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## Magazine Directs Student Opinion Poll On Comic Books and Military Training

Universal Military Training and comic books shared the spotlight in a magazine poll given to central students last week.

In order to get a cross section of opinions, students from every grade and curriculum were polled. The results are as follows:

Are you for or against a plan of compulsory military training?

	Boys	Girls
For	43	27
Against	55	23
No opinion	3	6

Whether you are for or against compulsory military training, when do you think this training should be given?

	Boys	Girls
a. During high school years	53	24
b. After graduation from high school	48	32

Do you read comic books?

	Boys	Girls
a. Not ever or practically never	33	16
b. Occasionally	55	35
c. Frequently	13	5

How many different comic books did you read during the past week?

	Boys	Girls
a. 0	63	42
b. 1 or 2	20	12
c. 3 to 5	9	1
d. 6 or more	9	1

5. Do you believe you are now reading about the same number of comic books you were reading a year ago? More? Less?

	Boys	Girls
a. About same No.	27	13
b. More than last yr.	3	1
c. Fewer than last yr.	69	42

6. If you have ever been a reader of comic books, in what grade in school were you when your interest in reading them was greatest and when you were reading the largest number of comic books?

	Boys	Girls
a. 3rd and 4th grade	10	3
b. 5th and 6th grade	38	40
c. 7th and 8th grade	43	13
d. 9th and 10th grade	5	0
e. 11th grade	5	0

These answers have been sent to the magazine's office where they will be combined with those of other schools to show the final national opinion.

## Company C Leaps To Second Place

### Crack Squad Takes Trip Financed by Paper Drive

Adding twelve points to their total, Company C has jumped into second place in the flag race. Company A, with 120 points, is still in the leading spot, while Company C has 111.

Company D trails by only one point, while the Band holds fourth place with 104 points. Company B is last in the standings with only 89 points.

To raise funds for ROTC activities, a paper drive was held by the battalion. The cadets who collected the paper were inspired by the announcement that the winning company would be given points.

The Crack Squad's trip to Kansas City will be financed by the money raised by the drive. Plans have also been made to buy stocks for the Crack Squad rifles.

The Central High school crack squad performed for the annual Shrine Circus at two matinees and two evening shows, April 5 and 6. The ROTC color guard presented the American flag, and then Cadet Captain Max Maire led the 15-man squad into a special performance.

With the arrival of spring, the cadets have begun to drill outside. April 14 is the date that has been set for the first battalion parade.

Because of a recent change in Army regulations, the position of the insignias have been changed by the cadet officers. The insignia of rank, formerly worn on the epaulets of the shirts, and the ROTC insignia now are being worn on the wings of the collar.

First place in the inspection, which was held March 17, was given to Company A. In the Freshman Battalion, Company F1 took first place.

## Debaters Win Place In Practice Tourney

Winning more than 60 per cent of their debates in the Nebraska City practice tournament, Saturday, March 20, the Central debate teams of Jerry Brodkey-Arnold Kaiman and Sherman Poska-Don Silverman each received superior ratings.

Four other teams each won one out of three debates. Those on the teams were Jerry Schenken-Davis Solzman, Goldie Gendler-Rosalie Nelson, Warren Denenberg-Meyer Feldman, and Jim Connolly-Pat Livingston.

Two affirmative and two negative teams traveled to Plattsmouth, Monday, April 5, for a practice tournament. Teams on the affirmative were Jerry Schenken-David Solzman, and Jerry Brodkey-Arnold Kaiman. The negative was debated by Alexandra Hunt-Susan Thompson and Olga-marie Reins-Charlotte Oden.

NFL will sponsor a debate tournament and oratory contest at North High, Friday and Saturday, April 9 and 10. Central debaters will be Bernard Lashinsky-Alvin Burstein and Sherman Poska-Don Silverman.

Leonore Marx and Elinor McClelland are entered in the dramatic reading division. Pat Burkenroad will participate in original oratory. Alexandra Hunt and Sally Siemssen will each do a humorous reading while Robert Buckley and Pat Livingston will participate in oratory. Warren Denenberg, Martin Faier, and Arnold Kaiman will each enter the extemporaneous speaking division.

## Officers and Constitution Chosen by German Club

At their last meeting on February 27, the members of the Central German club adopted a new constitution and elected a new set of officers.

A committee of five, consisting of Ted Phillips, Larry McNichols, Raphael Edgar, Ruthy Mendelson, and Rosamond Johnson, drafted the charter.

The newly elected officers are as follows: Ted Phillips, president; Ruthy Mendelson, executive secretary; Rosamond Johnson, treasurer; and George Simons, sergeant-at-arms.

Curtiss Buster is the retiring president. The club plans to hold semi-monthly meetings.

# 'Dear Ruth,' Comedy Hit Chosen for '48 Senior Play

## Cast Features Thorn, Shea in Main Roles; Date Set for May 7

With the popular comedy hit, "Dear Ruth," and a superb cast, the 1948 senior play to be presented on May 7, under the direction of Miss Myrna Jones, promises us a wealth of entertainment.

Joanne Thorn stars as Ruth, the victim of her sister's patriotic letter-writing pranks, and John Shea as Bill, the young soldier who has returned from the war with matrimonial intentions toward his as yet unknown correspondent. The play holds many laughs and sighs.

## Plot Concerns Post-war Problem

Miriam Wilkins, characterized by Sara Jane Black, is a sixteen year old high school senior who is far more advanced mentally than other girls her age. Her patriotic zeal is at the bottom of the trouble which characterizes the plot. This time she embroils her sister, Ruth, in a love affair with one of "our boys" overseas by signing Ruth's name to various love letters which include very potent poetry chosen from the Romantic Period of English literature. Meanwhile Ruth has a 4-F boy friend, Albert, portrayed by Jim Daley, who has a bad back. As fate would have it, Bill returns on a furlough, and immediately sets out to find his dear Ruth. The complications which set in are hilarious, and the older generation, represented by Judge, Barry Myrah, and Mrs. Wilkins, Kenna Hunt, look upon them with wonder.

## Seconds Named for All Parts

In case of illness or inability of any one of the cast to attend the performance, Miss Jones has chosen a second cast. Second cast members are as follows: Ruth, Betty Forsythe; Bill, Jack Street; Miriam, Elizabeth Ann Clark; Albert, Leonard Leftz; Harry, Martin Faier; Edith, Charlotte Monroe; Martha, Helen Holtz; Chuck, Jerry Mooberry; and Dora, Betty Jensen.

Because the number of parts was not sufficient to include the many persons making excellent tryouts, Charlotte Monroe, Donna Karr, and Jean Stern, scriptwriters, have skillfully woven into the play short scenes requiring extras. Students taking extra parts are Leonard Bush, Jerry Mooberry, Betty Forsythe, Jane McKown, and Janice Carter.

## Business Staffs Announced

Aiding Miss Jones with the production are Charlotte Monroe, student director; Leonard Leftz, business manager; and Donna Karr, stage director.

Those participating in the wedding scene at the end of the play are Muriel Beebe, Leonard Bush, Janet Champine, Elizabeth Ann Clark, Darlene Coufal, Joan Fike, Norma Gamler, Al Heiam, Art Heiam, and Pat Horstman.

Others participating are Betty Jensen, Ardy Krelle, Virginia Layher, Jerry Lepinski, Jerry Mooberry, Jean Rosensweig, Jerry Rosinsky, Jack Street, Marilyn Stroebele, and Lynette Torbert.

## Student Donations Aid Care Drive

If any of Miss Irma Costello's Civics or American history students ever had the urge to throw dimes, nickels, or pennies across the studyhall, they don't any more. Now they are throwing them across the ocean.

Miss Costello's classes have voted to collect enough money to fill a "CARE" box to be sent to Europe. So far, \$9.95 has been collected and the students are hoping to collect enough next week to be able to fill two "CARE" boxes. The students will vote on the countries where they want their boxes sent.

## CHS Finds Use for Termites

An English class was in an involved discussion when everyone suddenly sensed the odor of something burning. One boy, fearing the worst, said, "Maybe the school's on fire."

Calmly the girl in front of him answered, "Don't worry. If there is a fire, the termites will blow it out!"



Barry Myrah Kenna Lois Hunt Joanne Thorn John Shea

## Student Driver Program Begun

With the arrival of the new Chevrolet training car, the student driver program at Central has started its first phase.

In this initial effort, R. C. Busch, who is organizing the driver instruction at Central, hopes to perfect a permanent driver training plan that will produce many accomplished drivers each year.

H. W. Eggen, E. N. Crown, C. J. Simpson, D. M. Perry, Mr. Busch, and a University of Omaha student, Mr. Johnson, have assumed the instructor's duties. Each teacher has six pupils under his guidance and expects to complete the entire course for these pupils this semester.

The pupils receive instruction before school, during study halls, and on Saturday, and three students receive practical training demonstrations with the car every other day.

The students receive a definite daily assignment from a textbook, "Man and the Motor Car," and through practice, will become progressively more proficient in their driving skill.

This program is a part of the national program of driver training, sponsored by the National Conservation bureau. The local program is sponsored by the Nebraska Department of Public Instruction, the Nebraska Highway Department, and the Omaha Safety Council.

## New England Wildlife Is Subject of Joslyn Picture

"Wildlife Down East" is the title of the fourth in a series of five Audubon "Screen Tours," sponsored by the Omaha Audubon society of the Fontenelle Forest association.

This colorful picture of the wildlife in New England will be shown tonight at 8 p.m. at the Joslyn Memorial.

## Stubborn Students Give Halls 'New Look' Leaning Bodies Definite Infraction of Rules

It has been brought to the attention of this school that many students are dying and refusing to fall over after they are dead. This is obviously an infraction of rule Coh 7 which specifically states that no deceased person shall be allowed to remain in a vertical position longer than 90 days, to avoid confusion with live students that merely look dead.

Where it can be proved that the student is being supported by school property (i.e., desks, window sills, freshmen, etc.), the said student will be subject to being forcibly pushed over without the aid of a pillow.

A sitting or reclining position is allowed in cases of death by hydrophobia, delirium tremens, or acute hangnail, but no special considerations will be given to cases of uncommon death.

To avoid disturbing sensitive students that may be studying, the fol-

## Animal Frightens Girl; Girl Frightens Animal

Did you ever wonder what you would do if you discovered a snapping turtle under your desk?

This is exactly what happened in Room 425, sixth hour, when two mischievous boys placed a turtle under the desk of a girl busily studying.

Suddenly the stillness was interrupted by loud screaming, and the girl jumped from her seat.

When all was calm again, the poor, unwanted turtle climbed upon a geography book where he remained the rest of the period.

## Plans for Banquet Started by Seniors

With the arrival of spring, the thoughts of all seniors turn anxiously toward graduation time with all its activities, of which one of the most important is the senior banquet.

Under the guidance of Mrs. Helen McConnell, senior sponsor, and Sarah Jane Black, banquet chairman, plans are well under way for the dinner which will be held at the Paxton hotel, Wednesday, June 9.

In the voting carried on in senior homerooms Tuesday, it was decided to hold a dance following the dinner by a vote of 187 to 127. The orchestra, as yet, has not been selected.

Those students wishing to bring a guest to the dance may do so by turning in the latter's name to the committee before June 9 for the guest list; however, only seniors will attend the banquet.

"What we are having for dinner must be a surprise" were the words of Mrs. McConnell in answer to a student's menu query, but, she added, "tickets may be purchased for \$2."

## One Senior Determined To Get Her 'Plug' In

Reviewing for the coming midterm exam, the Secretarial Training class was discussing the simple process of operating the mimeograph machine.

After a few steps were given, one bright senior girl frantically raised her hand to make an additional point.

"Put the plug in."

## Solomon Earns High Honor in Speech Meet

Sandra Solomon was named the most outstanding actress in the District 2 declamatory contest, held at Benson High school, Saturday, March 20. Sandra received a rating of superior in the one act play division.

Other Central winners receiving superior and excellent ratings were Patricia Burkenroad, who received superior in original oratory; and Darlene Coufal, who received an excellent in interpretative oratory.

In humorous declamation, superior was the rating made by Mary Quigley. In discussion Alvin Burstein received a rating of excellent while Bernard Lashinsky made excellent in extemporaneous speaking.

Thom Snyder participated in dramatic declamation, Marilyn Sandy in newscasting, and Jerry Mooberry and Chet Christensen in the one act play division.

## Grinnell Glee Club Will Present Concert; David Scouler Directs 42 Voice Chorus

The Grinnell college Men's Glee club, under the direction of David Bruce Scouler, will present a concert Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock for the student body of Central High school.

This will be one of eleven major concert appearances, in Shenandoah, Omaha, Council Bluffs, Sioux City, Sioux Center, Rock Rapids, and Des Moines, that the Men's Glee club will make in their annual spring tour, set this year for April 12-16. Two post-tour concerts will be presented in Grinnell April 24, and Marshalltown April 29.

John P. well, senior from Grinnell, will be featured bass soloist with the group in the recitative, "From the Rags of the Tempest," and the aria, "Hear Me, Ye Winds and Waves," from Handel's "Scipio." DeWitt Purdue, New York city sophomore, tenor, will sing the solo parts in a group of modern show tunes, including "Come to Me, Bend to Me," from "Bigadood," by Frederick Loewe, and "A Fellow Needs a Girl," from "Allegro," by Rodgers and Hammerstein.

Other numbers to be performed by the 42-member Glee club include a group of Negro spirituals, four traditional sea chanteys, and European folk songs. They will close their concert with a group of traditional college songs.



DAVID SCOULER  
Director of Grinnell Glee club

Scouler was conductor of the Orpheus society in Philadelphia just before his induction into the armed services, where he rose from private to captain, serving his final two years with the intelligence service in the ETO. He had previously taught at the Haverford school in Pennsylvania, Texas Christian university, and the Riverdale school in New York city.



## Religious Instruction? Not in Public Schools

American history has gradually crystallized the principle that intellectual convictions have no bearing on the right to engage in political activity. This basic principle has resulted in separation of the church and state in America, making it impossible for the ability to participate in the government of the United States ever to be predicated on religious conviction, and reinforcing the American tenet that religion, or the lack of it is a matter within the jurisdiction of the individual, not of the state.

Currently, a furor is being raised over the lack of religious instruction in public schools. There are those who feel that an essential part of general education is spiritual guidance, and that therefore religious instruction in public schools or on public school time is desirable. They completely overlook the fact that such a plan would actually constitute indoctrination and violate the right of American citizens to follow any spiritual convictions they wish, be that conviction Protestantism, Catholicism, Judaism, or atheism.

The inevitable conclusion reached is that the only type of religious education permissible in tax-supported schools would be a course in comparative theologies or philosophies, a curriculum mentally a bit high geared even for a high school senior.

## The Lunch Line Squares

"Whee, there is the lunch bell  
Let's run up the stairs  
To crowd into the lunch line,"  
Cry all Central "Squares."

"Rudeness, the first thing  
And boldness the second  
You must have a 'I' in,  
If 'square' you'd be reckoned."

Push all the small freshmen  
Right out of the line  
"Oh, let them starve," you cry,  
"They're four years to dine."

There's no one but you now  
Let all help themselves,  
As you shove and you squeeze in,  
Like cans on the shelves.

So heed well these words now.  
We've told you "Beware."  
There's no room in Central  
For lunch line squares.

## Why Feed the Mice?

Down through the three flights of stairs, down through the still air, and then . . . splash! And another malt mashes against the first floor.

Don't the students like the malts in the lunchroom? Does the sly sensation of a mess for the janitors to clean up thrill the vandal into dropping the bombs. It seems there are better things to do with one's money than to waste it like that.

How would you like to clean up one of the messes by the old auditorium? . . . that's how the janitor feels too.

And then there are the nibblers who like to walk along with a bag of potato chips, a malt, or an apple. One can easily follow a potato chip muncher by the path he leaves behind. It's food for thought — for the mice too.

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## This Changing World

What would it be like if . . .  
Al Burstein didn't know how to play bridge?  
V Hour French class didn't get to lunch 5 minutes early?  
There were no American History prep tests?  
Nancy Davis didn't have hands to talk with?  
Frogs came already cut up?  
Central was ultra-modern?  
Susie Campbell had her expression done?  
We didn't have homework?  
Sandy Green didn't have a girl?  
Lee Gendler wasn't always such a slave driver?  
Paul Saltzman wasn't always flirting?  
Unassigned inches were in on time?  
There weren't riots in the halls for stickers?  
Mrs. Savidge didn't have her bell?  
Butch Williams and Baa Billig didn't have cowboy boots?  
There were enough Bassetts to go around?  
If Fred Bruning ever came to school?

## Happenings Here and There

Honest kids, there's only 9 weeks, or 63 days, or 1,512 hours, or 90,720 minutes, or 5,443,200 seconds (must catch a breath) until the last bell rings and we joyfully leave the halls of the "Dump on the Hump" forever (for some) but only for a few months of relaxation for the teachers, for others —

Still thinkin' of the wonderful times had at "Country Capers" by Jim Swanson 'n Sal McPherrin, Justin Horwitz 'n Ruthie Mendelson, Ed Gross 'n Jeanie Rosen-sweig, Martin Callendo 'n Mary Evenson, and Barney Stratton 'n Donna Karr, in jeans and pinafores, dancing in their stocking feet —

### WHO'S WHO AND WHAT'S WHAT

Who had too much vacation, and as a result has been home ever since with the measles?

Who is the biggest monkey in the school—anyway, acting like one—seal too?

Who has that certain gleam in her eye—thinking of—well—?

Who found mid-terms so tough that it has affected his brains, and has been seen attempting acrobatics in the halls in front of 149?

What junior boy is going steady with three gals at the same time???

What handsome little fella' is giving a thrill of a lifetime to what senior gal—but givin' his ROTC service bars, rings, and bracelets to a flock of junior gals?

Who is the new found Jack the Snipper—of the senior class, under the influence of the baron in Alexander Pope's writings?

Who is Miss Taken?

Now you intelligent people, try to figure these out—here are the various assortment of people, not in order, but they're all there—Marty Faier, Chet Christensen, Carole Shelton, Leonard Leftitz, Bill Shainholtz, Jim Holst, Dar Coufal, Elsie the Cow, Thom Snyder—Guess we'll sign off now, but don't forget the HI-Y Coronation Ball tonight at Peony Park—see ya' all there—

Jan and Dee

## The Physicist's Problem

It was first hour physics,  
Ten minutes to go.  
The class was all quiet,  
When in the back row,  
The silence was shattered  
By a terrible blast.  
The students were startled,  
And "Pop" was agast.  
The source of the noise  
Came from a small hole.  
Some kid's bubble gum  
Got out of control.

## Turnin' the Pages of-

### THE GREAT ONES By Ralph Ingersoll

Letia Long couldn't be called a fortune hunter. She merely had an honest interest in money. Having an interest in money, she was naturally attracted to those that possessed a lot of it. She herself had a knack of earning it. By marrying and divorcing a wealthy New Yorker, she earned \$2,500,000. Then she went on to make a few million more in the dress designing business.

After that, Letia withdrew from the business world. She had lots of other talents and wanted to use them all. First she tried painting and became a great painter with a nationwide reputation. Next, she wrote a great book (Horse and Husband) that sold hundreds of thousands of copies and was made into a movie. She had become a Very Important Person.

Fate ordained that she meet and fall in love with another Very Important Person. He was Sturges Strong, youthful owner of "Facts, the Knowing Weekly," a multi-million dollar news magazine. He began the enterprise after graduation from Yale, and carried it to success with the same grit and pertinacity, if lack of native ability, that had made him the highest ranking scholar in his class. At present he was considering publication of a big picture magazine like Life, except that it was to contain escapist literature only.

Sturges and Letia married and lived happily ever after. She went into politics and he continued as owner and publisher of Facts and Fantasy, the new twice weekly magazine with twenty million circulation.

This is Ralph Ingersoll's first novel, but not his first book. As a lieutenant colonel under Omar Bradley, he wrote two war books, "The Battle Is the Pay-Off" and "Top Secret." Before that he had held such fabulous positions in the magazine world as general manager of the New Yorker and Fortune, publisher, vice-president, and editor of Time, and editor of PM.

In spite of this background, few books this year have been so badly written or poorly organized as "The Great Ones." It began as a biting satire on figures in this country who have attained great success with a modicum of talent. But after fifteen or twenty pages, the author's vitriol turns into stagnant water.

## The Movie Marquee

For fine photography and performance, here is a British film you won't want to miss. Pamela Brown and Roger Livesey appear in "I Know Where I'm Going," produced and directed by the accomplished team of Michael Powell and Emeric Pressburger. A Scotch-Irish folk tune about a lass who knew where she was going titles the story of an English girl (Wendy Hiller) who knows what she wants out of life. Wendy wants a rich husband and as the story begins, she is on her way to get him. An impoverished Scottish nobleman puts her materialistic values to the test.

The rest of the story shows that money is important but isn't everything—particularly if one happens to fall in love with a warm-hearted but penniless Scotchman.

This is an old story, the same one the magazines make a fortune on month after month. It is the style of telling and the technique of acting that make this film so fresh and pleasant.

Set in the Hebrides Islands, just off Scotland, the film gives sympathetic and fascinating glimpses of this beautiful, rugged coast. The closeups of the whirlpool alone are enough to keep you on the edge of your seat. You'll hear folk music and see some colorful folk dances and you'll come away with a real appreciation of the proud, simple, Scotch people who live in this corner of the world.  
Thelma and Joanne

## Alliterated Autos

Dear L. A. Salle,

Your chicken is here. Please come and get it as soon as possible for it gives me the Willlys.

As you probably know Oldsmobile-ized the chicken taking campaign. He decided that bribing the farmer's wife would be the easiest way to get it. I was chosen to Crosley's palm with a picture of Lincoln, but it didn't F(r)azer. Pontiac-ized like it was my fault, but I couldn't a-Ford to offer any more.

Since Cadillac-ized the courage to go through with the snatch, we decided to do it ourselves one cold morning. When I got up, I looked at the Mercury and Nash-ed my teeth. I was going to have to Dodge snowflakes again. But, fortunately, the snow didn't Packard enough to leave my footprints.

I hid behind the barn while Chrysler-ed farmer Hudson into the house. I snatched the Plymouth Rock hen, like you said, and brought her here for safe keeping. Did Chevrolet eggs all over the place!

Jeep-ers, the work was very ex-Austin. Please bring the money so I can take a rest.

D. E. Soto

## Along the Clothesline



By the looks of things, it seems like the gals are trying to push this spring weather a bit . . . what with their pastel flannels, straw bonnets, cotton eyelets 'n such. For a sneak preview of

what's here and yet to come, read on. . .

Right in swing with the mercury thermometer is Jackie Murphy's yellow flannel suit. The jacket is tailored in a fashionable cardigan style, and the skirt sports a smart, folded pleat in the front. The ever-popular plaid prevails in Toula Adams' ballerina suit. A short, tight jacket, and full skirt give an air of distinction. For afternoon comfort, Sylvia Slater removes her suit jacket exposing a white cotton blouse, trimmed with shiny gold buttons. The front features a yoke of eyelet embroidery with the same design trimming the cuffs. Marilyn Miller selected a royal blue ballerina skirt to wear with her filmy lace-trimmed blouse. Diane Druehl chooses a colorful crepe print for special festive occasions. The solid black background is splashed with gay pink and yellow carnations. The dress has dainty cap sleeves and a long, circular skirt.

The pert touch to any ensemble is added by Marilyn Vingers, wearing a navy crownless straw. Pink and blue flowers deck the front while grograin streamers complete the back. With a light and easy step, Barney Wiseman puts her best foot forward in a pair of grey suede pumps. They feature an ankle strap and platform soles. Beulah Thomas displays a neat pair of chalk white gloves to blend with her pastels. Tommie's are medium length with a dainty flower design plus stitching on the fingers.

We've noticed a couple of cottons here and there. Betty Petrow looks petite and trim in her lavender two-piece chambray. White starched pique trims the cuff and collar. Carol Shelton wears a soft yellow cardigan over her black and white checked tailored golfer.

That's all for now. . . Here's hoping that maybe by the next issue it will really be spring.

Junie 'n Marti

## Spring Is Sprung

In the spring, they say, one's fancy  
Gently turns in various ways:  
Where they turn makes little difference  
On these lovely spring-like days.  
Here below some people yearn to  
Tell where their thoughts gently turn to.

Bob Sveska: They just stay in the same old rut.  
Jack Noodell: Graduation.

Mr. J. A. Nelson: Getting out of work if I can.

Jim Daley: No more snow drifts to get stuck in.

Annie Cuthbertson: What do most people's thoughts turn to?

Ted Phillips: The usual thing—mus.!!!!

Donna Edstrand: Summer vacation.

Joanne Larkin: Square dancing.

Jim Wright: Christmas (only 282 more days).

Clarke Ballinger: Dreaming of the time when I'm a senior!

Jordan Lagman: Nice long walks in the country.

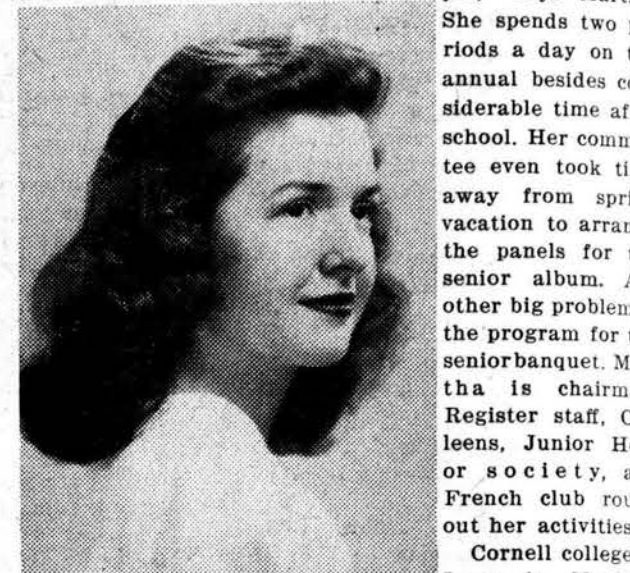
Al Burstein: Pepsi-Cola.

### Central Profile

## Mrs. Malaprop

Martha Overholser

Martha Overholser's main duty as picture editor is to get the pictures of all the seniors on the pages of the O-Book. "The '48 O-Book is going to be one of the best yet," says Martha.



She spends two periods a day on the annual besides considerable time after school. Her committee even took time away from spring vacation to arrange the panels for the senior album. Another big problem is the program for the senior banquet. Martha is chairman of the Register staff, Cornell College, Junior Honor society, and French club round out her activities.

Cornell college

Iowa is Martha's choice for high education. This has been the Overholser alma mater from Martha's grandparents up through her parents, aunt, cousins, and sister. She will be the twelfth person from her ancestry to attend. Martha wants to see the world and would like to follow her family footsteps into newspaper work of some kind.

The ideal place for a vacation is St. Louis. During Martha's two months' stay in the city of many things to do, she saw an eleven inning baseball game between the Cardinals and Dodgers, saw several musical comedies in the open air theater, and took a river cruise on the Admiral. She journeyed to St. Louis with the intention to work while staying with her aunt. She baby sat once!

Martha loves to drive the family car and after her first scare at stalling the engine in the midst of traffic at 49th and Dodge she has remained calm. Tennis and ice skating are her favorite sports and during her spare time she loves to read fashion magazines and poetry.

"Mrs. Malaprop" has been Martha's family tag since childhood. Her story book appellation dates back to when she was eight years old. Martha and her mother were walking downtown when Martha inquired the meaning on the sign "Pedestrians Must Obey Traffic Signals." "Don't the Methodists as well as the Presbyterians have to obey the traffic laws?" asked Martha.

Phyllis

## Locker Rangers Strike

The annual meeting of the Association of Locker Rangers was held during homeroom period Saturday. Algy Q. Whistlestop, Slammer-in-Chief, called the meeting to order by daintily kicking in the door of his locker. Five members and two stray cats answered the call, and a rousing good time was had by all.

By sandpapering their fingers to the nerve, members were able to open whole rows of lockers. Then they were able to run from one end of the hall to the other, banging lockers right and left.

One casualty was reported when a freshman, standing in front of his locker, was shoved in and the door locked before he could say, "I'm no schnook."

Several hours later, a stray member of the custodian staff arrived to investigate a complaint that one of the ventilators was making noise. Realizing that the ventilator couldn't possibly be making any noise, the janitor started looking for rats in the lockers.

Guess what he found! You're wrong, guess again. He found rats. The freshman who got stuck in his locker is still there and probably will be for quite a while.

## A Senior Went Skiing

We feel this poem should be especially dedicated to Wade Vogel—

I pray that I shall never ski  
Into the trunk of some poor tree,  
A tree who's waiting for the chance  
To smash my face and rip my pants,  
Poems are made by fools like me,  
But only God can stop a ski.

## Found--Senior Names

Aha, seniors! Thought you could get away with it, eh? Thought you were going to graduate without our finding out? Well, you've been women of mystery and men of distinction for four long years, and now we think it's time the world learned what is hidden behind those imposing middle initials!

And so as we make this daring expose with the aid of those tell-tale "senior activities lists," we offer our sincerest congratulations and deepest sympathy.

Just look at some of these: Jack Maurice Street, Nancy Blodwen McNally, John Carlisle Schroeder, Joan Williams Alexander, and Theodore Denton Phillips.

Did you know that Polly Robison was christened Mary Elizabeth, or that Ann Lueder's first name is Nancy? These new discoveries also sound unfamiliar to the ears: John Barry Myrah, Mary Carolyn Peckham, and William Laird McNichols.

Joseph Patrick Farrell Murphy claims distinction in the longest name with Catherine Carmelina DIMauro and Reginald Christopher Hughes close behind.

Fred Bruning III can blame the first two Fred Brunings, while Helen Robina Cortelyou carries out a family tradition.

Don't you wish you had a high-tone name like Mary Cina Evenson, Paul Wesley Saltzman, Belle Clementine Stratton, Max Stanley Mair, or Judith Rhea Bory?

To you poor seniors who were deprived of middle monikers . . . just see what you're missing!



## O-Book Pictures Foil Annual Rain

Happy days are here again! Yes, simultaneously with the coming of spring, O-Book picture time rolls around. Commencing with the first pictures, which were taken Wednesday, March 31, teachers have been hearing the familiar refrain, "May I be excused? It's time for my O-Book picture."

Should Nebraska ever again be threatened by a severe drought, the O-Book staff has a sure-fire formula for cloudy weather and rain. Dry ice pellets? Indian rain dances? Mental telepathy? No—just schedule O-Book activities pictures! Despite the objections of the weather man, some pictures were taken last week.

All the activity pictures turned out; everything went on schedule; and, for the first time, rain did not hamper the taking of pictures.

Now begins the job of deciphering who belongs to what shining little faces. So, if you are approached in the hall by some staff member who wants to know "Do you know who this is?" don't just stare at him, but help him if you can. He'll appreciate it!

## Senior Popularity Contest Changed

Replacing the traditional senior popularity contest will be a plan which is now before Principal J. Arthur Nelson. Working with a suggestion of a contest which was more representative of the school, the committee, under the chairmanship of Neal Schneiderman, has presented this plan to Mr. Nelson.

Each department will be represented by the students who would like to be elected to one of the numerous positions. In the primaries, one boy and one girl will be chosen to represent the departments in the final election.

"Best Student," "Best Citizen," and "Most Outstanding Senior" are a number of the positions that have been decided upon by the committee.

Members of the committee include Alan Burke, Diane Druhel, Don Bartlett, Helen Holtz, Donna Karr, Nellie Lee, Charlotte Monroe, Richard Reese, Betty Schiratti, Bob Vavra, Marilyn Strobele.

## 237 Pushes Program To Advance Central

Homeroom 237 has sponsored a "Help Central" campaign. Suggestions were submitted to the homeroom representative, Ernest Bebb, who in turn presented them to the Student Council. These suggestions are being discussed in the council and some of the ones most desirable to the welfare of the school will be adopted. Other homerooms are asked to conduct similar campaigns through their homeroom representatives.

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## Road Show Acts Staged Recently

In the past two weeks, acts from the 1948 Road Show have been quite busy. Different selections from the performance have taken part in four separate programs.

On April 1, seven acts made up "Road Show Echoes" on the "We March with Faith" series.

### Acts Appear on Radio

The broadcast featured Sam Procopio's singing of "Too Fat Polka," accompanied by Paul Bursik's orchestra. The band also played "Song of India" and accompanied the Helam twins, Marge Putt, and Marilyn Bergh, singing "On the Avenue."

Also on the program were the "IOU Boys," Bill Goodrich and Dick Glissman; boogie by the Helams with a jazz combo; "Ah Men," a discussion of the Central boy types; the barber-shop quartet; and Bud Withers' harmonica rendition.

The Omaha Concord club was also entertained April 1 by six acts of the show. "Ah Men," "Centralights," "Magicians Extraordinary," "Country Style," "Banjo Time," and "The Hotalres" were the acts that performed for the luncheon.

Four scenes from the Road Show performed for the Goodfellows club at the Chamber of Commerce on Monday, April 5. Five acts will entertain the "400" club on Thursday, April 8.

### Road Show Names Omitted

The names of the people who appeared in the statutory act of the Road Show were omitted from the official program. They included Ruth Sloger, Joan Jochum, Bonnie Bernhard, Russell Hawthorne, and Richard Reese.

The clowns in the trampoline act whose names also were omitted were Terry Young, Don Gier, Jim Kals, Richard Nigro, Joe Murphy, Gene Ernst, and Bob Mancuso.

Those members of the stage crew who were not mentioned in the Register or the Road Show program were Dick Kurtz, Joe Murphy, and Bill Schwarz.

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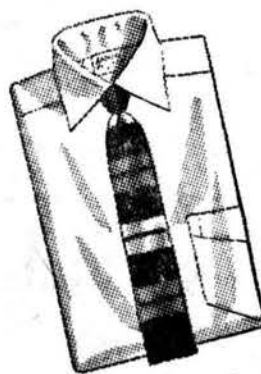
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## Public Health Week Designated April 7-11

"To introduce the public to the nursing profession is the prime purpose of our government in designating the week of April 7-11 as 'National Public Health Nursing Week,'" said Mrs. Janet Dorway, school nurse, in her office Tuesday.

The objectives of the week are to highlight the little known fact that public health nursing services are for people of all incomes; to point up public health nursing as a satisfying career; and to promote citizen participation in public health nursing services as volunteers, members of boards and committees.

Mrs. Dorway also stated, "The school nurse works with the social and physical growth of the student just as the teacher works with the mental development of the student."

"Primarily the responsibility of the student's health rests with the parents but during the student's twelve most formative years, the school nurse also has her part in working to elevate the health and fitness of the students."

## Girls' Clubs Hold Career Conference

To help stress the importance of careers the All Girls' Career Conference are sponsoring a program at the YWCA Thursday afternoon, April 15, from 4 to 6:15. The sponsoring clubs are the Y-Teens, Senior Scouts, and Horizon clubs, and a panel discussion of girls from these groups will be included in the program. Cakes and doughnuts will be sold by Camp Fire Girls.

The girls representing the three groups and working on a joint committee are Delores Pavlik, South High; Susan Waples, North High; and Lou Ann Kamprath, Benson. The program will cover a discussion and speeches on about a dozen careers.

Under the direction of Miss Weymuller a display of vocational books are on exhibit in the east hall case to help promote the conference.

## Beki Finer Wins Prize In Oratorical Contest

Beki Finer, former Centralite, who now attends University High school of Los Angeles, has won a \$500 scholarship as second prize for her participation in an oratorical contest on Susan B. Anthony.

Beki competed indirectly with 130 senior girls, representing 36 Los Angeles high schools. The scholarship was given by the Daily News in the contest sponsored by the Susan B. Anthony Memorial association and the School Women's council.

## Senior Measure Up For That 'New Look'

During the earlier part of this week, the seniors were measured for their commencement caps and gowns. The measurements were taken through an "assembly line" method in Room 120 by the members of the cap and gown committee under the direction of Miss Marguerette Burke.

### Superstitious?

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## Grease Paint Grind! Make-up Class Proves To Be Essential To All Dramatic, Musical Presentations



... THREE STAGES OF MAKE-UP, demonstrated by (left to right) Inez Wilson, Jackie Jacobsen, and Darlene Ormsby.

Without the help of the make-up class none of the school productions could possibly be a success. Mrs. Amy Sutton's eighth hour class is responsible for the effective "grease paint" used in all the school productions.

Make-up always plays an important part in a production, sometimes in a very unexpected way. During the first performance of last year's opera, Doug White's long putty nose accidentally came loose and sailed across the stage. It got such a laugh from the audience that his nose was purposely constructed to fall off at some point in the remaining performances.

As they progress in the course, the girls change from the simple make-up to the more difficult old age and nationality groups. Although the girls do most of the work on themselves, one of the more advanced students demonstrates particularly complicated faces on a model.

Before they begin to apply make-up, the girls must learn facial struc-

ture and how age changes the contour of the face. The more advanced students take up the problem of correct period costuming in connection with the face of the character to be portrayed.

Since most actors have to apply their own make-up, many of the girls are taking the course in preparation for a career in dramatics. In fact, only 8 of the 33 girls are not taking it in connection with expression.

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# BURKE BELLOWS

by Alan Burke  
Sports Editor

Attention, all Central coeds! This is leap year, gals, so why not make the most of it. Although May seems a long time away, it's still not too soon to begin planning for the biggest and best dance of the school year. Yep, the second annual O-Ball is on deck for next May 31. After last year's gala showing, the members of the 1948 O-Club are completing the arrangements for a shindig that promises to surpass even the Military Ball. Besides plenty of smooth music and the usual groovy band, the ball will be highlighted by the selection of the outstanding boy and girl athlete of Central. Take a tip, girls, and get your bashful Romeos cornered early. The converse goes for all you fellas. Make your dates early and plan for a swell time. This year's O-Ball is the one dance nobody can afford to miss!

Gather around, all you baseball fans and lend an ear. Here's the announcement everyone's been waiting for. With their customary disregard for the dope sheets and the experts, this year's sports staff is again climbing out on the proverbial limb with their analysis of the 1948 pennant winners. It seems as though everyone from Grantland Rice on down has picked the Red Sox and the Cardinals as the next World Series contestants, but somebody has to turn nonconformist sometime, so here goes. Red Sox fans and Joe McCarthy to the contrary, we'll take the New York Yankees to repeat as the American league champs in 1948. Although the Red Sox and possibly the Indians could make things hum in the Junior circuit, we'll stick by the champs.

Although the St. Louis Cardinals are burning up the grapefruit league again, we'll only cede the Redbirds second place in the senior conference. For our money it's the Boston Braves as the National league champs in 1948. This race should be a sizzler right down to the wire, but we give Billy Southworth's boys the edge. (The beautiful thing about these baseball predictions is that if you're wrong nobody remembers, but if by some fluke, we should be right we can always brag about it.)

## The Dope Bucket

### O-Club Plans Activities

At a meeting held Friday, April 2, the O-Club announced plans for a hayrack party and wiener roast, Saturday night, April 10. After meeting at Central, the members and their dates will go to the hayrack festivities at a place yet to be announced. Plans are also being made for the annual O-Ball to be held in the near future.

### Central Tumblers Compete

In the Intercity gymnastics meet held at Benson High school, March 21, four boys out of the five entered from the Central High tumbling team succeeded in placing high in two of the major events.

On the trampoline, Marls Green took a surprise first, barely beating out Tie Russman from Benson. Jim Farris and Bill Voerster from Central placed third and fourth respectively.

On the ground tumbling event, the Eagle squad was not so successful, Ira Epstein being the only man who succeeded in hitting pay dirt. He captured second place, missing first by two points.

The boys of the mat squad are now preparing for the state meet at Lincoln on Saturday, April 10. Also participating in the meet will be Tech, Benson, Hastings, and Beatrice.

### Tennists Begin Practice

Hopes for a successful season look bright for Central's tennis team this year.

Coach Crown announced that 26 boys have turned out for the squad, among them 5 lettermen. These five boys compose the same squad that won the state championship last fall



THREE TOPNOTCH BASEBALLERS, who will carry the brunt of the load for the Purple nine. (Left to right) Bob Offerjost, pitcher; Dick Larson, catcher-outfielder; and Don Maseman, pitcher-shortstop.

## Maseman, Mancuso Pace Win at North

Central aspirants for the Intercity baseball championship had their first chance to display their prowess in a practice tilt against North, April 2. The Eagles opened with two runs in the first inning on a homerun by Don Maseman with one man on base. In the fifth inning a double by Frank Mancuso brought Joe Milone across to give Coach Tom Murphy's crew a 3-2 decision.

In a four inning stint, Bob Offerjost struck out seven and gave up two hits. Bill Hughes, the transplanted outfielder, pitched the remainder of the game, and should be able to deliver plenty of assistance during league play.

Maseman has shown that he will be a dangerous man at the plate. Eldon Coroch's single accounted for the only other Eagle hit. Al Brown, who lettered as a sophomore, is finding strong competition from Coroch for a starting berth at third base.

and placed second in the Intercity league during the regular season.

Returning lettermen are Justin Horwich, John Halpine, John Schroeder, Mason Zerbe, and Jerry Kattelman.

An intra-squad tournament was held this week to determine team positions.

### Fox Heads 'Hobos'

The new professor of "Hobo college" is Dorothy Fox, who was so named at the GAA Hard Times party, Friday, April 2. Forty-two Central hobos had one busy time playing soccer with balloons, hunting for peanuts, learning how to bark and mew, and making up songs and yells for their college.

Most original lady hobo was Marilyn Mann who was presented with a jumping rope. Virginia Layher was given a bag of marbles for looking like the most realistic gentleman hobo, and Ida Whiting received a toy tricycle for wearing the wackiest costume.

### Vikes Edge Marksmen

Unable to muster enough scoring punch, Central's marksmen were runners up to North High in the Intercity rifle tournament held Tuesday, April 23, at the Eagle range.

It was a close affair all the way with the Purples finishing only 10 points behind the champions.

Leading the Eagles was Bob Sveska who tied for high total score and placed first in the standing and sitting positions.

## Diamond Sked--

April	
16	Lincoln at Fontenelle
20	South at Brown Park
22	Tech at Boyd
27	Creighton at Boyd
29	Benson at Benson Park
May	
4	North at Boyd
6	South at Fontenelle
11	Tech at Boyd
13	Creighton at Boyd
15	Lincoln at Lincoln
18	Benson at Boyd
20	North at Boyd

## Students Tryout for Girl's Tennis Squad

Get out your tennis racket and balls. Skip down to your nearest tennis court and see if you're still as good as you were last year. If you think you have the makings of a champion tennis player, then see Miss Marian Treat in the gym some time this week about entering the girls' tennis tournament.

### Bunnies, Packers, Strong

Last year the team captured the Intercity tennis championship by winning, for the second year in succession, both the doubles and singles matches.

According to pre-season dope, Benson, South, and North have top-notch tennis squads; therefore every girl who can play tennis will have to try her hardest to get on the tennis team and make 1948 another top tennis year for Central.

### Tatom Instructs All Classes

Mr. Tatom and another tennis instructor have been conducting classes in all the public high schools of Omaha. The purpose of these classes was to create student interest in and spread enthusiasm for the game of tennis. During the following instructive periods, he stressed the forehand and the backhand strokes, and the serve, also illustrating the important part that accurate footwork plays in a successful tennis game. In the latter part of the gym periods, the students would try to perfect the methods that Johnny Tatom had shown them.

### Tennis Schedule

April	
20	Central vs. Creighton Prep
27	Central vs. Tech
May	
4	Central vs. North
11	Central vs. Benson
18	Central vs. South

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# Track, Baseball Squads Prepare for Initial Contests

Hurley's Cindermen Open with Tee Jay Relays;  
Murphy's Nine to Meet Lincoln Central, April 17

All attention on the track squad has been turned toward the impending meet at Tee Jay, and the team spirit is high among the runners. Definite positions for this tournament have not been assigned, but a number of boys have shown potentially great ability.

The freshmen, who run two relays, are paced by Jack Taylor, Bassie Johnson, Emmet Dennis, Nat Tanner, Ganzey Henry, and Kenneth Young. Don Morton, Bob Fairchild, John Popowski, and Bob Groff are the brightest prospects for the sophomores who also participate in two events.

### Distance Events Strong

Showing great improvement, the distance men, who will carry much of the burden, are led by Chester Scott, Walt Paulson, Bill Raupe, Brendon Gallagher, Marty Lewis, Bill Melcher, James Jackson, and Bob Sveska.

Probably the strongest point on the cinder squad is Rich Reese in the weights. Rich has shown great prowess with both the discus and shot put and looms as one of the top contenders in both fields. Other promising weight men are Houghton Tetric and Ernie Egbert.

### Actual Strength of Squad Unknown

Likely choices for the varsity relays are Pitman Foxall, Chuck Filipeic, and Dave Noble. Joe Murphy, Augie Palmesano, and Joe Innis lead the hurdlers.

When asked about Central's chances for taking the tourney, Coach Hurley stated, "It's too early in the season to know anything about the comparative strength of the different squads. We'll have to wait till after the first few meets to find out how we stack up with the other schools."

## Nigro Annexes

Another laurel was added to Rich Nigro's string Saturday, April 3, as he won the 114.4 pound crown in the District Olympic tryouts held at the Lincoln Coliseum.

This diminutive 17 year old Centralite was the only high school student to take a first place in the tourney. He will carry the Eagle colors in the finals at Ames, Iowa, April 29 through May 1.

Nigro started on his victorious path by decisioning Lewis Caniglia, a former Purple. He then came back to take the finals by pinning Don Bean in 8:08.

Other Central alumni to garner top positions were Herb Reese in the 191 pound class, Fritz Levine in the heavyweight, and Caniglia in the 114.4.

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## Purple Pawnpushers Checkmate Bunnies

By winning three out of five games, Central's chess team defeated Benson on March 31, and thereby swept the series between the schools in three straight matches.

Participating for Central were Welling Porter, Jerry Belzer, Jack Hamlin, Norman Osheroff, and Dick Paynter.

A match is planned in the near future with Creighton Prep.

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