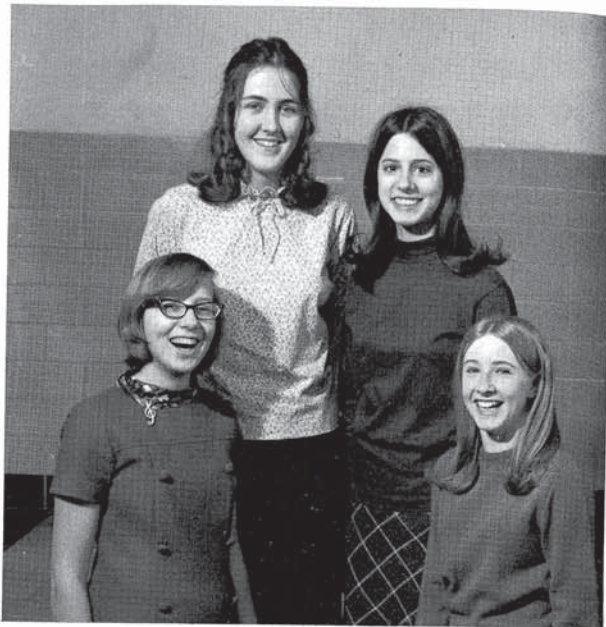


## French Honor Society Standards kept throughout year

Requirements for membership in French Honor Society were to maintain an A in French throughout the year with no grade lower than a B in other subjects. This year, there were twelve members. The nine associate members were those students who qualified but were no longer studying French.



French Club Officers, FRONT ROW Debbie Burkhead—Vice-president, Debbie Smith—President. BACK ROW June Morris—Secretary, Val Koester—Treasurer.



Spanish Club members, FRONT ROW Jenny Black—Vice-President, Margaret Brandis—President, Beth Hinton—Treasurer. SECOND ROW Linda Otey, Liz Kelley, Debbie Garland, Kay Nelson, Margie Graham. THIRD ROW Gay Miller, Karen Brown, Cathy Wright, Peggy Adkins, Cindy Abbott, John Calcagno, Debbie Shaffer. FOURTH ROW Gawaine Perkins, Becky Kline, Jo Hinton, Debbie Valentine, Joe Calcagno, Dan Starwalt, Diane Rigsby, Carol Swanson. FIFTH ROW Karla Anderson, Kathy Barbercheck, Steve Ayers, Masha Faust, David Sholem, Paul Andrew, David Atwood, Cynthia Faw, Barb Barnard. BACK ROW Melinda Gourlie, Nancy Atwood, Joyce Willskey, Debby Tepper, Carol Hindman, Diane King, Julie Bridges, Rita Miles, Paulette Smith.

## Spanish Club

### Tacos, anyone?

Feliz Navidad! Members of Spanish Club used this saying in greeting one another at their annual Christmas Party. Spanish Club homemakers also topped the International Supper with traditional Spanish dishes and desserts. A writing contest added a competitive spirit to the club when they had to compose a theme written in Spanish. Students with a high grade average in Spanish were initiated into Spanish Honor Society.

BELOW Costumed Julie Bridges replenishes the plate of one of the many eager eaters of Spanish food at the International Supper.



French Honor Society members, FRONT ROW Terri Nally, Marin Ireland, Diane Bacchi, Connie Lessaris. SECOND ROW Dawn Baldus, Nancy Colbert, Sue Tinkey, Linda Bonnell, Suzanne Merrill. BACK ROW Margaret Brown, June Morris, Jim Frank, Val Koester, Kevin Neely, Nancy Foote.



## Future Teachers Club brings participation

Were you considering the field of teaching? If so, joining the Future Teachers of America was for you. Belonging to the club sponsored by Mrs. Matsui helped members choose courses necessary for a teaching career. Speakers came and discussed different areas of teaching with the club. Projects included sponsoring a Valentine's Day Party for children, raising money for a donation to the Salvation Army, bake sales, and the International Supper.



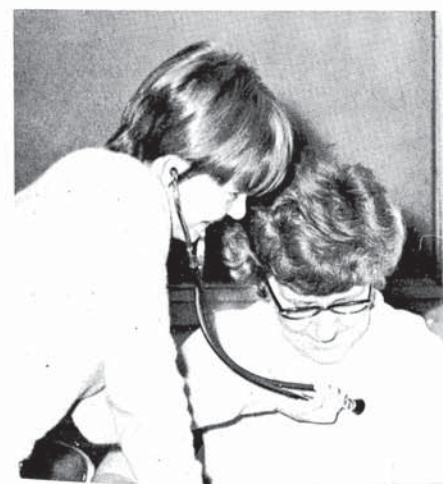
FTA members, FRONT ROW Sennie Goines—Treasurer, Mary Miles—Secretary, Ellen Ebert—President, Valerie Koesler—Social Director, Elaine Tinberg, Chris Cronau—Vice-president. SECOND ROW Peggy Atkins, Kathy Krolick, Connie Lessaris, Nancy Colbert, Beth Hinton, Debbie Carlier, Tessie Walker, Debbie Wright. THIRD ROW Janet Gundlock, Nancy Rankin, Martha Berry, Mary Beth Beach, Nancy Otey, Melinda Smith, Debbie Smith.

ABOVE FTA members decide on projects for the rest of the year. RIGHT Girls learn about the lighter side of teaching.



## Future Nurses Meetings develop knowledge of field

Observing the procedures at a nearby hospital helped F.N.A. members realize the responsibilities and rewards of nursing. Films and speakers on the different aspects of the career added interest to the meetings sponsored by Mrs. Ward. During Easter vacation they took a weekend trip to Cook County Hospital in Chicago. While there, they were acquainted with the wide scope of opportunities in the career.



FNA Members, FRONT ROW Vicki Kern—Treasurer, Faith Bresnan—Secretary, Debbie Bloomer—Librarian, Rita Miles—Vice-president, Dixie Etheridge—President. SECOND ROW Cindy Widlowski, Cherie Atkins, Debbie Valentine, Jackie Cox, Diane Gentille. BACK ROW Karen Bailey, Judy Rugle, Peggy Schroeder, Terry Sheahan, Susann Barker.

LEFT ABOVE Informing members about mental illness is Debbie Bloomer. LEFT Locating a heartbeat on advisor, Mrs. Ward, is Faith Bresnan at an FNA meeting.



**FFA**

**Soil team to Arcola**

A soil judging contest in Arcola added an additional activity to the busy Future Farmers of America. Regularly playing basketball in the Girl's Gym and participating in a speech contest in the spring rounded out their schedule. Two sectional winners won production awards, Steve Heffernan in swine production and Tom Rayburn in small grains. They went on to district and state competition. Coordinate club meetings with Centennial High School members surpassed previous attendance records.



FFA members, FRONT ROW Steve Zindars, Bob Scherer, Gary Reifsteck, Marc Shaw. SECOND ROW Jerry Sanderson, John Adams, Steve Heffernan, Chuck Deakin, Ken Pittman, Steve Blue.

ABOVE As representatives of CHS's soil team, Chuck Deakin, Steve Heffernan and Gary Reifsteck build a soil castle. RIGHT BELOW FFA officers, FRONT ROW Steve Heffernan—Treasurer, Chuck Deakin—Vice-president, Gary Reifsteck—Sectional Reporter. SECOND ROW Darrell Fillenwarth—Sentinel, Jim Edgebrook—Sectional Secretary. BELOW Chuck Deakin and Tom Rayburn present Mrs. Darsham with a yellow carnation during National FFA Week.



**FSA**

**Typers get tips**

The usual image of a secretary is a girl madly typing with shorthand notes scattered on her desk. FSA does train girls for a secretarial career but adds a little extra. Learning the ups and downs of the business world, developing good work habits, and appearing pleasant to their patrons were some of the "little extras." Social activities were also part of the fun. FSA members attended the National Secretaries Association meeting held at the Ramada Inn and had a splash party at Centennial Pool. To finance their social lives, they sold candy.

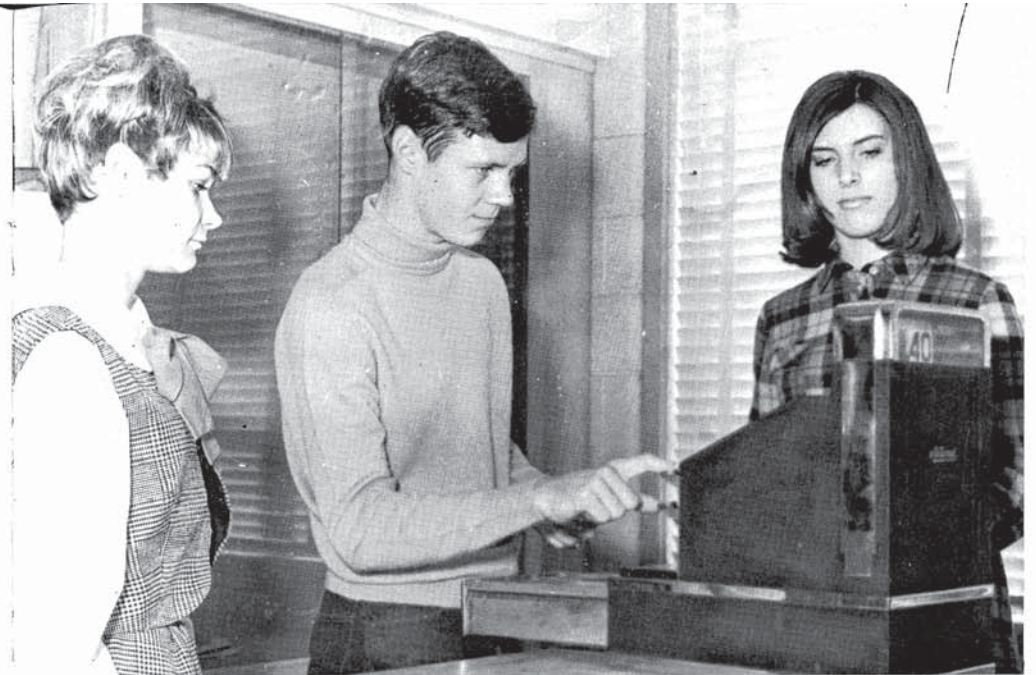
BELOW Melinda Gourlie, left, shares the surprise and joy on Cheryl Bogan's face as Cheryl unwraps her gift at the FSA Christmas Party.



RIGHT Preoccupied with her typing, Maggie Rasmusson assists Coach Lee Cabutti in his office. RIGHT BELOW Cinda Parkhurst continually answers the phone, takes notes, and runs the mimeograph machine in the busy Main Office.

## DECA goes to State

Office Occupations did not only provide students with job opportunities and office training, but also sponsored an educational field trip to Chicago. Selected delegates were privileged to attend the State Leadership Conference and a class meeting at Urbana High School. A special banquet for their bosses ended a year full of experiences and opportunities.



DECA members, FRONT ROW Launa Meece, Marla Downfield, Marsha Burge, Linda Carroll, Debbie Irving. SECOND ROW Barb Britton, Rita Rose, Tsy Inskip, Pam Shepherd, Lynn Castelo, Patty Spland. BACK ROW Linda Henderson, Pat Burks, Tom Eastin, Cinda Parkhurst, Paula Brewer, Ethel Farland.



DECA members, FRONT ROW Brenda Schoonover, Peggy McDade, Dot-tie Martin, Gaydel Bolds, Penny Emmons. SECOND ROW Mr. Stanley—Sponsor, Lovanda Chapple, Paula McDade, Rick Sansone, Dave Williams, Debbie Christie. BACK ROW Becky Williams, Chris Bland, Gordon Tracey, Dennis Hatcher, Billy Nale, Wesley Bolds, Linda Frieburg.

## DECA School skippers?

At 12:45 each day, certain Central students left school. These privileged characters were DECA workers. They, however, did not get to skip out on any work; they had to go to their own afternoon jobs. They adorned the second floor showcase each month to display merchandise from their various stores. They attended the Area Leadership Conference and State Leadership Conference. A candy sale remained for their money-making project.

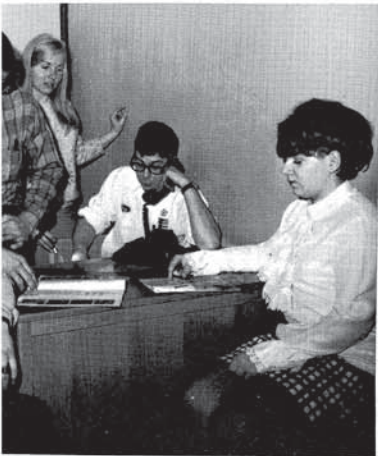


ABOVE Paula McDade and Melinda Apperson carefully observe how Dennis Hatcher rings up a sale on the practice cash register. LEFT Vicky Casad, Linda Frieburg, and Gaydel Bolds watch as Mr. Stanley advises Debbie Prevette, DECA President, on how to arrange the CVE showcase.

## VICA

### Trade occupations worthy of esteem

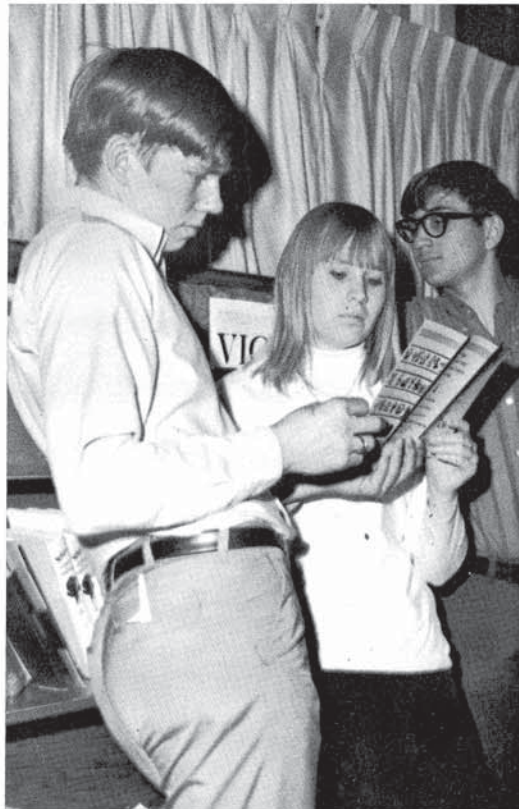
To strive for personal achievement in every aspect of life was one of the main purposes of the Vocational Industrial Club of America. The club tried to teach the students to develop leadership abilities, to promote high standards in trade ethics, to carry out worthy activities, and most of all to create a sincere interest in and for trade and industrial occupations.



LEFT Parke Weatherford, Linda Massengale, and Herb McCoy review a pamphlet on job opportunities. ABOVE Sponsor, Carol Hodgson, assumes the responsibility of advising all these working students.



VICA members, FRONT ROW Debbie Hanlon, Debbie Pittman, Joan Mabry. SECOND ROW Morris Lockett, Steve Harper, Claude Roebuck.



COED members, FRONT ROW Janet Burnett, Jackie Chapman, Diane Caldwell, Donald Stewart, Deborah Nelson, Pat Helmick. SECOND ROW Mr. Klumb—Sponsor, Bill Cavanaugh, Margo Warren, Carol Gonert, Charles Elam, Lovan Sayles, Jessie Bigham. THIRD ROW Kathy Peters, Chris Combat, Mike Smith, James Heferdy, Arzetta Chapple. BACK ROW Velma Page, James Suttle, Jim Rotramel, Bob Garrett, Allen Anderson, Glen Warren.

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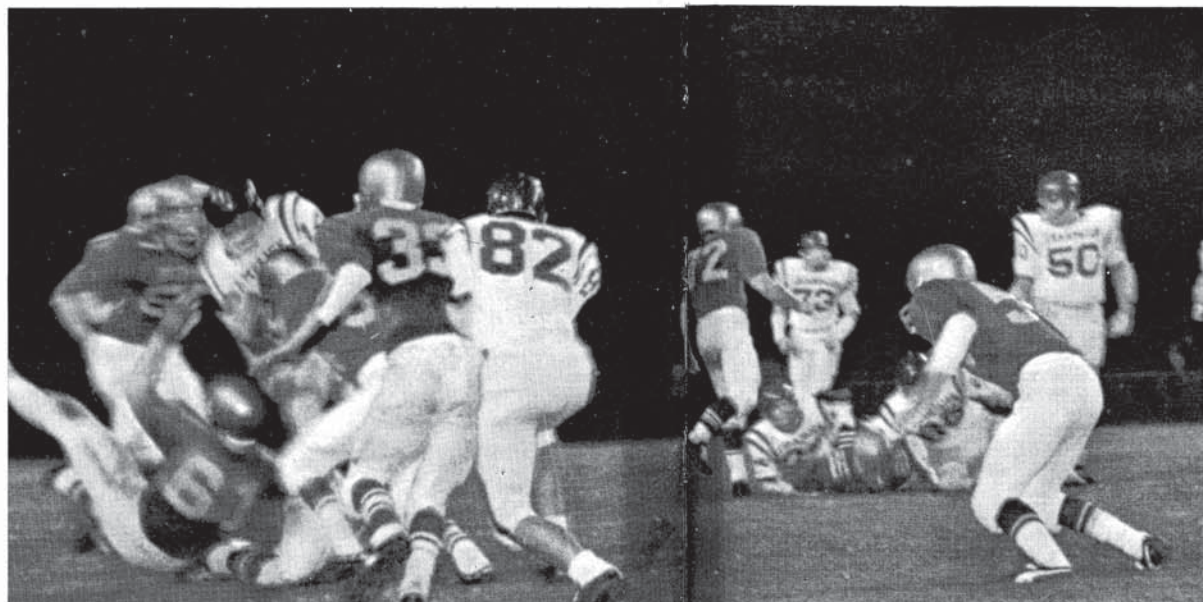
### Orphans delighted

Sponsored by Mr. Klumb, a new club was formed this year. Its main purpose was to bring deprived children into social activities. To finance their projects, they had a car wash and fixed toys. They surprised orphans with gifts from Santa Claus and a chance to make new friends at a Christmas Party in Central's cafeteria.

ABOVE Pat Helmick and Diane Caldwell tend these orphans until Santa arrives with their gifts at the COED Christmas Party.



## Sports



## Central gridmen feel split in two schools

In 1967 Champaign Senior High School divided to become Central and Centennial. With half of the students that travelled across town also went many football players. Last year, seniors were given a choice of which high school they wanted to attend. The majority chose Central, so the football team was not hurt. This year, districts were set up and each school received approximately the same amount of gridmen. Coach Tom Stewart anticipated the split and saw that it could mean losses, so in the fall of 1967 the sophomores were allowed to play with the varsity for the first time. Central still experienced a losing season with only two wins and seven losses.

Centennial and Central have yet to meet in competition, but already rivalries have formed. Central fans have shown pride in their team, as they stood behind the gridmen the whole football season. The Maroons have proven by their spirit and ability that they will rise above this season's record.

*UPPER LEFT* Dave Ashby, an injured player, is greeted by raised pom-poms as he enters the gridiron. *UPPER CENTER* Steaming words of wisdom escape Coach Stewart on a crucial play. *UPPER RIGHT* Ball handler Eddie Chin eludes the defense. *LOWER* Maroon strength and running combine for an important yardage gain.

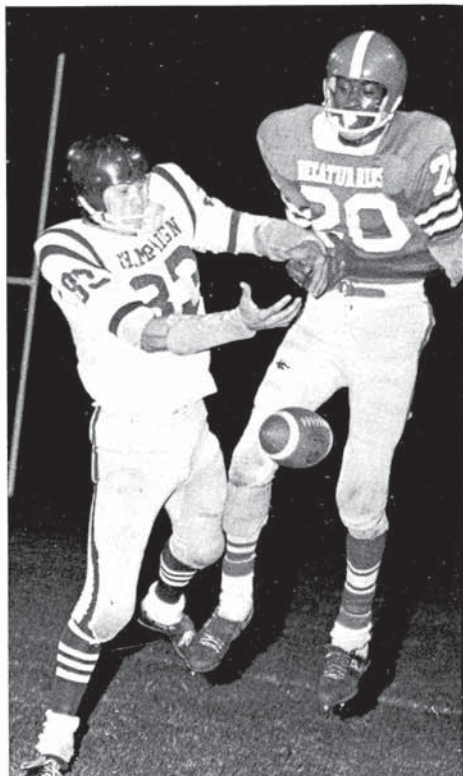


## Football

# Young Maroons have disappointing season

Champaign Central's young Maroons finished their season with a disappointing record of 2 wins and 7 losses. Early losses to Streator and Joliet were discouraging, but a few changes in the plays renewed strength and Central bounced back to win both the Mattoon and Schlarman games. The year came to a close as Central met five conference opponents. Although the Maroons lost these games, the average point loss was only seven. The biggest disappointment came at Urbana when, under the swirling snow, the Mighty Maroons lost by six points in the last quarter. All games were met with new vigor and effort as each player gave 100% of himself.

Full laurels were deserved by seniors Craig Pierce, Terry Tanner, John Murray, Robin Gadbury, and Tom Gaskin. Stand-out juniors Pete Vriner, John Levanti, Paul Andrews and Eddie Chin are full of promise for next year. Coach Tom Stewart, along with assistants Tom Gher and Richard Wooley, instilled pride in the team as the many "near-victories" showed that the '68 team, as those before, really had Champaign spirit.



Central Gridmen. FRONT ROW: Dave Bode, Tom Gaskin, Pat Fitzgerald, Terry Tanner, Robin Gadbury, Joe Kurlakowsky, Craig Pierce, John Murray, Chris Hanson, Dave Henry, Jim Cobble, Randy Fonner, Steve Michael, Leroy Chin. ROW TWO: Coach Rich Wooley, Walter Hines, Matt Doyle, George Pellum, John Levanti, Dave Ashby, Pete Vriner, Eddie Chin, Paul Andrew, Joe Calcagno, Steve Douglas, Jerry Gorman, Head Coach Tom Stewart. ROW THREE: Coach Gene Ward, Tom Rayburn, Chuck Yancey, Bill Cox, Doug Allen, Tom Dorsey, Jim Lewis, Dale Fancher, Nick Kelly, Dave Thomas, Dave Newman, Coach Tom Gher. ROW FOUR: Dan Schneider, Dave Schneider, Zane Zeigler, Bill Craig, Terry Mast, Rodger Ferguson, Craig Shirley, Roland Hissong, John Parks, Alby Hoss, Coach Paul Seaman. BACK ROW: Andy Warner, Doug Davis, Jim Koss, Ron Chambers, Tom Murray, Jerry Sims, Tim Nally, Larry Craig, Mike Millage, Rick Schonert, Charles Hart.

### VARSITY FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD

Central	Opponent	Score
6	Streator	13
7	Joliet	21
47	Mattoon	2
20	Schlarman	19
14	Bloomington	12
6	Decatur	13
13	Danville	26
21	Springfield	27
6	Urbana	13

LEFT ABOVE Co-captains Pete Vriner and John Murray anxiously await the drop of the coin. RIGHT ABOVE Pete Vriner waves away Mattoon opponents on his way to the goal line. LEFT BELOW Chuck Yancey stares unbelievably at the near pass interception.

## J.V. and Sophomore Football

# Muscle-clashing toil develops talent for

Coach Gene Ward's sophomores gained valuable experience from their winning season which will help them in playing varsity football next year. The sophs compiled a record of five wins and two losses.

Central started their season with a morale-boosting win over Decatur MacArthur and followed with a shut-out victory over the Mattoon Greenwave. Urbana edged over the young gridmen in the next game by seven points. Later in the season Central gained revenge over the crosstown rivals by a score of 14-7. The sophomores then proceeded to down Stephen Decatur and Danville, allowing only one other loss to Decatur Eisenhower.

Sophomore players Jim Koss, Tom Murray, Ron Chambers, and Richard Witt were rewarded for their long hours of muscle-clashing practice when added to the varsity squad. The future of Champaign Central's football squad lies with its sophomores.



### SOPHOMORE SCOREBOARD

Central	Opponents
25	MacArthur 12
27	Mattoon 0
21	Urbana 28
12	Eisenhower 32
21	Danville 14
14	Urbana 7
13	Stephen Decatur 7



# future varsity power



### J. V. SCOREBOARD

Central	Opponent
0	MacArthur 27
12	Eisenhower 6
6	Danville 27
7	Stephen Decatur 7
19	Bloomington 20

UPPER LEFT Bob Blackwell and an Urbana foe battle for possession of the ball. LOWER LEFT A fumbled ball leads Jim Koss to an all-important recovery. UPPER RIGHT The Maroon defense close in on an unsuspecting opponent.

Central's '68 junior varsity football season developed many fine football players. Excellent offensive players included Ron Chambers, the team's leading ground gainer, and quarterback John Parks. Giving outstanding defensive action were seniors Steve Michael and Leroy Chin.

The 1-3-1 record is not very impressive, but the junior varsity players learned by experience from the inter-conference battles. The gridmen had tough luck in losing their first game, but bounced back to win their second game against Decatur. Out of next two games with Danville and Stephen Decatur, one was lost and the other tied, respectively. In the finale facing Bloomington, Central was crushed as they lost by one point in the last few minutes of play.



## Cross Country

# CHS harriers try harder, end season

Coach Fred Schooley's Cross Country team "tried harder" but still ended their season with five losses and four wins in dual competition. Two wins came against Rantoul and one against Bloomington. Much to the dismay of Central, Urbana won both of their outings while the other two losses came from Danville. This season was a major improvement over last year's losing streak. Coach Schooley was quite satisfied with the fine effort the team put forth.

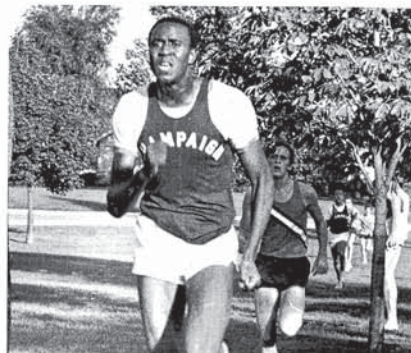
Senior Tom Good, who captured ninth place, along with Marc Cutright, Terrance LaFoe, Chas Wilson, and Clyde Turner, placed Central fourth in the district. Marc Cutright ran for eighth place to lead the team to fifth place in the conference. In the Paris and Peoria Invitationals, Champaign won sixth and fifth place honors, respectively. Unfortunately Chuck Bayne, who showed much promise, was injured early in the season.

Next year the future of Champaign's Cross Country team looks very bright. Three junior lettermen, Marc Cutright, Terrance LaFoe and Chas Wilson will be returning.

### CROSS COUNTRY SCOREBOARD

Central	Opponent	Score
26	Rantoul	29
33	Urbana	26
35	Danville	20
18	Bloomington	40
43	Danville	17
33	Rantoul	43
50	Urbana	26
6th	Paris Invitational	
13th	Peoria Invitational	
4th	District	
5th	Conference	

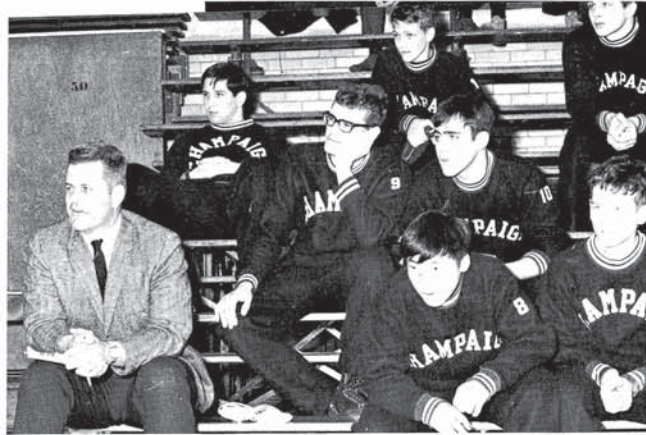
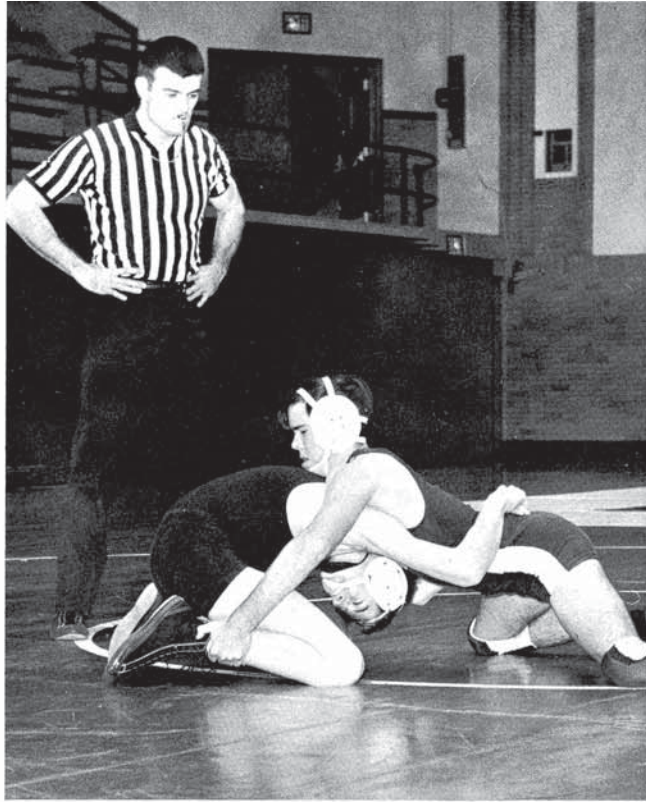
# satisfactorily



Cross Country Team. FRONT ROW: Marc Cutright, Terrance LaFoe, Tom Good, Marty Schroeder, and John Hecker. ROW TWO: Marc Chagnon, Charles Wilson, Allen Yordy, Steve LaRocque, Jeff Edwards. BACK ROW: John McGuire, Dan Carlier, Charles Coy, Dennis Horn, Pete Nast, Chris Finlay, Jim Bright, Kip Mecum and Coach Fred Schooley.



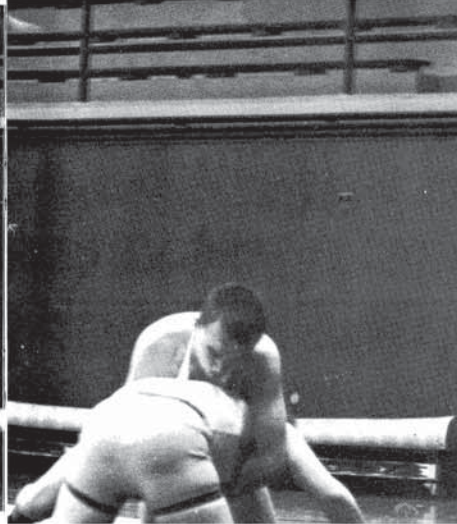
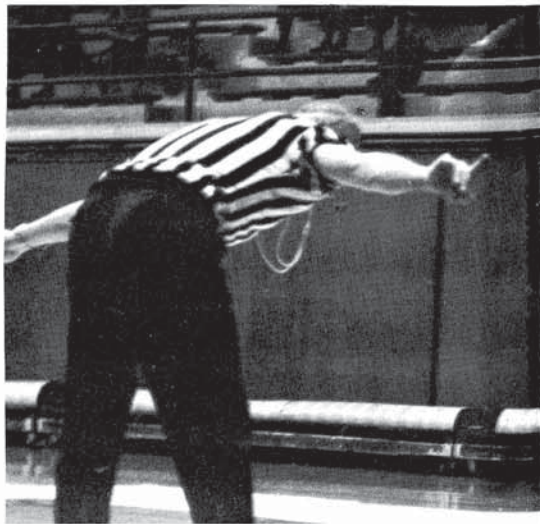
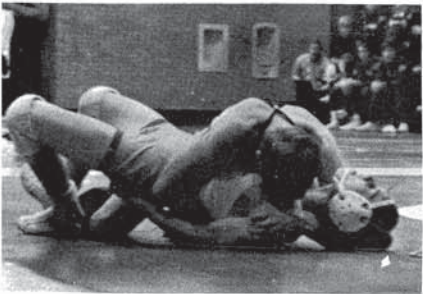
RIGHT An outstretched hand awaits Jim Bright as he wearily crosses the finish line. LEFT ABOVE Coach Schooley holds gun in one hand and stop watch in the other as he prepares the harriers for the start. LEFT BELOW Versatile Clyde Turner hurriedly leads a pack as Dave White hides behind the tree. RIGHT BELOW Bare-footed Marc Cutright doggedly overtakes an Urbana foe.



LEFT Intricate arm locks and holds are part of Maroon grapplers' techniques. LEFT ABOVE Mike Petry uses cunning and strength to advance over his opponent. BELOW Varsity wrestler Kip Mecum studies his plan of attack. RIGHT Coach Pittman and team anxiously await the outcome of a close match.

## Wrestling

# Central matmen sweat off pounds, place third



Champaign's wrestling team had a building season this year with a 7-5-1 record for dual meets. The squad converted the girls' gym into a modified sauna bath, where they sweated off pounds while replacing them with mat experience and strategy. The fine coaching of Don Pittman and his assistant, Tom Gher, built the boys into first rate grapplers.

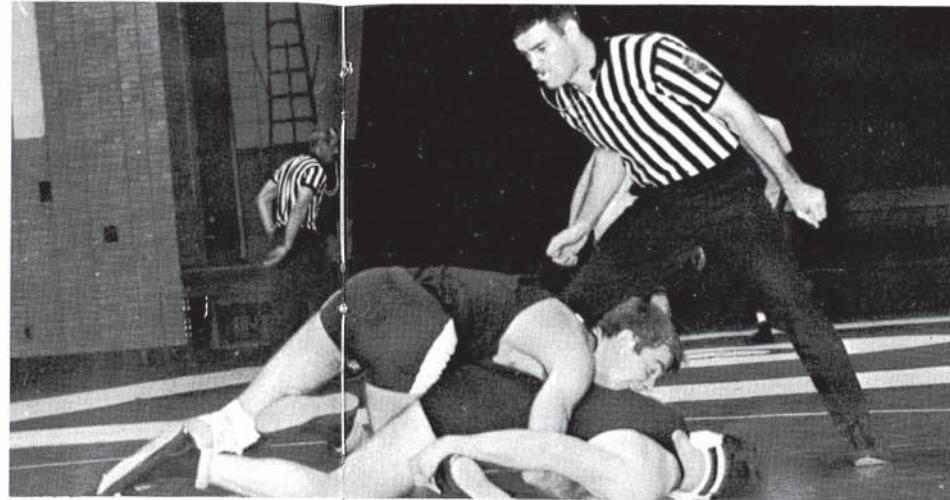
Next year's team will be at a loss without seniors Kip Mecum, John Hecker, Pat Fitzgerald, Fred McHugh, John Murray, and Robin Gadbury. This year's underclassmen will add great strength to the future wrestling team. Andy Warner, Mike Petry, Tom Murray, Dave Ashby, and Jerry Sims have added and developed into the necessary strength Central needs. Extra backing by the student body also helped the grapplers' efforts and as a hard working squad overcame many obstacles and turned the year into a winning season.

## Grapplers place hopes on district winners

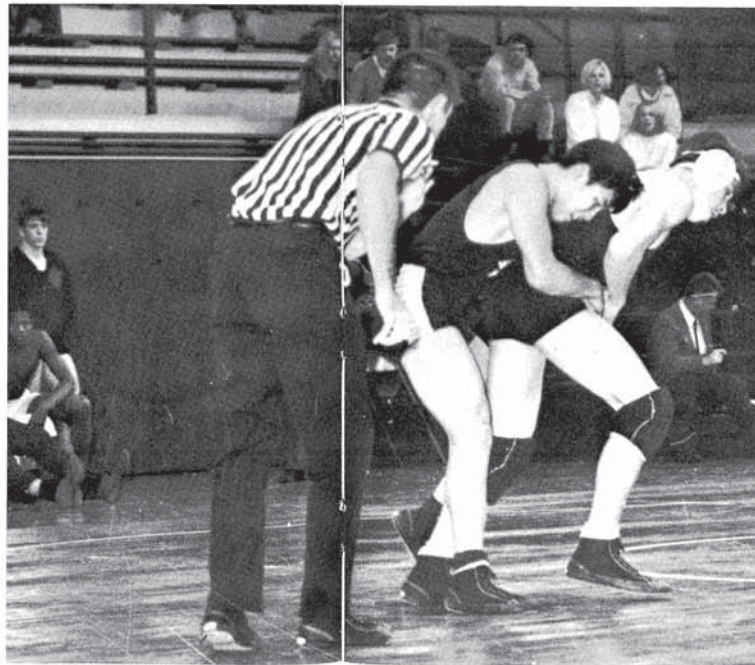
Varsity Wrestlers, FRONT ROW Andy Warner, John Hecker, Mike Petry, Gary Reif-  
 ick, Kip Mecum, Pat Fitzgerald. ROW TWO Coach Don Pittman, Fred McHugh,  
 chard Foley, Tom Murray, John Diefenbaugh, John Murray, Robin Gadbury.



Sophomore-JV Wrestlers, FRONT ROW Rich Johnson, John Calcagno, Steve Fernan-  
 z, Stan Stalcup, Gale Clark, Dan Starwalt, Terry Nast, Coach Tom Gher. ROW TWO  
 k Kelly, Ron Chambers, Dale Fancher, Steve Fernandez, Jerry Sims, Dave Ash-  
 Zane Zeigler. ROW THREE Rick Clevanger, Mark Douglas, Kayon Chin, Tom  
 skin, Mike O'Connor, Tom Dorsey, John Levanti, Jim Malloy, Tim Murray.



UPPER LEFT Maroon grappler, Fred McHugh,  
 downs a Bloomington matman. BELOW LEFT  
 Varsity wrestler Leroy Chin strives to get the  
 advantage on his opponent.



### WRESTLING SCOREBOARD

Central	Opponent	Score
8	Rantoul	43
23	Danville	19
24	Urbana	24
30	Lincoln	12
19	Bloomington	23
10	MacArthur	31
10	Stephen Decatur	38
25	Mattoon	18
8	Springfield	40
19	Eisenhower	22
31	Unity	19
3rd	Quadrangular Meet	
8th	Granite City Tourney	
2nd	CHS Invitational	
3rd	Conference Meet	
4th	District Meet	

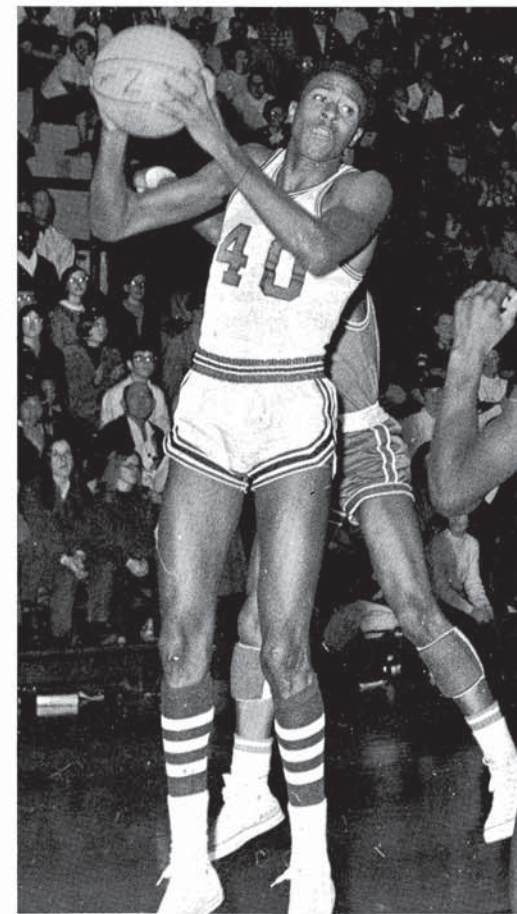
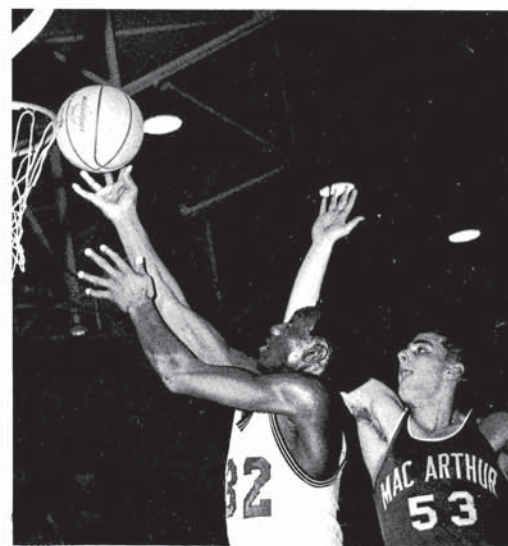
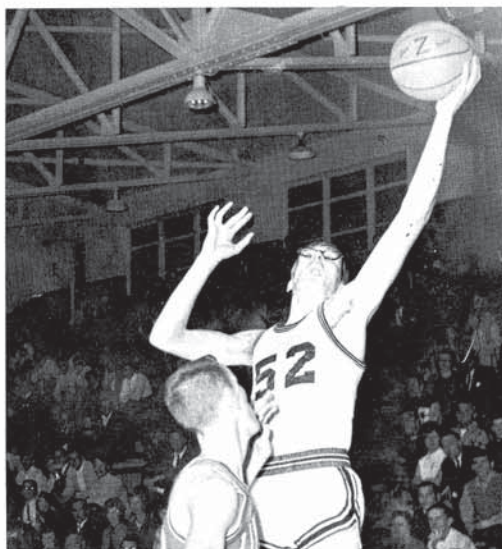
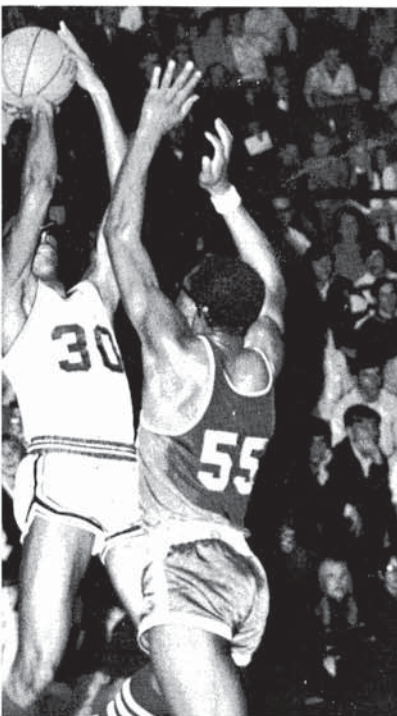
## Basketball

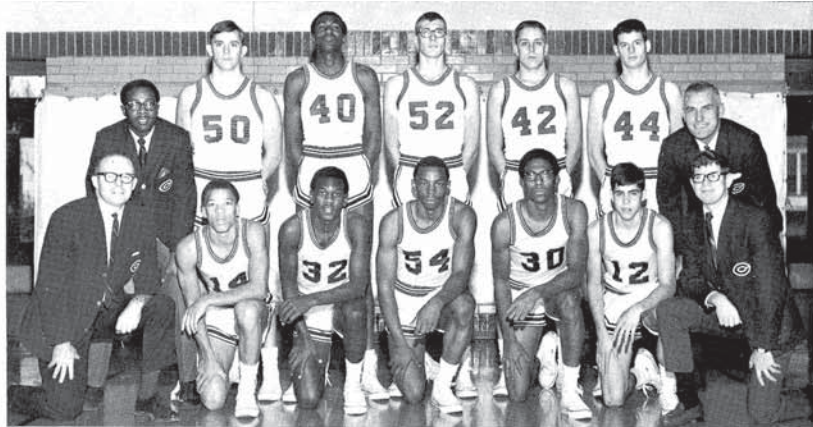
### Elite eight berth shines bright for cagers

Champaign Central's basketball team gave a fast start to their season by winning nine consecutive games, including winning the Turkey tournament. These victories earned a number one state rating for the Maroons. Their first loss came in the championship game at the Centralia tournament but was followed by seven wins out of the next nine games played. The Maroons were led by 6'5" senior Clyde Turner, whose many talents ranked him as one of the best players in the state. Other seniors were Dave White, Joe McNeal, Arberry Barnes, Terry Tanner and Clyde Henry. Rounding out the excellent team were sophomore Jesse McNeal and Bobby Jackson ready to fill in their talents at any time. The fabulous desire to win by the 1968-69 Maroons led Central in a real Year of Spirit.



LEFT Terry Tanner waltzes through tough MacArthur defensive. LEFT CENTER A big stretch for an important rebound is gained by Dave White. CENTER Maroons involve both body and soul into their games. RIGHT CENTER Joe McNeal tenderly adds two to the Maroon score. BELOW Determination prevails as Clyde Turner demonstrates his "hands off" policy.





Varsity Cagers, FRONT ROW Coach Lee Cabutti, Jesse McNeal, Joe McNeal, Arberry Barnes, Terry Tanner, Steve LaRocque, Greg Kaufman—manager. BACK ROW Coach Coleman Carrodine, Tom Geissler, Clyde Turner, Dave White, Doug Allen, Dave Henry, Coach Charlie Due.

## Basketball triumphs, achieve third in state

Coach Lee Cabutti's Maroons gained tremendous momentum, not only in man-to-man defense but also developed a decisive zone defensive in this past season. Inspired by the promise of a bar-b-qued spare rib dinner, the Cagers tried to hold their opponents under the point mark. This reward, among other things, helped the Maroons to become one of the top teams in the

CHS ended their conference season as co-champs of the Big 12 conference. They held a winning record going into tournament time with the promise of more success in the near future.

The '69 season was one of new records and great enthusiasm as the Central quintet worked toward state. Fine coaching and tremendous potential were the factors that guided the Maroons towards victory.



LEFT The Reds are amazed at Dave "Captain Nice" White's great talent of basket-making. LEFT ABOVE Jesse McNeal shoots for two. ABOVE Arberry Barnes rushes down the floor to pour the points in for Central.

### BASKETBALL SCOREBOARD

Central	Opponent	Score
79	Rantoul	53
78	Springfield	55
76	Salem	45
68	Lincoln	49
75	Danville	58
68	Decatur	49
67	Batavia	47
49	Urbana	41
48	Bloomington	40
43	Mattoon	46
67	Danville	49
71	MacArthur	43
58	Stephen Decatur	43
53	Urbana	39
58	Mattoon	39
44	Bloomington	28
1st	Turkey Tourney	
2nd	Centralia Holiday Tournament	

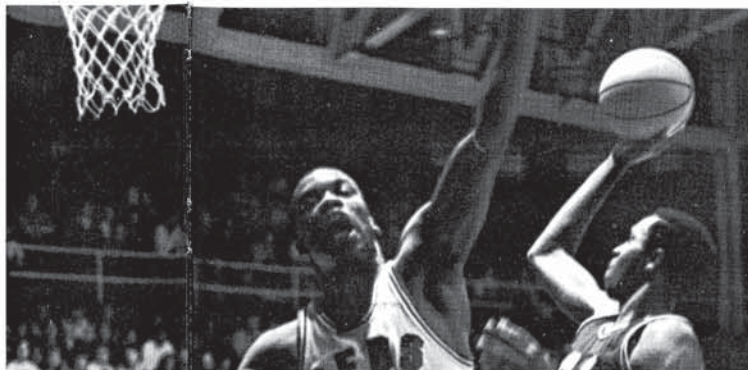
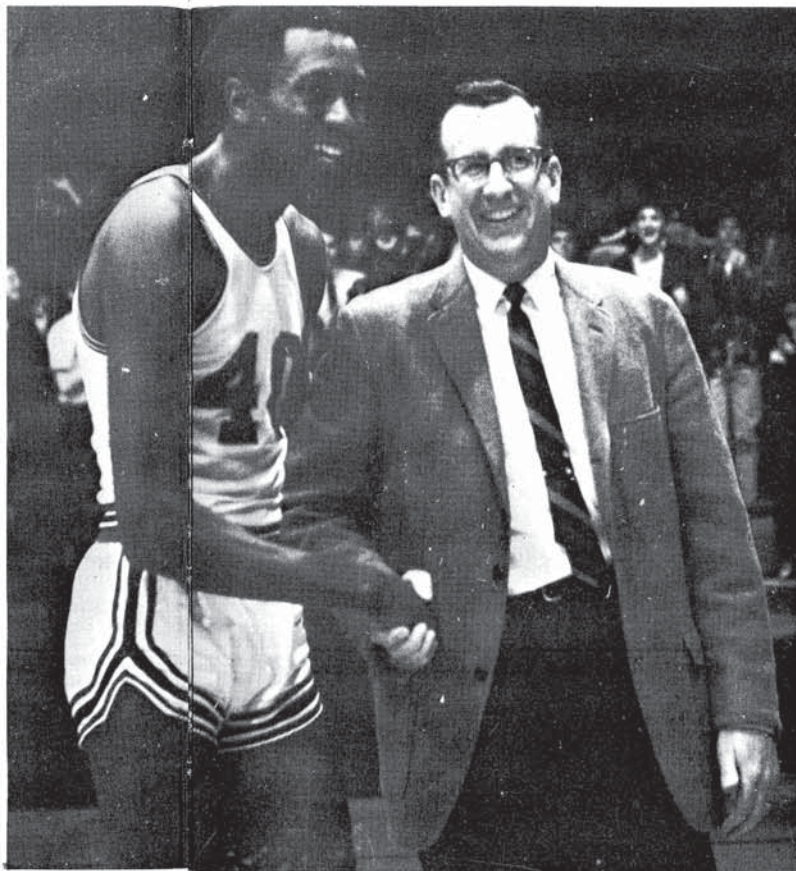
Conference co-champs  
I.H.S.A. STATE TOURNAMENT THIRD PLACE

Clyde Turner

## Central's number one scorer shoots first in state tournament

Clyde Turner officially became the highest scorer in Central High School's history by breaking the record set by Ted Beach in 1944. He achieved this feat at the Champaign-Urbana game, February 4, by sinking a 20 foot jump shot. Time-out was called by Champaign and the new record holder received congratulations from its old owner.

Clyde has developed into a fine defensive player as well as a high scorer. His versatility and excellent team work has made him one of the outstanding players in the state. He achieved the highest total points scored in the IHSA State Basketball Tournament with 91 points which boosted his prep total to 305.



LEFT Well aimed shots by Clyde Turner pay off with victories. CENTER Clyde prepares for his record breaking basket with cool determination. ABOVE Former record holder Ted Beach and his successor shake hands as the long standing record was surpassed. BELOW Surrounded by Red defense, Clyde Turner again exerts his "Maroon Power."