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## Larsen Named Full Colonel at Military Ball

Robert Larsen became the cadet Colonel of the Central High school regiment at the Eighteenth Annual Military Ball January 28. Named as Colonel's Lady was Lineve McKie, one of the seven senior candidates vying for the honor.

Cadet Larsen is the first colonel Central has had in 16 years. Previously the cadet commanding officer's rank was lieutenant colonel.

Second in command is cadet Lieutenant Colonel Robert Lucas designated regimental executive at the ball.

William Roark was cited as the best non-commissioned officer. He received the Fred Hamilton Award for his outstanding three year's work in the military department.

After the ranks and positions of the cadet officers were given by J. Jay Planteen, assistant principal, the Crack Squad performed its precision manuals. Members of the squad were presented cords by Phyllis Yoes, Miss NCO of 1955.

Junior Richard Raskin acted as announcer at the gala event.

Master Sergeants Darrell Miller and Harvey Hansen, former instructors in Central's military department, returned to Omaha for the annual Military Ball from Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Sixty-five senior cadets received promotions. Those cadets who received the rank of major and their respective regimental and battalion positions are Mark Burke, adjutant; Robert Goldstein, S-2; Einer Jensen, public information; Jerold Kohl, personnel; Melvin McCaw, company C commander; Michael Thompson, adjutant; Robert Weigel, range; Howard Wilson, commanding officer, first battalion, and Eugene Zweiback, commanding officer, second battalion.

Newly promoted captains and their positions are Jack Baker, first battalion executive officer; John Barth, company B commander; Bryant Brice, assistant ordnance officer; Stanley Davis, company D commander; Charles Doane, company C commander; Eugene DuBoff, assistant S-1; Ken Freed, first battalion adjutant, and Dean Jones, assistant S-4.

Other captains include Don Kalisek, company A commander; Pat Kuncel, assistant range officer; James Nemer, second battalion adjutant; George Ragan, assistant S-3; Sheldon Rips, assistant S-2; Mike Solzman, second battalion executive officer; Robert Sullivan, assistant personnel officer; and Jerald Ziegman, assistant public information officer.

First lieutenants are Daniel Alexander, Donald Bray, Barton Barnes, Gene Carlson, Marvin Ferenstein, Robert Forrest, Norman Garrop, Walt Gray and Donald Greenberg.

Other officers promoted to the same rank are: Richard Hansen, Ray Hayes, Richard Herre, David Herzog, Sidney Klopfer, James Maxfield, Robert Meyer and Larry Morrissey.

Additional first lieutenants include Dick Mueller, John Noble, Bernard Ostrovich, Harold Peters, Douglas Ross and Abram Rundell.

Cadets promoted to the rank of second lieutenant who will serve as administrative officers are Rohlin Andersen, Donald Cloyd, Jack Lemm, John Murphy, Jerry Simon and Henry Williams.

## Pupils to Attend OU Press Clinic

Approximately 400 high school journalism students will attend the sixth annual high school press day which will be held at the University of Omaha February 17.

Some of the panel discussions being participated in by Central students are: "How to Make the News Story More Readable," Dorothy Loring; "Improving Sports Writing," Eugene Zweiback; "Writing Attractive and Meaningful Headlines," Cynthia Zschau; "Improving Sports Writing," Phil Schragger.

Certificates for the best news and feature stories, editorials, photographs and make up will be awarded at the evening dinner. Entries will be judged by members of the Omaha chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, national professional journalism fraternity.

## Bennett Teaches; Students Cut Up

Joyce Bennett in the role of special laboratory technician is conducting a dissection class during seventh and eighth hours.

Because of her scientific research experiences at Bar Harbor, Maine, this summer, she is able to teach eight students anatomy, surgery, blood work and bone structure through dissection.

Students for this special class are selected by their interest in biology and scholastic standing.

## Honorable Judge . . .

- FEBRUARY**  
 11-12—Marion Mortensen Memorial Debate tournament  
 11—A.L. game here  
 11—Sox dance  
 17—District 8 journalism clinic  
 18—Benson game here  
 18—Sox dance  
 25—Tech game here  
**MARCH**  
 1-4—District basketball tournament  
 8-11—State basketball tournament  
 17-19—Road Show

## Cast for Senior Play Announced; Green, Teal Given Leads

Three weeks of competitive try-outs were ended January 21, when Richard Peterson, instructor of English and dramatics, announced the cast for this year's senior play, *She Stoops to Conquer* by Oliver Goldsmith. Every senior who reached the semi-finals received a part in the play.

Stepping into the romantic leads of Kate Hardcastle and Marlow are Muriel Green, a newcomer to the dramatic field, and Topper Teal, a familiar figure on Central's stage. Back to play opposite each other in the roles of Mr. and Mrs. Hardcastle are Fred Simon and Dorothy Davitt. Jean Jensen, Bill Watson and Pat Kuncel will fill the parts of Constance Neville, Kate's cousin; Tony Lumpkin, Mrs. Hardcastle's son, and Hastings, Marlow's friend, respectfully. Both Bill and Pat appeared in Central's fall play *Billy Budd*.

Supporting actors are Mike Solzman as Sir Charles; Stan Fellman, Digory; Phyllis Bradford, Pimple, and Dick Elliott, Stingo.

In the minor roles of two barmaids and a servant are Ellen Greenberg, Gwen Stoler and Paula Dichen.

Others participating in the play are Don Bray, Dick Herre, Dean Jones, Don Kalisek, Ron Meier, Phil Shrager, Jerry Singer and Bill Welsh.

Prudie Morrow and Jackie Raven will deliver two epilogues while Tony Lang will give the prologue. Both epilogues and the prologue are written by Mr. Peterson.

## Sunderman Victorious in DAR Citizenship Contest

Gayle Sunderman, 16-year-old Central senior, defeated three other Omaha seniors to win the Major Isaac Sadler Chapter's annual DAR Good Citizenship Essay contest. Topic for the contest was "What Constitutes a True Patriot."

Gayle, a three-year member of Junior Honor Society, is also a member of French club and a committee chairman in Colleens.

After the local contest, Gayle submitted a 100-word essay on "Contributions of Newspapers to Our Way of Life" which will be entered in the State DAR contest in Lincoln.

## O-Book Manager Starts Promotion

As the C.H.S. O-Book is seen moving across the horizon, it is time to take out the old ship's log and jot down some reminders for the future.

February 9—Under the directions of promotion managers Sandra Gosch and Fyllis Rubinow, the showcase and hall bulletin boards will display posters for the sale of 1955 O-Books.

February 14—Yearbook sales begin. With an SA ticket the price of the O-Book for the first week is \$3, second week, \$3.25. A special addition to this year's book is a plastic cover, free to buyers during the first week, to keep the O-Book clean and in good condition. Beginning February 21 the plastic cover is 25 cents extra.

Without an SA ticket the price of the O-Book is \$3.50 the first week and \$3.75 the second plus 25 cents for a plastic cover.

February 21—Second week of sales begins. Before the O-Book can be published a sales quota of 1,000 must be reached.

April 1—When you buy the C.H.S. O-Book be quite sure you save your receipt. A special assembly will be called for purchasers only.

The 1955 O-Book is a priceless treasure for any sailor's sea-chest. In later years you will delight in reminiscing over pictures of your class seniors, teachers, friends and classmates. Also there is a picture review of school programs—the opera, Road Show, fall and senior plays.

## Road Show Try-outs Start; Abundance of Talent Seen

"Busy day. Busy day." Jim Nemer and Bill Welch, Road Show managers, have adopted this dirge as their slogan for the week.

Try-outs for the '55 show began Monday. Auditions were held after school each afternoon and continued until each act scheduled for that day

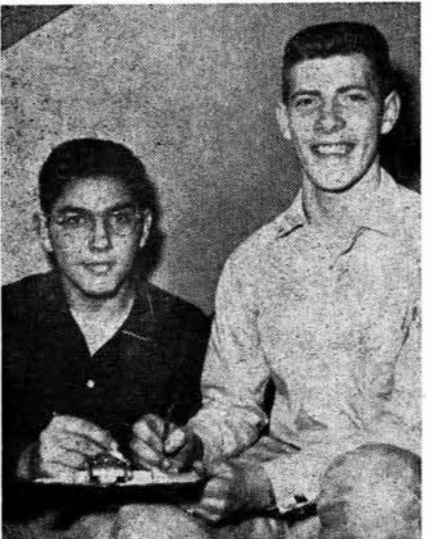


Photo by Jerry Ziegman. had been performed. Jim and Bill were present at all rehearsals to make the try-outs run smoothly. Teachers' committee which is in charge of selecting the Road Show

## Mortensen Tourney Attracts Debate Teams of 18 Schools

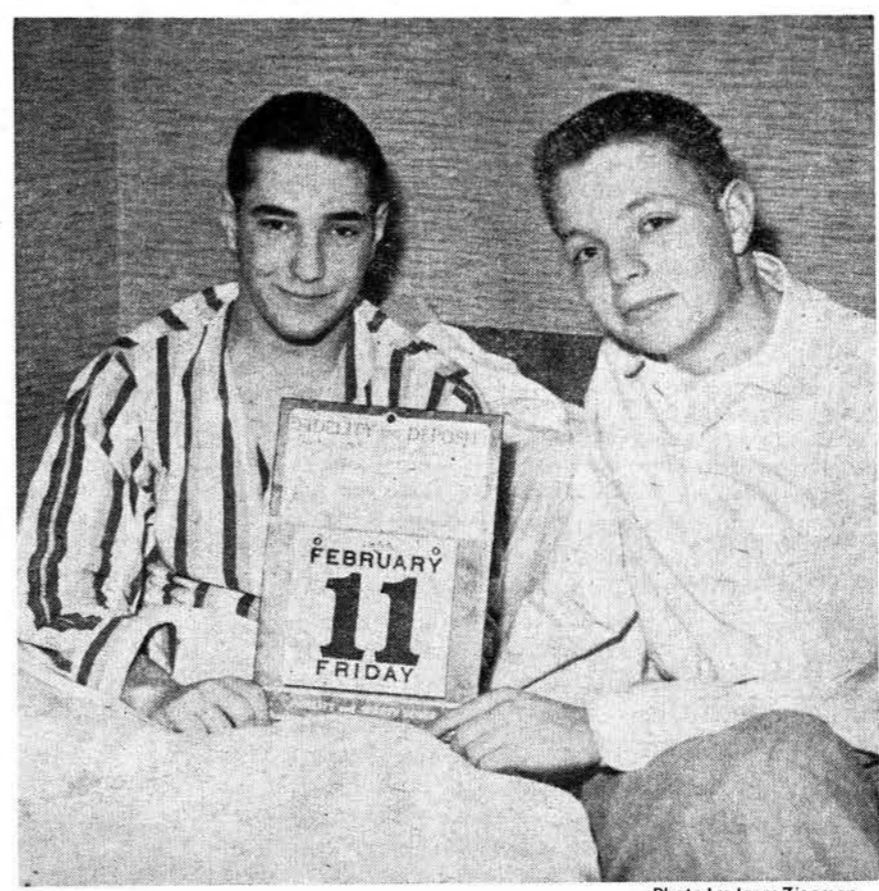


Photo by Jerry Ziegman. Illness does not halt plans for Mortensen Memorial Debate tournament. Marv Ferenstein points out dates of tourney to co-chairman Jerry Marer in sick-bed.

## Debaters of Three States to Compete for Trophies in Speech Tournament

Thirty-two debate teams and 160 debaters will be the guests of Central High during the Marion Mortensen Memorial Debate tournament this week-end.

General chairmen, Marv Ferenstein and Jerry Marer, have planned the 1955 tournament with the aid of principal J. Arthur Nelson, assistant principal J. Jay Planteen, Coach M. C. Wyler and other Central debaters.

Six rounds of debate will be held on the national topic of the year, "Resolved: The federal government should adopt a policy of free trade among nations friendly to the United States." The four teams reaching semi-final competition will each receive a trophy.

Contestants from 18 schools in Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota will compete in humorous and dramatic declamation, prepared and original oratory, poetry interpretation, extemporaneous speaking, radio newscasting and panel discussion events. The school receiving the most points for debate and individual event participation will have its name engraved on the Mortensen Sweepstake trophy kept at Central.

Chairmen of various committees are Stan Fellman and Bob Wintroub, ballot; Gene Kohn, banquet; Virginia Frank and JoAnn Parrish, correspondence; Mike Ban, Lora Franklin and Phyllis Freedman, dance.

The 1954 debate winner is Omaha Holy Name and Lincoln Northeast is defending sweepstakes champion. Central is entering individual events only and will be unable to win any trophies or first place awards.

Co-operative Omaha citizens and visiting coaches will serve as judges in all contests; Central students will be timekeepers. Jerry Kohl and Eileen Warren secured judges while Marv Ferenstein and Gary Gitnick organized timekeepers.

To entertain the visitors a sox dance, the Swamp Stomp, is being presented after Central's basketball game tonight. On Saturday all contestants are invited to attend a special award banquet.

Schools represented are: Estherville High, Sioux City Central, University High and Oskaloosa High from Iowa; Abraham Lincoln and Thomas Jefferson from Council Bluffs; Blair High from Nebraska; Cathedral, Central, Creighton, Holy Name, North, St. Mary's, South and Westside from Omaha, and Washington High from South Dakota.

The team of Gary Gitnick and Gene Kohn ranked as the most outstanding of 60 teams competing in the Hastings (Nebraska) Debate tournament January 28-29.

In addition to their team record of four wins and one loss, Gene was named the best individual debater while Gary received a high superior rating.

In the Nebraska Wesleyan Speech tournament in Lincoln January 14-15, Central led all other competing schools by 30 points. The team of Marv Ferenstein and Jerry Marer reached semi-final competition and gained second place. Stan Fellman and Bob Wintroub had a 2-3 record.

Individual event contestants were Stan Fellman placing fourth in radio newscasting, Phyllis Freedman entering original oratory and Gene Kohn receiving fourth place in extemporaneous speaking.

In the eight tournaments which Central debaters have entered this year, they have won four trophies, an outstanding rating and reached the semi-finals four times.

## Musicians' Clinic Set

Tomorrow a woodwind clinic will be held at Schmoeller and Mueller for eligible players of wind instruments. Guest conductors will be Harold Freeman from the NBC Symphony orchestra and Arthur Best, chairman of the music department of Western Reserve university.

Those eligible to attend are Glen Burbridge, Paul Festeren, Laurie Frank, Virginia Frank, Bart Hoemann, Sallie Markovitz, Doug Ross and Peggy Soucek.

## Jerabek Shocked by Shock Patient

Ten little modern problems arrived at Central last Wednesday. They are the tiny sons and daughters of Delores, the rat of Miss Verona Jerabek's Modern Problems classes.

Delores was to have been conditioned by a shock treatment as a neurotic, but due to her recent family, the treatments are to be postponed. Miss Jerabek declares that she is the one who has gone through the shock treatment.

## Artists Will Compete in Regional Contest

Central's Art department will be well represented at the Regional Scholastic Art Award display February 19-March 5 on Brandeis eighth floor.

Artists from Central placed entries in 15 of the 25 classifications considered in the contest, open to seventh through twelfth grade students of Nebraska schools.

Entries will be judged and prizes of Gold Key awards and Honorable Mentions will be presented at a banquet February 22. The award winners will have their work sent to the National Contest in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

## Girls Hold Honor Roll Lead; Frosh Ahead of Sophomores

Feminine members of the student body retained their lead over masculine members in the bid for honor roll mentions during the first semester. Freshman girls led the sophomore girls 40 to 32, while the freshman boys paced the sophomore boys 30 to 25. One sophomore topped the list with 11 1/2 points, however.

- FRESHMAN BOYS**  
 9 1/2 Points  
 David Kellogg, Richard Speier.  
 8 3/4 Points  
 Irvin Belzer, Bradley Lacina, Bob A. Peterson.  
 8 1/2 Points  
 Howard Weinberg.  
 8 1/4 Points  
 Don Hill.  
 8 Points  
 Saul Kripke.  
 7 3/4 Points  
 Edward Cowger, Nelson Gordman.  
 7 1/2 Points  
 Bernard Bloom, Robert Brodkey, Frank Burnette, Ronald Gould, Terrence Olsen, Eugene Owen.  
 7 1/4 Points  
 Gary Akerstrom.  
 7 Points  
 Tom Kully, Myron Papadakis, Justin Ravitz.
- FRESHMAN GIRLS**  
 9 1/2 Points  
 Mary Ann Damme.  
 9 Points  
 Susan Dishon, Sandra Matterns, Lennea Rife, Sandra Schrest, Gretchen Shellberg, Maureen Zevitz.  
 8 3/4 Points  
 Virginia Anderson, Gayle Gilsman, Andy Gross, Patricia Holmes.  
 8 Points  
 Barbara Brodkey.  
 7 3/4 Points  
 Rachel Douglas, Judy Frederickson, Nancy Young.  
 7 1/2 Points  
 Alene Burley.  
 7 1/4 Points  
 Beverly Goldberg.  
 7 Points  
 Ruth Ganz, Eleanor Guide, Bonnie Ellen McNeil, Nola Pearce, Linda Rosenbaum, Nancy Smith.

- 6 3/4 Points  
 Bruce Bloom, Tom Conroy, Holmes Empson, Robert Shapiro.  
 6 1/2 Points  
 Bill Encell, Martin Lipp.  
 6 1/4 Points  
 Gerald Freedman, Les Kulhanek, Stuart Persell.  
 6 Points  
 Kent McCallum.
- 6 1/4 Points  
 Joan Colson, Carolyn Cox, Sandra Cox, Sharon Farris, Jane Gabrielson, Leanna Haar, Susan Sittler, Joanne Trocha.  
 6 1/2 Points  
 Phyllis Bernstein, Mona Lee Forsha, Diana Klippel, Rosemary Pazderka.  
 6 Points  
 Sally Freeman, Marybeth Larson, Judy Morrow, Florence Shrago, Pamela Stronberg.
- SOPHOMORE BOYS**  
 11 1/2 Points  
 Paul Festeren.  
 11 Points  
 Roger Dilley, Martin Greene, Howard Kaslow, Arthur Staublitz.  
 9 Points  
 Thomas Welch, Laurence Zacharia.  
 8 1/2 Points  
 Lowell Baumer.  
 8 1/4 Points  
 Marvin Freedman, Ray Thompson.  
 8 Points  
 Payson Adams, Dennis Brown.  
 7 3/4 Points  
 Richard Donelson.  
 7 1/4 Points  
 Charles Evans, Delmar Wilcox.  
 7 Points  
 Larry Kahn, Gary Tibbets.

- 6 1/4 Points  
 Robert Julich, Gilbert Kelly, Steve Newcomer, Albert Olson, Larry Zoesch.  
 6 Points  
 Scott Bennett, Gerald Hilliar, Coral Schufeld.  
**SOPHOMORE GIRLS**  
 11 Points  
 Carol Johnson.  
 10 Points  
 Bonnie Burnett, Edith Farr, Laurie Frank.  
 9 1/2 Points  
 Diane Brown, Carol Cortelyou.  
 9 Points  
 Sherry Dalley, Gail Gray, Mary Kay Kennedy, Carol McVicker.  
 8 Points  
 Gloria Clausen, Harriet Epstein, Elizabeth Richards.  
 7 3/4 Points  
 Donna Pullen.  
 7 1/2 Points  
 Jean Johannsen.  
 7 1/4 Points  
 Janice Mastos.  
 7 Points  
 Paula Block, Arlene Dergan, Peggy Johnson, Peggy Soucek, Shirley Vanous.

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# Beginning of Semester Offers Opportunity to Start Anew

The beginning of a new semester should be considered seriously. A student whose grades for the preceding term were not satisfactory should not think of the new period as a time to continue old habits. He should regard it as an opportunity to start with a clear slate, to erase all past mistakes. The new semester offers an opportunity to begin again.

In one way it would be good to view the next semester remembering the part of the Optimist creed which says, "Forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future."

# Civic Auditorium Serves As Center of Municipal Interest

With the dedication of the civic auditorium January 2, Omaha began a new era of fine, well-attended entertainment; for the modern, new building attracts both good showmen and appreciative audiences.

The main part of the seven-million dollar, tan brick structure is the arena with a seating capacity of 11 thousand. The building also contains a music hall seating 26 hundred, an exhibition hall in the basement and an assembly hall to be used for convention headquarters, lectures and meetings.

In the last two months Omahans have shown their appreciation for the new auditorium by their large attendance at all its attractions. High school students were privileged to present the City Music clinic as one of the first programs in the municipal building.

The civic auditorium as a building which all Omahans may be proud of has now become a center of municipal interest and entertainment.

# Anniversary of Patriotism

Tomorrow is the anniversary of the birth of our country's sixteenth president, Abraham Lincoln; but tomorrow could be also called the anniversary of patriotism. For, it was Abraham Lincoln who put the welfare of his country and the people before that of his own family and self.

Patriotism is not only a devotion to the welfare of one's country, it is also the love of one's country and the support of its authorities and interests.

Three-hundred years ago our ancestors began building a democracy, but this building should never slow down or begin to cease. We still need the old feeling of co-operation. A man doesn't need to go to war to support his country; he can help at home, also, by expressing his own opinion but then listening and co-operating with plans of others.

This is true patriotism when one can lay down his home-front arms, the closed mind and the closed heart.

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### Confessions of a German Beer Baron

# What's My Stein?

I don't care what the others say; I did it! Yes, I killed Blue Serge Rubinstein, and I'm proud of it.

I first came to know Serge during his childhood (when he was a child) in old Russia. When we were both eight years old, he and I formed a business partnership and made a killing by selling our parents to the secret police. Unfortunately, just when business was good, we ran out of parents; and so we fled to France.

In Paris Serge and I became financial geniuses and succeeded in taking over the Bank of France. We might still be there if it hadn't been for Serge's plan for doing away with the franc and making wine the official currency of France. The average Frenchman found this type of money slightly difficult to save; and, therefore, Serge and I were declared public enemies and deported.

Naturally, we came to America where Serge immediately became a Wall Street broker (I merely became broker.) Soon Serge branched out into tree-stealing which was a much more shady occupation. We would swipe the trees, trim them so they wouldn't be recognized and then sell them. Everything went well until one night I was digging up spruce in Central Park when the police suddenly closed in. I quickly disguised myself as a tree and would have escaped detection if it hadn't been for that !% )& (?! (this merely symbolizes a well-known profane expression which is a little too coarse to be used in the Register) dog! Anyway, I went to jail while Serge went scot free because he had influential

friends. I vowed at that time to get revenge on Serge right after I finished my 99-year sentence.

I lacked patience, however, and so I escaped from prison by hiding myself in a loaf of French bread (It wasn't too hard; I had lived in Paris). I made my way to Serge's favorite restaurant and saw him there tossing down glasses of champagne (Actually, he was just tossing down the champagne; he was eating the glasses more slowly). I knew then that Serge wasn't at home, so I sneaked into the kitchen of the restaurant, stole a slop bucket, took it over to his brownstone mansion and placed the pail in front of the door to his bedroom. And that's how I killed Blue Serge Rubinstein: When he entered his darkened bedroom, he kicked the bucket.

# Secret Weapon

Road Show try-outs now are o'er—

I did the best I could;
And while the news I'm waiting for,
I'd better knock on wood.

Jimmy juggles with such ease,
Sam can really dance;
Phillip's voice is sure to please,
Yet still I stand a chance;
'Cause in spite of lack of talent,
My act will rock the room:
For none save I at Central High
Has a canary that sings "Sh-Boom."

# For the Birds

Well, it's happened. Yes, I thought my life had finally calmed to a quiet co-existence with nature but yesterday in chemistry class they started to come after me. The pigeons, I mean.

There I was, sitting in class, innocent as could be, when the thought suddenly struck me, "You know, it's been a long time since I was attacked by a pigeon." At that exact moment, there came a great fluttering of wings and what sounded to me like the war cry of a hate-maddened pigeon from the other side of the room.

The little fellow sitting next to me leapt up with a cry, yelling something about the end of the world, and turned a neat little back-somersault into a large vat of acid. He was dissolved quick as a wink, and then I saw, much to my relief, that it wasn't a pigeon at all. Only a large vulture carrying off the teacher.

Now, now, this will never do. Too sadistic. Let's try to forget it, and start the whole thing over again.

Pigeons are not generally thought to be dangerous. Unless, of course, you're thinking of building a city hall, in which case they might be considered somewhat of a hazard. But what would you do with a city hall if you did build one? If you built two, you could put them symmetrically on the mantle as a kind of conversation piece, or you might build a whole sack full, and feed them to the birds in the park. But one. Can't you just see yourself going from door to door with a suitcase full of city hall trying to unload it? "Madam, I wondered if you'd be interested in buying a city hall. You see, I'm working my way through college and for every one I sell I receive a commission or something." No?

No! Absolutely no! We've gotten off the track entirely. Care for another ride?

### NOTICE!

This space, usually occupied by the FIFTH COLUMN, has been generously donated by Teal and Ziegman so that the following editorial in the public interest might appear.

### AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE ECONOMIC STABILITY OF CORPORATE MANAGEMENT IN AMERICA

A look at a graph showing the variations in dividend payments received by stockholders of any large Eastern corporation for the fiscal years 1939-1947 will furnish conclusive proof that there are nothing so sly as hippopotami.

You know, the hippopotamus really is a misunderstood beast. I mean, when the average person finds himself standing next to a hippo in the elevator, he invariably thinks to himself, "What a clumsy looking elevator!" These thoughts he ineffectually conceals by muttering some vague remark like "Where is the bakery department?" Bakery department, indeed! Nothing so frivolous as pastry could seduce a hippopotamus away from the simple living on which he thrives. Simple living, indeed! Hippopotamus, indeed! Editorial, indeed!

Anyway, this store doesn't even carry pastry. This is a hardware store, and what would a hardware store be doing with a baker department? Unless, of course, you are looking for a bullet-proof cream puff (and few people are these days). The bullet-proof cream puff industry is really on the downward trail, due to the shortage of bullet-proof cream. And why, you will ask, is there a shortage of bullet-proof cream? Well, we don't know, but we would guess it was caused by the decline of bullet-proof cows. Oh, this is ridiculous. Everybody knows there is no such thing as a bullet-proof cow. For that matter, none of the udder animals are bullet-proof, either.

But back to corporate management. Following are excerpts from an interview with Hammurabi X. Zorobabel, president of the National Bullet-proof Hippopotamus corporation:

- Q. Tell me, Mr. Zorobabel, how did you come to be connected with the National Bullet-proof Hippopotamus corporation?
A. Well, you see, my father was a bullet-proof and my mother was a hippopotamus.
Q. To what do you attribute your great success in the field of business?
A. There is no doubt that the main influence in my life has been the inspiration of my ever-present companion, Mrs. Smith.
Q. But I thought you said your name was Zorobabel?
A. It is.
Q. Poes, Senor Zorobabel, Quien puso el esparrajo en mi botella de agua caliente?
A. Jedermann liebt Sonnabend-Nachte und so weiter.

Some further questions were addressed to old Dr. Meesky (who had changed his name from Zorobabel to Meesky since the last time we saw him), but his answers were pleasantly incoherent, and have been omitted to promote confusion. (To be cadet Captain: John Confusion.)

But back to the hippo. The Hippopotamus Sloppyiatamus (its Latin name) makes its home in Africa, and spends most of its time sloshing around in the water. So does Esther Williams, but she gets paid for it. Anyway, you couldn't imagine MGM starring a hippopotamus in their next movie. Or could you? ("The African Queen," starring Esther Hippopotamus?) I'd pay the 80 cents just to see how they did the romantic closeups.

You know, there's a rather interesting story about how the hippo got his name. It seems that when Noah's descendants first came to Africa, they set out to explore the land. One day they entered a clearing and were confronted by a huge beast. "Look," said one, "a rhinoceros!" Well, if they were dumb enough to name the very first animal they saw a rhinoceros, no wonder.

The hippopotamus, though fairly intelligent by nature, has been known to show amazing stupidity when cornered. I proved this the other day when I cornered one. "Go stand in the corner," I said. "You've been a naughty hippopotamus." (He had just eaten my father and mother.)

"I won't," he replied. "You will," I insisted. "I won't," he repeated. "You will," I demanded. "I won't." "You won't." "I will."

Guess I faked him out. Say, what am I doing standing in this corner? Oh, well, at least this is over. Let's give three cheers: Hip! Hip! O potamus!

# Russian the Season

Hallo all! Vell today vese gonna talk about ze subversive infiltration of ze story books in Middle Papooshnik. Ze little folksies zere ain't gettin' ze proper perspective of "Mama Gootz and her gootz zat laid ze golden ache" and other stories zat kiddles oughter know. It seems zat der come-you-ishies are callin' Mama Gootz and cohorts dreaming capitalistic fools and are changing deir stories a little so zat zey can file under X87032Q soe kiddles get to vat zay is really in for. Vell so here's how vone story goes in Middle Papooshnik. . . Vunc upon a time dere vas four rabbitz—Flopski, Mopski, Cottontailkov and Petrol. Now on dis day Mama Rabbitz—she vant shovel off to ze vienerschnitzleria and told her bunnies to go to der hill and look for bunsberries. But Petrol got away—oooh he vas an oily vun. He vas goink over to monopolistic-dog MacGregor's and smash his rice paddle.

"So dat's how zer story begine and ze ending is not too hardt to figure out. Petrol summons der Sucret Police and MacGregor is turned into a cough drop as an example to others who wish to foil un Papooshnik's plan.

### Central Profiles

# Regimental Royalty



Photo by Matsuo BOB LARSEN

As Omaha's only high school ROTC colonel Bob Larsen holds not only a position of importance but also one which he well deserves.

In four years he proved his competence in the ROTC department and made an outstanding record for himself. After two years in Crack Squad he is now one of its co-commanders. At the annual ROTC retreat last spring he was named best junior cadet. Not only was Bob a member of the Hussars who performed at the Ak-Sar-Ben ball and the University of Nebraska's military ball, but also he helped plan the grand march for Central's ball.

With membership in the senior A Cappella choir Bob appeared in this year's opera, "HMS Pinafore," and in the City Music clinic. He is one of the popular "Stylenasters," a senior quartet which has sung on television and given two "command performances" at Peony Park.

At the age of one Bob's parents in hopes of taking his picture placed him on a table, but Bob fell off on his head. Luckily this accident didn't affect him.

When not taking Jo for a ride in his '40 Ford Bob can probably be found playing the piano. He has a

In three and one-half years at Central, Lineve McKie has accumulated a long record of enviable honors. She reached the pinnacle of her successes, however, when she was revealed as Colonel's Lady at the eighteenth annual Military Ball.

This honor was accorded Lineve by the cadet officers of Central's regiment who chose her from a field of seven candidates.

A three-year member of Junior Honor society she now ranks among the top 10 in the senior class. She also rates high in extra-curricular activities. One of her many talents seems to be keeping the door closed for she has served as sergeant-at-arms of four organizations: Latin club, Central High Players, Colleens and Pep Squad.

As a freshman, Lineve served as secretary of her class. This year she was elected vice president of French club.

Most of her time is spent in 149 where she is second-page, editor of the Register. Her attendance at the National High School Institute of Journalism at Northwestern university and press conventions in Minneapolis and in Lincoln have helped her in her work.

huge craving for all food but especially green olives, and it's been said that he can cook a delicious chilli dinner.

Next year Bob plans to go to University of Omaha and take a general course. He still hasn't decided on a profession and would like more time to "look around."

However for now Bob is learning that he not only received a great honor but also much responsibility and work when J. J. Planteen announced, "To be cadet colonel—Bob Larsen."



Photo by Matsuo LINEVE MCKIE

Lineve was selected one of two contestants to enter the United Nations Day contest in her junior year.

For two years she has been an a cappella choir member, participating in operas, music festivals and three Road Shows.

Another field of interest is dramatics. Lineve was assistant stage manager for "Billy Budd" and business manager of "Ramshackle Inn."

Her future plans are still a bit hazy. Her major, in a college still to be decided upon, will probably be education or sociology.

It has been said that present accomplishments are the index of future success. With this in mind we predict for Lineve an outstanding career and marked contribution to our society.

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# Crew Eyes Tech; State Near

**Central Grapplers Roll Over North, Tee Jay in Quest of City Title**

by Stan Davis

Win number 39 is almost a reality as the Eagle bonebenders face the Tech Trojans in the Central gym this afternoon.

After convincing victories over North and Thomas Jefferson, the grapplers are highly favored to dispose of the Tech crew in short order. Led by undefeated Dave Roseland and Ellie Watkins, Coach Sorensen's pupils are currently tuning up for the State Meet at North February 18-19.

The Trojans fell victim to Abe Lincoln last week 24-12 and therefore are not expected to offer much opposition. Tech will be led by stars Lloyd Farris and Lou Woods who are dangerous in any situation.

Eagle spirits were bolstered with the return of Bob Amato to the varsity. Bob will be vying with the lightweights for a State Tourney berth.

The Eagle grapplers proved once and for all that they are still the city wrestling champions. They settled this point with a decisive 24-9 victory over the North Vikings January 29. Earlier in the season the Vikes had challenged the Hilltopper supremacy by pushing the Eagles 19-20.

The highlight of the match was Bill Hudgins' 7-5 decision over 112 pound state champ Marvin Schoonover. It was revenge for Bill who was a pin victim of Schoonover's in their last meeting.

The Purples started strongly as Louie Milone whipped Bob Meseji 6-3 followed by John Williams' 1-0 edge over Perry Carmichael in the 103 pound spot. In the 120 pound division, Frank Pistone continued his jinx over Eagle Ron McGruder with a 9-6 win. Vike Bill Petersen bottled up Bob Meehan 3-0 as Ray Hayes and Ray Gallagher continued Central's winning ways with decisions of 1-0 and 4-2.

North could manage only one other victory as Jim Yeck beat Ray Agosta 4-0 in the 145 slot. Dave Roseland, Ellie Watkins and Jim Goermar disposed of their foes in that order to give Central an eight out of 11 margin for the afternoon.

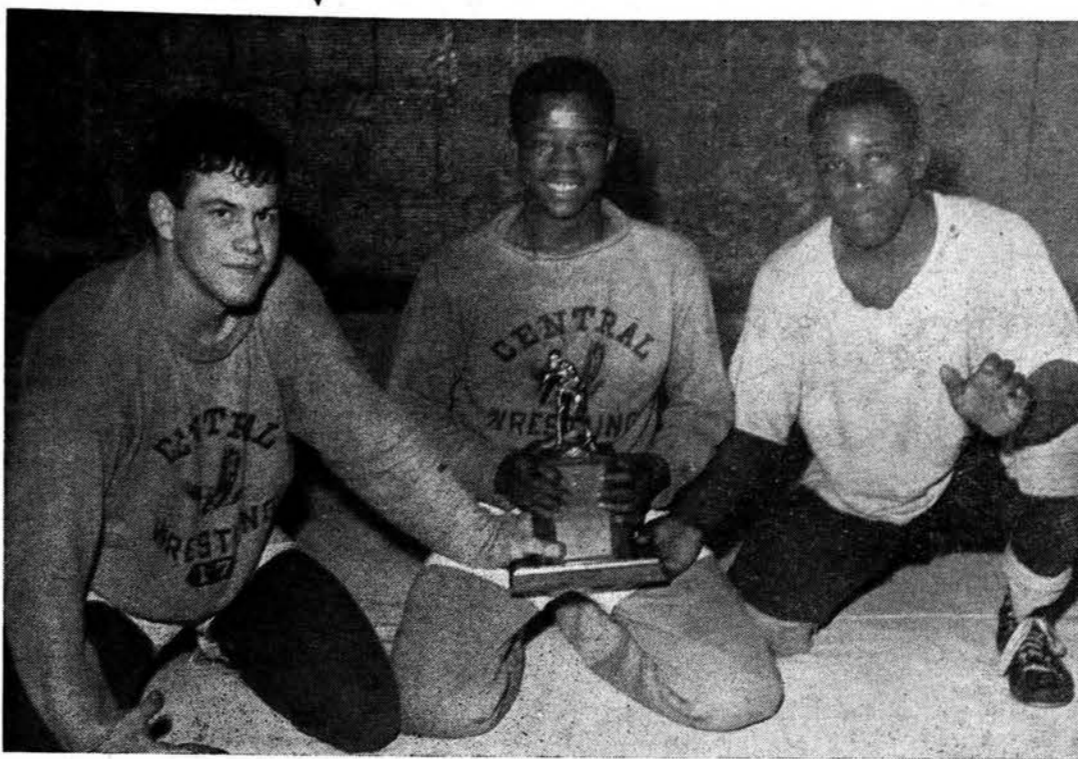
Another mat opponent bit the dust January 27, as the Sorensenmen steam rolled their way over Thomas Jefferson 29-13.

Bill Hudgins, Ron McGruder and Ellie Watkins featured aggressiveness as they flattened their men for "five point" pins.

Other results:  
95—Bill Edwards, T.J., decisioned Tom Corrie 4-0.  
103—John Williams drew with Howard Nochols 1-1.  
112—Bill Hudgins, Central, pinned Gene O'Hara 2:33.  
120—Ron McGruder, Central, pinned John Vogt in 5:22.  
127—Bob Meehan, Central, decisioned Gail Lane 6-5.  
133—Ray Hayes, Central, decisioned Eldred Graybill 6-2.  
138—Tobe Griffs, T.J., pinned Dick Meehan in 1:05.  
145—Frank Gnader, T.J., decisioned Ray Gallagher 6-0.  
154—Dave Roseland, Central, decisioned Jack Main 7-0.  
165—Ellie Watkins, Central, pinned Jack Graham in 3:16.  
Heavyweight—Jim Goermar, Central, decisioned Marvin Lewis 2-0.

**ROSELAND, HUDGINS and WATKINS**

determinedly clutch last year's state championship trophy in anticipation of repeat win this season.



— Photo by Jerry Ziegman

## Flyboy Hoopsters Drag Bottom; Loss Column Hits 18 Straight

"The rich grew richer and the poor grew poorer" best sums up Central's long and unflourished basketball season of '54-'55. The Eagle crew has failed to break through into the winning column, and have sunk deeper into the well by dropping their last five contests to Prep, Lincoln Central, North, South and Tee Jay.

Central versus Thomas Jefferson turned into one of the most ragged contests of the season, February 4. Once again the Eagle hoopsters fell victim, this time by an 82-54 verdict on the TJ rink.

TJ took an early lead of 22-2 midway in the first period. Wally Bryans once again proved to be the Eagle spark, as he came off the bench to drive the Purple crew to a nine point spurt, making the first quarter score 24-11.

Going into the last half Central was forced into putting on a down-court press. This proved ineffective strategy and the Council Bluffs boys maintained their margin.

**Connor Leads Victors**

Jerry Connor was TJ's main gun, as he scored from all parts of the court. "Moon" Mullins and Larry Carmody each hit for 10 points for the Eagles, but were unable to equal Connor's 23 markers.

Central 40, South 48, was the score, as the Flyboy crew took their ninth loss of the season on their own court January 29.

The contest ran along the same line as the first time these two teams met, with the Packers having to rally in the late stages to pull it out of the fire.

After trailing most of the game, Central took a 39-38 lead with 4:37 remaining. Gil Dunne quickly regained South's edge by dropping in two free throws with four minutes left.

Wally Bryans was the key to any

threat the Eagles had to offer. Bryans hit from all over and kept the Purples in the game. His total of 19 points was highest in the individual scoring column.

Ralph Hollingsworth set the Packer pace and totaled 17 points. Stu Westphal played one of his finest games for the Eagles as he added 11 points.

North had little trouble defeating Central, January 25, 67-42, on the Viking's home court, which is Omaha U's field house.

**Kelley Sparkles**

Dick Kelley gave the Eagles a 2-0 lead in the first seconds of play, but that was the extent of the Central threat. North took to the scoring column quickly, and went out in front by a score of 31-8 midway in the second stanza. Central was able to reduce the half score to 33-19, as the Viking mentor sent in his reserves to finish up the last half of the second frame.

Bob Weinerth was the main gun in the North lineup, and contributed 20 points to the final score. Kelly was Central's top scorer with 14 points.

Lincoln Central stayed on top in the State standings by downing an exceedingly weak Central team 63-30 January 22, on the Eagle maples. Al Graves and a powerful supporting cast were just too much for the home squad.

First-quarter scoring spelled an early defeat for Central, as they went down under a 24-3 attack. Graves was able to hit easily for seven points, while teammates Gary Smith, Marty Koolen and Dick Hergenrader dropped in six, four and five points respectively in the opening stanza.

**Gray Baffles Links**

Jerry Gray played a fine game considering the situation of the much taller Capitol-city crew. Fans viewed some fine ball handling by Gray, as he maneuvered to lunk in six points. "Moon" Mullins showed lots of backboard hustle, but was fighting a losing battle against 6-foot-8 Graves.

Creighton's Bluejays were hit by a surprisingly stirred up Central squad January 21 in the Eagle gym. The Eagles uncorked their most potent scoring punch of the season to date, but faded in the final period to drop a 46-38 tilt which had the fans on their feet throughout the game.

At the opening whistle, Central jumped to a 4-0 lead, and stayed out in front till 5:45 of the closing quarter. Jerry Gray lifted the Eagle spirit even higher when he scored a 40-foot bucket in the final second of the first period, to give the Eagles a 14-9 edge.

A lone field goal for the Flyboys in the second period widened the margin by two points, and enabled a 23-16 half-time gap. Prep recovered, however, and scampered to their seventh victory of the season.

**VARSIITY BASKETBALL STANDINGS**

TEAM	W	L
Tech	10	1
Benson	8	2
Prep	7	2
Abe Lincoln	5	6
South	5	6
Tee Jay	4	7
North	3	7
CENTRAL	0	11

**Stars of the Week . . .**

**Mullins Tops Scorers; Bryans Leads Hustle**

This week's sports spotlight shines on juniors Wally Bryans and Dennis "Moon" Mullins, two of the brighter stars on Central's hapless cage quintet.

Moon, the tallest regular at 6' 3", uses his height to great advantage by keeping basket happy giants from running up the score. His greatest skill is his ability to grab rebounds from under the noses of taller opponents. "Moon's" scoring record of 106 points this season currently leads his brother Eagles.

The team hustler, Wally has experienced both hot and cold games this season. His single game record of 19 points against South give an idea of his great potential. Wally has improved steadily from the beginning of the year as recent performances against South and Tee Jay indicate.

Three sport men, both boys have dabbled in football with Wally turning to the diamond and "Moon" to the fairways in the spring.

## Seconds Tie for Loop Top

The sharpshooting eye of Bob O'Toole spelled defeat for Thomas Jefferson last Friday as the Iowans were beaten by the Central reserves 65-61 at the Hilltop gym. The junior Eagles, who have won four of their last five games, are now tied for league leadership.

This rapid climb by the Eagles has been built on wins over South, North and Creighton Prep and a loss to Lincoln Central. These victories now bring the season total to seven wins and five losses.

Two reserve cagers, Tom Weiss and O'Toole, have also been suiting up for the varsity games as a result of their outstanding showing with the junior Eagles. O'Toole scored four points for the varsity in the game against Thomas Jefferson last Friday, thus making him ineligible for further reserve competition.

The Eagles rolled over South 49-36 in a game January 29, at the Hilltop gym. Holding a halftime edge of 24-22, the Eagles outscored the Packers 25-14 in the second half. O'Toole and Ray O'Brien were high scorers for the Purples with 18 and 12 points respectively.

January 25 Central's reserve cagers beat North 35-31 in a slow game at the University of Omaha field house. The Eagles, sparked by Weiss and O'Brien, held a halftime edge of 18-14 before they settled down to a lifeless second half.

The Reserves fifth loss of the season came January 22 at the hands of Lincoln Central 45-40. The Eagles, trailing 13-24 at halftime, scored 27 points during the final two periods but were not able to overcome the early lead of the Lynx. High scorer for Central was Bob O'Toole.

January 21 Central's reserve cagers rolled over Creighton Prep 55-46 at the Hilltop gym. The Purples, leading 25-22 at halftime, were sparked by Tom Weiss and Frank Kloke. Kloke hit eight free shots out of eight for a total of 10 points.

## Winless Five Engage Lynx Here Tonight

Central will resume their usual position as underdog tonight at 8 o'clock, when they go against Abraham Lincoln on the Eagle maples. The AL squad, fourth in the inter-city standings, should coast past the Hilltoppers with little difficulty.

Jack Chapman, 6-foot-5 center, leads the Links' offensive attack, and will most likely steal the spotlight in tonight's contest. The big center will be out to protect his hold on third place in individual scoring. Chuck Stevie will also contribute a large part to AL's scoring, as he has proven himself to be one of the squad's finer ball handlers and an accurate shot from all corners.

Central is still looking for their first victory of the season, but previous records show that their wishes won't be fulfilled tonight. Lacking a certain spark, the Central aggregate has failed to hang on in all four quarters of a given contest. The Eagles should be led tonight by Wally Bryans and "Moon" Mullins, the team's two hustlers and scorers.

Fans should expect to see a new style of ball playing by the Purples, since, having lost 11 straight, Coach Marquiss should be putting some new method towards his goal of breaking into the winning column.

Eagle reserves, on the other hand, are tied for first place in their running for the second team championship. Coach Jim Sharp deserves as much credit as possible for his outstanding job as mentor. All second team games begin at 6:30, before each varsity contest.

Leading the reserves are Bob O'Toole and Tom Weiss, who are doing a fine job in holding the team together.

## Baby Eagles Gain Second Place Slot

The Eagles' freshmen A cagers are tied with Prep for second place in the inter-city league, both having won 4 games and lost 1. AL is leading the league with five straight victories.

After opening the season with a close 43-39 victory over North, the baby Eagles gave Tech a 45-39 lesson. High scorer in both games was Ken Russell who ran up 14 points against North and 17 against Tech.

The third game was a tough one for the little cagers as a potent AL team steamed past them from a 28-27 half-time margin to a 60-47 defeat.

The tide turned back to Central, however, as the Freshmen cagers stood back South by 2 points 41 to 39. This game brought a new boy into the scoring picture, Bob Peterson, who picked up 6 points.

Last Saturday's game again saw Central come out the winner by a slim margin. This time it was TJ who lost to the Eagles by a close 48 to 45 score.

Coach George Andrews' policy of a strong defensive team is paying off for the freshmen cagers. Central's offense takes a back seat to none, however, as Russell has already collected 75 points with two games left.

Second in the scoring is Eugene Owen who has 59 to his credit.

The two remaining games are with Prep this Saturday at Prep and Benson the following week.

**RESERVE BASKETBALL STANDINGS**

TEAM	W	L
CENTRAL	7	4
Tee Jay	7	4
Benson	6	4
Tech	5	5
Abe Lincoln	5	6
South	5	6
Prep	4	5
North	3	8

## Watkins Triumphs

Undefeated 165-lb. wrestler Ellie Watkins added another crown to his long list of laurels. Ellie won the AAU winter tournament at the YMCA December 18.

The meet was open to all age classifications, and Watkins was forced to compete against older, more experienced foes. Coach Norm Sorensen's teaching paid off, however, as Ellie swept by all comers to win a gold medal.

At Central this year, Watkins won the North High Invitational tournament and is one of Central's big guns for the state meet, later this month.

The Eagle basketball losing streak has grown to an alarming 18 straight. The '54-'55 squad has dropped all 11 of their encounters and the '53-'54 team lost the last eight contests of their season. Coach Warren Marquiss has tried everything from line-up changes to full court presses to halt the cellar-dwelling Eagles' downward plunge. The team hasn't been able to put four good quarters together in one game. We looked our best against Prep and South, but a fatal fourth period spelled defeat in both contests. Fouls have also hurt, as, time and again, one or two of our starting five gets an early shower pass due to the "five miscues and you're out" ruling.

On the other hand, Jim Sharp's reserves are currently tied for first place in the second race. The boys have won four out of their last five games and are battling Tee Jay for the league title. We urge fans to come early to back our second team, the "stars of tomorrow."

Tonight, the cagers will meet Abraham Lincoln on the Hilltop maples. An upset victory would put the team in the right frame of mind for the remainder of the season and the District Tournament early in March.

Jerry Bartley '53 has transferred to the University of Omaha. Jerry, formerly of Iowa State, lettered in football, basketball, baseball and track at Central.

Eddie Anderson '53 recently won the middleweight division of the Omaha Golden Gloves. Eddie swept through the meet, posting his second straight city title. In 1954, Anderson won the city trials, but was beaten in the finals of the Mid-West Tournament. His city championship gives Eddie the opportunity to compete in the Mid-West again, February 25-26.

Former Centralite Daniel Marion also competed in the gloves, but lost in the finals of the welterweight division.

Our undefeated wrestlers are looking forward to the state tournament, February 18 and 19 at North High. The annual carnival will feature nine teams. Bellevue, Boys Town, CENTRAL, Lincoln Central, Lincoln Northeast, Lincoln Teachers, South and Tech will compete. As expected, Central will be favored on the strength of their unbelievable winning streak and their last season's victory in this important meet.

The Eagle squad boasts two former state champs, Bill Hudgins and Dave Roseland. These two plus Jim Goermar and Ellie Watkins will form the nucleus of a determined Hilltop bid for a repeat title. Friday's matches will start at 6:30 p.m., with the finals following Saturday afternoon at 7:00 p.m.

Purple fans who want to cheer their grapplers to the highest mat plum of the year should mark these dates as a must on their sports calendar.

A full sports program is on tap in the Eagle gym today. Our wrestlers face Tech at 8:30, plus the hoopsters versus AL tonight. First game starts at 6:30. ALL CENTRALITES!! IT IS YOUR DUTY AND PLEASURE TO SUPPORT YOUR ATHLETIC TEAMS. SEE YOU IN THE GYM THIS AFTERNOON AND TONIGHT!!

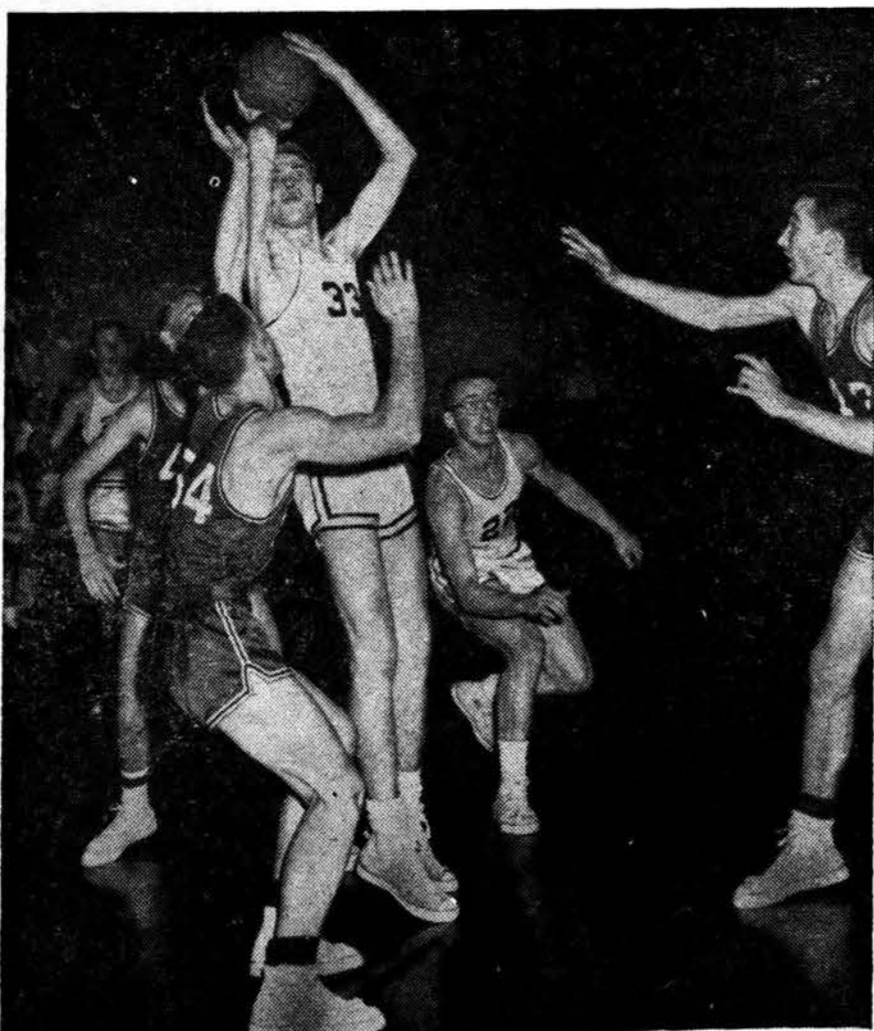
## Kool Keglers Lead

This week the Kool Keglers moved up into first place in the boys bowling league as the Four Aces, former leaders, dropped to third. Tami Dami, winning 10 of their last 12 games, moved up into second place only one game behind the leaders.

**BOWLING LEAGUE STANDINGS**

TEAM	W	L	G.B.
Kool Keglers	30	15	—
Tami Dami	29	16	1
Four Aces	28	17	2
Oscillatoria	25	20	5
Quacks	25	20	5
Goops	24	21	6
Hilltoppers	20	25	10
Bowery Boys	18	27	12
Junior Birdmen	14	31	16
Gutterballs	12	33	18

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— Courtesy World-Herald

Eagles' DENNIS MULLINS fires at hoop as two Lincolnites wave ineffectively. Purple guard JERRY GRAY shown in background.



### Pullias Chosen to Lead O-Club

Three-sport star Dave Pullias has been chosen to lead the "O" Club for the second semester. Dave will be assisted by vice president Fred Buffett, secretary Gifford Tompkins and treasurer Gary Akromis. Two sergeants-at-arms will be announced later.

### Air Force Scholarships Offered to Senior Boys

Senior boys interested in attending the new Air Force Academy at Denver, Colorado should write immediately to Nebraska senators and representatives to determine whether the congressmen have filled their recommended quota of 10 nominees apiece. All nominations for appointment to the first class of the college must be received by the Academy Appointment Branch of the Pentagon February 18.

After receipt of the nominations, the Air Force will select 300 cadets through a series of competitive qualifying tests and examinations. The selected cadets will then be eligible for a four year tuition-free education and will assemble at Lowry Air Force Base in Denver during July, 1955.

### 17 Seniors Take Boards in January

Seventeen Central seniors took college board examinations January 8, all of them participating in the morning aptitude tests. Only Ejner Jensen and Janet McLain took the afternoon achievement tests, in three fields with English Composition compulsory. The other two may be selected from the field of mathematics, science, history and foreign language.

College boards will be given again March 12, May 21 and August 10.

Scholarships and admission to certain colleges are based on the results of the tests. Students should consult the college catalogs to ascertain whether he is required to take the tests. Many colleges advise juniors to take the tests in May for practice and experience.

Juniors and seniors interested in taking the tests should report to the office.

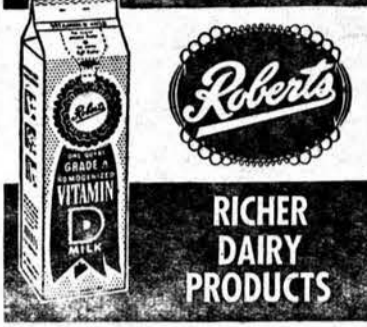
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