Undefeated Chargers: Capitol Conference Champs

"Charge on to Victory" and that's exactly what they did time and time again. The 1968 football Chargers present a great challenge to future teams by acquiring a season of victories. A determined team full of that Charger fighting spirit, the best of coaches—a fearless threesome including head coach Wes Davis and his assistants John Macek and Paul McGarvey, and hours of long but skill building practices were the ingredients for the unbeatable Centennial team. Stunning the Twin-Cities with its agile backfield and powerful linemen, the Chargers drew large crowds, increasing as the season proceeded. A number of Central and Urbana loyalities, wanting to see a good team play, could be spotted in the stands.

By the end of the first six games, everyone was convinced that the Chargers were a good football team. Setting the pace with an overwhelming triumph of 52-7 over St. Joe-Ogden, the Chargers began to roll, rarely allowing opposing teams to score. Four consecutive shut outs followed and after a 34-6 victory over Griffin, the Chargers ended two thirds of their season with 229 points scored against a mere 13.

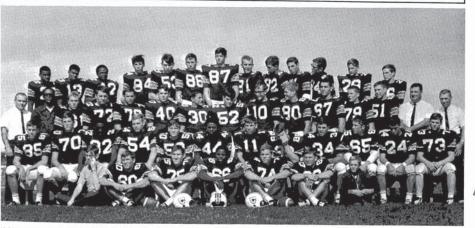
Finally the high-spirited Chargers were to clash with a team rated closer to their own capabilities. Decatur's Piggott field was packed with anxious fans each anticipating a close game to break the three way grip on first place. Predictions sounded as though the Chargers were to get a bitter taste of battle from the strong Decatur MacArthur team. But the Centennial players were tasting sweet victory

as they trounced MacArthur 28-0.

The crucial game of the season with Eisenhower was next on the schedule. The Panthers were a big threat and a powerful opponent, outweighing Centennial by an average of twenty pounds a man. But the Chargers showing outstanding skill and strength, played an exceptionally great game, amazing both the fans and the Eisenhower team with their dominating power. Only in the fourth quarter did the struggling Panthers manage to score two touchdowns against a weary Charger team. But this comeback was not strong enough, for Centennial won 33-12. This triumph decided the Capitol Conference championship the Chargers now ranked number one all by themselves. It was a glorious, victorious Homecoming complete with fireworks and an appearance of the Charger on horseback at every touchdown. The enormous crowd, largest ever to assemble at Centennial field, cheered ecstatically and confetti filled the air. Charger spirit was at its peak! Concluding their season in character with another shut out, the Chargers boasted an impressive 323 points to their opponents 25-a record that will long be remembered. It was a proud and happy team that charged across the field with Coach Davis held high upon their shoulders.

In summation, the 1968 Centennial football season was: A supreme effort put forth by a supreme team instructed by a supreme coaching staff resulting in the supreme reward—the pride of Centennial and the title of NUMBER ONE.

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OOTBALL: Front Row: Dan Winter (Mgr.), Jim Hoppe, Larry Wilson, Walter Walker, Greg Mills, John Hoppe, Dave McNamara Mgr.). Row Two: Dan Grider, Randy Craig, Ed Jenkins, Bill Dosch, Mike Holverson, Lincoln Huffman, Perry Siler, Mark Morrow, Bill 701, Kurt Schrader, Scott Davis, Scott Radcliffe. Row Three: Coach Davis, Asst. Coach Griggs, Mike Brown, David Rumer, Tom Helbling, ob Clarke, Mark Dunn, Greg Bolton, Bob Strohl, Jim Baervald, Darrell Fillenwarth, Bill Estergard, Tom Hess, Asst. Coach Macek, Asst. oach McGarey. Back Row: Earl Cavitt, Bill Collins, Charles Herron, Bob Doty, Jim Coble, Steve Hartrick. Bob Henry. Mike Rumer. Alan



Natural speed and agility aided Ed Jenkins in becoming well known for his beautiful open field running and many long gains.



One of the main reasons for Centennial's success is their tough offensive line,



Well protected by his teammates, Scott Davis has room to accurately execute a quick kick.



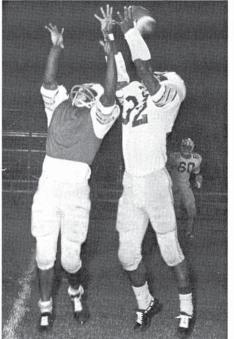


Above: Leaving a trail of pursuers behind, Huffman sprints for



Face to face with an Eisenhower player, you can bet Ed chose to go over, under, around or through-and did.







To play football you must have a stro body,



Quarterback Perry Siler readies himself to throw the bomb for another big score.



Bill Wolf displaying tremendous speed and power breaks through Griffin's front line.

Practice Yields Perfect Season for Chargers

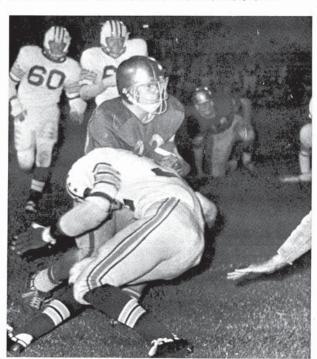




The inter squad game proved to be the toughest of the year when Chargers clashed Chargers and power fought power.



Our team had a lot of backing.



Ambitious Sophs Prove to Be Stars of the Future



Sophomore players made strenuous conditioning pay off.

The 1968 sophomores coached by Ed Fredericks and Bob Nelson completed a successful season with a 4-2-1 record. After a 7-0 triumph over Mattoon, the Chargers suffered their first loss to Danville, only to return in traditional Charger fashion with two additional shutouts. Undoubtedly the toughest game of the season was with the Panthers of Eisenhower whose linemen each towered 6 feet or over and weighed 200 plus! The Charger squad played and outstanding game, the best of the season, as they held the Panthers inside the 10-yard line four times within the first quarter. The 14-6 victory for Centennial was Eisenhower's only loss and the only game in which the Panthers failed to score at least twenty points. With a little less enthusiasm, the sophomores went on to tie Rantoul, 6-6, and finalized their season with a 6-13 loss to Urbana.

Overall, the sophomores proved to be a strong team with favorable prospects for future varsity squads. Head Coach Davis depends heavily on the exceptionally good instruction of sophomore coaches, Fredericks and Nelson. With a solid foundation of this year's sophomores, we can look forward to another un be liev a ble (as coach Davis puts it) season in 60.

CENTENNIAL



Long gains became a trademark of the sophomore team.



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Sophomores Football Scoreboard

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Cross-Country Scoreboard 1968	
CENTENNIAL	OPPONENTS
7Urbana	
3 Monticello	
5 Eisenhower	
7Southeast	28
4Rantoul	31
3 Mattoon	32
5 Argenta	50
4 Monticello	
1 Danville	18
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1Urbana	26

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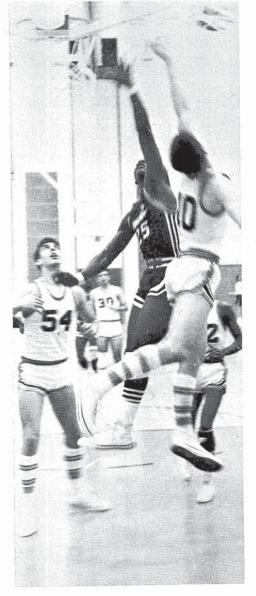
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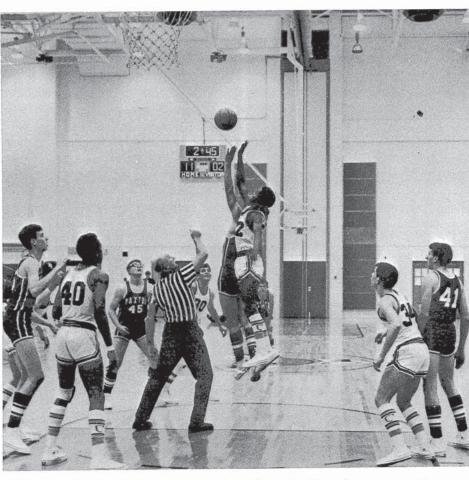


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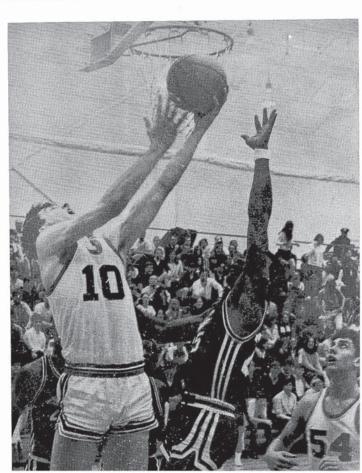


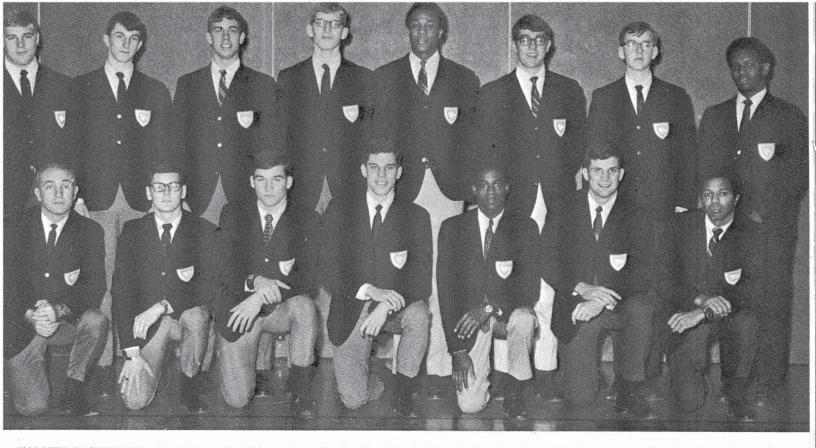
Above: Charger Herb Leshouer gets the tip by outjumping a Paxton opponent.

Left: Dan Grider watches as a Panther shot is blocked.



Above: All eyes follow the ball as Charger Jim Evans shoots for two.





VARSITY BASKETBALL—Front Row: Mr. Robert Avery, Coach, Dave Bouck, Scott Davis, Jim Evans, Herbie Leshoure, Tom Langlois, Mr. Val Bush, Assistant Coach. Back Row: Bill Dosch, Danny O'Connell, Danny Grider, Greg Hornaday, Charlie Brown, Steve Pierce, Dan Winter, Bill McCutchen.

verymen Surprise Fans With Outstanding Second Season

Basketball Scoreboard 196	8-69
CENTENNIAL	OPPONENTS
66Paxton	56
53Thornridge	61
73Southeast	
55Jacksonville	
73Griffin	
46 MacArthur	
58Unity of Tolono	
62 Eisenhower	
60Lanphier	
67Kaneland	
68Rantoul	
75St. Anthony of Effinghar	
59Southeast	
64Jacksonville	
77Griffin	
53 MacArthur	
65Eisenhower	

Coaches Bob Avery and Val Bush introduced the fad of winning on the home court this year—and the fans were ready for it. In improving last year's 4-17 mark the basket-ballers won four of the first five games including a second place finish at the U. High (Normal) Tournament.

Remembering the cellar finish in the 1967-68 Capital race, the Chargers were never seriously considered until their surprising 55-51 triumph over a strong Jacksonville team.

The all senior line-up of forwards Danny O'Connell and Tom Langlois, center Charles Brown, and guards Herbert Leshoure and Jim Evans proceeded to make believers out of many people by winning 16 of their first 23 games. Subs Scott Davis, Greg Hornaday, and Dave Bouck added needed strength to many a contest.

In almost every game the Chargers failed to match their adversaries in size, but the narrow 63-62 loss to a muscled Eisenhower, and the upsetting of league leading Lanphier 60-55, established the Chargers as one of the best teams in the conference.

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CENTENNIAL OPPONENTS	
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27Southeast28	
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41Danville	
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31Urbana	
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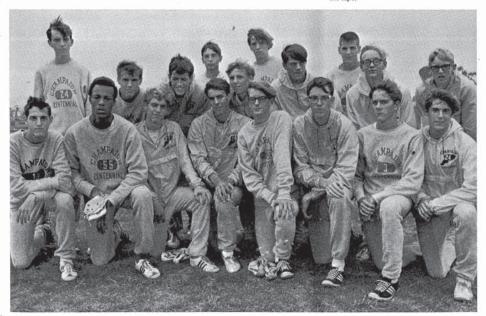




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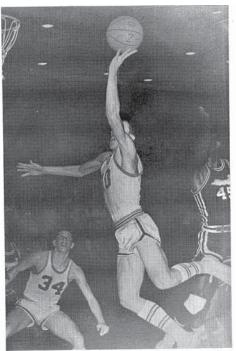


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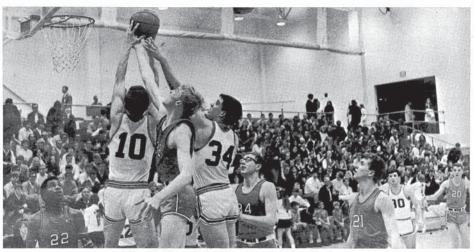


Another two points as Dan O'Connell gracefully (?) jumps to shoot.

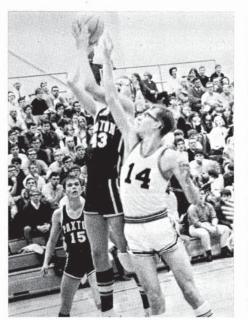


Above: Rebound leader, Charlie Brown, succeeds in getting another

Capitol Conference Threatened by Charger Power



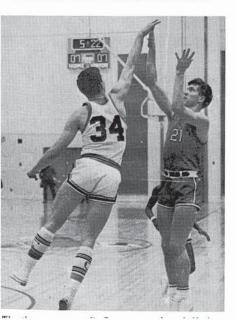
O'Connell and Evans, they jump high-to keep the ball from the other guy.

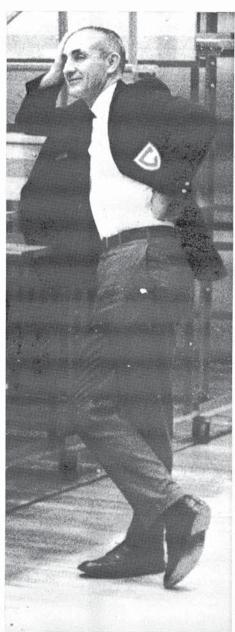




Above: First-rate guaras, 10m Langlois and Jim Evans grab for the

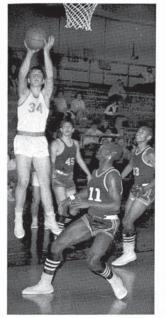
Dan O'Connell shoots before the Eisenhower player can stop him.





Sophomores Try Harder

The sophomore basketball team encountered several difficulties in attaining a 3-15 season record. Lack of height was their major problem, however they learned to compensate for this with speed. Coach Bob Winstead spent many long hours working with his team, teaching the boys a great deal of basketball strategy. This experience and knowledge should aid in constructing a promising



Southeast players gaze upward as Kevin Cramer shoots.



Lester Anderson struggles for the rebound while Joe Bishop and Kevin Cramer look on.



varsity team next year.

SOPHOMORE BASKETBALL-Front Row: lim Martin Mer Charles Thomas Bill Staley Tom Lessarie Tom Timmone Mike Kuvkendall

Records Broken by Undefeated District Champions

"Judges, timers ready. Swimmers take your marks."—and an opening shot from the referee's gun sent the Centennial tankmen well on their way to a very successful 14-0 season, breaking record after record.

Centennial enthusiasts watched on as the Chargers grabbed top honors in heir own invitational late in November. The Chargers continued proving their superior rating by leading the scoring in following meets by several points and capturing the Capitol Conference Championship.

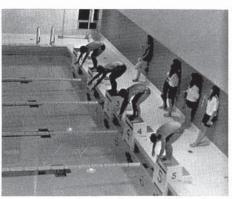
Centennial not only placed first in district, but also accomplished the feat of sending six members to the state tournament in Evanston. Those qualifying for state honors are A. J. Dilley, Steve Tock, Steve Frerichs, Jim Rettberg, Curt Schrader, and Dave Johnson.



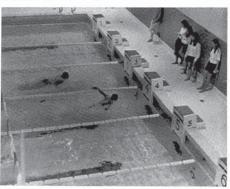
Powerful starts aided Centennial tankmen in repeatedly setting records both at home and away.



WIMMING—Front Row: Rob Silverman, Steve Tock, Jim Rettberg, Bill Blixen, Steve Frerichs, Tom Ingles, Bruce Brown, Jerry Tippy, Curt Schader, A. J. Dilley. Row Two: David Nesmith, Don McCall, Mike Bailey, Stan Herrin, Dave Johnson, Brace Kelso, Mike McGinty, Scott Laidlaw, Curtis Clower, Coavh Frerichs. Back Row: Steve Berger, David Morgan, Stan Shumway, Jack Durant, George Castor, Lindell VanDyke, Dave Parro. Mike Hennemon Richard Mullichit De. 19 24.



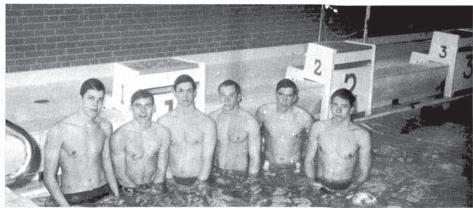
Muscles are tense as the boys await the sound of the starting gun.



The strokes increase when the swimmers gain their last inspiration as the finish comes in view.



Many long hours of sedious practice result in a high scoring dive.



Achieving the high honor of Qualifying for State finalists are Steve Frerichs, Steve Tock, Allan Dilley, Iim Rotthern, Dave Johnson, Curt Schrader,



WRESTLING—Back Row: Mike Holverson, Roger Armstrong, Mike Scruggs, Charles Summers, Greg Bolton, Steve Wells, Phil Larrew, Don Custar, Mark Doane, John Simon, Tony Fitzgerald, Corein Zimbleman, Row Two: Coach Nelson, Tom Hess, Gary McCain, Eddie Rawdin, Jim McNabb, Tom Hatton, Larry Nelson, Steve Hartrick, Steve Sanford, Coach McGarvey. Front Row: Randy Moses, Dave McNamara, Roger Stone, Ed Neeley, Chuck Langlois, Dave McClanahan, Jef Coombs, Steve McGarvey.

Inexperienced Squad Learns Through Disappointments

Wrestling Scoreboard 196	8-69	
CENTENNIAL		OPPONENTS
7Southeast		
10Danville		39
22Bismark		26
11Urbana		35
14Lanphier		30
23 Fisher		21
16U. High (Normal)		34
18Normal Community		35
13 Danville	• • • • • •	32
9Urbana		
34Lakeview		
0Rantoul		
27Unity		24
11 Eisenhower		



With clinched fists, sophomore Chuck Langlois is determined not to give in

With only one returning letterman to lead the way this year, Centennial's grapplers faced what seemed to be insurmountable odds.

This proved only to bolster their spirit and drive, however, as a new challenge. Coaches Bob Nelson and Paul McGarvey strove to fill the gap left by lack of experience with large doses of encouragement and hard practice. Their efforts were rewarded with the talent of such standouts as captain Gary McCain. The stamina and ability gained by newer grapplers make their next season the one to look out for.



Captain Gary McCain displays real Charger power as he pins his opponent.

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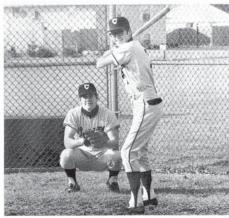


The finer points of sliding are demonstrated by Jim Kresca.

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CENTENNIAL	2	OPPONENTS
2Rockford Guilford		18
1, 0Springfield Griffin .		6, 7
0 Urbana		10
4 Decatur Eisenhower		16
0 Mattoon		10
1, 2 Springfield Lanphier	r	2, 4
3 Urbana		4
5, 1 MacArthur		14, 3
4Unity of Tolono		3
4 Mattoon		2
0Central		2
0District tourney at	Tolono .	2

Inexperience was one of the main reasons the 1968 Centennial baseball team had a disappointing season. With only Clark Grady having any previous high school playing experience, the Chargers had to build a team from scratch. They started slow but at the season's end they won two consecutive games and of 6 losses, 5 were by 2 or less runs.

As a first year team, the Chargers saw many improvements throughout the season. Now with some experience to back them up, they look forward to a brighter and stronger '69 season.

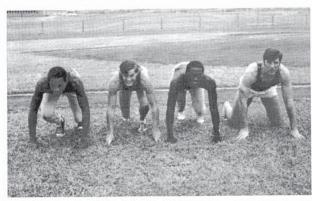


Larry Wilson and Clark Grady enjoy a friendly game of baseball.

BASEBALL—Front Row: Don McCall, Sylvester Montgomery, Mike Crawford, Steve Pierce, Kevin McCarty, Greg Bolton. Row Two: Coach John Sullivan, Jim Kresca, Bob Strohl, Larry Wilson, Tom Ingles, Marc Czajkowski, Randy Russell, Jim Vance, Coach Winstead. Row Three: Andy Gilmore, Roscoe Havice, Bill Palmer, John Walden, Dave Ray, Chuck Tempel, Doug Swank, Marc Dunn.



1968 Track Team: Eastern Illinois Indoor Meet Champs



From intensive research, statistics have proven that three out of every jour Centennial track stars start out on their feet.

Harold Jester's 1968 Cindermen with only one letterman, proved themselves outstanding by winning two indoor meets, scoring well in many duel meets, and finishing the season with a narrow 1/2 point loss to Decatur MacArthur for the Capital Conference Crown.

For the 1969 trackmen to top the

For the 1969 trackmen to top the performance of the 1968 team will be a hard task. But with six experienced lettermen returning. Harold Jester can look forward to a very bright season.

With senior lettermen Bill Wolf, Dean Messinger, Rick McPhee, and Chuck Luckmann to lead the squad, and junior lettermen Charles Brown and Randy Craig to add an extra boost, the Capital Conference crown is sure to be threatened by these Chargers-



1968 TRACK—Front R Bob Clark, Steve Dilln nardi, Gerald Perkins, Randy Craig, Pat McB Coach Jester.



Practicing strong sta



Promising junior





Above: Cha, cha, cha! "And mother said dancing lessons would help me."

Left: Agile and powerful Randy Craig shows promising potential for the future.

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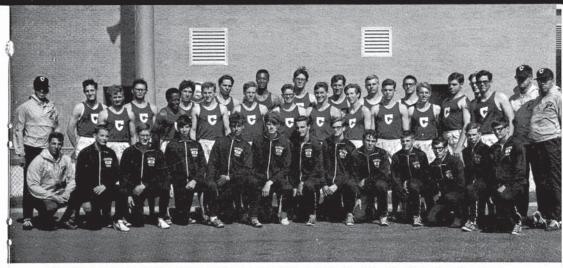
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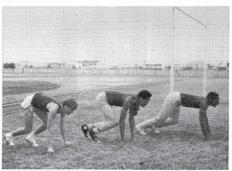


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Practicing strong starts proves beneficial to hopeful track runners.



Promising junior, Ed Jenkins, demonstrates his hurdling ability.



The sky is the limit for Chuck Luckmann as he clears his goal with ease.

1968 Track Scoreboard

Dual Meets: Won 2—Lost 3
First at Eastern Illinois Outdoor Meet
Second at Central Illinois Indoor Meet
First at Joseph Cogdal Relays
Seventh at Matoon T & F Carnival
Ninth at Hinsdale Relays
Fifth at District Meet
Second at Capital Conference Meet

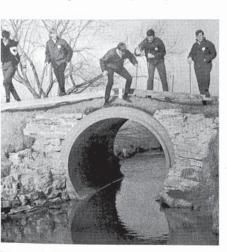


68 GOLF TEAM—Front Row: Coach John Macek, Bob McElligott, Tom Langlois, Tom Shapland, Lee Smith, Steve Simon, Dana Maxey, hn Hoppe. Back Row: Tom Ordell, Steve Tock, Chuck Shwartz, Bob Harkins, John Arrasmith, David Johnson, Bruce Kelso, Will Stonehocker, m Evans, Rod Fletcher, Mark Pritchard.

ceptional '68 Golf Team Places 3rd in Conference

1968 Golf

Dual Meet Record: Won Nine—Lost Four fifteenth place in Champaign Invitational (23 schools) fifth place in Quincy Invitational (13 schools) fourth place in District Meet (9 schools) third place in Capital Conference (5 schools)



Coach John Macek and his 1968 golf team proved outstanding by compiling a shining 9-4 season record for themselves. The Chargers had fine depth in that they had the ability to shoot consistent scores.

With five experienced lettermen returning this season, the Charger team is rated high in conference hopes.

Under the persistant encouragement of Coach Macek, these linksmen have been a credit to their school. Even more, they have shown how gentlemen can dominant a gentlemen's game.





TENNIS—Front Row: Randy Logan, Mark Morrow, Tom Baerwald, Bruce Shuman, Max Harwey, Rob Brown. Back Row: Bob Sticklen, Mgr., George Anderson, Matt Noffke, Danny O'Connell, Marc Colbert, Tom Frank, Coach Avery.



Mark Morrow demonstrates his personal technique.

Stephen Decatur Upset Highlights '68 Tennis Season



The 1968 Chargers tennis team demonstrated consistent and improved play throughout the season. Despite having only one returning letterman, hard work by the boys and fine coaching by Mr. Avery enabled the team to obtain a respectable 6-10 dual meet record. Senior lettermen that contributed to the high morale and leadership of the team include Captain Tom Baerwald, Marc Colbert, Daryl Bartenson, and manager Bob Sticklen. In addition, four juniors lettered which will form a fine nucleus for next year's team. They are Rob Brown, Mark Morrow, Dan O'Connell, and Bruce Shuman.

Tennis Scoreboard 196	58
CENTENNIAL	OPPONEN'
2 Stephen Decatur	
9 Decatur MacArthur	
2Rantoul	
6Urbana	
5 Paris	
O Decatur Lakeview	
3U-High	
D Danville	
5 Eisenhower	
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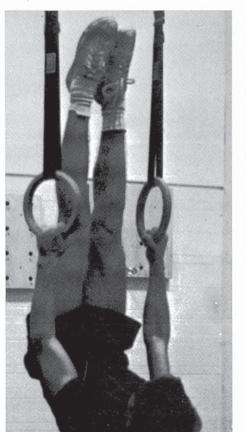


"Now boys, for our discussion on sex education,"

targer football practices always draw enthusiastic crowds,



Academics

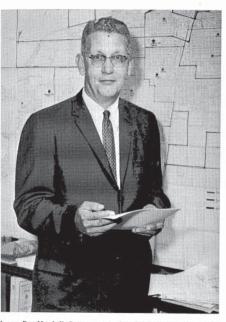




Conservative teachers frolic on stage in a moment of ecstasy.

Strength and man-power required here.

Administrators Face '69 District Challenges



bove: Dr. Marshall Berner meets the challenge of being Super-tendent of schools during a difficult year.

ight: Cleveland Hammonds holds the position of Assistant Super-tendent of Personnel.

Even a difficult financial year couldn't halt the Unit 4 Administration in its ceaseless drive for the best possible school curriculum. In only his second year as Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Marshall Berner maintained his reins of

Control.

Programs for the mentally and physically handicapped broadened; vocational training of various levels increased.

The curriculum's variety of courses perpetuated the offer of a continually widening viewpoint to tomorrow's leaders.



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A Monday night board meeting filled with Robert's Rules, suggestions, and ayes and nays is only a part of bringing harmony to Unit 4.

