



Ken Allen and Paul Hoffmann display State champ debate trophy.

## Central takes State debate; Hoffmann wins speech honors

Champions come from many different areas and many different walks of life, but it seems that there is at least one common denominator, they attend Central High School. As of March 16, two more champions, senior Paul Hoffmann and Sophomore Ken Allen have taken their rightful place.

Paul and Ken are the 1974-75 State debate winners for Nebraska. They defeated 47 other teams from around Nebraska and are now the State's representatives to the national debate tournament in Indianapolis.

The topic they debated on was, "Resolved: That the United States should significantly change the method of selecting the Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates." The two day tournament which was held at the Lincoln campus contained five preliminary rounds, quarter finals, semi-finals, and finals. In all, Ken and Paul debated eight times.

Ken expressed that the team's philosophy was that, "Presidential and Vice-Presidential preference primaries are significant." Ken and Paul have proposed the institution of 50 primaries because "under the present system only 23 states have primaries, therefore in 27 states there is no means by which we can measure the people's choice."

Although Mr. Arnie Weintraub, debate coach, was unable to attend the tournament because of illness, both Ken and Paul agreed that "they had the best coaching in the state." Mr. Kevin Moran, Central counselor, volunteered to drive the team down to Lincoln and offered spiritual motivation.

The other team from Central that participated at the State tournament was that of Rosemary Kudlacek and Anita Shodeen. They ended up thirteenth in the state but felt that they could have done much better if it wasn't for a "fluke decision" in their fourth round.

On Saturday, April 5, more champions entered into Central's "hallway of fame." At the District Speech Tournament held at Wesleyan University, Paul Hoffmann captured his second State trophy as he defeated twenty-two others to win Boys' Extemporaneous Speaking.

Paul is now the State's representative to the National Tournament in Boys' Extemp and in Varsity Debate. The National tournament will be held some time in June in Indiana.

Ken Allen finished this year in a close race for first place in the Oratory contest. Ken was

tied for first place after the final round and lost by one speaker point in a tie breaking decision. Ken will be Nebraska's Oratory runner up to the National Tournament.

Joan Barna won the second place State trophy in Girl's Extemp. This competition demands that she be able to think quickly, as well as to be knowledgeable about the world around her.

Finally, Rose Kudlacek finished sixth place in the state with her Oratory entitled: It's a Grave Problem.

Forensics Coach, Mr. Arnold Weintraub, noted that the "competition was the best in the state and I'm very proud of the team."

### Debaters take honors

In the past few weeks members of the Central High Forensics team have been filling up the already overflowing trophy cases. To note a few of the past victories: on March 15, the team ventured out to Creighton Prep in a warmup meet for the District Speech tournament. At the end, Central walked away with two first place trophies, a third place trophy, and had four people who qualified in final rounds.

The two first place trophies were won by Senior Paul Hoffmann. He was awarded the trophies for winning in both Varsity Original Oratory and Varsity Extemporaneous speaking. Rose Kudlacek, a Central junior, won her trophy in Varsity Impromptu speaking.

Other members of the team that made it to final rounds and thus were awarded with medals for their outstanding achievement are: Joan Barna, John Faier and Ken Allen.

At the Metro tournament held on February 14-15, at Westside High School, the team also did extremely well. The varsity debate team consisting of Paul Hoffmann and Ken Allen tied with Bellevue for the Metro championship. Rose Kudlacek won first place for her Original Oratory while Paul Hoffmann took first place in Extemporaneous speaking.

John Faier and Anita Shodeen took first and second place respectively at the Optimist Club Meeting held on March 27. Both John and Anita had to write oratories on the topic: Give Me Your Hand. John based his oration on the idea that if you give America a helping hand she will return the favor. Anita based her oration on social apathy and how volunteering and getting involved will help everyone involved.

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## Delegates to study government

Four students have been selected to represent Central at Cornhusker State, June 5-11. Delegates attending the week of governmental study, sponsored by the American Legion, are Stevenson Swanson, Rick Renn, Valerie Morrow, and Debbie Denenberg.

Alternates are Janet Hrabovsky, Debbie Miller, Doug Allen, and Hubert Brown.

Each student is preparing for the workshop by studying the "Manual of Nebraska Government." Before the session in Lincoln, they will take a test covering the subject matter of the book.

All of the 400 boys and 400 girls were selected by members of their school's faculty, counselors, government teachers, and principals.

The session, held annually at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln campus, features student elections of their own officers. These officers include governor, lieutenant governor, and secretary of state. They also propose and vote on legislation.

The purpose of Boys' and Girls' State is to learn about citizenship and State government. According to Bruce Rips, a Boys' State representative last year, "Most of the week is spent in government workshops learning about Nebraska's state government. The first two days were spent learning about various government offices, the third day, elections for offices were held, and the rest of the week was spent in mock legislatures and courts."

On the final day, elections for Governor of the "State" are held. While Girls' State occurs at UNL on the same days, the two groups seldom

have activities with each other. Last year, three of Central's four representatives were elected to their respective "Unicamerals."

Miss Irene Eden, head counselor, stated "I feel that this year's representatives will be as fine as always and Central has always had excellent representation. My only regret is that we are limited to four representatives. I truly wish that we could send more, because past representatives have always enjoyed the experience."



Boys' and Girls' State selections: (Clockwise from top right) Rick Renn, Debbie Denenberg, Valerie Morrow and Steve Swanson.

## Assembly to sponsor donor

Student Assembly is bringing the Red Cross Blood Mobile to Central High on April 10 and 14. The trailer will be stationed outside on the three side from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

The whole procedure of donating your blood takes about 30 minutes and is done by registered nurses.

The donor must be at least 17 years of age and have a blood donor permission slip signed by his parents, unless the student is married or has served in the armed services. He also must eat properly and have a full night's sleep before

donating. After returning your permission slip, you will be issued an appointment card. You then show up at the Blood Mobile at your specified time to have one unit (a little less than a pint) of blood removed.

Before the actual removal of blood, a medical history is taken. Also your blood pressure and temperature are taken.

A Red Cross recruiter stated, "It takes about five to ten minutes for the actual removal of the blood. Only a slight stick is felt as the needle goes in. It doesn't even hurt as much as a shot."

After the blood is removed, each donor gets to go into the donor's canteen for 15 to 20 minutes to have some milk and a roll. The blood removed is quickly replenished.

Once the blood is removed it is separated into plasma, red cells, and platelets. Plasma helps victims of burns, red cells help anemic patients, and platelets help leukemia patients. Platelets are in the greatest demand. Your blood may go to help as many as three people.

Permission slips can be obtained from Scott Nielsen before and after school on the three side for April 14.

## OPS limits summer school

Four Omaha Public High Schools have been chosen to offer Summer School this summer. Central High School will not be among the four high schools offering summer school. The four high schools chosen are: Bryan, Burke, Northwest, and Technical.

Central will offer only classes in Radio Broadcasting.

According to Vice-principal Mr. Anthony LaGreca, the change from the use of seven high schools to four has many advantages. "It is much more economical to keep up four schools rather than seven" he said.

He stated that the demand for courses at summer school will be greater with the use of four schools. With the use of seven schools, many schools had to cut out courses.

He said, "Through consolidation more courses will be offered."

The Central student who tries to take the Junior year in English at summer

school at another school will be at a disadvantage when he is a Senior, stated English teacher Mr. Dan Daly.

English VI has the exposition unit. According to Mr. Daly, the student might not be prepared to write a theme. "The Senior English teacher will expect him to have that skill."

Mr. LaGreca commented that the problem is real, but he added, "We can not restrict our students to take certain classes."

One must register by May 10, at the high school where one wishes to attend. Enrollment will be on first come first serve basis. If a student wishes to register for more than two academic subjects, written permission from the student's principal or counselor is required.

Any class is subject to cancellation if not enough students enroll. The assumed acceptance deadline for registration is May 17, 1975.



## Noise disturbs classes

Several months ago, workmen began repairing the numerous fire code violations reported at Central. Because of this construction work, students have been forced to pass in halls cluttered with this equipment.

The halls are crowded enough during regular passing periods; this added equipment can only produce greater danger for both students and faculty. It is obvious that some construction work has to be done during school time. Nevertheless, it would seem that some of the work could wait until vacation and summer break.

It is not only the equipment in the halls which is causing aggravation for the Central community; in fact this problem is only minor to the noise distraction caused by the present work. Most students and teachers have been subjected to the sounds of drilling and sanding more than once during the past months.

Although closing doors does reduce the degree it by no means stops it. Students and teachers can not concentrate on classroom discussions while they are competing with drills and saws. It is also impossible to concentrate on a test with this noise. During past mid-terms many students complained of the constant sounds of drilling and sanding. One would think that these noises could have been stopped during mid-terms.

Besides the drilling and sanding, sparks have been flying in the halls. Although the welding being done is usually halted by passing period time, there is still danger of some one being hurt by the sparks.

Perhaps, if the noisy work could be postponed until the end of the day, vacations, and weekends, it would help solve this problem to some extent. It would seem that more work could be accomplished without the constant interruption of students during passing periods. We feel those responsible for these alterations owe the students and faculty an apology.

## Team deserves praise

Although the excitement of the recent State Basketball championship has begun to wear off, we feel that the team and Coach Martin deserve our praise. It is not often that a school wins a championship two years in a row.

The efforts of all individuals involved with the basketball team have not only brought about the number one state title but also a certain pride. This special pride unifies the school as each Central student experiences the common bond of being number one. It is because of their leadership, diligence, and skill that we are now able to boast this number one title.

Nevertheless, the actions of the crowds during the State tournament can not be commended as those of the players. It is natural for students with deep school spirit to show their expressions and cheer for the team; these feelings do not justify excessive rudeness and/or rowdiness to the other players and students from that school.

Central fans were by no means the only fans who seemed rather rowdy; most schools displayed excessive rudeness. We would like to commend Dr. Don Benning, Mr. Robert Olander, Mr. Anthony LaGreca, Mr. Dan Daly, and Mr. Jack Blanke for keeping the crowds under control.

Screaming and cheering for a team is important to the morale of the players and shows school spirit, yet throwing ice, paper, or anything else does not prove anything, nor does it boast the players' morale.

We hope future Central fans can show the maturity and intelligence expected of them. Once again we congratulate Coach Martin and the 1974-75 basketball team for their outstanding season.

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## Three attend lectures, workshops

Counselors Miss Irene Eden and Mr. Jack Weichman and Vice-principal Mr. Richard Jones attended a seminar for administrators and counselors at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln campus, March 21. The topics covered student access to records, advanced placement tests, financial aid and admission to the university.

Mr. Weichman stated that there was much confusion on compliance with the Buckley amendment concerning a student's right to see his cumulative folder. He said there was a six member panel discussion which included two people from UNL, two from the Nebraska State Department of Education, one high school administrator and one school district administrator.

Mr. Weichman said that there was much disagreement among the experts as to how the amendment affects each school. He stated, "The consensus was that nobody knows what's going on."

In addition to the seminars, the counselors distributed a questionnaire to Central graduates attending UNL. The questions included an appraisal of their high school education. The alumni responded to the question, "How well did your high school prepare you for taking college exams, class discussion, setting up a study schedule, library use, writing term papers, laboratory use, lecture and note taking, text book reading, learning from other students and communication with teachers?"

Miss Eden stated that over half of those responding indicated that their high school prepara-

tion was excellent, 25 per cent said very good and 13 per cent said good. Miss Eden said the respondents "almost unanimously agreed that they had been well prepared for college."

Although most felt they "were better prepared for college than many other students," they made several suggestions according to Miss Eden. Several students said that writing two term papers each semester would help prepare them for college work.

According to Miss Eden, they felt that the present English curriculum is very good. They stressed the importance of writing themes. Some felt that foreign languages should be stressed more at Central, especially if there is a language requirement for graduation from college. Most agreed that the present system of final examinations was very good.

The students were also asked to evaluate the competency of the counseling they received at Central. Twenty-five per cent rated it as excellent, 50 per cent said it was very good and the rest rated it as good.

Several graduates said that more lecture classes should be offered at the senior level and that more note-taking should be encouraged. Miss Eden said that several students said that students should be required to take at least four subjects in their senior year. "They felt that the discipline of formal study is less than four courses were taken in the senior year," said Miss Eden.

## Two day Tech youth conference involves several Central students

The second annual Youth Conference '75 might have been properly named Youth-Adult Conference '75. The conference, held at Technical High School March 24-25, encouraged the need for better communication between youths and adults throughout Douglas County.

"If we didn't have equal representation of adults," Central Junior Hubert Brown said, "it would serve to polarize the generations." Hubert, who served as Youth Chairperson, indicated that there was more of a need for youths and adults to participate together than if the youth organized by themselves.

Central counselors Mr. Atley Wedemeyer and Mr. James Kennedy and former Central teacher Mrs. Linda Luttbeg, also participated. "The idea was healthy in terms of improving the relationship between adults and teenagers," stated Mr. Wedemeyer. He commented that the session he attended was dominated by adults. The adults had a difficult time allowing students to express their feelings.

## soap box

### Group fulfills aims

I feel that the "Letter to the Editor" in the March 12 issue of the Register on the Future Central Committee by Bruce Rips is extremely unfair. The Future Central Committee works hard for Central and it is very sad that the students don't appreciate all that they are trying to do. The committee probably cares more than the students do about our school.

Mr. Rips commented about the sign in front of Central that the Future Central Committee put up. I'm also sure that the students who worked hard for these honors are also proud. But, if Mr. Rips will notice, the sign is now no longer standing. The one year contract for it has run out and he no longer has to worry about what the community will think of "the gaudy, outdated sign."

Mr. Rips also was concerned whether or not the Committee is really representing Central.

### Central's Influence

Hubert indicated that this was not indictive of the entire conference. The first conference held had about a 50 to 50 ratio, but the majority of the 500 participants this year were youths.

Along with Hubert, other Central students helped organize the conference. Jim Krause and Valerie Morrow served on the Executive and Planning Committees. "More people from Central participated in planning than any other school," said Hubert.

The Youth Conference dealt with many of the major problems facing youths and adults. The participants in the 15 workshops discussed such topics as alcoholism, basic rights, sexuality, drugs, and isolationism in age groups.

### "Rabbits Get Around"

The workshops were given amusing names "Rabbits, Get Around" was the name for the workshop on Sexuality. Another "Is the Grass Really Green?" dealt with drugs.

Hubert said he felt the goals which were established for the

conference were reached.

The expansion of the Douglas County Youth Council, which is the Youth Board of the Douglas County Youth Services Agency, is planned. Area councils will be developed to better communications. The area councils which will be located in different parts of the city will be subordinate under the Executive Youth Council.

### Interaction Among Agencies

According to Hubert, the conference also produced optimism concerning better communications with other agencies in Douglas County. Hubert said he hoped for more interaction among organizations like YMCA, GOCA, Girls' Club, and the National Conference of Christians and Jews with the Youth Council.

Hubert also said he was pleased with the help the Douglas County Board and Mayor Edward Zorinsky gave them.

Already Hubert and the Youth Council are looking ahead to next year. Hubert said the conference will probably have a Bicentennial theme.



Outside of putting out newsletters informing the students and parents about what is happening with Central they help arrange for the new college resource center which provides many students with college help and opportunities with Dr. Owen Knutzen and the School Board. They have been to numerous Board of Education meetings fighting for Central. Right now they are trying to get a new gym. As most of us know, we have been in need of a new one for many years.

The Future Central Committee, in conjunction with PTSA, sponsors the Open House and

Sophomore Orientation Night. The Committee also invites entering students and their parents into their own homes to discuss Central.

Mr. Rips questioned if the ladies on the Committee would stay on it after their children have graduated. The members of the Future Central Committee are concerned about the school their children go to. But even above that, they realize the excellence and importance of Central and want to help preserve the school and help all the students here.

The Future Central Committee has done more than their share for Central, and they are continuing to do so. They give up their valuable time to devote to this school. I really feel that the students of Central should appreciate all the work that the Committee and PTSA does for them. If we all work together instead of working against each other, a lot more would be accomplished.

Vicki Cohen



## Music educators see performance by Omaha pupils

The first combined Music Educators National Conference (MENC) was held in Omaha, April 3-6. This convention involved 17 states from the Southwestern and North Central Division, including over 5,000 musicians and 140 performing groups.

Central's music department participated in many of the local groups. Central instrumentalists played in the All-City Orchestra and Band, the All-State Orchestra and Band, and the Omaha Metropolitan Youth Symphony; A Cappella participated in the All-City Choir and several vocalists sang in the All-State Choir.

First chair honors were received by Lydia Stranglen, concertmistress of the All-City Orchestra and Youth Symphony; Linda Bowen, principal first violinist; Heidi Case, principal cellist; Debbie Nelson, principal second violinist; Patti Bell, first oboe, and Bob Jespersen, first trumpet. John Harris also received first tenor saxophone in the All-City Band and Patti Bell was also first chair oboe in the State Clinic Band.

Central was also the site for various performing groups. These groups ranged from the Pro Art String Quartet from Madison, Wisconsin to the University of South Dakota Symphonic Band. Concerts were also held at Joslyn and the Civic Auditorium.

Mr. Lynn Moller, Central instrumental teacher, is the guest conductor of the All-City Orchestra.



Brown becomes battalion boss.

## ROTC has dance

The annual Combined JROTC Military Ball was held March 21 at the Peony Park Ballroom. The music was provided by the Bryan High Stage Band and the group, Travis.

Admission to the dance was \$3.50 per couple, and the dance portion of the ball was open to anyone who desired to participate.

However, the Grand March portion of the ball was limited only to senior cadets in the JROTC program and their escorts.

The only underclassman cadet who was allowed to participate in the military portion of the ball and wasn't an escort, was cadet sgt. first class Thomas Stephen, a Central High Jun-

ior who acted as Central's flag bearer.

The main portion of the military ball consisted of the naming of the permanent battalion commanders at each school and the Cadet Officers Grand March.

At Central the newly named battalion commander is cadet lieutenant colonel Gary Brown who received a plaque and a saber commemorating the event.

Gary is the cadet commander of the Ak-Sar-Ben coronation Lancer Drill Team and is sgt.-at-arms of the CHS senior class, sgt.-at-arms of the CHS German club, is a CHS school reporter for two Omaha radio stations and is a feature editor on the "Register" staff.

## Teachers 'tame' tornado

Being involved in a tornado is certainly one way to climax an otherwise peaceful spring vacation. The unannounced twister that swept through parts of suburban southwest Omaha on March 27, also visited the homes of Mrs. Patricia Autenrieth, Central English teacher, and Mrs. Patricia Correa, former Central English teacher.

"At first I didn't know what it was. It wasn't black—just grey clouds swirling around," said Mrs. Autenrieth. The tornado struck her neighborhood around 6:00 P.M., "just as the 6:00 news was starting," she reported. Others described the twister as "a whirling, funnel-shaped white cloud containing boards, shingles, and other debris." Since Omaha's weather radar system was not put into operation until April 1, the tornado was unexpected.

Mrs. Autenrieth related, "I looked out the window and said to my husband, 'Look at that cottonwood blowing around,' and he said, 'That's not cottonwood, that's insulation!'" She said that the worst of the storm

only lasted about ten seconds. The tornado did no damage to the Autenrieth home "except it knocked our birdfeeder down," commented Mrs. Autenrieth.

Mrs. Correa, who could not be contacted, lives near Mrs. Autenrieth. The damage to Mrs. Correa's house was "mostly a result of the damage to the house next door," Mrs. Autenrieth reported. "Boards were driven right through the walls. All the windows were broken." The tornado's average speed was sixty miles per hour.

When asked if she was alarmed or frightened during the tornado, Mrs. Autenrieth replied, "I wasn't scared until it was over. We went out to help a neighbor lady and we realized that if it had come any closer it would have wrecked our house." She then added, "About ten minutes after the tornado was reported, swarms of sightseers came around to look at the damage. They just walked right up to the damaged houses and picked around. It was really unbelievable."

## FFA prepares agri-business pupils for possible vocations

The Future Farmers Association (F.F.A.) is a youth group that studies not only agriculture, but anything related to agri-business. Mr. Thomas Frederickson, agri-business teacher and sponsor of F.F.A., said that the purpose of having a chapter of this world-wide organization at a high school is to develop leadership, competence, and responsibility, besides competing statewide and nationally in several categories of competition.

F.F.A. at Central is only two years old but yet, it is going strong. In the numerous competitions that are F.F.A. sponsored C.H.S. has done exceedingly well in leadership, speech and other academic competitions. Other competitions include live stock judging, soil judging and pedigree selections.

Mr. Frederickson commented that the rural schools usually place better than do urban schools in areas concerning responsibility. He cited the example of 12 or 13 year old farm kids having the responsibility of thousands of dollars worth of machinery while an urban teenager may not yet have work experience.

In order to join F.F.A. one must already be enrolled in one of the two agri-business courses offered VII and VIII hours. The course is a full credit elective.

Most of the areas covered in the agri-business courses deal with agriculture, agri-business, or horticulture, but, Frederickson said that the course can be molded to fit what the students want to do. The agri-business course is also only two years old.

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# Drama dept. creates active year on stage

A major change has been made in the performances of Spring Play. Because the audience will sit on stage, limiting seating to around 250, there will be three student performances.

The student matinees will be held as follows: the freshmen-sophomore matinee, Wednesday, April 23, in the afternoon; the junior matinee Wednesday, April 23, in the morning; and the senior matinee Thursday, April 24, in the morning. Evening performances will be Friday and Saturday nights, April 25 and 26, at 8:00 p.m.

Two cast changes have also been made. Tim Thompson will play the fire chief in the Bald Soprano and Anne Coolidge will play the orator in The Chairs. Besides rehearsals after school, the cast will be rehearsing on Saturdays. This was due to problems such as All-City, and limited use of the stage.

Miss Vicky Lee, drama teacher, stated that the cast has been very cooperative. She also commented, "They have a very good concept of the plays' meanings. They are very creative and suggestive as to the personality of the characters."

Both one act plays have fairly simple sets. The Bald Soprano is set in an English room; The Chairs in a shabby room by the sea. These plays will be performed on a thrust stage, similar to last year's Fall Play. Miss Lee will be holding a post-mortem after the play. This critique session also new to Central, is open to all students. Students will discuss their ideas

on the acting and directing of the play.

Miss Lee hopes the play will attract students and parents. She stated that the theater of absurd is something new to Central. She commented, "It is good for everyone to experience different types of theater."

Tickets go on sale Friday, April 18. They are \$1.00 with an S.A. ticket, \$1.50 without, and \$2.00 for the evening performances.

## Students to act in play

The Central Directing class will be participating in the Fifth Annual Invitational Acting Festival at Doane College on April 17-18. The Festival will include Mask and Mime workshops, other theater workshops, and one-act play competition between schools.

The class will perform for third hour classes on April 16. The group will perform Humulus the Mute by Jean Anouilh and Jean Aurenche. It is a French avant-garde play in one-act. Members in the class include Vincent Davis, Regina Anson, Stacy Clemens, Karen Berryman, Janet Pugh, Delford Collins, and Dale Ellefson. Other classmates consist of Patty Goodsell, Lorraine Griffin, Lisa Clute, Bev Bruce, Anne Watson, and Rose Polonski.

Last year, Central placed fourth out of 27 schools. One member of the class, Ron Smith, received a scholarship to Doane College. Miss Vicky Lee, Di-

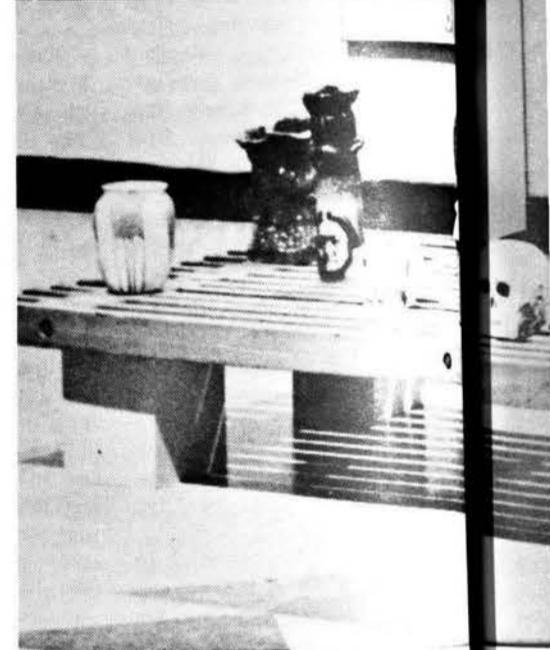
recting class instructor, admitted hopes for a possible victory this year. The festival is sponsored by the University of Nebraska at Lincoln's Extension Division, Doane College, and the Lincoln Community Playhouse.

Special features of the Festival are highlighted by the fact that this event is the largest acting festival for high school students yet to transpire in Nebraska. Other features include evaluations and constructive criticism offered by qualified directors from the areas of professional and college and university theater and possible scholarships for outstanding actors and actresses.

Finally, an awards banquet will honor the directors, actors, and actresses. The presentation of the "Traveling Trophy for the Best Ensemble in One Acts" will be given at this banquet. These one-acts cannot be longer than 30 minutes in length and must either be a one-act play or a cutting from a full-length play.

The Mask and Mime Theatre will be led by Jack Hill and Graciela Binaghi. Mr. Hill studied under Marcel Marceau where he met Miss Binaghi. They are now married and instructing aspiring mimists.

The Scholarships offered are 15 in number. They include five from Dana College, six from Doane College, and two each from Wayne State College and Fairbury Campus, Southeast Community College. The largest is \$450 from Doane every year that the recipient participates in the theater program.

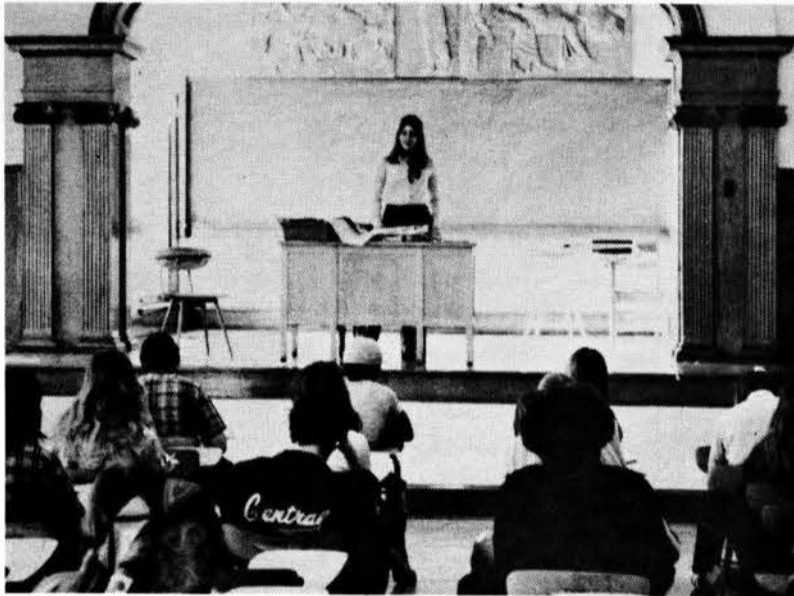


Nine Central High School art students displayed their work at the Joslyn Museum. The exhibit, which includes works from the Omaha Public High Schools, is open from now through the end of the month. Three students were picked by each art teacher to represent the school. The exhibit includes everything from pottery by Andre Lush and Adrienne Alston.

Other works by Central students are displayed at the Joslyn Museum. They include a sketching by Andrew Baron, a watercolor by Susan Tarver, and a watercolor by Scott P.

The oil painting at the right was done by Barry Carlsen. The cut print done by Barry Carlsen.

# Students give sermons to class



Lisa gives sermon to class.

When Social Studies teacher Miss Adrienne Tonge asked her Afro-American History students to assume the role of a hypocritical minister, only two students were willing to accept the role.

Miss Tonge requested the students give a sermon denouncing slavery in a Catholic Church, but the minister had to realize most of the influential congregants were large plantation owners, who had many slaves. The Church could not afford losing its congregants.

Seniors Lisa Jensen and Bruce Rips were the only students willing to assume the Reverend Dimmesdale type role. Both students took a different approach to how they could convince the congregation (the class) to denounce slavery and still appease the wealthy slave owners.

Lisa, who went first, began

by reciting passages from the New Testament on the wickedness of slavery. Her straight forwardness seemed to appease the congregation by the high grades she received from the class after the speech.

Bruce, on the other hand, tried to be more subtle. Bruce stated that he focused the sermon on the building of a new Sunday school for the children.

According to Bruce, he could now appeal to the emotions of the congregation by the use of educating the children and could blame the Vatican for forcing churches to teach slaves how to read and write.

Bruce said, "I also faced another hypocritical situation. By not being a Catholic, I had no idea what they say in a sermon. I asked someone, and they said the sermons are just like any other sermon. After hearing

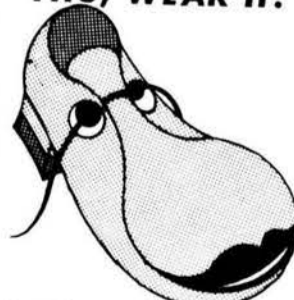
enough sermons for 18 years, I realized I could be didactic, too.

"Another problem I faced dealt with credibility. After Lisa started quoting from the New Testament, I realized I didn't have a Biblical reference to make an analogy.

"In the middle of my sermon, I couldn't think of a Biblical character to make the comparison. Finally, I remembered Job and compared him to the suffering souls in the congregation. Luckily, I didn't think of Obadiah because I would have probably made an even more absurd analogy."

The sermons were used to stress the influence the Church had on slavery in Latin America. Whether or not Lisa and Bruce have an engraved letter "S" on their chests, they both convinced their class that the institution of slavery had a strong opponent in the Church.

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## Milder pans Lucas

Has any student ever walked into a Counselor's office with a smile on his face? For that matter, has any student ever walked into a Counselor's office and been greeted by a smile that could not be classified as a leer? If you answered yes to both of the above questions, you must be an avid fan of "Lucas Tanner," that show of dramatic fantasy.

An example of old Luke's peculiarities is this: have you ever seen him wearing a tie. At Central, I believe that there is a law condemning a teacher to death if he fails to wear a tie at least once an hour. The female instructors only need wear one twice a week...

### Excellent Bladders

Naturally, Lucas, as well as most other television characters, never enters a bathroom. I am not simply referring to a school bathroom. Any student at CHS can understand his reasons for that. However, Lukie never even enters a "john" during the melodramatic scenes at his home.

Other oddities of this work of virile perfection include his hugging female students in front of the principal (he'd get the boot in five minutes here), he is on a first name basis with big-businessmen (no way), and he has students over for coffee. I'm sorry, but at least one teacher that I have has warned our class to keep away from his residence unless we want to shovel his driveway.

### Candidate for the Vienna Boys' Choir

Then there is Mr. Tanner's next door neighbor. The little nipper is only 10 years old but is smarter than any of Lube's students. He is always interrupting Lucas when he is with a lady friend, and yet Lucas never seems to get mad or hit him. But the viewer knows that Lucas has hit him, because the kid's voice is two octaves higher than a soprano. A true candidate for the Vienna Boys' Choir.

Then there is Mr. Tanner's school, Truman High. For a touch of realism, one occasionally sees students holding hands. But has anyone ever seen students necking in the halls? Certainly, even Lucas cannot stop that.

### Blows His Own Trumpet.

Truman High is blessed with its own high school newspaper, the *Trumpet*. If it actually existed, it would surely possess twelve Pulitzer Prizes. Why, last issue it published an expose on the year alumnus that just donated a new gym floor three short years ago.

If Central could find someone to donate anything to our gym, we would begin his campaign for President with the money received from trading the old floor boards.

Mr. Tanner is best described by a disgruntled student who, before Lukie-baby saved him from going to jail, said, "He talks like a brother, but he acts like a teacher."

## Central seniors win monthly Kiwanis awards

In the last four months, four Central seniors have been honored with the Kiwanis Citizenship Award. They are Debbie Korbitz, Paul Hoffman, Adrienne Alston, and Bob Midder. The Kiwanis Award is given out every month to one student from each Omaha high school who is an outstanding student and has many in and out of school activities, including community services.

The most recent winner is Bob Midder for the March

award. He said, "The Kiwanis Award is basically for being a good samaritan in school and out of school." Bob enjoys baseball and track.

In college he plans to major in either accounting, computers, or economics. He hopes to play baseball during college.

For the month of February, Adrienne was the recipient of the Kiwanis Award. Her many in and out of school activities made her eligible for such an award. In school Adrienne is involved in A Cappella Choir, she was the 73-74 PTSA secretary, and she has participated in Road Show and the musicals.

Paul was the winner of the January award. He said, "All of the activities that made me eligible for this award center around forensics." This in-

cludes his participation in debate, extemporaneous speaking, and original oratory. Paul's other in-school activities consist of the National Forensic League and intramural basketball.

Outside of school Paul has participated in Junior Achievement, Toastmasters, Explorers, karate, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine classes, and he has been a lector at his church's Masses.

Paul felt the Kiwanis Award was quite a distinction, and he emphasized that "none of this would have happened had it not been for this fantastic institution called Central High School."


Debbie received the award for the month of December. Her in-school activities that made her eligible for the award are Senior orchestra, German Club, honor roll, and All-City Orchestra. Her other out-of-school activities include her church choir and youth group, vacation Bible school teacher for three summers, Sunday school teacher, a Bible studies group, a youth missions group to Mexico, a home studies art course, and tutoring. Debbie's goal after graduation is to become a medical missionary.

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# Eagles yell, 'We're number one'

Centuries ago William Shakespeare warned, "Beware the Ides of March!" The Creighton Prep Bluejays should have heeded this caution, for on March 15, Central whipped Prep 47-38 at a packed UNL Coliseum to claim a second consecutive Class A State title.

"This year's championship was more satisfying than anything else," stated Mr. James Martin, varsity basketball coach. "We had more pressure than last year when we were rated number two throughout the season.

"Central was rated on top this year, so everyone expected us to repeat as State champs."

Mr. Martin felt his squad was at its best going into the tournament. "It's hard for a high school team to play at their peak for many consecutive games," explained Coach Martin, "but that's what is necessary for a team to take State in Nebraska. The loss to Prep in the regular season tended to help us by making the players work more intensively again.

"This year's tournament had tougher teams than last year's," reasoned Mr. Martin. "Everyone was out to get Central with their new defenses, from the



To the visitors belong the spoils.

'triangle-and-two' (Burke's zone) to the 'box-and-one' (Prep's zone)."

Looking back, Coach Martin was glad that the Eagles met Prep for the championship. "Last year some people said we were lucky that Prep was out of it. They can't say that this year."

The championship game had more at stake than a wood and brass trophy. Central had beaten the Bluejays in the Holiday Tournament by 22 points but later in the season Prep

tied the record with a 2 point win over the Eagles. The number one and number two teams in state met again to decide who was truly the best.

The first half showed the close excitement that everyone expected, with neither team holding a lead of more than three points. But during the third period, the Eagles exploded.

Central had edged to a five point lead when Brother Mike Wilmot, Creighton Prep's varsity coach, was called for a technical foul. Clayton Bullard hit both of his one-and-one freethrows and added a third point with the technical foul shot.

The Eagles brought the ball in bounds and Senior John C. Johnson's jumper boosted Central's lead to ten. The Eagles had complete control for the remainder of the game, building a 12 point lead at one time.

"I knew we couldn't let Prep get ahead," said Mr. Martin. "Our offense was not outstanding, but shutting out their inside game gave us the victory."

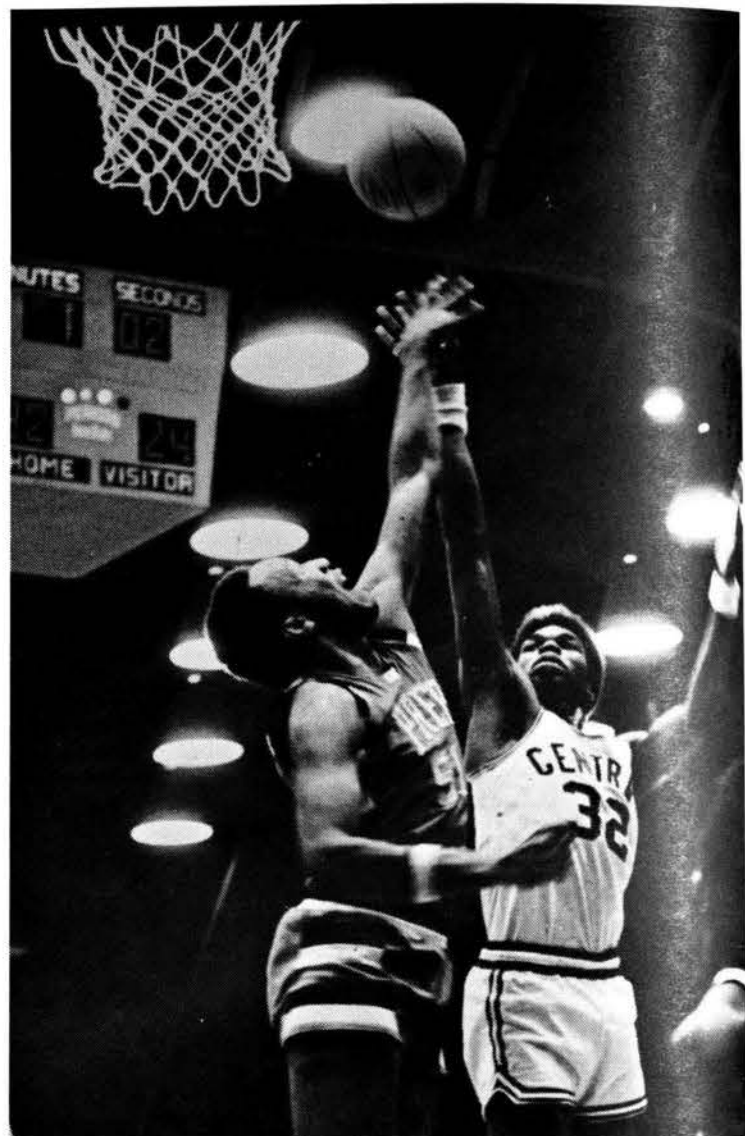
Central's three returning starters from last year controlled the Eagles' offense. John C. led with 16 points, while Seniors Clayton Bullard and Sylvester Pierce added 13 and 12 respectively. All three were named to the All Tournament Team.

In the semi-final round of the State Tournament, 8400 fans witnessed Central's most dramatic come-from-behind victory, as the Eagles nipped Burke 72-70.

The Bulldogs took a quick lead on the Eagles, and held a margin of at least ten points through the first three periods of play. At one point Burke mounted a 54-39 third quarter advantage over Central.

Burke, losing some of their momentum, resorted to delay tactics, and with only five minutes left, the Eagles were still down by ten. "The game turned around when Burke's Robert Dickey and Rob Hayner fouled out," explained Coach Martin.

With two minutes left, John C. missed a freethrow but grabbed his own rebound. His jumper from the lane tied the game at 66. Central's Junior Ray Williams gave Central the lead on a quick basket, and the Eagles' delay game maintained the margin, giving Central a berth in the final round.



John C. fires for two, widening Central's margin to ten.

John C. again led scoring with 22 points, with Clayton getting 18 and Sylvester 14. Rob Hayner of Burke picked up 25 points before fouling out. "Rob is a super offensive player," praised Mr. Martin. "Clayton did a fine defensive job, but it doesn't matter who covers Rob, he's going to score."

Central had little trouble in the first round of the State Tournament, as the Norfolk Panthers fell victim to the Eagles 60-46 on Thursday, March 13.

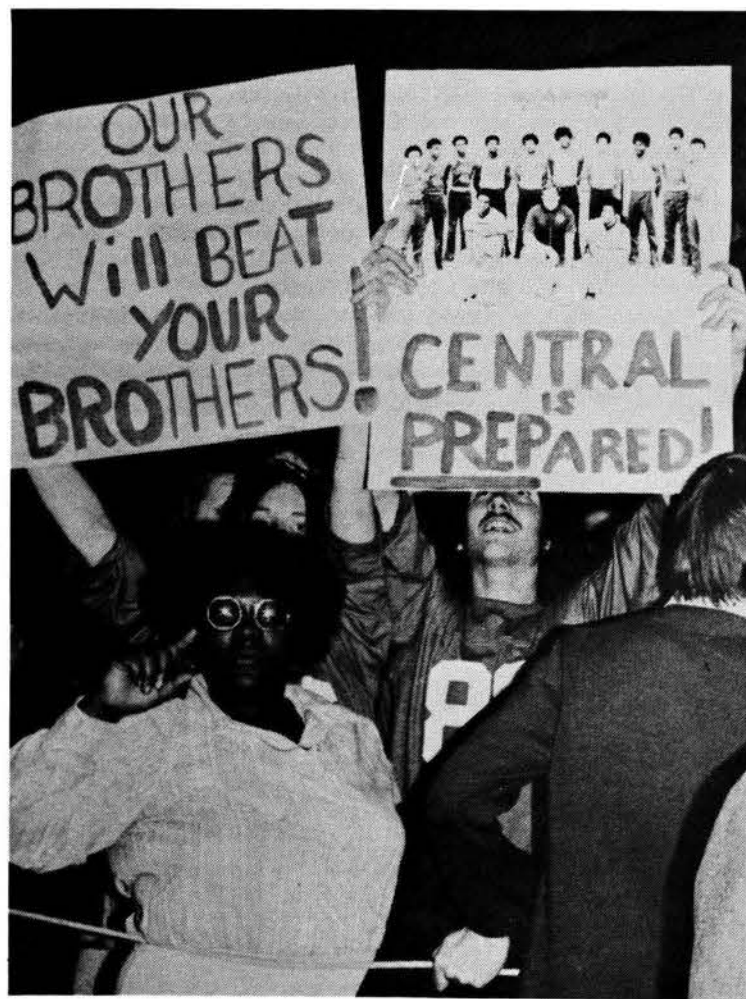
More impressive than the 14

point win margin was Central's domination of the boards. The Eagles collected 48 rebounds compared to Norfolk's 17.

The Panthers had played man-to-man defense all year, but switched to a zone, trying to offset the high scoring Central squad.

The Eagles' offensive attack was controlled by John C., picking up 19 points. Ray followed with 10.

Central's varsity basketball team finished with their finest season ever, posting a 25-1 record and capturing back-to-back State Championship titles.



Eagle fans show signs of the times.

## Baseball team eyes coming season

"Pitching will be one of our stronger points this year. Our hitting is adequate and has potential of being good, but we lack power hitters," said Paul Pennington, coach of the varsity baseball team.

The season opened April 1 with a game against Paul VI, but it was postponed to April 15 because of bad weather. Coach Pennington feels his team can compete with anyone in the city.

This year's team has three returning starting pitchers. They are Mike Bruce, Mark Jackson, and Mitchell Pinkard. The team has two seniors at third base and shortstop who received honorable mentions in all Metro last year. The captains are Jim

Carpenter, Mike Bruce, Mitchell Pinkard, and Mark Jackson. "The captains will provide valuable leadership," said Coach Pennington. "They will alternate two per week, and at the end of the year we will select an honorary captain. Also we have the best group of promising sophomores in a long time." They are Bob Burch, Tom Curran, Tim Hedrick, Mark Gillespie, Dan Hooi, Kirk Trofholz, and Gary Schubert. Several of last years J.V. members moved up to varsity. They are Bobby Midder, John Melton, and Henry Moore.

Coach Pennington commented that there was more and better competition for positions this year, especially for third base,

catcher, and outfield.

"I'm expecting good things from Mike Bennet and Mark Gillespie. Our defense appears to be good from the few days of practice we got outdoors," said coach Pennington. "I hope injuries won't hurt our catching core like it did the previous season. And I hope the weather improves."

The next game will be Tuesday against Ryan. Games are played on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Assistant coach is Paul Semrad and Mr. Tom Dolfay is helping out.

Mr. Pennington concluded that it's hard to tell the outcome of the season since the team has only practiced with each other.

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# Boys', girls' track begins

Coach David James's track team opened their competitive 1975 schedule with a fifth place finish at the UNO Indoor Meet.

Senior Steve Blair, reigning low hurdle champ, began defense of his event by giving a record setting performance in the 176 yd. low hurdles. Steve's mark of 20.6 bettered the record set by Millard's Doug Aken in 1972.

The only other Eagle to place in the meet was Senior Donald "Buggs" Bryant. Buggsy placed second in long jump, behind a record jump by Burris of Norfolk.

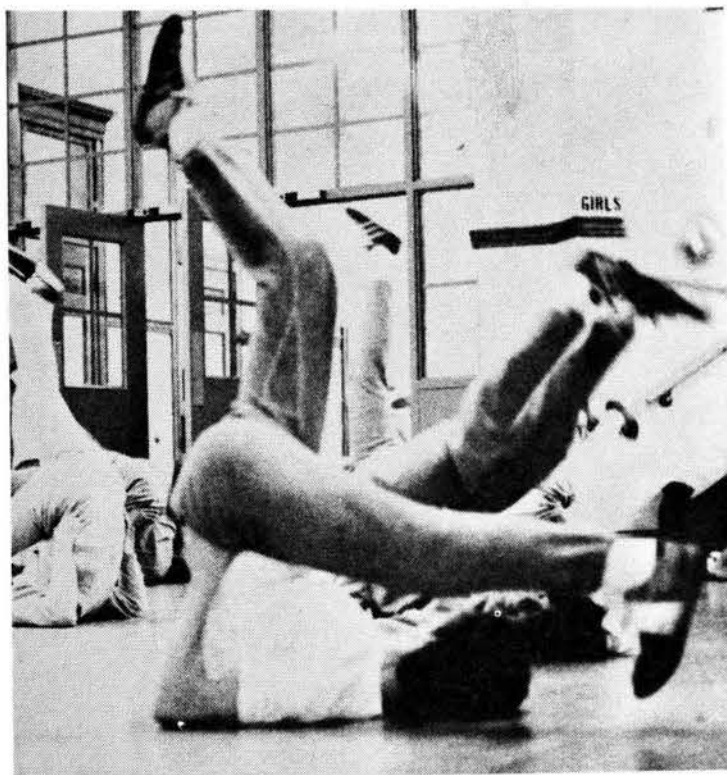
"I think the reason that more of our team didn't place in the meet is because of the inability to conduct practice on a regular basis." Mr. James continued, "The weather has been bad not only for us, but for other schools as well. Another reason is that we simply were not in as good shape as hoped."

On April 5, the Eagles finished second behind a strong Westside team. The Eagles exhibited good depth as speedster Steve Blair did not compete in any individual events.

Buggsy Bryant began defense of his state triple jump title by leaping an amazing 44'7 1/2". This effort put him out of the pit and set a new meet record.

Central placed in most of the events, Junior Jim Miyeno's third place finish in the discus throw and Senior Gordon Sims fourth place effort were both pleasant surprises.

The next meet for the team is the Millard Invitational Friday,



Trackmen find facilities less than adequate as the second floor halls become an after school gymnasium.

April 11, at Millard.

Mrs. JoAnne Dusatko, a physical education teacher at Central High, is the coach of the Central girls' track team. Central girls' track team this year will be defending their State Championship. The first track meet was the indoor metro track meet at UNO. Central came in third place. The Eagles had practiced only one day on a track.

The duels will be mainly on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The next track meet will be away at A. L. The track team has been getting many invitational

meets. The home meets are at Norris Jr. High.

The weather has really affected everyone. None of the track teams can get outside to practice on the track. Mrs. Dusatko felt the indoor meet was a practice meet to get things going, and she was glad that they had it.

There is about the same number of girls on the track team as last year, even though Central did take state. "The team has the best attitude and determination. Everyone is proud to be on the team," Mrs. Dusatko stated.



## Sidelines by Neal Steinbart

The State Tournament again inspired the annual migration to the Mecca of Nebraska High School Basketball, Lincoln. The pilgrimage included a pack of Greyhounds (not to mention the Keystone buses), hundreds of 60 mph purple and white cars (probably from Creighton Prep), Central's varsity basketball team, and least (but not last) minor opponents like Burke and Prep. Some fans even flew to Lincoln, and if not on the way down, they did on Saturday night.

All the Eagle fans had spirit, but some made it to Lincoln purely on "sole." Seniors John Holland, John Labenz, Mark Loch, Ed Schmidt, and Junior Keith Schafer ran the 55 mile route to the State Tournament.

### A successful feat story

The five started from Central High at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 12. Each of the five would take a turn running while the others followed in a car. Then, after half an hour, a new runner would start where the last had stopped. This cycle which repeated three times gave each of the runners their needed rest.

Traveling down Highway 6, the quintet made it to Waverly by 6:30 p.m., 46 miles from Omaha. From there they drove into Lincoln where they spent the night. At 8:00 on Thursday they returned to Waverly and ran triumphantly into Lincoln at 10:30.

### Lettermen make appointed route

Through rain and sleet and snow and gloom of night the five lettermen made their appointed route. They were coated with the mud from the shoulders of the highway, blown by the winds of an upcoming rainstorm, and glared at by the many passing motorists.

At one point the car, not the runner, got lost. Ed had built a snowman pointing where to turn off the highway, but the car missed it. He ran for nearly an hour before the others finally corrected their error and caught up with him.

Mark is given credit (or blame) for coming up with the idea. They had originally considered dribbling a basketball to Lincoln, but time and weather forced them to look for an easier feat.

After the come-from-behind win over Omaha Burke in the semi-finals, John Labenz concluded, "We didn't run down here for nothing!"

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## O-Club teaches CHS faculty lesson

On March 18, a ridiculously over-rated faculty basketball team attempted to stay with a superb senior lettermen's team. Even the half-time appearance of "Skate" Talty could not roll the faculty team to victory.

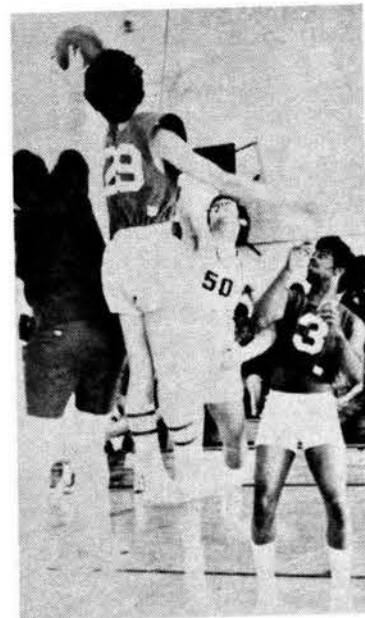
Seniors Gordon Slims, Ed Anderson, Mike Bruce, Roscoe Bryant, Mark LeFlore, and Mark Jaksich were among the O-Club members burying the faculty. The other team members were Don Bryant, Rogers Thomas, Steve Blair, and Ken Milder. The final score of 52-51 was an example of the student's generosity, shown when they gave the faculty at least four chances to win in the last 39 seconds. Gordon Sims' 30 foot jump shot with 19 seconds left was solid proof.

### MVP is Goat

The faculteam showed that they realized their chances for victory, when they had "5 Foot" Garrett jumping center at the opening tip-off. The O-Club team, however, unanimously chose Mr. Stan Stanifer the Most Valuable Player, as he missed two three-foot shots in the last minute of play, and whose technical foul charge supplied the winning point.

Perhaps the highlights of the game were referee Clayton Bullard's swooping calls, Coach Virginia L. Pratt's technical foul, and the shooting streak of Mr. Garrett.

O-Club did win the game, although some of the Faculteam members claimed a victory. The game ball was given to the storeroom.



Faculty poses no match for the high-flying O-Club.

## Johnson, Bullard, Brooks chosen for All-State team

"The Omaha World Herald" listed three Central seniors to the first squad of their All State Team. John C. Johnson and Clayton Bullard were named to the boys' team, while Cheryl Brooks made the girls' team.

Two players from the same school have not appeared on the first team of the boys All State line-up since 1963. John C., appearing on the list for the second consecutive season, was named captain of the squad.

"The honor is much different than taking State," explained John. "This is a personal award, not a team effort." Clayton, too, is proud of his accomplishment. "It was a goal I set at the beginning of the year, along with back-to-back State championship," reasoned the senior guard.

The girls' All State Team was a first for Nebraska. There is no state league for girls, but from the many schools throughout Nebraska offering girls bas-

ketball, the "World Herald" chose Cheryl as one of the best.

"I didn't think there was going to be an All State Team for girls," said Cheryl. "Once my coach mentioned the possibility of a team to me, and then one morning Conde Sargent called me to inform me of my nomination."

Cheryl, along with John C. and Clayton, plans to attend a college next fall, and all three hope to play more basketball.

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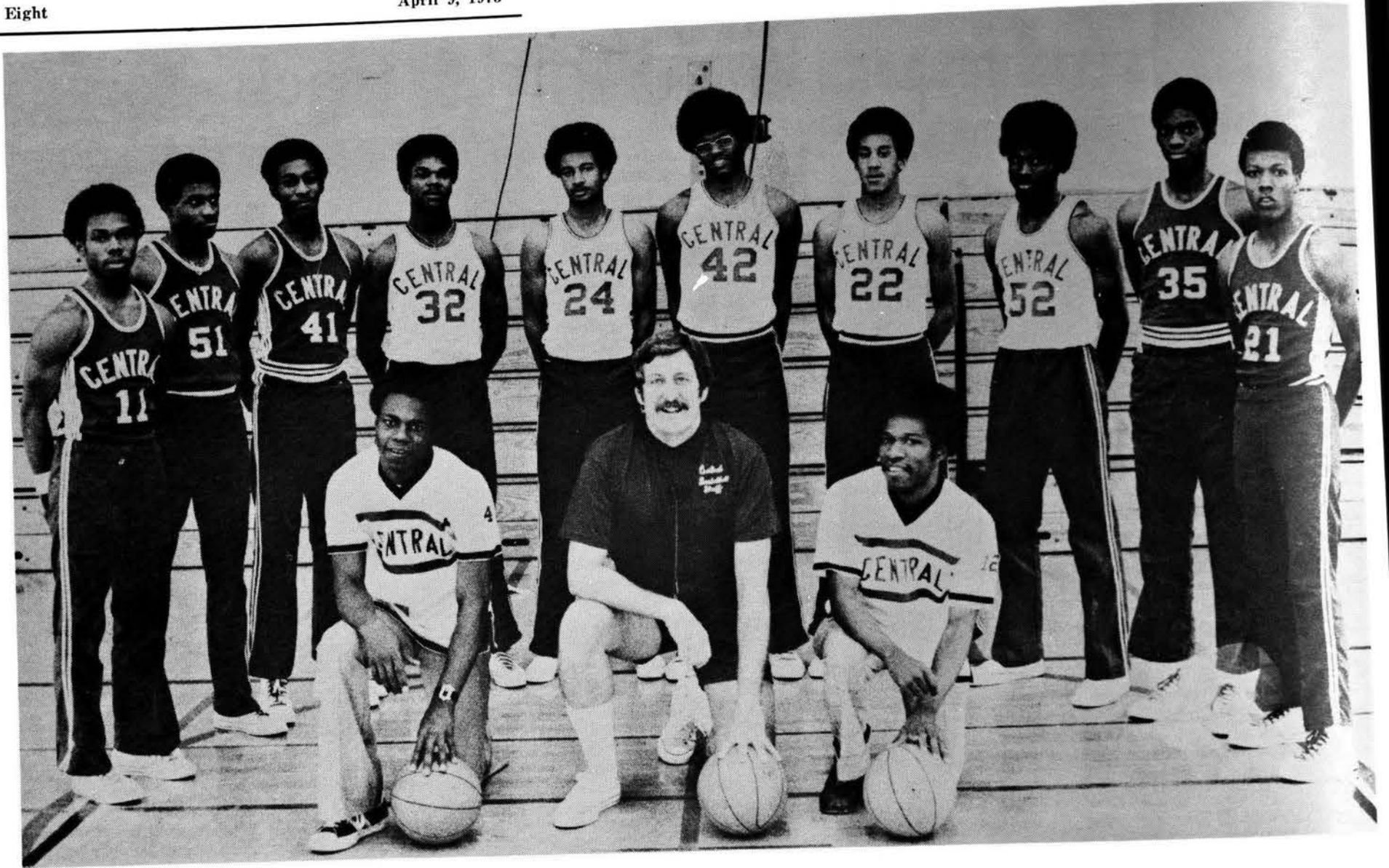
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