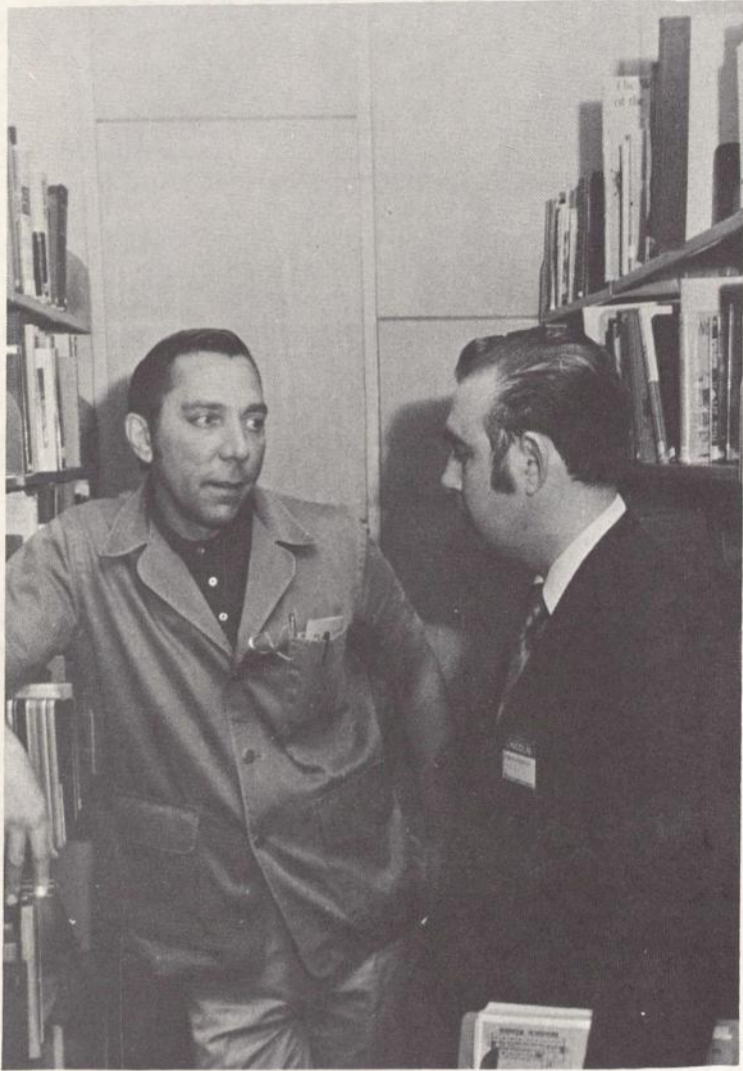


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Art department chairman Don Byorth (left) talks with Kenneth Heimbeck, member of the North Central Accreditation Association's evaluating team which recently visited Southeast. The evaluation team did not evaluate individual teachers, but rather each department as a whole.

Evaluation Team Offers Suggestions ... 'Impressed with Student Reaction'

"I've been very impressed with the student relationships and reactions," Mrs. Ellen Cahill, a member of the group chosen to evaluate Southeast for accreditation, said.

"We are particularly interested in how the materials are used, what services are given, and the way in which they are given," she said. Mrs. Cahill, who is in charge of the processing system in Columbus, Nebraska, was asked by Lester Harvey, of the State Department of Education to serve on the committee. She evaluated the media center, library, and audio visual materials.

"We are to see where they can improve, and how they can improve, including staffing and equipment," Mrs. Cahill said. "The purpose of the evaluation is to give suggestions."

"We are not here to look at individual teachers, Con Anderson, a member of the committee evaluating the science department, said. The committee's main job is to review the evaluations made by the school department chairmen, and then to make recommendations and offer suggestions. Anderson teaches chemistry at Fremont High School.

Each member of the committee is responsible for one building, Anderson said. Each person takes notes, and then these notes are compiled into a report, which is given to the science consultant at the State Department, he said.

These reports are not censored, Anderson said. If there is something good, it is mentioned.

Also included are those things which need to be changed, he said.

"The evaluation is more a meeting of the minds, rather than a critical judgement," Miss Patricia Rieper, language teacher from Nebraska Wesleyan, said. It is a learning process for both the teachers and the members of the committee, she said. We bring up things from our own experiences, and thus share ideas. One thing that is interesting to me is to discuss methods used by different teachers," she said.

"Our starting point is reading the self evaluations that the faculty have made, and seeing where we agree," Miss Rieper said. "They usually judge themselves fairly, and we agree with what is said. We then ask questions and offer suggestions, according to what we have observed."

"The whole purpose of the evaluation is to set up long range plans," Anderson said. "When you have a 25 million dollar budget, as Lincoln does, plans must be made for the future, rather than just for year to year," he said.

"We talk to the teachers and students to see if things are sufficient," Mrs. Cahill said. "To me, the atmosphere at Southeast is conducive to learning," she said.

"We were all told by those evaluating the department that it absolutely couldn't have been much better, compared to others," Mrs. Mary Commers, chairman of the English department said. "We heard of no specific weaknesses, and their reactions were all very favorable," she said.

"The weaknesses we listed included more flexible scheduling, more reading, and more speech training required," she said. "We would also like to have more provisions for the non-college bound students," Mrs. Commers said.

The cooperation among the staff, and between them and the

administration, the qualifications of staff members, the freedom given to the staff, and the innovations allowed the staff were among the outstanding qualities of the department, Mrs. Commers said. The areas of evaluation included department organization, offerings, physical facilities, preparation of staff members, and methods of evaluation, she said.

"We had a wonderful committee in the English department. They were very cooperative, very competent," she said.

On the self evaluation, it was possible to rate different areas from one to four, with a one being low, George Pearce, chairman of the language department said. "We rated ourselves on such things as the number of years a course is offered, or if the teacher has visited or lived in a country where his or her language is spoken. Because all of our teachers have done this, we received a high rating," he said. "We were also rated on teacher preparation, class loads, labs, and curriculum.

"You can't fake something on the self evaluation, because when the committee visits the school, they can see if what you said is true or not," Pearce said.

Suggestions are made by members of the department to the members of the reviewing committee, he said. If they agree, then these suggestions are included in reports made to the State Department of Education. These suggestions carry more weight because they are made by someone outside of the school, Pearce said.

"One idea we have proposed is having a person from a country that speaks the language being taught, work with the class. The people would have to be reasonably educated, although not as teachers, and would be paid a minimal wage," Pearce said.

Special Effects Highlight 'Total Dracula Production'

by Candy Carroll

"A bat with a three-foot wing span will be the hardest part to maneuver," Jim Ogden, drama student teacher from Nebraska University said. He was referring to the spring play, "Dracula," which will be produced April 29 and 30.

The bat, which is one form of Dracula's disguise must be flown through a window. "This is going to be difficult in timing," junior Bob Olson, who will maneuver the bat, said. Bob hopes to have a platform on which to perch for launching the bat across the stage, otherwise he, like the bat, will have to hang from the battens. "This will be the hardest show produced since I've been here," he commented.

Actually there will be two bats. "One will be like a marionette puppet with movable wings and the other will be "stiff" for silhouette effects, Bob explained.

"This play calls for a lot of effects and we're going to be using them," Ogden said. "We even have chemical smoke" for the tomb scene "which wasn't even used in the original play."

The smoke will be produced by a machine in the orchestra pit by adding two chemicals together, Ogden explained. "We will also have an authentic casket" during the scene and hang on it "shredded gray cheese cloth" to make it more realistic and give it an eerie feeling, he said.

Small crews from the mini courses and the traditional set crew have devoted their time to other special effects such as a cave, revolving book case, and trap doors for Dracula's escapes and surprise appearances. They also have constructed permanent flats which will bring the stage in and allow for a drop to be used instead of a curtain.

"We're going for a total production," Ogden explained, therefore the ushers will be in costume as Dracula's 13 brides. All costumes, except for the brides', will be professionally done and give the appearance of the 1930's. "We will be making our dresses which will all look the same and we must remain in character at all times," senior Chris Stover, one of the brides said. "I'm really looking forward to it," she said.

The 13 brides will introduce and help get the audience into the mood of the play, Bob explained. We also want to use a blue or black jell on the house lights to make it darker," he said.

The brides were selected from the girls who didn't make call-backs for the original cast. "Approximately 85 students tried out for the

play," Mrs. Louise McDonald, drama teacher said. "The quality necessary for casting the men's rolls was maturity which was somewhat of a problem," she said, "a strong character showing forcefulness" was looked for in most of the parts.

As for the roll of Dracula, someone new was looked for, "someone people didn't know from previous plays," Mrs. MacDonald said.

Junior Steve Carter will play the roll of Dracula. "I don't know why they picked me, I was always reading another part," Steve said. "I'm really glad I got the part."

This is Steve's first appearance on stage, although he has worked on technical crews since his sophomore year. "I think the hardest part will be to adapt Dracula's manner," Steve said.

Mrs. McDonald feels Steve will make a good Dracula for "he has a mysterious look, especially in the eyes." "He also had a large size which was needed," she said.



Mrs. Verle Morris receives a corsage from Mrs. Maxine Pivonka at a tea held in her honor by the Lincoln Public Schools Clerical Association April 7. Mrs. Morris will retire after serving at Southeast since the school opened 16 years ago.

Mrs. Morris to Leave SE After 16 Years of Service

"She was a combination of Mrs. Malek, Mrs. Alexander, and Miss Pralle. She took care of finance, attendance, records, and answered the phone. All the jobs that needed doing she did," Mrs. Hazel Scott, Southeast's first principal, commented about registrar Mrs. Verle Morris.

After serving at Southeast since the schools opening in 1955, Mrs.

Morris will be retiring this year. She has worked in Lincoln public schools since 1942. She started as a piano accompanist for music classes, and began the type of work she currently does during World War II.

Mrs. Morris' duties include keeping all permanent records, coordinating activity funds, and doing all bookkeeping. "I like to work with people and with figures," Mrs. Morris said. "I enjoy my work."

"There have been so many changes you wouldn't believe it," Mrs. Morris commented. She said that graduation requirements and honors qualifications have been changed a number of times. "I don't think the students are as courteous or as neat," she said. Another trend Mrs. Morris has noticed is that where previously 90 to 95% of students have attended college, now only 75 to 80% attend.

Mrs. Morris has a lot of interests with which to occupy her time. She intends to continue playing the organ, as well as spend more time with her young grandson. She also enjoys flowers and gardening.

"As a keeper of the records, Mrs. Morris has done an outstanding job," commented Don Darnell, Assistant Principal for Student Affairs. "Many colleges and universities have commented on the fact that it was a real pleasure receiving accurate, readable, and complete transcript materials from Lincoln Southeast High School.

Is the Prom Wanted or Is It Worth the Cost?

The Junior-Senior prom has recently become a focal point of the changing values and attitudes at Southeast.

What people want to know is whether the prom is worth the money and time and is the prom wanted.

The average cost of the prom is about one thousand dollars. Could this thousand dollars be used in a more useful way? Of course it could. It could be used to build schools in poorer countries, to help the American Indian, to help supply hospital ships, to feed some starving child in India or Pakistan or it could be used in a hundred other ways.

But to many the one night of enjoyment is worth the cost and it is their money to spend on themselves. Then it comes down to the question of how is the money obtained.

Supposedly the junior class has garage and bake sales, sells bumper stickers, and sponsors a variety of other activities to raise the money.

But this year there have been questions raised whether or not there would be a prom because of the lack of money. The questions were deeper than just no money because of the apparent lack of interest by the overwhelming majority of the junior class in the money-making projects.

Several weeks ago there was to be a garage-sale for the prom. But it never came off because only six to eight people brought things

to be sold.

Because of this lack of interest about 14 people, who had been working on the prom all year, had to go out and plead with the juniors to bring things to a second garage-sale. Luckily the second was a success.

It isn't right that the same 14 people should have to do most of the work so that the majority can enjoy themselves. If the students want a prom they should be willing to work for it.

Do enough of the students want a prom? Many can't afford to go to it. Others see it as a dance where the social clique goes and therefore have no interest in going themselves. And the other dances aren't any fun or at least not worth the money.

If people aren't going to go to the prom then why have it? This is one major question. Now is the time for next year's junior class to

decide whether the prom is worth all the time and trouble. The success or failure of this year's prom will be one indication. Also a poll of the students could be taken.

Maybe a change in the format of the prom would increase its popularity. Pius X has changed its formal dance to semi-formal this year. This could be what Southeast's prom

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needs. Possibly the idea of a prom should be dropped altogether or maybe it is best the way it is.

Whatever the decision is, it should be made in the near future before plans are started for next year's prom.

On Page Two

By Sue Cunningham

As the year draws to a close, it would be fitting to write about past experiences and future dreams. To tell of friends reminiscing about old times shared in and around the halls of good old Lincoln Southeast.

The sounds of mournful sighs and a few tears shed for the good times gone by are expected by those of past generations. Yet, if anything, the feelings are just the opposite.

It is true that some friendships will end here, as people move on, going their separate ways. But, for the most part, the kids welcome the change, rather than dread it.

For now, there seems to be little to hold the students to the school. Sure there are games and rallies and dances, and these are all well and good.

But, it seems as if many of the kids have found other things more rewarding than what is being offered inside the walls of Southeast. The general feeling is one of escape; getting away from school and to something of interest.

Education, at least in high school, is increasingly becoming just one facet of life, rather than the guiding force. It provides a means of meeting others, and gives a background on which to build a future.

But it does not provide that which is more necessary to understand life as it is today. And this is experience.

Experience is the best teacher. An old saying, yet very meaningful. For what better way is there for a person to know life than by experiencing it?

A school is a very controlled environment. To an extent, this is necessary to continue the learning process. But, how much control is really necessary?

At Southeast, a few of the classes are trying different approaches toward the concept of learning. These unstructured classes do away with some of the formalities normally associated with the classroom situation.

And, in these classes, the students react favorably, thriving in an atmosphere of freedom. At East High, the idea of optional attendance classes is being tried. True, these are experimental classes, and very limited in number, but, they are another effort to change the set structure that school has assumed.

Through these classes, students are relieved of the restrictions normally present in the classroom. It becomes more a learning experience, rather than just a process. The period is something to look forward to, rather than just another 55 minutes of uninterrupted boredom.

This may be a bad attitude to take. All school isn't boring. But there are many things that should and must be done differently if this attitude is to be changed.

If school itself, and not only the activities, are to

merit remembrance, it must change its structure to keep the interest of the students. If it does not, school will continue to be just six and one half hours out of the day, and little more.



Editor:

Earlier this year our cheerleaders had a very valuable tapeplayer stolen. Next, camera equipment is missing. It isn't uncommon to hear of a stolen purse, coat, or anything else they can get their hands on. I saw even better the seriousness of this problem when something of mine turned up missing.

I don't expect these things returned but next time someone refers to you as an animal or your environment as a zoo why not give it a little thought and open your minds instead of your mouths.

Jeanne Knight

Editor:

Spring vacation always slips by too quickly but unfortunately this year's break was hardly worth it!

There are quite a few vacations during the middle of the school year and yet we were so graciously given more time during Christmas—as if we wanted it.

The end of the year, however, is almost void of vacations except for Easter and it is at this time when a longer break would really be appreciated.

We have been having such wonderful weather, it seems ridiculous to have to spend some of the nicest days of the year inside. "Spring vacation is coming up soon so you need not skip"—is a bad line to use to "spring-feverish" students who now realize that two days off is hardly worth it.

Who votes on matter such as these? I know I didn't!

Penny Andros

Editors Note: In the last issue of the CLARION it was reported that next year spring vacation will be lengthened and a break will be provided between the Christmas and spring vacations. The School Board determines the school calendar.



Man's Greatest Resource Is Man'

by Nancy Holyoke

The greatest resource available to man is man himself, according to Dr. G.W. Dodge, executive director of the Nebraska Human Resources Foundation.

The Human Resources Foundation is an organization dedicated to improving man through developing personal relationships, rather than his physical well-being. The operation works on a one-to-one basis between counselors and counselee to develop the "maximum human potentiality," Dodge said.

The people involved in the Human Resources Foundation have tried to "discover the kind of conditions that bring out the best in people," Dodge said. They have concluded that people are successful or unsuccessful depending on their ability to relate to others. To develop this ability in both people, the one-to-one concept was adopted.

Projects of the foundation are diverse, ranging from educating pre-schoolers to befriending children at the Orthopedic Hospital in Lincoln.

The pre-school project is a school

which strives to enhance not only the intellectual but also the social development of small children. According to a pamphlet published by the foundation, children averaging three years of age who have completed a year in the school have a reading vocabulary of 100 words, are able to work with numbers to a certain extent, and are above average in dealing with others socially.

There is a great emphasis in the projects of the foundation on developing leadership qualities. Child's Project, Junior Project, and Teenage Project all concentrate on a one-to-one counselor relationship with an older person to develop maturity and leadership in the child.

The foundation also helps under-privileged people through programs such as the High School Equivalency Program (HEP) and the Potentiality Development Project (PDP). Through HEP high school drop-outs, children of migrant or seasonal workers can go back to school at the University to prepare for taking a test which is the equivalent of a high school diploma. The students are housed in dormitories on campus and

have individual counselors helping them adjust to college life.

PDP counselors work with high school students who have the intellectual and interest potential, but not a background conducive for going to college, to help them make a choice about their lives and their careers.

At the Orthopedic Hospital University students form friendships with the children and try to give each one confidence in himself as a person. According to one girl who has worked with the program for two years, "from the counselors the kids at the hospital gain a confidence and they feel that someone really cares about them." Lots of the people there are from out-state, staying there for an indefinite period of time, and have no family to visit them regularly, so the counselor's friendship can be very important to them.

Other counseling programs include a probation project in cooperation with the juvenile court, and a family counseling program for the underprivileged.

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'Fine Arts Give Encouragement'

"Fine Arts is held to give students encouragement and inspiration along with help in performing," Dr. Maxine Trauernicht, the festival's coordinator, said.

Until last year the Fine Arts Festival, held earlier this month, had been organized much like a contest in the speech and drama areas.

"Now it has become more of workshop. It was impossible to handle the number of students attending and this way is much more educational for the student," Dr. Trauernicht said.

In charge of the speech and theater sections were Professor Dennia Bormann and Dr. William Morgan, respectively.

"Now we have several district superior winners in each event give their performance and then we attempt to talk about each one, giving constructive criticism," Bormann said.

When Fine Arts was like a contest. Many students would stay only long enough to perform and then leave, Bormann said.

"This way the student is learning more and not just doing their event the same way they have been all year," Bormann said.

During the contest last year for Fine Arts contestants numbered around 500.

"The problem then was mainly of scheduling everyone, students, available rooms, judges, timekeepers, and door tenders," Bormann said.

This was especially true of the 15-20 one-act plays with performing and moving props and scenery "while Howell Theatre was trying to rehearse their own show too," Bormann added.

Theater participants saw two films and Kabuki Theatre performances along with duet acting recitals by fellow students.

"The first film was Peper Brooks introducing a performance of the Polish Lab Theatre then the performance following," Morgan said. The second film was playwright Eugene O'Neill's "Long Day's

Journey Into Night."

The performance concerned a group of prisoners acting out mythological stories while building a crematorium to be used for their demise.

Saturday featured a Kabuki Theatre play.

"Shozo Sato, a Kabuki actor trained by Nakamura XVII directed this performance by students of the University of Illinois. It was the first time this particular play, 'The Brave Warrior and the Demon' had been presented in public by this troupe," Morgan said.

Also during the weekend the acting recitals were judged by three theater professors, Dr. Joseph Baldwin, Dr. Hal Floyd, and Dr. Dallas Williams. They chose seven students they felt were superior of all the acting recitals to be members of an All-State Acting Company. Lincoln students honored were Bob Thurber and Gary Eckels of Lincoln High.



Third year German Students (from left) Mary Tiemann, Doug Voss, Julie Dresselhaus, and Jim Beck present a skit in German, "Max and Mortiz" at the third annual Wayne State Language Festival. Southeast recaptured first place in the German division.

Three Seniors Design Sports Complex

... University May Receive Plans

Robert Hall's independent architecture class must have been able to foresee the future as they have been working this year on a model of an auditorium and sports complex.

This type of structure has come into view recently with a bill in the Nebraska legislature about the use of a raise of cigarette tax for an University field house.

The complex includes a field house, auditorium, and sports arena, all dome shaped and about 400 feet in diameter, senior Blaine Camp said.

The three senior boys in the class are each designing one of the three buildings which will be arranged in a triangular shape and be connected.

Blaine has been working on the sports arena. It seats

14 thousand people and includes a 220-indoor track, a basketball court in the center and room for all the field events, according to Blaine. "It's like the Astrodome, only smaller," he said.

Steve Bridger is designing a two story field house. It has three floors: The entire basement will be for football, the top floor will contain 12 hand ball courts and the first floor will have offices and an indoor baseball diamond, he said.

The auditorium is being designed by Mike Carlin. It will seat about 10½ thousand people with facilities for concerts such as Three-Dog Night and the necessary dressing rooms, Mike said.

The class got to choose a project to last the whole year, Mike said. "We

thought this would be a challenge," Mike said. Originally we were going to design all new Fair Grounds but this proved too much, he said.

"We've been working on this project for about a semester because first semester we worked on plans for Mrs. Van Horn's office," putting in a window and wooden doors, Steve said.

"If we think it's good enough we'll give it to the University. University students are working on the same type of thing," Mike said.

Blaine also expressed the possibility that it would be given to the State Fair Board, "with the hope that they can use some of the ideas we incorporated," he said.

"It's workable... it

would be really independent class selected by Dr. Myers and Mr. Hall," with mechanical and architectural drafting as pre-requisites, Mike said.

We are finishing up on the first drawing and will start on the final draft soon, Mike said.

"We're on our own," Mike said, about the class.

"The students in the

independent class are selected by Dr. Myers and Mr. Hall," with mechanical and architectural drafting as pre-requisites, Mike said. Last year the independent architecture class constructed the model of Southeast that is now hanging in the office.

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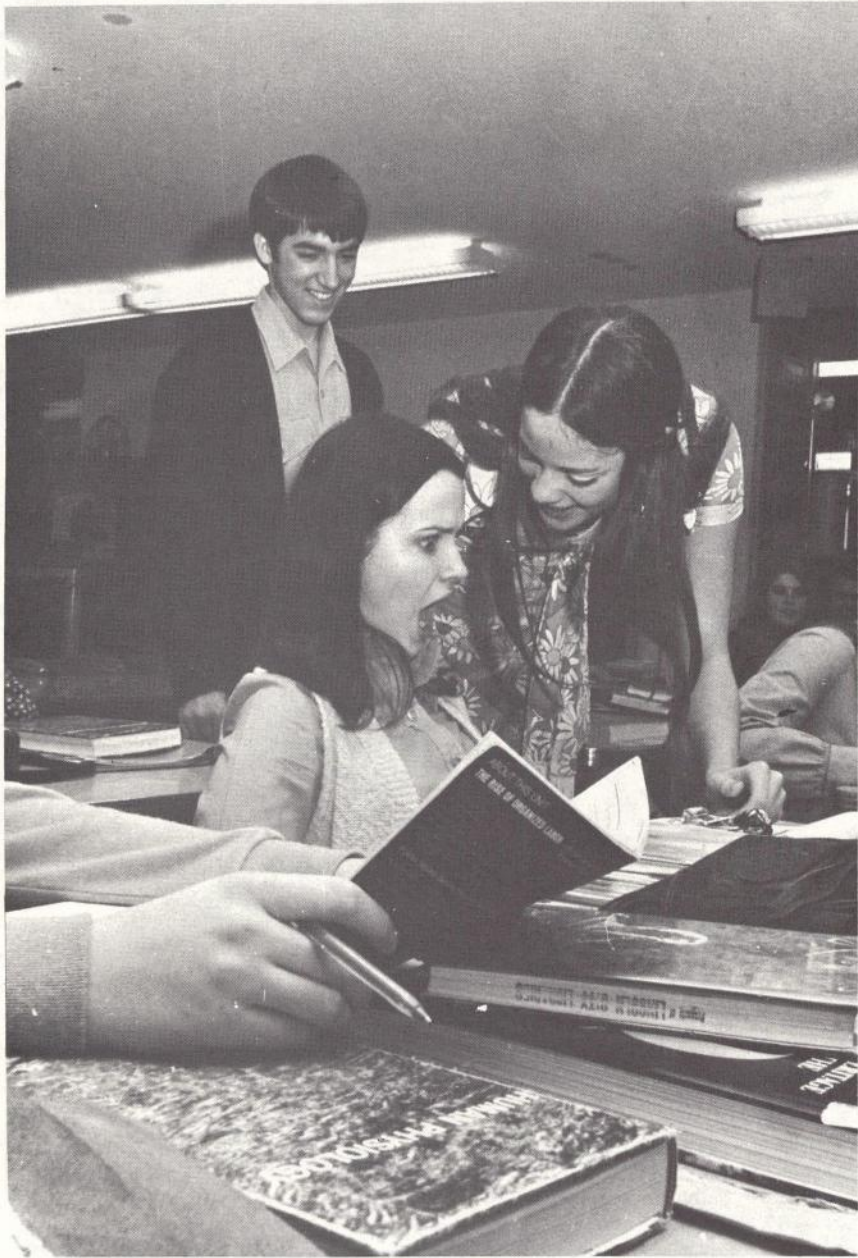
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Expansion Plans Necessitate Elimination Of News Bureau

The most major change to be seen in publications staffs for next year will be the elimination of News Bureau.

"We would like to expand the journalism department especially in broadcasting, and to do that, we have to cut somewhere," Larry Fauss, journalism advisor said.

Fauss described News Bureau's goal as being a public service to other news media through publicizing the school.

"There has been good response from the other media and they have sometimes requested material from News Bureau," Fauss added.

Students who applied for the News Bureau staff will be distributed into the other staffs, and the services provided by News Bureau will also come under the responsibilities of other staffs, primarily CLARION, which originally had these functions before the creation of News Bureau.

The only change in sight at this time for Newsdesk is that it will be comprised of two boys and one girl, instead of two girls and one boy.

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Ad Staff Combined with Editorial Staff

"The only major change in next year's CLARION staff will be that the ad staff will be during 4th period with the CLARION staff," Larry Fauss, publications advisor said.

"It will be more hectic but the students will have to have a better appreciation of each other." There will be space limitations but the students will have to function together as smoothly as possible, Fauss said.

Next year's staff will also take over the work News Bureau has done this year. "We are planning to expand the journalism program in a different direction," Fauss said.

Since News Bureau is the newest, only 2½ years, it was the obvious choice. It's service to the school was not

as relative as that of the other staffs since News Bureau's main job is to service the news media. Next year they are not going to send out news releases for groups in the schools, Fauss said. "We won't furnish a correspondent for the newspapers because I don't feel it is a valid project," Fauss added.

CLARION's special assignments editor, Debi Wood, will be in charge of the musical program and the issue for the incoming sophomores. The sports staff will put out the annual "Reflections." The CLARION staff will be the same size as the staff this year, and their jobs will be basically the same, Fauss said. "I would like to have two cartoonists so that they could compete against each other." We had some good cartoonists that applied for the position, Fauss said.

"It's been interesting working with the people, you really get to know them," Adrienne Fischer, managing editor of the CLARION this year said.

"You spend a lot of time at the print shop and you meet a lot of people," junior Tim Divis, CLARION editor said.

Tim's job is to know what happened if something went wrong and to straighten it out. Page two of the CLARION is also his responsibility.

Assistant editors Sue Cunningham and Nancy Quinlan take turns writing columns. "I write about things that are bothering me about the school, whether they are good or bad. I comment people on what they have done or ask them why they did it," Sue said.

Adrienne's job along with assistant managing editor Judy Moses, is to put the paper together. "We try to make everything fit," Adrienne said.

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Coordination of Photography Will Promote Organized Work

"My job will be to coordinate photography with the two staffs, CLARION and Shield. I'll try and help coordinate pictures with stories, making sure pictures are assigned and work gets done in the darkroom," sophomore Dave Chaves said.

Dave's new position as chief photographer was created for more organization of photography staff and to provide better communication between the photographers and other publication staffs.

"There will be more personal organization of each member of the staff and better coordination as a whole," publications advisor Larry Fauss said.

"I think it will give me a chance to do a lot of things that Mr. Fauss sometimes doesn't have time to do, like picture orders and checking to see that work is being done in the darkroom," Dave said.

"The most important advantage is that it will relieve Fauss of extra work and help eliminate some of the confusion. The different editors will be able to turn in things to 'Doc,' Steve O'Brien, student teacher said.

Having a chief photographer may improve efficiency in that the staff will know what needs to be done.

"We need leadership badly in this area and it will take a person who will see that things are getting done such as assignments, work in the darkroom, and making sure that the supplies are always stocked. This will also provide better communication within the staff," Fauss said.

As a member of this year's photography staff, Dave has gained experience enabling him to fulfill his new role.

"I've gotten a lot of experience

this year, not only with picture taking but also developing them so that hopefully I'll be able to help the new photographers with any problems they might have," Dave said.

"The one thing I'd like to do is try and make the photography staff a little more journalistically oriented. I want to stress the importance of reporting through pictures, this applies primarily to the CLARION because the Shield is more recording the year," he added.

The addition of a chief photographer will be the only major change made in the format of next year's staffs.

"The thing I enjoy about photography is not only am I learning but I feel I'm accomplishing something worthwhile, you gain while contributing," Dave said.

Silver Key Competition Involves Southeast Students

Competing with other Nebraska high school journalists, nine Southeast publications staff members will participate in the annual Nebraska High School Press Association's Silver Key Awards Competition.

Preliminary entries submitted by staff members were judged by professional journalists across the state, and the top ten students in ten areas will participate in the final competition May 1 at the University of Nebraska School of Journalism.

Finalists will be given an assignment in their area and will have approximately an hour in which to complete it.

After participants' work is judged, Silver Key awards will be presented at a luncheon to the top three winners in each area.

CLARION reporter Connie Fralin qualified as a finalist in the area of news writing, while both Nancy Holyoke and DeAnn Neurenberger qualified for news-feature writing.

Scott Roper and sophomore Dave Chaves qualified in the areas of editorial cartooning and photography, respectively.

Sue Schroeder and Linda Yost will participate in the area of advertising.

Nancy Quinlan qualified in the area of column writing.

Shield staff member John Carman will participate in the yearbook copywriting competition.

Editorship Requires Versatility

"Leadership is the most important factor in selecting an editor. We look for people who can work with others and respect the views of other people. I also look for the people I think I can work with," Larry Fauss, publications advisor said.

There are several aspects which are given consideration in the selection of editors for both the CLARION and Shield.

"One of the most important things we considered was scholarship and if they displayed certain leadership abilities. Also, how they interact with other students was something we felt was necessary," Steve O'Brien, student teacher, said.

"Being able to lead is important for any editor. Asking people to do jobs is sometimes hard but I think making an effort to know how and when to say and do certain things can be helpful," Candy LeRossignol, Shield editor said.

The role of an editor contains a general knowledge concerning the jobs of each position within the particular staff.

"It is important that the editor is able to do things the other staff members can do, a person with an over-all skill," Fauss said.

"Getting the paper out with over-all supervision is necessary but sometimes it's difficult to watch over everything, I don't think you can ever know everything that is going on," Tim Divis, CLARION editor, said.

Attendance, personality, and individuality are also factors in the selection.

"Dedication to the staff is important because many times an editor has to spend extra hours and it would take a dedicated student to fulfill this," O'Brien said.

"Sometimes an editor is outgoing and sometimes a reserved person but it is important that they have the ability to understand others and know oneself. We ask quite a bit of our editors and it isn't an easy decision but it is usually a clear one once we've made it," Fauss said.

Being selected as editor came as a surprise for both next year's Shield editor Julie McBride and CLARION editor John Windle.

"I was so surprised I about died when they told me. I didn't really think about anything else that day," Julie said.

"I was surprised to find out that I had been chosen as CLARION editor especially since I had applied for a position on Shield staff," John said.

"I've always liked journalism and I applied partly because of my brother Dave (1969-70 CLARION editor). I got interested in what he was doing last year and in his involvement with the CLARION but I thought it might be fun to apply for a Shield position," Julie said.

"Just the experience of working with other people, working with more responsibility, and under pressure will be a new challenge," John said.

"I think coming from a very opinionated family will help in editorial writing because I've learned that there is more than one side to every argument," he added.

There is a mutual feeling that learning by experience will be a key factor in working with their staffs next year. An anticipation of exactly what goes in the job of being an editor was also generated by the two juniors.

"I think it will be learn it as you go. This year's Shield staff has written down some suggestions but hopefully as we work we'll keep finding out new things," Julie said.

"It's going to be rather interesting because I don't really know what is going to be expected of me but once I know my staff it will be a easier to being planning," John said.

Both editors have already begun to think in terms of how they can prepare for next year's publication activities.

"There's a lot of things that I'd like to change drastically. We're considering changing the format of the Shield into a magazine style with different sections which will be fun to experiment with. We also want to get more people involved in selling, that way new students will be more informed of what the Shield is about," Julie said.

"The first thing I'd like to do is find out what the students want in a newspaper. I would like to take a survey this spring and find out what they are interested in reading about. I also want to start thinking about editorials and get some ideas and background," John said.

There's more to being an editor than putting a yearbook or paper together.

"The close knittness brought out the personalities of a lot of people and they realized that there is a necessity to work and have fun as a group," Candy said.

"You have the opportunity to meet a lot of people and get involved in a lot of things outside of school," Tim said.



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Bryant, Brittenham Set Track Pace

'Both State Leaders'

A win over Pius X and a second place finish in the Fremont Invitational highlights the beginning of the season for the track team.

The thinclads next meet is with Beatrice today. "We've improved quite a bit since the beginning of the season," Craig Weaver, junior, said. "We've been doing better in our distance and field events, and our spirit is really picking up." I think we can beat Beatrice.

"The first meets are learning meets and experimentation meets, Varsity track coach Roy Churchill stated.

"We're continually experimenting and we will continue to experiment for a few more meets yet, until we find people we can run with," Churchill said.

He went on to say that he and the other coaches had some different ideas that they want to try and some different combinations they are thinking about.

"We are trying to find out who can do well in what events," Churchill said.

The team finished in second place trailing the host team, Fremont, by 17 and one half points at Fremont last Friday.

We had five firsts and Fremont only had four but Fremont just had more depth, stated senior Bill Bryant. Bill recorded the best time in the state this year in the 880, 1:58.7.

"Going into the last lap there were three guys in front of me," Bill said. They all looked pretty tired and I didn't feel tired at all, so I started to kick and just managed to pass the last of the three at the wire."

Also placing first for the Knights were Pat Bridger, sophomore, in the two mile run, Steve Brittenham, junior, a double winner taking the Long jump and the triple jump, and the two mile relay team.

"Right now Brittenham is the state leader in the long jump and the triple jump, and Bryant is the state leader in the 880," Churchill said.

He also sighted the milers and two milers as having done a good job.

Fremont is different from our other meets because we had some outstanding performances," Churchill stated. "But we still have some holes to fill."

Three first place finishes in the field events

climaxes the Lincoln Invitational track meet for Southeast.

Jim Unger, senior, took first in the pole vault while Steve Brittenham once again came out a double winner by placing first in the long jump and the triple jump.

In the track events the Knights couldn't put together a winning effort. Finishing highest was the two mile relay team who took second place behind a powerful Northeast team. Three fifth place finished by Craig Weaver in the mile run, and Tim Lommasson in the 180 low hurdles, and the Mile relay team plus a sixth place finish by Steve Shitesell, sophomore.

"The Pius X meet was a good meet by the fact that we won it," Churchill said.

The thinclads defeated Pius by a score of 90-37,



placing first in everything except the 100 and 220 yard dash and the 880 relay.

Steve Torrance was first in the shotput, Jim Unger tied Andy Shriner in the pole vault, Dwight Williams was first in the discus, and Steve Brittenham took first in the long jump and the high hurdles.

Paul Watson was first in the two mile, Al Garvin was first in the 880, Mark Morton took first in the 440, Craig Weaver placed first in the mile run, Tom Lommasson finished first in the low hurdles, and the two mile relay and the mile relay were both won by Southeast.

The Knights fared poorly in the Lincoln City Relays finishing after Lincoln High who won the meet with 96 points, and Northeast who had 57 points.

This meet is composed of all relays and the two mile run plus field events.

INTRAMURALS

By Bob Young

The Volleyball season has drawn to a close with Dan Hergert's team coming out on top.

Al Karle Intramurals Director, stated that Hergert's team won the tournament held at the end of the season, so consequently they are the school champions.

When asked about the victory Hergert said, "Well we had a lot of experience on the team and a lot of height, combine that with the fact that we were in perfect shape and were all extremely athletic and you have the winning formula."

Experience could be the key factor in the up-coming softball games.

"According to all the teams, they all have the talent to win the school title," Karle said.

It looks like it will be between the Animal Chapter of the Anthill Mob (an offspring of the Meat Squad and Marky and the Marvels Chapters) and Penbrook's posse, possibly giving The Chocolate Mung softball team a chance to worm their way into the number one position.

Experience wise The Animal Chapter of the Anthill Mob would be in the

number one position. They played a hard schedule last year in the city league. They also have former members of the Southeast baseball team Steve Burns, Steve Sundberg, and Mark Arter. Penbrook's Posse is a team left over from last year. According to Tim Wentz they won the tournament last year but the senior team had fewer losses than they did so the seniors went to the city play offs.

But Chocolate Mung and Penbrook's Posse may have a little bit of trouble when they meet to play each other. They have both listed on their team rosters Greg Neilson. I hope he can play on two teams at the same time.

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Junior Steve Brittenham dashes toward the pit in the City Relays long jump, an event which he leads the state.

Reserve Golfers Head For Grand Island

Traveling for the Grand Island Invitational, the reserve golfers will face ten strong teams from all parts of the state.

"We have really been playing well and the team is really looking good this far in the season," coach Paul Austin said about the reserve golf team.

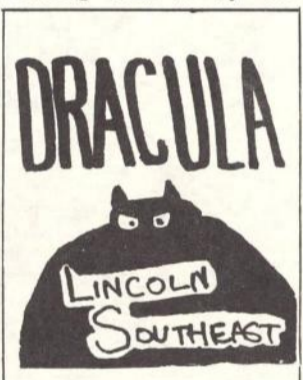
The team has a perfect record thus far in the season beating Pius X by one

stroke in a sudden death play off and defeating Northeast also by one point. Monday, the Knights powered over Lincoln High by 20 strokes.

"One of the main reasons we played so good is because we have been playing very consistent golf. Also because Lincoln High only has three members on their reserve golf squad," sophomore Tom Howard said about the Lincoln High meet.

"There are a number of boys who have done a very good job on the reserve team. They are sophomores Tom Howard, Ken Portche, Tyler Sutton, Bruce Thompson, Mark Johnson, and Terry Barth," Austin said.

Coming up on the reserve's schedule are the Fremont Invitational next Tuesday and a dual meet with Northeast May 4.



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Golfers Play in Grand Island Meet

Today the golfers are traveling to the Grand Island Invitational golf meet. There will be ten teams including all the Lincoln schools, Hastings, Grand Island, Beatrice, McCook, and Kearney.

"Grand Island should be real tough because they are playing on their own course and they have two good consistent golfers," coach Paul Austin said.

Also on the golfers' schedule are the Fremont Invitational, next Monday and on the 30th is the Trans.-Nebraska meet. "We have done real well playing at Holmes and should give us some what of an advantage over the other schools," Austin said about the coming Trans.-Nebraska meet.

Last Friday at Holmes the Knights played in the Capital City Invitational placing seventh out of 19 teams. The Knights placed above Northeast and Pius X but were out played by both Lincoln High and East.

"One reason we didn't do as good as we wanted is because we played at home instead of Pioneers where we are used to playing. But

there was also the simple reason that we were not shooting good, besides the weather," senior Eddie Howard said about the meet.

"We really never should have lost the meet because we have as good of team, if not better a team than any other school in the city," senior Steve Buethe said.

Highlighting the golfing action was the win in the Southeast Invitational. Placing below the Knights were Fremont, Pius X, Lincoln High, Norfolk, Beatrice, Northeast, and Ralston.

"One of the reasons that we did so good was because unlike most meets we took four team scores instead of the usual two or three. That way it gave us an advantage because we have a lot of good consistent players instead of one or two outstanding players," sophomore Clint Dudley said.

Finishing second place by only two points to Fremont at the Norfolk Invitational the Knights were disappointed that they could not have placed higher.

"You can't win a meet shooting just 88's, you have to work as a team and score as a team.

Girls Rank Small In City Track Meets

"We hadn't worked out enough and we don't have enough depth," Jane Loewe said, concerning the girls track team performance in the Lincoln Public Schools relay meet, April 1. The girls finished last place to the other city teams.

Being held at the East field, the Spartans won five of the 10 events in this first girls track meet. The state meet is scheduled for the early part of May in Grand Island.

April 6, the girls competed against East in a dual meet. Thought Southeast lost, Loewe said, "We had some top individuals in the meet, winning five out of 12 events." "One of East's main advantages in track is that they are very well rounded and have a lot of depth," she added.

The Lincoln Public Schools Invitational Meet was held last Friday. Southeast captured just 11 points during the competition.

"Anna Chriseiansen made 10 out of the 11 points for us. She won the discus, throwing it 105 feet, and took second in the shot put," Loewe reflected.

"Mary Burcham was our only girl to qualify in the hurdles, but she did it with her shoes on the wrong feet," Loewe laughed.

The girls meet Northeast today. "They're good competition for us because we're about equal," Loewe noted.

Concerning the team, Loewe said, "We have some very outstanding girls, but only 10 or 15 of the 35 girls come to workouts." However, she said that all the girls are cutting their times.

Baseballers See Links Today With 1-4 Standing Record

Getting off to a slow start, the baseball players have accomplished a 1-4 record thus far. The losses have gone to Pius X, East High, Council Bluffs Thomas Jefferson, and Northeast.

The next game will be today against Lincoln High. "I thought Lincoln High would have the best pitching club in Lincoln before the season, but so far they haven't shown it," coach Charles Gordon said. "We'll soon see," he added.

Concordia is next on the schedule as the Knights confront them Tuesday. "They've always given us a pretty good game," Gordaon reflected. "Since they're a class B team and we're a class A, it will be easier for them to get up for the game. They have nothing to lose," he added.

Losing to Northeast, April 14, the Knights appeared to be playing a degree better. "The boys started to hit the ball for a change. In the past games we hadn't got this performance," Gordon stated.

"Bill Hendricks had two doubles so he was the top player for us against Northeast," Gordon said. "He played a fine game."

Thomas Jefferson beat Southeast by a wide margin, 13-3, April 10. "They've always had a real good ball club. They had real good depth and are probably the best team we've played all year," Gordon said.

Junior Tom Partridge was the leading scorer for the Knights, making two runs. Hendricks gave Southeast the remaining run. Senior Jerry Lutz and junior George Newsham batted in one run apiece.

Though East High edged the baseball players April 6, Gordon said, "This is a game we could have won." The score, 4-1, evidently fails to illustrate the gist of the game.

"We had a good chance of winning it, but a couple of errors lost us the game," Gordon said. He noted that the team must quit making so many errors and improve the quality of pitching.

"The whole game hinges on pitching," Gordon said. "(Larry) Vasholz hasn't come through as well as I thought he would in pitching," he added. Lutz made the only run for the Knights.

April 3, the Knights beat Omaha Tech. "We didn't have too many errors. (Jim) Thompson did a good job; he pitched four innings for us," Gordon stated. "Vasholz and Thompson are our top pitchers but Gary Healey tore a ligament in his leg—otherwise, he probably would have been," he added.

Pius X won a victory of Southeast April 1, with a score of 6-2, at the Thunderbolts' diamond. The Knights' only scorers were juniors Marshall Burlings and Mark Michel.

Knight Life



- April
 - 23 Baseball-Lincoln High 4:30
Golf at Grand Island Invitational
Track-Beatrice
Girls Track at Northeast
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District Music Contest
 - 24 Golf-Beatrice
District Music Contest
Synkra Knights Show 7:30
 - 27 Baseball at Seward Concordia
Golf at Fremont Invitational
 - 29 All School Play 7:30
Track-All City Sophomore Meet
 - 30 Baseball at Lincoln High 4:30
Golf Trans-Nebraska at Holmes Park
Track Trans-Nebraska at North Platte
All School Play 7:30
Girls Track City Championships at East
- May
 - 1 Golf-Grand Island
College Board Tests at East
Baseball at Northeast 4:30
Golf-Reserves, Northeast at Pioneers
 - 6 Baseball-East 4:30
Lincoln Public Schools Reserve Golf Tournament
 - 7 Golf-City Championships
Track-City Championships
Junior-Senior Prom
CLARION
 - 8 Golf-Beatrice
Girls District Track Meet

Student Interest Grows As Cycling Back in Style

by Barb Eaton

"I like to ride my bike because I feel like I'm Superman flying," senior John Van Gundy said.

The two-wheeled vehicle called the bicycle seems to be coming back into style and used by people for a number of different reasons.

"I hate cars, they're so frustrating but bikes are good for you physically as well as mentally and I like to be active, I feel the less cars, the better," senior Cristy Ludwig said.

"Bikes are a reliable form of transportation and cheaper, they're a whole new kind of experience," senior Jim Daniels said.

"I couldn't afford a car and I find the fuel much less, the insurance rates are lower, and also the upkeep is easier," junior Dan Eisenhart said.

"I like riding a bike and it is easier transportation than cars, they're also a lot more fun," junior Christie Shaw said.

"I saw everybody else riding so I decided to buy one and found out it's a lot of fun," senior Dwight Williams said.

Several bicyclers expressed that riding may help to curb problems such as pollution, traffic, and parking.

"Riding a bike is the easiest and most economical way of transportation and it can help to solve a lot of problems such as pollution and traffic," senior Steve Mitchell said.

"You don't have to worry about traffic," and there's no parking problem; it's also one step in fighting pollution," junior Jane Davie said.

"I like passing cars during the rush hour and having them go—what?" senior Virgie Falloon said.

Riding also provides a feeling of freedom for some and a new form of exercise.

"I enjoy riding because I feel like I can go anywhere and do anything, you're closer to the outside if you see something you want to look at, you can stop and look at it without the hassel of a car or traffic," Cristy said.

"You meet all kinds of people and they're great for being in traffic jams, there's the freedom of movement and feeling really good after accomplishing something like riding up a hill," Jim said.

"I feel good with the wind blowing in my face and it's one thing that is really quiet, you don't have to stay on busy streets and bikes save a lot of hassel, they're great," senior Nancy Raun said.

"You're out of the rat race and you're not always in a hurry to get places," Virg said.

"The gentle breeze blowing through your hair makes one feel free," junior Jim Schmehl said.

"It's a lot easier to get places and it's great exercise, it's even better than walking, sophomore Lisa Druliner said.

"I like being out in the fresh air and it's good exercise," Jane said.

A popular style is the bicycle equipped with derailleur gearing which allows the rider to fine-tune the bicycle to adjust to varying road and wind conditions. A common brand is Schwinn, which includes various models of the three, five, and ten speed bicycle such as super sport, suburban, continental, and varsity.

"I like the freedom and relaxation I get when I ride my continental 10 speed," Dan said.

"I got my super spot in early March and it makes it easier and quicker to get places when you don't have a car," Lisa said.

"I bought a 10 speed suburban last summer to

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Development Walk Aids Many Self-Help Projects

"The term development is important, the programs we help will be of a self-help nature," Dennis Demmel, coordinator of the Lincoln Walk for Development, said.

The Lincoln Walk for Development will take place on Saturday May 1st. Volunteers will walk a 19 mile course and then collect money from sponsors for each mile walked.

"Students sign up sponsors who agree to pay a certain amount for each mile walked. Each mile walked is checked off at check points along the way. After the walk, the students collect money from their sponsors and turn it in," sophomore Andy Berger said.

Money collected will be used in various ways. "This walk is sponsored by Youth World Development, the youth organization of the American Freedom From Hunger

Foundation. The money will be divided 42.5 per cent to both international and domestic projects and 15 per cent to the Foundation to continue its educational program, Demmel, University of Nebraska student, said.

Half of the money designated to international projects will be used for irrigation and other agricultural improvements in Botswana, Africa. The other half will be used for similar developments in Mexico.

Domestic funds will be divided into three projects. Five per cent will be donated to the Indian Legal Information Service. The Service is designed to acquaint Indian people of their legal rights and legislation affecting them.

Another 18 3/4 per cent will be used for a Girls Home and the rest of the domestic money will be used for obtaining a social worker for a year for the People's City Mission.

"This social worker would help research and eliminate the problems of people who continue returning to the Mission," Demmel said.

Andy organized an optional assembly for fourth period April 16. A film "Miles to Go" was shown.

"This film captures the spirit of walks in Madison and Milwaukee, Wisconsin and Cleveland, Ohio held last year," Demmel said.

A former Peace Corps worker will also spoke.

Earth Day Emphasis on Community

Earth Day this year was "one big local deal" according to Mary Henderson, founder of Southeast's Ecology Club.

Mary said that the most effective actions can be carried out on the local level, instead of on a national scale as last year's was planned.

Earth Day, which is a day to highlight the anti-pollution movement in America, was on April 22. A week, designated as Earth Week, was set aside this year from April 19 to 26.

Ecology Club had many plans for the E-Week activities, Mary said. The biggest project will be a hike from 27th and to the dumps, to clean up the city along the way. Ecology club members solicited pledges from students and interested citizens to pay for every mile of litter picked up. The money will be donated to the Chet Ager Nature

Center in Pioneer Park.

The hike, which will take place tomorrow, April 24th, will begin at 9:00 in the morning and travel along North 27th street, North 48th, then out to the dumps. The Junior League, the Free Community School, and the Citizens for Environmental Improvement are sponsoring the hike. There will be checking stations at every mile for the hikers to check in and receive food and water.

An assembly on Thursday was also held. Earl Kendall Assistant Chief of Research for the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission was the main speaker. Handouts were also given to inform the students what they, as individuals could do to clean up the environment.

Also on April 22, a mass bicycle

migration to Gateway shopping center was staged. Students met in front of the University of Nebraska student union, and rode their bikes to Gateway. The idea was to combat auto pollution, Mary said.

Starting this week and continuing indefinitely, Leons's Food Mart will have bins to deposit newspapers and aluminum cans, Mary said.

Buckley Receives Elks Award; First Girl to Become Winner

"It was quite a surprise," was senior Bren Buckley's comment on her becoming the girls first place winner of the National Elks Youth Leadership Award.

Every contestant presented a brochure explaining his or her

activities and a three hundred word essay on leadership. The participants were judged at the lodge level; the first place winners in the girls and boys divisions advanced to the state contest. The winners in the state contest then advanced to the national level.

Bren, who is the first national first place winner from Nebraska in the twenty-two years of the award will receive a two thousand dollar savings bonds. Also

Bren will attend the National Elks Convention in New Orleans where she will address the Elks in a five minute speech.

"I hope it reflects on Southeast," Bren said.

On May 5, the local winner will be honored at a banquet. Senior John Frey will be recognized for winning the local boys award, Bren for winning the girls division and Senior Cindy Raasch will be honored for winning the Elk's outstanding Student award.

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Reasons Cited by Cheerleaders For Decline of Number In Tryouts

The number of girls trying out for varsity cheerleader this year is "real small" according to Pat Partridge, varsity cheerleader.

Pat cited several reasons for this. "Many girls feel that the cheerleaders have pretty well been decided because there were six reserves" she said, but felt that all girls have an equal opportunity. Also many are realizing that the job is "not all glory. It's a lot of work" Pat said.

Jaime Swanson, varsity cheerleader, agreed with

this. "Girls are realizing that there's a lot more to take an interest in besides cheerleading" she said "It's not the only way to have spirit."

Qualifications have been changed for try-outs, also. A girl must be a member of junior fall and winter pep club to be eligible to try out. This cut some girls out, Pat felt.

Jaime felt that there was a definite difference in the attitude of this year's try-outs. "It's mainly due to a lack of spirit" she said. She felt they have the

feeling but are afraid to show it.

Pat said that this year, the cheerleaders are trying to get the girls to "show spirit as well as have it. We want to teach not only the motions but everything else it takes to be a cheerleader," she said.

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NU Stages Opera 'Tommy'

. . .Casts, Crews, Include Knights

by Debbi Patton

Insight into the "Amazing Journey"—the birth of Tommy, deaf, dumb, and blind, communicated with the audience, commented senior Jim Daniels, who portrayed Cousin Kevin in the Kosmet Klub production of the rock opera "Tommy."

Cousin Kevin was "the image of Eddy Hassel, nice on the outside, but nasty on the inside," Jim said. Jim also served as a dancer in the chorus.

As Cousin Kevin, Jim portrayed a typical "classroom boy." "There were parallel bars set up on stage which were suppose to be a cage in which Tommy was in. I ran around and did things like beat on Tommy besides my singing," Jim said.

"This was only the first or second time 'Tommy' has ever been produced," Jim said. "Mike Dobbins, the director, did a great job of producing. It was put on with today's music but the allegory was carried out in the renaissance man," Jim said.

"Dobbins built Tommy up to be Christ. The people saw through him and in the end rejected him completely," Jim said.

"I wasn't expecting what I saw because I had never seen a rock opera before. It was really neat to see the Biblical subject of Christ's life fitted to form a rock opera," senior Mary Tiemann commented on "Tommy." "We definitely need more plays of this type in Lincoln," Mary added.

Senior Carolyn Hull, who staged the make-up for the production of "Tommy", thought it was the most fascinating show she has ever worked on.

"The director not only interpreted Tommy as being Jesus, but made it fitting for today. The allegory was great. The songs and actions fitted and represented Christ's story," Carolyn said.

"I designed the make-up for 'Tommy' and then I and my crew executed it. I was also backstage during the show to help those who needed it," Carolyn said.

Make-up crew member, senior Julie Jenkins, described "Tommy" as "extensive, different, and very involved." Make-up staged an

important part in the production. For example, one member of Music, a local band who performed the music, had a painted burning cross and flames on his chest and three white stars on his forehead. A red nose, blue face, and silver hair and beard completed the facial features. All characters followed this similar style, Julie said.

"Technically 'Tommy' has been the best theatrical production I've ever experienced and we definitely need more like this in Lincoln," Julie said.

"We'd spent about three months working on 'Tommy.' Our rehearsals usually lasted from seven to twelve at night. We were really pushing it towards the end though, working till six in the morning," Jim said.

The usual problems appeared at the theatrical production. Lighting and music problems appeared but were soon worked out. "The production went real good the first night, but we seemed to be a little more nervous the second night, probably because we had built up our confidence," Jim said.

Senior Corky March who viewed the rock opera "would like now to see somebody do 'Jesus Christ Superstar'."



Original and unusual costumes were seen at the annual Sadie Hawkins dance as girls learn the techniques of chivalry at the refreshment table. Dave Magee and Kris Bozarth, dressed as grandfather clocks, were crowned king and queen later in the evening.

Student Council Makes Definite Plans for Mall

After several years of discussion and different proposals on improving the Southeast mall, a recent anonymous donation of money has enabled student council to make definite plans for its development.

According to Charles Slagle, president of Future Architects, who are designing the area, it is purely landscaping. "We are not planing one yard of concrete or sidewalk. It's just trees and shrubbery," he said.

The new landscaping will go into the area by the cafeteria where students are now allowed to eat lunch. The six new trees will be placed carefully to provide several small enclosed areas to be used

during the lunch hour and perhaps for classes as well, Charles said.

Besides providing more seclusion for students eating outdoors, it will also break up the area so students playing football and other games throughout the entire mall will be forced to move out into the field by the tennis courts, he said.

Also for the benefit of students lounging in the mall, especially during lunch, several park benches will be installed.

There will be a total of six trees planted, Charles said, most of which would probably be classified as "ornamental."

A Japanese lilac, several different types of crab trees and two red bud trees will be planted along with several different kinds of bushes, he continued. The trees bloom at various times and will be 1-1½ inches in diameter and 6-8 feet tall when planted. None grow to over 20-25 feet, he said.

"I'd like to see it in before this senior class leaves," Charlie said. Hopefully the trees can be ordered within the next few weeks as the prime time for planting is spring.

"It's going to take the whole student body or clubs at Southeast to make the whole thing happen, he continued.

New Course in Auto Mechanics to Be Offered Next Year in Effort to Expand Curriculum

A new course in auto mechanics will be instigated at Southeast next fall barring any difficulties in getting an instructor, Dr. David Myers, vice-principal said.

The class is an effort to broaden the curriculum offered at Southeast in such areas, Myers said, and has been considered for some time now.

There were several major

considerations in establishing the course. Finding an instructor may prove to be the biggest problem, Myers said. "It's very difficult to find one."

The class will be taught in room 125 which is now being used as parking space for drivers education cars. The simulator room may also be incorporated in the new teaching area, he said.

Ideally withing several years, if the interest in the course is high, a small

concrete workroom or "shed", could be built on the grounds in back of the building to provide work space for the class, Myers continued.

About 130 students have signed up for the course for next year, Myers said. These students will work on General Motors and Ford engines, dismantling and assembling various parts. In more advanced classes the hope is to have students work with their own cars and apply their learning, Myers added.

This will not be the first time Southeast has had auto

mechanics. When the school first opened the course was offered but it "dried up from a lack of enrollment," Myers said. The interest in the course appears to be back up now, he added.

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replace the junker I've had since fourth grade," Nancy said.

Having the gears enable the bicyclist to maintain a steady, even pace and increase the speed over the normal bicycle.

"You can really get going fast, almost as fast as a car and on a bike that's a really weird feeling," Dwight said.

"I was riding so fast that I got a ticket for going 45 in a 35 mile zone and running a stop sign but the ticket was dismissed because the judge couldn't believe it and neither could I," John said.

Besides providing a form of transportation within the city limits, several riders are planning camping trips and visits to nearby towns. A bicycle supplies a new source of enjoyment and an opportunity to do different things.

"I like being able to ride anywhere you want and if you have a car you're restricted, but on a bike you can go anywhere and do anything," sophomore Laura Wiedman said.

"It's an easy way for me to be by myself wherever I want to be. Anytime I want to go some place I can just get on my bike. It's also an opportunity to be with friends," Steve said.

"The best time to ride is about 6 or 6:30 a.m., the streets are empty and you have them all to yourself. Last spring a bunch of us would ride downtown to Scotts for breakfast and then ride to school," senior Mary Kudlacek said.

"This summer, I'm planning to ride to some of the smaller towns around Lincoln and go on camping trips," Nancy said.

"I like to ride on Saturday afternoons and I usually ride to school. This summer some of us are considering a trip to Colorado by bike," John said.

"I like riding with a bunch of kids, that's the funnest thing, riding all over Lincoln, downtown, Pioneers Park, and anywhere I want to go," Christie said.



George Pearce's Spanish classes have been playing games! "It gives them a change of pace from the regular class, and gives them a chance to use the language." The classes have been adapting and translating games such as Password, Scrabble, Clue, and Monopoly. All these games "involve words and usage of words," Pearce said.

Seniors, Sophomore Win Local Contests

Seniors John Fox and Julie Dresselhaus and sophomore Steve Krantz early in February started working on essays and speeches which gave them top honors in two contests.

Essays on Americanism were written by John and Julie. "The contest centered around the idea of youth leadership," Julie said, "I thought the topic was relevant about what I think about today."

First place winner received 15 dollars and the second place winner ten dollars. Julie, second place winner said, "I haven't decided what I will do with the money yet." She wrote on activities a student can participate in during his high school career to then go on to government leadership.

John, first place winner, built his essay around youth today and their need to decide what they want for themselves.

"I presented both the good and bad sides of American and stressed that it is up to the individual to decide what he believes is true," John said. He included quotations from Emerson and Socrates and tying them into his general theme.

"My essay will now be sent into state competition where if I should win, will receive a 25 dollar savings bond," John said.

Steve competed in the Optimist Oratorical Contest. "I presented a five minute speech on the topic, 'This I Believe,'" Steve said.

Competing against two ninth grade students "really gave me tough competition," Steve said. "I let the judges hear what they wanted to hear about America," Steve said.

On May 2, Steve will participate in the Zone Contest in Fairbury, Nebraska, where he will be competing for the West O Optimist Club of Lincoln.

'Color My World' Theme to Be Setting, For Fun, Informal Atmosphere of Prom

"Springy and fun" will be the atmosphere for this year's Junior-Senior Prom to be May 7 from 9-12 pm, Julie McBride, Junior-Senior Prom general chairman said.

This year's theme is "Color My World" and will be carried out with dominate colors of hot orange and bright yellow and tissue flowers of all color, Julie said.

The Elastic Band will play for the Prom. "The throne is going to be cool and weird. It will be two swings, hopefully sturdy enough to sit in," she said. A swing set will also be used for couples to sit on to have their pictures taken.

It will be a more informal atmosphere, "because there are more peasant dresses and checks that go with it," Julie said.

In preparing for the Prom the refreshments,

decorations, and throne committees have all been combined because they all fit in with the decoration scheme, she said.

Problems in money raising projects have resulted in some cutbacks, one of which is in refreshments although "last year they said a lot was wasted," Julie said.

Borrowing instead of making decorations will also help cut the cost, Julie said. We are borrowing park benches, trees and scrubbery," Priscilla Raasch, decorations chairman said.

"Last year over \$1000 was spent (on the whole prom) but we're trying to make it on \$900," Julie said.

"Four-hundred dollars was brought in last year with ticket sales so we are planning that the balance will be made up by the sales this year," Nancy Shaffer, junior class treasurer, said.

The main cause of the problems is just "a lack of enthusiasm and involvement on the part of the junior class. We considered not having a Prom because the same group of about 12 were doing everything," Julie said.

"But now everybody's getting more involved, but it was right down to the wire," Julie said. "We are beginning to get more cooperation and people," Priscilla said.

FHA Week Promotes Interest

Future Homemakers of America Club, in order to stimulate interest and membership for the club, participated in National FHA Week, March 28 through April 3.

Activities for the week included making cakes for the teachers' lounges, presenting corsages to Mrs. Sharon Waldo and Mrs.

Elaine Miller, FHA sponsors, and a breakfast given on the last day honoring senior members of the club. Members also posted signs around school to publicize FHA Week.

Club members went to several junior high schools to inform ninth graders about the club, and they also plan to plant a rose bush in front of school, Marcee Perry, coordinator of FHA Week said.

Planting the rose bush will have to wait until June however, Marcee added.

Marcee had "mixed feeling" about the success of the week's activities, although she did think it helped inform people about the club.

Pam Tomlinson, FHA president praised the club members for "working hard on the projects."



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