## central high

# register 

Vol. 90 OMAHA, NEBRASKA, DECEMBER 17, 1975


Felicia Jackson and Jere Miller, left to right, are two of the pre-schoolers now attending Central.

## Pre-schoolers attend CHS

The CHS Homemaking Department offers a course in Child Development. This ourse, according to Mrs. Carol ien, one of the instructors Mrs. Nancy Stroh is the ther instructor), has practical pplication for the students takng it.

CHS students enroll children
The children involved in the ourse are pre-schoolers rangng from two to five years. They come to Central at one of three periods of the lay: Monday-Wednesday-Frilay $8: 30-10: 00$, or $2: 00-3: 15$; or Tuesday-Thursday 12:00-1:00.
The children enrolled are reruited by the students taking
the course. Mrs. Lien said that the students recruit their cousins, brothers, sisters, or whomever they can get. She said that attendance varies from day to day since the children's parents don't always bring them. One problem with the afternoon class, she said, is that it is traditionally nap time.
For example, she said, the afternoon class has only six children, while the morning class has 22 . When the class was visited Monday at 2:30, there were only two children present.

Special concepts taught
Mrs. Lein said that in the class, special concepts are
taught to the children-colors and animals, for example. Also the students get to participate in special activities such as finger painting and a Christmas party.

## Practical experience

The girls get some practical experience in the raising of children. Many of these girls, she added, have no younger siblings to practice on for the time when they will have to raise their own children. In addition, the girls make toys and cookies for the children.
"The main thing is that the children find themselves so active that the time flies by," she said.

## Dineen denied delivery

During the holiday season, it seems that the postal service works a little bit harder. Post office representatives advised us to send packages by December 10 and letters by December 15 to assure prompt delivery. by Christmas.

Even with these precautions, however, some parcels arrive however, some parcels arrive
some time after their intended some time aft
delivery date.
delivery date.
Through rain, or sleet, or Through rain, or sleet, or
gloom of night, a post card finally reached Mr. Thomas Dineen, Central High math teacher, after it had been sent 67 years ago.
Mr. Dineen received a post card on November 26, 1975, addressed to his grandfather, Mr. J. D. Dineen, that was dated March 3, 1908. J. D. Dineen died in 1940.
The message on the card was
a congratulations directed toward the late Mr. Dineen concerning his promotion to captain in the fire department. Mr. Thomas Dineen explained that his grandfather had been a fireman at a fire barn and livery stable located at 24th and Cuming Streets. "Central and Creighton University had already been established by then, ready been established by then,
but little else was to the west but little else was to the west of them," Mr. Dineen said. Mr. Dineen thought it would amuse the post office if he was to report that the post card had
been delivered.

He said, "A postmaster was concerned about its origin and took a picture of it to try to trace its history.
Apparently the late Mr. Dineen did find out about his promotion to captain. In the 1920's he was the fire chief of Omaha.


Photo by Peter Buffett
Will calculators "overshadow" human computation?

## Calculators popular as prices decrease

In 1673 Sir Samuel Morland, an English diplomat, mathematician, and inventor, made a machine for multiplying. Little did he know that this invention would lead to giant sales of electronic calculators some three hundred years later.

Cental High School is not exempt from this mad rush for finding a faster, easier method of computation. More and more students own calculators and are using them in classes involving arithmetic processes.
The main cause of this in- use of calculators on tests for creased interest is decreasing the first time this year. He costs. An example is a par- previously allowed only the use ticular Unitrex calculator with of slide rules.
sixteen functions and eight He said he believes that nearsixteen functions and eight He said he believes that near-
digits. It originally was priced ly all of his students have acat $\$ 149.95$ last Christmas priced fall the price was to $\$ 39.95$.
The academic
Co academic departments at Central differ in their policies controlling the use of calculators.

Mr. Harold Eggen, science department head, said the use of calculators in his department is "left entirely to the discretion of the teachers."
"Calculators are worthwhile when arithmetic becomes drugery, busywork, and time-consuming," Mr. Eggen said. "Calsuming,' Mr. Eggen said. "Calplace of basic arithmetic complace of
putation."
Mr. Eggen admitted that most of the teachers in his department use calculators. One such teacher, physics instructor Robert Wolff, has allowed the
cess to calculators.
Miss Virginia Lee Pratt, math department head, said that students may not use calculators on tests in math classes. She has decided to make this ruling because "calculators are not accessible to all, so they would make an unfair advantage for those with them."
She said she allows the use of calculators on homework because there is no way to control its use. Miss Pratt feels trol the that capable people will not lose their arithmetic abilities by using calculators.
In the business department, chairman Mrs. Wanda Utecht said that calculators are only allowed in the accounting and office practices classes. In both of these classes, skills using the electric calculator are tested.


Mr. Dineen shows off his late arrival.

## 'Tradition' most effective

Over the years, the average high school stu dent has shown an alarming deterioration in the ability to write clearly.

Scores from this year's Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) marked the sharpest decline in two decades, especially on the verbal section of the test.

Several causes are attributed to this appalling deterioration of writing ability. We believe one of the main causes is the influence of television on our society

The use of television as a teaching device has played an important part in the decay of writing ability. To learn, a student must actively participate in whatever it is he wishes to learn Learning is not an activity for spectators.

In many schools, new methods of teaching English have only served to confuse and hinder the student. "Mini-courses" in things such as "American Films" and "Modern Drama" are offered to the student in lieu of regular English courses.

After a few years of experimentation, school are now returning to the traditional style of teaching which Central has had all along. The "traditional" English course entails studying classical literature, grammar and composition modern authors, drama, poetry, and theme writing.

Central's graduates have remarked that col lege has been easier for them because of our traditional teaching program. Apparently, the discipline of writing themes and studying the classics pays off in the long run.

Central is one of the few schools in Omaha that requires a total of five themes for a passing grade each semester. Theme-writing enables the student to practice basic writing skills that are invaluable to him in later life. It also makes the student more aware of the mistakes he makes in grammar and composition

We feel that some of the new methods for teaching English (such as using "mini-courses") were unsuccessful because they did not properly prepare the student for college. The new method may be more interesting, but they do not teach everything the student needs to learn before he goes on to college.

There is a certain amount of discipline that must go along with a teaching program. If this discipline is abandoned, the program will not be as effective. Success in college is largely at tributed to self-discipline. Therefore, it is im perative that the student be taught self-disciplin in high school.

We are grateful to the administration for keeping the traditional teaching methods not only in the English department, but in all the departments here at Central. Despite what the student may think now, we believe that he will definitely benefit from our program in th future
'Voice of the People'


Congratulate defeator
Since Central is involved in intra-mural and inter-schoo sports, we need to remind our selves that winning should always play second fiddle to goo sortsmanship. High school ports should be concerned with character. It would be folish say that winning isn't fun But if we can win gracefully, e will then be using our ex $r$ the canvas to help us adjust o life after we have concluded ur high school experience.
We must learn to congratulate those who defeat us and to say something complimentary to those whom we defeat. Then Central will always be a winner -regardless of

Kenneth Allen
Student offers money ditor's Note-This letter refers to the editorial in the last issue of the Register.
Graying bricks do not a

## Engel awarded VFW prize

prison make." The courtyar does not look like a prison, and it will not look like a priso until the Central students look, feel, and act like prisoners. So stop saying that, or we'll all start believing it, and then it will be true.

Apathy will not be cured in
a complaining atmosphere, so stop complaining and start dostop complaining and start do


## Diana Engel

At an awards banquet December 5, junior Diana Engel was awarded first place in the schoo and community competition of the 29th Annual Voice of Democracy National Broadcas Scriptwriting Contest.
Sophomore Russell Pierce was awarded second place in the school competition, and senio Rosemary Kudlacek was awarded third place
The Veterans of Feoreign Wars of the United States and its Ladies Auxiliary sponsored the program. The program was designed to give high school students a chance to voice their opinions on the theme "What Our Bicentennial Heritage Means to Me."
"I was very surprised that won," said Diana. "I entered because I thought it would be a good experience for me."
The entrants submitted a prerecorded speech which was judged for its delivery, originality, and content. The community judging took place at KFAB Broadcasting Company on November 29.
Judging the contest were former Governor Frank B. Morrison, Judge Adolph Q. Wolf City Councilman Jerry Hasset and Father Harold McAuliffe from Creighton University.
The speeches were graded on a point system. The highest number of points possible was 400. Diana received 326 points.

Winners of the district com petition will be announced on January 5. From there, the district winners will proceed to state competition where th

## \section*{Stephen D. Wentworth}

路

## CHS

sophomores
ing the courtyard. We need money, you say? Well, I'll donate fifty dollars if twenty oth er students will do the same That's 1,050 dollars right there Oughta get things rolling, huh ? But if there aren't twenty othe students who would give fifty measly dollars, then the hel with it.
state winner will be provided trip to Washington D.C. There the state winners will compete for the top national scholarship for 10,000 dollar. of 10,000 dars.
"I get 15 dollars for winning the school contest and 25 dollars for winning the community competition," Diana said. She was also awarded a certificate and two medals at the awards banquet.

In her speech, Diana compared the United States to a
house built by men who wer ready to make personal fices for its development The speech stated, "We mu all, in this two hundredth year of our country's existence, put aside petty differences and selfish goals, and strive for the good of the entire nation."
"I think the Bicentennial
a time to reflect on all of America's great accomplish ments and to think what w could do for its future," Dian commented.

## Poll reveals ignorance

The survey below, recently taken in various study halls, shows 100 Centralites' responses to questions concerning generaly known dates and people.

Under the column "yes", the given percentage of students were able to correctly identify the year or the person. The "no" column shows the percentage of students who were unable to answer the question correctly.

|  | yes | no |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1492 | 70\% | 30\% |
| 1776 | 74\% | 26\% |
| Columbus | 94\% | 6\% |
| Shakespeare | 87\% | 13\% |
| Beethoven | 91\% | 9\% |
| Napoleon | 77\% | 23\% |
| Freud | 46\% | 54\% |
| Aristotle | 51\% | 49\% |
| Marx | 51\% | 49\% |
| Raphael | 12\% | 88\% |
| Tolstoy | 32\% | 68\% |
| Rubens | 11\% | 89\% |
| Dr. Moller | 90\% | 10\% |
| Average | 61 | 39 |

A similar survey, taken by George Gallup, appeared in the November 30 Sunday World-Herald. On the national level, the percentages of those correctly identifying Raphael and Rubens as artists were significantly higher than Central's percentages.

Central scored as much as $19 \%$ higher than the national level in the identification of Marx, Napoleon, Beethoven, and Aristotle. The national average and Central's average were both the same. The Gallup Poll, however, did not include Dr. G. E. Moller (Central's principal) in its survey.

## CENTRAL HIGH REGISTER

The Central High Register is published semi-monthly except for vacation and examination periods by the Journalism Classes, Central High School, 124 North 20th Street, Omaha, Nebraska, 68102.

Second class postage paid at Omaha, Nebraska. Mail subscriptions $\$ 2.00$ per year.
editor-in-chief: Steve Swanson executive editor: Bob Hekl editorial editor: Zan Bockes associate editor: Winfred Pikelis sports editor: Brent Bloom ssistant sports editor: Mark Simon in-depth reporter: Joel Davies business manager: Stuart Kolnick
reporters: Paul Fishkin, John Faier, Eli McNichols, Molly Meehan, Cheryl Saxon, Kerry Schafer, Sandy Smith, Mary Steiner, and Sarah Traub photographers: Mark Simon, er Buffett, Kevin Anderson and John Faier distribution manager: Sherry Arnold advisor: Mr. T. M. Gaherty principal: Dr. G. E. Moller

"Rocking around the clock" was the main activity of approximately twelve Centralites during Thanksgiving vacation. The "rockers" rocked in rocking chairs for 26 hours to raise money for the March of Dimes. Sophomore Kiki Seitzer, March of Dimes chairman for Central, said, "About 30 people signed up to rock, but only about twelve showed up because of the cold weather."
The "rock-a-thon" location for Central was the Richman Gordman department store at 73rd and Blondo Streets. Several different Omaha schools had collection points at other locations.
"We were all bunched up in sleeping bags to keep warm," said sophomore Jean Rivard. "I thought it was going to be inside the store and I didn't

Central students both on and off their rockers.
ress very warmly."
The rockers collected between 200 and 300 dollars from
-வe CIOC ponsors and on-the-spot dona tions over the weekend. They rocked during store hours on Friday, (November 28), Saturday, and Sunday.
To pass the time, the rockers sang Christmas carols and wor Halloween masks to attract at ention. "The kids were more interested when we had our masks on," Kiki said.
Nancy Snyder, a sophomore. rocked for all 26 hours. Kik and Nancy belong to a March of Dimes area club, which the joined two years ago.
"My dad is on the March Dimes board for Omaha, and he thought I'd like to get involve n the rock-a-thon," Kiki es plained.
Kiki provided the rockin Kirs provided as ${ }^{2}$ hairs, bon ualty during the weekend. of the rocking chairs broke Sunday. I don't know wha happened-I guess someone wid just rocking too hard," she sald

## Refregier reveals past

## by Joel Davies

"When I was at Central in 08 , they were tearing down the old building and putting up the hew one. We would move into a new section when it was built, and then they would tear down he section we had just left." These are just a few of the recollections of N. L. Refregier, member of Central High's Class of 1908.
"Things were vastly different hen," said Mr. Refregier in a ecent interview. "Clothes were different, manners were different, the town was different. That area down near Central, around 19th or 20th and Dodge, was all residential, with apartments and houses."
Mr. Refregier, who was born in 1889, gets his unusual name from his father, a French immirant who came to America in the 1880 's. His father worked as an architectural sculptor, making decorative ornaments for the exteriors of buildings, which are, according to Mr. Refregier, almost non-existent

Same job problem<br>"In those days, you were glad

to get any job," said Mr. Refregier. "Today you have the same thing, too; everybody wants a job. The trouble is that the young people want the top job, and they want it now."
"You can't get anywhere without work. You have to pick a good business, one that suits you, and work your way up from the bottom," he said.
Mr. Refregier has some strong views on education, also. "My idea is this: education is a fine thing, but no matter how much education you get in school, you have to have a little gray matter to start with," he said. "You can go to a big university, but you have to have common sense to go along with your education. It all requires brainwork.
'Fancy, unnecessary courses'
"Education hasn't changed too much from the days I was in school," continued Mr. Refregier, "but today they've slapped gier, "but today they've slapped
on all these fancy, unnecessary on arses that are so brand new.
courses courses that are so brand new.
They've been doing a bum job They've been doing a bum job
on arithmetic with the new on arithmetic with the new
math until now, and now I've read where they are going to throw out the new math and replace it with the old!"


Mr. Refregier explains his early days in Omaha.

Mr. Refregier, who states that he hasn't been in Central for ten years or so, says that he doesn't remember much about his days there. "After all, that was almost 70 years ago," he said.
"I do remember the construction going on. I remember we used to have all of our football games and athletic events, ball games and athletic events and some parades out on the
west side of Central where the west side of Central where the big smokestack is," recalled Mr. Refregier. (At this time, Central did not have the northern gymnasium/auditorium wing which was to be added in the early $1930^{\circ}$.)
Mr. Refregier has lived in Omaha all of his life, although he has traveled extensively. He thinks that Omaha is one of the nicest places to live in that he has ever been. A veteran of WW I, he first worked at the Swift's packing plant in Omah Swift's packing plant in Omaha,
and then he worked for the and then he worked for the
Burlington Railroad line. He Burlington Railroad line. He finally moved on to the Omaha Grain Exchange. He has been married and has a son living in California. He also has been retired for the past 20 years.
"No, I don't work anymore," he said. "I don't want to work anymore-why should I? I still have plenty of interests, and I keep pretty active."

## Played for Orchestra

Mr. Refregier stated that he used to play violin in the Omaha Symphony Orchestra and the University of Nebraska Orchestra. "I still make violin bows, and do a lot of work in my shop," he said. "I attend the theater, and concerts; and I keep fairly busy." Mr. Refregier is also enthusiastic fregier is also enthusiastic
about the proposed rennovation about the proposed rennovation
of downtown Omaha and is of downtown Omaha and is
eager to see the planned Downtown Mall completed.
Finally, when asked about what he feels is the greatest difference between people today and those who grew up just after the turn of the century, Mr. Refregier replied, "People today are all after one thing... pleasure. Everybody wants to be happy, content, and entertained. But nobody seems to realize that you have to work hard to get happiness. You have to pay the piper, in other words."


Any senior filling out college application forms dreams of a scholarship that would put him in command of "the upper echelon of education" without shelling out a dime. Among the many Presidential, Alumni, State, and Regents Scholarships there is at least one which awards money to those with superior knowledge of family life.

This test, for the Betty Crocker Scholarship, was held at Central on December 2. Among the competitors were three homeCentral on December 2 . Among the competitors were three home-
makers of the male variety. Central seniors John Harris, Barry makers of the male variety. Central seniors John Harris, Barry
Hoberman, and Marlon Weiss joined 21 girls in putting their Hoberman, and Marlon Weiss joine
knowledge of family life on the line.
wledge of family life on the line.
Mrs. Nancy Stroh, a teacher in the homemaking department, was the proctor for the test. She said that two national winners can win up to $\$ 1,000$ to $\$ 1,200$. The winner from each state will be awarded $\$ 500$.


Will this be the next Crocker generation:
Barry Hoberman took the test "to show that I was better than all of the girls in the school." He said that he cooks frequently.
"I make beautiful salads, omelets, and lasagna casseroles," he said. While he has never taken a homemaking course, Barry said he has taken a shop course.

Out of the ninety questions on the test, Barry said he left five or six blank.

John Harris decided to compete for the scholarship because "Jeff Klopping won it last year."

John was a little disappointed because he felt he was not well prepared for the test. He hoped, however, that he "did well on impulse."

Working as a cook at Anthony's Restaurant and taking shop are two experiences which John attributes to his preparation for the test. John did not answer four questions on the test. "I thought it would be interesting," Marlon Weiss said about competition. He said that he does some cooking.
Marlon enjoys barbecuing, baking cakes and pies, and popping popcorn. Citing examples of his knowledge of family life, he said he spends time with his nephews and niece.

Skipping only one question, Marlon felt he was fairly well prepared. He took shop for two years.

## Shaw plows through heavy precipitation <br> With the heavy snows having yet to fall this year, <br> clearing of snow, including its organization. "When the

those responsible for its removal from our streets and highways still have time to prepare. Wayne Shaw, a Central senior, had an active part in this effort. Until recently, Wayne was a member of the Douglas County Snow Removal Board.

The board is made up of three "kickers", that is, those people who actually clear the streets, and two Douglas County board members. Their job is to decid county (excluding Omaha.)

It all started last year for Wayne, when his bid for plowing payment was accepted.
"Anybody who wants to plow for the county," explained Wayne, "sends in to the county a bid for how much they should be paid for their work, equipment used, wear and tear, etc.
"All of these bids are then considered, and the best buys for the county are hired." There are now about 148 privately owned vehicles that the county hires during snowfalls. Each vehicle has a two man, or sometimes bigger crew.

## Hydrants present plowing problems

Wayne used a 1974, four-wheel-drive Chevy pick-up for his snow removal duties.

Last year during the blizzards," recalled Wayne, we had a hard time. I knocked off three fire hydrants while moving snow because the streets were so bad. Luckily, the hydrants weren't connected."

Now Douglas County has some of its own equipment, including four salt and sand spreaders, each with a snow blade.

Wayne got the position on the board when one of board positions are voluntary with no pay.

The board's duty is basically one of organization, but it does get complicated. "First of all, we had to decide when to start the work," said Wayne. "This year's policy is: salt and sand spreading begins at six inches of snowfall, compared to last year's four inches.
"Since another hard winter like last year's was foreseen, Douglas County doesn't want to be caught in a financial bind like Omaha is in now. Also, as with Omaha, the county doesn't start street clearing operations until the snowfall is at the point when cars can't drive on he streets."

## Operations can require 600 tons

These are just preliminaries. More items figure into the process as the operation progresses. "For the sanding and salting work," said Wayne, "the amount of salt needed and the area of road to be covered have to be consdiered.
"This usually amounts to about 500 to 600 tons for a good spreading. Many of the actual plans are decided upon long before any snow hits the ground, like what areas of the county are to be cleared by each group or team.
"The county is divided into certain areas. This is determined by the kind of area: residential, farm, business, etc. Then the type of road and its width is considered. For multi-lane roads, the board coordinates convoys of several trucks by CB radio to work together in clearing the snow."

There are many problems associated with the actual
snow gets over nine inches like last year," said Wayne, it goes over the plow on the truck and then up and over the windshield. It gets kind of hairy when you're plowing along at twenty to thirty miles per hour and your vision is at times zero or less! I had to stick my head out the window to see where I'm going. That's why I hit the hydrants!

Callers complain about blocked driveways
"There were thousands of calls to the board durinc last year's blizzard mostly because of cars that were plowed over and drive-ways that were blocked by the pushed over snow. During a blizzard like that, there are some things that can't be helped."

The kickers also help out in emergencies. Each vehicle is issued a flashing emergency light so that when contacted by radio, they can plow a path ahead of an emergency vehicle, like an ambulance, to aid it in reaching its destination.

Wayne and the rest of the board put out tips before the snow season comes. "It's just an old wive's tale that letting some air out of your back tires will give you more traction," said Wayne. When the tire is low, the treads don't release the snow like a normally inflated snow tire does. So really, you lose more traction that you might gain."
In comparing Omaha streets to those of Douglas ounty, Wayne said that on busy streets the snow is compacted quickly by the traffic, and once compacted亚 wind takes off much of the snow that would ordinarily wind takes off much of the kickers.


At this point, the committee is considering advice from people knowledgable in the subject. So far, they have heard advice from City forester Orville Hatcher and landscape archi. tect Greg Peterson.
tect Greg Peterson.
Hatcher said, "I would seri-
ously consider ously consider Bald Cyp He said that Bald Cyprus is good choice because it is a fast grower.
"They will give you a totally different texture then you've seen. It will give you some uniqueness, and a very attractive and functional tree."
Bald Cyprus was Hatcher's first choice, but he also discussed the merits of other types of trees.
The Cottonwood, which is the state tree, has good fall color, and will grow to be a large shade tree in a few years.
He said that Seedless Green Ash has been over planted is Ash has been over planted recent years, and will bring sect and disease problems. added here another reason the Bald Cyprus: since there are not very many of them, they have not developed sease and insect problems.
Several types of Oak trees could be considered: Burr Oak, Red Oak, Pin Oak, and White Oak. Oaks are native to this area (they like acid soil), but they are slow growers.
All of the above mentioned trees are large trees. Hatcher said that Central would want large trees because of the large size of the school
The cost of the trees, he said, would be about $\$ 4.50$ for each tree. They would be about three to four feet in height. The cost he said, would run from $\$ 100$ to $\$ 150$ for Bald Cyprus, as an example. He is considering ten to fifteen trees on each side. (This is just the east and south

Topics such as teaching elementary, secondary, and special education were discussed in six classes. These were held in the morning.
Mr. Henry Blanke, a member of the Wesleyan faculty and brother of Central's head of the Social Studies Department, Mr Jack Blanke, was the speaker at the session entitled, "Methods of Teaching Speech." In the afternoon, an informal rap session about student teaching was held.
Janet said that the sessions were very informative. "The speaker who talked about student teaching told us it was rough but rewarding."
Nancy Sowl, the club secretary, thought that the presentation on special education was tion on special education was
"very impressive." Special edu"very impressive." Special edu-
cation is the teaching of cation is the teaching of
mentally or physically handicapped students.
"I don't know for sure if I'm going into teaching," Nancy said, "but if I do, it'll be in secondary English."
sides.)

Chess Club it again. By winning their recent game against Roncalli High, the competing team remains undefeated this year. Team members are Joey Alfaro, Jim Jensen, Dennis Klopping, Ken Debacker, Dave Lauritsen, Steve Gautier, John Wiesman, and Phil Worthing. These games are part of the Iowa-Nebraska Chess League which includes high school teams from the two states. The area is divided into two districts: northern and southern.
competitions, Central's team has a $5-0$ record in southern dis trict meets, and $4-0$ record in other meets.
Scoring is done by awarding one point for a win, and oneThere are for a stalemate (tie). There are usually six to twelve individual chess games at each meet. Central won against Creighton Prep, 12-0, and again over Papillion by $51 / 2-21 / 2$. Gross was defeated by $51 / 2-21 / 2$, and Abraham Lincoln and Millard High were each defeated by 7-1. Every Monday, Wednesday, night (and whe

## Central Centennial

This picture, copywritten in 1898, shows the Omaha skyline as it appeared in the '90's. The picture was taken looking Southeast from the tower of the old Central building. The corner of 20 th and Dodge is shown in the lower half of the picture, and the old Courthouse can be seen just beneath the two towers in the upper left center. Photo courtesy of the Bostwick-Frohardt colleciion owned by KMTV-3.
ever else the chessletes meet in room 329), games are played to determine the board positions at Central. These playoffs have, so far, left Joey, Jim, and Dennis with positions one, two, and three.
Even though Central's team won over Roncalli, for a time the outcome was pretty uncertain. "I Blew it!" said Joey after the game he had just lost, 'I forgot all about one of my rooks. In chess, that is com monly called a lousy game."

# Davis shows a kimono for History class 

"When my sister and I were younger we wore them as cosumes on Halloween."
Once again Jessie Davis, CHS nior, relived those earlier days y wearing a Kimono for Mr. aul Semrad's World History I classes.
The kimono is a traditional apanese garment. Basically, it s a long silk robe,
sually very colorful.
Mr. Semrad asked Jessie to isplay the robe for his classes tudying Japan.
With the help of Ardith Baron, who modeled the kimono,
essie explained the procedure f putting on the robe. Jessie tated that although the kimono s very colorful, most Japanese vomen never match colors. Furhermore, she mentioned that leaning a kimono is very ex-
ensive because the laundry ensive because the laundry ut of the robe.
Jessie's mother, who is a nave Japanese, brought back everal kimonos from Japan for er family to wear.
Jessie stated that the average imono sells for two hundred three hundred dollars, "an three hundred dollars, an
xpensive dress." Jessie also aid that she wears her kimono ly on very special occasions ch as Japanese holidays, new ars, or at school for a class. essie said that it takes two eople to put on a kimono beuse of the detailed decorations nd the many knots which must tied. The whole process in r. Semrad's room lasted about minutes. Jessie stated that he most difficult step is usally tying the traditional buterfly bow around the waist.


## CHS 'Number 1' sign falls in wind

In case you haven't noticed, part of Central's "We're Number One" sign is gone. No, rival high school students didn't vandalize our property The culprits at work here were the howling winds Omaha had November 20, and a loose upright support beam.
Mr. Elza Tabor, Central's chief engineer, and Mr. Walt Rokus removed the loosened part of the sign to keep it from further damage. "At first, we tried to hold the bottom of the sign in," Mr. Tabor said, "but it was already too loose and still windy.
"The cause of all of this was a loose upright support. Each time the sign was being moved back and forth by the wind, it loosened the nails holding up the right side. Finally, it just came off."
Dr. G. E. Moller, Central's principal, has made attempts to put the sign back up, but to no avail. "About a day after the sign fell," Dr. Moller said, "I called the Imperial Adver-
tising Company from whom the Future Central Committee bought the sign. They sounded as though they wouldn't stand the cost of its repair.
"A lot of work went into that sign. It's very aggravating that the sign blew downing that the sign blew down-
it should have withstood the it should have withstood the
wind. But when I called, the wind. But when I called, the
company claimed that even company claimed that even
metal signs blow down. That metal signs blow down. That
doesn't really say much for their signs!"
Mr. Richard Jones, assistant principal, recalled an interesting thing that happened the day the sign fell.
"Someone from the attendance office called Mr. LaGreca and me to take care of some kids who were 'tearing down the sign',", said Mr. Jones.
"So Mr. LaGreca went out the west door, and I went out the south in hopes of catching the trouble-makers. As it turned out, there were Mr. Tabor and Mr. Rokus removing the damaged part of the sign!"

## Students go to music clinic

On November 21, 18 Cenralites, the most selected from any Omaha Public School, joureyed to Kearney, Nebraska, or the State Orchestra, Band, and Choir Clinic.
They were: Doug Allen, Linda Bowen, Mark Haley, John Harris, Steve Jones, Bobbie Macek,
Michelle Michelle Madej, Jill Maser, Janet Mayhue, Marrelyn Morrow, Martha Murdock, Tami Oshorne, Debbie Pankow, Steve
Thornburg, Shelley Tuttle, Scott Wendt, Joy Werner, and David Wendt, Jo
Williams.
The bus for the clinic should
have left at 10 a.m. Thursday, November 19, but it snowed all Wednesday. At 10:30 a.m. on Thursday the bus sat empty in Central's parking lot.
With this snow situation no one was sure when or if they were going to leave. The band room was filled with groups playing cards and talking. The announcement was finaly made. The bus for Kearney ly made. The bus for Kearney at 6 a.m. There was grumbling at 6 a.m. There was grumbling
and complaints as the band and complaints as the band
room cleared and disappointed room cleared and disappointed
students returned to their third

## The Marine Corps teaches valuable technical skills, just like any other service.

## Now, what makes us different:

## The Marines

We're Looking For a Few Good Men
CALL LEONARD ROLAND AT 221-4669
hour class.
Six o'clock Friday morning came, and the bus left on schedule. Central's bus, shared with Bryan and Burke, arrived in Kearney about 11 a.m.
After a quick stop at McDonald's, the afternoon-long rehearsal began.
The band and choir rehearsed in the Senior High while the orchestra's rehearsal was held in the Junior High library after all the books were removed.
Students lived with familes in Kearney. After meeting their family-for-a-weekend, the students returned to the school for dinner.

An evening rehearsal had to be scheduled since the three day clinic was compressed into two days. This rehearsal was followed by a dance with a local band providing the music.
Saturday was filled with rehearsals and performances by request groups. Saturday night dinner was eaten at the Holiday Inn. The slow service of the Inn. The slow service of the restaurant barely allowed the students to make their 7:30 concert. The concert ended up being cancelled for a half hour due to road conditions.

The end result of the clinic was the final concert open to the public and presented at Kearney State Coliseum.
Lincoln's education television station (NETV) taped this concert and aired it December 15. The students' bus left immediately after the concert for home, arriving in Omaha at 2:30 a.m.

December 17, 1975

## Of Central Importance

Inter-American club
Tighter and tighter she clenched the baseball bat, her hands growing moist with sweat.
The crowd encircling her slowly edged away in fear of getting their skulls crushed. With wild uncer tainty she swung.

A loud crash was heard and the frantic mob rushed in from all angles. They tore and clawed their way in order to reach their prey.
This frantic mob was none other than Central's InterAmerican Club. A girl had just finished breaking the traditional Spanish pinata at the club's Christmas party held Monday, December 8.
The party was held in room 121 under the supervision of Miss Jane Nichols, Mrs. Vicki Anderson, and Mrs Mary Jane Larson.
Two main features of the party were a posada and the pinata.

The posada is a skit depicting the three Wisemen presenting the baby Jesus with their gifts. The pinata is a hollow paper mache figure filled with candy that is hung from the ceiling and then knocked open so that its contents are spilled out.
Cookbooks on sale
Are you still stumped on what to buy for Christmas? The Homemaking Department is selling cookboks.
"The books are made up of exotic and everyday recipes. About fifty percent of the Central staff (office and teachers) contributed to it," Mrs. Nancy Stroh, home economics teacher said.
The book consists of seven sections ranging from Meats to Miscellaneous, each secto Miscellaneous, each sec-
tion in a different color. The tion in a different color. The
picture on the front cover is picture on the front cover is
broken down for each secbroken down for each sec-
tion. The book has 75 pages. tion. The book has 75 pages.
"The books are selling fast. One third of the books were sold in the first three days. Dr. Moller bought 13 himself," said Mrs. Stroh.
DECA's officers
On Thursday, October 16th, (Distributive Education Club of America) DECA held initiation and installation of officers before school.
The newly elected officers are: President, Dan Huffman, Senior Vice President, Annette Clark, Junior Vice Annette Clark, Junior Vice President, Alison Ward, Secretary, Amy Lopez, Treas-
urer, Dottie Moreland, and Reporter, Jessie Davis. Reporter, Jessie Davis.
Also in October, 11 of the

16 members attended a two-
day state conference in day state Kearney.
The groups present fund raising project is selling Central pennants. The money will be used for the State Leadership Conference which will be held at the Hilton on the 26th and 27th of February.
DECA has been active at Central since 1969. DECA has clubs all over the 50 states, with 36 in Nebraska. All 8 Omaha Public Schools have a DECA club.
The members of DECA must either be juniors or seniors and be juniors or seniors and must be in a istributive Education class. Future plans for DECA include an employee-employer banquet in March or April.

## Cheers for buttons

Buttons, buttons whose selling buttons? The Central High Cheerleaders are, Both he Varsity and Junior Varsity are selling buttons as money-making projects. money-making projects. elling two different buttons "Eagles Are Dy-no-mite" "The Big Purple-mite" and In big Purple Machine Is On the Move." The Varsity cheerleaders are selling "Butt of Course We'll Win." They are hoping to make ver $\$ 125$.
The money the cheerleaders will be making will probably pay their way to camp next summer. The buttons cost 35 to 55 cents. The cheerleaders have made about $\$ 55.00$ so far.

## Donor Day failed

Lack of student participation within the school and lack of enthusiasm within Student Assembly caused the failure of Blood Donor Day here at Central on December 3 , claims Vice President of Student Assembly Scott Niel sen.
Student Assembly's main bjective was to help mee the ever demanding need for blood in the community. The lood donor center requires 0 students over 17 signed p before they send the loodmobile. Last year Student Assembly met their quota with 50 students, and every student who signed up qualified to give blood. This year over 500 were 17 , but less than 50 signed up to less thate.
"Due to the failure of thi one, we plan on having another one in February. This way more students will have the chance to give blood," Nielsen said

## A Cappella has big night


"Isn't that illegal? Not with us it isn't." Does that sound like a casual observer watching a revolution in South America? Well, it certainly isn't. Actually those were the words of one of the faculty players when they took on the North Branch YMCA in a challenge basketball game.

Players for the Central High faculty included: Mr. Robert Olander, Mr. Dirk McNeely, Mr. Stan Standifer, Mr. Atley Wede meyer, Mr. Paul Semrad, Mr. David James, Mr. Lewis Martin and Mr. Jim Kennedy

Mr. Olander said that the North YMCA contacted Dr. Ben ning, and Dr. Benning contacted Mr. Olander, who contacted the rest of the teachers and counselors.

The team was originally just supposed to be made up of coaches, but under the circumstances, exceptions were made.

The first time the teams were to have met, the game was canceled due to inclement weather; thus, the teams dueled last Wednesday, December 11.

In one of the opening plays of the game, the North YMCA team shot the ball up above the basket where one of their players met it and stuffed the ball through the hoop. This was an indication of the way the whole evening was to go.

Mr. Olander said that the YMCA team played a brand of asketball that was very physical. This type of basketball is more commonly known, to most people, as "street ball."

The score mid-way through the first quarter was $15-1$, not in favor of Central. The mighty faculty team trailed throughout the game, coming to within six points at one time, and finally losing racefully, 66-56

Our glorious faculty is not one to take a matter such as this sitting down. No, they have demanded a rematch. And (grinningly I suppose) the North YMCA team has accepted.

The next game will probably be played late in February, most likely after the high school season ends at Central. Mr. Olander said that he hoped that the faculty could get Mr. Tom Dineen and possibly Mr. Bill Lovercheck to referee the next game, as tey are professional referees, and the one at the North YMCA was wearing a purple shirt.

I laud our faculty for submitting themselves to such a test of their brawn and, not to mention, sagacity. I hope there will be arge turnout next time the two teams clash, as it should be interesting.


Photo by Mark Simon As the Roncalli Pride asks, "Can I have the next dance?" Lawrence Wilson anticipates a rebound.

## Eagles vicforious in three outings

The reigning state basketball champion Central High Eagles have started the 1975-76 season by winning their first three basketball games. The Eagles have defeated Thomas Jeffer son, Roncalli, and Lincoln Eas High schools.

Eagles sting Yellowjackets In the first game of the

No, we do not offer a course in Auk Watching...


But we do offer about 50 exciting things you can do with your life. Associate degrees and certificates in dozens of different career areas. Call us up! 334-8000

Metropolitan Technical Community College
season, Central defeated a scrappy T.J. team by a score of 78-73.
Starting in the first game were seniors Lawrence Wilson and Steve Watson at the forward positions, senior Ken Gruber at center, sophomore Dennis Huggins at one guard position and junior Bobby Kilgore at the other guard position.
Central went ahead at only one point during the first half; this by a score of $26-25$ early in the second quarter. The Yellowjackets led at the end of both the first and second quarters, the score at halftime being 33-32 in favor of T.J.
The Eagles gained on T.J. and led throughout the third quarter, leading by a score of quarter, leading by a score of
$49-42$ at the end of the third quarter. The fourth quarter proved to be interesting, as the proved to be interesting, as the score ended up tied at the end of the regulation period of play, 66-66.
The overtime period went well for the Eagles as Bobby Kilgore came through with six clutch free-throw points that helped the Eagles to a 78-73 win after one overtime period.

Eagles flaunt Pride
The Eagles had little trouble in getting past the Roncalli Crimson Pride last Friday, December 12, at Burke High School.
Despite a sprained wrist suffered in the Thomas Jefferson game, Lawrence Wilson led the Central scoring attack with 11 points in the $60-46$ win for the Eagles.

CHS led at halftime 37-20, and at the end of the first quarter 12-2.
The Eagle machine showed balanced scoring during this game, as junior Bobby Kilgore got into double figures, scoring ten points, with six other CHS players in all adding to the scoring.

## Eagles fly by East

In their third game of the eason, the Varsity Fagles defeated a favored Lincoln East High School team by a score of $58-56$.

Central, leading at the end of the first quarter 19-17, went to the locker roms at half losing by one point, $34-33$. It was at this point that Coach Jim Martin praised the team fo starting to live up to his pectations. Coach Martin said that at halftime he stressed de fense to the team that, early $i$ the fourth quarter led by score of 52-47.
With 39 seconds left, the score was tied and Steve Watson was at the free throw line. Steve missed his free throw, but jumped up and got the rebound from his own shot. Watson tried a short jump shot, missed, and Ray Williams put the rebounded shot in to insure a victory for the Eagles.
Good defense was shown by many Eagles throughout the contest, spurring the Eagles on to victory.

## Martin comments

Coach Martin commented after the East game, "I wondered how long it was going to take" (for the team to live up to his expectations). Martin also said that, even though Ray Williams, Lawrence Wilson, and Steve Watson, the three returning seniors, only combined for a combined total of 13 points against Lincol East 13 points against Lincoln East, some of our younger players
played well.

Martin was speaking of junior Bobby Kilgore's 24 points, sophomore Michael Johnson's 12 points, and the good ball handling and rebounding of sophomore Dennis Huggins.

The next varsity basketball game will be in the North High School gym, against North High, Friday, December 19, 8:00 p.m.

## Tourney

The Metro Holiday Basketball Tournament will be held Decemer $26,27,29,30,1975$, and January 2, 1976, at the Omaha Civic Auditorium, 1804 Capital

The 14th annual tournament ne of the largest of its kind, has 16 teams participating in 25

## during

 days.days.
The tournament, according to Charles Mancuso, originator of the tournament, was originally designed to give high schol teams needed competition teams the Christmaserition dur ing the Chament each tean. In have the part team wil have the opportunity to play at
vacation
Central is seeded third in the tournament, behind Creighton Prep and Benson high schools. Burke High School is seeded fourth.

Central's first game is December 26 at 6:45 p.m. against Roncalli High School, at the Civic Auditorium.

## Gym shorts

## Reserve basketball

The CHS Reserve Basketball team has started its season by losing its first two games to Bellevue and Gross High Schools.
In the first game of the season, the Eagles were defeated by a score of $50-42$ in the game against Gross High School.
Against Bellevue, Central was behind at one point by 20 points, came back to within six, and lost by a margin of 54-46.
Coach Paul Pennington commented that he thinks the team is improving, and that they should come back and win the majority of their games. Pennington also stated that the team does not have as many tall memers on it as it has in the past, and that they have had to rely to a great extent on a man-to-man full court press defense.
Pennington also stated that grabbing rebounds has also been a problem. In the first two games, Algie Bullion has been the leading corer, averaging 14 points per game.
The next Reserve game is tonight against Roncalli, at Roncalli. The game will start at 7:00 p.m.

## Boys' swimming

The Boys' swimming team started off the season by splitting their first doubledual meet, beating Tech 62 20 , and losing to North 40 39, at Norris pool, December 5 .
Coach Brian Watson said
that the team had beaten North six events to five, but North's depth hurt Central. "We would come in first in an event but they would take second and third," said Watson. "We could have beaten them if we had another diver doing five dives."
Mr. Watson commented that Bart Reed, swimming the 100 yd . breast-stroke, had brought his time down to 1:09:1 in the meet, :02 faster than his best time. Dale Pinkelman missed getting first in the diving by three enths of a point Coach enths of a point. Coach Watson said that if Dale had won the diving, they might have beaten North, "but who is to know."
The next swimming meet will be against T.J. and Gross, December 19, at Norris Pool.

## Girls' basketball

The CHS girl cagers have started their season with one win and one loss.
The first game, a win, came as Central met Westside on Westside's home court, last Thursday, December 4.
With only one starting senior and two starting sophomore guards, the Eagles flew by the Warriors 34-18. Coach Paul Semrad commented that the team played a good defensive game, despite some first game jitters in the shooting department.

The second game, a defeat, was against the girls from Marian High School. Marian's tenacious man-to-man defense troubled the Eagles, as they lost by a score of 37-22.

Again, CHS played a good defensive game, but an inability to get inside to shoot proved to be the to shoot proved to be the weakness
that overcame the Eagles.

The next girls' basketball game will be next Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. against Bellevue. The game will be played at Central.

## Girls' gymnastics

The CHS girls' gymnastics team will start its season Saturday, January 13, at the Bryan Invitational meet Coach John Kocourek com mented that the girls have a problem concerning space for practice. The girls can only use the gym twice a week and their time is sometimes pre-empted when there happens to be another sporting event going on.
The days that the girls are not able to practice in the ym, they are forced to use room 215. The use of 215 is hardly adequate, though, as they have no room to set up all of their gymnastics apparatus
Commenting on the possibility of the girls going to another school to practice, another school to practice, Coach Kocourek said that the team had attempted doing that last year with little success.
Kocourek stated that the lack of practice space is a problem, and that "the girls are not used to being shoved off into a corner."

Coach Kocourek also commented that, having graduated no seniors last year, he is looking forward to this season.


John C. practices winning form.

## Johnson hits books, boards, baskets for Creighton University

Former Centralite John C. Johnson has made good. John C., a two time All State choice, and member of the past two years' state championship teams is now attending Creighton University.

At Creighton, John C. has switched positions. While in high school John played at the forward position; he now plays at the guard position. Creighton coach Tom Apke felt John C. would be better at guard.

## TAKECHI'S

1510 Farnam
Unusual Gifts from the Orient
for Mother: Hand-painted Tea Sets for Dad: Money Clips and Tie Tacks for Sister or Brother: Mood Rings and Class Rings

(402) 551-3939 4967 DODGE
plants \& plant supplies jewelry-turquoise and silver handcrafted leather \& pottery christmas gifts and ornaments pipes and paraphernalia

## ALBusgs -

$\$ 6.98$ our price $\$ 4.60$
$\$ 5.98$ our prict $\$ 3.85$

Coach Apke commented that John C. is a very conscientious player and student as well. Apke said that many athletes think that they are on vacation and do not need to study; John C. is not this way

Apke also commented that John C. is learning the guard position very quickly and that he should develop into a fine defensive as well as offensive guard.
So far this season, John C., playing as a non-starting member of the team, (something John C. says he has to get used to) has averaged over ten points per game.
In college, John C. has played against and is on the same team as many of his high school opponents. Also currently on the C.U. team are Kevin Kuehl and David Wesely, both formery of Creighton Prep, and Bruce Kucera, formerly of North Platte High School. In one game earlier this season, John C. was pitted against former Burke High School star Rob Hayner.
If you are wondering how these old rivals get along, John C. and Wesely now room together in a Creighton dormitory.
When asked what he thinks about the Central basketball team this year, John commented that they'll be pretty good once they get their stuff together (this interview took place before the Lincoln East game).
All in all, John C. said that e has adjusted to the student life at Creighton and is looking forward to playing more basketball there.


Captain Jim DiCola

The Central High wrestling team has started off the season by placing in the top ten in two invitational meets and winning its first dual meet of the season.
December 4, 5, and 6 was the North invitational, and Central finished in the top ten, with Terry Conyers getting a second and Maverick Lewis, Mike Gurcello and Brent Frit Mike Gurcelo and Brent Frit cher getting into that this George Garrett said that this team is better than last years' team. 'This team scored $371 / 2$ points with only four seniors, while last year's team with mostly seniors scored only 40 points," commented Garrett.
Their first dual meet, against Creighton Prep, saw the grap-

## J.V. Eagles win two,

People who come only to the varsity basketball games are missing some of the best basketball contests by not coming to see the Junior Varsity team play. The team is now 1-2, but they have lost their two games by a total of nine points.
The first game of the Junior Eagles' season opened with an overtime loss to Council Bluffs Thomas Jefferson, on the Yel-
regulation time.
With $1: 10$ gone in the overtime, Irving Harris was called for an offensive foul, his fifth and with :57 left in the overtime Brad Bone was called for his fifth foul. Both free throws were good, making the score 60-58 in T.J.'s favor. The Yellowjackets put one more free shot through, making the score 61-58.
plers winning by a score of 27-25.
Coach Garrett said that the team made some mistakes, but they wrestled aggressively and used the moves they practiced. He also commented that seniors Steve Felici, Jim Brown, Brent Fritcher, and Jim DiCola wrestled consistantly.
Last weekend, the team again finished in the top the finished in the top ten the South-bryan Invitational. Nine of the Central wrestlers advanced into the third round, with Terry Conyers winning his weight class by an 8-6 decision over Vince LaBoda of Bryan. Ed Pelshaw went to the semi-finals, only to be knocked off by second seeded Steve Zadi from Bellevue.

Coach Garrett says that this is the best team he has had in his three years coaching at Central. "They are a young team," said Garrett, "and they will probably be the team that we will be working with next year." He said that they have a good attitude towards wrestling, and that the seniors are good leaders, along with junior Terry Conyers. He is also pleased with sophomores Brad Hatt Tony Felici, and Joe Scales. Scales.
The team's next meet will be next Friday at Bellevue, with some of the team going to the Westside Invitational, next Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.


## drop one

he thought that the Eagles had used all of their time outs, when they actually had three remaining.

Never gaining the lead, the Eagles only lost by six, after being down by 13 to The Lincoln East Junior Spartans.
There were lots of fouls, and the crowd became verbal on what they felt to be many close calls. Central played a good


## Ronnie Starks muscles in against Roncalli defender

lowjackets home court Decem ber 6. Both teams were shaky going into their first game and there were many turnovers. The Eagles took a $33-27$ lead going into the locker room for the half.
They still held the lead after three full periods of play, but both Ronnie Starks and Irving Harris had four fouls going into the final period.
In the fourth quarter, the Yellowjackets came out with a full-court press and pulled to within one when Central called a time out. Ronnie Starks fouled out with 1:36 left in regulation play and T.J. took a one point lead by sinking both free shots.

Brad Bone then tied up the score again when he was fouled with over a minute left, and his bonus shot put Central ahead. Then, with less than a minute remaining, the Central bench was called for a technical foul, and the score was again knotted at 54. The teams traded baskets and it was 56 all at the end of

Ronnie Starks led the Central scoring with 18, and Irving Harris contributed 12 in the losing effort.

The next week the Junior Eagles improved their record to 1-1 with a come from behind victory. They led most of the vame until the Roncalli Crim gam Pride the Roncalli Crimson Pride took a one point lead with a minute and a half left in the game.

Due to a misunderstanding by the referee, the Eagles could not call a desperately needed time out until there were seven seconds left in the game, after Brad Bone was fouled.

Bone hit both of his free throws, putting the Eagles ahead by one with seven seconds still on the clock. The Eagles then forced Roncalli to throw the ball out of bounds Central threw the ball inbounds and held on to it for the victory. Irving Harris put in 20 point Irving Harris put in 20 point. for the Eagles, with Ronnie Starks putting in eight
The reason the referee would not call a time out was because
game but could never quite get the offense going. Brad Bone led the Central scoring, with Nick Fleming and Ronnie Nick Flarks both contributing 9
Coach Stan Standifer feel Coach Stan Standifer feels
that he has a good team, and, "we will come on strong as the season goes on."


05 No. 551-8356
(50th \& Dodge) OVER 20,000 USED PAPER BACKS ALL HALF PRICE Trade 2 for 1.
Tues.Sat., 10 to 6 Sun., 12 to 5 Closed Monday


Photo by Peter Buffet
Central's Steve Watson makes headway by using camouflage against Lincoln East opponent.

