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Williams First Girl President Since '45

Seven Selected As Cheerleaders

Four girls and three boys were elected by school-wide vote Monday as Central's new cheerleaders for the 1956-57 school year.

Elected were sophomores Gary Barger and Todd Taylor, and juniors Dinne Ballard, Mary Wayne Crymes, Gayle Powell, Jo Ann Rion and Louis Stone.

The seven additions will join head cheerleader-elect Ikey Cathcart and Lundee Williams, returnees from this year's group, to complete the cheerleading squad for next year.



Jo Ann Rion



Danny Sells



Lundee Williams

Wins Election On First Ballot By Landslide

Lundee Williams became the first girl to be elected president of the Central student council at Central in 11 years Monday when she raced to a one-sided victory on the first ballot.

The last time a girl was elected president of the Central student body was when Joanne Ledbetter won the election in 1945. Williams is only the eighth girl to serve as council president in the school's 32-year history dating back to 1924.

Treasurer of the Student Council last semester, she succeeds Jimmy Edwards as president.

Despite the large margin in the presidential election, all other races were tight down to the wire,

Central Writers Dominate State

Central High once again led the state with articles printed in the student issue of the North Carolina English Teacher, a publication dedicated to the best creative literary work submitted by students from all over the state.

Central articles printed were the Valiant One by Walter Elmore, To Make a Good Impression by Judy Brownstein, On Witches, Warts and Wonders by Eddy Edwards, Self-Love by Patty Hill, Unforgettable Characters by Robert Kirkpatrick, and Hole In The Ground by Sandra Hoke.

KEY CLUB NAMES FOLK AS ADVISER

Mr. Chris Folk, now completing his first year on the Central faculty, has been elected by vote of members to succeed Mr. Marcus Floyd as adviser to the Key Club for next year.

A graduate of Central in 1948, Mr. Folk has served this year as adviser to the Rambler, a post which he will maintain next year in addition to his Key Club work. He held the position of co-editor of the Rambler during his senior year in 1948.

Rambler First Place Winner In SIPA Meet

The Central High Rambler was honored as one of the five top high school newspapers of its size in the South at the 27th annual convention of the Southern Interscholastic Press Association May 4-5 at Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va.

The Rambler received a first place trophy among newspapers with enrollments of more than 1,100, and was runner-up to the Deacon of Woodrow Wilson High of Washington, D. C. for the group trophy. Three Virginia schools, John Marshall and Thomas Jefferson of Richmond and Jefferson of Roanoke received the other first place ratings.

The Rambler was also runner-up for the annual award presented to the most outstanding newspaper in North Carolina by the Associated Dailies of the North Carolina Press Association. The Hickory Twig of Hickory High, Hickory, won that award for the second straight year.

Over 450 newspapers, annuals and magazines from Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Maryland and the District of Columbia entered the competition.

Attending the convention from Central were Judy Brownstein and Catherine Steagall from the Snips 'n Cuts and Phil Grose and David McSwain from the Rambler. Mr. Chris Folk was adviser to the group. The Snips 'n Cuts did not enter the competition.

Brazzell Wins

Climaxing three days of close balloting which featured two run-offs, Ted Brazzell emerged victorious in the race for treasurer of the student council.

Ted, a sophomore who gained his student council experience in junior high school, won the office in Wednesday's run-off with junior Eddie Black. Nick Ross was the other candidate for treasurer.

with run-offs required in each office, and two needed to settle the hot battle for treasurer.

Danny Sells, vice-president of the Junior class and treasurer of the Key Club next year, nosed out David McSwain in a close match for vice-president.

Jo Ann Rion, one of Central's seven new cheerleaders, won over Mary Wayne Crymes, another new yell leader, in the race for secretary.

Only 698 students voted in the first day election, and 622 took part in the voting during the second day's runoff. Approximately one-fourth of the student body, 348, elected the president of the student council for next year.

MISSION IN 19th YEAR

'Go Ye Therefore And Teach...'

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

By PATSY EDWARDS

The Friendship Baptist Church stands on the corner of First and Brevard Streets, opposite a cement workshop and beside an ancient warehouse.

It is a Negro church. It is a haven for the weak and the weary. The stained brick building is a shelter from a harried world around it.

But every Tuesday afternoon at about three o'clock, the dignified old church becomes alive with the sounds of laughing voices lifted in happy song... in happy song that only the lilting voices of carefree children can sing.

Nineteen years ago in 1937 the newly formed Bible Club of Central High School established its Mission for Negro Children. Since that day the Mission has become an institution in the hearts and minds of not only the children who attend the school, but also the students who teach the children.

The "Weekday Sunday School" meets as it has for nineteen years every Tuesday afternoon in the tiny, old church. The nine Central students who teach the children this year are Larry Withrow,



Ann McRorie And Four Star Pupils Of Mission School

Wayne Kenimer, Judy Wilson, training. Rev. Fleet Kirkpatrick, Carolyn Whitley, Peggy Dunn, a former Central student and Bible Club member, is helping Miss Robinson and the students temporarily Carolyn Hamrick is the secretary.

In order to become one of the teachers a student must either have taken Bible here at Central or had previous teaching experience or

The Mission is supported by the Bible Club which contributes \$100

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Central Students Participate In 'Youth Appreciation Week'

Youth will have its day. In fact, the Optimist Club is designating seven days from May 21-27 as Youth Appreciation Week.

Dick Widenhouse will represent Central as the "typical teenager" and compete with other students on May 27 for the title, "Charlotte's Typical Teenager."

Raid Hinson is Central's candidate for Youth in Government Day on May 17 and will appear on television along with other school representatives.

To give recognition to the 98% of the teenagers instead of empha-

sizing the 5% who are juvenile delinquents is the purpose of the Optimist Club's Youth Appreciation Week.

Student Council President Jimmy Edwards spoke highly of the week at the last council meeting: "We hope that Central students will give their support and interest to the purposes of Youth Appreciation Week by following the daily programs and newspaper stories."

Exams Needed on High School Level

To a student, the word 'examination' is unpleasant. Its mere mention automatically strikes a distasteful chord in a pupil's mind.

But the time for serious consideration of the topic has come. A diploma from Central High School will no longer serve as a ticket to college. Lengthy entrance examinations have now become common practices among virtually every college in the country. And after entrance

into the college, there is no escape from the green-eyed monster called exam. A student must cultivate the extended train of thought for such tests, or his college days are wasted.

And why not begin this training in high school? statistics show that more high school students are now attending college than ever before. Such invaluable training is offered in many

secondary schools, but in recent years, Central has adopted quite the opposite philosophy.

The reasoning behind Central's stand is apparent. Johnny might have had an upset stomach the day of exams and flunked the course. Or Johnny might suffer from nervousness and forget everything, including his name. The philosophy behind this theory maintains that an examination is not a true indication of the student's knowledge.

Then what is? Certainly there is no better way of reviewing a year's study and extracting the worthwhile points, than in a final examination.

For years, Central has traditionally upheld the highest of academic standards among leading Southern schools. It has turned out students highly qualified for college, who have established themselves as leaders.

Student opinion, as well as faculty opinion has been developing in favor of examinations. In keeping with the constant trend toward college preparation in high school, it seems only fair to the students to bring back final examinations.

23rd Annual Honors & Awards Day Set For Memorial Stadium May 16

Central's annual tribute to its outstanding students and teachers will be held on Wednesday, May 16, when the 23rd annual Honors and Awards Day is staged in Memorial Stadium.

Student Council vice-president Dick Widenhouse will serve as master of ceremonies of the program, which affords a half-day holiday for seniors who leave school after the program.

Robbie Hanes, first semester Student Council president, will give the welcoming address, and second semester head Jimmy Edwards will present the Student Council report.

Making other reports and awards will be Larry Bowles, attendance; Priscilla Selby,

scholastic honors — academic, commercial, driving, radio, distributive education, art, religion, homemaking, scholarship; Bradford McCall and Jimmy Irby, music; Rhodes Corbett and Rita Moss, athletics; Erskine Harkey, clubs; Betty Galloway and Phil Grose, publications; Ann McHorie, citizenship; Janice Hudson, alumni news; Wally Kuralt, 16 top seniors. Concluding the program will be the presentation of faculty awards.

Processional and recessional will be given by the Central band under the direction of Mr. Martin Bellar. Principal Ed Sanders will install the Student Council officers for the next semester.

COLLIER'S COMMENTS

Myrtle? Crescent? Windy Hill? Take Your Pick . . . See You There

Good grief! Everybody's going to the beach! Myrtle Beach, Crescent Beach, Windy Hill Beach, Wilmington Beach, Smitty's Beach — any ole beach — but mostly Myrtle Beach! Central will be full of sunburned faces before long!

Speaking of going places . . . Mai Lins Burgess will set sail for Guam on June 19 to be with her husband, a Central graduate of the '65 class, Tommy Burgess. Mai will live on this small island in the Southwest Pacific for 14 months and then go to Japan for 1 month.



John Kirkley and Bill McBarbara Collier Ninch are both minus their Key Club Pins. The lucky girls? Phyllis Belk and Judy Cole.

Then there are the engaged couples. Before long everyone at Central will be either engaged or married. Anyway . . . here is another incomplete list. Susan Ross and Johnny Goldstein; Faye Johnson and Bill Vita; Jackie Hogan and Jerry Massey; Linda Thomas and Thomas Hunter; Betty Barkley and Donald Wise.

Jerry Williams and Ann King want it known that they have been going steady one year since May 8. Nita Brown is now sporting a

Chi Phi fraternity pin from Ross Johnston, a '63 Central graduate.

Betsy Hurtman looked like she was From Cloud Seven at the Junior-Senior. Paul Schaefer must have been mighty proud to be her escort. By the way, Paul and Betsy have been going steady for two whole months now.

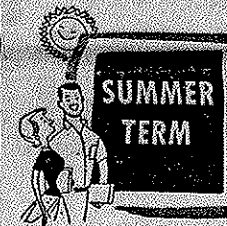
Jimmy Irby and Kitty Davis seem to be hitting it off pretty well this year.

Xylda Bland has acquired a new nickname now. Wonder why someone didn't notice how much she looks like Little Orphan Annie before. There is one small difference . . . Xylda has eyes.

Carabateas, Almond City FTA Officers

Two Central students have been elected officers of the city-wide Future Teachers of America organization. Estelle Carabateas was elected president of the group, and Betty Ann Almond was chosen treasurer.

Myers Park was the scene of the election which saw Gail Powell of Harding named vice-president and Ann Kelly of Myers Park secretary.



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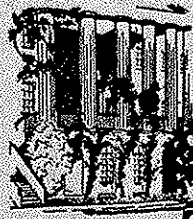
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Poor spirit and listless enthusiasm, a serious problem in Central athletics this year, has been the object of much discussion.

Some of our teams think that just because we are a bigger or an older school, the opposition will run from us. They don't—except in track, of course.

Spirit has been up for this hockey team. Quite a number of brave lads penned their names on the line, and high school hockey may be a reality next year. Of course, there's a big hang-up with the school board because Central would have to hire a coach or find one in its present faculty. Other problems beset the team too, but with the Charlotte Hockey Club firmly behind it, it should push through. Arrangements are now being worked out to have the ice for practice sessions before or after the Rebels practices.

Strengthen up those ankles, boys, hockey's on the way.

Baseball Nine Takes On Green Wave Today

Central's baseball team takes the field against Coach Ted Carter's Gastonia crew this afternoon at 4 o'clock on the Highland Park diamond.

The Wildcats are currently lolling in the second division of the Western AAA conference. Errors, costly to any team, combined with manager hitting and fielding, have been the 'Cats downfall.

The Green Wave, boasting hitting, fielding, and pitching, have an impressive record of wins. Reggie Heavner leads the Gaston attack, and is recognized as one of the best players in the conference. Junior Baucom will probably open on the mound for the Green Wave.

"A sparkplug is what we need," says Coach Joe Tomanchek. "Every team needs to have a fellow to spark up the team. This fellow need not be the best player, but he's very important."

"We leave men on base because our hitting doesn't come through. Then, too, our fielders error and allow men to reach base," continued Coach Tomanchek.

The 'Cats highly touted "veteran

infield" is due for a change. Coach Tomanchek feels the change would do much to aid the team this year and next, by giving juniors and sophomores a chance to show their ability.

A few members of the baseball team are worthy of mention. Sophomore hurler Larry Wilson has pleased Coach Tomanchek this year with his pitching. He has two more years of eligibility, has gained poise and confidence, and is expected to be a big help next year. Eddie Black has shown a lot of spirit and has been a hustler all year. Jimmy Irby and Jimmy Edwards have fielded well, but have had troubles with their hitting.

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Cinders See Action In Sectional Meet

Sectional and state-wide competition today and next Friday respectively wind up the track activities this year. Myers Park will serve as host today, with trials being held at 10:30 and the meet beginning at 2:30 this afternoon.

Coach Jim Somers was complimentary of his tracksters: "After a successful showing in the meet last week, the boys now have the sincere desire I've been hoping for all season."

The state meet in Chapel Hill next Friday will conclude the season for the cinders.

Due to rescheduled games, the Wildcats were busy this week: Tuesday, they met High Point; Wednesday, Winston-Salem; and today, Gastonia.

This, a rather bleak year in Central's athletic history, has not excluded the baseball team from its clutches, no anyone can tell. Maybe next year . . .

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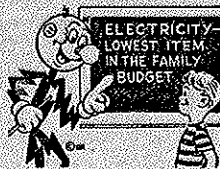
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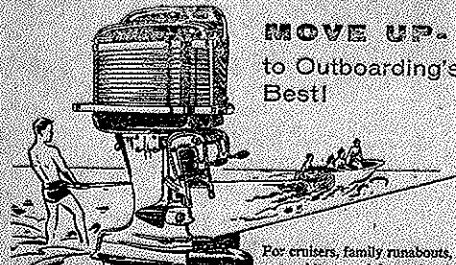
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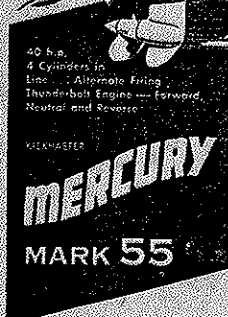
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