

Mathletes take State

The Central High School math team has regained status as having the top team score in Nebraska and South Dakota in the Twenty-sixth Annual Mathematics Examination sponsored by the Mathematical Association of America.

The team score is comprised of the three top individual scores in each school. According to Miss Virginia Lee Pratt, Mathematics Department Head, "This year there is a fluke in determining Central's team. The third highest score was attained by two people."

The members of the state team with their scores follow: David Williams, 101; Barry Hoberman, 82; Joseph Stephen, 65; and Marlon Weiss, 65.

Therefore, the top team score, determined by the top three individual scores, was 248. Second place Westside had 205 points. Creighton Prep and Lincoln High tied for third place with 185 points.

The examination, administered

to students all over the country on Tuesday, March 9, 1976, attracted 5,677 students representing 162 high schools in Nebraska and 19 high schools in South Dakota.

The top individual score of 104 was held by Thomas Potempa of Creighton Prep. David Williams came in second and Barry Hoberman was third in the state. Joe Stephen and Marlon Weiss tied with a student from Scottsbluff for sixth. Central was the only school that had four individuals place in the top ten.

It might be noted that in the last 19 years Central has had 16 first place teams. In 1962, Westside attained the highest score; in 1964, Creighton Prep had the highest score; and in 1975 Creighton Prep and Westside tied for highest honors.

Because of David Williams' high score, he was invited to attend the fifth U.S.A. Mathematical Olympiad to be held in May.

Central has dominated all area math contests, winning three first place team trophies. At the South High Math Contest, Central outscored second place Westside by 45 points.

Central's math team placed first and second at the Creighton Math Field Day with nearly 600 students from the Midwest in attendance.

On March 20, the math team defeated four teams at the Westside Invitational Math Bowl to capture first place.

The team also ranks fourth among schools in various parts of the country in the first four ATPAC tests. The fifth test was recently administered.

In the last four tests, David Williams ranks first among the juniors competing. He is second among all participants. Senior John Harris from Central has the fourth highest score.

The math team will compete in the last contest of the season at the North High Contest on Saturday, May 1.

Integration to have minimal effect here

Court-ordered integration, due to go into effect next fall, will affect all eight high schools in the Omaha Public School System to various degrees. Depending on which plan the court approves, schools such as Burke and Northwest will be "radically affected," according to Dr. G. E. Moller, Central's principal.

Central, however, will not be greatly changed. This is the verdict of several CHS administrators and faculty members.

Miss Irene Eden, Central's Head Counselor, said that the major difference next year will be in the size of the enrollment.

"Central will have no freshmen next fall. Along with that, about 130 or 140 students are voluntarily transferring to other schools," Eden stated.

These changes will bring Central's enrollment down to "about 1,800, very roughly speaking," said Eden. She also commented that the majority of the transferring students will be going to Burke, Northwest, and Tech High Schools next year.

Losses offset

These losses will be partially offset by students from other high schools who will transfer to Central for the 1976-77 school year. These transfers will come from each of the OPS high schools, except Tech. Such students number less than 25, according to Eden.

Dr. Moller said that, as a result of the voluntary transfer policy, Central's minority population will be substantially decreased. "We started this school year with almost 32 per cent minority enrollment," Moller stated. "Next year that figure will go down to about 25 per cent."

Another result of Central's lower student body size will be a reduction in the size of the CHS faculty.

"Between seven and ten members of the staff will have to be given up," Moller said. "We hope, though, that this reduction will be taken care of by natural means."

"Every year we lose about 10 to 15 teachers because of retirement or transfers. Some also leave to go back to graduate school. We hope these natural causes will take care of the problem because we don't want to have to make any unpleasant decisions."

Effects on academics, athletics

These are the numerical effects to be looked for next year, but what about the effects on Central's academic and athletic programs?

Both Dr. Moller and Miss Eden believe that Central will not be altered academically. Said Eden, "Nothing will change curriculum-wise, except for dropping the freshmen classes. We'll continue just as we are with a standard of academic excellence."

Said Moller, "This building is going to do a better job educating 1,800 students than it would trying to cope with more than 2,100 students."

Speaking about the boys' athletic programs and the quality of future Central teams, Mr. Gary Bailey, Head of the CHS Physical Education Department, said that the effects on the sophomore teams will be "almost immediate."

"We won't be getting some of the quality athletes because of the attendance area they live in," Bailey stated. "We'll still be getting good athletes, but the number will be down. We'll just have to work a little harder."

Miss Joyce Morris, a Central Physical Education teacher, felt that it was impossible to accurately analyze the effect that the integration program will have upon girls' sports.

"How can we tell?" she said. "Girls' sports is such a growing area anyway. I wouldn't want to predict."

Dr. Moller offered some comments on the 1976-77 school year in the OPS system. "We in Omaha," said he, "are far ahead of other cities in desegregation. I anticipate that things will go well. There will probably be a few rough spots, but that's to be expected."

Miss Eden is also optimistic about the future of education in the Omaha area.

"When everyone gets settled," she said, "everyone will be provided with a good education in the school of his choice."

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Photo by Mark Simon

Girls' and Boys' State representatives for Central are, from left to right: Tami Osborne, Becky Bohi, Ken Allen, and John Hall.

Boys' and Girls' Staters named

Becky Bohi and Tami Osborne have been chosen to represent Central at Girls' State; Ken Allen and John Hall have been chosen as Boys' State representatives.

All four were elated with being chosen. Tami said, "I think it will be really fun." Boys' State and Girls' State will be held on the University of Nebraska at Lincoln campus June 3 through 9.

The prospective candidates all had to be juniors and in the upper half of the class. There were over 30 candidates for each category. They had to fill out a questionnaire that asked, among other things, about in-school activities, out-of-school activities, work experience, and "activities in which your ability in leadership is evidenced."

A committee of teachers and counselors then chose the winners.

The sponsor for Boys' State and Girls' State is the American Legion. Its purpose, according to a Legion pamphlet is "... to teach the youth of today constructive attitudes toward the American form of government."

Mrs. Herbert West is Girls' State Chairman for the Women's Auxiliary. She said: "Throughout the State 400 girls are chosen, 29 of whom are from the Omaha area. The number from the local area is dependent upon the number of

Legion Posts. The girls will meet in Lincoln where they will be divided into three mock political parties."

Elections will be held for corresponding state and local offices. Those who are not elected are appointed to an office.

The Governor and other state officials talk to the delegates.

After the girls return, they are expected to give talks on their experiences to their sponsoring organization and to anyone else who wants to hear them. They also display their assorted paraphernalia: hats, pictures, pins, etc.

This is the 35th annual Girls' State. The theme is Faith, Freedom, and Friendship.

Mr. Jim McGaffin is Douglas County Chairman for Boys' State. This is the 36th annual Boys' State. Mr. McGaffin represented Benson High School in the first Boys' State. He said: "A banquet is held for the boys at the Legion Lodge. This is to honor the boys and their sponsors." The date has not been set.

As opposed to the girls' three parties, the boys are divided into two parties, the Federalists and Nationalists.

Blaze builders beware

Dear Amateur Arsonists:

We are growing tired of your smelly, smoky fires in our restrooms. The restrooms are odorous enough as it is, what with cigarette smoke, antiquated perfume, and other smells which hang dismally in and around any number of the "necessary rooms."

Surely you are aware that none of your attempts to set this durable structure afire have succeeded. The continuation of your pyromaniac activities will get you nowhere, except, hopefully, to a place where you belong.

We find it difficult to understand the reasons for your meager attempts at arson. Just what is it that makes you gather armfuls of paper towels for kindling and convert them into raging conflagrations? Did you suddenly have a craving for flaming shish-kabobs at lunch? Or was it toasted marshmallows? Perhaps cherries jubilee? There are certainly better places to pursue the art of gourmet cooking.

What else could it be? A desire to remove all evidence of an unattractive report card or test paper? Or did you have difficulty extinguishing a cigarette? Whatever your motives, none of them could possibly be justified.

Every time you breathe life into one of your little burning menaces, you are endangering more than 2000 lives and a beautiful old building. Fortunately we are usually able to douse the flames in their early stages. Yes, we are beginning to catch on.

And, dear Amateur Arsonists, remember this: The longer you play with matches the more likely it is you'll get burned.

Play poorly received

Unfortunately, for several reasons, the selection of "The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds" for the spring play was not a good choice.

First of all, the play had no male cast members. We understand that despite this problem, the play was selected because few males try out for parts in any of the plays. Even so, we do not think it was fair to leave male roles entirely out of consideration in the spring play.

The play itself is excellent and Central's stage production was very well done, but the play was obviously not meant to be for a high school audience. The play was meant to be more philosophical than entertaining, and a large part of the audience missed the philosophical message.

The play, which received several drama awards and a Pulitzer Prize, provides a challenge for high school dramatists. Unfortunately, most of the audience lost interest early in the play and was rude during the rest of the production.

Naturally this brings to mind the question, "Should there be any student matinees at all?" The majority of students at each matinee are there simply to avoid attending classes. If the student performances were held after school, students would be unable to skip school during the play, and the audience would represent those who are interested in the play rather than those who only want to get out of classes.

We were also disappointed and puzzled to find that there was only one evening performance of "Marigolds." Certainly arrangements could have been made for another evening performance. The absence of two evening shows seems to defeat one of the purposes of the play—to make money.

We hope that the evening audience received the play more politely than the student audiences did. "The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds" is an excellent play and it deserves proper reception.

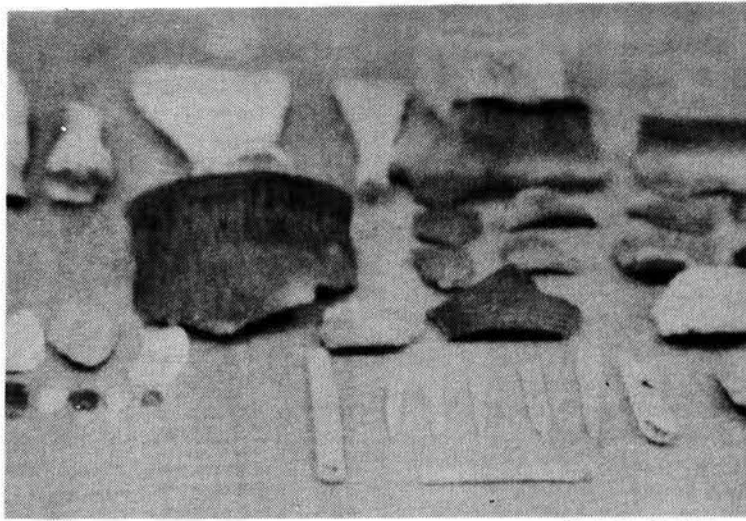


Photo by Mark Simon

Smithsonian artifacts on display.

Artifacts loaned to CHS

Anthropology students from Central High have recently acquired artifacts by way of a loan from the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C.

The artifacts, which will be on display here for a few weeks, include arrow heads, pottery, an eagle bone whistle, a spade made from a buffalo scapula, knives, and an arrow shaft straightener.

Rich Kading, Dennis Riley, Pam Stageman, Radean Rasmussen, and Karen Stark were the students who organized the project.

Joslyn Art Museum had received a display of artifacts on loan from the Smithsonian Institute which were found during the Missouri River Basin Project. Mrs. Berneal Anderson, a representative from Joslyn, gave permission for Central to put some of the artifacts on display which Joslyn was not using.

Anderson then wrote to the Lincoln branch of the Smithsonian Institute which received permission from the main branch in Washington.

Mr. Creighton Steiner, anthropology teacher at Central, said that the display will be of no cost to Central.

"This is the first time we've ever had a display from the Institute," Steiner said. "Students have gone to Joslyn for their project, but we've never had our own display."

All of the artifacts have been on display at the main branch of the Smithsonian Institute. Steiner said that the age of the artifacts vary, although most were from the last 500 years.

Buffett wins award

On Friday, April 2, senior Peter Buffett was notified that he was a national winner in the photography division of the National Quill and Scroll Journalism Awards contest.

Peter is now eligible for \$500 in scholarship money to any school where he majors in journalism. He does not plan to apply for the scholarship, however.

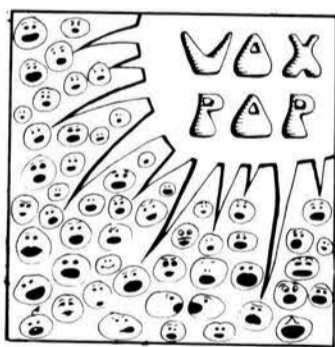
The winning photograph was a picture of Bill Mahoney preparing his hot air balloon for flight. The picture appeared in the November 12 issue of the

Register.

"I was very happy when I found out I won," Peter said. Peter received a gold pin as part of the award. He has been working with cameras and photography for six years, he added.

"I'm planning to go to Stanford University next year," Peter said of his future plans. After two years at Stanford, he hopes to attend the San Francisco Art Institute, where he will receive his Bachelor of Arts degree in photography.

'Voice of the People'



'Register' defended

Editor's note: This letter refers to a letter written by Ms. Clark in the last issue of The Register.

Really now, Ms. Clark, aren't you getting a might sweaty around the hatband? After all, parody is just another way to present an opinion, and newspaper editors are people too! Further more, the Register as such is an anti-smoking institution, and an editor of the Register could not use his column to sport a pro-smoking opinion.

Also, Ms. Clark, the fact that your letter was printed proves, does it not, that you, and each of us, not only have a right to an opinion, but even have the privilege of having that opinion publicly expressed. (But

not with the weight of a newspaper behind it, only with the weight of the opinion itself.)

I would also like to know, Ms. Clark, what is wrong with supporting smokers? I am a smoker, and I frequently support myself. Or do you mean to say that the concept of parody is a grave miscarriage of justice? Just as you say, time was when freedom of the press was unknown; thank God that our cherished constitution protects our freedom of speech, which includes freedom of parody. Thank you.

Stephen D. Wentworth

Judging 'a fallacy'

I learned a lesson the other day that I thought would never be taught to me, at least at Central High School. What am I talking about? I am speaking of the selection of your 1976-77 Eaglettes.

Those of us who were trying out were told that we would be judged, for the most part, on the following criterion:

- 1) personal appearance
- 2) how well that routine was learned and performed
- 3) teacher recommendations
- 4) an overall "3" grade average

All four seem to be fallacies. First of all, I'm quite sure that

Band seeks funds for Hawaiian trip

Central High's Marching and Pep Bands need to raise \$50,000 in order to play during the half time of the Nebraska Cornhusker football game in Hawaii on December 6 of this year.

Mr. Lynn Moller, director of both bands, received an invitation from the International Concerts Organization in Chattanooga, Tennessee, as did Benson High's band.

"It's up in the air as to whether we'll go or not," Moller said.

"It's rather unusual for a high school band to get an invitation to play in such an event. A high school band will send out letters asking to play for such occasions, but one rarely finds unsolicited invitations," said Moller. One of the possible explanations for the invitations, thinks Moller, may have been the influence of Dr. Issac Greggs, band director at a large southern university. Dr. Greggs directed this season's All-City Band, and, according to Moller, said he was going to see that Central was looked at for recognition.

When asked how the band was going to raise the money, Moller said, "We'll have to sell everything in sight!" More seriously, he added, "We'll have to have a massive fund raising campaign, starting immediately." Moller said that it would not be impossible to raise that sort of money, because Papillion High School garnered around \$82,000 in a similar venture.

"The Concerts Organization recommends that one third of the money be raised by a fund drive, another third be raised by parents, and the final third be provided by the students themselves," explained Moller.

Meanwhile, no definite plans have been made because Dr. Owen Knutzen, Superintendent of Schools, must give his final okay.

"We could use the money raised for new uniforms, new instruments, or other items," concluded Moller, "but I think the trip to Hawaii would be worth it."

if you looked for yourself, you would see how big a role personal appearance plays. Secondly, you could perform the entire routine without a single mistake and still not be selected. Thirdly, it doesn't seem to matter how well you do gradewise. To be an Eaglette you are only required to remain mediocre. One or two Eaglettes will make the Honor Roll each year. Is this a true representation of Central?

To the dismay of every contestant, the tallying is done in secrecy and no one knows the results until the night of the initiation. Afterwards, only an overall scoring sheet exists that has everything tabulated and everyone given a rank with the lowest number as the best. Even at a contestant's request it is almost impossible to see this sheet, and no one knows about the original ballots.

When a system receives as many complaints as this one has, whatever the case may be, I believe that it should be examined a little more thoroughly by school administrators.

I, for one, congratulate those who made the squad, for it is not you that angers me; it is the system by which you were chosen.

Florene Langford

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Centralites dance for cause

Two Central High seniors, Mark Lewis and Joan Labenz, participated in the UNO dance marathon. The dance was held from 6 p.m. March 26 until 12 p.m. the 27. This marathon was held jointly with South Dakota University to raise money for the fight against muscular dystrophy.

was a four hour break for sleep, a lunch break, and a dinner break.

Joan and Mark received \$60 worth of pledges before the dance. By dancing the full 30 hours, they collected the pledges for the muscular dystrophy program.

Mark said that he and Joan "did all kinds of dances." Mark's favorite steps are salsa or Latino types. He taught some of these to Joan. "Joan," Mark said, "was very good at nostalgia and polka styles, so she taught them to me." They

also entered a polka contest. Even though they didn't win a prize for this competition, they both said it was fun.

Referees on roller skates judged how well dancers did overall and gave prizes for the best couples. Joan and Mark received free lobster dinners for their skill.

Neither of the two dancers was ill from the long dance. Joan said she "wasn't that tired" afterwards. The biggest effect it had on Mark physically was a loss of fourteen pounds, he said. Both said that they would gladly do it again.

Convention draws classical interest

"Rita Ryan's Rapid Roman Runners" T-shirts were seen all over Central last week. They were hold-overs from the Junior Classical League (Latin) convention held in Omaha April 2 and 3. The convention is held annually, close to the traditional founding date of Rome, April 21.

The state-wide convention, held at Creighton University, featured many athletic events. In addition, there were many competitive events featuring the Latin language. Students from nine other high schools, from as far away as North Platte, were competing.

Miss Rita Ryan, sponsor of this year's convention, said that the purpose of the convention is to promote Latin and get more students interested.

Certamen answers 'funniest'

On April 2, certamens (Latin for "college bowl") were held for all of the four year students. Mrs. Barbara Oldfield, South's Latin teacher, enjoyed this event the most. "I was having a ball asking the questions because the people came up with the funniest answers. One student, when asked where the Appian Way led to, responded with 'Detroit.'"

The morning of April 3 began with a general assembly with many honored guests. Among them were former Central Latin student Mayor Edward Zorinsky, Dr. G. E. Moller, and Rev. Roland Reichmuth, chairman of the Classics De-

partment at Creighton. Elections were also included in this meeting, and Alex Rossell from Central was named the new state treasurer for the coming year.

Artistic talents shown

The students' artistic talents were shown in homemade projects such as paintings, Monopoly, egg shell drawings, and even a Roman watchtower made of toothpicks. For a plaster of Paris bust, Centralite Steve Solomon received a third place ribbon.

English and Latin oratories weren't forgotten at the convention. Jonathan Krogh placed first in English oratory when he compared the early history of Rome to the history of America.

With filming by Channel 6 News, the 30 costumed students made an appearance in their Roman and Greek outfits. Powdered from head to toe in white make-up and clothed in a white bathing suit, Albert Halls, senior and president of Central JCL, portrayed a discus thrower. Halls placed second. "Cleopatra", commonly known as Joan Albrecht, another Central student, was carried out onto the stage by four slaves. As Cleopatra danced, two slaves fanned her and two accompanied her with kazoo music. Their group tied for third place.

In written tests, third and fourth year Central Latin students kept up the tradition of winning the trophy. These tests involved Latin grammar, history, vocabulary, etc.

Ewin goes to Sweden for six month program

Sophomore Nancy Ewin will get a chance to visit Sweden for six months.

She will fly to Sweden in the early part of July, stay there for six months, and then return to the United States in the late part of January in 1977. After arriving in Sweden, she will take a six-hours-a-day crash course in Swedish for one month. She will then attend a semester of school in a Swedish school.

Nancy was first interested in traveling to another country when her sister, Sally, recently returned from a six-month trip to South America.

"My sister told me of all the fun she had in South America. I asked my parents if I could go to another country for six months, too, but they said I had to wait until I was at least a sophomore in high school. Since then I started to save my money so I could afford the trip.

"I applied to an organization called International Cultural Exchange, which provides exchange programs for young people in many parts of the world, and I got accepted for the trip to Sweden," said Nancy.

While Nancy is in Sweden, she will stay with a host family. She will live with a family which will have in common some of her likes and dislikes. She will share in the routine of family life and customs of the Swedish people.

"I am very excited about staying with a family and sharing their normal days and cus-

toms. I think this will help me to understand and be able to communicate better with the Swedish people during my stay," said Nancy.

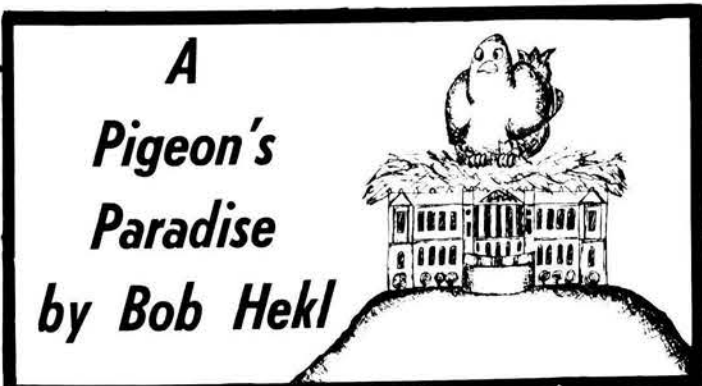
This trip will cost Nancy 1,625 dollars. According to Nancy, "I had to work a lot of hours to save this kind of money, but I really wanted to go."

Since Nancy will miss a full semester of school at Central, it was feared that she would lose too many credits. Nancy has talked with school authorities, and they told her some of the classes she takes in Sweden could be transferred as credits toward her graduation requirement.

As already mentioned, Nancy arranged the trip through the International Cultural Exchange Organization, which offers a variety of programs in international exchange and learning experiences. It also provides the students with a cultural family-living experience.

The selection of students between the ages of fourteen and nineteen is made through an application and recommendation process which includes a review of personal and school factors. Resourcefulness, curiosity, and maturity in human relations are the important qualities looked for in a candidate.

Students must also demonstrate that they possess the personality qualities to adjust to another family in a different country. They must have a high degree of flexibility and a sense of adventure.



A
Pigeon's
Paradise
by Bob Hekl

Students make 'Flashy' film

"LIGHTS... CAMERA... ACTION."

Flash Gordon leaps into the spotlight and continues his constant fight against evil in the world of physics phenomena.

But what does Flash Gordon have to do with physics?

Six Central students answered this mind-boggling question in an entertaining film which they produced called "Flash Gordon: The Momentous Mission."

The students, who are presently taking physics, are John Faier, Mark Haley, John Hall, Alice Trekell, Anne Watson, and Beth Williams.

The film, a color slide presentation with full recorded sound, incorporated the problems of Flash Gordon (Mark Haley) with problems of physics while Flash's sweetheart, Dale (Beth Williams), gets entangled in the grips of the villainous Ming the Merciless (Alice Trekell). Dr. Zarkov (John Hall) narrated the scenes and presented the problems of physics.



photo by Kevin Anderson and John Faier

Project Pizza: "An electrifying experience."

physics teacher) was demonstrating the famous Flash Gordon problem on the chalk board." The problem, which involves the momentum of two space ships after collision, was included in the film.

"We took some liberty in developing characters," John said. "Flash became a physics-brained super hero with stroboscopic vision."

In each of the dramatic scenes of the film, a physical problem arose which was analyzed through classical physics and mathematics. The solution to the problem was then demonstrated with the help of Dr. Zarkov.

Problems which were investigated were the "famous Flash Gordon problem," angular momentum in a revolving door, and an inelastic collision between two objects with linear momentum.

The film was "on location" at Strategic Air Command, the Hilton, Memorial Park, the houses of some individuals, and a sewer tunnel.

Soundtracks used as background music included "2001: A Space Odyssey," the "Batman Theme," "Theme from MASH," and "Stars and Stripes" by Knuckle O'Toole and his Ragtime Band.

A humorous commercial, which was filmed at Happy Joe's Pizza Parlor, was also included in the production. The product advertised was Project Pizza.

The premier showing of the film attracted about 65-70 individuals at the Swanson Library. Mr. Wolff, who had not known about the film, was present for the showing through the scheming of his wife and the producers of the film.

John is in the process of making a new film with Tarzan and Jane which will be a spoof on algebra and mathematics for an Algebra project. He said he hoped to do the shooting over spring vacation at locations such as Fontenelle Forest and the airport.



photo by Kevin Anderson and John Faier

Fearless frantic fiend Ming the merciless midget shows a shaky shadow.

Anne Watson was the stage and script director, and also got the costumes together. John Faier photographed the scenes, typed the scripts, and managed the technical aspects of the film.

John said, "We got the idea one day when Mr. Wolff (CHS

Jayvee baseball

The Junior Varsity baseball season has gotten off to a slow start, with the team losing to Council Bluffs Abraham Lincoln, 10-2, in the season opener, and 13-2 to Gross.

Coach Paul Semrad feels that his team is very inexperienced and that it is going to take time for them to get consistant. He cited Tom Hedrick for doing a good job helping the team.

Eaglettes selected

Yawns, stretches, sleepy eyes, and 6:30 a.m. practices are what the sixteen new Eaglettes will face this summer.

Each girl trying out was required to have 95 Pep Club points, and three teacher recommendations on their evaluation.

The girls were judged on their looks, grace, poise, and high kicks. Their ability to perform a dance and a march routine, which they had been taught, was also judged.

Each girl was judged on a

one-to-four point system with 1 being the highest possible score.

There were 42 girls who tried out. Only 16 were chosen as the upcoming year's Eaglettes.

The 1976-77 Eaglettes are: Troy Majors and Cathy Fredericks as captains, Karen Borchman, Cathy Armbeck, Maureen Greenberg, Mary Breeding, Jane Olson, Kathy Pluta, Cynthia Jones, Katina Axiotes, Kelly McBride, Tammy Aden, Debbie Edwards, Kristie Newhouse, Julie Hembd, and Laura Shestak.

Boys' golf

The Central High School Boys' Golf team has started off its season with losses to Bellevue at Capehart Golf Course, Creighton Prep High School at Miracle Hills Golf Course, and Northwest High School at Benson Golf Course.

Although the team has suffered these three losses and a tenth place finish at the Westside Invitational, Coach Warren Marquiss is

confident that his team will improve as the season continues.

Marquiss cited returning senior lettermen Glenn Prettyman and Mike Fitzgerald as the most consistant performers, being the nucleus of the four team members which participate in each match.

Team members that have been improving throughout the season and that Marquiss feels will be able to lower their scores significantly are seniors Bob Johnson and Mike Simpson.

The team, Marquiss stated, even though losing the first three matches, has lowered its score each time.

Marquiss commented that Central has been placed in the tough National division that teams such as Prep, Ralston, and Northwest are also in. There are only one or two tough teams in the other, American division (each division consists of eight teams).

The next Golf meet will be tonight, at Benson Golf course, with Central taking on Northwest High School.

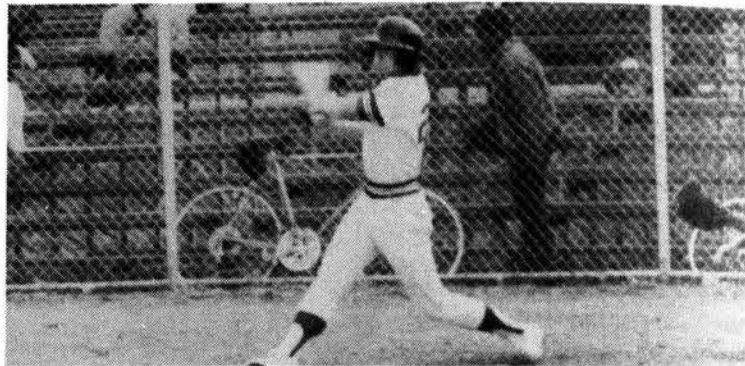


Photo by Mark Simon

Mike Bennett hits against Ryan.

Eagles lose in 8th

The Central High School Varsity Baseball team has begun its season with four losses and no victories.

The losses have come at the hands of Ryan, Roncalli, Creighton Prep, and Paul VI High Schools.

The Eagles were defeated by Ryan in the season opener April 6, by a score of ten to zero. The next loss was an away game as the Eagles came a bit closer in losing to Roncalli by a score of two to one, the Eagle run being an unearned run.

In the third game of the season, played at Boyd Field, the Eagles were soundly defeated by a strong Creighton Prep team by, again, a score of ten

to zero.

Thirteen hits

In the first three games of the season, the Eagles only had six total hits in all three games combined, and then in the fourth game, against defending State class "B" Champion Paul VI, the team came alive with thirteen hits.

The Eagles were behind at one point in the Paul VI game eight to nothing and then rallied to come back and tie the game at the end of the regulation seven innings, eight to eight. The game went into extra innings and the Eagles lost it, nine to eight.

The next baseball game will be against Bryan High School, tomorrow, at Boyd Field.

Girls slow only once

The Central Girl's Track team has been on the road to victory with wins over Benson, Gross, Tech, and Ryan. This Friday they go to the Bellevue Invitational, where Coach Joanne Dusatko the team will have their "real test."

In their only loss of the season, the runners went down to defeat to Bellevue, in a meet that went down to the last relay. Since the score was tied up to this race, the winner of the event, which was Bellevue, took the meet.

At the Grand Island Invitational, which was held Saturday, April 10, the team came in second by a narrow margin to the host team. At the meet Toni Midder took second in the 100 yd. dash and Greta Jackson took second in the mile run.

The highlight of the meet was JoAnn Olsen's record shat-

tering run in the 880 yd. run, with a time of 2:22.9, breaking the old mark by five seconds.

On the All-State leader board, Central is rated in eight of 13 events, including Greta Jackson at fifth in the mile run, and the mile relay team of Sheri Arnold, Greta Jackson, Ann Rigatuso, and JoAnn Olsen with the fastest time in the state, a mark that was set at the Grand Island meet.

On the Class A leader board the 880 relay team has the best time, and Annette Gibson is third in the long jump.

Coach Dusatko remarked that she was very pleased in the way the team is doing in the dual meets, and she is looking forward to the Bellevue Invitational. Bellevue handed the team its only dual loss, and they also beat the team for first place in the Metro Indoor Meet, held at U.N.O.

Speedsters win one

Coming off a Fourth place finish in the Metro Conference Championships of last year, the Central High School Boys' Track team has accumulated a one win - two loss record with losses coming at the hands of Bellevue and Gross (in a double dual meet) and default wins going to Abraham Lincoln and Benson High Schools, also in a double dual meet. The sole win of the season came in the first meet of the season when Central defeated Creighton Prep High School.

Default loss

The default loss came about because of a conflict in the scheduling of meets, as a meet originally scheduled for a Tuesday was changed to the Monday prior to the Tuesday. The Central team, having competed the Saturday before, could not compete on Monday because of a ruling that prohibits teams from competing more than once in a three day period.

A young team

Coach David James commented that the team is young and has been plagued by injuries, thus the reasons for some

of the lesser performances.

Coach James said that the two mile relay, consisting of Keith Schafer, Dan Jaksich, Mike Goff, and Bruce Culver are in the top ten in the state in the two mile relay.

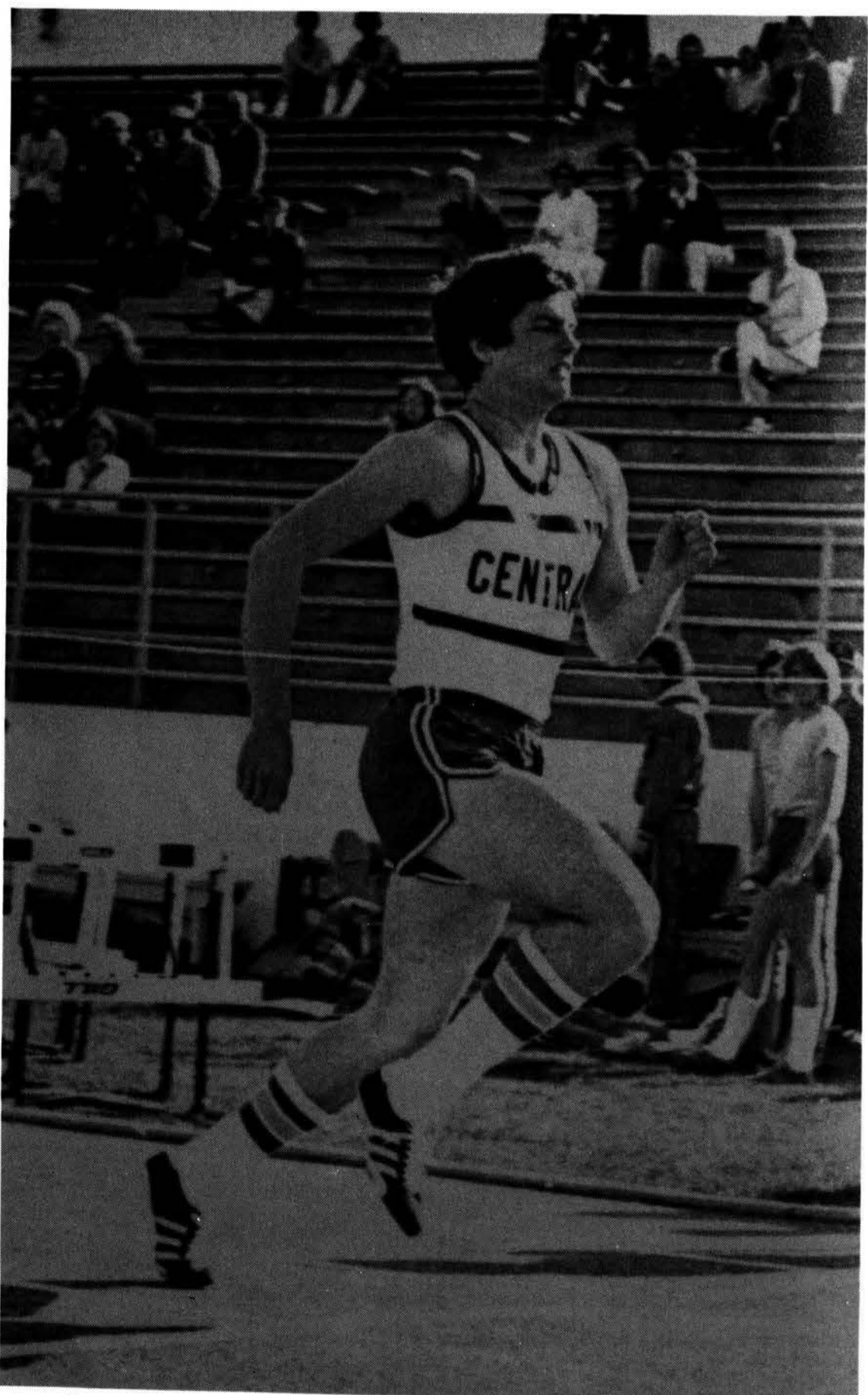
In the Grand Island Invitational, held March 27, the Central team came in fifth out of five teams, but James commented that the team performed well, and looked strong.

In the Gross and Bellevue double dual meet with Central, Central was beaten by both Bellevue and Gross, but came within Gross' score by eight points.

Bellevue is probably one of the most powerful teams in the league, but Central did win two of the three relays in the meet.

Also in the Bellevue meet, to give some indication of Bellevue's power, Terry Gutierrez improved his time in the mile by 20 seconds, but only came in third. Gutierrez has one of the top times for the mile in state.

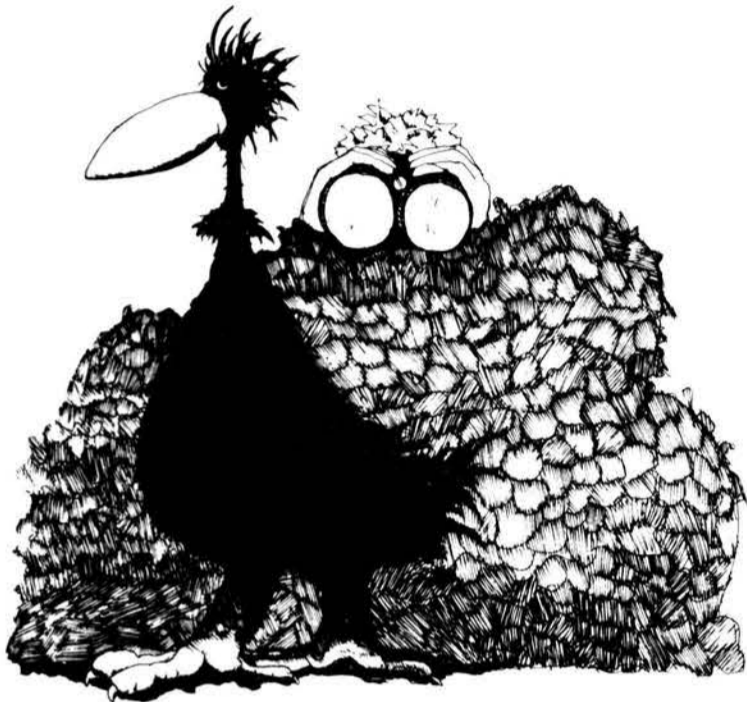
Coach James said that he is very optimistic about the team and that he hopes that the team will peak about at the right time.



A scene from the Burke High School Invitational Track Meet. The Meet was held last Monday, April 19.

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by Brent Bloom

The bicycle has finally come of age. For many years the bicycle has been an accepted mode of transportation in Europe and Asia. Only within the past few years in the United States has the bike been an accepted and respected mode of transportation for, an example, the American businessman. The energy crunch has also helped the cause of the bike.

The low slung banana seat and high handle barred bike that many of us grew up with in the sixties is not the type of two wheeler that the craze is mainly about, although many of the smaller bikes are still seen on the streets around town.

National Mania

The idea that there is a national mania for bicycling is not what I am concerned about, though. The problem that I am concerned about is the ever apparent arrogance of the motor vehicle operator toward the two-wheel enthusiast. Being an avid bicyclist and a frequent operator of an automobile I have thoughts about the bicyclist's safety from both points of view.

Cyclist Safety

The safety of the cyclist is often left solely up to the cyclist himself, creating an atmosphere of "let the biker beware" on the streets. Many drivers of cars honk (if you're a biker you know what a jolt that can be) or become irate at the cyclist for just being there. The driver of the automobile often does not realize that the cyclist cannot ride over the same terrain that the car can go over, such as chuckholes. As a whole it seems that most drivers are inconsiderate of the bikers needs, and therefore the biker has the added responsibility of not only looking out for himself, but the driver of the automobile as well.

Some cities have made noble efforts to provide areas of the street designed especially for the bicyclist, but unfortunately these were more often than not occupied by busses or motorists in a big hurry to get some where.

Conflict

The fact remains that there is a definite conflict between motorists who feel that their rights are being infringed upon, and the bicyclist who also has the right to ride his or her machine. The problem cannot be solved until both the bicyclist and the operator of the motor vehicle drive defensively for each other and become tolerant of each other.

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Jones receives skating award

Theresa Jones, Central sophomore, recently attended a regional ice skating competition in Kansas City. The competition was sponsored by the Kansas City Silver Blades Ice Skating Club. Miss Jones mentioned that around two hundred girls were entered in the competition. Twenty skaters from Omaha attended the competition.

Miss Jones stated, "I really didn't expect to win, I was just attending for more experience." However, Miss Jones skated to victory with two first place trophies in the pre-Juvenile B II division. The two categories in which Miss Jones was entered were Compulsory Skating (this consists of performing mandatory freestyle moves before five judges), and Freestyle Skating, (this is where the skater creates a program of various moves set to musical interpretation).

Miss Jones skated to the music from "Mame". Her program lasted two minutes and consisted of basically fast skating. Miss Jones mentioned that she was satisfied with her performance because she didn't take any falls.

Jones mentioned that she worked on her freestyle program for a considerable amount of time, ironing out all imperfections, Miss Jones further believed that the hardest moves executed in her programs were a Double Salchow (sow-cow) Jump and a Flying Sit Spin.

Theresa is looking forward to her next competition in Minneapolis coming up during the month of May.

Of Central Importance

FFA to contest

Congratulations go to CHS senior Debbie Miller for winning the State title in the area of Wildlife Speaking in the State contest held April 1-3 at the Nebraska College of Agriculture in Lincoln. Debbie not only received the trophy and a purple ribbon, but she won a trip to Estes Park, Colorado, and was also given the State Agri-Businessman degree. This degree is the highest that an agri-business student may obtain.

Mr. Tom Fredericksen, Central's FFA instructor, was very happy about Debbie's win. He said, "Debbie's winning for her speech was a greater thrill for me than when I won 14 years ago."

Junior Ken Jansa won a white ribbon in the area of Public Speaking. He was in competition with seven other people.

Blue ribbon winners include junior Kevin Ward in Farm Management, sophomore Tom Gurnon in Home Horticulture (Horticulture is the study of ornamental trees and shrubs), and sophomore Brian Reed in Meats Identification. In the same category, sophomore Ethan Bartek was the winner of a red ribbon.

White ribbon winners were: sophomore Tracey Gautier and junior Jeff Rosin in Agronomy, which is the study of soils and plants; junior John Jespersion in Poultry; and junior Paul Randolph in Livestock Management.

Money to 'sprout'

Central's landscape committee, known as the Committee of '76, has been sending letters to Central alumni asking for donations. Each alumnus receives a form letter, a diagram of the landscape scheme, and a donation form. So far, nearly one thousand letters have been sent.

"The problem is in finding the alumni addresses," said Mr. T. M. Gaherty, member of the administrative planning committee. "Most of the addresses found were taken from reunion lists."

Nine hundred out of the thirty-five thousand dollars needed were donated by Central students, leaving thirty-four thousand dollars still needed. Other types of publicity for boosting donations has been undertaken. An article appeared on the front page of the April 5th edition of the World Herald, and a similar story was given that night on KMTV.

Debate topic chosen

The debate topic for the 1976-77 school year has already been chosen, according to Dr. Arnold Weintraub, speech department head. Although this is still 1976, interested students can begin researching next year's topic, which is "Resolved: That a Comprehensive Program of Penal Reform Should Be Adopted Throughout The United States."

The National Forensics League listed possible topics for next year, and hundreds of senior high schools across the country that belong to

the League were invited to vote on the one that they felt was most appropriate. The topic that Central voted for was similar to the one finally decided on, said Dr. Weintraub, CHS debate coach.

Dr. Weintraub feels that this topic will be easier to research than this year's, which dealt with the control of scarce world resources by an international organization. This ease of research, said Dr. Weintraub, is due to the fact that the topic is a much narrower, and a much more localized topic, which deals with America, rather than with the entire world, as did this year's subject.

Next year's topic should also be more interesting because it holds a greater relevance to the students, said Dr. Weintraub. Many students in Debate I go on to be lawyers, he said, and this topic of penal reform should hold some interest for them.

Chessmen hold sale

Saturday, April 3, was the day set aside for the Central Chess Club's Garage Sale. The sale was held jointly with South Omaha Sokol at the Sokol Hall. Items for sale included clothes, stoves, desks, television, and a lawnmower. The Chess Club received 88 dollars.

The Hinky Dinky Store at 50th and L will be the scene of the Chess Club's Chess Marathon, on Friday, April 9. The world's record for consecutive hours of chess playing is 122 hours, and the chess club was attempting to break this record. They were accepting pledges, and Hinky Dinky promised the players 10 cents for every bag of Kitty Clover potato chips that the store sells while the boys are playing.

All of the money from the garage sale and marathon will be used to send seven members of the club to the national chess tournament. The tournament will be held from April 30 thru May 2, in

Westiders visit CHS

On Tuesday, April 6, approximately 35 Westside students came to Central and visited with Mrs. Mary Harvey's 5th and 6th hour Sociology students. The purpose, according to the students, was to "give us a better view of what schools and students are like in other places than Westside."

The Westside students were divided up into groups and given tours of Central by other small groups of Mrs. Harvey's class. The Westside students commented that they loved the wooden floors and the courtyard at Central.

Central junior Florene Langford commented about the exchange: "I think that it was very beneficial to them. When they came they had blacks at Central stereotyped. They thought that there was always fighting in the halls between blacks and whites. But they felt different when they left." She also said that they were puzzled about the situation of the cafeterias at Central.

One Westside student asked why Central students thought of Westside as "Hollywood High." Central junior Tami Curtis answered: "Westside students seem to

feel that they are better than everyone else because of where they live."

Central junior Marcia Dolan asked one Westside student how many minorities attend Westside. She received this answer: "We have minorities at Westside. We have four."

Central students also learned much about the Westside students. They learned that due to modular scheduling they don't have standard books. Westside students have separate resource centers for each subject. One impressive thing that Central students found out was that Westside receives an hour and ten minutes for lunch.

To follow up on this exchange Mrs. Harvey's class will visit Westside on April 21.

Concert to be given

A Cappella Choir will present its annual Spring Concert earlier this year, on Tuesday, April 27, at 7:30 p.m. The CHS Singers will also perform at the concert.

Usually the A Cappella concert is held in May, but due to the choir's trip to Kansas City, and the re-arrangement of concert dates with the band and orchestra, it is being held in April.

A \$1.00 admission will be charged to help fund the Kansas City trip.

Germans to meet

Central's German Club is sponsoring the First Annual State National Federation of Students of German (NFSG) Convention on Saturday, May 1, here at Central.

The purpose of the convention is to unite German clubs in Nebraska to form a state chapter of NFSG.

The convention will last from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and will feature seminars and a banquet at Cafe Joseph (in the Commodore Hotel). Those in charge of the convention are German Club officers Zan Bockes, Janet Kresl, Debbie Beals, and German instructor Mrs. Gretchen Bramhall.

Films to be shown

A film festival in the open-air is scheduled to be held Friday, April 30, at 8:30 p.m. in the CHS courtyard. The event, sponsored by the Senior Class, will feature two movies, "Little Big Man" and "Bonnie and Clyde."

According to Senior Class president, Bob Hekl, the price will be one dollar for all students. Bob said, "If enough money is raised, some outstanding gift will be presented to Central High School courtesy of the Class of '76."

Accountants score

Central's Accounting team chalked up another victory for CHS Saturday, March 20.

The team placed second in a field of 27, coming in behind Papillion and ahead of Millard. The team members are: Janet Mayhue, Jane Weatherford, Greg Hanson and David Harrold. Central's other team placed fourth.

The meet was sponsored by the College of Business at Creighton University.



Photo by Mark Simon

Senior Kathy Sisky displays her latest creation.

Central senior crochets, makes blankets, shawls

It all started two years ago when Kathy Sisky, a senior, learned to crochet from her grandmother.

Since then, Kathy has been making everything from shawls to blankets. Recently she has completed a dark blue blanket about five feet wide and six feet long.

"It took me about a year to finish," Kathy said, mentioning that she often stopped work on the blanket to work on another project.

"Last summer I made an afghan and two shawls. The shawls were pretty easy to make—they took about a month to do," Kathy reported. Kathy plans to use her blanket on her bed and then put it in her hope chest later.

But crochet is not Kathy's only hobby. She also embroiders and makes hook rugs.

"A friend of mine had a hook rug kit, so I bought one. I like to crochet a lot better, though, because it gets done faster," she said. Kathy works on the hook rug when she isn't working on another major project.

"It took me about two days to really learn how to crochet," Kathy said. "Once you learn, you never quite forget." Now Kathy is working on a baby blanket for one of her teachers.

"I like crochet because it's easy and I can do it while I'm watching T.V. It keeps my hands busy," Kathy related.

When asked if she had considered selling her projects, Kathy replied, "No, I'd rather give them to somebody."

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