, professor of political science at Nebraska University, and Dr. Michael Pap, Director of Institute of Soviet Studies.

Teachers attend N.S.E.A. convention during vacation

On March 16 and 17 while Central students were enjoying a well earned two days rest Central teachers attended the annual N.S.E.A. teachers conference.

Reactions among Central teachers varied as to how successful the programming at the conference was. Programming itself was much more varied this year than in the past. Among the many sessions that teachers could attend were on subjects such as "Teachers Accountability" which dealt with how accountable are teachers for what their students learn.

A session on discipline and on art were also among the many offered. Teachers were allowed to attend any of the sessions they wanted. Most teachers attended the sessions on their particular subjects in addition to those on more general subjects.

Mrs. Lois McKean pointed out that the conference was not as hurried as in past years and that she enjoyed the opportunities to get together with the other teachers. Mrs. Linda Luttbeg also spoke of the chance to speak with other teachers as beneficial and she commented that the exhibits at the Civic Auditorium and at the Hilton were most beneficial.

Many teachers spoke critically of the overcrowding at many of the discussion sessions and at the attitude of many teachers to the convention. Overall though most teachers interviewed enjoyed the conference and said that its positioning in spring a welcome break since there is a shortened spring vacation this year.

Bonner merits gymnastic awards

Michele Bonner, a junior at Central, placed first in the city-wide modern Play Day. She did an interpretive dance off of "A Friend's Place" on the album "Shaft".

The Play Day was held March 7. It took place at Bryan Senior High School. The schools which participated were: Northwest, Bryan, North, Burke, South, and Central.

Other participants from Central were: Joyce Swanson, Terri Mack, and Janet Flaxbeard.

Michele plans to continue dancing and perhaps attend a professional dancing school. She "looks at dancing as a way to escape from reality and expressing herself."

Outside of school, Michele is



Central gymnast Michelle Bonner.

a member of a modern dance group called the Silhouettes. They have performed in various talent shows throughout the city. Kristie Hayes, another Central junior, is also a member of the Silhouettes.

Four Central students merit awards from Kiwanis club

Carol Rogers and George Holland were honored on March 27 as recipients of the Dundee Kiwanis Key Awards for outstanding citizenship.

The awards were presented by Garth Peterson at a luncheon meeting of Dundee Kiwanis. Each student received a Certificate of Recognition and a personal gift. Their names now will be engraved on a special plaque on display at Central High School.

As monthly award winners both students now are eligible for selection as Outstanding Student of the Year and a \$250 scholarship or similar cash award after graduation. These honors go to the top boy and girl selected from the monthly winners.

"It's a great pleasure to recognize these two outstanding young people for their achievements," Mr. Peterson said. "In their own special ways, they are making important contributions towards a better society. We feel that Carol and George are representative of the great majority of teenagers who are helping build a better community. We are proud of them and pleased to present these awards in recognition of their services."

Carol is active in singing and often performs for disadvantaged persons, as well as in school functions. She appears regularly on the television program "Omaha Can Do," and last year was in Greenland on a tour with the Can-Do Singers.

George, a senior, is outstanding in track and cross country running events. He also is a member of the O-Club and math team.

Leslie Jean Schwalm and Mike Lavelle were honored by the Kiwanis last month.

Leslie, a senior, is active in A Capella Choir, Inter-American Club, French Club and the Youth for Christ Organization. She also studies Spanish and is devoting two of her study periods each day in helping a Nicaraguan student become more fluent in English.

Mike, also a senior, is active in baseball and basketball and serves as a youth group supervisor in St. Ann Church. He coaches at grade schools and during the summer works for the Omaha Parks and Recreation Department as a volunteer supervising baseball and softball.

Former English head returns to Central

Miss Josephine Frisbie, former head of the Central High English department, spoke to first hour English classes Friday, March 17.

Miss Frisbie was born in Red Cloud, Nebraska, the hometown of author Willa Cather. Miss Cather's sister was Miss Frisbie's English teacher during high school.

"After school I used to listen to Willa Cather's sister tell many interesting stories," stated Miss Frisbie.

Miss Frisbie told students that Willa Cather based her famous novel *My Antonia* on experiences and people in Red Cloud. In fact, Miss Frisbie actually knew the woman that the character Antonia was based on, Annie Pavelka.

"The people of Red Cloud really enjoyed being mentioned in the novel," said Miss Frisbie.

Recently, the home of Willa Cather was declared a national monument. The state legislature named the area around Red Cloud "Catherland".



Miss Frisbie speaks to students

According to Miss Frisbie, certain buildings mentioned in Willa Carter's works are being renovated. The railroad station, churches, and houses are included.

Miss Frisbie is a member of the Board of Governors of the Cather's Museum. She brought out that this museum is an old bank building built in 1889.

Rojas addresses Spanish club

Mr. Nelson Rojas spoke to the Inter-American Club on March 13. He is a native of Chile and has returned to the United States this winter. He attended Washington State University and met and married Miss Nelson, who used to teach French at Central. They both went to Chile, and Mrs. Rojas returned last fall.

Mr. Rojas showed slides of Chile and introduced his coun-

try as "the string bean of South America." He discussed the government, which is now Communist by a public vote. He didn't think the government was very much different than it had been before. Mr. Rojas said Americans are more formal than Chileans. "In Chile when you want to visit someone, you just go over. Here you have to call on the telephone first," he said.

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