

register

Mathletes do well in meets

Out of the 29 large high schools that participated in the Creighton Math Field Day, Saturday, March 16, Central's two five-man teams placed fourth and fifth. Central was also the only large high school to have both of its teams place in the upper 50 per cent of the teams participating in the tournament.

Teams and their categories

The fourth place team and their winning categories were: Jeff Klopping and Tim Seaver who tied for eighth place in the Leap Frog Relay; Bob Hekl, fifth place in the Mad Hatter Marathon B; Warren Weiner, sixth place in the Mad Hatter Marathon A; and Jim Firnhaber tied for fifth place in the Chalk Talk Derby.

The fifth place team and their winning categories were: Peggy Marshall and David Still who tied for fifth place in the Leap Frog Relay; Debbie Deneberg, eighth place in the Mad Hatter Marathon B; Bill Hoff tied for eighth place in the Mad Hatter Marathon A; and Gary Carlson tied for ninth place in the Chalk Talk Derby.

Frog, talk, hatter

The Leap Frog Relay is a two-man team with each person working different sets of problems. At the end of 60 minutes, their papers are exchanged and each person is allowed 60 minutes to check, correct, and complete their partner's work.

The Chalk Talk Derby includes the preparation and delivery of a clear, sound, and convincing mathematical discussion. Each student presents a five minute talk using a blackboard. Each speaker is questioned at the end of his talk.

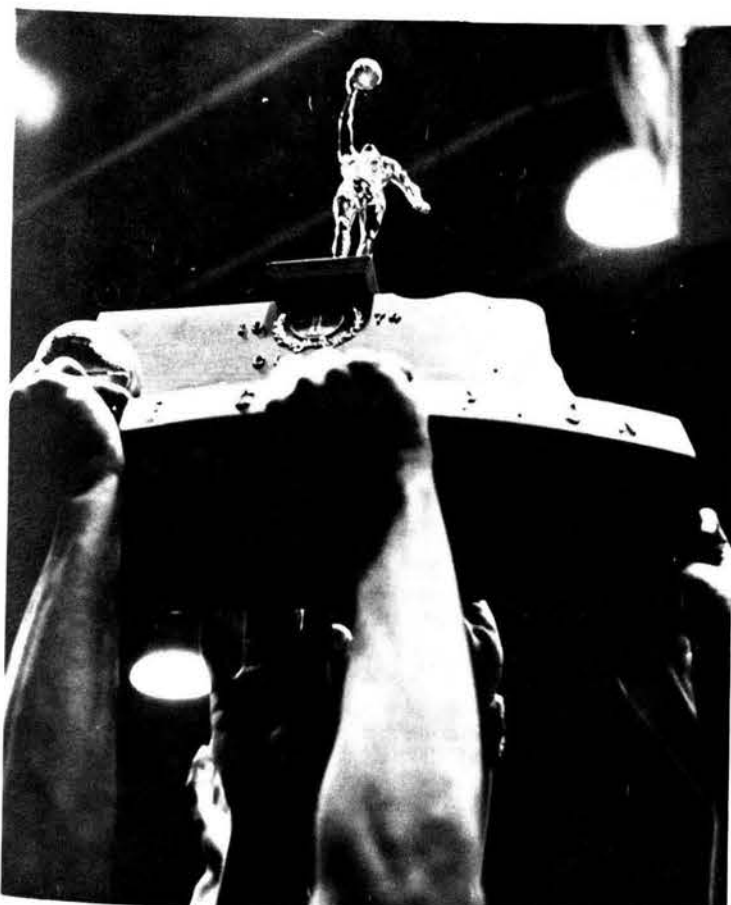
The Mad Hatter Marathon A is a rapid computation and estimation contest. Problems are shown on a screen, read aloud, on flashcards, or on a blackboard. The Mad Hatter Marathon B is quite similar to Mad Hatter A, but it is open to sophomores only.

During this past week-end, Central placed third in the Westside Math Bowl. Sixteen schools participated in the tournament. Jeff Klopping, Tim Seaver, Bill Hoff, and Warren Weiner were the mathletes who competed in the tournament. Mark Hockenber served as an alternate for the team.

Central beat Northwest and Benson out of the first two rounds, and lost to Lincoln Southeast in the third round to earn third place.

Miss Virginia Pratt explained that there's a "good chance for next year" as the team that took third in the Westside tournament consisted of juniors who would have another year to become even better.

State champions at last



For the first time in 62 years, Central's basketball team won the state tournament. They won it convincingly. Coach Jim Martin said of the team, "This is the best team I've ever had. As far as poise goes, they're the best."

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Brunt, McGee receive high ranks at Ball

The third annual All-City Military Ball was held Thursday, March 21, at the Peony Park Ballroom with many Central ROTC members receiving promotions. The Ball lasted from 7:30 to midnight with Travis providing the music.

The highlight of the evening was the promotion of cadet officers. Edward Brunt was chosen as battalion commander, the highest post in the school, and was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel. Terri McGee was chosen honorary lieutenant colonel.

There were also many promotions to the posts of major and captain. Roxie Jepson was among those promoted to major. Roxie is now the highest ranked girl in the battalion.

Those who were promoted were nominated by their fellow Central ROTC members. The senior cadets chose the nominees for the post of honorary lieutenant colonel. These girls are not necessarily ROTC members. The awards will be presented to these students on Awards Night which is May 6 at Central. The awards and promotions are awarded on the basis of achievement.



Davida Alperin and Nick Newman with State debate trophy.

Debaters take State

One of Central's varsity debate teams, Davida Alperin and Nick Newman, won the Nebraska school Activities Association state debate tournament championship. The tournament was held Friday and Saturday, March 22 and 23 at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln Campus.

Bob Tracy and Jeff Pattee, another varsity debate team also participated in the tournament. Bob and Jeff received the sixth highest number of speaker points.

The nation-wide high school debate topic is Resolved: That the federal government should guarantee a minimum annual income to each family unit.

Davida explained that although the competition was tough, "there wasn't any particularly strong team—there were many strong teams." Both Davida and Nick felt that out-of-town tournaments better prepared them for tough competition. While attending out of town events, Nick explained that there's a chance to meet new people, come up against different competition, and hear different cases with entirely new styles.

Hopeful wish

A hopeful wish for the two championship debaters is to make available more funds to send future debaters to several out-of-town debate tournaments.

Coach Linda Dunn commented that the debaters were deserv-

ing. "Nick and Davida are the hardest working team that I've coached in the four years I've been teaching at Central. They're highly regarded by coaches and fellow debaters in Nebraska. We're looking forward to representing Central and the State of Nebraska at the national tournament in Dallas, Texas, June 14."

Preparation for tournament

In preparation for the national tournament, Coach Dunn said that other schools have offered to help Central's debaters by holding practice debate rounds.

Looking at future events for Central's debaters as well as forensic speakers is the District Speech Contest, April 5 and 6. Davida will enter girl's extemporaneous speaking, and Nick will do his original oratory, "Kaput is English." Paul Hoffmann, a junior varsity debater will be entered in boy's extemporaneous speaking.

Bob and Jeff will be attending Student Congress April 20. Both the speech tournament and student congress participants will be eligible to go to nationals if they win in their divisions.

Of Central Importance

Boys, girls state chosen

Delegates to Boys' and Girls' State, which is sponsored by the American Legion, has been announced.

The delegates are Bruce Rips, Paul Hodgson, Betty Moses, and Jean Ogborn. Alternates are Ken Edwards, Brian Gillan, Diane Zipursky, and Erica Olson.

The students were chosen on the bases of citizenship, leadership qualities, and involvement in extra-curricular activities.

The purpose of the week is to learn about citizenship and State government. Boys' and Girls' State is to be held at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus June 8-14.

CHS changes to metric

If Billy X eats 500 grams of ice-cream, 47 grams of pudding, and 4 meters of spaghetti, how much food has he eaten? This may be a difficult problem to solve now, but the Central mathematics department is working on it.

The metric system has returned after a long absence. For the first time in recent years, the metric system is being taught at Central. Two Central teachers are just completing units on the metric system, Mrs. Lois McKean in her second hour math survey class, and Mr. Stuart Grossman in his general math classes. The unit includes

making metric rulers.

The revival of this system is also affecting textbooks which are beginning to include it, said Miss Virginia Pratt, head of the mathematics department. "Elementary school will go metric next year," she added. Miss Pratt and Mrs. McKean are members of a city-wide committee which evaluates teaching materials for the metric system.

The next department to be affected by the metric system will be the home economics department. The science department is already metric as the metric system has become the standard system of measurement for the world. Miss Pratt added that she would make up metric math problems "to help the students with the transition."

Sickle cell test coming

Screening for sickle cell anemia will be given at Central High School on May 9. Central is one of the 29 schools where the testing will be done.

The testing is done with the cooperation of Creighton Medical School. The funds for the testing, which is free, were received from the U.S. Public Health Service for the Creighton Community Pediatrics Program. Parent permission slips are required and no one is forced to take the test.

This test was given two years ago, but is being given again due to the many transfers.

Elks award Centralites

Two Centralites are the recipients of the Elks National Foundation "Most Valuable Student" Scholarship. Barry Gorelick won a fourth place award in the boy's division and Diana Koperski also won fourth place in the girls' division of the local contest.

Central had seven entries in the contest sponsored by Omaha Elks Lodge No. 39. There are separate scholarships for boys and girls, but they are identical. The contest is only open to seniors and is based on academic and out-of-school achievements.

Barry and Diana each received a \$600 scholarship. The Elks Club sponsors two scholarship awards annually.

Career day draws near

Central High's career day will be held third and fourth periods next Tuesday, April 2.

Sixty-five businesses will be represented by 57 different careers presented to the students. This is the maximum number of careers the school has room for.

Mr. Jones, who is heading the school's part of career day, says he likes to get people into the school and that it makes, "good public relations." He added, "hopefully the students will get some idea what some of the careers are like."

The Rotary Club of Omaha, which also sponsors career day, has lined up speakers for the occasion.

Fuel tank now part of underworld

One cannot help but notice the furious activity going on around the west side of the building in the athletic field. Not to disappoint anyone, but the construction is not for the purpose of building a Gale Sayers Stadium. Rather, an additional fuel storage tank is being constructed.

Tank hold 20,000

The new tank according to Elza Tabor, chief engineer will hold an additional 20,000 gallons of fuel oil. Translated into hours, this gives Central 250 more hours. This is in comparison to their present storage tank which only holds 7500 gallons or 95 hours of fuel oil.

Both of the above figures are based on a consumption rate of 80 gallons per hour. Mr. Tabor said that with the addition of

the new tank Central would have no problem in storing their spare oil. A problem which the school ran into this year.

Tanks to other schools

The cost of this new tank is 13,200 dollars, and was contracted to Wray Scott Inc., according to Mr. Nicholas Stolzer of the Omaha Board of Education. Mr. Stolzer said that Central is not the only school receiving new tanks. Bryan, North, Burke, Northwest, and Norris also received new storage tanks.

Mr. Stolzer continued to say that one of the reasons Central is receiving such a large storage tank is that by 1978 Central would be running entirely on fuel oil. Little if any of the Central building will be heated with natural gas.

Fraternity tabs Danberg to All-State cheer squad

The Eagle basketball team was not the only Central representative to win state recognition in Lincoln ten days ago. Elizabeth "Lisa" Danberg was also a winner on the state level.

Though Lisa's recognition did not come about because of her basketball skills, it was related to the game. Lisa, was chosen as an all-state cheerleader.

To find out just what all state cheerleader status is about, the Register visitor Lisa during one of her "free" periods.

Register: Who or what picked you for this prestigious honor?

Lisa: The men of Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, on the Nebraska campus.

Register: How were you notified of your selection, and what was your reaction,

Lisa: These guys came up to



Lisa displays winning form.

Still, Johnson get certificates

David Still and Marty Johnson were named outstanding performers of their group, the Central High Stage Band, at the Great Plains Jazz Festival held recently at UNO.

The contest attracted 26 stage bands from schools in the Nebraska-Iowa area and guest clinician Arnie Lawrence from "The Tonight Show" band.

Each band was judged throughout its 20 minute concert on intonation, song selection, dynamic contrast and other musical points. The top junior and senior high school bands were awarded trophies, and certificates were given to outstanding performers.

Central's Stage Band played "A Tribute to Miller," "Chicago Seven," and "You Turned the Tables on Me."

me and asked me my name. I told them to get lost, but they persisted. Finally, I asked them if they knew my sister. When they said yes, I knew they were not kidding. It is just a big publicity gimmick for the fraternity.

Register: What happened next?

Lisa: They told me come back to the fieldhouse when all the games were through for a picture taking session with the other girls who won.

Register: Where were the other girls from?

Lisa: Fremont, Lincoln East, North, and Lincoln Pius.

Lisa gets plabue

Register: Will you receive anything for your winning?

Lisa: A plaque, and a picture of me doing a cheer.

Steiner: 'Jack of all trades'

Mr. Creighton D. Steiner has never been one to sit around and do nothing. He has had more occupations and hobbies in 27 years than most people have in a lifetime. "I've tried everything," said Mr. Steiner.

While other kids were investing their earnings in cars, Mr. Steiner was buying guns. He now has a collection of 56 guns valued at about \$4,000, including seventeen hand guns and several antiques. He is still buying, selling, and trading.

Auctioneering "for fun"

After graduating from Genoa (Nebraska) High School, Mr. Steiner attended the Reisch American School of Auctioneering "for the fun of it." This is the largest school of this type in the world. He is now a registered auctioneer in Nebraska and Iowa.

In 1965 he owned his own auc-

tioning house in Genoa. Auctions were held every Saturday night, with Mr. Steiner doing all of the calling. Through auctioneering he has acquired several antique pieces of his own. He has also auctioneered for the art department at Central.

Mr. Steiner also has a correspondence certificate in taxidermy. He has stuffed antelope, deer, pheasant, and fish for friends.

Through watching and working with other people Mr. Steiner has learned electrical wiring. He's wired air conditioners, barns, and other things for friends. He was a deckhand on the Pawnee, a 100 ton dredge for eight to nine months, while working for the Loup Public Power District.

Other past occupations of Mr. Steiner include driving a semi-truck, trimming and cutting

trees for a construction company in Lincoln, working as a farm laborer for ninety cents an hour, and driving a caterpillar in road construction. He was also a Wells Fargo guard for about two years and a Platte County Deputy Sheriff for a summer.

Steiner's education

Mr. Steiner attended Wayne State College in 1966 majoring in Biological Science, but changed his mind and worked for a teaching degree. While at Wayne State he was on the golf squad. He also went to UNO for his Masters Degree in Zoology and now has eleven hours left until he receives the degree.

Mr. Steiner has been teaching at Central for five years. He also student taught here. He teaches summer school, and night classes in plant propagation for the Community College. Steiner now pursues his hobbies of fishing, hunting, and farming around Genoa, and painting.

Gets the big fish

He hunts with bow and arrow and has gotten a deer every year since he was sixteen. He also fishes with bow and arrow and holds the state record of shooting a 41½ pound flat-head catfish, even though it hasn't been recorded. Mr. Steiner is the Rifle and Archery Director of the Boy Scouts in Genoa. He started oil painting just a few months ago and has already completed two wildlife scenes.

Most of Mr. Steiner's weekends and vacations are spent in Genoa where he has a small acreage. He's very interested in Indians and is an authority on the Pawnee Indian culture.

Various views

Audience shows immaturity

Road Show has come and gone. With the multitude of talent displayed on stage, it was sad to see that the perennial problem of immature audiences was again evident. The un-called for remarks and tossing of pennies did not add to the Road Show at all. In fact, for one who truly wanted to see the show, and not just miss some classes, the performance was ruined.

I do not know if there is a way to stop the actions of a few who sometimes ruin the entire performance for the majority of us. Perhaps during homeroom each morning, five minutes should be devoted to viewing simulated shows and performances. In this way, a potential heckler could do all he wanted, to disrupt the simulated broadcast, and thereby be too tired to wreck the real show. Of course, this would be a difficult task to accomplish, but nevertheless, it is a course of action which I feel should be pursued if the problems of immature audiences persists.

I do not know if there is a logical or realistic answer to this problem. But I do know, that something must be done so that in the future, great performances such as this years Road Show, will not be marred because of a few students felt like emptying their change from their pockets, or exercising their vocal chords during a fellow student's performance on the stage.

David Duitch

Government resembles plant

The seed of American liberty, like that of the American system of government, was planted and fertilized in the years immediately following the American Revolution.

Since then, the citizens of this country have cultivated both plants, rarely losing a petal. The job of growing a government has, up to this time, been relatively easy; in contributing to the government's well-being, Americans have contributed to their own well-being, and the government-plant has grown. The other shrub, liberty, sharing the same soil as the first, has grown similarly.

Now, however, like no other time in history, the color of our government has changed, and the effect of the change has been to endanger the life of our liberty.

At the moment, we still hold control over the destinies of both these plants and the spores that they will inevitably produce. It would be a mistake to neglect our responsibilities—as students and teachers—regarding them. The results of our neglect could only be devastating.

Bob Curtis

Conduct 'disgusting' at rally

Student Assembly returned to its room after the State Tournament Honor Rally bitterly disappointed. While we were supposed to be honoring the basketball team, we only embarrassed them with disorderly and disrespectful conduct. The Assembly members from our Tournament Team said it was "disgusting".

Distinguished members of the community, including the mayor, were subjected to the wild audience. I was embarrassed not only as a student of Central High, but as a thinking, feeling person. Even the fact that news reporters were present didn't civilize the students. When citizens from outside the school witness this kind of behavior, is it any wonder that Central has a questionable reputation?

Patsy Fenlon

Register Poll

To streak or not to streak?

Streaking, the latest fad on college campuses as well as some high schools and junior high schools, has yet to strike Central. Nevertheless, whether this is to be Central's advantage or not, Central students have a variety of views on the subject. To find out what they are, this issue of the Register Poll was aimed at finding out the following: Would Central students streak, and what thoughts they had on the subject.

Therefore, on March 20, a cross section of 100 students was asked the above questions. As to whether or not they would streak, 68 per cent said NO, but a brave 32 per cent said YES. As I asked each person this question, it was interesting to see their reaction. Their remarks included the following:

"I think streaking is a new innovation in spectator sports."

"I knew there was a way I could reach the public eye."

"I do enough streaking from my bedroom to bathroom."

"Only with 600 other people."

"I think it is the naked truth."

"If God had wanted us to streak, we would have been created without clothes."

"It is a little too cold out now, but ask me again in June."

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Eagles Take State; 'We're Number One'

For many of the spectators the game was unreal. Fans who packed in just before game time saw a seething mass of hot, sweaty people, most of them either yelling or sitting nervously, wringing their hands.

And yet there was a feeling of anticipation among many fans and certainly among the players. Some spectators had waited four years for this moment, and the players had been waiting at least that long, if not longer.

Play began with East and Central running for nearly a minute before East scored the first basket. The Eagles and Spartans exchanged baskets,

and from there it was all Central.

Central stayed in a 1-2-2 zone defense all game. The defense sagged inside well, forcing East's Curt Hedberg quite a bit. Hedberg was East's only big gun in the game.

"The defense worked quite well," Central Coach Jim Martin said. "We were never forced to clamp; we never had to press."

Strategy foiled

East had a "brilliant" strategy for stopping Central's offense. This strategy was to shut off the middle, to plug the lane, so Central's middle men, Sylvester Pierce and John C.

Johnson couldn't score.

Well, John C. and Sly, who both usually hit double figures, were held to 16 total points. But that didn't matter. The Eagle's simply utilized a fantastic bit of offense they invented just the night before State.

The offense, dubbed "the spread" by Coach Martin, netted at least 30 points for Central. Martin commented, "When they cut us off, that was an advantage to us."

"We worked this offense out on the last night of practice," said Martin. "What it basically calls for is that the guards more or less play catch. With 'the spread,' what we're trying to do is get one of their guards to leave and come out to guard the man in the corner. What we want is to get the ball to someone under the basket."

Occasionally Central suckered East's big men out to cover Charles Lewis or Clayton Bullard. Then the ball immediately went in to John C. or Sly for two points.

Even when Central shot from outside or drove the lane, a bucket resulted at least half the time.

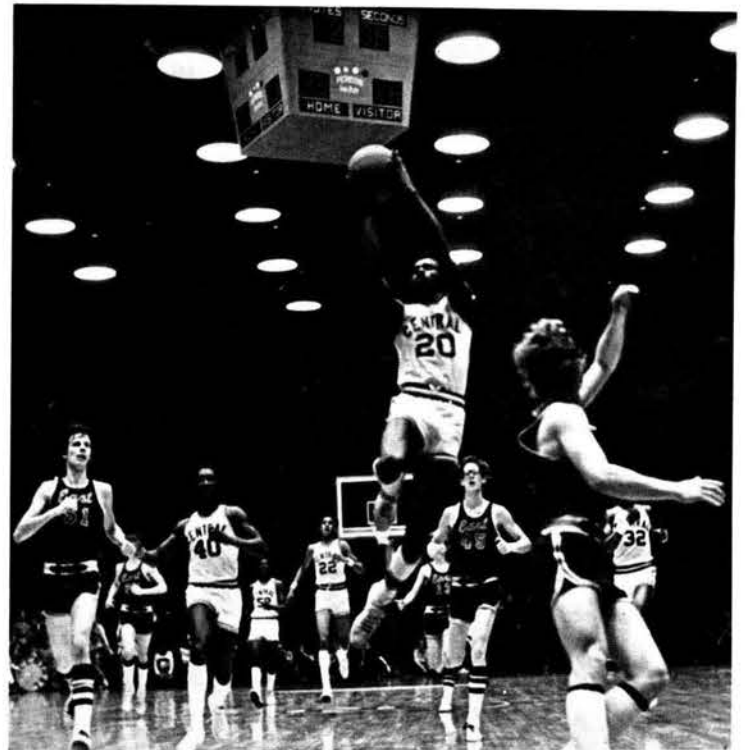
Eagles retain control

At halftime the score was 23-18 in Central's favor. The only things that kept East in the game were Curt Hedberg and Central turnovers.

East came out for the second half as if nothing had happened, but they still had trouble scoring.

"I was surprised at how confident they (East) were," said Martin. "I was surprised at how cold they were."

It didn't really matter. Central was in control. During halftime, Coach Martin and his players discussed rebounding and turnovers. In the second half, Charles Lewis grabbed a



Ashford guns against East in the title game.

lot of rebounds, and turnovers decreased.

Ashford quickly went to work on Hoyt Nye of East, and got him to foul out. From there, the Eagles shut off the corners and started another scoring attack, leading by 11 at one point in the third quarter.

East trailed 41-30 at the end of the quarter and became desperate, but they still couldn't hit consistently. "We adjusted well to their movement," commented Martin.

Fourth quarter

While the fourth quarter for the players was cool, for the fans it was a nightmare. With about 5 minutes left, Bullard hit the last field goal of the game for Central, making the score 46-30. This 16 point lead was the biggest margin of the ball game.

East closed the gap, and with 1:30 left to play, the score was 48-42. Ashford went to the line and hit two frees. Central took the ball.

The noise by this time had become unbelievable. Paper cups rained from the East side. Central fans were tense. East's fans were desperate.

Into the middle of all the screaming and confusion stepped Charles Lewis. He proceeded to sink seven straight free throws and the game was over.

"We're number one"

The second the buzzer sounded the court was flooded with people. As he was lifted onto the shoulders of some fans, Coach Martin said, "We're number one. It's been a long time."

People were jumping and

screaming and looking for somebody to hug. There were tears in "Mr. Cool" Mike Ashford's eyes. And the nets came down again. It certainly has been a long time.



Coach Martin displays a victorious smile.

Central showed its power in two earlier State games.

The Eagles crushed North Platte 62-46, in the first game. Coach Martin played the entire bench.

In the second contest, Central whipped Fremont 60-51. The game wasn't as close as the score indicated.

Scoring leaders in both semifinal games were John C. Johnson and Mike Ashford. The entire starting lineup of Johnson, Ashford, Charles Lewis, Sylvester Pierce, and Clayton Bullard played excellently.

Ash, John C. are All-State choices

Two Central stars have been named to World-Herald All-State teams. Mike Ashford and John C. Johnson are the Eagle basketballers honored by the World-Herald.

This year there were no players from Central on the All-State first team. John C. was selected to the second team and Mike was picked for the Class A All-State squad.

Mike and John C. were Central's two leading scorers this year and played important parts in Central's fantastic streak to the state crown. It's also interesting to note Central beat teams with three first string All-Staters.

Ryan, with Larry Vaculik, Benson, with Jeff Elmore, and Lincoln East, with Curt Hedberg, were all beaten at least once by Central, with John C. Johnson and Mike Ashford.



John C. takes 'em down.

Co-Captain's Corner

by Robin Monsky and Dave Brandt



Athletic Award Honors Benning



Dr. Benning accepts the plaque.

In addition to having the best basketball team in the state, CHS can boast the outstanding athletic and activities director in the state, Don Benning.

Dr. Benning was named the State High School Athletic Director of the Year. The award, co-sponsored by the Nebraska Athletic Directors Association and the Shering Corporation, was presented to Dr. Benning at a banquet on March 13.

The purpose of the award is "to give recognition to the secondary school athletic director who exemplifies the highest standards of his profession, and who, through his influence on the lives of young people under his direction, has made a significant contribution to his school and his community."

Award winner

Dr. Benning came to Central in 1971, after a productive stay at UNO. He is now Central's assistant principal and activities director. At UNO Dr. Benning was assistant professor of education and the university's head wrestling coach.

Winning awards is not a new experience for Dr. Benning. He has been honored by SPORTS ILLUSTRATED and EBONY magazines and by UNO.

Decision Maker

Dr. Benning's position is not an easy one to fulfill. "A good administrator must be aware of what's going on. He must know how to draw advice but still make decisions," he said.

Dr. Benning is kept on the run by a myriad of problems and situations that must be handled in a school the size of Central.

"I direct all athletic program and nonathletic affairs, things like band and personnel, both faculty and students," said Benning. "I help (the school) by setting an example, by fairness in policy making."

Understanding Administrator

Because of the great diversity in backgrounds of students at Central, Dr. Benning has one of the most demanding jobs in the Omaha school system.

"There is a need for Central to have cohesiveness and togetherness," Dr. Benning said. "Our students come from all parts of the city, and they come together as one at school. I have to be aware of the differences."

Because of this attitude, Dr. Don Benning has earned the awards and respect of his colleagues and friends.

Girl's tennis to begin

Central's girls tennis team should have a strong season according to Coach Joyce Morris.

"We have a lot of promising sophomores this year," Coach Morris stated. "They're all hard workers."

The nucleus of the team consists of Lisa Danberg, Debbie Farber, and Jane Schwarz, all returners from last years team.

Tough season

Coach Morris said, "We're expecting a very promising season, but so are all the other teams. It will be a tough season."

South and T.J. have all of

their girls returning, and both of these teams are certain to be improved from last year.

First State meet

The girls play a short schedule, as always. The schedule consists of two home matches and five away matches. Home matches will be at Dewey.

The season's highlight will be the State meet. This year marks the first time in over 20 years there will be a state meet in girls tennis.

"This is the oldest competitive sport in the state for girls, but yet this is the first time in 20 odd years there's been a state meet," commented Coach Morris.

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Israelis visit Central

Two Israeli students on a seven week tour of the United States talked to Social Studies classes on Monday and Wednesday, March 11 and 13, at Central High.

Dafna Popovici and Yossi Lichtenstein are two of the 60 high school seniors sent by the Israeli government to talk to Americans about Israel. The program is sponsored in America by the American Zionist Federation.

Dafna, Yossi travel

The 60 students were sent to various places in the United States in couples. Besides talking in Omaha, Dafna and Yossi visited Lincoln, Sioux City, and Des Moines, and stopped in New York, Chicago, and Washington D.C.

Dafna is from a kibbutz, a communal residence where the people work and share the profits equally, next to the Gaza strip. Yossi is from Ramat Gan, the fifth largest city in Israel. In their talks, the two Israelis compare the kibbutz life to city life in Israel as well as comparing America to Israel.

Knowledgeable politically and socially

Dafna and Yossi are knowledgeable about Israel both politically and socially. More so, they believe, than American students are knowledgeable about America. The two say that most Israelis are very patriotic and don't mind serving in the Israeli army, which is required by law for all 18-year-olds, boys and girls alike.

Dafna and Yossi also said the school system is much different than in the United States. In Israel, a high school student takes approximately ten courses a year. He must choose his major in high school and take the appropriate classes for that major. The school week in Israel is from Sunday until Friday—six days instead of five.

Besides coming to Central Dafna and Yossi talked to students at Burke, Westside, and Millard High Schools, as well as speaking to various religious organizations and youth groups.



Miss Black Teenager of Nebraska, Marla Watson.

Watson wins 'Teenage Title'

Have you ever entered a contest because you thought it might be fun and felt you really had nothing to lose? Central junior Marala Watson did just that last summer. She now holds the title of 1973-74 Miss Black Teenage Nebraska.

The competition involves judging in such areas as poise, personality, appearance, and talent. An unusual aspect of her winning is that she was only 14-years-old at the time and was the youngest contestant. Also, Marla played a piano solo for the talent competition after only a few years of lessons.

Marla receives gifts

As prizes Marla received a \$250 scholarship, clothes, a television, and gifts from area merchants.

Then early in July, Marla went to New York City for the Miss Black Teenage America Contest. The girls stayed at the Sheraton Hotel for a week

that was filled with practices, interviews, and sight-seeing.

"Had a great time"

Marla didn't win at the nationals, but she had a great time getting to know all the girls. "It was neat; every girl was from a different state, but we really got to be close. It seemed like we had our own little town," Marla observed.

Besides meeting the other contestants, Marla met several celebrities who served as judges. One of these was Mrs. Louis Armstrong, wife of the late trumpet player.

Marla learned much from her experience, had a good time, and also encourages others to enter.

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Harvey explores new dimension to teaching, employs non-verbal communication method

First, gently rub the tip of your finger across your lips, then, lightly rub the end of your nose. The only class at Central in which one would receive directions like these would be Mrs. Mary Harvey's third hour Modern Problems class.

Although this is not a normal classroom assignment, Mrs. Harvey started this project in non-verbal communication to in-

crease communication in a large classroom.

The four day learning experience started with visual contact. She re-arranged the seats in a circle so everyone could see the facial expressions of whomever was talking. Mrs. Harvey feels that people express many emotions in this way.

Next came the touching of one's face with one's fingers. Mrs. Harvey termed this as a lesson in self-discovery. The class explored body-language through the everyday gestures of people.

One experiment involved the examination of the walk of people in different situations. Two students were sent out in the hall and returned one at a time. The first student returned to his seat, but the second was unable to because it was blocked.

The walk of the first student was even and sure. The second student's walk was hesitant. The second student stood in the middle of the room and looked lost.

Mrs. Harvey said that after this experience, her class was more responsive.

Past graduate Lisa Lewis visits Central

Mrs. Lisa Lewis, life style editor for the Omaha Sun Newspaper, gave a talk to Mr. Michael Gaherty's Journalism I class on Wednesday, March 13.

Mrs. Lewis spoke to the class about her job as a feature writer. She told them that feature stories can be old news stories with more description, more personality, and more interest for the reader.

When writing an interview story, she told them, one must try to interview more than one person if he can, quote the interviewees exactly, and ask them questions that would require more than just a yes or no answer.

She also told them to keep an eye out for unusual happenings. Pictures sometimes can really make a feature.

Mrs. Lewis is a graduate of Northwestern University, where it is required to take one journalism course per semester.

Mrs. Lewis, formerly Miss Lisa Shapiro, was a 1966 Central graduate and a member of the Register staff. Currently, she writes the Life Style, the Leisure, and the Fashion columns in the Sun. She was once in charge of the Teen Scene.

Mrs. Lewis advised the beginning journalists to act in a manner, so people will become confident in them. She said common problems facing feature writers were coming up with a human interest story and quoting people correctly.

School in '24 similar to today

by Justin Cooper

In the madness of preparation for this year's graduation class, pause with me for a look at what it was like a half century ago. Was school life any easier, the pace any slower, the amount of education any less? Should we be envious of those who passed in these halls many years ago? Are we bound to tradition, or are we slaves to change and new fads?

In an interview with the four graduates of 1924 Mrs. Melba (Burke) Walker, Mr. Richard Walker, Dr. Joseph Drozda and Miss Kathleen Goeser, they all had a lot to say about their alma-mater Central High.

The answer to some of these questions I found in an interview with four of the graduates of the class of 1924. Instead of smoke spewing cars and busses, the common mode of transportation was something called a "street car," a vehicle similar in appearance to a railroad car, I'm told, which ran by electricity down the center of Omaha's main streets. They operated with admirable regularity and dependability and were conducive to sociability among the passengers.

Automobiles in the form of something the graduates referred to as a Model T were just beginning to make their appearance. They were noted for two delightful appurtenances, a running board on which people stepped on to get into the vehicle, and a rumble seat, which permitted the back seat

passengers to feel the unpoluted breeze and see the open sky.

According to Mrs. Melba (Burke) Walker, the 1924 class president, basketball was as "in" then as it is now; in fact, Central competed with Creighton Prep that year for the state championship. Richard Walker, her husband, recalls the enthusiasm and spirit that accompanied the basketball players to Lincoln where it was not unusual for 20 students to stay in one hotel room in order to be at the game and cheer the team to victory.

Dr. Drozda treasurer of class 1924, was meditative and analytical in his discussion. He remarked that his class had high hopes for the world, that a "war to end all wars" had just terminated, that the utopian era was just around the corner. In comparison to today's high school students, he felt that students today are more aware of the world about them and its problems and ills. Perhaps, it explains why the youth today is more disillusioned than were his contemporaries. Also according to Dr. Drozda as the result of the availability of instantaneous news, the fund of knowledge has increased, but brought with it a more hectic existence.

Tradition and change. That is the insight to Central's long existence. What Central will be like in the next 50 years who knows? But as one 1924 graduate puts it "Central should always be Central."

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