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Orchestra concert tonight

Orchestra director John Jorgensen recently upset traditional orchestra seating by switching the violins and violas around.

"My poor violas were getting lost in the rest of the orchestra," he explained, "so I switched them into the 2nd violin section and moved the seconds to where the violas had been."

Jorgensen figures that since most people don't know the difference between violas and violins anyway that the average person at the May 23rd concert won't see any difference. He feels, however, that the sound of the group is improved by his new arrangement.

Is he going to keep the orchestra like that? "Unless I see any real problem I will."

Said one violist, "But I'm used to seeing him (Jorgensen) at another angle!"

The orchestra concert is tonight at 7:30 in the Central auditorium. There is no admission charge.

Mr. John Jorgensen, orchestra director, feels that the concert will be a very good one. "I've never had such a fine collection of musicians," he said.

Featured soloists at the concert will be Carl Orand and John Cates (Playing a Tchaikovsky violin concerto, Op. 35); Gretchen Kugel and Cheryl Honomichl (playing the Adagio from the Sonata I, J. B. Loillett); and a wind quintet consisting of Marc Beck, Debbie Harris, Cheryl Honomichl, Patti Bell, and Bob Schoettger (Pastoral by Persechetti).

O-Books come next week

The 1973 O-Books are not late according to Mr. T. M. Gaherty, journalism advisor. They will be shipped today from California by truck. They should arrive anywhere from three days to one week.

The O-Books are arriving no later this year than in the past. However, due to the faculty decision that seniors get out

one week early, seniors will have to return to school to pick them up.

The O-Books will be distributed on Wednesday, May 30, during homeroom for underclassmen. Seniors can pick up their O-Books when they return for caps and gowns on Wednesday. Seniors will have to sign for books when they pick them up.

Band singers will perform

"I Feel the Earth Move", "Something", "Get It On", "I Don't Know How to Love Him", "If I Were a Carpenter". These aren't the usual type of songs presented in a Central High Spring Concert, but this concert is a little different. The Central High School Singers and the Central High Stage Band are presenting the "Spring Swing Thing" May 25 at 7:30 P.M.

"This Concert will appeal to all ages", said Mr. John Jorgensen, instrumental music teacher. "It has Jazz, Rock, Country, Blues, just about all types of music."

The two groups will be performing their separate instrumental and vocal numbers, along with two combined songs, "All About the Blues" and "Peace On Earth".

Film festival in courtyard

Student Assembly will present a film festival in the courtyard on May 25. The festival will begin at 8:30 P.M. The two films shown will be "Bonnie and Clyde" and "The House That Dripped Blood."

Seniors will be admitted free and all other students will be charged 50 cents for admission.

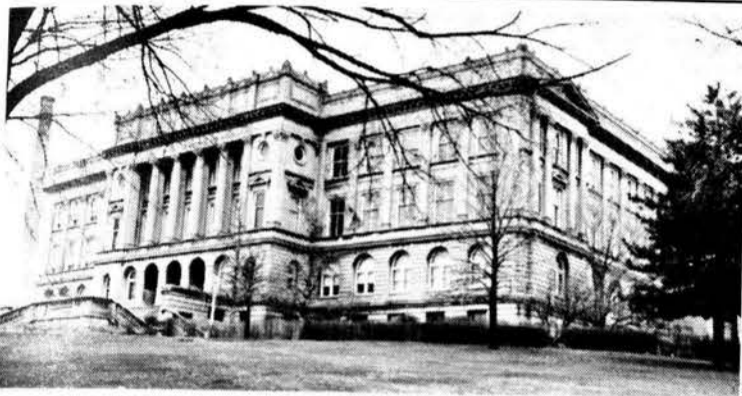
Tickets will be distributed in the bookroom on two certain days for seniors and the remaining tickets will be sold to the student body. However, the number of tickets are limited, so students are urged to purchase them as soon as possible.

Refreshments will be sold by student assembly and members of the PTSA. Several teachers

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Central ranks top on JA award list

The Junior Achievement "Future Unlimited" Awards Banquet, held Thursday, May 3rd, provided a happy evening for Central Junior Achievers. Central students received ten individual awards, including Outstanding Female and Male Achiever for the 72-73 program year.

The awards were presented, following a dinner, at Peony Park Ballroom. Awards going to Central Students were: Outstanding Male Achiever, Steve Hanford; Outstanding Female Achiever, Judy Koperski; Outstanding First Year Male Achiever, Rick Cunningham; President of the Year, Judy Koperski; Corporate Secretary of the Year, Kristin Menke; Treasurer of the Year, Bob Tracy; Salesman of the Year, Steve Hanford.

Centralites receiving J. A. Scholarships at the Banquet were Kristin Menke and Greg Dollis. Both plan to attend the University of Nebraska in Lincoln this fall.

The individual winners will now continue competition in their respective offices with other achievers across the nation. Judy, Steve, Kristin, Bob, and Ricky each received expense paid "travelships" to "NAJAC," the national Junior Achievement Convention. The week long convention will be held in August in Bloomington, Indiana.

The five Centralites also make up half of the delegation flying to Pensacola, Florida this June. The Achievers will be the guests at the Navy Air Training Command in Pensacola.

Steve Hanford also was the recipient of a three week, expense paid trip to Omaha's Sister City, Shizuoka, Japan this summer.

Chessmen place seventh in meet

"We'll make it next year!" said Mike Blankenau confidently, after returning from Chicago.

Mike and four other Centralites, Howard Langford, Kevin Waterman, and John Milton, participated in the 1973 High School National Chess Championship Tournament of May 3-7.

Central placed third in the national meet, but came in 7th because of tie points. Two

teams tied for first place and four for second; Central, coming in third, was forced to take seventh place after the ties had been played out. Evanston High School (Evanston, Ill.) is the new champion. Schools from all over the country were represented at the tournament.

"We got off to a good start, leading in the first six games, but blew the last two. We should be able to do it next year," Blankenau stated.

KCHS joins KIOS

KIOS listeners will be able to hear two new series this summer that will be added to their public affairs programming.

"Probe Into Mental Health," produced with the help of the Nebraska Psychiatric Institute will be broadcast every Monday, starting June 4, at 7 p.m. The program seeks to uncover the many aspects of mental health problems, while helping to decrease the misunderstandings about mental health.

"Outreach", which will be aired every Thursday, starting June 7, at 7 p.m., strives to in-

form listeners about the many community service programs, centers, and agencies in the Omaha area.

In addition, Radio Free Education (RFE) will be expanded an extra half hour (3:30-5:00) on Monday thru Thursday, but will run from 4-5 p.m. on Friday, during the summer months.

RFE features the best in stereo rock while DJs feature the newest LP albums. Tune in every week day during the summer months to hear your friends acting like funny disc jockeys.

Of Central Importance

British composer Halsey conducts Lincoln seminar

Nine Centralites and 40 other high school students were involved in a special music seminar in Lincoln held Monday, May seventh. The seminar, sponsored by the Nebraska Choral Directors Association and the Concert Hall Series, featured Louis Halsey, an English music conductor and composer.

"The clinic had a double purpose," explained Mr. Robert McMeen, vocal music teacher. He added, "First, the students that went were able to work with Mr. Halsey and learn from him. Also, the other directors got a good chance to see a master at work with a choir."

The students that attended the clinic were: Jeannie Ogborn, Sharon Widman, Jackie Wistrom, Erica Olson, Amelia Brantley, Alex Prodyus, Jeff Pattee, Eric Sorensen, and Larry Myers.

Journalists attend lunch

"This generation of students

is more sophisticated than others before," and, thus, create new problems for the school systems, according to Dr. Owen Knutzen, superintendent of the Omaha Public School System.

Dr. Knutzen made this and other comments on the situations of the Omaha high schools at the Joslyn Castle's luncheon for the area's high school journalists. Rick Hekl and David Duitch, along with journalism advisor Mr. Gaherty, represented Central at the luncheon.

Wilson receives Gold Key

Senior Charles Wilson received an honorable mention in the National Gold Key Awards. The annual Gold Key awards in Omaha are sponsored by J. L. Brandeis.

Charles submitted a print of a hawk to the contest. Prints are etched on an X-ray and run through the printing press in the art room.

In statewide competition, Charles won a Gold Key along with other Central students. In the national competition,

Charles was the only student to win an honorable mention. There were five other honorable mention winners in Omaha.

Assembly selects reps

The following people were elected to next year's Central High student assembly recently.

Seniors: Bob Tracy, Lisa Danberg, Steve Talbert, Sandy Epstein, Davida Alperin, Eric Sorenson, Rick Hekl.

Julie Denton, Kevin Buckner, Larry McIntosh, Larry Cohen, Lindy Rice, Jim Firnhaber, Terri McGee, Velma Clark.

Juniors: B. J. Koperski, Robert Reams, Tanya Middleton, Cynthia Fitzgerald, Bruce Rips, Sheila Johnson, Percy Johnson, Jim Krause, Stanley Brown, Debbie Farber.

Peggy Meyer, Debbie Shukert, Vicki Cohen, Neal Steinbart, Wilma Vogler, Leslie Barton, Jeffrey Klopping.

Election of officers takes place too late for publication. Those running for chairman are Davida Alperin, Bruce Rips, and Lisa Danberg.

Those running for vice-chairman are Cynthia Fitzgerald,

Robert Reams, and Bob Tracy.

Faculty, Pep Club judge cheerleading competition

The twenty-five girls comprising Central's 1973-74 Cheerleading squads were announced on Friday, April 27. The girls were chosen after several weeks of practice in an after-school try-out. Central faculty and Pep Club members judged the competition.

The new varsity cheerleaders are: Vickie Perry, captain; Lisa Danberg, co-captain; Bev Grice; Gina Felici; Terry Mock; Juanita Orduna; Julie Denton; and Chris Davis.

Those girls who will be next year's junior varsity cheerleaders are: Debbie Galas, captain; Susan Whitfield, co-captain; KayCee Buss; Laurie Gift; Mary Jo Humphrey; Kim Jensen; Cindy Hollingsworth; Kim Stokey, and Mary Whitfield.

The new reserve cheerleaders are: Terri Scarpello; Elaine Flaxbeard; Joan Labenz; Bobbie Hangley; Debbie Hanek; Alisa Jefferson; Toni Midder; and Karen Gustafson.

What is the future of Central High School?

School inadequate; new building impractical

"At the moment it would be unfeasible to relocate Central High," said Dr. Clifford Dale, assistant superintendent of Omaha Public Schools in charge of general administration. "The money necessary in building a new school is phenomenal, and right now we don't have the facilities in terms of dollars."

What should be done with Central High School? The question has been raised often during this past year. The Central High Register staff sought the answer by interviewing people in the school and community. All agreed that a problem does exist.

Riverfront project may affect school

Mrs. Bev Traub, president of Central's PTSA, and other members of the PTSA have formed a committee "to study the future of Central and to publicize the good things about Central." She added, "Personally, I feel that more important than a new building, we should be concerned that the high academic standards that are a tradition at Central be kept."

Mrs. Traub is a member of a Riverfront Development committee concerned with education. "In the tentative plans (for the Riverfront Development) there are provisions for a possible high school and college," she said.

Mayor Eugene Leahy admitted that he had not thought about the problem of Central. He said it was basically a problem of the school board. However, he said, "The real estate value of the building may be affected by the Riverfront project."

Central sits on 8.26 acres of land. An ideal

site for a new school plot would require at least 30 acres of land, according to Dr. Dale. This would allow the school to have an athletic field as well as an adequate parking lot.

Inter-city school important

"We honestly won't be able to do anything about relocating Central," Dr. Dale said, "until we solve these two problems: what the future of secondary education will be and what physical resources are available."

Mr. Jack Barnhart, member of the Board of Education and the Chamber of Commerce, visited Central early in February. He then made a report on the status of the school to the education committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

What is their interest in Central? "We're interested in education overall and how it affects the community," said Mr. Barnhart. What is the Chamber of Commerce planning to do? "Nothing. We just want to keep informed. We want to know the facts."

Mr. Barnhart said his committee discussed the various plans under consideration for the school. The ideal situation would be to build a new school in a central location, according to Mr. Barnhart. He said it was important to have a school in an inter-city location and "to keep racial balance."

"There is no question about it. We need a new school. This building is inadequate," Mr. Barnhart said. He added that building a new school was impractical so "improvements will just have to be made."

STUDENT OPINION



(PER CENT OF 102 STUDENTS)

The circle graph shows how students feel about whether Central should be moved.

Poll reveals student attitudes; most want school to remain

A lot of people have expressed opinions on the subject of whether or not Central should be relocated. Up until now, apparently, nobody has asked the people most concerned—the students. And, according to a Central High Register survey, most of the students do not want their school relocated!

The survey was administered to 102 randomly-selected students, in several study halls. It asked these questions:

1—Do you think Central should be moved to a new location? Those who answered this question "No" then selected one from this list of alternatives:

2—Keep the present building exactly as it is.

3—Build a completely new school on the present site.

4—Renovate the present building.

5—Close down Central and send enrollment to other schools.

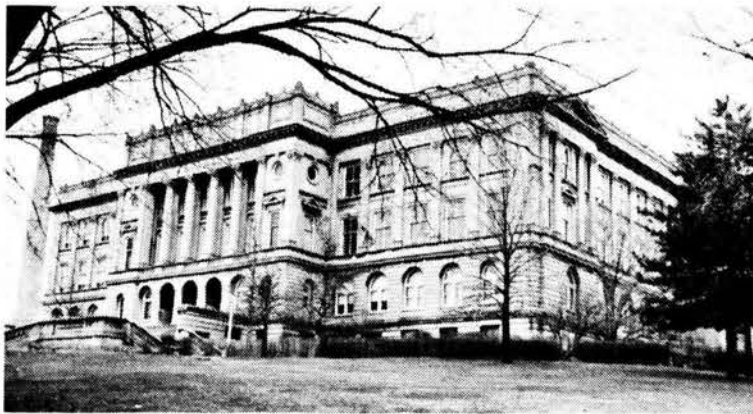
Only 20.6 per cent of the students wanted Central moved. Of the 79.4 per cent who did not, 6.2 per cent would keep the present school unchanged; 13.6 per cent would build a new build building; 79.0 per cent would renovate the present building, and 1.2 per cent would break up the enrollment.

Students answering the questionnaire made many comments. "The present building is an architectural landmark," said one, "and it would cost too much to build a new one." One apathetic but honest student answered, "I'm a senior, and I really don't care what happens to the place."

Perfection is not in the world—not even Northwest

Story and photos
by
Jim Williams

One of the arguments for a new Central High School is that a new building would solve the problems of crowding and inadequate facilities. To see if this is actually true, I paid a visit to one of the school system's newest high schools, Northwest.



Northwest is about the same distance as Central from the city's major population center. It's reached either by a rough, narrow section of 72nd Street or by Military Avenue. Students with parking stickers can use a 200-space lot just west of the school, but there is no place else to park and no city bus service.

The student orientation booklet for Northwest provides five pages of maps, and I needed them. The room numbering system is confusing, but students probably pick it up in a few days. The halls are just as crowded as Central's when classes change, if not more. But all the lockers are metal, with locks built in.

The classrooms I saw were somewhat smaller than Central's, and none had windows. This is in keeping with current school building design. No windows means the temperature stays constant, and daydreaming is discouraged. But my light meter indicated that the rooms aren't quite as well-lit as the average Central classroom. The rooms are finished in warm, pleasant colors; some are carpeted.

Counselors at Northwest are all in the same area. Each has a small "office" just off a main waiting room. The "office" is triangular and about half the size of a Central counselor's office, but the furniture is built into the wall, increasing useful space.



The library has two levels, the second reached by an impressive spiral staircase. It's large and spacious, and seems to have a good collection of books and magazines. The furniture is arranged in conversational groupings, around low tables, with checkout facilities conveniently placed.

Some random observations: The cafeteria does double duty as a study hall, but the tables seem too close together. The vocational education area is one of the best I've seen, with classrooms separated from the work areas and lots of room. A handy feature is a "walk-up window"

in the main hall that connects to the attendance office. This must speed up admitting procedures quite a bit.

Conclusion: Nice, but a new building doesn't seem to be a cure-all for the problems of a high school. Northwest doesn't really offer anything Central can't get along without or acquire by a good remodeling of the present building. As one Northwest official put it, "We're proud of our facility, and we think it provides a good learning atmosphere. But I've worked in older buildings and there's no reason a good job can't be done there, too."

Ninth graders come to Central

It seems that lately many 9th graders have been reluctant to go to Central, according to Mrs. Susan Buffett, mother of one son at Central and another at Lewis and Clark.

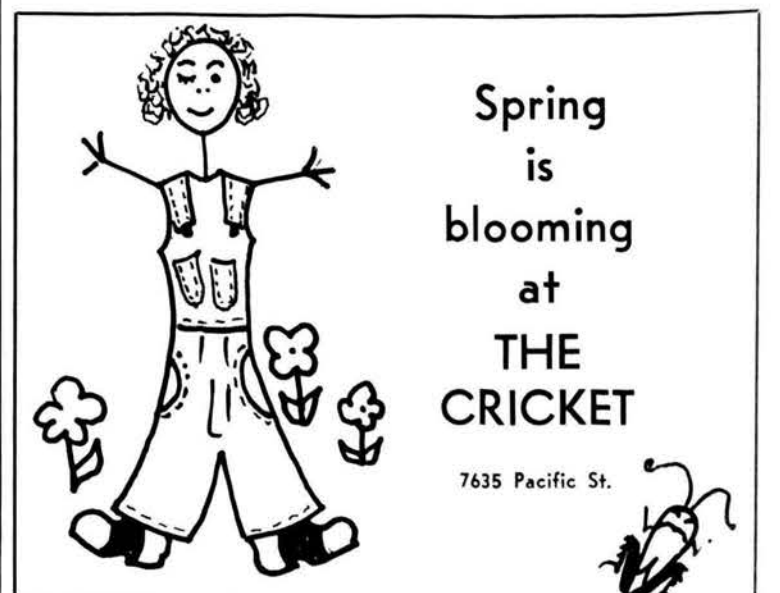
Mrs. Buffett decided that something should be done about that situation. Because she believes that Central still has much to offer, Mrs. Buffett organized a program through Central principal G. E. Moller and Lewis and Clark Jr. High principal Edward J. Klima to send some of the "reluctant" junior highers to Central for a day.

As the word got out, many students who were planning to go to Central anyway wanted to go. On May 1 and 2 about 50 students visited Central, either in the morning or the afternoon.

The comments of the 9th graders were the universal comments of incoming sophomores at the Hilltop. "I was so tired—all those stairs!" "Where are we? The 'l' side? What's that? Where's room 435 from here? How about room 222?"

All in all, the two days were viewed as a success, but will probably never be incorporated into an annual event.

As Dr. Moller said, "It gets too involved and too much time goes into it."



Devaney to speak at O-Club dinner

Nebraska Athletic Director and former head football coach, Bob Devaney, will be the featured speaker at the annual O-Club banquet, June 6, at Anthony's Restaurant.

The banquet will honor Central's outstanding performers over the past athletic season. Awards will be given to the outstanding athlete in each sport, as chosen by their teammates. Coaches will also name Central's outstanding athlete of the year.

O-Club will also honor two former Central alumni, UNO football coach Al Caniglia, and Dr. Jack Lewis, Central athletic trainer. The two will be honored for their outstanding contributions to the Central athletic

department, and to the community of Omaha as well.

The banquet, although sponsored by O-Club, Central's lettermen society, will not be held for the purpose of a fund raiser. Rather, O-Club has worked throughout the year raising funds by way of the O-Club-faculty basketball game, selling stocking caps at football games, and t-shirts at the state track meet.

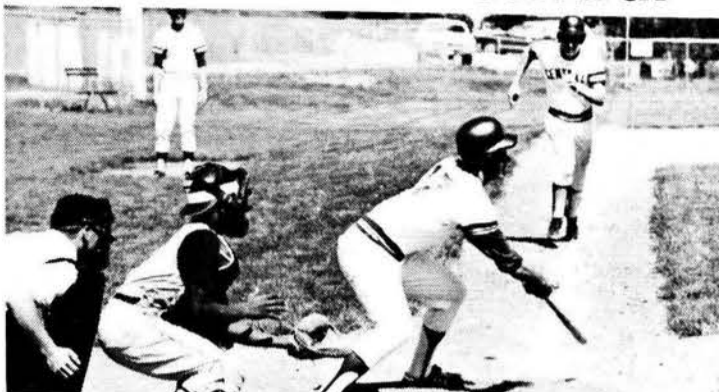
Tickets are available to the student body, while the general public is also invited to attend the dinner and award ceremony. For ticket information, contact either O-Club sponsors, Mr. Bailey or Mr. Redlinger, or Athletic Director Don Benning.

Successful season eludes Central

Coach Bob Olander labeled it "the year of the almost." Once again the goal of finishing at .500 or over has eluded the Eagle baseball team.

Central finished their season with a 5-10 record. However, Coach Olander was quick to point out that his squad lost 4, one run games. Of course, winning the close games is a mark of a good team.

In the team's behalf, they lost quality players at key positions that could have been the difference between an excellent season and a poor one. Coach Olander stated, "Our attitude has just not been right. This is due in part to a few bad breaks. We lost our two best pitchers. Our lack of personnel



Eagle attempts squeeze play during district victory over Tech.

hurt."

Central was very strong in the hitting department. They were shut out in only one game, and scored 10 runs against state-contender South, only to lose the game in district play. All-Metro candidate Pat

Gredes led the team in runs batted in, while batting .384. Gredes will be the starting first baseman in the first Metro All-Star baseball game. Catcher Rick Merrill wound up third in the league with a .488 batting average.

Swim program involves grace, style imagination

"The hardest thing about synchronized swimming is making it look easy. You have to be exact or synchronized with the music, your routine, and your partners," stated Junior Sue Breeding, a member of the Creighton Naiads Synchronized Swim Team.

Central swimmers

Sue, along with Vickie Shinrock, Gail Glover and Sue Whitfield all swim for Creighton. All of them practice for at least one and a half hours twice a week, and for two hours one day on the weekends. The girls combine stunts they learn into a routine and set it to music. They can do either a solo, duet, or have a team of 5 or 6 members for their performance.

Synchronized Swimming (water ballet) is a competitive AAU sport combining gracefulness and the ability to perform the stunts well. They are judged on execution (how well the stunts are done) and style.

The girls usually work out a routine and try to modify and improve it for each meet. The Naiads usually compete once a month. There are four stunts they are required to do, and can do as many stunts as they want. The girls also have to perform a 20 second 'on deck' routine before entering the water.

Much traveling

Sue, who has been a member of the Naiads for six months, got interested in the Naiads from a former member.

The Naiads have traveled to St. Louis, Kansas City, Golden Valley California, Minnesota, and Colorado. In Colorado, Gail Glover and Sue Whitfield placed fifth overall out of a field of 300 girls in a recent meet. Also, Vickie Shinrock will be traveling to California to compete in the Nationals.



Register reporter Gretchen Kugel asks senior class president John Niemeyer about the hazards of frisbees in the courtyard.

Frisbees fly furiously

Spring weather arrives and so do flowers, bugs, spring fever, senioritis, sun worshippers, and frisbee throwers.

Central can claim all of the above and in particular, an especially violent frisbee team.

Team? Well, not exactly. Battalion maybe.

Half of the boys crowd into one side of the courtyard and the other half crowd into the other side to see who kills whom first. (Ten points for civilians.)

In the beginning of the season, the object of the game (held daily during third lunch) was to throw the frisbee into one of the four pits in the courtyard. As the season wore on, it became more dangerous for the spectators, sun worshippers,

and lunchers.

Assistant principal Al LaGreca finally terminated the game "because there were just too many people outside." The last day of frisbee throwing in the courtyard, May 10th, was the most violent day for spectators: two girls were hit, one on the head and the other in the face.

Whether or not it was in celebration of the games halt, as soon as Mr. La Greca broke up the game, two rolls of toilet paper were thrown from the third floor window (boys', east side).

As one disgruntled player suggested to another, "Stand up and make an announcement to get all the people out of the courtyard so we can play."

Inexperience hurts golfers

Central's young golf team learned this season that as the old cliché goes, "experience is the best teacher."

Lose in districts

The squad, coached by Warren Marquiss, closed out their season with a fourth place finish at the district meet, held May 10 at Applewood.

The Eagles finished three strokes off the pace of third place Northwest as only the top three teams qualify for the state meet. Sophomores Brad

Crosby and Tim Kragness led Central, shooting an 82 and 83, respectively. Crosby was Central's only district medalist.

Worst golf record

The Eagle suffers took two out of their last four dual matches, defeating Rummel and A.L., while finishing with a 3-4 overall dual record, Central's worst record since the opening of the Metropolitan Conference.

Coach Marquiss is looking towards the future as he will hopefully return intact his entire varsity and junior varsity squads. Both squads were made up entirely of underclassmen. Coach Marquiss commented, "I wasn't disappointed about the season. I hope that the experience gained from this year will carry over to next season. The more competition the boys experience, the better they'll do. There should be a great deal of competition for the varsity next year."

'One on one' play featured in intramural competition

Students and faculty have been caught up in the spirit of finding out who's the best basketball player in Central's "one on one" basketball tournament.

Five flights

The tournament, under the direction of Mr. Tim Schmad, began last Wednesday in the gym and features five flights

included in the tournament. Otherwise, all high school basketball rules are followed. All matches are played after school.

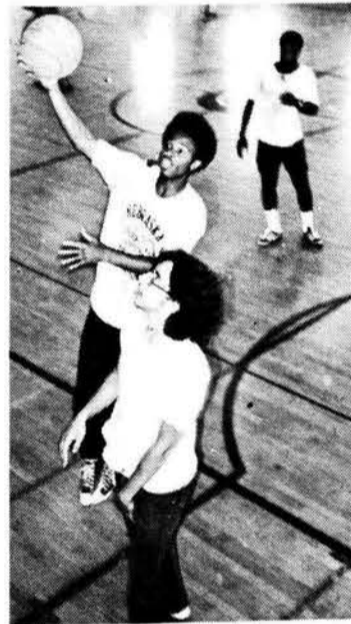
Many involved

Mr. Schmad commented on the value of the intramural program, "Intramural programs get a lot of kids involved. It gives everyone a chance to show what they can do. Intramurals are different from school ball because it is more fun, than emotionally oriented."

Apparently, facilities at Central offer a limitation on the number of intramural programs that can be offered. Intramural sports could be going all year if the facilities were available.

The "one on one" program was set up because of the success that occurred with the intramural basketball league held last fall. Mr. Schmad stated, "I hope to give Dr. Benning a schedule of what they can get next year, in the form of intramural sports. Many interesting games can be played."

The "one on one" competition will conclude shortly, with the finals scheduled for the end of this week. Unfortunately, \$15,000 will not be offered to the winner, only the thrill of victory.



Steve Galvin shoots over a flatfooted Dave Parsow in the "one on one" basketball tournament.

for boys, girls, and faculty members.

Approximately 105 participants are entered in the flights. Games are played to 14 points, with the winner having to win by four. Special rules have been

J.V. Baseballers end losing season

Central's junior varsity baseball team closed out their regular season Monday, May 21, with a game against Creighton Prep, at Boyd.

Heading into the final game, the JV squad of Paul Pennington had a season mark of 2-5. Eagle victories were recorded against North and Boys Town.

Coach Pennington cited his team's lack of consistent fielding and pitching depth as factors in their lack of success. Central threw away two games, the result of haphazard play in the field.

Coach Pennington stated, "Everybody has contributed to the efforts of the team. We definitely had the talent. However, the attitude of some of the players was more for personal achievement, than for the betterment of the team."

Hitting has been the main strength of the junior varsity squad, as everyone on the team has contributed at the plate. Overall consistency was the main factor for the lack of success shown by the team.

Pep Club Officers announced for fall

Elections for the 1973-74 Pep Club officers were held on May 17, 1973. The new officers are:

- President: Carol Treller
- Vice Pres.: Lisa Sorenson
- Secretary: Kathy Kroeger
- Treasurers: Vicki Simonsen, Rhonda Broderdorp
- Captain of the squad leaders: Cindy Bigley

The officers have not made any plans for next year and they will get together during the summer. Newly elected president Carol Treller said, "I would like to see many girls join Pep Club next year and I hope that those who join, stay in until their senior year. Central High Pep Club will stay around and support our fabulous teams." If any one has questions about Pep Club, just contact one of the officers and they will be more than happy to answer the questions.

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Nauiaux active in music

Someone once said people are a product of their environment. If that statement is true, then it is no wonder that junior Virgie Nauiaux lives and breathes music.

Virgie's mother is a traveling music teacher in the Omaha Public Schools who played violin "for years" with the Omaha Symphony. Her sister also plays violin. It seems only natural that Virgie plays violin, viola, piano, and is a member of A Cappella choir and CHS Singers.

Viola is Virgie's principal instrument. She has been playing viola for eight years in Lewis and Clark Jr. High, Central's Orchestra, All City, and All State.

As far as extra-curricular musical activities, she has been a member of Omaha Town and Gown Symphony, the Metropolitan Omaha Area Youth Symphony and has participated in numerous musicals in different parts of the city.

"I play violin when I need to," she explained. "One year at Lewis and Clark I alternated from viola to violin for a concert because there wasn't much of a viola part."

Virgie on viola playing "I've never taken private lessons. What I've learned (on viola) I learned in the public schools and the orchestras I've been in.

"My first director, Gene Hazen, gave me a viola, book, and said 'good luck.'"



Virgie is self-taught at the piano, playing mostly what she needs to hear from the work she composes. Her latest accomplishment is a composition for orchestra entitled "A Theme in Variations."

"The reason it's a theme in variations instead of a theme and variations is because there is no straight theme. It's a variation of itself."

The Central Orchestra, which premiered the piece, was very excited over it; some members even applauded after finishing it. The piece will be performed at the Orchestra's spring concert.

Virgie began composing in the ninth grade when she wrote a piece for string orchestra. Another piece that she wrote for string orchestra, "La Belle-Tristesse," is currently being played by the Central Orchestra.

Virgie has had no theory background except for advanced music theory this year at Central. "I doubt if I will take any more theory because I don't foresee the opportunity to take other courses in it."

Someday she would like to be a professional musician. Still unsure of her exact future plans, Virgie feels that it would be much easier for her to become a member of the Omaha Symphony than to try to "make it" in another city "because of my reputation, which is quite good, and my name." No matter where she is, she plans to keep music a vital part of her life.

Electronics teacher Cheek becomes 'Seadog' in War

"I've either been on or seen every island in the Pacific." Mr. W. J. Cheek, Central electronics teacher was in the U.S. Navy for twenty five years. Stationed mainly in the Pacific, Mr. Cheek spent a quarter of a century on ships "ships—I hate 'em," as an electronics engineer.

Mr. Cheek has gone far from home (he's originally from Kentucky) in the course of his career: Corpus Christi, Jacksonville, Brunswick, Providence, Quanset Point, Iwakoni, Maine, Taiwan, Vietnam, the Philippines, Japan, Hong Kong, Australia, and Hawaii.

During World War II, he was one of 16 nuclear biological chemical warfare instructors. Mr. Cheek also picked up his nickname (Seadog) during the war.

Mr. Cheek worked in counter intelligence work while in Japan. "I speak Japanese fluently—with a southern accent."

All told, he had been in the Pacific five times, the shortest time being 18 months.

Being a vocational teacher, Mr. Cheek never had to have a college degree, but he does have to keep taking electronics courses on the college level so that he stays up to date. Thus, everywhere he has been he has attended college. "I'm almost a professional student."

Mr. Cheek learned the hula dance while stationed in Hawaii. During his stay in Corpus Christi, Mr. Cheek was on prime time TV every Saturday night with a square dance club. In Japan, he taught an Arthur Murray dance studio during his free time, and when he "was just a kid," he was teaching an electronics maintenance course on television in Long Island, New York.

Mr. Cheek has lived in Omaha for five years. Prior to that he lived in Weeping Water, Nebraska where he owned and ran "a high class restaurant." He still owns the restaurant but came to Omaha with his wife, whom he met in Corpus Christi, to teach an electronics course for Comprehensive Manpower. After Manpower he came to Central.

"We've got quite a nice electronics room down here," he beamed, "after they remodeled everything. This used to be the cafeteria. And over here," he said pointing to the east wall, "is the book room."

CHS students plan July trip

"It will be great to get away from everyday summer living," commented Junior Bob Schoettger about his vacation to Alaska from July 8 to August 15. Bob and Junior Dave Still will spend six weeks during the summer in a mission in Fairbanks, Alaska.

A 3,600 mile drive
Most of the six weeks will be spent driving the 3,600 miles up to Fairbanks and back. Fourteen hundred of these miles are along the Alaskan Highway, which is all dirt road. "We fix our own food on the way which is going to be a riot," Bob commented. They will ride in a

travelall, and "it's going to be interesting fitting twelve people in it," Dave said.

A meaningful experience

Once the group gets to Fairbanks, they'll stay in Hospitality House, a home for girls. While the team is there they will do odd jobs for the home like paint, wax floors, and patch holes.

Both Bob and Dave are anxious to go. Dave said, "I saw the change in the kids that went in the previous years, so I wanted to go." He and Bob feel that it will be a meaningful experience.

Language Clubs select officers for coming year

The Junior Classical League elected officers for 1973-74 at its last meeting. The Senior consuls are Lisa Danberg and Julie Denton, and the Junior consuls are Beth Gendler and Wilma Vogler. Anna Wilson will be secretary and Kathy Mobley will be treasurer. Sue Schmidt was elected as historian. The sergeant-at-arms will be elected from the new first year Latin classes.

German Club

The 1973-74 German Club officers were elected at the club meeting Monday, May 6. The new administration is headed by Bob Curtis, next year's president. Other officers include Joyce Swanson, Vice President; Linda Ackerson, Secretary; Betty Moses, Treasurer; and Janet Pugh and Gary Brown, Girls' and Boys' Sgt. at Arms.

Saturday, May 12, was the date of the club picnic, the final activity this year.

French Club

Junior Cheri Borland will head next year's French Club executive board which was elected at the May 1 meeting. Other 1973-74 French Club officers include: B. J. Koperski, Vice President; Lynn Casperson, Secretary; Vicki Cohen, Treasurer; and Brian Gillan, Sgt-at-arms.

The final activity of the year was a picnic May 21, at Benson Park. The picnic dinner featured all French foods.

Awards were presented to those seniors who have displayed outstanding abilities in French. They are Shirley Arnold, Helene Belmont, Anne Bucheister, Joni Crouse, Steve Denenberg, Bill Grant, and Martha Hazard.

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Kathy Kile—have fun in Minneapolis. We'll miss you. Love—"the tennis team." Jane S., Lisa, Tina, Ce Ce, Marlene, Roxie, Debbie, Mo, Paula, and Miss Morris. AND—Julie, Matt, Sharon, Jackie, Cathey D., Jane R., Jeff, Kathy S., Bob C., Siobhan, Davida, Bob T., Sue, Donna, Cathy H., Don, and John. (John says not to have fun in Minneapolis!)

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