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FIVE CENTS

All-Girls' Party, "Blossom Ball," Set for April 8

The fifteenth all-girls' party, the "Blossom Ball," will be held April 8 in our gym.

Tickets for the ball will go on sale Monday, March 28. Prices will be thirty cents for girls and fifty cents for spectators as in previous years. This year, in contrast to previous years, stickers will be sold for a penny. They also will go on sale March 28.

Spring flowers will decorate the gym in keeping with the name of the ball.

Invitations, designed in a flower motif, will be sent to former queens and women on the committee in charge of gifts for the Children's Memorial Hospital.

Costumes may follow any theme. Each girl must wear a costume to be admitted to the ball.

Nine princesses, chosen from the upper quartile of the senior class, will be elected by the senior girls on March 16, and two countesses from each senior homeroom will be chosen on March 22. Miss Central will be elected on the day of the ball by the girls buying tickets.

Also marching in the coronation will be the class officers who have been elected by the freshman, sophomore, and junior girls.

Hi-Y, Y-Teens Hold Pre-Easter Services

Central students are being offered the opportunity to attend church services every morning of the week before Easter. These non-sectarian services will be held before school from 7:45 until 8:05 at the First Methodist church at 20th and Davenport.

The central theme of these services will be "The Cross Triumphant."

The Max Yergan Hi-Y and the Hi-Y and Y-Teen clubs of Central, who are jointly sponsoring the services, announced the following committees: program, Ed Oathout and Dan Neff, co-chairmen, David Miller, Janis McCaw, Sue Kruse; advisers, Glen Gillespie and Miss Margaret Weymuller; publicity, Noland Vogt; chairman, Taylor Stoehr, Ed Beasley, Millie Radnowski, Rosalie Nelson; adviser, Miss Dorothy Relleke; music, Iris Ontman and Jim Swanson; co-chairmen, Curtis Hunigan, Lloyd Richards, Marie Zadina; advisers, Mrs. Francis Kinsley and Mrs. Irene Jensen; ushers, Raymond Hampton; chairman, Ed Claeson.

Rifle Team's Journey Marked by Bad Luck

Firing against the top high school teams of the nation, the Central High ROTC Rifle team placed thirteenth in the indoor rifle match held by the Kemper Military Academy at Boonville, Missouri, March 3 to 5. The competition included university rifle teams from the mid-west.

The army bus that took the teams to Boonville had two blowout tires on the way, prolonging the trip to fourteen hours. The necessary replacements did not arrive on time, so the bus was unable to start the return trip until late March 5. The long journey home was further hampered by mechanical trouble that necessitated an hour's delay at Marysville, Missouri. Sergeant Edgar Haynes, the driver, handled the emergency repairs that were necessary for the safe completion of the long trip.

Three members of the Central team received expert marksmanship medals for their high scores according to positions. The cadets are Frank Mnuik, prone; Salvadore Ciculla, prone; and Richard Hendrickson, stand.

Bob Bachler Wins Top Music Rating

A Central freshman, Bob Bachler, recently participated in the Nebraska Federation of Music Clubs' contest, held at Joslyn Memorial Saturday, March 4. Bob, who plays the piano, received a superior rating for the third straight year. He was entered in the "difficult division."

Bee Tells to Be Wise Know Yourself, Parents

"What am I, type A, B, or C?" was the standard self-interrogation of students after last Wednesday's activity assembly. Dr. Lawrence Bee, a professor at Utah State College, lectured on the subject of temperaments and getting along with one's family.

"If we would understand our parents, we must understand ourselves," he said, "for, as we come to see our own personalities, we can better fit them to those of our parents."

Six Girls Attend Mock-UN Meet

This Saturday six girls representing Central High will attend a mock United Nations meeting at Duchesne college. Those attending the conference are Pat Livingston, Rosalie Nelson, Alexandra Hunt, Susan Thompson, Laura Dopita, and Goldie Gendler.

Each school will speak for the country it represents, voicing that nation's views and opinions. Central's delegates will represent Great Britain.

These delegates will be expected to work together as they do in the actual United Nations Assembly. Central's participants will be able to submit their country's proposals on the main issues involved. High schools of Omaha, Council Bluffs, and nearby Nebraska and Iowa towns will participate in this program.

One delegate and one alternate from each country will sit on the various panels. These panels will discuss the three major problems before the UN at this time: the Palestine Problem, the Indonesia Question, and the Berlin Currency Situation. Each country will be allowed one vote in the panel and general meetings. A two-thirds majority will be necessary for the adoption of any measure.

This program is intended to stimulate interest in current international affairs among the high school students in this locality. Student guests are welcome at all meetings.

English Just Sideline To Artist, Poet, Writer

If students think they have a monopoly on all the talent around Central, they should take a look at the talents of English teacher W. Edward Clark.

An original modern oil painting, a mountain landscape painted by Mr. Clark, is now hanging in the Garden Cafeteria at Seventeenth and Harney Streets. The painting was discovered by a member of the Associated Artists of Omaha and placed in the display which will be up for six weeks.

Mr. Clark has other talents beside painting. While walking down the street several days ago, he was accosted by an old acquaintance who wished to set one of his poems, "Far From Home," to music. He could be considered a published poet.

No, Your Eyes Arent Fooling You It's the Make-uppers Painting Faces

If you happen to meet Raggedy Ann, a hobo, or Mephistopheles walking through the halls near Room 49, don't get worried. Your eyesight is probably perfectly all right. The chances are that these characters are fugitives from the make-up class.

Under the direction of Mrs. Amy Sutton, students of the eighth hour class concoct make-up of various things which may range from scarecrows to Irish washerwomen.

This class of forty-eight girls and one boy is responsible for the make-up on all school productions. Under the students' deft hands, Roger Crooker will be transformed into a girl for a Road Show act.

A little make-up is a powerful thing. A blooming young thing may look in the mirror and suddenly—"EEEEEEEEEEK—is that me?" One of the make-up crew has made her into an old woman with the aid of a little greasepaint.

Central Places as Benson Wins UN Debate Tournament

The Missouri Valley Open Debate tournament, arguing the subject of a revision of the United Nations into a federal world government, was won by Omaha Benson High school. Central placed fifth in a field of seven schools.

Six Central students, making up two teams, traveled to Lincoln for the two day affair held at Lincoln Central High School.

One team, Don Silverman and Jerry Schenken, argued both affirmative and negative and finished with three wins and three losses. The other team, comprised of four debaters, was split. David Solzman and Rosalie Nelson debated the affirmative side, while Meyer Feldman and James Earl upheld the negative. This team finished with two wins and four losses.

At present, Jerry Schenken and Jerry Brodkey are busily preparing their briefs for a proposed trip to Kansas City to participate in a tournament sponsored by North High School of Kansas City.

Officers Will Take Special Drill Test

In order to increase the efficiency of the Central ROTC battalion, Cadet Lt. Colonel John Weinhardt is giving a series of tests to the staffs of the companies.

Company commanders will take an officers' test, Monday, March 21. All company commanders must take and pass the test in order to retain their respective commands.

First sergeants and company clerks are being given daily tests in homeroom. The grades will be averaged to decide their final grades in ROTC.

Motion pictures on rifle marksmanship are being shown on Tuesdays and Thursdays to all cadets who are not firing on the rifle range.

The battalion commander has announced that every cadet must attend one period of ROTC every day. No one will be excused from ROTC for any other activity.

Western Style Reigns At Register Roundup

A rough and ready Western atmosphere prevailed at the Register Roundup sox dance held in the gym on March 5.

The Central High dance band kept the guys and their gals busy showing off their latest dance steps. During the intermission, everyone gathered around the band to participate in community singing, which was followed by a short but hilarious skit written by Taylor Stoehr and Jerry Swartz.

Refreshments were served at the coke stand in the west hall during intermission with help from the cafeteria. Checking shoes was a profitable job for the German Club, represented by Raphael Edgar.

Road Show Curtain Rises To Reveal Sparkling Acts



THE BUTTONS AND BOWS GALS: Sue Sveska, Sally Sveska, Nancy Bollinger, and Joanne Yeager, and The Donkey (Jack Chedester and John Weinhardt, respectively). This cute ol' donkey you see, Surrounded by the gals in Buttons and Bows, (Jack and John in reality) Will appear this week in the best of Road Shows.

Silence! Promising Geniuses at Work

Deep in the dark recesses of the building, a group of potential geniuses are training. These talented young mental giants, under the direction of Frank Rice, are preparing for their role as the country's leading writers. A haven for future Shakespeares, Room 49, to the innocent freshman strolling through basement halls, echoes with the works of its inmates.

The class has recently been studying poetry and essays and will later take up short stories. Class members have entered the advertising and other essay contests and will compete in more contests as they are announced.

Who Says Business And Fun Don't Mix?

Amid the flurry of spring cottons and the whirl of two sewing machines, the girls of the second hour advanced voice class met at Ellie McPherrren's house Saturday, March 5, to make their skirts for the Road Show. Eighteen of the twenty-one girls in the "Barnballyhoo" completed eighteen skirts in the four hour sewing bee.

Phyllis Wilkie and Joyce Krelle managed to carry a cumbersome sewing machine from the McPherrrens' next door neighbor. About six other gals came in burdened down with doughnuts, cookies, sandwiches, cokes, etc. Inga Swenson and Le Marx even brought cakes.

Scampy Quigley and Le Marx cleaned the kitchen with the loss of comparatively few dishes, while Joan Ebert and Jackie Pierce took their turn in the rest of the house, picking up scraps and threads. Nancy McBride and Kathleen Johnson did their share by keeping the dog from underfoot.

O-Book Pictures Next Week, Weather Willing

Get out your old gray bonnet with the blue ribbons on it and start getting ready for those mid-afternoon rest periods, O-Book group pictures!

When and if the weather is nice—and the O-Book staff hopes that might be next week—watch for circular announcements which will list the groups and times for the pictures.

Senior picture panels are being made up from the glossy prints received from the studios. Senior activity lists have been assembled.

Old Curtains Return In Form of Donkey

Many, many years ago—for many, many Road Shows—Central's stage was draped with gray velour curtains which have since been replaced. Now, in the 1949 Road Show, the last of the gray curtains are coming home to roost in Central's auditorium.

Yes, the curtains that once graced our stage are returning in the form of the donkey head that Jack Chedester will wear in the third act of this year's Road Show. The remaining portion of the donkey will be portrayed by John Weinhardt.

The donkey costume was designed by Dona Rae Koll and Rosalie Nelson. Dona made a small model of the donkey, while Rosalie furnished the bone and muscle structure (an oatmeal box). Dan Boden provided the monogram on the blanket to make the donkey a genuine replica.

Another bright idea furnished by the art department is baton twirler Gayle Olson's costume. Made of a fluorescent material, it was designed by Toula Adams. Her design was chosen as best from those submitted by the costume design class.

The senior art class submitted designs for the program. Ernie Bebb's motif is being used, and, according to Miss Mary Angood, it is both "modern and interesting."

Omaha U. President Addresses Seniors

During senior homeroom, Friday, March 4, Dr. Milo Bail, president of the University of Omaha, and Dean John Lucas, dean of boys, spoke on college education.

Dr. Bail stressed the fact that students should, as far as they are able, have in mind some goal or aspiration toward which to work.

Dean Lucas introduced Mr. Ormsby Harry, assistant dean of boys, who was interviewed during the day in the principal's office by students interested in attending Omaha next year.

Y-Teens Will Present Movie 'Junior Miss'

The Y-Teens will present the movie "Junior Miss" to the students of the school on March 30. Tickets will go on sale Monday, March 21. Everyone is invited.

Student Matinee Held; Entertainment Features Songs, Dances, Drama

By Donna Edstrand and Jerry Yenger

The year is 1949! It's Road Show time, you know. With music, drama, laughter, fun—

These all make up our show.

With these lines, the curtain will go up on the premier performance of the 1949 Road Show this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Three evening performances will follow on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, March 17, 18, and 19.

Under the direction of Mrs. Elsie Howe Swanson, with Pat Wells and Chet Christensen serving as student managers, each performance promises to live up to the Curtain Raiser's prediction. Mrs. Swanson stressed the fact that the student matinee will be in every way as good as the evening performances.

Cora Quick Gals Open Show

Opening the show will be a novel song and dance Curtain Raiser, featuring the Cora Quick girls: Alex Hunt, Sandra Brown, Elaine Hess, Joan and Jane Beber, Helen Burhorn, Syntha Judd, Cynthia Nelson, and Barbara Witte. They introduce Johnny Vana with his selections from the Horace Heidt Talent Show.

In a battle between "Mighty Mite" Mancuso and "Powerhouse" Scott, the Blubberweight Championship of the World will be decided. A gymnastics exhibition will follow. Contrasting with the grunts and groans are the sweet strains of a group of melodies: Off the Record, a take off on the Ink Spots; three Lovely Lyrics; and a "catty" duet by Jo Ann Hruska and Chet Christensen.

Novelty Numbers Included

A novelty this year is a marionette show, put on by Dean Short and Bill Besack, two freshmen. A magic show, two witty skits, several musical snatches, and two selections by the ROTC band close part one. Boss Business, the first skit, is a modern vaudeville show featuring Fritz Adams, Dick Glissman, Bob Osborne, Marty Lewis, and Dick Mallo. The second skit—Silence, Please!—is on the order of the old ballad, "Get Up and Bar the Door," and is sponsored by the Central High Players.

For the first time in several years a Centralite, freshman Bill McCoy, will play the organ during intermission.

Second Act Features Classics

The Crack Squad, under the command of Dan Neff and Jim Swanson, brings up the curtain on the second act. The theme changes to one of music including a piano duet, songs by Jack Chedester, interpretive dancing by the girls' rhythm class, two fascinating ballet numbers, and a classical piano selection by Ruth Ann Curtis.

Ten junior girls present one of the most beautiful acts in the show. They extol the value of four man-trapping perfumes, only to reveal their own secrets of how to catch a man.

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33 Top Students Compete for Honor

Thirty-three Central seniors from the upper quarter of their class will compete for the University of Nebraska Regents Scholarship on March 21 at Central.

The Central student receiving the highest score on the general knowledge and scholastic aptitude tests will be awarded the scholarship. There will also be six alternate scholarships and a number of honorable mention certificates given to students who receive high scores.

In the past four years, Central has ranked among the top five schools in the state for scores attained in the examinations. John W. Smith won last year's Regents award.

School Rules and Laws Enforced for Your Good

Students do not seem to realize the reason for enforcement of the many rules and laws that are necessary in making the school a better place for education, forming good citizens, and, of course, making friends and having fun.

The typical answer of the typical ninth hour student upon inquiry as to why he is spending the ninth hour is as follows: "Everybody cheats in there; I was unlucky enough to be caught." The student who has this attitude is hiding his own inadequacies under a hyperbolic statement. The reasons for barring cheating is apparent to most students, and the small percentage of students who indulge in this unfair practice are, sooner or later, caught.

Contrary to the thoughts of some students, the "no running" laws are, for the most part, enforced for the safety and welfare of the students, although the law does have a small selfish aspect—time and money are needed to replace plate glass windows and clean the blood from the floor.

The lunchroom rule forbidding students from buying unbalanced meals for their friends has a definite purpose. Students who have studied nutritional diseases in biology realize that a balanced diet is needed to avoid various forms of malnutrition.

Innumerable times a day one hears gripes and groans for some "silly" rule that must be observed. Stop and think for a change! Where would we be without these rules? That's right, in a heck of a mess!

Why Do YOU Join Clubs?

The majority of students who sign up for extra-curricular activities such as Latin Club or G.A.A. regularly attend the meetings presented by the clubs. But there are many students who join the clubs and pay their dues but do not come to any club assemblies. These students do not aid their club in its functioning. The only reason these people bother to join any extracurricular activities is because they want O-Book publicity or more activity points. They want to say "I participate in this activity" or "I belong to this club."

School activities are for the benefit of the students, and each one who signs up for a club should make up his mind to attend all the meetings of that club. A student who misses more than two meetings within a semester without a sufficient excuse ought to be automatically dropped from that activity. It should be made impossible for that student to get his picture in the O-Book. Each pupil should try to contribute something to the welfare of his organization, and the least anyone should do is to attend the club meetings.

However, the fault for nonattendance does not always rest with the student. Sometimes the meetings are boring. It is the duty of the club president and his officers to plan interesting meetings so members will want to attend.

We can build up Central's depleted organizations and make school clubs worth while.

Trials of a Busdriver

Are you a passenger pest? Are you one of the two thousand Central students whose bus/street car manners need improving? Before you start polishing your halo, think hard.

If you wait until you're on the bus to start rummaging for your fare, then produce a five dollar bill and glare at the driver when he asks for your card - - -

If you're one of those junior bulldozers who burrow their way through a crowded bus because your friends sit at the back - - -

If you conduct loud long distance conversations from one end of the bus to the other - - -

If you're one of those lofty beings who disdain to hang on to anything until you, plus your books, land in some unwary stranger's lap - - -

If you're the absent-minded individual who waits until he's just past his stop, then pulls the rope six or seven times to let the driver know he wants off - - -

If you're one of these, and chances are you're at least two, then—CHANGE! Let's put Central at the top of the list for "bus courtesy."

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The Musical Whirl

The Barber Shop Quartet class is a "huge success." At the last two meetings over fifty boys were present. The sponsors attempt to have a different qualified quartet or instructor at every meeting. One of the quartets organized from the class, the "Junionizers" composed of Bob Stryker, Stanley Traub, Houghston Tetrick, and Paul Kruse, will be used in the Road Show.

The voice classes, working with the Central High Dance Band, have made final plans for the finale of the Road Show, based on a barnyard scene with a real barn, balls of hay, and even a donkey.

A recently formed quartet made up of Alexandra Hunt, Inga Swenson, Bill Burke, and Bob Stryker, performed at the meeting of the Family Life Institute last Thursday.

In this week's column a new type of second page poll is suggested. It will run for two issues following this one and anyone wishing to vote can do so by putting his preference on a piece of paper and dropping them in the MUSIC BOX in Room 149. Here's your chance to vote for your favorite musical style, band, singer, and song.
Bob and Jerry

Spring Thaw

We told you in the last Register that the Register Roundup was going to be good. If you didn't heed our advice it is your own fault 'cause you missed the best sox dance of the year. (But we guess we're just prejudiced.) But if you don't believe us ask people like Floyd Abramson 'n Adrienne Rice, Joanne Larkin 'n Howard Olson, Bill Voerster 'n Bette DuBas, Dan Neff 'n Barbara Ritchie, and Alvin Milder 'n Lois Linsman.

As a result of an assignment to write a letter to the editor, a suggestion to clean the tables in the lunchroom before third lunch was edited. Mary Mackie, who had written the letter, taking third lunch for the first time this year, was surprised and embarrassed by having Mrs. Jensen's lunchroom crew continually cleaning the table, sweeping the floor, dusting the chairs, and hunting for crumbs. They kept her so busy getting up and down that she hardly had time to finish her lunch.

The Road Show starts today, you know, and we want to see everybody there. It's really going to be good, and you all should enjoy it with the western idea and all those swell people who are going to make it one of the best Road Shows yet.

Did you ever stop to realize how strong some of your teachers might be. Just for example, Mrs. Turpin told her class that she went home the other night and picked up little women. That should prove our point to you—of course it was the book "Little Women." Then there's always Bob Zlotky's viewpoint. He wanted to know where she picked them up.

We have to tell you about Sally Bartling trying to get her driver's license. Right in the middle of turning a corner at five o'clock in the afternoon, Sally waved at some of her friends. At the court house, the policeman got out of the car, told her to get the clutch fixed, and to come back in two weeks. We're sure it was the clutch, Sally, but don't wave at anybody next time, just to be on the safe side.

Some people have the oddest requests. We overheard several girls inquiring around the lunchroom the other day for, of all things, a bottle opener. Seems as if they brought some cokes to school but neglected to bring anything to open them. Guess the milk in the lunchroom isn't good enough for them.

That's all for now, but don't forget the Road Show this afternoon. We get out of school to see it you know. What more could we want for our money?
Marilyn 'n Shirl

What Could Be It Never See It

- Workers earn it,
- Spentthrifts burn it,
- Bankers lend it,
- Women spend it,
- Forgers fake it,
- Taxes take it,
- Dying leaves it,
- Heirs receive it,
- Thrifty save it,
- Robbers seize it,
- Rich increase it,
- Gamblers lose it,
- I could use it.

Chew On This Awhile

Mugelbbub lived in a white house with red and blue trimming. The walls of Mugelbbub's house were gaudily covered in colors of orange, red, yellow, chartreuse, and purple. Most people would have shuddered at the thought of such colors, but not Mugelbbub! He reveled in them! Mugelbbub didn't go to school like other girls and boys. He stayed curled up in a little, pink ball! One day a girl called Lobejudi paid Mugelbbub's landlord a penny and told Mugelbbub he would have to come with her. So Mugelbbub left his happy home and began his journey to a fateful end! His new home was pink on the outside, and pink and white on the inside. Mugelbbub was always being pushed in and out of his new home.

This embarrassed him, 'cuz all he had on was his little bare skin! One day he was pushed out so hard that he fell, plopped on the floor "Ouch!" cried Mugelbbub. "Help me!" But no one paid any attention to him. All of a sudden hundreds of feet came charging down upon him. Mugelbbub screamed with all his might, but his screams came out like feeble squishes! Poor Mugelbbub, it looked as if he was done for. But wait! Here came an extra large clodhopper. Mugelbbub hopped onto it, but a monstrous hand swooped down and tossed him into a big, green thing. Lots of faces glared down at Mugelbbub as he huddled in the bottom of the great green thing, but nobody helped him up. Why should they? Mugelbbub's first home was a Fleers bubble gum wrapper, his second Lobejudi's mouth, and his third a wastebasket in Central High!!! Surprised? Have you ever tried spelling Mugelbbub backwards?

Central Stars

An Athlete

Bill Shainholtz

Now that his ambition in basketball has been accomplished—to play in the city auditorium in an Intercity tournament and win—Bill will swing into training for the pole vault. Bill is good in both sports, especially basketball, which he definitely prefers because for him it is fun whereas track is work.



BILL SHAINHOLTZ

While working on a dude ranch last summer Bill decided this was really the life. Even the fact he often had to do dishes didn't disillusion him, for his main job was to take the dudes on horseback trips; besides that he had time each day to swim and fish. Bill also discovered that being fifty miles from the nearest town, Steamboat Springs, had its advantages; there were never more than ten or fifteen people around, with lots of peace and quiet.

Even though Bill was impressed by ranch-life he doesn't plan to make cattle raising his life work. Instead, Bill would like to follow in his father's footsteps and become a pharmacist. Bill showed an early interest in drugs. Once he locked himself in the bathroom and dumped all the medicine down the drain. After an hour or so the fire department rescued Bill and what was left of the bathroom.

Because he was always running away, at the age of two Bill had some near misses. The nearest was the time he fell into a fish pond three blocks from home and lay there trapped till the owner fished him out.

Jigs is Bill's lovable black dog. This seven-year-old of seven breeds has had more near misses than her master. She had been run over by a truck, suffered distemper and broken ribs, and is now convalescing from a dislocated hip.

Seemingly shy, quiet and definitely not talkative, Bill says he doesn't hate anything or anybody; he even gets along with his younger sister, Nancy.

Along the Clothesline

From the looks of things, the Register Roundup was quite a success. Everyone seemed sooo at home in their jeans. We noticed Charlene Arnold 'n Jim Robertson in levis with matching ski sweaters . . . had white backgrounds with designs of red and blue. Ross McIntyre 'n Sally Siemssen looked awfully cute in their twin sweater sets . . . their's were navy blue with red and white figures on them.

And did you notice Mrs. Savidge? Dressed in a typical western style . . . jeans and a bright plaid shirt of white, brown, and orange.

Seems like Vivian Paulas and Marlene Willie had a bet with Dede Bryans that her new sweater would make the Register. After seeing it, we can understand why they made the bet . . . real cute . . . red short-sleeved with blue figures . . . you'd really have to see it to appreciate it.

'Nuff for pleasure, now we'll get down to business (?). Seen studying ever so hard in 215 is Joannie Legge in a white blazer jacket that looks soo neat with her newly acquired Florida tan . . . underneath, she wears a soft blue cashmere sweater and a matching blue skirt. Just glanced across the aisle and couldn't help but notice Dick Counsell's smooth grey corduroy trousers . . . he wears a good-looking brown wool shirt with the trousers.

Lexie Tinkham and Betty Steele just dashed by . . . Lexie was wearing a royal blue sweater with a pretty white lace dickey while Betty sported a cherry red sweater and a blue gabardine skirt.

We'll give Bob Peterson and Dale Adams "E" for effort when it comes to studying, but "A" for "attractive" sweaters . . . Bob's is green with diamonds of red and yellow on the wrist and waist bands, . . . Dale's is a blue sleeveless one with a V neck.

Gazing studiously out the window is Myra Abramson in an adorable glenn plaid skirt of red, black, and grey which she wears with a pretty royal blue sweater.

Ooops, there goes that bell, see ya' soon.
Jackie 'n Mimi

I . . uh . . Come Again!

If the brumal tide is finite, what do you think are the chances for an early Vernal Equinox?

Elsie Johnson: "Is it English? Looks like Latin."
Bob Sage: "Add one large cup of crow juice on a lizzystick—rinse well—then look it up in the Almanac and quit bothering me!"

Don Jones: "Ask Mr. Marquis. It might get his mind off the basketball team."

Sally Priesman: "None whatsoever. At least I wouldn't take a chance on it!"

Roger Sundell: "Welllll, can't rightly say, but all the signs point to it."

Howard Olson: "Have you tried this on 'Stop the Music'?"
Syntha Judd: "Is this the time 'It Pays To Be Ignorant'?"
You don't think I know, do you? You're right!"

Russ Hopley: "....." (When you think up an answer, let the Register office know.)

Merlyn Fratt: "Say! How about that?"

Pat Smith: "Beats me, but I'd be glad to hold any bets."

Joy Wachal: "I think I'd better ask my mother first."
Jean Burford: "Is it dangerous, or doesn't it bite?"

Answer: Little brains, it means that now winter is over, do you think we'll have an early spring?

On the Printed Page

THE YOUNG LIONS Realism, that's the dominating characteristic of Irwin Shaw's first long work, "The Young Lions." The second world war is seen through the actions of three common soldiers, two Americans and one German.

The most strongly drawn of the three main characters is the Nazi, Christian Diestl. At the opening of the book in 1938, Christian is an Austrian ski instructor. But in the course of the story he becomes a Nazi who knows what he is fighting for, a cunning, hating, veteran platoon sergeant. And of the Americans who he masterfully massacres, he can only think, "Amateurs, what are they doing in a war?"

Michael Whitacre, one of the two Americans, and the oldest of the main figures, had been a successful Broadway stage director before being drafted. He comes to the army from a faithless wife, a string of romances, and the sham and glitter of the Hollywood-New York theatrical world.

Noah Ackerman, the third soldier, is the most sympathetically portrayed in the book. Ackerman is Jewish by looks and birth, but with a background dominated by a ne'er do well father he has little of the Jew in him. Still, the description of the attacks leveled at him by the Southern rustics of his infantry company is frightening. He fights the ten biggest men in the company in defense of the ideal, "I want every Jew to be treated as though he weighed two hundred pounds."

The book is most outstanding for its characterization. From Christian's Lieutenant Hardenburg, who leaves his platoon in the German retreat in Africa, calmly commandeering an Italian staff car to live to fight another day, to the first cowardly and then courageous American G. I. Joes, they are realistic and magnificent.

The language of the book is rough, and its action's lurid; this adds truth to the picture of a fragment of man's greatest war. A novel about the end of one era and the beginning of another, "The Young Lions'" most hopeful lines come just before its darkest moment, when Noah shouts, "The human beings are going to be running the world! Human beings! The world is full of them."
Jerry Venger

Utopia

Have you ever stopped and thought about what might be? We did and started wondering what it would be like if;

American History answer books and outlines were dispensed in the Bookroom, like the Algebra dittos are?

Donald Conboy wore a sport shirt?

Mr. Clark didn't wear a sport shirt?

The Freshman Battalion won the McDermott trophy?

The lunch room served free lunch on "Tuesdays and Thursdays?"

Central's football team won an Intercity title?

Central's basketball team won an Intercity title?

Central's wrestling team didn't win an Intercity title?

Homework was elective, not to be counted on your grade?

People studied in study hall?

Shoes could be worn at sox dances?

The Sports Staff could play basketball?

All of the water fountains in the building were in working order on any one day during the year?

People read the Register?

After due consideration, we decided to leave the above mentioned things exactly as they are; for any change, however small, would result in something that just wouldn't be typical of Central.

Mister In-Between

Dear Editor:
As far as I'm concerned, the new desks installed in Central this year are terrible. And I'm not the only one to share that opinion. Everyone finds that he can't sit comfortably in them; books won't rest on them without sliding off; there is no room for books not in use in the class; and the general appearance of a room unfortunate enough to possess them is a mess. I really hope that no more will be installed.
Pat Livingston

you would have lost anyway.
The Extra-Mural Champs of 1948-1949

Dear Editor:
Two years ago the Student Council bought some mirrors and hung them between the windows on the girls' landings. These mirrors were very handy and useful and helped the Centralites keep themselves trim and neat. But, one by one, the mirrors slowly disappeared.

I know many of the girls still remember and miss these mirrors, and I am just one of these girls wondering what happened to them.
Marie Zadina

Dear Editor:
All classes should be dismissed by the second bell. Although class business has not been completed, the students should be allowed to leave. In classes where there are utensils to

take care of, the student should be given enough time to put his materials away and leave the room by the second bell. If a student is kept after class, a note should be sent to his next hour class explaining his tardiness. By giving the students their full four minutes between classes, running in the halls will be reduced to a minimum.
Ruth Mendelson

Dear Editor:
I think the sox dances are one of the finest entertainments that Central has. The reason these dances have been so successful, is that the dress for them is so very informal, and the dance itself is so inexpensive. I know that most of us teenagers feel much more at ease in levis than we do in a suit.

I want to thank the people responsible for the sox dances for making them so comfortable and inexpensive.
Howard Krantz

Club

Around Here

Corner

Plans Set for Titian Dance

A tentative date for the "Titian Dance" has been set for April 2. Last Monday the officers judged the best sticker suggestions for the dance which will be held in our gym. The price will be 25 cents per person. Stags and stagettes are welcome.

Chairmen for the various committees are as follows: tickets, Marian Chalmers; entertainment, Joan Brockelsby; stickers, Maxine Steinbart; music, Paula Darby; food, Donna Ellis; decorations, Kathleen McKissick; and posters, Alexandra Hunt.

Student Debaters on Radio

Four boys from Central High's Junior Town Meeting will appear on the Student Pulse broadcast over KOWH on Thursday, March 24.

Those students participating in the discussion of the city manager plan on this program will be Don Silverman, reviewing previous plans for city government; Warren Denenberg, explaining the mechanics of the city manager plan; Meyer Feldman, giving the benefits; and Sherman Poska, showing the disadvantages.

The guest speaker, Harry B. Cohen, who prepared an extensive report on the city manager type of civic government for Omaha's mayor, will answer questions in relation to this plan of government.

Red Cross to Hold Dance

The Junior Red Cross council will present their third dance, "Spring Fever," in the Central gym Saturday, April 23.

Tickets to the dance will be sold soon and are one dollar. Proceeds will go to the National Children's Fund, which is used for the benefit of all destitute and homeless children.

Music will be furnished by the North High dance band, and a door prize will be awarded to some lucky couple. Brownies, cake, fudge, and cookies will be on sale at the refreshment stand.

Quakers Would Quake At Yelling, Whistling

In an American History I class, the teacher was busy discussing the customs and manners of the Quakers in Pennsylvania. She explained that they were quiet and serene, and they would not tolerate any yelling or loud talking.

Just as she was about to finish her explanation, she was interrupted by loud whistling and yelling down the hall.

"I'm afraid the Quakers wouldn't get along very well with us," she commented.

Hastings College Sponsors Foreign Language Contest

In order to strengthen world cooperation, the Hastings College Spanish department is offering prizes from ten to fifty dollars for the best composition on "Making Friends with Mexico" or "Why I'd Like to Go to Mexico." The prize money will be credited on the expenses of the Hastings College student summer trip to Mexico.

The trip is made in vagabond fashion and is inexpensive. It starts around June 14 and lasts about a month. Students who want college credit return to the campus to finish their work.

"It's a wonderful way to learn the Spanish language and get a first hand knowledge of the Mexican art, history, and social problems," stated a college spokesman.

Day of Reckoning!

Dig out your thinking cap, pick up any extra brains lying around, and you might even try looking into a text book. From March 22 to March 25, there will be no joy in Central. In every room, Central students will be laboring over—yes, you've probably guessed it—those mid-term exams.

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German Club Checks Shoes

No longer any need to fret about losing or misplacing your shoes at the sox dances—the German club has found a solution! The club has been operating a shoe checking concession in the gym for all the dances.

As a result of complaints about the difficulty of finding shoes, the club struck upon this solution. They charge five cents per pair, and receipts from the Levi club dance and the Register Roundup have put \$6.50 in the club treasury. The club plans to pay for their O-Book group picture with the money.

Disaster Squad Formed

If you happen to fall down the stairs, slip on a stray banana peel left on the lunchroom floor, or become the victim of some other "occupational accident" frequently befalling normally absent-minded Centralites, your worries are over.

Central has something new and different to add to its list of extra-curricular activities—the Central High Disaster Squad, unique among Omaha high schools.

The squad, which is being trained by William O'Hearn, director of the safety program for Douglas County Red Cross, meets every Thursday afternoon for two hours of training. Four of the required six weeks of training have already been completed by the squad.

Members of the organization are Gloria Leonard, Don Gier, Elinor McPherrin, Larry Carlson, Milton Kay, Ben Kaiman, and Ruth Mendelson.

Fun Planned for GAA

According to President Carol French, members of GAA will hold a streetcar ride in the near future. No date or details have been set at the present time.

This year a new system is on trial for initiating GAA girls. They must earn at least one award to become full-fledged members of GAA.

Colleens Will Choose New Officers in April

Nominations for next year's Colleen officers were held at the monthly meeting last Thursday.

The girls vying for the office of president are Phyllis Wilkie, Jean Ellen Christoff, Rita Brick, Sally Ainscow, Sue Ann Brownlee, and Marilyn Raupe. Nominated for vice-president are Arlene Meyers, Faye Shrader, Joy Wachal, Adrienne Rice, Joanne Yeager, and Susie Thompson.

Next year's secretary will be selected from the following: Joanne Jacobs, Phoebe Fullaway, Shirley Johnson, Barbara Fink, and Bonnie Fenson. Girls running for the office of treasurer are Elinor Rosenstock, Jo Anne Egbert, Louann Pocht, Mary Sue Martin, Carolyn Graves, and Marilyn Bryans.

Nominated for sergeant-at-arms were Sharon Margolin, Carol Combs, Pauline Katzman, Karen McKie, Cynthia Nelson, Marvel Ann Reynolds, Susie Sorensen, Dona Wells, Judy Bercovici, and Ann Thompson.

Election of the officers for next year will take place at the next Colleen meeting, which will be held in April. The Colleens have been asked to help the Nebraska Society for Crippled Children on Saturday, April 9. Fifty Colleens with teams of girls from fifteen other Omaha schools will participate in a "lily parade" in downtown Omaha, starting at ten o'clock Saturday morning.

The three girls raising the largest amount of money will receive orchid corsages and will be guests at a luncheon given by Ak-Sar-Ben queens, Mrs. Arthur Weaver, Miss Emily Reynolds, and Miss Catherine Ann Coad.



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Curtis Presides Over New Representatives

The homeroom representatives have reorganized for the second semester with Student Council officers presiding at the meetings. Vice-President of the Council, Ruth Ann Curtis, serves as president, and Gwen Srb, secretary.

Homerooms, under the direction of the representatives, have recently filled Red Cross boxes in co-operation with the Junior Red Cross Council and have sold O-Books in connection with the general O-Book sale. Meetings are held before homeroom every Tuesday morning in Room 215.

The new freshman representatives follow: Bartholomew—Don Sirles, Larry Melady; Burke—Betty Bryson, Janet Slater; Burns—Elinor DeWitt, Glen Heagle; Crawford—Harlan Peckham, Marvel Ann Reynolds; Egen—Josephine Margolin, Maurice Rule; Elliott—Enid Levey, Marvin Jensen; Engle—Dona Wells, Lawrence Chapman; Griffin—Bernard Bogdanoff, Carol Tietgen; Judkins—Josephine Ruma, Donald Filipic; Kern—Bob Knapple, Robert Kern; Lane—Betty Steele, Myron Kauss; McBride—Jean Katz, Jean Marie Katzenstein; Sommer—Sharon Margolin, Leonard Rosen; Stewart—Jack Lewis, Dick Glasford.

Sophomore homerooms are represented by the following: Angood—Peter Weil, Carolyn Graves; Bozell—JoAnne Egbert, Jeanette Anderson; Bridenbaugh—Gilbert Chin, Jim Olsen; Costello—Kenneth Young, Joseph Armstrong; Dana—Beverly Dokull, Bonnie Dohse; Fawthrop—George Cogan, David Solzman; Gagnabin—Nancy Brown, Phebe Fullaway; Nedley—Bonnie Fenson, Jackie Harman; Marquiss—Sandra Brown, Mel Hansen; Mortensen—Chris Crowder, DeNeece Marker; Simpson—Jeanne Killion, Jean Fraser; Swanson—Alice Middlekauf, Marilyn Bryans; Swenson—Louis Pantano, Mary Renna.

To Be Continued

Road Show

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Paul Kruse, Bob Stryker, Stanley Traub, and Houghton Tetric croon songs barbershop style, while Joan Sund cockneys "Waitin' at the Church." Completing part two, the Racketeers, playing in the Spike Jones manner, consist of singers Inga "Ma" Swenson, Bill "Swami" Burke; instrumentalists Joe Malec, Norman Osheroff, Frank Burhorn, George Gollehon, Art Tesar; and director Frank "Spike Jones" Mallory.

A barn, complete with square dancers, hay, saddles, and a live donkey is the scene of the third act. The Dance Band, instructed by Noyes Bartholomew and directed by Johnny Vana, supplies the music, while Danny Peterson, Lexie Tinkham, the Buttons and Bows Girls, and the students of the voice class dance country style.

With Bob Stryker calling square dances while the donkey doze-do's, the curtain falls on the last act of the 1949 Road Show.

Miss May Mahoney's Spanish IV classes are using the magazine, El Eco, twice weekly in their classwork. The classes are now reading a continued serial romance entitled "La Palma Real."

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Alum Notes---

Churchill Promoted

Announcement has been made of the appointment of Darrell O. Churchill to the newly created position of assistant special counsel for the Union Pacific Railroad in Los Angeles.

Mr. Churchill was a member of Central's class of '34, where he served as business manager of the Register. He was president of his senior class, and he set a shorthand record that remains unbeaten.

After graduating cum laude from the Omaha Law School in 1938, he started his railroad career as secretary to the general claim agent at Omaha. From there he transferred to the law department, where he remained until his appointment as secretary to W. M. Jeffers, then president of the railroad.

During World War II, he served in the Pacific, reaching the rank of captain. He returned to the Union Pacific in 1946 as secretary to the recently retired president, G. F. Ashby.

Mendelson Frosh Queen

Another alumnus has made good on the college campus! Elaine Mendelson '48 was elected Freshman Queen at the University of Missouri last Thursday.

This automatically enters Elaine in a national contest as a typical college freshman.

The winner of the contest receives a complete new wardrobe from the various stores in Columbia and a check from Twentieth Century Fox studios.

Weinhardt 'Engineer's Lady'

First Miss Central XIII and now "Engineer's Lady"—that's former Centralite Joan Weinhardt.

Joan, who is a sophomore in the division of science at Iowa State College was elected by the students of the engineering division from a group of six finalists chosen by the Knights of St. Patrick, an honorary engineering organization.

While at Central, Joan was elected Miss Central XIII at the St. Valentine's Ball, 1947. She was also a member of the National Honor Society and the Junior Honor Society for three years.

Students Attempt in Vein to Name All Types of Vessels

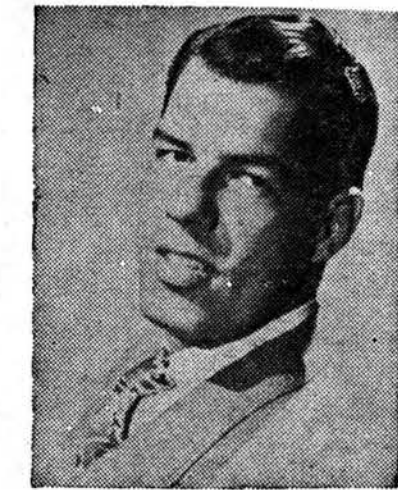
Then there's always the type of student who finds that a maximum effort is needed to keep fully awake in class. The half-conscious state of mind found in this specimen of the student body often causes odd effects on that student's answers to simple questions being discussed in class.

Such was the case of a bewildered sophomore who tried vainly to "name three types of blood vessels." Shocked into sudden consciousness, the underclassman gave this somewhat confused answer: "The three types of blood vessels are veins, arteries, and caterpillars."

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Backstage With Beneke 'Tex' Tells of Reforming Old Glenn Miller Band; Advises Young Musicians



TEX BENEKE

Back stage at the Orpheum is a mighty busy place on the closing day of a stage show. Take it from those who interviewed Tex Beneke while he and his band were in Omaha recently.

Amid packing boxes and suitcases, the genial maestro told how he learned to play the saxophone at the age of nine. After four years of lessons he began playing with small orchestras and combos in his old home town of Fort Worth, Texas.

When he finished school, he joined the University of Texas dance band.

His first big job was playing in a Billy Rose show in 1936, after which Tex went to the Grande Ballroom in Detroit, Gene Krupa's band, and finally to Glenn Miller's newly organized band in 1938.

In 1942 both Miller and Beneke left for war, and when Miller was killed, Mrs. Miller and the band's old manager urged Tex to carry on in the Miller tradition. As a result, an orchestra was formed of five men from Miller's pre-war band, twenty-three from his overseas crew, and several men from Beneke's Navy aggregation.

Yielding to the pressure of the thousands of Miller fans, the band has recently converted to the original Glenn Miller orchestra of twenty-three people in contrast to the Beneke thirty-three piece band with the string section.

After these background facts, Beneke answered questions for the benefit of those aspiring to similar careers.

Tex's main recommendation for up and coming musicians is to "keep the band local." Because of high living and transportation costs, taking an unfamiliar band out on the road means very possible disaster, while there are many opportunities open in a city of Omaha's size.

What Do You Think of Your Report Cards? Students Disclose Reactions in Recent Poll

Recently, questions have arisen concerning the types of report cards that are now in use. There has been much discussion whether or not to have a standardized form used throughout the city or perhaps the whole state.

Are you satisfied with the current report cards? If not, what improvements can you suggest?

Ruth Ann Curtis: "It would be better if they indicated whether or not a student is doing his work to the best of his ability."

Mrs. Elsie Howe Swanson: "The card now in use has served its purpose as far as music is concerned."

Alvin Milder: "The report cards of the Omaha Public High Schools should be standardized following the form of Central's."

Marilyn Raupe: "I like our report cards but I feel all the high schools should have them alike."

Dick Glissman: "It's all right now as far as I'm concerned."

Miss Elizabeth Kiewit: "Special reports give the teacher opportunity to comment on the pupil's citizenship and industry; therefore, comments are not needed on the report card."

Gloria Zadina: "I think there should be room enough on the report cards for parents' comments."

Mac Bailey: "There should be a standardized form in the city but I like them the way they are now."

Goldie Gendler: "They should add a personal note to set up a better

relationship between the parents and the teachers."

Mr. Andrew Nelsen: "I like them the way they are."

Bob Stryker: "They are very fine now."

Adrienne Rice: "I prefer the actual percentage grade."

Harry Freeman: "I think that there should be a standardized form throughout Nebraska including a general citizenship and extra-curricular rating."

Bob Groff: "All schools should adopt the same grading system and letters should be used."

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Ray Novak Only Unanimous Choice on All-Intercity Team

PLAYER and SCHOOL	POS.	YEAR	HT.
John Cannon, Creighton Prep.....	Forward	Senior	5' 11"
Ray Novak, Tech	Forward	Senior	6' 1"
Dave Pedersen, Benson	Forward	Senior	6'
Delmar Corbin, Thomas Jefferson...	Center	Senior	6' 2"
Ron Roeder, North	Guard	Senior	6' 2"
Bob Fairchild, Central	Guard	Junior	5' 11"

Honorable Mention

Forwards—Gradoville, Prep; Shainholtz, Central; Lawson, A. L.; Culek, T. J.

Centers—Yost, South; Hartman, North; Henderson, A. L.

Guards—Knowles, Prep; Smith, Benson; Hunter, South.

A staff of experts; Coach Marquiss, Director of Athletics Frank Knapple, and the Sports Staff, found that there were few outstanding players in the Intercity league this year as they chose the Central High Register's All-Intercity league basketball team.

Because of a tie in the voting, six stars are named on the mythical aggregation and each of the sextet represents a different Intercity school.

The only unanimous choice was Tech's "jack-of-all-sports," Ray Novak. Since he is a mid-year graduate next year, he will be available to the Maroons for only a fraction of the season. Throughout the season it was Novak that held Tech's group of shorties together and eventually guided them to second place in the league.

The other forwards are Prep's Jack Cannon and Benson's Dave Pedersen. Cannon was the lad that continually came through when the chips were down for Bob Miller's championship crew. Pedersen, who plays either center or forward, was the leading scorer of a dangerous Benson squad.

Delmar Corbin, dusky Tee Jay sharpshooter, holds down the center spot. The Yellowjackets were hard to beat when Corbin was clicking on his jump-pivot shots.

Rounding out the team are Central's Bob Fairchild and North's Ron Roeder. Fairchild's terrific floor play was one of the bright spots of a disappointing Eagle year, while Roeder was another of the outstanding clutch performers in town.

The only player to challenge the leading six was Prep's high-scoring forward, Paul Gradoville.



THE KINGPINS, winners of first place in bowling league. (l. to r.) Charles Radda, Frank Mruk, Eldon Coroch, Arne Kaiman, and Bob Bauer.

Kingpins First in Bowling League

Closing in red-hot fashion, the Central High Bowling League keglers knocked down a lot of pins for some fancy scores, Monday, March 7, at the 40-Bowl.

High games were in the limelight as six games over 190 were rolled. Bob Bauer led the pack with a sizzling 210 game. Jack Hustad had a 202 and Dave Plotkin hit 200. Arne Kaiman, Charles Radda, and Dave Noble bowled 198, 195, and 191, respectively.

The Kingpins set two new league records. They had high series for four men with 2156 pins and high single line of 741.

Bowling consistently, Arne Kaiman had high series of 579. Jack Hustad bowled a 549 and Dave Noble, a 529.

The members of the two top teams, Kingpins and G.B.'s, will each receive a gold medal from the American Junior Bowling Congress.

Members of the Kingpins, first

place team, are as follows: Chuck Radda, Captain; Eldon Coroch, assistant captain; Bob Bauer, Arne Kaiman, and Frank Mruk. Composing the G.B.'s, runnerups, are Dick Mallo, captain; Dave Noble, assistant captain; Bob Osborne, Marty Lewis, and Dick Glissman.

Player	Avg.
Arne Kaiman, Kingpins	160
Eldon Coroch, Kingpins	157
Bob Bauer, Kingpins	153
Charles Radda, Kingpins	152
Frank Mruk, Kingpins	152
Dave Noble, G.B.'s	149

Team	W.	L.
Kingpins	48	12
G.B.'s	25	16
High 95	34	26
Mohawks	33	27
Shmoos	29	31
Lucky Strike	27	33
Saints	27	33
S. S. S.	26	34
Ten Pins	19	41
Warriors	15	45

Girl of the Week Gym Joans

In the spotlight as best girl athlete for this week is a junior, Carol French. She has the honor of being president of the GAA, usually a senior girl's office and held the position of sergeant-at-arms in her sophomore year. When the GAA was being re-organized this year, Carol had much to do with forming the new plans. In her opinion, it is a much better club because those girls mainly interested in sports and not just in belonging to a club have something to work for.

Carol participates in almost all sports offered to girls. She is a consistent high-scorer for her basketball team, which is tied for first place, and maintains a 123 pin average in bowling. Recently in a basketball game, Carol forgot that baskets change after the half and almost had the experience of making a basket for the other team.

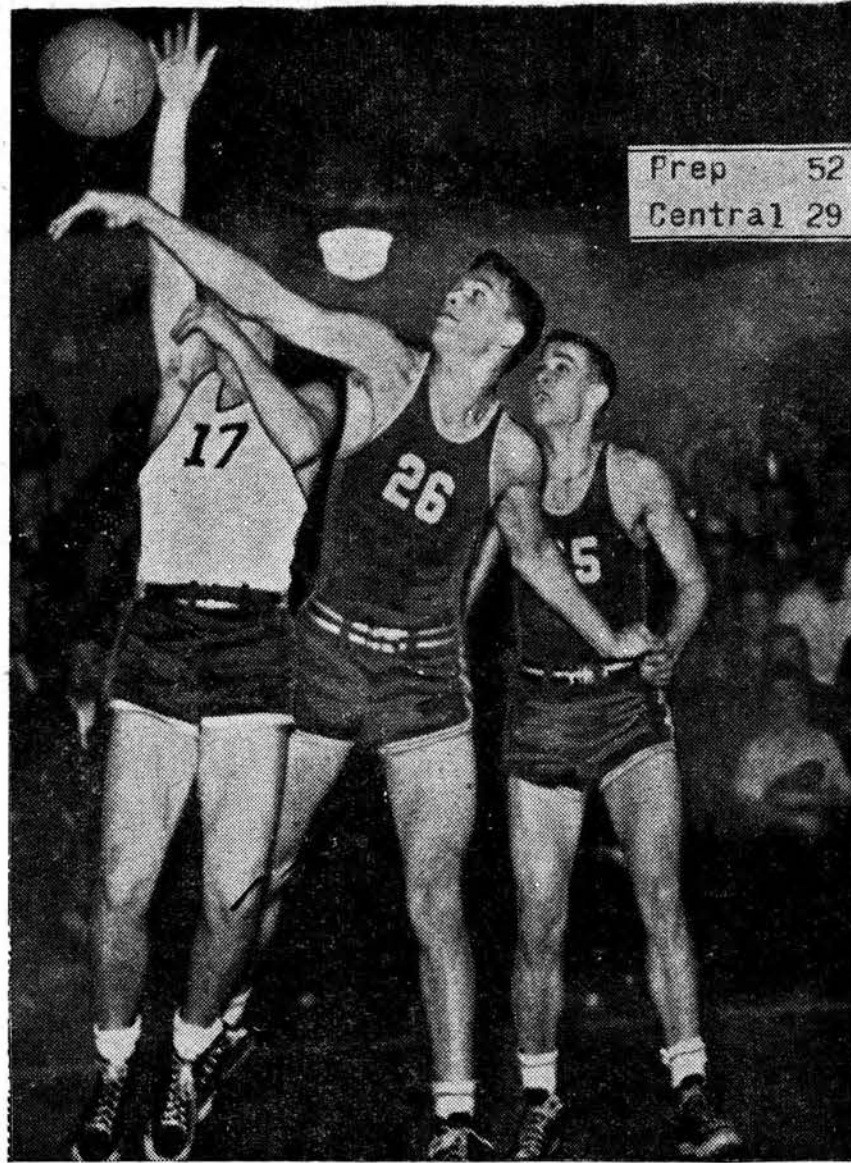
She tried skiing for the first time this winter and liked it but, as Carol exclaims, "My body didn't!"

As the girls' basketball season comes to a close, ping-pong and the new girls' bowling league are well under way.

Tied for first place in the basketball league with one game remaining are the junior teams of Doris Jontz and Barb Henely. Ida Rahn's senior team, contender for the top spot, dropped out of the running when it suffered defeat at the hands of Carol Tietgen's freshman team.

Sylvia Slater won the crown in the advanced division of ping pong by outmaneuvering Esther Zorinsky, 21-14, 21-17; Dee Glasford, 21-16, 21-13; and Marilyn Rogers 21-19, 21-16. Donna Schnell was the consolation winner.

Eagle Basketmen Conquer Packers, Lose to Jr. Blues in Tourney Play



CENTRAL'S TONY ROTH is fouled by Prep's Tom Pucelik in district tourney play. Prepter Jack Cannon follows the play.

Thrilling Moments Spice Wrestling, Cage Season

With the closing of this year's basketball and wrestling program, many events and incidents which spiced every contest come to our minds. Most Central fans will undoubtedly remember the following sports thrills: FRANK MANCUSO'S three successive wins over Ken Fisher, South wrestling star.

The outstanding play of BOB FAIRCHILD throughout the cage season.

A never say die CENTRAL CAGE TEAM coming back with two minutes to play, to whip South, 35-30, in the district tournament.

Winning of gold stars by FRANK MANCUSO, MIKE ABOUD, JIM KAIS, JIM FARRIS, and BOB MANCUSO in the state wrestling meet.

The awarding of MERLYN FRATT the honor of two free throws in district tournament play against South and then letting him take only one shot. Those refs can sure change their mind.

The fine exhibition given by the SPORTS STAFF against the GRAPPLERS in a zany basketball game. DICK PAYNTER'S fine showing in the state swimming meet.

BILL SHAINHOLTZ scoring 18 points in the second North game. CENTRAL'S first half spurts against Creighton Prep in district play and against Lincoln Central in the second game between the schools.

Final Standings

Team	W.	L.
Creighton Prep	10	1
Thomas Jefferson	5	2
Tech	8	4
Benson	6	6
North	4	7
South	3	7
CENTRAL	3	8
Abraham Lincoln	2	6

Missouri Valley Standings

Team	W.	L.
Lincoln Central	7	0
Sioux City Central	5	2
Omaha Tech	6	3
Abraham Lincoln	4	4
Omaha South	2	5
Sioux City East	2	6
OMAHA CENTRAL	2	8

Gym Classes Box, Wrestle

For the past six weeks, the boys' gym classes have been practicing boxing, wrestling, and tumbling techniques. Squad competition in boxing and wrestling with the boys of the same weight pairing off was featured.

If you walk into the gym, don't be surprised if you see the class upside down. The boys are practicing handstands.

In about a week the classes will start working out for softball and track inside the gym before going outside for the competition.

EPSTEIN ECHOES

By Ira Epstein
Assistant Sports Editor

Although not finishing in the upper brackets in the Intercity league, the Central basketball team still made an excellent showing for themselves. The boys ended the regular season with a not too impressive record of four wins against thirteen losses. But many of their losses were to highly touted teams, and many a game ended with Central trailing by one or two baskets.

In the mat circle, the Eagles have again proved that they are the superior team in state and city competition. With only four grapplers graduating, chances for the wrestlers to stay in the victory column are good.

While on the subject of wrestling, I have just received word that Ed Moses, a graduate of '47, is making an excellent showing on the mats while in the navy. He has been wrestling in San Francisco this week and if he wins, he will wrestle in the national navy tourney.

Ed would like to have as many of his friends as possible write to him. His address is Ed L. Moses, EMFR, 317-88-02, Division 6A, Ship Service, N.A.S., Kodiak, Alaska.

As spring approaches, sports fans turn their thoughts to track and baseball.

One question is on everybody's lips: "How will the Eagles do on the diamond and on the cinders?" In all probability, Central should have good teams in both baseball and track, but for the answer to this all-important question, only time will tell.

Grapplers Awarded Letters; Freshmen Receive Numerals

Coach Norman Sorensen awarded varsity letters for wrestling to the following boys: Mike Aboud, Bob Mancuso, Frank Dohn, Jim Farris, Al Bovee, Ray Farris, Jim Kais.

The following boys were awarded freshman numerals during the recent basketball season: Jack Lewis, Gary Luse, Fred Armbrust, Bob Knapple, Maurice Rule, Barry Ackerley, Don Sirles, Ned Sortino, Lester Brown, Gene Napier, Jerry Ehrenberg, Mort Wetterling, Tom Lowry, Lawrence Erickson, Lee Roberts, William Bowman, Jerry Berman, Marion Hudson, Jude Murphy, Sam Sgroi.

Torrid Last-Minute Comeback Gives Purples Win Over Fighting South Squad; First Quarter Margin Vanishes As Creighton Prep Sharpens Basket Eye Second Half

Central's basketball machine fell apart at the seams in the second half of last Thursday's game with Creighton Prep. The win advanced the Prepsters to the finals of the Class A district tournament.

The Eagles started fast and kept right with Prep in a red-hot scoring battle the first half. The Junior Jays held a 17-12 advantage at the end of one quarter, but Merlyn Fratt, Bob Fairchild, and James Jackson scored baskets to cut the deficit to 24-21 at the intermission.

After the recess, the Eagles collapsed completely. Shooting only five shots and two free throws, the third quarter, Central scored but one point and Prep increased its advantage to 35-22.

Central Starts Fast The only Purple field goal in the second half came with about 1:35 left, when Merlyn Fratt tallied from far out.

The Eagles were sharp during the first half. Their plays were working nicely through the Prep defense, but the Purple quintet either didn't shoot or lost the ball.

Central led at 4-2, 6-2, 8-2, and 9-6 before Prep started rolling. Bob Fairchild and Fratt each hit three field goals in the first half. James Jackson performed well under the defensive board.

Pucelik Leads Scorers Tom Pucelik took over Prep's scoring honors with 15 points, including 7 field goals. Jack Cannon, All-Intercity forward of the 1947-48 season, was held to one basket but scored five gift tosses for a total of seven points. Bob Gradoville, Prep scoring ace, also was limited to seven points. The five Junior Jay starters were much sharper the second half.

The Eagles were woefully weak at the free throw line, making good on only 9 of 23 attempts.

Merlyn Fratt and Bobby Fairchild each scored eight points to lead the Eagles. These two accounted for seven of Central's ten baskets.

Central Frosh Down Boys Town, 29-22

The Central freshmen defeated Boys Town, 29-22, in a fast moving cage tilt, March 2, on the Eagle maples.

Jack Lewis and Maurice Rule again proved themselves the most consistent point makers for the Li'l Eagles. Lewis was high point man with eight markers while Rule followed closely with seven. The score was very close throughout the game. It was 6-6 at the first quarter, 10-10 at the half, and 17-16 in Central's favor at the third quarter mark.

It was the last game for the cage team who finished the season with an impressive record of nine wins and one loss.

Hilltop Quint Stuns South Cagers, 41-23

The Central High Eagles were never behind as they handed the South cagers a stunning 41-23 defeat, Wednesday night, March 2, on the Hilltop maples.

The Packer defense held Forwards Bill Shainholtz and Merlyn Fratt to a single field goal apiece, but that wasn't enough to stop the Eagles.

Tony Roth, Central Guard, went into action when the forward line was stymied. He had his highest scoring total of the year as he hit on three long, two-handed, set shots and four set-ups for a total of seven field goals.

Able assistance was offered Tony by the usually dependable Bobby Fairchild, who accounted for thirteen points. Eleven of his markers came in the last half, and they helped subdue any possible South rally.

Coach Marquiss used his substitutes for most of the last quarter, but they accounted for only four points, three of these being made by Bob Offerjost on a left-handed pivot-shot and a free toss.

Fairchild was a standout on defense for the Eagles and James Jackson controlled the Purple defensive backboard.

Central's basketball quintet put on a terrific rally in the final seconds, March 8, to topple a tree-topping South High crew, 35-30. Because of the win, the Eagles advanced into the semifinals of the district basketball tournament.

Old-timers claimed that the Purple comeback was one of the greatest in tourney history. During the rally the Hilltoppers potted nine points in the brief space of 48 seconds. It was the third time this season that the Packers have fallen before the Centralites.

Lee Spurs Comeback With a minute and eight seconds left in the contest, the Eagles trailed, 26-30. It was then that the Central dynamite exploded. Frank Merriwell, in the person of Jack Lee, entered the contest and promptly staggered the Southsiders with two quick left-handed push shots, and Bobby Fairchild, who was playing his outstanding game of the season, completely demoralized the Packers by pumping in a rebound seconds later. Johnny Nelson's backboard score and Lee's free throw served only to insure the victory.

Eagles Lead at Half Central started fast. Merlyn Fratt scored on the opening tip-off and followed with a gift toss before South could tally. Fairchild added five more counters to give Central an 8-6 first quarter counters margin. Baskets by Don Hunter and Bob Komaskinski gave South a momentary, 12-11, bulge. But Bill Shainholtz hit the twins from the side and Fairchild added a free throw to send the Eagles ahead, 14-12, at half time.

Fairchild opened the second half with another one of his seven gift tosses. However, the Packers retaliated with a rally that nearly ended Central's victory hopes. Komaskinski, Hunter, and Joe Stanek combined for nine points to give South a 21-15 lead. Fairchild kept Purple hopes alive by ramming home six points, but Hunter's brace of free throws gave South a 24-21 margin at the quarter.

Fairchild Paces Scoring Tony Roth narrowed the gap with a long shot at the start of the final period. But Yost and Hunter combined for four markers to give the Packers a five point margin. After Fratt scored three points for Central, Hunter scored two free throws for the Southsiders. South attempted to stall out the win, but Central broke it up and went on to win the ballgame.

Fairchild, who played an outstanding floor game, and took most of the rebounds, also found time to make 17 points, his highest total this season. Fratt gained runnerup honors with 6 tallies. Don Hunter's 11 points led Packer scorers. Teammate Komaskinski followed with 10.

Final Scoring Records

Bobby Fairchild topped Eagle scorers during the recent season with 156 counters. Final records, including the district tourney:

Player	fg.	ft.	tp.
Bob Fairchild	49	58	156
Bill Shainholtz	47	42	136
James Jackson	25	21	71
Merlyn Fratt	26	6	58
Tony Roth	23	11	40
Don Blocker	13	14	40
John Nelson	13	7	27
Jack Lee	10	7	27
Brendan Gallagher	5	5	15
Chester Scott	2	5	9
Bob Offerjost	2	4	8

Tumblers Participate in State Gymnastics Meet

By scoring 13½ points, the Central tumbling team placed fourth in the State Gymnastics Meet held March 5 in the University of Nebraska field-house at Lincoln. Making the trip to the Capitol City were Bill Voerster, Ernie Chiganos, Jim Farris, Dan Fogel, and Dudley Johnson. Jim Farris placed third in the trampolines, while Bill Voerster captured fifth spot in the ground tumbling event. Dan Fogel took sixth place on the horizontal bars, and Ernie Chiganos placed eighth in tumbling to round out the Central scoring.

Hastings notched first place in the meet with Benson taking the second spot.