



Central girls' basketball team reacts jubilantly to their 47-39 win over South to capture the Omaha Public School crown.

The boys' team heads for Lincoln tomorrow in search of a similar success. More stories and pictures on page four.

Theater 'casts lot' with Ionesco

Spring Play this year will involve two one-act plays. The plays are "The Bald Soprano" and "The Chairs," both written by Eugene Ionesco. They are absurd plays, which means Ionesco is making fun of an unfunny situation. He also shows the absurdity of the things people do.

"The Bald Soprano" is a hilarious and unique satire about the drab life of the English middle-class. It shows how people think they've lived their life, but actually they haven't. "The Bald Soprano" also shows how people can't real-

ly communicate with each other, but instead they concern themselves with the trivia of life.

The difficulty in communication is shown when the play opens with an awkward visit between Mr. and Mrs. Smith, played by Ted Kountze and Regina Anson, and Mr. and Mrs. Martin, played by Mark Haley and Kim Shrat. The two other comical characters in "The Bald Soprano" are the maid and the fire chief played by Patty Goodsell and John Tucker, respectively.

"This play shows how people are hollow puppets and just do what

society expects," stated Miss Vicki Lee, drama instructor.

The setting for "The Chairs" is in a dilapidated room on a lonely island. The 95-year-old husband and wife are played by Dale Ellefson and Karen Berryman. They portray a pitiful picture of marriage based on lies.

During the play they are preparing for a visit from a great orator, acted by Dan Miller. The old man is shown as a failure in life, but his wife keeps reassuring him by lying to him trying to cover it up. They also blame their difficulties on others.



(From left to right) Steve Swanson; Zan Bockes; Mr. W. Edward Clark, English Department Chairman; Debbie Denenberg; Anne Watson.

Four to compete in English

Four Central students have been chosen by the English Department as competitors for the National Council of Teachers of English Award. These students, Anne Watson, Steve Swanson, Debbie Denenberg, and Zan Bockes were selected from a group of 47 other juniors.

This year the procedure of the NCTE competition was slightly changed from previous years. Instead of writing an autobiography as the contestants did last year, the 47 students wrote an impromptu theme. The topic was to write a letter addressed to a character in literature, film, or television. The students were given three positions they could take on that character.

Four teams of two teachers judged the themes. They each graded 12 themes choosing the two best. From these eight, the final judges Mr. John Keenan and Mrs. Lyndall Newens chose the best four themes. All of the teachers graded the themes

without knowing who wrote them.

The themes were graded on content and technique emphasizing style or originality slightly more. According to Mr. Edward Clark, department head, the one thing that distinguished the superior writers from the inferior writers was the ability of the better writers to follow directions.

The next step for these four students will be to write another impromptu theme in March. They will receive the theme topic from the NCTE. Along with this theme, the students will also submit their best sample of writing, either prose or verse.

These writings will be sent to the state coordinator. They are read by teams of two judges both high school and college English teachers. They are judged again on content and form. All the winners are notified in October.

ROTC squads excel at UNO

Central's girls' ROTC drill team took first, and the boys' team took second at the annual competition on Sunday, March 2, at UNO, making the second year with the same first and second place winners.

The girls' team this year includes Doris Crawford, team commander; Tina Jenkins, assistant commander; and team members Karen Harris, Serena Majors, Rena Damper, and Kathleen Sheridan.

Each of the twelve teams from as many high schools participated in the two phases of the competition: team drill and performance, and individual knowledge and appearance. Inspectors were Air Force officers from UNO.

Both drill teams practice regularly before and after school. According to Tina, the drill, although still difficult, becomes the easy part of the competition, leaving the inspections for the pressure.

Tina, a junior, said she was very nervous during her inspection. "I practically knew what was going to happen," said Tina, "since I've been through this before, but I was just afraid of losing points by miss-

ing questions since I was so nervous." Mr. David Lang Central R.O.T.C. instructor, joked, "Tina was so nervous that I could see the floor beneath her trembling!"

The boys' drill team consists of Kenneth Peavy, team leader; Robert Kohler, assistant team leader; and team members Tim Walsh, Wayne Dorsey, Tom Stephen, and Gene Shaw.

Although placing second, the team is anxiously waiting for the next competition, "Pershing Rifles," which will be held at Lincoln in the Lincoln Auditorium, on March 28. At this meet, other team members, Ronald Johnson, George Krupica, and William Haynes will be included.

The Pershing Meet will include individual drill, two-man teams, team drill, and exhibition drill. The Girls will participate in this meet for the first time.

Kenneth, a senior, looking back on the UNO meet, explained his hopes for the next one. "Bellevue's team was a tough one and a good one," stated Kenneth, "but with a little more practice, we'll take first in the next competition."

Bryant wins club honors

Central Senior Donald Bryant has been chosen as the Boys' Club "Boy of the Year." As the winner, he has won a \$1,000 scholarship.

To achieve Boy of the Year, Don was first "Boy of the Month" then "Boy of the Quarter." His name will now be sent to regional competition.

Don explained that he was asked questions by a panel concerning his family, church, community service, Boys' Club activities, current events, and school. Besides going before a panel of judges, Don had to receive recommendations from his teachers and pastor. He said his reaction to winning was of complete surprise considering the short notice.

Presently, Don is active in many areas of interest. He serves as vice-chairman of Student Assembly, president of Wantu Wazuri, and is

defending state triple jump champion. In addition he writes poetry and plays football.

At the Boys' Club, he tutors students in reading and math skills. He is also part time coach and photographer of the Boys' Club football team.

Don is also a member of the Keystone Club, which is a select club within the Boys' Club. He serves as treasurer of the local organization and as vice chairman of the national organization's steering committee for the Keystone Club.

In February Don went to the national organization's conference in Chicago. There he helped build a recreational center for a housing development. Last year he went to New York City where he planned educational programs, discussed social problems, and brought back ideas for his Boys' Club.

In April he plans to travel to Chicago again.

soap box

Metric system appears

Throughout the United States there has been a movement to convert our present measure system to the metric system. Although the force of this movement has not yet hit Central, we feel the conversion to the metric system will inevitably affect Central in the near future.

There are numerous advantages of the metric system over our present system. The metric system, based all on the number ten, is similar to our monetary system. Because the system is based on tens, there is considerably less memorization and busy work of dividing and multiplying. The metric system is a more logical, effective mathematical system. Although there is some memorization in this system, it is only that of basics.

The importance of conversion to the metric system reaches far beyond these reasons. Presently the United States is the only major power not using the metric system exclusively. It would seem more sensible if there would be only one international language of exchange and business.

Because of its simplicity and universality, many major companies have already converted to the metric system. Eleven per cent of the American manufacturing companies have already implemented full use of the metric system. It is also used in medicine and pharmacy.

Because there is no legal push towards the conversion to the metric system, transition towards this system is moving slowly. In 1866 there was an act by Congress that made it "lawful in the United States to employ the weights and measures of the metric system in all contracts, dealings, or court proceedings." Nevertheless, the full use of the metric system has not yet been legally approved. There are presently at least ten bills in the House of Representatives proposing adoption of the metric system.

It seems inevitable that our country will be going metric in the near future. A carefully planned method will make the transition less confusing. One of the present bills includes a ten year adjustment period and a comprehensive re-educational program.

We feel that this program would be an effective way of converting the country to the metric system. Although a national switch will cost a great deal of money, with federal assistance the cost would be small enough that the long range benefits of more productive international trade would be worthwhile.

In the Omaha Public Schools, exposure to the metric system is limited to junior and senior high school math and science students, with the exception of five pilot grade schools teaching the basics of the metric system to their students. At Central, besides science students, the refresher and general math students are learning the metric system. We feel that the metric system should be emphasized to a greater extent starting at the grade school level.

The conversion will affect all students at one time or another. A gradual change will be the most effective; for this reason it is time to start learning the metric system now. By exposing students to the metric system now, it will be less complicated for them later when the nation is converting. It is inevitable that our country will change its present system to that of the metric system. This is why this system should be emphasized to a greater extent at this time.

FCC has limitations

How everyone rushed to the two side last spring to view the sign. Central number 1 in BASKETBALL, DEBATE, ORATORY, CHESS, GIRL'S TRACK, MATH. Perhaps, the FCC, Future Central Committee, not Federal Communications Commission, should have written Central number 2 in FORESIGHT.

Basically, the FCC has a communications problem. Besides the gaudy, outdated sign that bestrided the narrow world—or at least Dodge Street like a colossus the general community of Central should take a closer look at the FCC. Is the committee really representing Central? How long can the committee remain a viable force? Or is it presently a viable force?

The FCC has definite limitations. For example, the FCC by their name and actions seems to say, we care about Central's future, but are the ladies who dominate the committee going to remain active once their siblings have graduated? The three or four years that a student spends at Central is not a good scope of the future considering Central's age.

The FCC is also limited by the fact that they are only a committee of the PTSA. While the FCC vocalizes itself much more than the rest of its mother organization, I can't help believing that the FCC will become increasingly more passive in the years to come.

The FCC has been a vigorous

organization. In the last year they have published a fact sheet about Central, obtained the once outdated sign, arranged for the new college resource center, and have a couple hundred unsold "Keep Central Central" bumper stickers.



This is about where their influence ends. While they have created a certain amount of sympathy among the general public, the general public remains inactive. The committee actively fought against the school board on the issue of bringing 200 more sophomore students into Central High last semester. But, I think, the school board dropped the idea to appease the justice department rather than the Future Central Committee.

Presently, the committee hopes to obtain the school board's approval of a new field house. While this is an admirable goal, realistically there are many problems. With the state of the economy as it is, funds for the project are tight. In San Francisco, the boys' basketball competition barely exists. Debate and other sports

are in limbo. In my mind and I hope, in the FCC's mind, basketball, debate and journalism have precedence over a new field house.

If the gaudy, outdated sign was any indicator of what we can expect from the Future Central Committee, I certainly hope the Central community will realize our school's future is not being represented in the best possible manner.

Bruce Rips

Support girls, team

I attended the girls' basketball championship game Thursday, February 27. Initially, I would like to congratulate the team and Paul Semrad, coach, on winning the Metro Championship title. An undefeated season is not exactly easy to come by.

However, I do have reservations concerning school spirit and support for the girls' basketball team. It is conceivable that the student body could be unaware of these activities, but I was especially disturbed not to see faculty, pep club, or cheerleaders (varsity or j.v.) present. What's the matter?

True, the team is not as well-known as the boys' varsity team. But, where is all the support and enthusiasm by these so-called "staunch" supporters of the mighty Central High?

I hope that this situation improves. Give recognition where it is due. Likewise, Paul Semrad and the girls should be given a spotlight—it is well deserved.

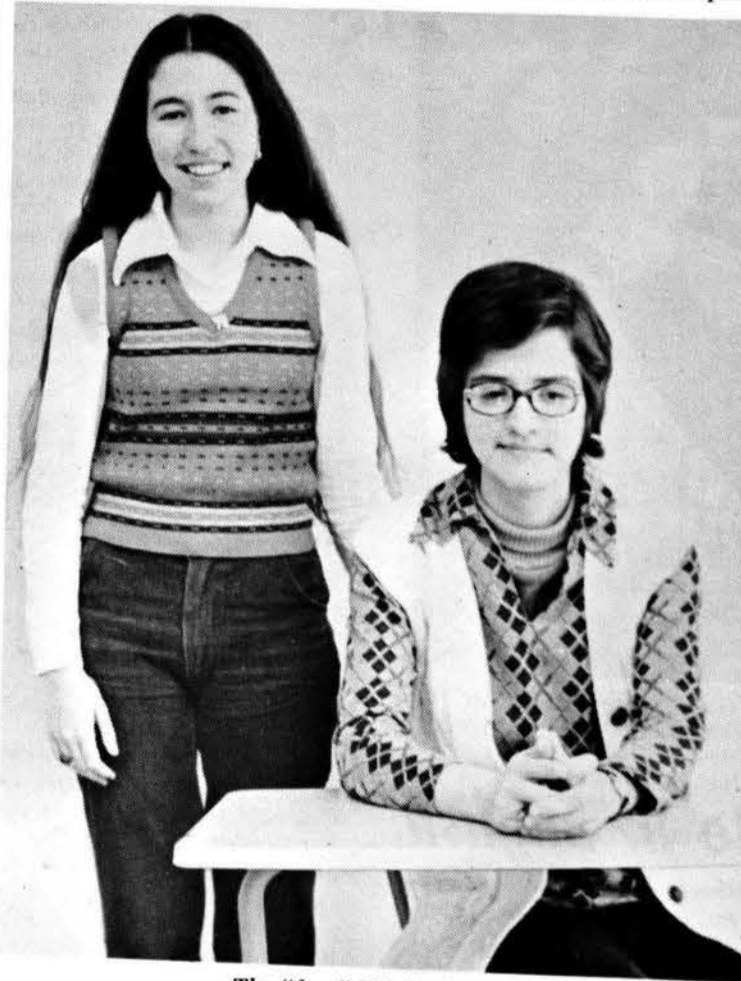
M. J. Gurnon

Moses, Korbitz get recognition

The Elks National Foundation announced that two Central seniors, Betty Moses and Debbie Korbitz, have placed first and fourth respectively in the local scholarship competition. The scholarship, entitled "Most Valuable Student" Scholarship/Leadership Offer, had no one from Central listed in the top qualifiers of the male competition.

In order to qualify for the competition, according to Central Counselor Mr. Richard Byers, a booklet must be submitted to the Elks Club containing ACT test scores, certificates of student achievements, and recommendations—including a lodge endorsement for the application.

The final judgment for the scholarship, said Mr. Byers, "is based on leadership, scholarly abilities, and need." Since Betty won the local competition, she will progress to state-wide competition. Debbie won a \$50 bond.



The "deer" Elks' scholars

OPS cancels KIOS-FM broadcast

A scheduled interview with Mr. Yuri Krasnapolsky, conductor of the Omaha Symphony Orchestra, was cancelled Jan. 30 during the intermission of a broadcast of a concert.

The interview of Mr. Krasnapolsky by Mr. Frank Bramhall, KIOS studio supervisor, was to be aired on the Omaha Public Schools' radio station KIOS-FM located at Central.

According to Mr. Bramhall, James L. Minear, assistant supervisor in charge of radio and television for OPS, and the public relations people at OPS felt it was editorializing. Mr. Bramhall said, "He (Mr. Krasnapolsky) gave his opinion of

his dealings with the symphony board, his candid opinion."

Mr. Bramhall stated that Mr. Krasnapolsky was disappointed. He said, "Mr. Krasnapolsky felt we aired things more controversial than that."

Mr. Bramhall continued, "The Omaha Symphony Board and the school board would have to deal with each other long after Mr. Krasnapolsky left. Why put anything on the air that might irritate somebody?"

Later Mr. Krasnapolsky was interviewed on the "Joni Ballion Show," which Mr. Bramhall said Mr. Krasnapolsky and Ms. Ballion discussed about the same things that were on the tape.

Presently, there are two existing tapes of the interview. The original, which is being kept by Mr. Minear, and a copy which was made for Mr. Krasnapolsky.

"In spite of everything," Mr. Bramhall said, "KIOS is on good terms with the school board, the symphony board, and the new conductor, Mr. Tom Briccetti."

Instead of the interview with Mr. Krasnapolsky, Mr. Bramhall interviewed Mr. Bob Coate about the Orpheum theatre's acoustics and a concert. "KIOS received a couple of calls that evening and the next morning concerning the cancelled interview," said Mr. Bramhall.

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'Register' presents 101 years

The last in a series of articles on the history of the Register

Editorial on World War II

War is hell

"Mustard gas spread over rice fields to eat away the legs of Chinese peasants; long range bombers designed to reduce buildings and women to rubble; classes held to instruct German women in mass human production—modern warfare is much more chaotic and inhuman than Dante's classic "Inferno." Why should civilized man continue to squabble with the little boy next door, to grab his toys and beat him up? Why hasn't man grown up in twenty centuries."

March 26, 1943

How to get a date, etc. by two experts

"The first thing you do is pick out a prospect (seeing as we've never gotten that far, we're rather hazy on the rest). We feel that in the choosing of such an important item as a man, one should take the utmost care. He should be in high school or at least in the eighth grade; this is very important because seventh graders undoubtedly are vitally interested in their school work, and would have little time for you. After getting your man(?) to ask you for a date, you happen to get cold feet, we'd be glad to take him off your hands; . . . Now, when he asks you where you want to go, just blush, but in case he doesn't

take the hint, tell him you want to commune with nature.

However, you'll probably be better off at a movie, considering that this is your first date, so suggest a movie you're absolutely sure that he's seen at least seven times . . .

When leaving the "Rock," don't fail to pop a piece of bubble gum into your mouth; every time said date makes a pass at you, blow a large bubble in his face! By this time your date will either be thoroughly disgusted with you, or just give up, and ask you for a piece of gum."

1945

Underwear ad

This poem is from an Arrow Underwear advertisement in the "Register":

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Dec. 8, 1943

Amusing headlines

Often the "Register" staff members try for some kind of pun or alliteration when writing headlines. This deserves mention.

Sleazy Squad Seizes Supremacy, So Say Some Stinko Students
1943

Superfluous survey

"Centralites may have been curious last year when they saw a task force of two inspecting the bottoms of desks. Indeed a sticky business, the odd couple was surveying the 1966-67 Central gum reserve.

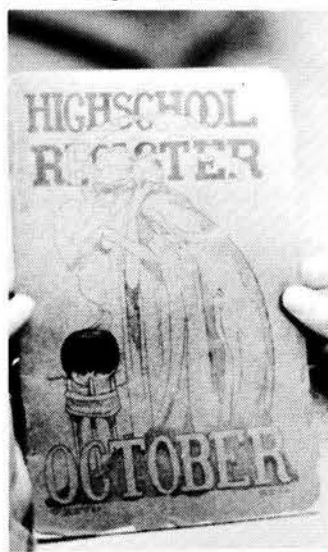
The survey revealed some startling results.

a.) The original value of the total gum reserve was \$275.00, enough to buy many good-sized chicle trees.

b.) If lumped together, the gum would occupy 46 cubic feet, sufficient to fill an air-conditioned Volkswagon.

c.) The entire accumulation would stretch (while fresh) nine miles, and circle the Central building 13 times."

Sept. 27, 1967



A copy of the October 1911 'Register'.



Virtuoso shows talents

Last week, this column was devoted to the opera. This week, the topic will be bass-ically the same. Don't "treble" and shake, as I introduce the "noted" Central junior, Debbie Pankow.

Last year, Debbie lived in the town of Colby (just like the cheese), Wisconsin. Colby, as Debbie phrased it, "is a town of around 1,000 people." Nonetheless, Debbie's high school participated in district and state music contests.

"I entered the contest in 18 fields," said Debbie. She harmonized in such subjects as two voice duets, piano duets, solos in both voice and piano, and she accompanied ten groups on the piano. In other words, she carried a pretty heavy "scale."

Of her 18 events at districts, nine qualified for state. However, all of her experiences were not in tune with her hopes. "I began to doubt the validity of the judges once" began Debbie. "At districts, I was singing away and I started to listen to the piano when I noticed that the piano was playing another part of the song.

"It seemed that I was singing the wrong part, so I kind of tapered off and started up on the correct part and the judge never noticed." Debbie added that, on her "comment" sheet supplied by the judge, the judge had generously proclaimed that her note accuracy was "perfect to the last note."

Debbie, now a first soprano in Central's A Cappella Choir, was an alto back in Colby. Debbie confessed that "I lost my voice for a week or so, and when it came back, it was a fifth higher." Debbie's partner in one of her duets had a voice so high that, according to Debbie, "She could sing one note higher than a piano can play."

Another event that embarrassed Debbie was during a practice session for an event for state. "Another girl and I were practicing a piano duet in front of our choir. The song was a polka, and I began to sway with the music. Well, suddenly, the piano bench pitched backwards, and I jumped up and hit my head on the piano and my partner fell on the floor." That was not, I presume, a "key" to a good performance.

The state tournament was at a Wisconsin college at Eau Claire. It seems that the building that housed the vocal events and the building that housed the musical events were separated by a long bridge. Debbie complained, "some events were scheduled only four minutes after another, and we used to have to run from one building, across the bridge, and up three flights of stairs."

Eventually, Debbie ended up winning a voice solo, a piano duet, a voice duet and two accompaniments. Certainly, this was a noteworthy feat.

Important! For the next two weeks, this reporter is open to all challengers for the title of Champion Thumb-Wrestler of Central High School. The rules will be posted in 317 and all challenges can be made for eighth or sixth hours or after school when possible. Remember, however, that I am not responsible for the injured pride caused by outrageous defeat.

Administration restricts ranks

If you are curious about your rank in your class, you probably won't find out until you are a freshman in college.

Central's policy concerning revealing an individual's class rank has been to tell a student only what percentage of the class he is in. This is not an Omaha School System policy; it is Central's policy.

The decision to keep ranks secret was made a few years ago and stemmed from the fact that class rankings are not always accurate. The ranks are figured on the basis of a stu-

dent's grade point average, and mistakes, although not frequent, have been known to occur.

Dr. G. E. Moller, Central principal, feels the ranks aren't of overwhelming importance, and, if a mistake is made, a student may be unnecessarily disappointed. If there is a mistake, it is likely to be found and corrected by the end of the senior year. "The rankings are 99% accurate by the end of the 8th semester," Dr. Moller said.

The rank of a student is required on the college application forms which a high school

fills out about a student for the college. The applications are kept confidential, but, when a student is in college, he can find out his class rank in high school through his college.

The ranks and grade point averages are figured by computers at Data Processing. The grade point average is figured by dividing the number of honor roll points by the number of credits a student is carrying.

Dr. Moller said that if a crucial reason for disclosing class ranks were to arise, the school would probably go back to giving out that information, but he likes the present system because "the percentages give everybody a little margin for error."

CHS mathletes take honors

In the past two months, the Central High school Math Team finished first in two different math contests. The first one was held on Saturday, Feb. 19, at Creighton University, and the second one was held at Westside High School on Saturday, March 1.

At the contest in Feb., Central had two teams entered. One of the teams won first place in the large school division of the contest. The members of the winning team were Jeffrey Klopping, Timothy Seaver, Bill Hoff, Bob Hekl and Dave Williams.

Members of the other team were Marlon Weiss, Barry Hoberman, John Harris, Mark Hockenberger and Jeanne Clark. Other wins to Central's credit were, a first place win in the Mad Hatter Contest by Dave Williams, second place in the Leap Frog Relay by the team of Tim Seaver and Bob Hekl, and third place in the chalk

talk category by Marlon Weiss.

The contest was participated in by 720 students from 72 high schools in a five state area. According to Miss Virginia Pratt, the Central High teams created quite a stir when members of the team walked in wearing newly purchased, purple and white jackets with the words "Central Math" sewn on the back.

At the contest in March, Central placed first out of 15 area schools. The contest was held at Westside High School. Members of the winning team are Jeffrey Klopping, Tim Seaver, Bill Hoff, and Joe Stephen.

Miss Pratt stated that the contest was unusual in the fact that Central had a number of boosters attend. The boosters were Barry Hoberman, Mike Perelman, Bob Hekl, Dave Williams, and Mr. Steve Halula, Central High math teacher.

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Eagles make state bid



Sidelines by Neal Steinbart

Hey girls. If you think curling your hair is rough, try curling rocks. No, it doesn't take Superman, but it does take practice, as Debbie Farber, Central senior, will profess.

Debbie belongs to the Ak-sar-ben Curling Club, where the old Scottish sport of curling is revived for Omahans. She participates in a mixed league of 50, competing every Sunday morning.

Most of the sports involving Centralites are equipped with hoops at the ends of courts. In the same way, curling has circular goals, but I'm sure Clayton Bullard would have trouble dribbling a basketball down the ice surface of a curling rink.



Debbie prepares for throw. "You just get hooked on curling!"

"Curling is like shuffle board on ice," explained Debbie. There are four members on a curling team. Debbie, the lead curler, slides a 42 pound stone down an ice lane toward a circular target called a "house."

In the meantime, the team leader, called a skip, directs the remaining two team mates as they "sweep" the ice with brooms. By sweeping in a certain direction in front of the stone, the two can control the rock's speed and direction.

Eight such shots are taken by the two teams. The winner is determined by the placement of stones closest to the house. "Curling is a very formal sport," replied Debbie. "You congratulate your opponents on their good shots. After a match, the winner is acknowledged, but no mention is made of the loser."

Debbie's team took first place in the third event in recent "Bonspiel" competition. This may be a small step in a big career, as Debbie looks forward to becoming the United States Silver Broom Champion.

Central's varsity basketball team will compete in the Nebraska Class "A" State Basketball Tournament for the third year in a row. The Eagles will open with Norfolk on Thursday at 2:00 p.m. in Lincoln.

Norfolk, seeded in last place, holds an 11-8 record. A Central win would give the Eagles a berth in the semi-final round held on Friday, and a shot at Saturday's championship game.

Central, first seeded in the tourney, earned the opportunity to go to State by winning the Class "A" district number three title. "Most considered our district relatively easy," said Mr. Jim Martin, varsity coach, "but all of the teams were potentially powerful."

Central had more wins than all the wins of the other three teams combined, but the Eagles didn't have a field day. "Millard, for example, was a late blooming team," explained Mr. Martin. "Toward the end of their season they won most of their games, including an upset of Lincoln East."

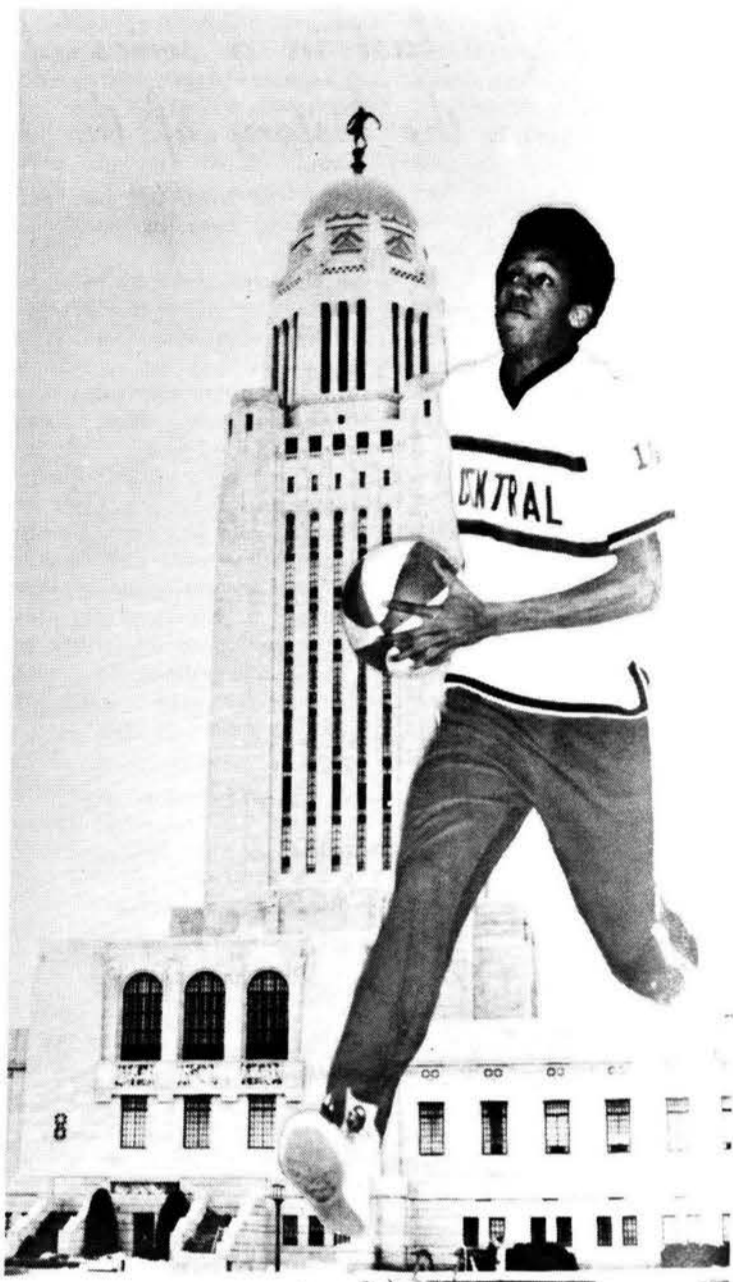
Bellevue out-gunned

"Pour it on, man. Pour it on," urged Senior Mitchell Pinkard. That's just what the Eagles did, as Central rolled past Bellevue in the opening round of district play.

The Eagles had little trouble overcoming Bellevue, as Central took control and soared to a 72-54 victory at the Burke gym on Monday, March 3.

A second period rally gave Central a commanding 20 point lead. With 19 points from both John C. and Clayton, the Eagles hung on to give Central a seat in second round action.

Eagle fans saw a change in the starting line-up, as Senior Rodney Oliver replaced Lawrence Wilson, junior guard, for additional offensive potency. Rodney hadn't started since the opening game of the season.



Clayton Bullard will head the offensive thrust, as the Eagles invade Lincoln on Thursday.

Central takes district

The Eagles secured their State Tournament berth with a 78-64 win on Thursday, March 6, over the Millard Indians.

"Millard played very well," stated Mr. Martin. The aggressive Indians wouldn't give up, forcing Central to depend heavily on rebounding.

"Winning this year's district wasn't as thrilling as last year's win over Westside," said Mr. Martin. The Central crowd was more than content, though, for the Eagles were on their way to the Lincoln tournament.

"Last year we entered the State games with the pressure of a 62 year jinx," explained Mr. Martin. "This year we have a different kind of pressure: everyone expects us to repeat as champs."

There are many differences between this season and last season. "This year our opponents are using the zone against us, while last year they played us man-to-man," said Mr. Martin. As Senior Forward Sylvester Pierce stated, "One of the greatest differences may be that last year Prep wasn't in it."

Girls receive OPS crown

When the Omaha Public Schools started a girls' basketball league, no one knew what to expect. Central students expect the best, and that's just what they got, as their girls' basketball team finished the season 9-0 and won the OPS championship tournament.

After an easy win over the North Vikings, the Eagles met a strong Benson squad. Central found themselves behind by 7 at halftime but came on strong the second half to claim a 19 point winning margin over the Bun-

nies. On Feb. 27, the Eagles faced South for the championship. South used their height to maintain a rebounding advantage, but they couldn't handle the fast-breaking Central squad that raced to a 47-39 victory.

Despite the turnout of Eagle fans at the tournament, Mr. Paul Semrad, girls' basketball coach, complained, "Girls' basketball was overshadowed by the boys' team this year."

Just like the boys' team, the girls' squad had its superstars. Shining above all was Senior Cheryl Brooks. "Cheryl is the

best player I've seen this year," praised Mr. Semrad. "She's the greatest ball handler and shooter in the girls' league."

Mr. Semrad also credited Senior Debbie Lee, Sophomore Annette Gibson, and Junior Sharron Finch for outstanding play.

"This was the first year, and I didn't know what to expect from our opponents," explained Mr. Semrad. "Our goal was to win one game at a time."

Already looking ahead to next season, Mr. Semrad expects a tall team. "We'll have good forwards, and I hope to find some new guards."

CHS swimmers finish thirteenth in state meet

Central's swim team finished their finest season in ten years, as the Eagles placed thirteenth at the Nebraska High School Swimming and Diving Championships. The competition held in Lincoln on Feb. 28 and March 1 saw Central tankers qualifying in four events.

The 1975 squad set a school record in the 200-yard medley relay, placing seventh at the meet. The team of Tom McLaughlin, Mark Haley, Paul Hodgson, and Greg Reischlein set the 1:50.0 record time.

Another school record was broken in the 400-yard freestyle relay. The time of 3:39.5,

eleventh best in state, was set by Greg Reischlein, Tom McLaughlin, Paul Hodgson, and Brian Gillan.

Mark Haley competed in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:07.3 and a ninth place finish. He also finished in the 50-yard freestyle with the sixth best time, but because his 23.4 came in the consolation race, Mark was awarded only eighth place.

Two years ago, Central didn't qualify anyone for the state meet. Last year two qualified, and this year four qualified. "This is Central's finest team in ten years," stated Mr. Brian Watson, swimming coach.

Lincoln Southeast	12:00	3-13-75
Omaha Burke		3-14-75
Omaha Central	2:00	3-13-75
Norfolk		3-14-75
Grand Island	2:00	3-13-75
Creighton Prep		3-14-75
North Platte	9:00	3-14-75
Omaha Benson		3-14-75

(State Champ)

John C. displays district trophy with pride, looking ahead to the State tournament.

Girls show gymnastic excellence

Lisa Lombardo, Joann Olson, and Nancy Farber represented Central in Gymnastics State Meet held in Lincoln Feb. 28 and March 1.

Lisa placed 12th on the balance beam, Joann 15th in the vaulting competition, and Nancy, also in the vaulting, placed within the top 25.

Coach John Kocourek commented, "This year I would say we finished, as a team, within the top 12 teams in the state.

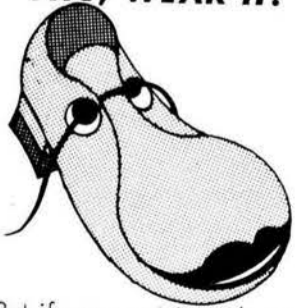
Next year, since we are not losing anyone to graduation, we should improve. It all depends, however, on the girls' work during the off-season."

Mr. Kocourek will also be working this summer in a gymnastics school program. He said, "There is a lot of learning that needs to go on, and if the girls can get to where I will be teaching, it would help them a great deal."

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