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'Color My World' With Bright Colors At Tonight's Prom

"Color My World" will set the mood for the Junior-Senior Prom to be held tonight at Southeast from 9-12 p.m. Decorations have been completed and only a few minor details are awaiting last minute touches, Julie McBride, general chairman said.

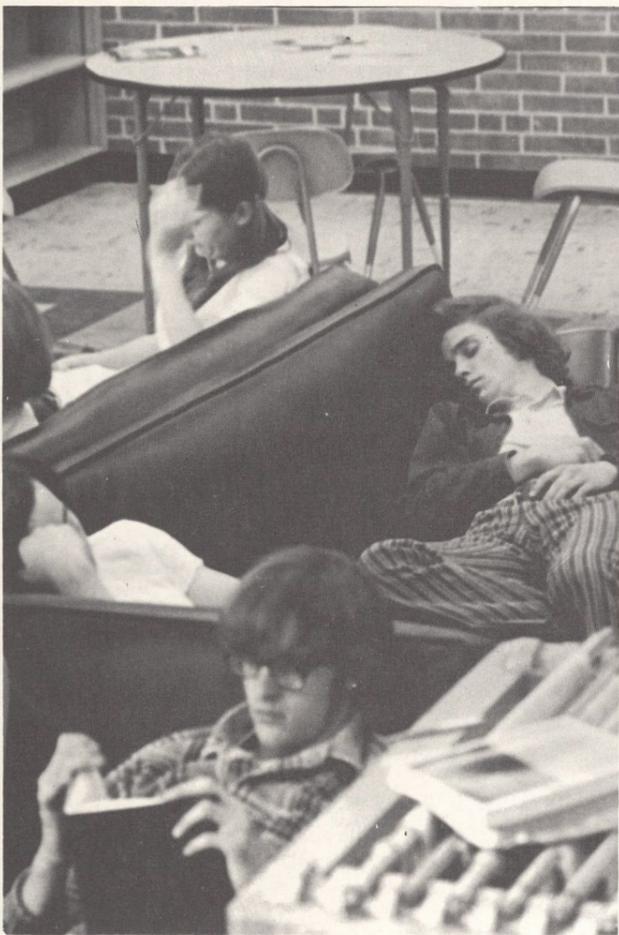
The theme will be carried out in an array of bright colors with tissue flowers decorating the gym, Julie said.

All juniors were eligible for king and queen. Finalists were voted upon by the junior class and will be crowned at tonight's dance. King finalists are: Scott Bloom, Brad Brestel, Brad Buethe, Dave Magee, Redge Meierhenry, Mark Michael, Tom Partridge, Egbert Thompson, Larry Vasholtz, and Tom Wiese.

Finalists for Queen include: Sue Bott, Patty Horn, Pam Jones, Sue Lohrberg, Julie McBride, Kathy McKee, Marcee Metzger, Cindy Nielson, Nancy Shaffer, and Chris Shuptar.

Ticket sales, rather slow last week, have picked up a lot the last few days, Dave Magee, ticket chairman said. "Tickets sales seem to have picked up the last couple of days. . .but then there are always those who buy their tickets at the last minute," Dave said.

Though ticket sales have not been completed, financially the Prom is doing great, Julie said. "We were ahead \$25 before the tickets even went on sale, so undoubtedly we will probably make money on the dance," Julie added. Last year tickets were relied on for a source of income to promote the Prom.



Making the school a more exciting and interesting place to learn, was one of the proposals given by Mrs. Jean Ragnow's sixth period philosophy class which studied educational reform.

Class Researches Education Reform

by Candy Carroll

Mrs. Jean Ragnow's sixth period philosophy class decided to study the current education system and then wrote an essay submitting their proposals.

The paper is the result of the class' research of books, magazine articles and speeches on education. "It is important that the paper be written in the perspective of students," senior Steve Meston, who was on the committee which wrote the paper, said. Steve believes it is the students who can "make or break" a new idea or program and that students should express their opinions and ideas in logical, well thought-out manners in order for society to know what the students want.

At present, the paper is still in a rough draft form as the committee of five revise and study their proposals. They plan to complete the essay in a week.

Basically the "proposals encompass education in general originating at the elementary level," Steve explained. The idea of the proposed education system would work only if it was started at the first level of education "attempting to make school more exciting and motivating the child in his field of interest," he explained. Students would have to grow up in this different

educational environment in order for it to be effective.

The paper will not be forgotten after completion. Already it is on the move.

"Sue Polsky and Sue Modenstein have already given a copy to Dr. John Holt, a national figure on education reform, who is with the University of Nebraska. We are now waiting for his critique," Steve said.

The students' ideas will be submitted to Southeast's administration, including the Building Advisory Committee and the Public Schools' Administration.

They also have tentatively set a day to go on television to "get the public stirred up and thinking," said.

Parents and families have been handed the essay for comments.

Most parents felt the essay was well written and showed sophistication. "They liked the idea of getting back to the family and individualized instruction," senior John Frey, who is also on the committee said.

They criticized it for generality "but we could only give them the rough draft, which didn't have much of the detail which we are adding," he said.

The essay expresses student feelings toward the present system saying students have little actual influence over decisions and that the system dehumanizes the students. They stress the importance and continued increase of young people's suggestions in the nation.

Non-compulsory education would be the end product of the proposed system realizing that it could not be obtained overnight but rather over an extended period of time.

The group desired no grading at all and felt exposure of subject matter rather than force would be better.

Advisors instead of teachers would be implemented based on how they could relate with students. Parents would be used also as in the present mini course system but much more, Steve explained.

Students to Produce Original Musical

... 'World Almanac' Premieres May 20

by Barb Eaton

"Penny and I wanted to write a musical and we were looking for a book to base it on and no one has ever based a musical on a book of facts, so we did," senior Bob Goodman said.

The "World Almanac" is a musical comedy written by seniors Penny Andros and Bob Goodman. The two-act play covers a fifty nine page script and the music which was composed by Bob will also be performed by him on the piano.

"We thought of the story and just sat down to write. Steve Shelley helped us so it became a co-authorship, we wrote the script and lyrics to the songs and I wrote the music," Bob said.

Four seniors assistants gather to write the World Almanac and the play evolves around their episodes of working all though the night. Other members of the cast include an insane, hypertentious secretary played by senior Sue Schroeder, two office cleaning women, Nancy Holyoke and Trish Haynes, and a singing janitor and his wife, Scott

Thompson and Mary Tiemann.

"I am a secretary to a person who is never seen, I'm a totally insane and fidgety person, I have a crush on Steve Shelley who hates me and there's a constant conflict between the two of us," Sue Schroeder said.

"The cleaning woman that I play is young and flighty like a little mechanical doll that's wound up too tight," Nancy Holyoke said.

"The character of the Italian cleaning woman I play is small but good. It's a comic release because she is so loud and boisterous and interrupts the working assistants," Trish Haynes said.

"I'm the janitor who is kind of the philosopher and keep the Almanac going," Scott Thompson said.

"I'm the wife of the singing janitor who comes to bring her husband dinner and adds to the confusion," Mary Tiemann said.

The authors began writing the play in October and finished in January. The musical was written for the cast, that is characters were created to fit the people as opposed to writing the play and then selecting a cast.

"It was really interesting how it came about. I fell in love with the music when I heard Bob rehearsing "Almanac" and asked him to write me in a part. Then they started adding more people and type-cast the parts," Sue said.

"I knew they were writing the musical and I was really interested and wanted to be in it so I jokingly asked them to put me in it and they did," Mary said.

"I mentioned I'd like to be in it and they kind of wrote me in a part," Scott said.

Members of the cast will also handle the other necessary areas of producing a show such as publicity, tickets and lights. The sets are abstract and unrealistic and props such as windows and walls will be distorted. The cast and interested students are financing the show which is to be produced May 20, 21, 22.

"We will collect two hundred dollars worth of investments from the cast and interested students and then they will receive a certain percent of the net gross after the show," Bob said.

Bob's talent of playing the piano also adds to the musical in that he will be providing all the music.

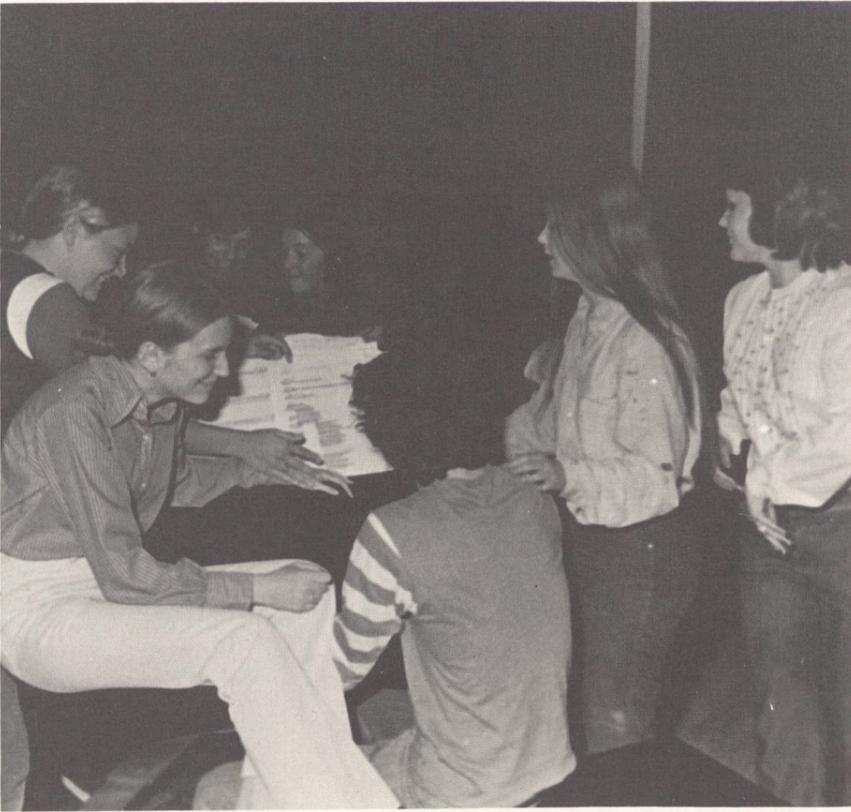
"The music is really nice and there is a lot of music, probably more than the lines,"

Nancy said.

"The music is fantastic and doesn't sound like anything else. I think the most striking thing is its originality," Sue said.

The fact that "Almanac" is the original production of students is probably the most outstanding feature.

"It's a fun musical, not really too deep in plot and has a lot of catchy tunes. It's an active musical and it will be nice to see something produced that you've been a part of," Trish said.



Members of the cast for "World Almanac", a musical written by seniors Bob Goodman, Penny Andros, and Steve Shelley, rehearse one of the songs in the script.

Graduation Speeches Narrowed to Five

Steve Andrews, John Frey, Coleen McGraw, John O'Shea, and Cindy Raasch have been selected as finalists for commencement speakers.

After indicating an interest and receiving preliminary information, students submitted a written copy of their speech, Mrs. Olinda Boslau, English and debate teacher said. The speeches are evaluated on the basis of content, originality and clarity.

The speeches of the finalists will then be presented orally in front of a committee of eleven people, made up of faculty, administration, and students, Mrs. Boslau explained.

Mrs. Boslau said that the speeches submitted generally reflect the "idea of people wanting to be better citizens for a better world. Kids are concerned about that kind of thing—making a better place to live in," she said.

Two or three students will be selected to speak.

Youth Receive Responsible Voice

More and more the youth is demanding, and receiving, a voice in the making of decisions which affect them directly. In the Lincoln Public Schools an advisory board has been set up to advise Superintendent John Prash on a variety of matters. Still in its first year, the board, which is made up of the student council president's, editors of the school papers, and two other students from each of the public high schools, has been very successful. It has opened up a valuable channel of communication between the superintendent and the students. Also it has given the students on the board an insight into the complexities of the school system.

Plans are now being made, through the Superintendents Student Advisory Board to get together some students to help the administration with the lunch system.

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At Southeast Dr. Lauterbach has started the Building Advisory meetings. At these meetings students discuss problems with faculty and administrators.

At North Platte the city government is trying to get in direct contact with the youth of the city. The Parks and Recreation Department has set up an advisory board of youth from junior high through college to help develop a recreation program for the young people in North Platte.

In a story in the North Platte Telegraph, Parks and Recreation Director Jess Caudillo, said that most of the programs that he came up with were getting no response from the older students.

"This council would be a chance for youths to plan what they want, not what we think they want," Caudillo said.

Caudillo said that he would like the council to be made up of students other than the "ideal" students.

Others in North Platte are proposing having the youth council also have a voice on the city council's policy committee. The idea is to have youth advise the police department on drug education programs and tell the department how the police should act or are treating individuals, especially youths.

The idea that North Platte seems to have of getting kids involved in the city is an excellent one. The youth council could get more students interested in their city. Also it gives youths their right to a voice in decisions that will affect them directly.

A youth council such as North Platte has could be started in Lincoln if both city administrators and students would support it. It could get students interested in city government and its operations.

More and more young people are receiving a voice of responsibility in decisions that will affect them. But how effective that voice becomes will depend on the kids themselves. It must be used in a conscientious and productive way if it is to be listened to.

'School Fails to Give Relevant Education'

Editor:

The past three years at Southeast I've been repeatedly told that Southeast has a high standard of education and how smart the students are. So I sat down and thought about what I have learned here and how the school was when I was a sophomore to how it is now. It wasn't hard to figure out that Southeast and the school system are failing to give the students a relevant education. While the world around us is changing rapidly the schools are still using the same methods they used 20 or 30 years ago.

The teachers will ask the students what the 3 main causes for World War I were or what is the longest river in Africa but they don't talk about the things that are really important to the students like birthcontrol, racial prejudices, drugs, or love of your brothers and sisters.

The school system will spend thousand of dollars a year on desks, chalk, overhead projectors, and green blackboards that play a small role in making the students learn any better or faster.

They say that about five years after I graduate my education will become practically obsolete, so what I'll become is a 23 year old encyclopedia of outdated information. This is not what I wanted to become after 12 years of school.

The administrators forget that the schools are to serve the students. But, they usually don't realize this because they're too busy playing games with the students, trying to see who can be the sneakiest and seeing how many students you can catch skipping.

As for the courses, they seem to be made up of about 55 boring minutes, where, contrary to popular belief, there is little learning. A course is something you take and then forget once you've had it. A course seems to be a quiz show where the teachers ask the questions and the students must come up with the right answers. The prize is a grade. But this only seems to work if the students value the prize. It seems that a course should be continuing exchange of ideas rather than a series of lessons and chapters. But perhaps some teachers have nothing to say to students. They seem to be afraid of them. Maybe that's what lesson plans are for, a diversion to that no one need say anything to anyone.

Even though the teachers won't admit it, what students really learn in school is:

1. Acceptance is better than active criticism.
2. Recall is the highest form of intellectual achievement, and the collection of unrelated facts is the goal of education.
3. Voice of authority is to be trusted and valued more than independent judgement.
4. One's own ideas and those of one's classmates are of little meaning.
5. Feelings are irrelevant in education.

The only reason I can think of for schools being so irrelevant is that our society, in general, does not care for its youth. This means that in spite of the fact that it makes available to our youth incredible sums of money, they exploit us, mock out attempts

of self expression, and do not provide us with opportunities for living manly, dignified, and productive youthful lives.

In order for Southeast to keep from becoming dead in the future I feel that the students and the teachers must form some sort of colition that would enable the students and teachers to work together to improve the school. I feel that there are teachers in this school who are trying to change the school but they get discouraged or just don't have much to work with. But if we can bring all the students in the school together and get the teachers behind us, we can all work together to make some changes and improve the school so it will become a true place of learning and togetherness.

Tom LeBaron

can't they give letters that say either varsity for varsity members and reserves for those who deserve a letter on reserves?

I have heard that some of the other schools either have had or they have such letters. I'm sure that the players moral and willingness to play would be greatly boosted if they did these letters.

George Buckner

Editor:

It seems that there has been a change in the policy of treatment of truant students. I was always for a change because three zeroes was pretty ridiculous for skipping one class, but I think the school is carrying it a little too far when they brutally beat students for skipping things such as Guidance Career Day. I am referring to last Career Day when a student was coming into school after skipping the Career Classes. He walked in the door, was grabbed and slammed against the wall by a coach who also teaches. The coach then began to punch the student in the chest demanding information about other students. I think the old method of three zeroes is better and a little bit more legal.

Dave Burden

Editors Note: The incident occurred after a car full of students drove by the school and someone in the car shouted an obscene remark at the teacher. When the student in the letter, who was not in the same car, came in from skipping, he was apprehended and struck by the same teacher. The administration is aware of the incident and has spoken to all of those involved.

There is no law against corporal punishment in Nebraska. It is against Lincoln Public Schools policy for teachers to use corporal punishment.

Editor:

There are several of us who go to last lunch and when we are through eating we sometimes like to sit in the cafeteria and talk until the end of the period.

Besides the fact that there isn't enough food left by the end of the lunch period, the cafeteria women cleaning the tables push us out of the lunchroom before the period is quite over. Since this is our lunch period, we feel that we should be able to stay for our full half hour if we please.

We feel that these women aren't quite in that big of a hurry to get the tables done especially if there are still people eating.

Kathy Jensen
Cindy Wilson
Patty Schmidt
Svd Whitehead

Editors Note: The women in the cafeteria do have a time schedule to keep to. The cafeteria supervisor said that they clean the tables where no one is sitting first, though.



Editor:

In your April 2 issue, you ran an article about the value of the Southeast sports letter "S".

They say the way to get a letter is through a fair system. But I say it's not fair enough for all the players. A player may get a letter only if he is a member of the varsity squad, and then only if he acquires a certain amount of points.

What about the reserves? What do we get to show for our many weeks of hard work? We get a sheet of finely lettered paper that says thanks John Doe for your hard work and time.

I understand that the coaches can't take everyone on varsity, but

A Closer Look

by Nancy Quinlan

"I just get no respect," is the line of a popular comedian. Unfortunately, the same could be said by many Southeast administrators and teachers.

At a recent assembly, several administrators attempted to inform the group of students about upcoming activities, and for the most part, their endeavors were met with noise, lack of attention and general disorder.

On returning from the assembly, a "student" remarked "Well, they (the administrators) get as much respect as they deserve!"

Hopefully, this opinion is held by only a small minority of students, who are quite obviously unaware of what the administrators and teachers are trying to do. The actions and merits of these individuals can stand on their own, and most students are aware of and are grateful for the fair, liberal atmosphere at Southeast, produced by the administration and faculty.

The question of respect given to

these individuals, however, or to anyone else is worth evaluating. It seems that it is not only open-season for administrators, but for teachers as well.

In addition to constant complaints this school year about "repression", and "dire need" for open-campus, many students have unofficially proclaimed 1970-71 as being the year to gripe about "hall duty" teachers just doing their jobs, which is necessary because of students not doing theirs. It has become popular of late, to believe that these faculty members exist for the sole purpose of "repressing the freedom of students" or some other such trite reason.

In any case, it is obvious that on occasion, faculty members too, are subject to rather unfair criticism and frequent disrespect.

Another area in which some students consider it acceptable to show a lack of respect is toward their

own classmates. Being able to listen attentively to other students or just being quiet are traits that high-school students should have developed in kindergarten. Since there are obviously some who have not learned this simple form of respect, perhaps a brush-up course in "kindergarten studies" could be instigated at Southeast.

This of course usually does not apply to the majority of students, but if it exists at all, it hurts everyone.

The lack of respect for authority of just common discourtesy needn't be tolerated by faculty members or administrators and whether respect is considered "old fashioned," "unnecessary" or whatever, it is nevertheless a factor that needs to be evaluated by everyone, so that in the future no one will ever feel the need to say...

"I just get no respect around this school!"

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Muskie, Yorty Appear Prominent Democrats Split on Issues

by Nancy Holyoke

A general crisis of confidence in America, the war in Indo-China, and unemployment were stressed in a speech given by Senator Edmund Muskie of Maine in Lincoln on April 25.

"I wonder about the capacity of our country to survive as a democracy," Muskie said. America has "fallen so short in the past that more and more Americans have wondered if the democratic system has broken down," he said. Muskie cited FBI and military intelligence, the surveillance of Earth Day activities, and the attacks on the free press and the young people of today, as leading to this crisis of faith. "They breed fear; they breed disrespect; and they breed suspicion and distrust," Muskie said.

"No issue in my lifetime has undermined public confidence more than the war in Indo-China," Muskie continued.

According to Muskie, the American people want desperately to get out of Vietnam. They need a set date as assurance "that we intend to use our power not to impose our will through force of arms, but to lend a helping hand for a just and passive peace," he said.

Problems of the economy such as the large unemployment statistics, are closely tied in with the United States involvement in the Vietnam war, Muskie said. Last year over 300,000 veterans were unemployed in the States after active duty.

"We can find something for them to do in the jungles of Indo-China, somehow we've found nothing for them to do here," he said. Now is the time to give our young men a chance to build a successful America, not keep them tied down in the jungle, he said.

The Nixon administration has failed in the running of the economy, Muskie said. "Prices go up, job opportunities go down," he said.

"When unemployment in Lincoln goes up over 40% and unemployment in Omaha goes up 60%, in two years, it's not a game," he said.

"I don't pretend to have the answer," Muskie said. "But I do know that what

this administration has offered is the wrong answer."

"There is plenty of work that needs to be done in America. . . it is time we understood that we do not need war. . . we need peace," Muskie said.

According to Muskie, many people opposing the war have been accused of isolationism, wanting the United States to withdraw from the rest of the world. The senator feels these labels of a "new form of isolationism" do not apply to the demonstrations and public concern over the war.

"We have the strongest obligation to the keeping of the peace," he said. "I am not opposed to American commitments in the world, but I must confess I had somewhat different commitments in mind," Muskie added.

Commitments such as a stronger United Nations, capable of keeping world peace and doing away with anarchy among nations, is what America should dedicate itself to, Muskie said.

Muskie spoke at the Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner of the Nebraska Democratic Party. In his opening remarks he praised the recent democratic victory of Governor J. J. Exon. "We're with them and we're with you in every conceivable way," Muskie said.

Yorty Urges Moderation

"Most Democrats I feel are pulling the party too far to the left," Sam Yorty, mayor of the city of Los Angeles, said, at a press conference in Lincoln on April 24.

Yorty wants, "a chance to bring our party back a little more toward the middle," and is therefore going to New Hampshire to try to get a feel of public support for his nomination on the Democratic ticket for president in '72. New Hampshire has the earliest primary and how he runs there will determine whether or not his name shows up on the Nebraska ballot, he said.

Among other prominent Democrats are senators George McGovern and Edmund Muskie, both of whom are possible contenders for the nomination.

If either of these two men did receive their party's nomination. "I doubt if I could ever support them," Yorty said. "I think they are doing this country a disservice and their party a disservice."

Yorty emphasized his belief in a "strong national defense posture," for the United States.

"I do not believe in appeasing," he said, citing parallels from the American stance in Vietnam and that with Germany in World War II. "You appease them a little bit and there's no end to it," he continued.

According to Yorty, making public statements on the dates of withdrawal of troops from the war is a mistake, as it gives a definite advantage to the enemy militarily.

The president "has been forced into some positions he would rather have not taken," Yorty said. Some Democrats are opposing Nixon, more than they are opposing his war policies, Yorty said, while they should be acting in the "interest of the country." Vietnamization he added, is bringing an end to this "stockpile tragedy for young men of the United States."

Although Yorty agrees with the president on the war in Vietnam, Yorty defines the economy as Nixon's weak point. According to Yorty, Nixon is contracting the economy in an effort to curb inflation too fast, and many people are unemployed as a result. Yorty criticized Nixon's planning of a deficit budget for the coming year. "He's taken some bad advice in the economic field," Yorty said.

In the area of pollution, Los Angeles has made great strides, Yorty continued. "Los Angeles is not even in the top ten of American cities in air pollution," he said, citing the clean-up of stationary sources of pollution, such as industries.

The upcoming presidential election will hinge on domestic policies and issues such as welfare and the plight of the cities, as opposed to the war, Yorty said.

"We need an objective set of national priorities," he said.

Senior Bar-B-Q, Annual Events Mark Year End

Spring Day and the senior barbeque will be Friday, May 14.

Spring Day, sponsored by International Club, will be during sixth and seventh periods. Tickets to be excused from classes will be sold next week for 75 cents. The money will go into the AFS fund.

There will be several activities during the afternoon. The mall will be open, so people can go outside and talk, Pat Herriott, International Club president, said. "We also want to have something in the pool, and we would like to get some of the school vocal groups to sing", Pat said.

Concessions will be sold, "probably popsicles and other things," Pat said. The Shield staff will be selling unused pictures in the office windows during the afternoon, according to publications advisor, Larry Fauss.

The senior barbeque will be in the parking lot at 6:30, Steve Andrews, senior class president, said. It will last about an hour and a half, Steve said, so that people "can do whatever they usually do on Friday nights."

"To recognize achievement," is the reason given by assistant principal Don Darnell, for the 16th annual Awards Assembly, May 18.

The first 3 to 4 years of the assembly all awards were presented including ten athletic awards.

"It has evolved into a time where we recognize mostly seniors who have won scholarships and awards," Darnell said.

The seniors fill out forms listing any scholarships or awards that they have won. The faculty department heads recognize students from their department. Also, men from civic groups come to the assembly to present some of the awards.

Darnell felt that the Awards Assembly was "definitely worthwhile".

All-School Pep Club Formed With Changes in Constitution

In a recent survey concerning the status of Pep Club, it was found that the majority of students do want some kind of Pep Club.

The survey also revealed that well over 200 girls would be willing to be active members, according to Mrs. Jan Kinney, Pep Club sponsor. "This is encouraging," she said.

At a meeting for prospective Pep Club members last week, approximately this many attended. Mrs. Kinney noted that the attendance was about "half juniors and

half sophomores." The result of the meeting was the establishment of one combined club open to seniors, juniors and incoming sophomores, and regardless of previous membership.

Constitutional changes for the new club were drawn up by a committee consisting of two sophomores, two juniors, one cheerleader, one club officer and a sponsor.

Some changes in the constitution include the elimination of merit points. Members will now be required to attend 70% of all sport

activities per semester. Another significant change is that officers will be selected from senior, junior or sophomore club members.

"I think it will be a stronger Pep Club next year because of having fewer strict rules and regulations," Mrs. Kinney said.

"All we ask really is that

members look and act like members of the club," she added.

One of the reasons for setting up an all school club was that the sponsors and administrators felt the regulated membership of just juniors and senior club was "penalizing too many students," Mrs. Kinney explained.

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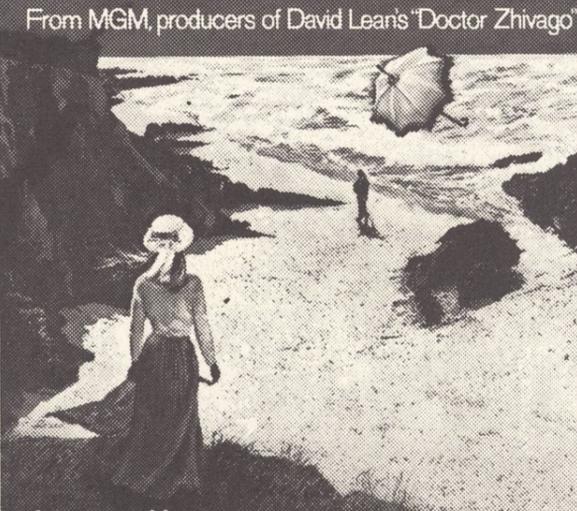
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Spring has sprung, the bird is on the wing, and the flowers are on the trees as evidenced by the many flowering trees now in bloom around the Southeast grounds.

Southeast Hosts Play Festival: Scholarships to be Awarded To Students for Acting Ability

Southeast will be hosting a one-act play festival today and tomorrow with participants from 13 other schools from across the state.

The one-act plays will be presented Friday in the auditorium, Julie Jenkins, participant from Southeast said. Judges from Doane, Wesleyan, and the University of Nebraska will be judging the plays to determine the best acting and production. Doane College will be giving several \$100 and \$250 scholarships to the winners for their acting ability. A few \$25 scholarships will also be given.

Tomorrow, there will be workshops set up around the school for the technical aspects of the play. Acting, television commercials, lighting and make-up will be included.

Southeast seniors John O'Shea, Mike Shuptar, with Julie will present "The Basement," a one-act play written by Murray Schisgal. According to Julie, "it's

an abstract play, basically about a guy named Zakariah Nathaniel Miller who is a complete failure." The plot centers around Zakariah, played by John, his wife Minna, played by Julie, and "typical Jewish brother" portrayed by Mike, and their struggle to reach out to other people. "Each one is in his own world," Julie explained "and they try to reach out but fail."

Lincoln High and East will also compete. According to Julie, "the most competition should be here in Lincoln." Each school taking part went to the district speech tournament and received fairly high ratings.

Art Club Sale To Be May 16

"Entries are not restricted to art students," Randy Bruns, art instructor said, concerning the up-coming Art Sale at Southeast.

The sale is to be May 16, from one to 4 p.m. "We plan to notify the newspapers and the Lincoln Artist Guild about the contest," senior Rae Ann Henniger said. "Everyone that has something they would like to enter is encouraged to submit it with an entry blank by May 1," Rae Ann said.

"A lot of interest has been growing in the art department so we expect a favorable turn-out," Rae Ann said.

Art will be displayed in the center driveway in front of the school. Admission will not be charged to view the art.

"Those entering will be responsible for setting their own price and will receive a profit," Rae Ann said. "Art Club will make ten per cent of the profit, the artist will receive the remainder."

SE Takes Second at State Speech Meet ...Narrowly Misses First Place

Southeast missed retaking their number one title in the state speech meet May 1 at Doane College and came in second, losing by just one point to East High.

Southeast did, however, capture first place in the Reader's Theater category. Seniors Penny Andros, Janet Lee, Steve Shelley, and Chris Stover, and junior Greg Myrberg presented a cutting from the "Serpent," which was directed by senior Jim Kissel.

Senior Cindy Raasch took a second place in the oral interpretation of prose and junior Linda Raymond and Penny Andros both took third places in informative public address and poetry reading, respectively.

Forty-seven schools and 301 people took part in the meet, Mrs. Olinda Boslau, speech

and debate teacher, said. There were Class A and Class B divisions.

One of the surprises of the meet came when the state championship in the Class B division was awarded to the Nebraska City School for the Visually Impaired. "Every year they send people to compete, and it was really nice when they won it," Cindy said. "They got a standing ovation." Former Southeast drama teacher Mrs. Sara Boatman's mother, Mrs. Adams, is the speech teacher at the School for the Visually Impaired.

All those receiving a superior or excellent rating in the district speech competition were permitted to go on to the state meet. Southeast, which took a sweeping victory at districts, qualified to send all the people who entered the districts, to state.

"The kids were a little disappointed because we had done so well at districts, but, we still did well. All of them did a good job," Mrs. Boslau said.

Chris, who had never attended a state meet before, found it "a very interesting experience." It was however a little inconvenient for most of Southeast's participants, who were involved with the Friday night production of "Dracula," to get up in time to make it to Doane by 8:30 on Saturday morning.

"It was hard to practice with 'Dracula' going on," Chris said. "The meet got pushed into the background."

"It was enjoyable for me, but, of course, it would have been more fun if we had won," Cindy said.

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Linkletter Opposed to Drugs

by Connie Fralin

Television and radio personality Art Linkletter spoke out against the youth oriented drug culture in an address to centennial celebrants of the Lincoln YMCA April 20.

More than 3,500 persons attended the celebration, including both young and old.

Linkletter's love of working with children as displayed in his television programs, really brings him closer to the drug problem, he said.

"About a year and a half ago my life took a drastic change," Linkletter said. "At this time a shocking announcement was made to the word that the drug epidemic has passed all geographic and economic barriers and was on 'everyone's doorsteps.'"

Previous to this Linkletter said he had no real

knowledge of the drug abuse problem, like many others. His 20 year old daughter, Diane, was on her way to receive a 'Grammy Award' for a record which he and she had recorded just before her death.

"She wasn't a drug addict, but merely at a party, where the pressure to try acid to be a part of the group is intense," Linkletter said. An acid trip taken months before her suicide took her life, he continued.

Since the time of his daughter's death he has become a drug expert and an expert on what is happening to the youth, he said. "It's no shock to me that kids are trying drugs, due to the subjection they receive from the selling on television, radio and the media. The popular phrase 'relief is just a swallow away' really shows the techniques applied today," Linkletter said.

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Neihardt Discusses Old West

... TV Interview with Cavett

Over fifty years ago Dr. John Neihardt was described as "craggy, quick eyed. . . and as alive as spring," during the formal presentation of the poet laureateship of Nebraska. Recently Neihardt, still fitting the description, has been in the limelight with the celebration of his fifty years as poet laureate and a special interview by T.V. commentator, Dick Cavett.

According to Neihardt during the Cavett interview, his works try to express "the unity and holiness of all life and its essential religion."

"This is why the young people are discovering it. They are seeking for a source of new religious experience," he said.

"I am profoundly religious, but for that matter the human being is a religious animal. He can't live without it," Neihardt continued.

Mysticism is the key to "expressing states of consciousness" in the arts, he said. "You can't be a poet without it."

Much of the Cavett interview was spent discussing the history of the old west, its famous people and events.

Neihardt concentrated much of his talk on the Indian, recalling

experiences with Balck Elk, a holy man of the Ogallala Sioux and a personal friend.

Black Elk, according to Neihardt, was a man tormented by the defeat of his people and his inability to act on a vision sent to him to restore them to the "tree of life." Although he never told his story to any white man, in his old age he befriended Neihardt because he sensed in him "a desire to know things of the other world," Neihardt said. From the holy man's memories came the book Cavett described as "perhaps the greatest book in the history of the Indian people," --"Black Elk Speaks."

The killing of the buffalo broke the Indians back, Neihardt said, not the cavalry. They were unable to comprehend the white man's way of killing just "for the idea of seeing them drop," he continued.

"They deserved a better fate. They were certainly brave men," Neihardt said.

Although Neihardt spent most of his time looking back in time, "forward is the direction," he said.

"You can't go back and you shouldn't want to. I'm sure what's coming will be mighty interesting,"

Neihardt said.

"We're in a tremendous revolution," he said. "I was a radical when I was a youngster, I was an active socialist."

Politics, however, interest Neihardt little in his old age. "I couldn't fix the world, I wouldn't know how to fix it, but God knows my heart's in the right place," he added.

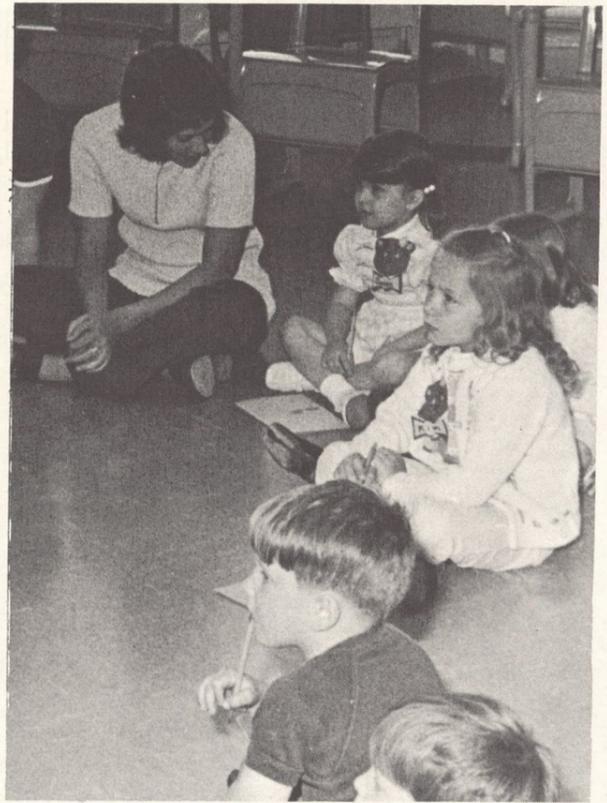
The poet celebrated his 50th anniversary as poet laureate of Nebraska in a ceremony on the floor of the legislature on April 21.

"My heart in me today is like a singing bird. . . It is wonderful and I love you," he said blowing kisses to his audience.

In his remarks Neihardt described aging and death as "the most exciting and beautiful experience in life," which he is looking forward to.

"I have always had the feeling it is wonderful to belong to the universe and that you cannot be lost because you are in it and of it," he said.

Neihardt told about the Indian concept of the universe and "peace that comes from understanding," on the Cavett show. "They were supposed to be savages and they said that," he said.



Mrs. Jan Kinney's fifth period mini-course in children's literature decided to try out their techniques on real children last Monday. The children listened to and looked at the class projects which included original stories and illustrations, stuffed animals, bulletin boards, and flannel board stories.

Bicycle Races Cancelled

Due to Conflicting Events

"We decided to cancel the CLARION bicycle races because there were just too many conflicts and complications," CLARION editor Tim Divis said.

Tim said that the races would interfere with the girl's district track meet, which will also be taking place at East High.

"We were planning on using the perimeter of the East High parking lot for the races," Tim said. "But that would just get in the way of all the cars coming through to get to the track meet."

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ONE MORE POINT

by Gary Scott

High school athletics—does it have a definite purpose, like other organized activities?

Education in high school prepares young adults for the deciding point in their lives, college. The amount absorbed through college could prove to be the greatest influence on one's life.

Athletics also has a purpose in high school. An athlete who excels in a sport during these preparatory years has an opportunity to compete in college. Therefore, his total amount of development previous to his college experience will be beneficial to him.

Though, are there any advantages to the high school athlete who decides not to continue in sports in college? In the majority of cases, definitely.

I feel there are numerous advantages to the individual involvement in athletics. If the sport one participates in requires hard work, self-discipline, sacrifices, and the continuous effort to succeed in a specific direction, then it should help him in his life.

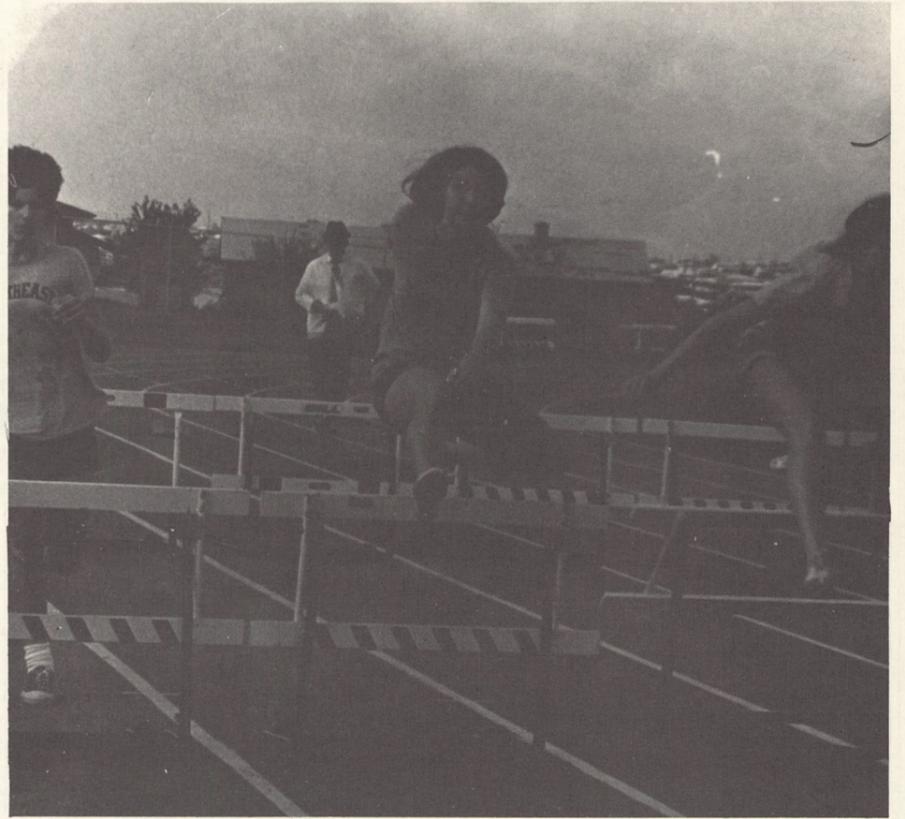
The constant effort teaches the

athlete that it takes hard work to succeed in almost anything he participates in. The hardships which fall upon him throughout his daily activities should seem less painful after he has overcome his athletic discipline.

The obvious beneficial aspect of athletic involvement is the physical fitness standpoint. One's health and physical development is a basic quality and should be his prime interest. To workout under discipline for continuous periods develops one's endurance, stamina, strength, and confidence.

If for some reason the previously mentioned benefits fail to relate to someone, the following one will. The purpose of every sport is to stimulate competition. Therefore, any athlete who participates learns the meaning of competition.

Society is based completely on the philosophy of "beating your neighbor." In the process of competing against someone, a person learns to improve himself to the fullest extent.



Leading the pack at this point, sophomore Mary Burcham leaps over a hurdle in the high hurdle event to take a final third place during the Lincoln Public School City Championship Meet last Friday. Junior Anna Christensen and sophomores Janet Mark, Cheralyn Hayes, and Ruth Milier all contributed points toward the meet. Southeast finished third behind Lincoln High and Northeast.

Trackmen Weak in Trans-Nebraska

... Handed Sixth Place

"By looking at the past performances, it will be Lincoln High first, Northeast second, Southeast third, and East last," Track coach Roy Churchill said, concerning the Lincoln

Public School Championship Track Meet, held today.

Discussing the reasons for Lincoln High's top city performance, Churchill said, "It's because of much work and much willingness to sacrifice," he added, "They have run further and harder more days. They have been working out six days a week since February."

Concerning Northeast's strength, Churchill noted, "Cliff Karthaus and Roger Ems have run over 100 miles a week for 36 straight months—that's what I mean by sacrifices and dedication."

Monday, the Knights compete against East High

in a dual meet. "I think we will do very well against East and have a very good chance of winning the meet," Churchill predicted.

Grand Island dominated the Trans-Nebraska Conference Meet last Friday, with a score of 70½, 10 points over second place Hastings. Lincoln High was the top Lincoln team, taking a third place with 41 points.

Southeast earned sixth out of seven places, over-coming just one team, East High.

The Knights' top performers were seniors Bill Bryant and Kirk McCown, each earning a second place. Bryant captured his position with a time of 2:01.7 in the 880 yard run.

McCown was one tenth of a second off first place in the 100 yard dash with a time of 10.2, and was fourth in the 220.

"McCown did a tremendous job for us," Churchill said. He noted his abundance of faith in McCown and that the faith was justified in this meet. "Kirk has had problems with his starts but

back in the high jump in this meet," Churchill stated.

The thinclads took third places in both the two-mile and 880 relays, and a fourth in the mile relay. "John Windle did a real fine

this time he conquered them," he added.

Junior Steve Brittenham earned third and fourth places in the triple jump and the long jump, respectively. Junior Craig Weaver took third in the mile with a 4:36.5 clocking.

Sophomore Jim Glen tied for fourth place in the high jump with a 5'8" effort. "Glen got his form

performance in his leg of the two mile relay," Churchill said.

Three meet records were snapped as the Knights whipped past Beatrice Apr. 23, 80-61. Brittenham set one record in the triple jump, leaping 40-10¼. The two-mile relay of Windle, senior Virg Falloon, junior Alan Garvin, and senior Mark Morton set the other record for Southeast with a 8:33.1 clocking.

Morton also took first in the 440, Weaver was first in the mile, and senior Bill Bryant won the 880 yard run.

Reserve Track Coach Notes Team's Ability

"For not having certain people in certain events, like the sprints where we have moved them up to varsity, the reserves have been doing fairly well," coach Roy Churchill said.

Pointed out as strong team members were sophomores Tom Ward, throwing the discus and middle distance runners Doug Drbal, Rich Beall, Bob Morrow, and Dave Schreiner. Junior Cary Peterson was also mentioned as doing well.

Churchill noted that two members of his team, sophomores Dave Bomberger and Bill Chesen were out because of health reasons.

"The team has been doing what I want them to. Even though we don't have a good meet record, the team has been developing the way they should be and have been getting better all the time," Churchill said. "But for the most part we have been having some real good times from the middle distance men and it looks like Tom Ward has also been improving," he added.

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Baseball Players Sight District Competition

"If we play like we have been playing we could beat anybody," junior George Newsham said concerning their coming district games.

There are only three other schools in the same district as the Knights. They are Lincoln High, East, and Northeast. "It is hard to say just what is going to happen at the district games because we are not even sure what school we are going to play," senior Jerry Lutz said.

Last Friday the Knights were edged out by the Links 7-6. "Losing to Lincoln High by just one point really made everyone mad but I think we will get back at them at districts," George said.

"We played good the whole game but it was just one bad pitch which cost us the game," sophomore Steve Johnson said.

The Knights walked over Concordia Apr. 27, beating them 13-0. "It was the best game we have played all year and it really gave our team the confidence we needed after getting beat by Lincoln High," George said.

"They weren't that tough a team really, in fact that is the main reason we did so well. But on the other hand, it did us good to win," junior Marshall Burling said.

The first time the Knights played Lincoln High, the key to the whole game was the number of errors which lead to a 12-4 loss.

"We just made too many errors in the game by both the pitcher and the catcher," Marshall said.

"For the most part we played a good game but the errors really cost us the ball game," Steve admitted.

INTRAMURALS

1. Diekmann's Heroes
2. Xaviers
3. Penbrook's Posse
4. "F" Troop
5. Anthill Mob
6. Chocolate Mung

Once again The Heroes take an early season lead, although both the Heroes and Xaviers are undefeated, having won two games apiece.

Members of the Xaviers voiced their opinion of the Heroes but unfortunately their remarks are unprintable. Greg Diekmann, captain of the Heroes said, "Were number one and the Xaviers won't beat us."

Penbrook's Posse is third having beaten Mung but losing to the Heroes.

"F" Troop is fourth on the strength of their one win over Mung.

Jeff Dietemeyer commented, "We are having

trouble getting everybody at the games. If we could have the whole team there there would be no doubt as to who would win."

Mung is still looking for their first win. Just ahead of Mung, who holds last place, is The Anthill Mob. They, like Mung, are looking for their first win. They are rated above Mung because they have more talent than Mung could ever hope to have.

"Mung is really coming on strong," according to Steve Lee. "We are really improving. Everyone is hitting better and we are all playing generally better."

Steve predicted that The Chocolate Mung would win their next game with no problem.

"We won't be beat," said Steve.

by Bob Young

'Kids Given Too Much Retreating Into Drugs'

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The mis-use of drugs is the curse of today's generation," he said. The pot that supposedly turns on today's youth makes the older generation turn off.

He criticized youth idols like the Beatles who openly brag about their use of marijuana and Timothy Leary, an escapee from prison who preaches LSD to be the greatest religious insight in man's life.

"LSD can cause flash backs up to two years after using it," Linkletter said. "Good news is coming though, according to recent reports acid rock is on its way out, he said, "It's dying out mainly because the kids are seeing what happens to their best friends."

The biggest reason the youth turn on to drugs is because "today's kids are given too much, so soon, so quickly, and one way of retreating is drugs," Linkletter said.

"You've got to face up to the situation, mankind has always taken drugs. The Civil War marked the beginning of the use of needle drug addicts that are commonly known as 'needle freaks.'

In 1932 the Narcotics Bureau claimed marijuana as an addictive drug. Thirty eight users of marijuana who were observed lost their power to think decisively.

"All drugs are different. In the case of marijuana it depends on, the region the drug came from, 2) what part is smoked, 3) the individual smoking the drug. The 'pushers' are big shots who often sell drugs under another name to make the sell," Linkletter said.

There are several ways to turn off youth, through education, films, and books. The way to keep the cycle working is the new clubs that are being formed against drugs in the schools today," he said.

The common 'street Christian' the individual who turns to religion is becoming more and more popular he said. "Many past drug addicts have now given their lives to Christ as a way to turn on," Linkletter said.

In today's more and more complex life, ministers need to make religion more believable. "More loving and communicating is needed for the human beings today," he said.

"Using drugs to turn on can only cause you more problems than it is worth," he said. Linkletter continues his crusade on a national level to gather support and instruct the uninformed society as to the problem.

Lincoln Playoff Heads Golfers' Week

The city championship highlights the golfers week. The meet is being held today at Holmes Park. "I think we can win but we need scores from all the boys on our team," golf coach Paul Austin said.

"In the last few meets we would have two boys do real well and then the other two wouldn't do so well. To win the city championship, everyone has to do well," Austin explained.

Austin also stated that out of his golf squad he would send sophomore Clint Dudley, sophomore Rennie Sasse, and according to how they did in practice he would choose two more from the team.

The Knights finished second in their last two meets. They came in behind Lincoln High in the Trans-Nebraska Golf Meet. Lincoln High won the meet on the power of Dan and Steve Harris, a brother combination which took second and third place respectively.

Senior Doug Deeter led Southeast in team scoring with a 78, followed by Clint who shot a 79. Renne and Senior Don Osvog also helped the Knights to their second place finish.

"We also placed second in the Fremont Invitational, Austin said. Omaha Central took first place honors, with Omaha Westside placing third.

"Clint Dudley was second place medalist in the meet," Austin said. "Renne Sasse was second for the team, Ed Howard was third, and Doug Deeter was fourth."



The Knight golfers, led by sophomore Clint Dudley, took second in both the Fremont Invitational and the Trans-Nebraska Golf Meet.

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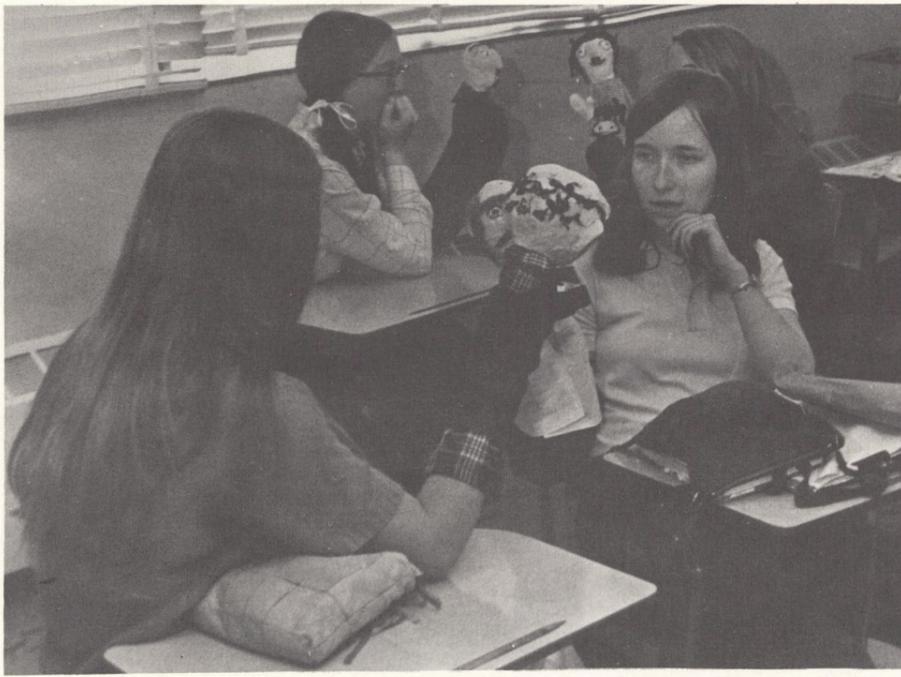
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FBLA Club Backs Dance Revue To Support Orthopedic Project

This year, Future Business Leaders of America club has volunteered services selling tickets to a dance revue produced by an age group ranging from three-year-olds to college age students.

The proceeds from the dance will be given to the Orthopedic Project of the Human Resource Foundation to help the handicapped children at the Nebraska State Hospital, Mrs. Rose Beideck, business teacher said.

The 20-year old foundation exists solely to encourage the development of human resources. In order to maintain an orderly program and still involve and improve as many people as possible, it has organized ten different projects in which the Orthopedic

Project is one, said Doug Patton, a Nebraska University student who is co-chairman of the project.

The dancers, students of the Eldene Pershing School of Dance, will perform May 23 at Pershing Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. "We are really happy that F.B.L.A. is helping us sponsor the dance," Doug said. "With them we can reach the high school students."

"When ever possible, we take them out for recreation like picnics in the parks," he said. "We took them once to Disney on Parade but often the tickets are too expensive."

Doug feels there is too much the children are missing in life because of their handicap and not to be able to go to a circus or fair because tickets are too expensive, is tragic.

"How much money we make through sales will determine what we can do to help the orthopedic children," Doug said. At present the 25 university students involved with the project meet weekly on an one to one relationship with handicapped patients.

"Although the proceeds will be given to the Human Resource Foundation, we will use it to benefit the patients at the hospital. They will then be able to go the Shrine Circus this year, have a trip to the capital and we want to put on a carnival for the patients," Doug said.

Individual Experiments Show Variety

...Ether, Explosive Cotton Result

Explosive cotton, ether, and soap were some of the special projects produced by Joe Dappen's double period chemistry class.

"The purpose of these projects was to give students a chance to study an area of their own choosing," Dappen said. It was a unit which they worked on for two weeks, four full lab periods, he said.

"They were all interesting in their own way and had a practical application," Dappen said.

Junior Mitch Marsh produced an explosive, gun cotton (nitro-cellulose) which "is similar to nitro-glycerin only cotton is substituted for the glycerin," Mitch said.

"It is relatively simple and safe to make," although he also added, "I made enough to completely level everything in the lab."

The nitro-cellulose was "originally used to make movie pictures," but has been replaced with something less flammable, Mitch said.

Although Mitch didn't have any accidents with his experiment, senior Greg Neilson added a little excitement to the class. "The butyl acetate, a carbon compound, boiled over the top while I was distilling it and lit up—it took me a while to blow it out," Greg said.

Another experiment which was also a carbon compound was made by senior John Fox. His product was ether.

After distilling, purifying, and working on it, John was surprised that he only "got a little bit, not even a cup."

"I was interested because it was something I'd heard about and I'm also thinking of going into a science field," John said.

"It was open to us to decide what we wanted to do, but Mr. Dappen was watching us carefully so no one made mistakes and blew their heads off," John said.

The variety also extended to the extreme of making soap, aspirin, and products from crude petroleum and electroplating coins.

Senior Orna Malamud made soap, which was "harsh and probably too basic because it left your hands dry," Orna said. "I learned how it cleans." The carbon is attracted to the oil and dirt and the sodium sticks out and is attracted to the water. It sets up a kind of magnetic field and will wash away and take the dirt and oil with it, she explained.

At the start of the experiment, senior Tom Knaub's aspirin had a rather strong odor, but it later disappeared.

Tom's not sure if his aspirin, left in powder form, is fit for human consumption because it's not 100% pure and may irritate the stomach, so no plans for testing were made.

By heating crude petroleum at different temperatures, senior Peggy Malixi made gasoline, kerosine and vasoline. "I tried it because I didn't believe that just heating it would change it," Peggy said.

"You could see the difference," the gasoline was clear, the kerosine yellow, and the vasoline dark yellow, Peggy said.

Senior Wade Kingery, for his special project, electroplated a nickel and quarter with copper. "It looked just like a nickel only it had a copper layer, so it became a penny," Wade said. He also nickel plated a penny.

Wade made two attempts to copper plate an egg both raw and hard boiled. He described it as "a complete failure."



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