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## Choir Receives Crowd's Praise For Production

**Richards, Chedester Draw Laughs in Comic Scenes**

Praise on the lips of the crowd as they filled the aisles after the last act of the comic opera, "Robin Hood," was not necessary to attest the success of the 1948 a cappella choir production.

The booming applause after the final curtain last Saturday night left no doubt as to its complete success.

Lloyd Richards and Jack Chedester, playing the bragging Sheriff of Nottingham and his half-witted pal, Simple Guy of Gisbourne, drew most of the laughs in their comic drunken scene and their hilarious plotting scenes.

### Music Exceptionally Beautiful

Inga Swenson and Bill Burke, who played the leads, Maid Marian and Robin Hood, both gave a sparkling performance. Their several duets were of special beauty. Also outstanding was Inga's solo, "Ye Birds in Azure Winging."

The Tinker scene, where the Sheriff, Sir Guy, and six henchmen, one too brave, come disguised into Sherwood Forest, was very popular.

Alexandra Hunt deserves praise for her portrayal of Alan-a-Dale, especially her rendition of "O Promise Me." Alan had quite a trial of patience with his flirtatious sweetheart, Anna, played by Mary Quigley and Joan Hruska, who alternated the part.

### Chorus Provides Background

Joe Innis and Bob Stryker as Little John and Will Scarlet did excellent supporting jobs.

Friar Tuck, jovially portrayed by Harry Lepinski, was a huge success with the audience when he dropped a log into his soup pot.

It was the Friar with Guy and the Sheriff who stole the scene of the song, "O See the Lamkins Play."

The choruses, of course, added the finishing touches which gave the opera its overall appeal. All the costumes were colorful and added to the general effect.

The settings, which were designed by Robert Beck and the stage crew, were also excellent, professional jobs. Lighting and scene changes were handled expertly.

## Robinson Rates High

### Music Competition

One of ten best was the rating recently given to Bob Robinson '49 in the national music contest sponsored by the National Guild of Piano Teachers.

Of thousands of students from the United States and Cuba who entered the contest, two hundred were entitled to submit records to the national judges, and of these ten were awarded a \$50 prize.

After receiving a superior rating in local competition, Bob sent three recorded compositions to the national competition in New York where he received 99 out of a possible 100 points. Entries were judged on the basis of accuracy, tone quality, interpretation, and natural ability of the contestant.

Bob typifies the avid musician. He rises at 6:30 in order to put in an hour on the scales, and after returning from a day's work in school and his job in a jewelry store, he practices another three hours.

Although Bob spends most of his time studying Bach and Beethoven, he once won \$25 and first place in playing Hoagy Carmichael's music. The classics are his favorites, and his greatest ambition is to make his debut at Carnegie Hall playing with a symphony orchestra.

Next year Bob hopes to study at an eastern conservatory, preferably Eastman. Bob's advice to young musicians is, "Practice scales and Bach every day and practice with the mind as well as the fingers."

## Movie Featured at Math-Science Club

"Bottle of Magic," a movie on the principle of radio tubes, featured the first meeting of the Math Science Club, held Wednesday in Room 317.



## French Club Gives Sox Dance in Gym

The patter of little feet will be heard tonight in our gym when the Central High French club presents the Frenchman's Ball. The ball, a sox dance to be held after the basketball game with Abraham Lincoln, may become an annual affair if it is successful.

Co-chairmen of the affair, Mary Mackie and Bernard Beber, have secured some unusual talent to perform in a floor show at the dance. The Heiam twins, Art and All, '48, have promised boogie-woogie piano for the occasion, and some hidden student talent may be uncovered.

"This is one of the first attempts of the French club to hold a sox dance," said Bernard, "and we hope to continue holding profitable and entertaining dances for all students to enjoy."

Johnny Vana's revamped orchestra will furnish music for the evening, and the dance seems the ideal place to either celebrate or moan over the game's results.

## Traditional 'Nacimiento' In Showcase This Week

The nativity scene which the Inter-American club is sponsoring in the display showcase this week is the traditional "Nacimiento," found in practically every Spanish-speaking home throughout the world.

## Hampton Editor of '49 O-Book; Middleton and Adams Art Editors



RAYMOND HAMPTON

In preparation for the publication of the yearbook, Raymond Hampton has been named the editor of the 1949 O-Book by Mrs. Anne Savidge, head of the journalism department.

Business manager of the O-Book will be Bernard Greenberg, who has served as the Register's business manager for the past semester. The circulation problems fall to Bill Cam-

## Four Freshmen Elected To Serve on Council

Four freshmen, Gloria Zadina, Joyce Jensen, Mike Greenberg, and Bill McVicker, were recently elected to the Student Council.

Their official duties will begin next semester, when they will become regular members of the Council, and receive half a credit. Next spring another election will be held in the freshman class to determine next year's members.

The four new members will attend the traditional Council Christmas party eighth hour today in Room 230 where refreshments will be served and gifts exchanged.

With the addition of the freshmen, the Council now consists of eighteen members.

## Chess Club Defeats Benson on Tuesday

For the second time, five members of Central's Chess club have displayed their talents by defeating Benson in a match held Tuesday, December 14, at Benson.

The Centralites won four of a five game series. The fifth game was unfinished because of lack of time, and will be completed tonight.

The winners include Jerry Belzer, Jack Hamlin, Dick Paynter, and Raphael Edgar. Norman Osheroff is playing the postponed game. In their first meeting held here, November 30, Central won three out of five games.

bridge and Edward Claeson.

Elaine Breen is the new picture editor; Dorothy Friedman takes over the senior album section; while Ruth Ann Curtis serves as the activities editor. Sports adviser is Harold Oberman, and Phillip Alberts is military adviser.

Miss Mary Angood, art teacher, has appointed Tola Adams and Marilyn Middleton as the art editors.

Working in the journalism department for three semesters, Raymond, the newly appointed editor, is already versed in the make-up and writing departments of the paper. His activities include that of associate editor of the Register, lieutenant in the ROTC and membership in the COC. He is a representative of the senior class on the Student Council, head of the ushers committee, a member of the boys' rifle team, and a member of the Junior Honor Society for three years.

The sale of this year's O-Book will again be carried on through the home room representatives, and an estimated 1300 copies should be sold to insure publication of the annual. The price of the O-Book will be \$1.50 for students having S.A. tickets and \$2.00 for all others.

## Mighty Mouse Foils Enemy Forces Again

Wanted: A musician capable of driving out mice.

Apply: Miss Dorothy Relleke, school nurse.

The Pied Piper of Expression I class fame would have been welcome to two members of Central's faculty after an encounter with a small rodent last week.

Mrs. Virginia Nedley stood talking to Dorothy Relleke in the latter's office when she spied a mouse scampering out of sight behind the door. With quick thinking, Miss Relleke trapped it in a rolled up poster, only to have it escape in the hall. -- Be on the look out.

## Larkin to Compete for National DAR Award

Joanne Larkin will represent Central in the annual competition for the Daughters of the American Revolution's national good citizenship award.

Joanne, who was chosen from five Central contestants examined on Americanism, peace, the United Nations, and democracy versus communism, will compete for the national prize of \$100 in a test to be given at the Joslyn Memorial, January 15.

## Noland Vogt Develops Profitable Hobby Displays Handiwork in School Shows

Of the several Central students who have capitalized on their after-school hobbies, Noland Vogt has developed an enjoyable and profitable hobby of model building.

Noland first started building model airplanes when he was still in grade school. Here he showed proficiency in the tedious construction work, and several times he exhibited his handiwork at school hobby shows.

During the war, model building materials were hard to obtain, and this necessarily limited the amount of construction work that could be done. But after the war, when supplies became more plentiful, Noland returned to his hobby with even more enthusiasm.

With money that he had earned from carrying a paper route for four years, Noland bought his first gasoline engine to power the larger model that he was now building. He now has an estimated \$500 worth of model building materials and construction equipment. His modeling interests have also helped him to get part-time work at one of the local model shops.

Noland's ability is not limited to model aircraft, for he has constructed many ship, boat, and automobile miniatures. Last summer Noland won the \$150 first prize in the Fisher Body Company Craftsman Guild Model Car competition. He constructed the best

## YMCA Will Repeat Classes in Dancing

The YMCA beginning ballroom dance class for teen agers that started in November has proved so popular with high school students that it is being repeated starting the last week of January.

This is a Hi-Y service project, sponsored by the Omaha Hi-Y Council, arranged to teach teen agers how to dance for the coming school functions. Boys and girls both may sign up for the class.

A series of 10 group lessons will be held on Thursday nights at 7:30 at the central YMCA. Registration starts in January right after vacation. Any Hi-Y club president or the central "Y" will take registrations.

## Hi-Y Plans to Have A Barbershop Quartet

Barbershop quartets are the newest thing in Central's Hi-Y. Everybody is quartet crazy.

The cause of it all is the appearance at the last meeting of the Ak-Sar-Ben Colonels, a local quartet outfit. They sang several numbers, including the groovy "Barbershop Boogie," to an enthusiastic Hi-Y crowd.

The club plans to start its own barbershop quartet and chorus in the near future. Authorities on barbershop singing will be at the next meeting to get things rolling.

## Ten More Cadets Advance; Ball Preparations Continue

### Class Officers Faced With Major Problems

Senior Class President Jim Farris has announced the objectives of this year's senior officers. The class officers, under the supervision of Mrs. Helen McConnell, are considering three problems.

First on their list is the publication of the O-Book. The officers hope to find a way to make the annual less burdensome financially.

Another item under consideration is the senior banquet and whether or not a dance should be held following the dinner. A dance was held after last year's banquet for the first time in several years. In the past, the prom was an annual event.

The last project is the appointing of the senior committees. These groups will handle caps and gowns, the senior banquet, and other class functions. The committees will be appointed and other business will be discussed at the first senior meeting to be held shortly after the opening of the second semester.

### Weinhardt to Head Preparations; Ball at Peony, January 21

Ten more senior cadets have been promoted to the rank of cadet second lieutenant in a recent promotion list posted by sergeant Joseph B. McGrath.

The new officers include Fritz Adams, Morton Glass, Joe Innis, Robert Howard, and Jack Lowe.

Others are Lloyd Richards, Louis Pistone, David Noble, Russell Hawthorne, and Jerry Katleman.

These promotions bring the total number of officers promoted to thirty-two; approximately seven remain to be chosen.

### Ordinance Department Inspected

The Central battalion was inspected last Tuesday by two army ordinance inspectors. The inspectors reported that the weapons issued to Central were in very good condition.

At a recent meeting of the Cadet Officers Club, Cadet Second Lieutenant John Weinhardt was appointed general chairman of the military ball. Cadet Second Lieutenant Marvin Swartz is ticket chairman. Other committee heads include the following cadet second lieutenants: Raymond Hampton, invitations; John Weinhardt, grand march; Jack Wolf, courtesy; Russell Hopley and Wilbur Fullaway, decorations; Taylor Stoehr, publicity; Allan Demorest, military honors; John Weinhardt, program; Joe Malec and Jim Swanson, music; and Bob Zlotky, gifts.

### Crack Squad Performs for WOW

The Central Crack squad, commanded by Cadet Second Lieutenants Dan Neff and Jim Swanson, presented their first performance of the season for the Woodmen of the World at the Elks Club last Wednesday evening, December 15. The performance was well rehearsed and merited the congratulations of all attending.

Co. C picked up 12 points last week and is now leading the battalion with 105 points, 22 points ahead of its nearest rival.

Cadet Second Lieutenant Russell Hopley has been appointed battalion commander for the period beginning December 13, 1948.

## Sophomore Girls Elect Beck Class President

Barbara Beck is the new president of the sophomore girls. The girls elected her president of their class for the second straight year.

Other officers chosen in the recent election held in Room 215 are as follows: Jean Killian, vice-president; Jane Madden, secretary; and Bonnie Dohse, treasurer. These girls will march in the forthcoming All-Girls' Party.

Six sergeant-at-arms were chosen to assist in the passing of ballots and program cards. They are Caroline Graves, Jean Madden, Lois Ostronic, Celestine Peters, Beverly Rucker, and Susan Stoehr.

Barbara will preside over the sophomore girls' meetings and will read the circular.

## Junior Choir Gives Christmas Program

"A Christmas Tree That Sings" will feature the Junior A Cappella Choir's Christmas program today in the auditorium.

In their dark robes and glittering collars, the choir will form a huge human tree on the stage. The singers will feature traditional Christmas carols.

Included in the program will be "Carol of the Bells", "The First Noel", "Lullaby Our Christmas Eve", and "Rex Gloria", a Christmas recession with violin and organ accompaniment.

## Girls to Participate in Debate Tourneys

Miss Marian Mortensen, debate mentor, announced that Central would enter two teams consisting of Pat Livingston-Susan Thompson and Alexandra Hunt-Rosalie Nelson to debate on the topic "World Federal Government."

## Spanish Club Holds Christmas 'Tertulia'

Singing of Christmas carols as well as popular songs in Spanish was a feature of the annual Inter-American "Tertulia" at the Dundee Presbyterian Church last night.

Miss May Mahoney told the story of the Mexican Posadas which are celebrated for the nine nights preceding Christmas and also the story of the Virgin of Guadalupe, patroness of Mexico.

Spanish I students participating in the spelldown which was held after the festivities were Bernard Greenberg, Alexandra Hunt, Warren Denenberg, Roxie Johnson, Melvin Weiss, and Barbara Daves.

## Hindman Promoted to Captain at West Point

Edward R. Hindman, a senior at West Point, was recently promoted to a captain in the United States Corps of Cadets. As a captain he will command a battalion of cadets at the academy.

Edward graduated from Central in 1941, where he was not only vice-president of the senior class and sports editor of the Register, but also a member of the National Honor Society and a first lieutenant in R.O.T.C.

## Alone, All, All Alone

The snow is falling lightly from above. In the distance laughter and singing are heard from within brightly lighted homes.

Holiday colors blaze forth from every window. All the houses are brightly lighted. All, that is, but one large building alone on a hill. Poor Place, empty for 18 days because of some silly vacation.



## A Christmas Message

Nearly two thousand years ago in a little village in Jerusalem there was born One whose lofty code of life has had a profound influence on all the western world. Today, as we enter the season commemorating His Birth and the beginning of the New Year, let us in our hearts firmly resolve that we will live within the precepts of Good Life of the Great Teachers of all time.

PRINCIPAL J. ARTHUR NELSON

## Good Will For All

Dreaming of a "White Christmas"? Sure. A lot of old traditions accompany every holiday, especially Christmas. Snow, trees, mistletoe, turkey, Santa, and gifts are just a few contributors to Christmas cheer.

Gifts—the field's been pretty well commercialized. Only a couple of departments are untouched by monopoly. One is this idea of a gift of good will.

A lot of fellas, big and little, go pushing around in the world looking for a fight. Why not give them a little good will? Maybe they're not so bad underneath. Let's try not to be so prejudiced this Christmas. There's a lot of good in everybody, whether it's the kid across the street or the nation across the globe.

Everyone in Russia isn't a rat. Why throw hard feelings at a guy because he wears a red suit—so does Santa.

Outside appearances are often deceiving, whether they are hard-boiled shells or iron curtains. Maybe a little good will will do a little good.

## Emily Posts Us

It is too bad that Emily Post didn't include a chapter on study hall manners in her book of etiquette. As the name suggests, study halls are supposed to be used for studying.

But tell me, have you ever tried to concentrate on how many enzymes are in a paramecium's stomach while the girl in front of you is combing a snowstorm of dandruff on your desk? Or maybe the boy behind you has his foot stuck in the crack between the back and seat of your desk—everytime you move, you get kicked.

It is always interesting to hear whether the girl on your right had a nice time with the boy on your left Saturday night, but there is a time and a place for everything. If you want to finish your geometry by the next hour, the social discussion becomes disconcerting.

"I don't know the hypothesis of the pythagorean theorem," you tell your teacher, "but I know that Mary had a nice time with Bill last weekend."

There are other little annoyances, such as gum popping, memorizing your poem for expression aloud, sending a note to your friend on the other side of the room via a channel of students who are trying to study, and others too numerous to mention.

Are you a study hall pest? Many times you are unaware of the fact that you are disturbing and annoying others, so take stock of yourself—and please, let's have some study hall etiquette.

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## Letterip . . . . Your Column

To learn the opinions of the student body, the Register is opening this column to the readers. Letters may be gripes, praises, or suggestions. Anonymous letters will not be printed. In special cases and at the discretion of the editor, however, non de plumes may be used. Give letters to Mrs. Savidge in Room 149.

Dear Editor,  
I would like to express my thanks to the members of the class of '49 in behalf of the senior officers. I very much appreciate the support of the "Farris Wheel" and am grateful to everyone who voted for us.

Dear Editor,  
Dr. Jones' assembly on sound was one of the most interesting and in-

formative programs I have ever seen. His demonstrations were very entertaining and he brought up many important facts.  
I think that the school would be much better off if they would get more programs like the last one, and let the Shakespearean actors and one member play casts go elsewhere.

Sincerely,  
Alan Nogg

Dear Editor,  
With the senior elections over it is time to start thinking about the senior popularity poll. Last year the best things on the poll, such as Biggest Bluffer and Best Caveman, were omitted. Although the more serious awards are necessary, I think those

that have been dropped add a desirable touch of lightness.

Bob Sage

Kermit Hansen, at the beginning of the school year, told the Student Council that his position with the World-Herald was founded because his editor wanted to know why such a large percentage of high school graduates plan, if possible, to leave Omaha to establish their homes.

I believe that a satisfactory answer to this can be found in the recent cessation of Christmas decorations on the downtown streets of Omaha. I've heard many a remark that it is customary in Omaha to have something unusual one year and nothing at all the next.

Ernest Bebb

## Dearest Santa . .



Oh! Tell us please if it isn't shockin' What you'd like to find in your Christmas stockin'  
Janie Barton: "My two front teeth."  
Ted Hughes: "Janie - - - without Harris!"  
Susie Porter: "A diploma!"

Craig Stark: "A trip to Texas" (lonesome, huh???)  
Gilbert Chin: "A real live paper doll."  
Susie Campbell: "A million dollars so I can buy the school and run it my way."  
Dick Smith: "A couple of pinball machines."  
Sandra Robinson: "Brains!" (Ditto for us.)  
Patti Markel: "About 40 or 50 Prom stickers!"  
Barbara Keisling: "A few handsome Air Force men." (If you have any extra ones, remember us senior girls.)  
Tom Harper: "Her!" (We'll leave you all in suspense?)  
Annie Barlow: "I'd be satisfied with the yellow convertible parked next to the Dundee theater."  
Jude Murphy: "You'd be surprised!"  
Bob Knapple: "Which stocking? I plan on hanging up five of them."  
Lexie Tinkham: "Maybe You'll Be There! The record, that is!"  
Lyno Raupe: "My foot!!!"

## History Repeats Itself

Snap! Crackle! Pop?—Yes, something usually does! Once again we pay tribute to Miss Cather's American History II class. Last Friday the class had its American Observer Test. "How are packages sent through CARE?" asked Miss Cather. "In boxes," answered Tom Scott.

During the same test, Miss Cather asked Tom (Muscles) Harper if he knew anybody in the Register office. Tom turned to his classmates, who were studiously trying to figure out how many days until Christmas vacation and replied, "Certainly, how do you think I get my rave notices?"

And now to Modern Problems. Miss Jerabek's class was discussing the evils of the movies, and how they influence juvenile delinquency. Jerry Katleman remarked that movies fascinate the younger set.

"Why just look at the line outside the Omaha Theater every Saturday morning waiting to see the six color cartoons! It's nearly two blocks long!"

"Yes," chimed in Harry Wise, "Jerry's mad because he can't get a seat."

Well, it's time to be shoveling off. We expect to see all of you coming back to school with bright shining faces, and lots of funny incidents to fill up this column! Merry Christmas to all and to all - - - have fun!

## On the Bookshelf

THE BEAST IN ME AND OTHER ANIMALS  
By James Thurber

ber's subtitle for his latest book. These words set the tone of "The Beast in Me," Thurber's newest aggregation of happy satire.

In the first of five sections were given essays such as Thurber's attack on the confused terminology of the late presidential election. The author confesses that when commentators pick up sentences such as "We thus see Dewey trying to out-Truman Truman, which will, of course, lead Truman to out-Dewey Dewey" he becomes confused and charmingly tells us so. Another essay entitled "The Ordeal of Mr. Matthews" deals with the fine art of boring authors, while a third parody's the inoffensive fairy tale.

The next section reproduces the author's nature study sketches. Here are his interpretations of such animals as the Clock Tick, a Gloat near a patch of I-Told-You-So, a female Volt with all her Egs in one Gasket, and a Garble an Utter in its claws. And lest the titles throw you, the sketches are often more weird than their captions.

For the third section, a more or less sober treatment of American soap opera, the author devoted a year to studying the past, present, and future of Ivorytown, Rinsoville, Anacinberg, and Crisco Corners. One of the maddest moments of old radio described in the book occurred when an announcer's script ran short. He ad-libbed as long as he could and then he said, "Ladies and gentlemen, the sounds of New York," and stuck the microphone out the window.

Alternating prose with sketches, Thurber next ushers the readers into "A Sheaf of Drawings." One sees a few of the "Irrepressible Jamie's" choicer cartoons, such as the rabbit's discussion. "Well, sir, he was the most astonished magician you ever saw in your life," and his ever present, ever soulful dogs.

The book closes with selections from The New Yorker's Talk of the Town series done by Thurber from 1928-1934. These run from the unveiling of "the classiest orange-drink stand in town" to an interview with Mr. "Greens, potlikker, and so on, not much bread" Huey Long.

—by Jerry Venger

## A Winter's Tale

We are composing this column with the thought of Christmas vacation in mind, (everybody's thoughts no doubt) so don't blame us if it sounds like it's just thrown together.

A round of applause for all the people in the opera. If you just couldn't make it, you might ask people like Thom Snyder 'n Rosemary Simpkins, Marilyn Winthroub 'n Jerry Katleman, Dick Mallo 'n Sally Neeval, and Marty Lewis 'n Sally Lang, who were swept out of their seats by the performance. Heard there was quite some cast party Saturday night at the Paxton Hotel. Some of the couples celebrating were Bill Burke 'n Inga Swenson, Alexandra Hunt 'n Jack Chedester, Paul Kruse 'n Mickie Rabe, Jerry Lepinski 'n Nora DeVore, and Dwight Fritz 'n JoAnne Yeager.

Speaking of Xmas vacation, we jotted down a few of the New Year's resolutions we heard people muttering to themselves.

To get a man . . . JoAnne Egbert  
To get a driver's license . . . Joan Leggerd  
To make up my mind . . . Janie Barton  
Not to talk so much . . . Dona Wells

To get up on time . . . Frank Hahn  
Some people just haven't learned how to stand up on two feet yet. Say for instance Harris Poley and Ann Barlow lying on their backs in the middle of the hall. That's what you get for running in the halls kiddies . . . We hear some of the ROTC fellas in 29 enjoyed generous offerings from the Colleens' wonderful tea. Isn't it nice some girls are so kind-hearted, boys?

See everybody at the basket ball game tonight. Be sure and plan to stay for the Frenchmen's Ball—It should be loads of fun and everybody is invited.

Bye for two weeks of joy and laughter. And naturally, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all. But remember, be good.  
Marilyn 'n Shirly

## Christmas Belles

Jingle bells, Merry Xmas, 'n everything to all of you. Hope you have all your shopping done - - - boy, what a job! And then there's always the fun of decorating the Christmas tree, so we thought we might be able to give you a few ornamental ideas.

For the snow around the bottom of the tree, Janie Barton's soft, white angora sweater would fill the bill. Everybody would be as happy as could be with a tree the color of Marvel Anne

Reynold's green corduroy dress and Newt Kelly's vivid green corduroy sport shirt.

Blue and red ornaments surely are pretty 'specially if they're the color of Benny Wiseman's royal blue sweater and of Pat McNally's red ski sweater. Turning on the multi-colored lights we'll be sure to think of Mary Mackle in her red and green plaid skirt and of Ted Hughes in his blue, green, and yellow ski sweater.

Mary Lois Benolken's red and white stripe blouse would make an ideal candy cane to hang on the tree. For the tinsel let's use Alexandra Hunt's tiny silver earrings in the shape of cowboy hats. And honestly, could anything be more beautiful than to top our tree with an angel whose soft golden hair is just like Sally Ainscow's.

We'd certainly like to be lucky enough to hang up a stocking as pretty as Ernie Egbert's argyle ones of brown and yellow, but of course, we could always hang up one of Frank Hahn's bright orange shoes instead! That couldn't help but catch Santa's eye!

In some of our packages it would be sooooo nice to find a dress similar to the red taffeta one which we hear Dee Edstrand is getting, or one like Dede Bryan's which is green taffeta.

Jingle bells, pretty belles,  
In colors bright and gay.  
Oh what fun it is to watch  
In Central's halls today.

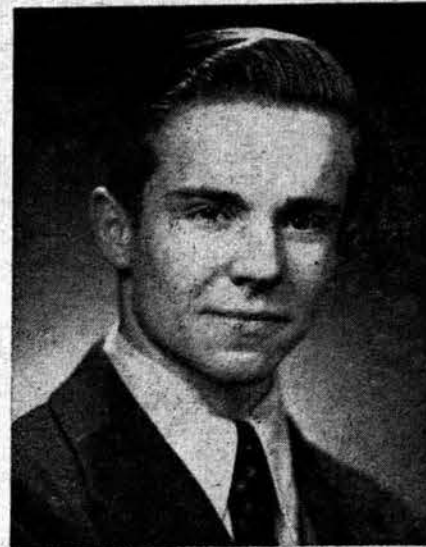
Jackie 'n Mimi

## Central Profile

## Gentleman Jim

Jim Farris

Jim found out the hard way that it doesn't pay to wait until the last minute to tuck one's head between



JIM FARRIS

he was president, but he did not know for sure until Wednesday morning. He thinks the yellow schmoos and the slogan, "the fairest deal is the Farris wheel," along with the cooperation of his running mates, account for his election. The fact that he knows practically everyone in school and treats them all as good friends probably had more to do with the outcome.

As president Jim will choose "a mess of committment" and see that they work hard at their job. In the meantime, he will sit back and dream about the improvements he has in mind for the school. He plans to propose that T bone steaks and french fried potatoes be served at least twice a week in the lunchroom.

A few years ago Jim realized that he might always be smaller than his classmates so he decided that if he couldn't be tall, at least he could be powerful. From that time on he has won wrestling match after match for the Central team.

For four and a half years Jim has been working in drugstores. While working on these jobs, the idea has grown on him that he would like to be a pharmacist, and eventually own a huge chain of drugstores.

—Nancy

## Cool Water

Little drops of water  
Frozen on the walk  
Makes those naughty adjectives  
Creep into your talk

## The Play's the Thing

Dorothy not diamond	Gilbert not eye
Dorothy not emerald	Gilbert not nose
Dorothy Ruby	Gilbert Chin
Dick not carpenter	Dick not tree
Dick not plumber	Dick not shrub
Dick Paynter	Dick Busch
Lester not white	Dave not coward
Lester not blue	Dave not afraid
Lester Brown	Dave Noble
Rodlin not cat	Betty not look
Rodlin not dog	Betty not stare
Rodlin Bunney	Betty Peak
Don not tackle	Noland go to polls
Don not guard	Noland get ballot
Don Blocker	Noland Vogt

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Last year the council's main project was Boys' and Girls' Week in April. They also discussed such things as taxation, parks and recreation, airport plans, and inter-school relations.

At the present time Bruce Anderson '50 is Central's only representative on the council which made up of different boys and girls from Omaha's public and parochial schools, and St. Joseph's.

The meetings are open to any student, and the next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 11.

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Besides being a responsibility, ushering can be fun. The Student Council's ushering committee, under the leadership of Raymond Hampton, has served for many interesting and worthwhile productions.

Fifteen Central girls in formals acted as ushers last Tuesday at the performance of Handel's "Messiah" at Joslyn Memorial.

Other shows where the committee has worked in the past are Parade of Barbershop Quartets, Music Clinic, Vaughan Monroe, Jose Iturbi, Stassen and Dewey rallies, Ice Shows, and numerous school productions.

Assisting Raymond on his committee are John Weinhardt, Houghton Tetrick, and Bill Burke. Whenever the Central auditorium is used, the Titians, under Carol French, furnish check room aid.

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The student helpers are as follows: Miss Mary Angood, Janie Barton, Alice Matteson; Miss Lucille Barbe, Anita Fellman; Miss Bess Bozell, Collette Bartolomei, Jackie Murphy, Doris May Ban, Betty Lincoln; Miss Nell Bridenbaugh, Ruth Mittlestadt; Roy Busch, Sonya Lewis; Miss Dorothy Cathers, Toulia Adams; Miss Genevieve Clark, Thom Snyder, Sue Brownlee, Joe Srb, Jack Hamlin, Patricia Hayes, Ann Bonfante, Delores Siegel; W. Edward Clark, Harris Poley; Miss Irma Costello, Phyllis Klopfer, Mary Lou Wilmot.

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# HAROLD HERALDS

by Harold Oberman  
Sports Editor

Followers of Central's cage squad should begin making plans to attend the two remaining out-of-town basketball games. The first of these games is at Lincoln on January 15; the second at Sioux City East on February 4. Buses will be chartered for both of these contests if enough students want to attend. Watch the morning circular for details about these trips.

At the weigh-ins for the Central-North wrestling match last week, it was found that little Mike Abboud was a fraction of a pound overweight. One of the Eagle grapplers then had a brainstorm. He procured a pair of scissors and gave Mike a free haircut. This new reducing method worked, and Mike made weight for the match.

No wrestling fan should miss the North High Invitational tournament this week-end. Since all mat squads in the Intercity league are entered in the meet, it will show where the power lies in Intercity circles. It will also offer a number of outstanding matches. Further information about the tourney will be found elsewhere on this page.

One of the highlights of the first two basketball games has been the scoring ability shown by Bill Shainholtz. This hard-working senior has earned a first team berth after two years on the second team. He was one of the mainstays of last year's reserve unit that placed third in the city.

## North Takes Thriller From Central Matmen

The Central wrestling team lost a close match to the North matmen, 23-15, Thursday night, December 9, in the Viking gym.

In the most exciting match of the evening, Ralph Nielsen, 136 pound North wrestler, scored two points in the last 10 seconds to defeat Jim Kals, 5-3.

Frank Mancuso, state champion last year in the 130 pound bracket, easily decided his opponent, Malm, 8-4. The only pin of the match was by Bob Christensen, 105 pound Viking.

Giving a good account of themselves as one of the only brother combination in local wrestling circles, the Farris brothers, Jim and Ray, both decided their opponents.

85—Abboud, (C) defeated Mill, 7-0  
95—Anderson (N) defeated Turco 5-1

105—Christensen (N) threw Bob Mancuso 3:41

112—Bernhardt (N) defeated Dohn 5-4

118—Jim Farris, (C) defeated Leitell 6-3

124—Ray Farris, (C) defeated Wolpa 4-3

130—Grau (N) defeated Crum 4-0

136—Nielsen (N) defeated Kals 5-3

145—Frank Mancuso (C) defeated Malm 8-4

155—Nicholson (N) defeated Pomodoro 6-1

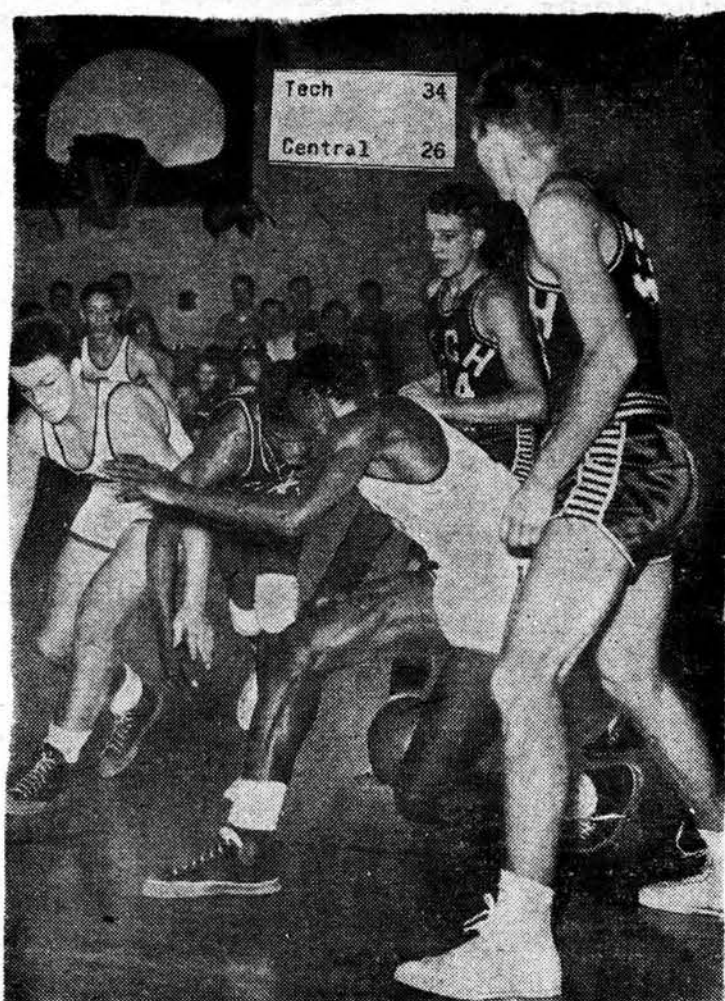
165—Scott (C) defeated Dick Krienzen 4-3

Heavyweight—Baker (N) defeated Wright (C) 6-2

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## Where's the Ball?



CENTRAL'S BOBBY FAIRCHILD and Tech's Arlen Meadows scramble for loose ball. Eagle Don Blocker and Ray Novak are out of the play.

## Eagle Five Trips Fremont, Falls Before Novak & Co.

Central's hopes for an Intercity victory were delayed last Friday when the "little" boys from Tech downed the Eagles, 34-26, in our gym.

The Maroons led, 7-1, before the Purples could score from the floor. The Eagles had as many shots as the Maroons, but the ball refused to go through the hoop. Bill Shainholtz sank two free throws and two fielders to make the score 11-9 in favor of Tech at the end of the first quarter.

The Eagles were colder in the second quarter than they were in the first. The Cuming Street boys pulled to a 21-12 score when the half ended. Shainholtz made the only Eagle points in the second stanza with three markers.

The Eagles looked better in the second half, but they couldn't forge ahead of the Techsters. Little Bobby Mackie, the sophomore flash of the Tech squad, shared honors with his junior teammate, Ray Novak. Ray was the high scorer of the ball game with 13 points, but Mackie followed close behind with nine points.

Although losing the game, the Eagles displayed a fine brand of basketball. Bill Shainholtz came into the limelight by potting 12 points. Don Blocker, junior guard, followed with 5 points. Bobby Fairchild played a good defensive game for Central.

In the second team game, the Eagles retained some prestige by downing the Tech reserves, 36-25.

TECH (34)				CENTRAL (26)			
fg.	ft.	pt.		fg.	ft.	pt.	
Novak f	5	3-4	4	Shainholtz f	3	6-10	2
Gray f	5	4-5	5	Roth f	0	2-5	3
McCaig f	1	0-0	2	Noble f	0	0-0	0
Reed c	1	1-3	4	Scott f	0	0-0	0
Meadows c	0	1-2	0	Jackson c	0	1-3	3
Hamilton g	0	0-0	0	Nelson c	0	0-0	0
Mackie g	4	1-3	3	Offerjost c	1	0-0	2
Zoroya g	0	0-0	1	Fairchild g	2	0-3	3
Sader g	1	0-3	2	Gallagher g	0	0-0	0
				Blocker g	1	3-5	1

Totals 12 10-20 21 Totals 7 12-26 14  
Score at half—Tech 21, Central 12. Officials—Floyd Herd, Parsons, and Harold Huston, Omaha.

By capitalizing on free throws, the Central High Eagles managed a 39-31 win over the Tigers from Fremont, Tuesday night, December 7, at the Fremont auditorium.

Fremont went ahead at the start on a gift toss and a field goal but Central came back to tie 3-3. Although Fremont controlled the backboards without the aid of much height during the first half, the Eagles held an 11-4 lead at the end of the first quarter.

As the result of a couple of fairly smooth working plays with Bob Fairchild and Bill Shainholtz on the scoring ends, and nine good free throws out of eleven, Central was in command at the halftime by a 19-11 score. A beautiful hook shot by John Nelson helped the cause.

The third quarter found the Eagles starting fast as Nelson potted a fielder and Shainholtz added another two points. Fairchild scored on a jump shot and a set up while the Central defense was holding the Tigers to two field goals. As the third period ended, Central led, 32-21.

Play in the fourth quarter was marred by rough play, resulting in quite a few fouls. One of the highlights of that period was the effectiveness of a Central play, which had James Jackson feeding Brendon Gallagher for two baskets while the Tigers watched helplessly.

Central's second team played good ball while downing the Fremont reserves, 30-19. Jack Lee led reserve scorers with ten points.

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## Eagle Bonebenders Decision Abe Lynx

Mancuso, Abboud Garner Pins to Remain Unbeaten

In a close match, the Central High wrestling team edged Abraham Lincoln, 22-18, in the A. L. gym Tuesday.

Tom Scott decided his opponent in the 165 pound class which clinched the match for the Eagles. Up to that time it was anybody's match.

The two pins of the meet were registered by Central's Mike Abboud and Frank Mancuso. Abboud, who has won his last three matches, pinned his man in 2:52. Mancuso easily pinned his opponent in 2:58.

Frank Dohn lost a hard-fought match, 7-6, a see-saw affair that lasted through two overtimes.

Results:

- 85—Abboud (C) threw Silverstrand, 2:52
- 95—Mancuso (C) decided Zacconi, 5-0
- 105—Dibiasi (A.L.) decided Conners, 5-2
- 112—Mark (A.L.) decided Dohn, 7-6 (second overtime)
- 118—J. Farris (C) decided Van Scoy, 3-1
- 124—Dibiasi (A.L.) decided R. Farris, 4-0
- 130—Crum (C) decided Ranney, 5-1
- 136—Gnader (A.L.) decided McCoy, 6-3
- 145—F. Mancuso (C) threw Harroldson, 2:58
- 155—McKinley (A. L.) decided Pomodoro, 4-0
- 165—Scott (C) decided Fell, 6-2
- Heavyweight—Thomson (A.L.) decided Wright, 5-3

## Kaiman Registers High Series; Marks Hits 210

Few high games were recorded as the Central kiegler bowled Monday, December 13, at the Forty Bowl.

Giving good performances were Norton Marks of the Turkeys and Ed Gross of the Mohawks who had high games. Nort bowled a 210 game while Ed trailed with 190.

Arnold Kaiman had a 471 for high series. Norton Marks trailed with 453.

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## Mighty Mite

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Frank's most remarkable experience in his favorite sport, football, occurred during the 1946 season against Abraham Lincoln. A block thrown by the "mighty mite" resulted in a somersault through the air for a would-be A.L. tackler.

In wrestling Frank has gained much recognition. As a 124 pound sophomore he started the season by defeating Dean Kelly, Tech's state champ, and went on to win the state title in this division.

During his junior year, Frank probably wrestled in more weight divisions than any other grappler in the city. The 124, 130, 136, 145, 155, and 165 pound classifications each had Frank as a contestant at some time, but he garnered state laurels in the 130-pound class.

As a freshman Frank played on the Eagle baseball team. After a couple of games in the infield, he was moved to the outfield, and has remained there since then.

If the army doesn't interfere, this 18 year old muscleman will probably follow in the footsteps of his older brother, Charlie, who plays football at the University of Omaha.

## Wrestlers Slated for North Invitational

Along with the other coaches of the Intercity league, Coach Norm Sorensen, Eagle wrestling mentor, will send a team of grapplers to the North High Invitational Wrestling Tournament, Friday and Saturday, December 17-18 at North High school.

Some Central matmen are expected to walk off with titles this week-end. Mike Abboud, thus far undefeated 85 pounder, will no doubt be favored in his division, as will Frank Mancuso, twice state champion, now wrestling in the 145 class.

A feature bout will probably develop between Brown of Tech and Christiansen of North in the 105 pound division. Brown has held the state title for two years, but the Viking has greatly improved.

Another tourney favorite will be Ken Fisher of South, a capable 155 pound veteran.

The success of North High in the tournament will be watched by many Centralites, for this is the third year of wrestling at the Viking school under the former Eagle tutor, Coach Vernon Ekfelt.

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## Marquissmen Seek First Intercity League Cage Win Over Bluffs Crew

Council Bluffs will be on the Central basketball menu this week-end. Friday night the Eagles will play host to Abraham Lincoln, while Saturday night the Purple quintet will journey to Council Bluffs to play Thomas Jefferson in the Abraham Lincoln gym.

It is hard to say which of the two Council Bluffs teams is stronger, for neither team has won an Intercity game.

So far, Abraham Lincoln has won three games and lost two. One of these losses was to last year's companions, Creighton Prep. Prep gave them a 40-26 lacing on the A.L. court. Their other loss was to Sioux City Central. The Lynx have thus far beaten St. Francis, Iowa School for the Deaf, and Sioux City East.

### T. J. Manned by Veterans

Sparkplugs of the A.L. team are Don Larsen, Doug Lawson, Roger Henderson, and John Meyers. This is Coach Thurman Johnson's third year at the Council Bluffs school.

Thomas Jefferson's record isn't as good as their Council Bluffs country. However, four of five of their last year's starting lineup are back this year. Leading the T.J. attack are Ed Kinart, all-city selection at guard, and Del Corbin, 6'2" center for the Te lowjackets last year.

Thus far, T.J. has dropped Logan and Sioux City Trinity, while losing to Omaha Benson.

### Shainholtz Leading Scorer

The Eagles will be gunning for their first Intercity League win after losing to Tech last Friday. The players were clicking but the team was cold from the field and from the free throw line. In the Tech contest, at the Fremont tilt, Bill Shainholtz led the team's scoring.

Coach Warren Marquiss is still looking for five boys that can consistently put the ball through the hoop. Because of this the starting five for the week-end encounters are indefinite.

The Eagle reserves, after beating Fremont and Tech, are gunning for two more wins this week-end. The second team tilts will start at 6:15 both nights.

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