

Central crime not serious problem

by Steve Swanson

In a recent edition of U.S. News and World Report, an article on violence and vandalism in the nation's schools quoted the findings of a Senate subcommittee on crime.

For the period 1970 to 1973, the subcommittee reported that robberies in high schools went up 37 per cent. School-related homicides went up 18 per cent. Assaults on teachers jumped 77 per cent while assaults on students increased 85 per cent.

Surveys in the article in U.S. News and World Report indicated that the situation has worsened since 1973. The estimated cost of high school crime across the nation is more than 600 million dollars.

The Omaha Public School System in general and Central in particular seem to stand out as islands amid this flood of violence, according to OPS officials and Central administrators.

Mr. Myrton Hall, Assistant Superintendent in charge of the Department of Business Services, said that, although vandalism seems to be on the increase in Omaha high schools, an accurate evaluation is difficult.

"There are a lot of factors which have to be taken into consideration," Hall said. "For instance, our reporting methods might have improved, and the actual cost is hard to measure because of the affect of inflation."

Commenting on violent crimes, Dr. Rene Hlavac, Assistant Superintendent in charge of Pupil Personnel Services, believes that the schools have been "relatively free" this year.

There was a knifing incident at Lewis and Clark Junior High recently, but Hlavac said, "That was an unfortunate accident." According to him, several students were causing a disturbance when one of them pulled a knife and, in doing so, cut an innocent passerby.

Hlavac also stated that only "one or two" incidents have been racially motivated.

"I believe that our city is very conducive to moving ethnic groups together," said Hlavac. "I'm very optimistic about the future. As time goes on, you'll find an even more positive attitude among high school students."

Although Central administrators agree that the vandalism and violence situation at Central is the same, if not better, than in previous years, there

have been incidents which prove that Central is not immune from crime.

According to Mr. Elza Tabor, Central's Head Custodian, the vandalism that occurs at CHS is mainly the destroying of the restrooms' paper-towel containers. Handrails are also frequent casualties. The smokestack west of the building, which has several graffiti spray-painted on it, is also the object of many vandalizers.

"I'm sure, though, that we are much better than other schools," Tabor said. "The amount of vandalism has gone down over the past few years."

Along with this "everyday" vandalism, some other incidents have occurred.

Several weeks ago, the Business Department office was broken into on two separate occasions. Some ransacking was done. When the office was broken into for the first time, the Journalism room, room 317, was also ransacked.

A series of fires in six girls' restrooms also occurred recently. Mr. Anthony LaGreca, Assistant Principal at Central, believes that these fires were the work of just one person. No serious damage was done to any of the restrooms.

Dr. G. E. Moller, Central Principal, estimates that the cost of vandalism so far this year amounts to "about 1,000 to 1,500 dollars."

"When you start to add the cost of broken windows and labor and everything else," Moller added, "it adds up pretty fast."

None of the Central administrators can recall an assault on a teacher or a serious assault on a student, but, as Central Assistant Principal Mr. Richard Jones said, "Anytime you get 2,000 students together, you're bound to have some fights."

Dr. Moller commented that the most troublesome form of theft at Central is the stealing of items from students' gym lockers. Mr. Gary Bailey, Head of the CHS Physical Education Department, agreed with Moller.

"Last semester was the worst for locker break-ins in the five years I've been here," Bailey said. "It's been better this semester. The security of our locker room is as good as it's ever been, but it's very hard to catch the thief. Prevention is the only way to stop it."

One of the most bizarre oc-

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How isolated is Central from school crime?

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New department heads named

Last Friday, March 5, two new department heads were named to take the places of Mr. Edward Clark, of the English Department, and Mr. Harold Eggen, of the Science Department, both of whom are retiring this year. The new department heads are Mr. Dan Daly, English, and Mr. Gary Thompson, science.

Both Mr. Clark and Mr. Eggen are veteran teachers here at Central; Mr. Clark has spent 30 of his 36 years in the Omaha Public Schools at Central, while Mr. Eggen has been here since 1940.

Both teachers attribute their retirement to a desire to do things they "may not be able to do as time goes by." They plan active retirements; Mr. Eggen would like to put more time into some of his favorite hobbies, such as photography, while Mr. Clark plans to travel, and "cultivate my soul, as Whitman says."

"One of the nice things about retirement is," added Mr. Clark, "you don't really have to plan for it."

Mr. Eggen, who has been a department head here for about 10 to 12 years, stated firmly, "I'm not going to end up sitting

in a rocking chair."

Mr. Clark said that his 30 years here at Central were well spent. "I am glad I taught," he said.

Mr. Thompson and Mr. Daly both applied for the open positions by letter. Members of both departments were encouraged to state their own preferences, but the decision of who would become the new department heads was ultimately that of Dr. Moller.

Mr. Thompson has spent six and half years in OPS, teaching three of those years at Central. His new duties will mostly concern scheduling of science classes, curriculum organization, and other co-ordinating activities.

"I want to try and improve student enrollment in science classes here at Central," Mr. Thompson said. "There are not nearly as many students in science classes as there should be."

Mr. Thompson would also definitely make some changes in curriculum, such as putting in a special biology class for slower students, as well as a second, non-AP year of biology. "The idea," he said, "is to shift more to laboratory science than

lecture science."

Mr. Daly, who has taught at Central for 14 years, is also optimistic about his new appointment. He will also be concerned mostly with curriculum and scheduling, but he said, "I would like to become even more of a better listener. Part of the job of department head is to assist and listen to the members of the department."

"I'm not a 'new broom'," Mr. Daly continued. "I don't plan to throw out the baby with the bath water; I don't even want to throw out the bath water. I would like to maintain the English department as it is now, changing, of course, that which needs change."

Mr. Daly will continue to place strong emphasis on the use of stylebooks and graded themes. "Those stylebooks ought to be carved on stone tablets; they kept us up when other schools were going down," he commented. He would also like to strengthen a program of grade level achievement standards for stylebook rules.

"I think I can handle it," he concluded. "It'll be no vacation, but I'm going to work hard at it."

NCTE nominees chosen

On February 25, four juniors were chosen as nominees for the 1976-77 writing awards from the National Council of Teachers of English. They are Gary Lukowski, Diana Engel, John Faier, and JoAnn Olsen.

The students, all members of Mr. John Keenan's Honors English classes, were chosen by various English teachers. According to Mr. W. Edward Clark, English department head, teachers of the junior English classes asked interested students if they would like to compete.

Approximately 28 students then submitted a sample of their work to the English department about a week before the winners were announced. None of the judges knew the authors of the pieces.

"Most of the selections were autobiographical short stories. There were also a few essays," Mr. Clark said. Although

poetry was also acceptable, very few poems were submitted.

The selections were judged on mechanics, content, and originality. They were graded just as themes are graded, but more emphasis was put on originality, Mr. Clark reported.

Each piece was given a number grade (1, 1-, 2, etc.) for originality, content, and mechanics. After several teachers had read each selection, the grades were averaged. The four pieces with the highest averages were chosen as winners.

Next, these four students must write an impromptu theme sometime in March or April. The theme topic will be sent from the NCTE.

Until then, the students may make revisions on their selections, which will be sent along with the impromptu theme to the state NCTE judges. Winners of the state contest are not notified until October.



Photo by Kevin Anderson

NCTE nominees Gary Lukowski, Diana Engel, John Faier, and JoAnn Olsen with Mr. Keenan.

Teachers sprout bluegrass talent

'Thanks' to Road Show

After the traditional production of the Central High Road Show, we would like to compliment everyone involved for making this year's show one of the best.

Unfortunately, many of the students attending the matinee performances clearly did not realize or appreciate the efforts exerted by those who worked to produce the Road Show. We feel that those students who were uncouth during the performance did a great injustice to the performers.

Although many in the audience were rude, we believe that the students involved in the show performed exceptionally, despite the noisy audience. We are also aware that there were several problems with the technical equipment during the evening programs, but none of the difficulties severely diminished the quality of the performance.

Once again, a special thanks to all Road Show performers, set designers, stage crew members, band members, publicity workers, and involved teachers.

Last but not least, thanks also to Road Show managers Doug Allen, Linda Bowen, Julie Gomez, John Harris, Glenn Prettyman, Don Thomsen, and Joy Werner.

Reduce snow absences

Occasionally, students of schools in the Omaha area awaken in the morning to find several inches of new snow on the ground. Expectantly they crouch by the radio in hopes of hearing that there will be no school that day.

Perhaps it is this uncertainty whether classes will be held or not that keeps many students home. But if the radio does not say whether school will be open or not, students are automatically to assume that classes will be held.

However, the Omaha Public School board has been known to cancel school as late as 7:25 a.m. when most students have already left for school. Clearly, this is one problem that could easily be eliminated.

There would be far fewer absences on snowy days if the school boards were to inform the radio stations of some kind of decision by 7:00 A.M. To alleviate indecision, the school boards should specify whether or not schools will be open.

Last week, approximately one-fourth of the student body was absent because of the snow, although there was no school cancellation announcement on the radio. We believe many of these absent students were merely taking unfair advantage of the situation.

The absent students were also being unfair to those who do come to school because their absence makes it difficult to hold a normal class.

In conclusion, we suggest that on snowy days the Omaha Public School board should make a definite decision by 7:00 A.M., or suffer the problem of absency.



Photo by Kevin Anderson

Mr. Turbot "tickles the ivories."

Gym committee set up

According to Dr. G. E. Moller, Central High Principal, the task of setting specifications for Central's new gym is now under way.

"An Educational Specifications Committee is meeting every Tuesday after school to consider what will be needed in the facility," said Moller.

Benning elected chairman

The committee consists of representatives of Central's administration, teachers, parents, students, and PTSA members. The Castle office of the Omaha Public Schools is also represented. The committee has a total of 13 members.

Dr. Don Benning, CHS Assistant Principal, was elected chairman and was also responsible for choosing the three student representatives on the committee. They are Kirk Trofholz, Steve Jones, and Luna Okada.

Moller stated, "We have to specify what we want in the new gym, keeping in mind the budget and the purpose of the gym, and, after two meetings, I think we've made good progress."

So far, the committee has toured the gyms of Benson, Burke, and Northwest High Schools and has reviewed the present CHS gym to get ideas for the new one.

According to Moller, the committee will meet "as many times as necessary" and will

then turn their specifications over to the firm of Kirkham-Michael and Associates. The School Board has named this company as the architect for the gym.

Architect named

Some surveying has been done; Moller believes that the 660,000 dollar structure will probably be located northeast of the main building.

He also said that no definite timetable has been set for the construction of the facility, but it should be finished "by the beginning of the 1977-78 school year."

'Voice of the People'



Smokers irritating

One thing that really irritates me is seeing cigarette smoke bellowing out the doors of the boys' and girls' laboratories. Inherently, smoking students do not realize how impulsive it is to walk into a restroom and be supplanted by omnivorous clouds of smoke. The smell makes me quite noxious, especially since I suffer from an asteroid condition.

The students are often too effusive for inert teachers to comprehend them. Nevertheless, I think that more frigid rules and regurgitations should be made, and that anyone caught relieving a nectarine fit should immediately be repelled from school.

The number of students who smoke is really appealing. The

Central English teachers Mr. Steven Turbot and Mr. Charles Lettes are two of seven members who make up the bluegrass group Sour Mash, which has an album being released in March. Mr. Turbot tickles the ivories of the piano while Mr. Lettes is skilled in the art of playing the steel guitar.

Knowing the drummer of another local group came in handy for Mr. Lettes. It was through this drummer that he became involved in Sour Mash, which was formed four years ago. Nine months ago, Mr. Turbot was invited by Mr. Lettes to add his talents to the group.

By playing on weekends at various bars and weddings outside of Omaha, Mr. Lettes and Mr. Turbot get a chance to unveil hidden talents that don't get a chance to shine in the classroom.

In the road ahead, neither Mr. Lettes nor Mr. Turbot see a musical career as a replacement for their teaching career. "It never crossed my mind," said Lettes. Mr. Turbot said that he had never thought about it either.

Mr. Lettes, however, proved which profession he likes best when he said, "there is no music quite as beautiful as the music of a classroom answering a teacher's questions."

smokers incest on leaving buttes and tobacco revenue all over the prithe. Besides being intensive to other people, smoking is a dangerous enema of the perspiration system.

So let's make an incision to get rid of these smoke-breathing dragoons before they turn the school into a towering infirmary!

Ms. Malaprop

Gymnasts thankful

We would like to thank Mr. Kocourek for coaching the girls' gymnastics team. As senior members of the team, we would like to tell him how much we have appreciated the time and energy he has given us.

For the three years we've competed, Mr. Kocourek has been our coach. He has always encouraged us to perform our best, helped us to improve, and stayed with the team even when odds were against us. He's been very patient with us, but employed enough discipline to make us feel like a team. He was always there when we needed an ankle or wrist taped.

For all this and much more, we would like to say, "Thank you, Mr. K."

Terri Johnson
Jeri Kresl
Carla Langholz
Lisa Lombardo

Chessmen 'check' into 3rd

The Central High chess team ended their undefeated season by finishing third in the Twelfth Annual Nebraska Scholastic Chess Tournament.

Team members Jim Jensen, Dennis Klopping, Tim Grother, and Phil Worthing were the top four scorers out of the 11 members that took part in the tournament. Their scores were combined to make up the final team standing.

The other team members who went to the tournament were Joey Alfaro, Ken DeBacker, Steve Gautier, John Wiesman, Jeff Fisher, Alan Wheat, and Rich Bouma.

Coach Robert Cooper remarked, "They missed first place by one point and second place by one-half point. That really hurt, but the team did a great job this year and I'm really pleased with them." Prior to the tournament he predicted a finish in the top five.



Photo by Mark Simon

Chess team displays prizes.

There were ten schools participating in the tournament held on February 28 and 29 at the Nebraska Union in Lincoln. Each win was scored as one point and a draw scored one-half point.

The president of the chess team is Ken DeBacker. The team has 20 members, which, Ken said, is an increase over last year's seven members.

Mr. Cooper, sponsor of the chess team, was responsible for starting the Metro League for chess teams. He organized this when he was teaching at Thomas Jefferson High School in Council Bluffs.

Earlier this year, the chess team won the Metro Tournament. Mr. Cooper said this was the first Central team to win a Metro Tournament.

Chess is a taxing game. Ken said team members must keep physically fit.

"When you are playing chess, it is comparable to an endurance race of 5,000 kilometers. After a tournament you are drained, both physically and mentally," he added.

Jim Jensen compares chess to a battle. "(You) compete your strategy with your opponents. . . . It's the thinking behind the moves." He added that there are over 2 billion possible moves.

To John Wiesman the game is a minor war. "You make a mistake, and your opponent will try to seize the initiative and crush you."

It is difficult to learn to play chess well. Ken said, "I don't think it can be accomplished in a short period of time."

Members study opening moves, strategies, and previous games from a number of books.

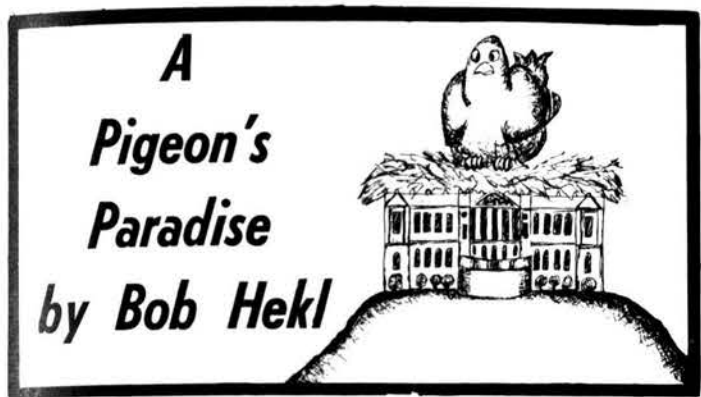
John said, "There is the old parable, 'practice makes perfect.' Experience is the best teacher."

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French chef follows recipe

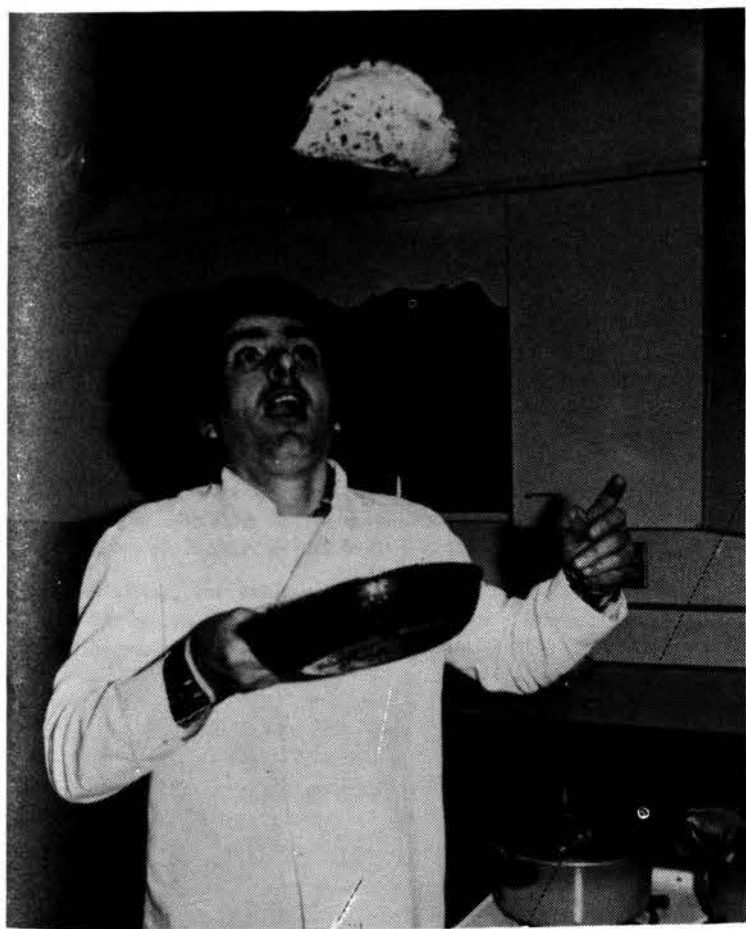
Marcel Keraval has that friendly aura about him that is as distinctive as the scent of freshly baked bread. His dark black hair complements his French features. As a unique trademark, his smile is immortal.

When attempting to speak English fluently, he sometimes allows a French term to replace a forgotten English word in his rolling sentences. However, he is recognized as a "showman" in his field.

Marcel, a chef at the French Cafe, demonstrated his skills in the art of the French cuisine recently at Central for a French II class and a home economics class.

Because he was born in Brittany, a section of western France near the sea, he prepared a dish which originated from that area, seafood crepes.

This dish is a kind of pancake with seafood, made out of eggs, flour, scallops, shrimp, and mushrooms with a sauce made out of a white wine.



Marcel maneuvers some slippery crepes.

Photo by Peter Buffett

Marcel explained that he lived his first 25 years in France. At the age of fifteen, he attended a technical college where he began to learn about the art of French cookery. He has lived in the United States for six and a half years.

In a heavy French accent, Marcel admitted, "Being a chef is a job you have to like in order to be successful. You must constantly be ready to prepare and serve lunch and dinner."

He said that cooking is an occupation in which one is constantly learning. "The food business is like any other," he said. "It is constantly changing. For example, French food is not as rich as it once was."

An example of the French tradition

Marcel refuses to avoid living as the American concept of the Frenchman. He is as gallant and appealing to the ladies as any idealistic lover.

When he received a compliment from one female student for the dish that he made, Marcel replied, "It was truly my pleasure to have you as my audience. I hope that you have enjoyed my visit."

Further endearments spoken in French by Marcel received merely confused expressions from the girl who was in the home economics class.

One French student, Anne Coolidge, said, "He is really quite handsome for his age, but he is too old for me."

Mrs. Donna Curtis, a French teacher who arranged for Marcel to demonstrate his skills, said, "He is an amiable person who was there to please. He enjoyed his work, so his audience enjoyed him."

The demonstration by Marcel was part of a section of the French II class dealing with foods. All parts of the French meal were prepared in class.

Some of the foods studied were quiche au fromage, which is an hors d'oeuvres with cheese, and an entree, coq au vin, chicken and mushrooms cooked in wine sauce.

And, of course, to answer all questions concerning the French cuisine, one student asked Marcel, during his demonstration, "Are you able to distinguish between Blue Bonnet Margarine and butter?"

Without the slightest delay, Marcel emphatically responded in his casual French accent, "No difference."

Of Central Importance

Club holds contest

Questions puzzled students from all over the city in the First Annual Central High Math Contest held recently by the Central Math Club.

The contest, presented on Saturday, February 28, was the first that Central has sponsored for high school students. A total of 83 students from eleven schools participated in the event.

Westside received top honors, scoring 442 out of a possible 1,080 points. Second place Creighton Prep totaled 371 points. Central did not participate.

Debate finds success

In the last week of February the debate team travelled south to Kansas City and attended the William Chris-

man Speech and Debate Tournament in Independence, Missouri. Ken Allen placed first in boy's extemporaneous speaking, while Rose Kudlacek and Barb Richardson placed in the semi-finals. Fifty contestants attended the tournament from Nebraska, Missouri, and Kansas.

On Valentines day, Central hosted the Metro debate tournament. Rose Kudlacek placed first in Girl's Extemporaneous Speaking. Placing third in Extemporaneous were Ken Allen and Anita Shodeen.

Greek to be offered

Miss Rita Ryan, Central's Latin teacher, will be teaching a full credit course in Classical Greek beginning

this fall. The course has been approved by the Castle.

The course will be the only Greek course currently being taught in an Omaha Public School.

Skating postponed

The skating party for the foreign language clubs, scheduled for Saturday, February 21, was cancelled because of bad weather. Janet Kresl, senior German Club secretary, made most of the arrangements for the party.

"The date has been moved up to March 20, since we've already paid for the use of the rink," Janet said. The event will be held at the Hitchcock Skating Rink at 42nd & L Streets from 6:30 to 8:30 P.M.

Bathrooms boost bicentennial

"It adds a little bit more decoration, more so than what we've ever had," commented sophomore Peggy Coonce. Peggy was referring to the new Bicentennial Bathrooms.

Student Assembly undertook the task of painting the Bicentennial Bathrooms. Mr. Mike Mathias' art class, in their spare time, started drawing sketches related to the Bicentennial. The

final stencil that was picked was one that Cathi Curran sketched.

Hubert Brown, president of Student Assembly, said, "The people in Student Assembly wanted to get into the Bicentennial spirit by doing something for the school." The reason he said Student Assembly didn't put it in the bathrooms is because of the graffiti on the walls. "It would be too difficult

to paint over the writing," he said.

All of the costs of the paint and the stencils were taken out of Student Assembly's treasury. None of the supplies were donated. The Assembly is also planning for another stencil later on in the year.

One comment that was noteworthy was made by Kevin Anderson: "They help pass the time."

Student witnesses hit-and-run accident

"Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?" became a familiar question to senior Chris Caron on February 26.

Chris and her sister Cyndy, 20, served as witnesses in a trial for a hit-and-run car accident which took place on December 21.

"We were out walking the dog along South 47th and Martha Streets at about 10:30 at night. This car came speeding by, and somebody threw a beer can out of the window," Chris said.

The car appeared to run through a nearby stop sign and then careened out of control, first hitting a pickup truck and then hitting "an old Ford," Chris reported. The driver of the car regained control and went on down the hill.

"My sister's first reaction was 'let's get out of here,' but I knew we had to report it," said Chris. Hearing the accident, the owners of the pick-up and the Ford came out of their homes. The police arrived several minutes later.

"We gave our names and addresses and said we'd testify at the trial if the girl was caught," Chris stated. The next morning, the police called. "We figured the girl must have called in and reported the accident because we didn't think they would catch her that soon," she said.

A few weeks later, Chris and Cyndy received a subpoena ordering them to appear in court as witnesses. The trial, the State of Nebraska vs.



Chris, eye-witness news reporter.

Photo by Mark Simon

Theresa Habron, took place at the traffic court at 11th and Dodge Streets.

The trial started at 9:00 a.m. and lasted until about 11:15 a.m. Theresa Habron, 18, admitted being involved in the accident and leaving the scene of the crime. There was no one with her in the car during the accident.

There was no jury, as the trial was merely a "trial-by-judge" case. During the trial, Chris and her sister both testified and told what they saw the night of the accident.

Chris said she and her sister will be paid "15 or 20 dollars" for serving as witnesses.

'Marigolds' cast chosen

Two weeks ago, drama teacher Vicki Lee held tryouts for the Spring Play, "The Effects of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds." The cast was announced Monday, March 1. The five person cast is comprised of all women. The parts go to Barb Chappell as Beatrice, Becky Pankow as Tillie, Patty Goodsell as Ruth, Hedda Gray as Nanny, and Holly Herman as Janice. Ruth Coren is the student director.

Ms. Lee said she was pleased with the cast, and was very glad to have some "new blood" to work with.

"The play is an excellent experience for all people involved," stated Ms. Lee. "The play is a drama, something not done here since 'Carousel'. I'm interested to see the reaction of the students."

"We had 37 girls tryout, and none of them were bad," said Lee. "It was a really difficult choice to make."

The play will be put together in a little more than four weeks. All props, sound, and technical aids must be finished by the 6 of April, when the first student matinee will be presented.

The play will be presented

April 6 for freshmen and sophomores, April 7 for juniors and seniors, and April 8 in an evening performance.

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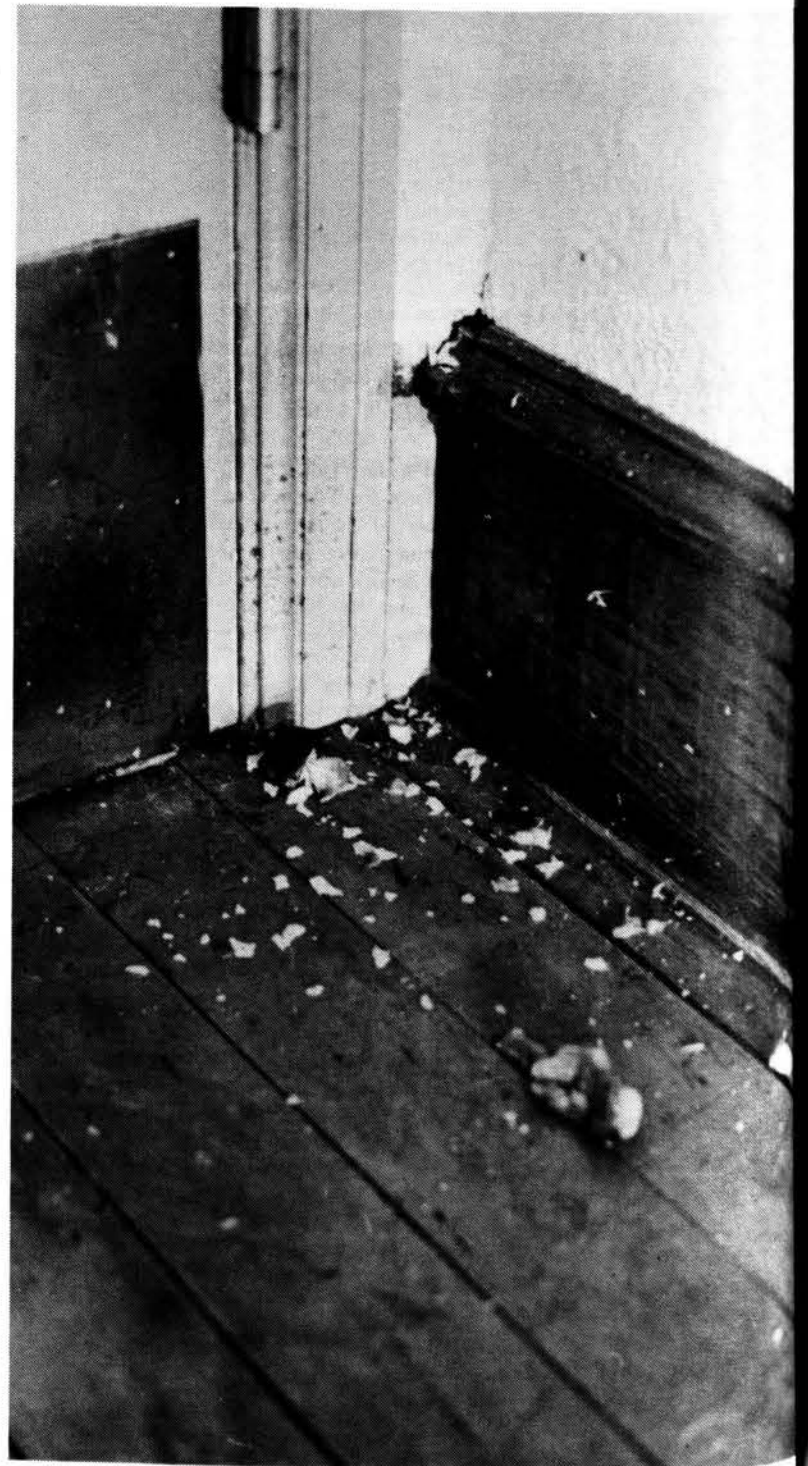


With the installation of candy machines here at Central, and the disposal of half-eaten lunches in the hallways, a growing nuisance has been brought to light: the problem of litter.

With any institution the size of Central, some trash is naturally expected. But, to keep our halls from looking like replicas of the May 6th tornado, and to ensure that we are not plagued with cockroaches the size of taxicabs stalking the halls, we, the editors, feel that every student should try and walk those few extra feet to chuck his vacant Baby Ruth wrapper or the leavings of his lunch into the trash can of his choice.



Photos by Peter Buffett



Coach admires Eagles...

Papio 'creeks' by CHS

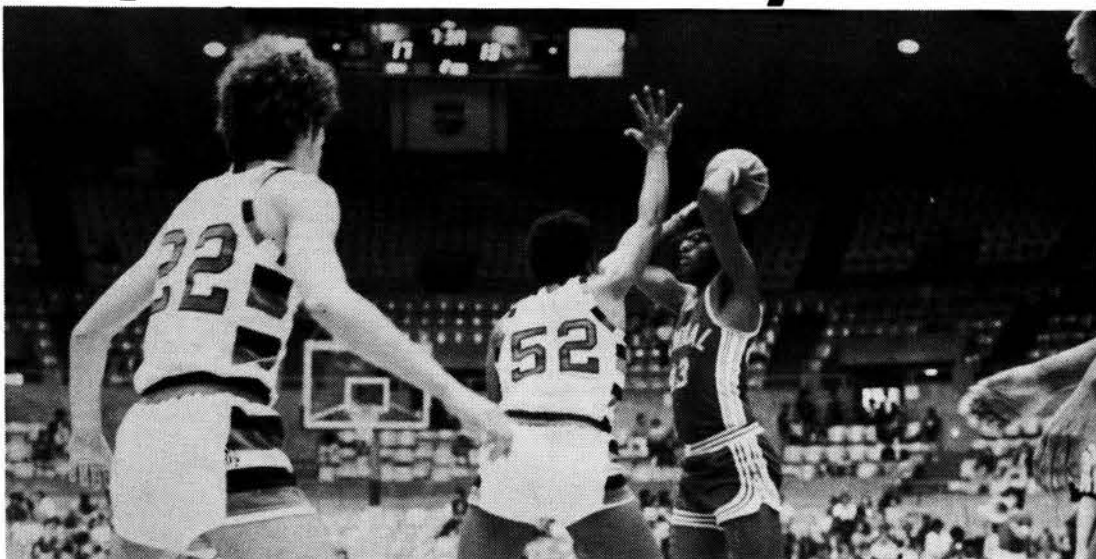


Photo by Mark Simon

Big Ray looks for the open man.

With the Eagles controlling the opening tip and the Papillion Monarchs scoring the first points of the game on a pair of free throws, the reigning State Basketball Champion Eagles went down in defeat in a first round district playoff game.

Neither team played really enthused basketball throughout the first quarter of a game played at Northwest High School, March 2, 1976.

At the end of the first quarter, the Monarchs led the Eagles 14-10, and Central center Ray Williams had three fouls.

Rebounding, both offensively and defensively, proved to be a problem for the Eagles throughout the whole game. The score at the end of the first half was tied at 24 as Lawrence Wilson scored a basket at the buzzer ending the second quarter.

Central began the second half by going ahead of the Monarchs for the first time in the game, as the score was 30-26 with 6:01 left in the third quarter. It was at this point in time that Papillion again seemed to take charge of the game with Gary Cissell and Larry Cherney scoring 13 consecutive points and took a commanding 39-30 lead with two minutes left in the third quarter.

The score at the end of three quarters of play was 43-34 in favor of the Monarchs from Papio.

With less than six minutes left in the game, the Eagles started to show some real hustle and came to within two points of the Monarchs. With 2:47 left in the game, the score was 51-53 in favor of Papio. Each team scored one basket in the remaining time and the game ended with the Monarchs on top 55-53.

The Eagles ended the season

with a 14-7 record while Papillion went on to be beaten in the district finals by fifth ranked Burke High School, making the Monarch's season record 10-10.

Even though the Eagles will not be going to the state tournament this year, head basketball coach Mr. James Martin commented that he really admired the players in that they really worked hard and never said that people expected too much from them.

Martin also said that it seemed like the team went in spurts and that they never really knew what to expect when they went out on the court.

Coach Martin expressed a feeling of optimism toward next year's season as there will be many returning lettermen with more experience than this year's team had in many aspects.

O-Club defeats faculty

In a game that contained comedy, drama, last second desperation shots, pressure, and the agony of defeat, the O-Club members, touted as youthful and better shooters, squeezed by the "over-aged" faculty five in a benefit game for the O-Club, Tuesday, February 24.

Tommy Johnson broke the ice by putting in a 25 foot jump

shot early in the first quarter. The faculty seemed to have a hard time keeping the ball, as they turned it over many times before Mr. David James finally put in the first faculty score.

The first quarter ended with the O-Club far out in front, 18-7.

The second quarter saw a turnaround for the faculty, led by Mr. Paul Pennington's 8 points. At one time before the end of the half, the faculty had tied it and the O-Club hastily called a time out. The O-Club scored, and the score was 26-24 at the half.

The fourth quarter proved to be the most eventful, as Mr. George Garrett not only pulled down a rebound, but also scored his only two points.

The O-Club went into a stall in the last two minutes of the fourth quarter, but they could not keep their hands on the ball.

The O-Club seemed to have the game won with two seconds left, the score being 48-46 in their favor, but "tragedy" struck. Mr. James Bond was fouled in the act of shooting, and he had two free throws to tie up the game. He missed the first. He missed the second, but there was a lane violation by an O-Club member. He missed the third shot, and the game was over.

The O-Club's balanced scoring was led by Mark Poin-dexter, with 10, and John Krowlikowski and Tommy Johnson, who each contributed eight.

Girls take second in tournament

The Metro Girls' Basketball champions of 1975 were dethroned by a powerful Burke High School team in the finals of the tournament played February 28, 1976.

Valerie Walker was the high scorer for the Eagles with 16 points, 14 of those being in the first three quarters.

Central was behind by scores of 14-12, 26-24, and 36-32 at the end of each of the first three quarters of play, and finally lost the game by a score of 56-40.

Other scorers for Central included Kathy Pugh with ten, Sheila Miller with six, Sharon Finch contributed four, Jackie Harrington had two points, and Rosemary Thompson also had two points.

Kathy Pugh, a junior, was named to the All-Tournament team along with one player each from Burke, Benson, Tech, and South High Schools.

Coach Paul Semrad commented that he is looking forward to next year's season as he said that there is a lot of talent in the returning letter-women.



by Brent Bloom

1976 is a significant year. Besides having the graduating class of '76 to contend with, there are the presidential elections, the Bicentennial celebrations, and the winter and summer Olympics.

The Olympics have been around for centuries, as they began 2752 years ago in 776 B.C. in Greece. The Olympic games were discontinued during a period of time from then until now and were just recently reorganized in 1896 by Baron Pierre de Coubertin.

This founding father of the modern games was a man who expressed what is supposed to be the true spirit of the Olympic games, by saying:

The important thing in the Olympic games is not to win, but to take part; the important thing in life is not the triumph but the struggle; the essential thing is not having conquered but to have fought well.

The winter Olympic games, held in Innsbruck, Austria, have already passed, but the summer Olympics in Montreal, Canada, are yet to come.

The Olympics, since their modern inception in '96 have reflected the strife and turmoil that has gone on in the world since that time.

The Olympics held in Berlin in 1936 had undertones of Hitler and anti-semitism. The Hungarian revolution against the Soviet Union came through in the passions of the athletes in the 1956 Olympics.

The 1968 Olympics showed the continued strife carried over from 1963 when the Olympic Committee took off its ban on the racist country of South Africa.

In 1972, the murder of Israeli athletes by Arab terrorists at the summer Olympic games in Munich, Germany, had the attention of the whole world focused on that one compound in the Olympic village.

Even the Olympics of 1976 have had their problems, as the funding for the building of three vast Olympic facilities for the summer games in Montreal has been little more than spotty.

By definition, an athlete that competes in the Olympics is supposed to be an amateur. Unfortunately, different countries, although bound by a common Olympic constitution defining exactly what an amateur is, have different interpretations. Some countries, such as the U.S. offer little or no governmental aid to the Olympic athletes. Other countries, such as the Soviet Union support their athletes by giving them government jobs that allow them to practice their sport, or they give them aid in other ways, thus enticing athletes to become better at what they do.

In 1972, a skier from Austria, Karl Shranz, was banned from the games in a scandal that involved the promoting of a certain brand of sporting goods.

All factors taken into consideration, I believe that the whole Olympic code needs to be revised, as athletes from different countries have different opportunities to become better at their skills, depending upon different amounts of aid given to athletes from their respective countries. I believe only then will Baron de Coubertin's original wishes for the Olympic games of modern times be fulfilled.

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Honor Roll commends CHS scholars

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A grade of a "1" in a regular full credit class will result in a total of four Honor Roll points; three points for a "2," two points for a "3," one point for a "4."

In honors classes, each grade is awarded one more honor roll point than in a regular credit class. Advanced Placements classes receive two more points for each grade than a regular credit class. A failing grade will result in no Honor Roll points.

In half and quarter credit classes, the appropriate fraction of honor roll points are awarded. A student must have at least 15.00 Honor Roll points in order to be on the Honor Roll.

Of the 2,081 students that attended Central last year, 20.2 per cent achieved Honor Roll status. Percentages for separate classes were as follows: Freshman, 10.1 per cent; Sophomore, 22.5 per cent; Junior, 22.3 per cent; Senior, 22.0 per cent.

FRESHMAN CLASS

Kristie Conway 17.50; Reginald Denkins 17.50; Virginia Fotopoulos 15.50; GERALYN JAKSICH 18.00; Christie Kalkowski 17.50; Margaret Kohles, 16.00; Kristen Lambson 15.00; Timothy Martin 17.50; Ruth McCully 17.50; Christy McEwan 16.50; Virgil Miller 22.00; Martha Nisi 15.50; Jacqueline Obal 17.25; Daniel Pankow 20.75; Debra Peavy 15.00; Valerie Phalen 18.50; Sarah Ross 21.00; Enid Steinbart 19.00; Patricia Sweattee 17.75; Vera Volk 19.00.

SOPHOMORE CLASS

Larry Ailes 15.75; Cheryl Allen 17.50; Kelvin Anderson 15.25; Patti Anderson 16.50; Shelly Andrew 16.00; Deborah Bartholow 19.50; Philip Beauchamp 16.75; Patricia Bennett 15.25; Dollie Bisbee 20.00; Thomas Bockes 19.25; Bradley Bone 17.00; Cynthia Brown 16.50; Jeffrey Camp 16.75; Laura Caporale 16.50; Gianna Cech 15.75; Suzanne Classen 22.00; Andrea Cohen 15.00; Suzanne Colbert 24.00; Cynthia Coldwell 22.50; Peggy Coonce 15.00; Ronna Cooper 18.50; Rebecca Couch 21.00; Wanda Crossley 16.00; David Cutler 19.75; Catherine Dalton 16.75; Lora Davis 21.50; Megan Davis 18.50; Daniel Dewulf 19.50; Carolyn Dickey 15.25; William Dye 17.00.

Erica Eddy 21.00; Bruce Elder 17.25; Harriet Emley 17.00; Barry Epstein 23.75; Carolyn Ewer 24.00; Nancy Ewin 16.25; Todd Finkle 16.75; Wendell Fischer 21.75; Charles Fishkin 15.25; William Fleissner 16.25; Rosemarie Foster 17.00; Jon Freivald 16.00; Paul Gadzikowski 20.25; Gretchen Gaeddert 21.50; Mary Georgeff 19.00; Guy Gerhard 24.00; Janet Gibbons 18.00; Patricia Gibson 23.50; Tmara Goodsell 15.00; Heidi Gray 21.00.

Pamela Graybill 17.50; Laura Green 16.00; Maureen Greenberg 16.00; Scott Grim 19.00; Rachel Gross 23.00; Thomas Gurnon 15.50; Nancy Haley 19.50; Carol Hamilton 18.00; Janis Harder 22.00; Kimberly Harling 21.75; Barbara Heineman 20.00; Sheila Henderson 21.75; Scott Henninger 18.25; Holly Herman 17.50; Lynn Hole 16.50; Veda Hollenbeck 17.00; Gah Huey 17.00; Cynthia Hyland 15.00; Ambrose Jackson 15.00; Edward Johnson 20.25.

Jeanene Johnson 17.00; Laura Johnson 16.00; Lisa Kading 20.00; Georgia Karos 22.00; Bluma Karpman 20.00; Brandt Karstens 21.25; Ann Kelly 19.50; Barbara Kendall 19.00; Frank Kerkemeyer 22.00; Daniel Klima 17.00; Anne Knight 19.50; Michele Kohout 17.00; Teri Kokrda 17.50; Ann Kolnick 18.50; Candace Krebs 19.00; Brian Krebbiel 18.25; Jonathan Krogh 16.00;

Andrew Krolkowski 18.00; Richard Kucirek 20.75; Steven Lambson 22.75; Diane Ledgerwood 22.00; Gail Lemen 15.50; Cheryl Lemke 22.00; Chris Lippold 20.75; Colleen Ludvigson 21.00; Barbara Macek 20.00; Pamela Malone 16.00; Donna Marcey 16.20; David Martin 15.75; Debra Matney 18.00; Kelly McBride 17.00; Edmund McEachen 21.25; Daniel Meches 16.25; Sheila Miller 15.50; Toni Miller 15.25; Mary Moneto 16.50; Melody Moore 20.75; Jesse Mowry 18.00; Martha Murdock 24.00; Ralph Negrete 15.25; Susan Nelle 16.25; Kristin Newhouse 19.00; Daniel Nutt 17.00; Daniel Olsen 21.50; Jane Olsen 18.00; Elizabeth Pankow 19.50; Steven Parsow 19.25; Susan Pearce 24.00; Anne Polen 19.00; Kathryn Pollack 20.00.

Charles Reed 17.75; Barbara Richardson 20.50; Angela Rick 18.00; Lynda Ritts 15.50; Jean Rivard 17.00; Pamela Roberts 15.00; Cynthia Rockhold 23.00; Alex Rossell 17.75; Tracy Rucker 20.00; Susan Schuettger 19.00; Karen Schuette 18.00; Karen Seitzer 20.00; Frank Shepard 18.75; Leigh Simpson 18.50; Shari Sorenson 18.50; Cynthia Soukup 16.00; Gayle Spencer 17.00; Randy Stevenson 16.00; Jean Stewart 15.75; Cathrine Stimson 15.00; Dawn Stover 25.00; Joann Sutton 16.50; David Talbot 21.75; Heidi Thalorf 15.25; Yogesh Tiwary 19.00; Wendi Triplett 17.75; Craig Walker 19.25; Kelly Ward 18.00; Marcelle Webb 17.00; Cheryl Webster 17.75.

Charles Welch 15.75; David Wendt 16.50; James Wermers 17.25; Julie Werner 20.00; John Wiesman 19.00; Sandra Winkler 16.00; Diane Wintroub 20.00; Kathleen Woolstrum 21.00; Amy Yarwood 16.00; Kimberly Yates 15.00; John York 17.00; James Zipsursky 23.25.

JUNIOR CLASS

Ernest Addison 16.00; Kenneth Allen 22.00; Robert Anderson 18.00; Kenneth Anderson 19.00; Stephen Anderson 19.00; Kathryn Axiotes 16.50; Anita Bahle 19.00; Martin Barnhart 16.00; Arlith Barton 19.00; Paul Bashus 15.00.

Denise Bazemore 15.00; Leigh Bernstein 17.00; John Bertino 17.50; Maurice Bloemer 17.75; Rebecca Bohi 24.50; Kathy Bomer 15.50; Karen Borchman 18.00; Diane Brinkman 22.00; Rhonda Buller 19.00; Robert Burch 21.50.

Daniel Butts 20.50; Phylis Caniglia 17.00; Michele Carey 15.50; Elizabeth Case 17.00; Barbara Chappell 23.00; Jeanne Clark 26.25; Anne Coolidge 18.50; Joseph Copenhagen 17.00; Nancy Cox 16.00; Thomas Curran 20.00; Nanette Danielson 19.00; Margarete Debacker 17.00; Tammy Delezene 17.50; Shirley Denney 24.00; Kim Detwiler 16.50; Jean Egbert 22.00; Susan Elbert 20.00; Diana Elliot 21.00;

Diana Engel 32.00; Theresa Etter 20.00; John Faier 18.00; Kinnie Fairchild 15.00; Kerry Favero 19.00; Michael Fenlon 16.50; Margaret Fleissner 22.00; Scott Friel 18.00; Joel Gard 16.25; Roger Gerzeski 22.00; Louise Gibbons 16.00; Jane Gillespie 15.50.

Micaela Gillespie 19.00; Michaela Green 20.00; Valerie Groh 18.00; Alice Grow 17.50; John Hall 25.00; Cindy Hanson 18.50; Rebecca Harris 18.50; Rebecca Harrison 16.00; David Harrold 20.00; Ellen Heard 17.00.

Cheryl Hills 16.00; Lorrie Hoffman 18.00; Danny Hovi 18.00; Yuen Huey 18.00; Matthew Ireland 20.00; Greta Jackson 19.50; Bruce Jackson 15.00; Kenneth Jansa 16.00; James Jensen 18.00; Steve Katleman 15.00.

Richard Kingston 17.00; Debra Klein 16.00; William Koperski 20.00; Susan Koperski 16.50; Florene Langford 19.00; Tammy Lantis 17.00; Debra Lemke 23.00; Gary Lukowski 21.50; Bradford Lynch 15.50; Caroline Macca 19.00.

Michelle Madej 22.00; William Mahoney 17.00; Troy Majors 15.00; Jill Maser 24.00; Jeanette Ratney 22.00; Julia Matachiner 18.00; Dandall McCart 18.00; Jacquelyn McGinnis 18.00; Tom McLaughlin 22.00; Elizabeth McNichols 15.50.

Molly Meehan 19.00; Janean Meurers 15.50; Kathleen Millea 15.50; Pamala Nelson 17.00; Luna Okafor 15.00; Laura Olsen 25.00; JoAnn Olsen 24.00; Tamilyn Osborne 19.00; Ellie Ostrow 15.00; Cheryl Peavy 19.50.

Jonathon Peterson 21.50; Claudia Peterson 15.50; Jeffrey Pulverenti 15.00; Liston Rose 18.50; Anita Rosenfield 15.00; Gina Saitta 15.00; Kerry Schafer 16.50; David Schellenberg 18.00; Michael Schneiderwind 18.00; Laurie Schwalm 16.00.

Jane Shallberg 16.00; Anita Shodeen 19.00; William Skog 27.00; Cynthia Sleder 20.50; Randy Slegl 16.00; Theresa Slezak 18.00; Kathyeen Sloan 20.00; Sandra Smith 15.50; Steven Solomon 23.00; Richard Steele 16.00.

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Keven Ward 20.00; Jean Weak 15.00; Scott Wendt 19.00; Neil Wengert 17.50; Patricia West 16.00; Steven White 20.00; David Williams 33.50; Karen Wotta 22.00; Gerald Woitaszewski 15.00; Pamela Woodman 15.00; Jerry Woolstrum 18.00.

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Mark Adkins 17.00; Douglas Allen 22.50; Rochelle Alloy 16.00; Hadiyeh Amoura 17.50; Kristi Anderson 17.00; Joan Barna 15.50; Michael Bassett

15.00; Debbie Beals 17.50; Marlene Belmont 16.00; Debra Berka 17.00; Brent Bloom 17.00; Suzann Bockes 20.50; Richard Bouma 17.00; Linda Bowen 31.00; Hubert Brown 15.00; Peter Buffett 16.50; David Burkhard 20.00; Gayle Chatfield 16.00; Joel Davies 23.00; Kenneth Debacker 18.00; Deborah Deneberg 20.00; Elizabeth Dickson 15.00; Bradley Dollis 23.00; Rebecca Duin 19.00; Cynthia Dye 20.00; Lars Erickson 16.00; Lois Fichtelman 15.00; Paul Fishkin 20.00; Elaine Flaxbeard 16.00; Darrell Fluhr 24.50.

Anne Galaska 20.00; Patricia Galvin 20.00; Julie Gomez 23.00; Jan Goranson 16.00; Sharon Griffin 19.00; Joan Griffith 19.00; Terry Gutierrez 15.00; Caryn Haack 16.00; Mark Haley 17.00; John Halls 20.00; Debra Hanek 18.00; Douglas Hanson 22.00; John Harris 32.00; Judith Harrison 16.00; Sandra Hartman 16.50; Paula Hayes 16.50.

Robert Hekl 26.50; Barry Hoberman 18.50; Deborah Hoffman 21.00; Janet Hrabovsky 22.00; Gene Huey 17.00; Deborah Jacobsen 18.00; Daniel Jaksich 18.00; Robert Jespersen 18.00; Terri Johnson 25.00.

Robert Johnson 21.00; Julie Kalkowski 18.00; Joan Keeler 21.00; Susan Kloster 16.00; Pamela Kohout 16.00; Daniel Kraft 22.00; Jacquelyn Kreifels 17.00.

Jeri Kresl 19.00; Janet Kresl 23.00; Rose Kudlacek 19.00; Carolyn Larson 15.00; Mark Lewis 23.00; Kersten Luebers 15.00; Patricia Maca 23.00; Glenda Manning 18.00.

Sarah Mattox 16.50; Jeffrey McCarl 16.00; Clara McCreary 16.00; Jolene McWilliams 20.00; Peggy Mertz 17.00; Debra Miller 23.00; Jacque Montag 16.00; Marcelyn Morrow 19.00; Valerie Morrow 20.00; Jill Nelson 20.00.

David Nims 17.00; Debra Pankow 17.00; Michael Perelman 22.50; Tony Perry 15.00; Winfred Pikelis 22.00; Glenn Prettyman 17.00; Theresa Ptacek 17.00; Radean Rasmussen 15.00; Richard Renn 20.00; Dennis Riley 19.00.

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Ken Jansa, left, and Debbie Miller display the trophies awarded to them recently.

Centralites win FFA awards

Senior Debbie Miller and junior Ken Jansa both won first-place ribbons in the District F.F.A. contest held on February 28.

Debbie competed against fourteen others in the area of Wildlife Speaking. After Debbie was declared the winner, one of the judges said, "In Wildlife Speaking there was no contest; there was Debbie Miller. She was head and shoulders above all the others."

Ken was entered in Public Speaking where he competed against sixteen others. Ken's topic was, "Can the World Feed Its People?" His speech dealt with the problem of world-wide food shortages.

Winning in the district contest qualified the two for competition in the State Championship to be held on April 1.

Other winners in the district contest included junior Dan Huffman, who won second place in Extemporaneous Speaking, and the Parliamentary Procedure team, which won third place.

Mr. Tom Fredericksen, F.F.A. instructor, said, "I was disappointed that we didn't do better in all areas of the contest, because we did work very hard in preparation."

JROTC contest underway

Company "B" has a narrow lead over the rest of the CHS JROTC battalions in this year's Best Company competitions. These first results came from the inspections held on February 20.

"It's almost part of the course," explains C/Cpt. Winfred Pikelis, the Battalion Commander.

"The cadets are inspected on uniform, knowledge, appearance and drill, by members of the Battalion Staff. Points are

awarded for each cadet, then those points are tallied for the company, to make a company average. It's that average which is compared between the companies."

Two more inspections are going to be held later on in the year. The winner of the Best Company competition will be announced on April 28, during Recognition Night for Central's cadets.

Along with the Best Company contest, there is also a Best

Squad and a Best Cadet Contest.

This will be the first year in which the male and female cadets will be competing in the same Best Cadet contest. In prior years, those contests were held separately for male and female cadets.

All of the winners will be announced on Recognition Night. The Best Company and Best Squad members will all receive ribbons.

The Best Cadet will receive a trophy.

Central escapes crime wave

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chances at Central is a bomb threat. So far this year, Central has received three.

When the school receives a threat, the security guards and the custodians go to assigned sections of the building to check for a possible bomb. The school is not always evacuated in such cases.

Mr. Jones said, "I'm not sure whether we should evacuate each time. If there really is a bomb, it's going to be planted in a restroom or a locker, not a classroom. If it were to go off while the building was being emptied, there would be a lot more casualties."

Dr. Moller believes that many of the vandalizers and "bombers" are not Centralites.

He also said that the school tries to prevent thefts by urging all students "not to make conditions attractive to thievery by carrying a lot of money."

In addition, Moller talks to the faculty at the beginning of the year and reminds them not to leave their rooms unlocked. He added, though, "There's no real campaign among the faculty."

Dr. Don Benning, Assistant

Principal at Central, believes that the "faculty-student relationship" has been excellent and that this relationship has helped to prevent many incidents.

"We have open lines of communication between students, faculty, and the administration. This has lessened many problems."

One thing which has puzzled Benning is the fact that many of the vandalizers have not been caught.

He is, however, pleased with the system of disciplining those who are caught. "We're low in the number of expulsions and about the same in the number of suspensions," Benning said.

"Also, in the last few years, the expulsion policy has become much more precise. We're not dealing in a gray area anymore, so it's easier to recommend that a student be expelled."

Pride in Central is one reason for the decline in vandal-

ism, according to Jones.

"In the past few months," he said, "the amount of vandalism has gone up some, but on the whole, it's on the decline. I think that our students are more proud of Central's appearance than they used to be."

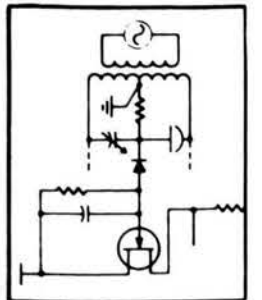
Speaking of the situation at Central, LaGreca stated, "I'm not concerned. I've noticed in the last three years that the conduct of our students has been improving more and more each year."

He attributes Central's low incidence of crime and vandalism to the mutual respect which exists between Central's students and teachers. "Our teachers and students are to be commended," he said.

Seeming to sum up the attitudes of the Central administrators was the sentiment expressed by LaGreca: "I can't say enough good things about Central students."

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