



Charger coaching staff.



A QUICK punt is required as Bruce Swartz is rushed by a pair of Bergen tacklers.

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ed in a 7-7 tie. The disappointing tie and Chargers' next two emotions. One of dis- on a crucial play in of immense pleasure fect game against a necoming was spoiled for came out on top. e the Chargers' finest Zion Braves, who had

were Mike Bernardi, ry Mortensen, Chuck ole. The future looks John Hoppe, Lincoln Siler, Walter Walker,



ABOVE: EVEN WITH the added weight of Peoria's center, Lincoln Huffman pulls for extra yards. LEFT: Mud and broken equipment prove to be a hazard to Larry Wilson.



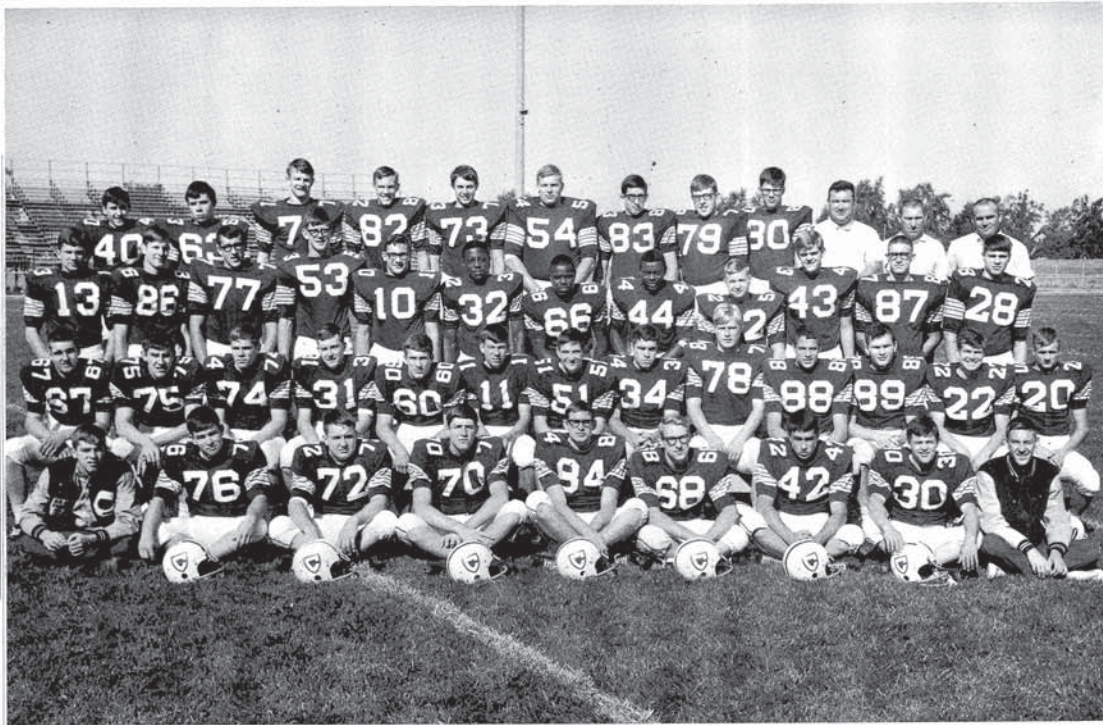
CHARGER'S DEFENSE relies on aggressive pursuit.



LINCOLN HUFFMAN searches for a hole in the strong St. Viator line.

VARSITY SQUAD: ROW 1: Mike Bolin, Tom Kelly, Dave Rumer, Randy Craig, Rick Kidd, Bill Bates, Steve Pierce, L-Rhea Coggan, Roger Biles. ROW 2: Darrell Fillenwarth, Larry Wilson, Greg Mills, David Ray, Jim Hoppe, Perry Siler, Chuck Temple, Bill Wolf, Randy Gotschall, Craig Mannering, Mike Bernardi, Jerry Mortensen, Chuck Parker. ROW 3: John Hoppe, Howie Kemper, Mike Pierce, Randy Moncrief, Bruce

Swartz, Ed Jenkins, Walter Walker, Lincoln Huffman, Craig Stinson, Tom Baerwald, Jan Young, Tim Massanari. ROW 4: Victor Toews, Jim Beasley, Mark Morrow, Rick McPhee, Scott Radcliffe, Bill Dosch, Mike Birtcher, Gary Swinford, Steve O'Byrne, coaches John Macek, Paul McGarvey, and Wes Davis.



'68 Charge



AN UNSUSPECTING op Rick Kidd.

CENTENNIAL'S EUGENE six points to help his team



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Ghana 10
Brazil 21
Shanghai 21
Rioing 10
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the strong St. Viator line.

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aches John Macek, Paul



AN UNSUSPECTING opponent is caught from behind by Centennial's Rick Kidd.

CENTENNIAL'S EUGENE Washington is off on his way for another six points to help his team to another win.



'68 Chargers Look Bright as Sophs Compile 5-1 Record

The Centennial Sophomore football team attained a highly successful first year which was highlighted by a 61-6 massacre of Decatur Lakeview. Under the direction of coaches Robert Nelson and Ed Fredericks, the sophomore Chargers won four in a row before bowing to Decatur Eisenhower, and then finished the season with a victory over Rantoul.

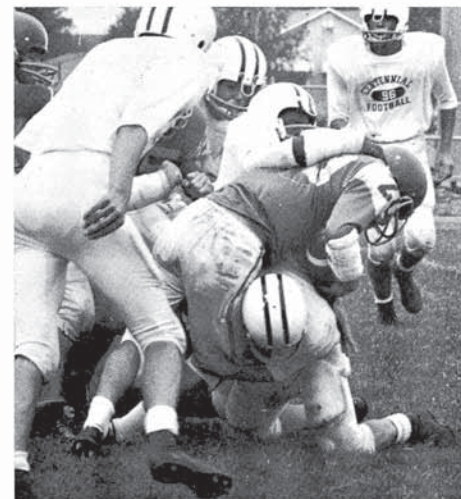
As the season progressed the team gained experience and look hopeful as future Varsity players. The team featured good-sized, agile linemen, and fast backs.

Some of the outstanding team members who may become future Varsity stars are Rick Kidd, Steve Pierce, Dan Grider, Dave Rumer, Eugene Washington, Chuck Herring, and Jeff Coombs whose injury kept him from playing the whole season.

These, and other team members should provide a good supply of talent for the 1968-69 Varsity team.

Sophomore Football Scoreboard

CENTENNIAL	OPPONENT	Score
14.....	Mattoon	6
14.....	Danville	6
61.....	Decatur Lakeview	6
20.....	Urbana	7
6.....	Decatur Eisenhower	21
21.....	Rantoul	14



A MATTOON player finds that his blockers behind him are of little help as he runs into a stone wall of Centennial players.



COACH ROGER Quinlan anxiously surveys his first year team.



WITH MOST of the race behind them, top runners Gerald Perkins and Rodger Barr round the last curve on their way to victory.

50 . . . 40 . . . 30 yards left, as Steve Petry and Randy Fletcher near the finish line.



STRIDERS ARE: ROW 1: Tom McElligot, Tom Weisman, and O'Connell.

Centennial Surprising

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STRIDERS ARE: ROW 1: Tim Kenney, Gerald Perkins, Larry Schweighart, Maurice Snook, Chuck Luckmann, Bruce Shuman, Rodger Barr. ROW 2: Bob McElligot, Tom Weisman, John Jaycox, Steve Petry, Ron Jewell, Randy Russell, Jim Krasco, Greg Hatch, Randy Fletcher, Conrad Stynchula, Danny O'Connell.

Centennial Striders Capture Surprising District Seventh

As the season began, first year coach Roger Quinlan had only three runners with any previous cross-country experience. But after many hours of grueling practice and running experience, the Striders surprised many people by achieving seventh in the district meet.

The Striders had more success on the road than at home. The team won two out of three meets held away and one out of the four they hosted. Two late starters, Rodger Barr and Gerald Perkins, enabled the team to enjoy late season success.

At the final meet of the season, the Centennial Striders were able to give the home fans something to cheer about. In spite of a muddy course, most of the runners ran their best race of the year.

Senior lettermen were Rodger Barr, Gerald Perkins, Tim Kenney, Randy Russell, Ron Jewell, and Ron Karlstrom. Junior and Sophomore lettermen, Larry Schweighart, Bruce Shuman, and Chuck Luckman, will be the nucleus of next year's team.

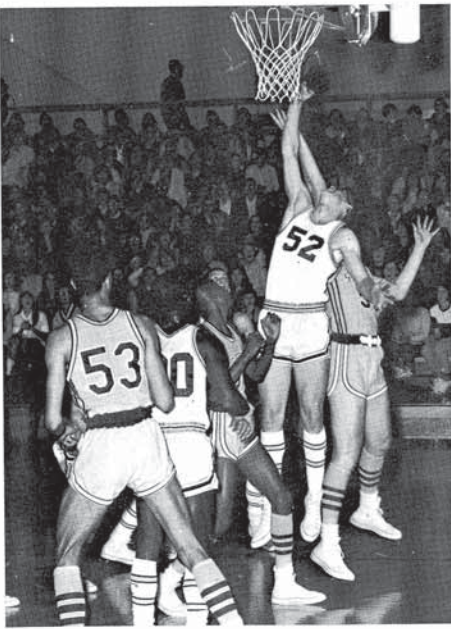


THE SOUND of the gun . . . the two mile trek begins.

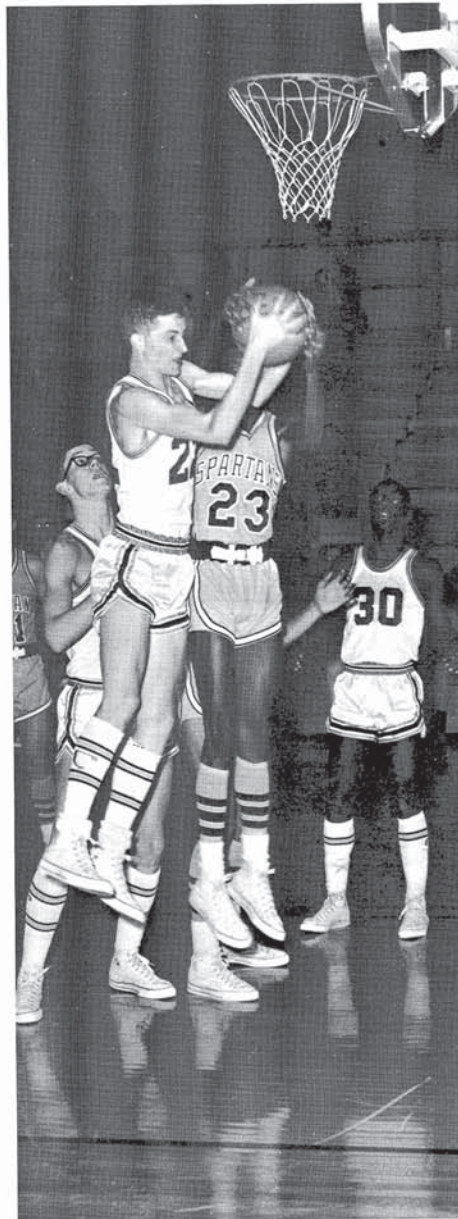
Cross-Country Scoreboard

CENTENNIAL	OPPONENTS
16.....	Ridgefarm .....46
20.....	Eisenhower .....38
36.....	Rantoul .....19
35.....	Mattoon .....22
21.....	Argenta Oreana .....34
47.....	Danville .....15
25.....	Leroy .....33

31st at Mattoon Invitational
5th at Capital Conference
7th at District



CENTER RANDY MONCRIEF stretches for an inside shot.



HIGH JUMPING FORWARD Max Harvey works hard for a rebound, while Rick Kidd, Randy Moncrief, and Ed Jenkins await developments.



DESPITE the outstretched arm at the basket.



CHARGER RANDY MONCRIEF battles a Springfield Griffen player for a loose ball.

ALL-CONFERENCE Max Harvey



Centennial Places Third in Charleston Holiday Tournament



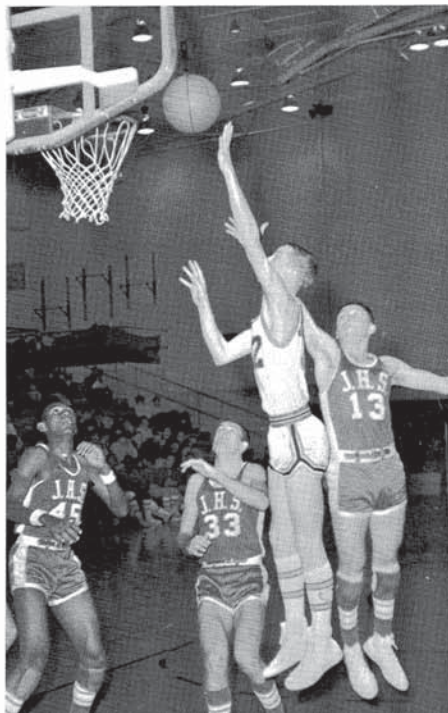
DESPITE the outstretched arm of the defense, Charlie Brown takes aim at the basket.

With the first jump ball, Centennial cagers found themselves lacking the height and experience required for a winning season. Coach Avery, in his first season as head meter, found the year disheartening but looked to the future. Next year looks promising, as nine lettermen will be returning.

The Chargers were placed in the Capital conference with competition equally as tough as that of the Big 12. Max Harvey was the only team member with any previous varsity experience, yet the rookies improved with each game. Each player was placed where his skill could best be used, but actual game experience was necessary and much more valuable than long, after-school practices.

The Chargers' fans who remained faithful and followed the cagers to out-of-town games were delighted with their victories, but the wins were always away. Taking third place in the Charleston Tournament, the team brought the first trophy to the Centennial showcase. Herb LeShoure was named the "most valuable player" of the tournament and Max Harvey, an all-conference player, brought further honors to C.C.H.S.

ALL-CONFERENCE Max Harvey scores two more points for homo.



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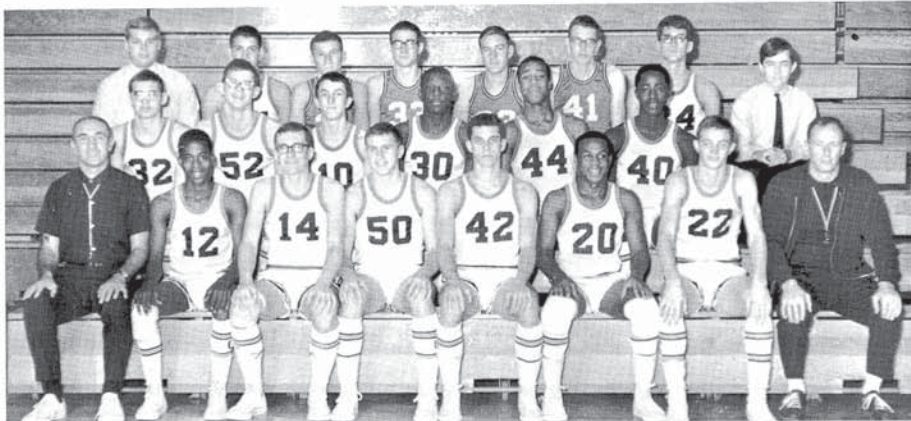
Basketball Score Board

CENTENNIAL	OPPONENT	SCORE
46.....	Paxton50
58.....	Thornridge69
40.....	Uni-High Norman .....	.44
32.....	Springfield Southeast .....	.58
54.....	Jacksonville .....	.69
72.....	Griffin .....	.80
59.....	Decatur MacArthur .....	.50
45.....	Unity .....	.68
67.....	Decatur Eisenhower .....	.90
49.....	Springfield Lanphier .....	.80
40.....	Charleston .....	.45
49.....	Rantoul .....	.66
66.....	St. Anthony Effingham .....	.86
55.....	Springfield Southeast .....	.54
49.....	Jacksonville .....	.69
53.....	Griffin .....	.62
48.....	Decatur MacArthur .....	.74
78.....	Decatur Eisenhower .....	.81
59.....	Springfield Lanphier .....	.87
56.....	Urbana .....	.76

Charleston Holiday Tournament

55.....	St. Teresa .....	.77
55.....	Weoga .....	.35
66.....	Oakland .....	.52

Varsity Chargers Find Opponents Worthy Competition



VARSITY SQUAD: ROW 1: Coach Avery, Herb LaShoure, Dave Ray, Tim Kenney, Jim Evans, Frank Bradford, Max Harvey, Coach Winstead. ROW 2: Rick Kidd, Randy Moncrief, Dan O'Connell, Ed Jenkins, Charlie Brown, Vernon Sterling. ROW 3: Bill Doesch, Jim Vance, Jan Young, Roger Biles, Charlie Tichenor, Randy Russell, Bob Sticklen.



IT'S ANYBODY'S ball



ABOVE: The team looks on as coach Avery sketches a new play. RIGHT: Tom Langlois and Jim Evans tensely await the tip from Charlie Brown.



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: Harvey, Coach Winstead, ch, Jim Vance, Jan Young.



IT'S ANYBODY'S ball as center Max Harvey springs for a rebound.



SHORT MAN on the team, Herb LeShoure stretches to narrow the difference between himself and his towering opponent.



WHILE LOOKING at the scoreboard, Coach Avery contemplates game strategy.

Centennial Sophomores Achieve Successful Beginning Season

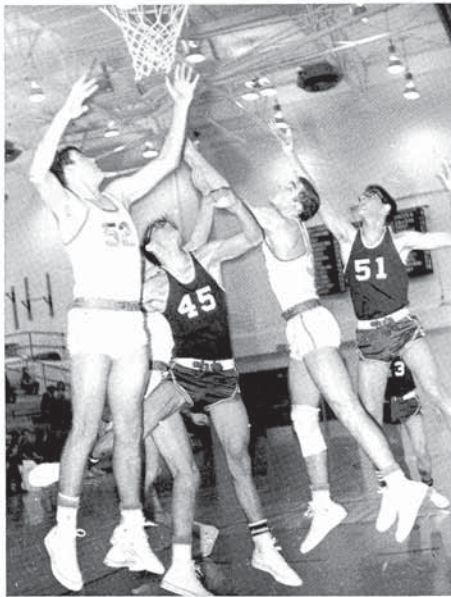


WITH THE jump ball, Centennial Sophomores begin another game.

Opening the season with a victory, Centennial Sophomores made their initial season a success. Their dribbling power improved and field goal averages increased continually under the instruction of Coach Goodman. The sophomores defeated powerful teams such as Springfield Lanphier, Griffin, and Springfield Southeast. Their long hours of practicing paid off as the underclassmen won 12 out of the 19 games, many of them on their opponents courts. The Chargers, with their impressive blue and white uniforms looked promising. Varsity Coach Avery feels sure that our second season will far out-rank our first year.



ED JENKINS attempts a tie breaking free throw as Dave Bouch and Randy Logan look on anxiously.



CHARGERS DAN GRIDER and Rick Kidd fight furiously for another rebound.



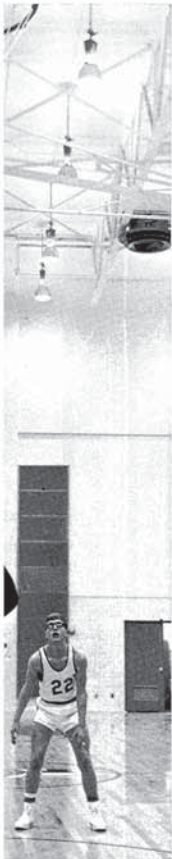
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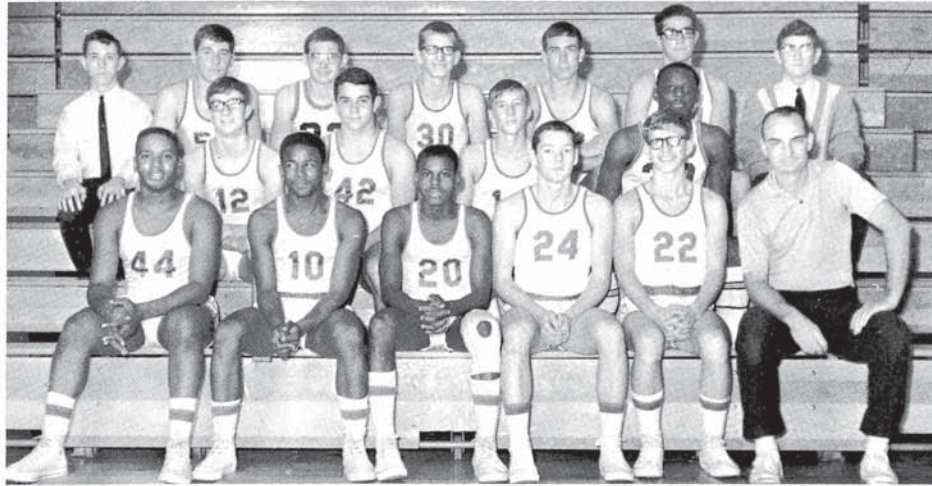
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SOPHOMORE SQUAD: ROW 1: Bill McCutchen, Bob Brownlee, Walter DeArmond, Dave Bouck, Randy Logan, Coach Goodman. ROW 2: Bob Strohl, Andy Gilmore, Mike Mocilan, Ed Jenkins. ROW 3: Mark Pritchard, Randy Craig, Rick Kidd, Greg Hornaday, Dan Grider, Steve Pierce, Will Stonehocker.



CENTENNIAL'S RICK KIDD jumps high to haul down another rebound.

Basketball Score Board

CENTENNIAL	OPPONENT	Score
41	Paxton	35
54	Thornridge	47
48	Uni-High Normal	52
65	Springfield Southeast	54
50	Jacksonville	53
90	Griffin	50
37	Decatur MacArthur	47
54	Unity	57
43	Decatur Eisenhower	48
32	Springfield Lanphier	52
63	Charleston	50
53	Rantoul	49
57	St. Anthony Effingham	50
60	Springfield Southeast	47
58	Jacksonville	33
49	Griffin	42
47	Decatur MacArthur	55
56	Decatur Eisenhower	66
85	Springfield Lanphier	66

Centennial Tankmen Take First in the Capital Conferences

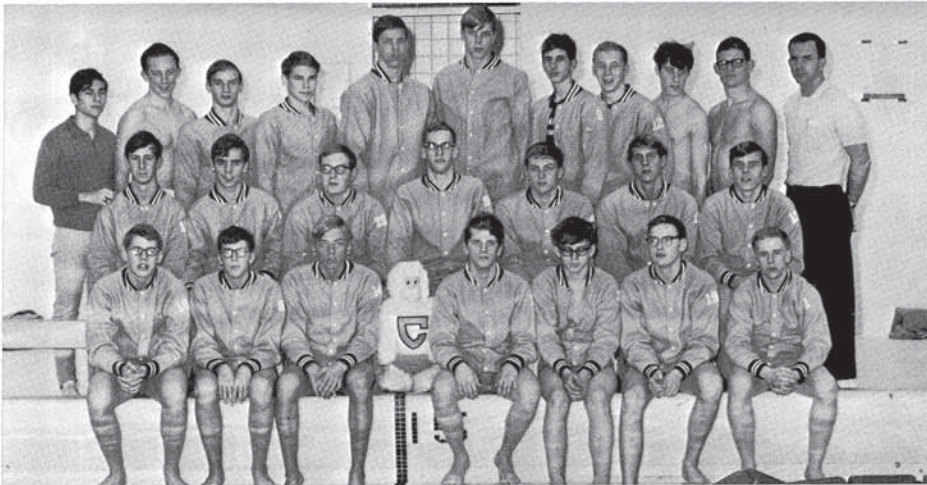


AFTER EVERY Charger victory, Coach Fredericks takes a swim.

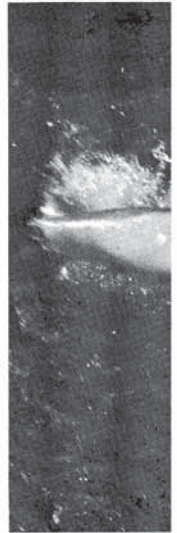
A splash, a bang, and the often repeated hilarity of a false start are proof to the world that man can find a release of excess tension as long as he doesn't let it happen too often. Centennial's Swim Team coached by Ed Fredericks could always count on giving the opposing team a good score; and with good reason. Co-captains Mile Bolin, and Reid Wilson, Steve Tock, Jim Rettburg, Jerry Tippy and All-American, Allan Dillely did a pretty good job of making the Centennial olympic pool a veteran. Unused energy and a won meet often combined to put Coach Fredericks in a position somewhere below the water's surface, but it was a position he came to enjoy.

Swimming Score Board

CENTENNIAL	OPPONENT
36.....	Danville .....59
20.....	Bloomington .....25
58.....	Urbana .....37
76.....	Griffin .....19
46.....	Normal .....49
40.....	Danville .....55
72.....	Griffin .....19
83.....	Southeast .....11
67.....	Pekin .....28
86.....	Woodruff .....9
49.....	Urbana .....46



SWIMMING TEAM: ROW 1: Don McCall, Dave Johnson, Randy Johnson, Stan Herrin, Dan Smith, Mike Bailey, Bruce Kelso, ROW 2: Art Ackermann, Bruce Lowstuter, Russ Babb, Reid Wilson, Mike Bolin, Steve Stman, Steve Tock, ROW 3: Chuck Hoch, Richard Pontious, Jerry Tippy, Bruce Brown, Alan Dillely, Steve Frerichs, Bob Silverman, Jim Rettburg, Chuck Schwartz, Bill Blixen, Coach Fredericks.



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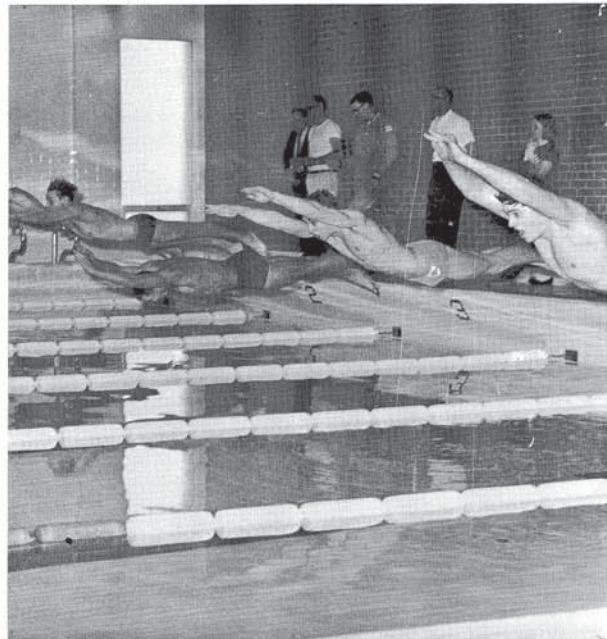
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ALL-AMERICAN, Alan Dilley, placed second in state competition.



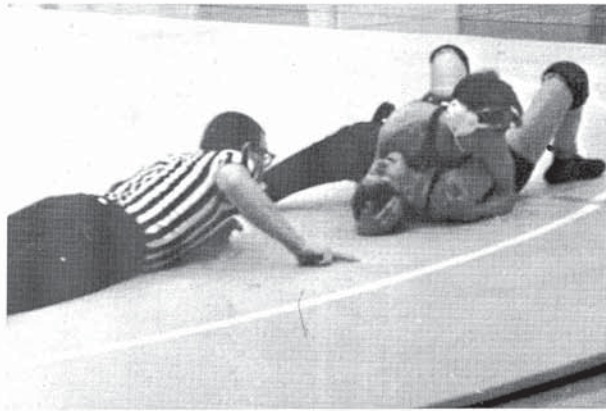
THE SOUND OF A GUN, a big breath, a cold splash and the race is off.



A BACK DIVE in pike position is executed by Richard Pontious.



IN THE BAT of an eye a Centennial grappler finds himself caught in the fireman's carry.



UNDER THE referee's watchful eye, Jay Fielding wrestles a powerful Urbana opponent.

Grapplers Place Third at Mattoon Invitational Tournament

A lack of experience resulted in a disappointing season for the first year wrestlers. With only one returning letterman, the grapplers were forced to develop their skills from scratch. The Chargers offered good competition to the older, more experienced opponents and lost mainly by points, rather than pins.

The high point of the season was the third place rating at the Mattoon Invitational Tournament. Junior Jay Fielding placed 3rd in District competition, and he and two other lettermen will be returning for an improved season next year.

Wrestling Score Board

CENTENNIAL	OPPONENT	SCORE
14.....	Springfield Southeast	33
13.....	Danville	39
22.....	Bismark	25
16.....	Urbana	32
21.....	Springfield Lanphier	29
13.....	University High	37
11.....	Danville	31
9.....	Urbana	33
5.....	Rantoul	37
23.....	Unity	29
8.....	Eisenhower	39



WRESTLING TEAM: ROW 1: Daryl Hoffman, Jay Fielding, Chuck Parker, Gerald Perkins, Chuck Tempel, Greg House, Tim Morrow, John Miller, Garry McCain, Mike Pierce, ROW 2: David McNamara, Larry Schweighart, Doug Mills, Lee Smith, Matt Noffke, Ed Neeley, Kim Pickens, Mike Holverson, Ron Meister, Steve Redmon, Jim Schultz, ROW 3: Bob Nelson, Jerry Sullivan, Steve Dennis, Charles Prowell, John Johnson, Mark Dunn, David McClannahan, Greg Bolton, Tom Hess, Mike Wright, John Farrar, Bill Vance, Bon Kirk.



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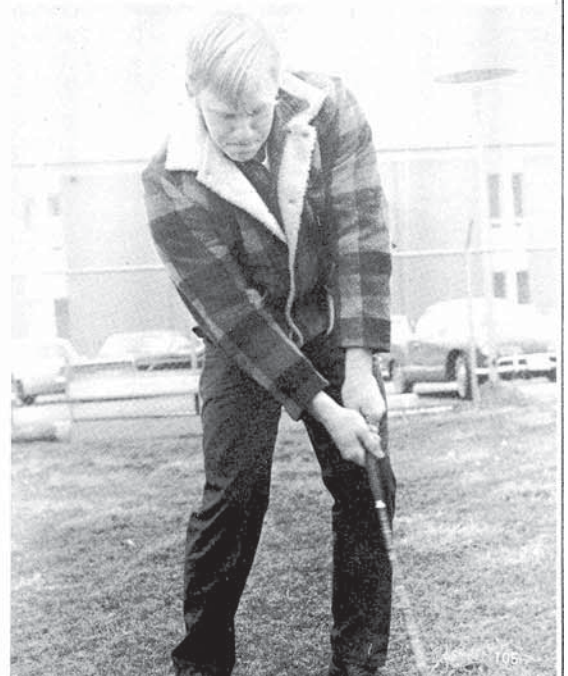
PRACTICE MAKES perfect is Bob McElligott's slogan.

CCHS Golfers Eye Debut on Local and Foreign Links

With the final green in view and the game coming to an end, Centennial golfers hoped for fewer points than their opponents. With a loud "fore" the teeing off was underway and the Linkmen began their 18 hole walk, driving their balls across water, over trees, and out of sand traps. Savoy Golf course became a second home for Coach Macek's crew as practicing every night for several hours was enjoyed by all. Practice in their form and style could also be seen in some classrooms, minus the club and ball. Competition for top men was heavy yet during a game, the boys stayed together using team work to defeat their opponents.



ABOVE: TRYING FOR A PAR, John Beavers lines up his shot. RIGHT: WITH DEEP CONCENTRATION, Chris Wojnar tees off.





AFTER SCHOOL PRACTICE on frigid nights rewarded the track team with a first place at Eastern's Indoor Invitational.



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ABOVE: A DEEP BREATH and a strong arm give Randy Gotschall the strength to put the shot the decisive foot.
RIGHT: CAPTAIN JERRY MORTENSEN is ready to spring from the broad jumping board.



ABOVE: THE FIRST FEW steps of the quarter mile put Eddie Bridges in the lead.



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Four mile put Eddie Bridges



AFTER A LONG MILE, Centennial's boys come wearily to the tape.

Trackmen Open Season With Victory Over City Rival

They said it couldn't be done, but conquering the next to impossible is a job Centennial's Track Team seems to pride itself in doing. No one ever denies temptation anymore, so Coach Jester and his boys weren't an exception when they proceeded to whomp our nearest, (blood-brother) rival in the first meet of the season. The hope of making history repeat itself, even recent history, provided the amount of incentive needed to keep the team working together. Speedsters Bill Wolf, Tim Massanari, and Jerry Mortensen ran away with enough top places to help the team win the Eastern Illinois Invitational Meet.



WITH THE FINAL hurdle behind him, Tim Massanari runs for the finish.



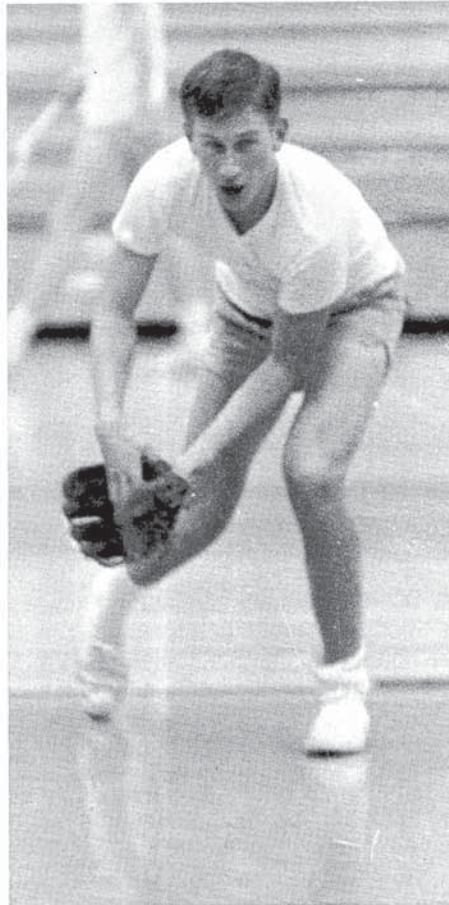
AN EXTRA PUSH puts L-Rhea Coggan over the 12'8" mark.

Baseball Team Begins Play With Strong Hitting, Few Errors

The roaring wind, the bitter taste of dirt, the scrape of an iron cleat, and the sting of a fast ball are all part of baseball. So are the scratchy, mudcaked uniforms, the skinning slides, the crunch of a foul ball hitting someone's car, and the never-forgotten yell: "Is the Ump Blind?" Centennial's Baseball Team, coached by Bob Winstead, was ready, willing and able to begin its first and challenging season.



AN OUT IS near for Marc Czajkowski as he is caught between second and third.



ABOVE: OUTFIELDER JIM KRESKA catches the grounder that makes three outs for the opposing team.

LEFT: PITCHER RANDY RUSSELL fires a high, hard, fastball.

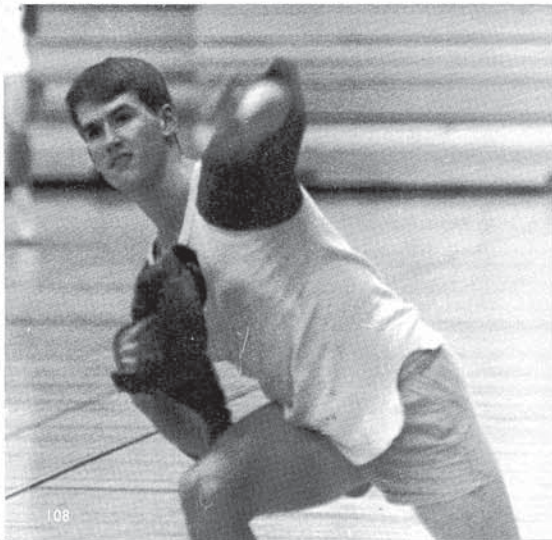


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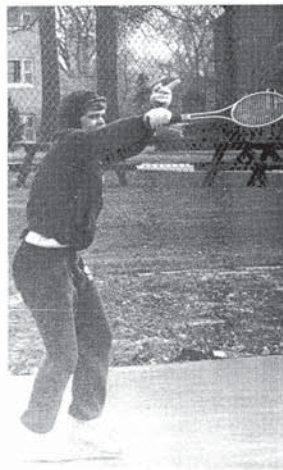
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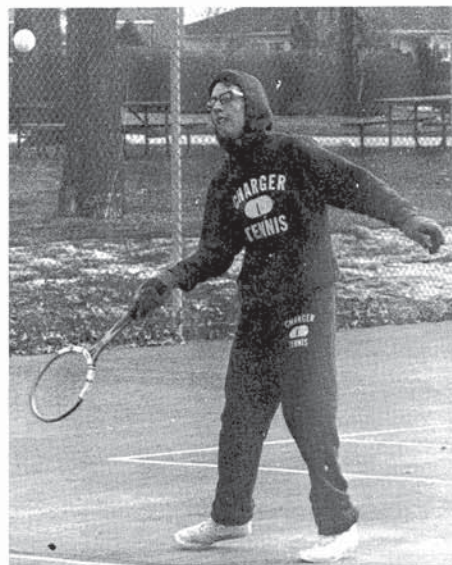


DURING A PRACTICE match, Tom Barewald
lines up a return shot.



TENNIS PRACTICE finds Daryl Bartelson coaching his teammates.

Avery's Net Crew Bolstered by Seniors in Opening Season



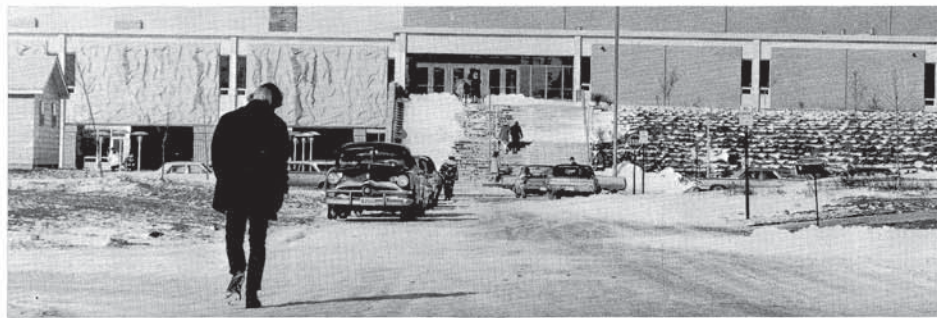
DRESSED FOR ACTION, Bruce Shuman practices for the upcoming
season.

To the female sex of the older generation they appeared to be "gentlemen"; to a certain cult of hippies they seemed like athletic flower children; but the average Charger observer knew that the cries of "love: Love" and "5: Love" belonged to Centennial's smashing tennis team. Coached by Bob Avery, our netters looked forward to a winning season. Pre-season practice found the team plagued by soggy balls, squeaky shoes, and drooping laces, but things took a turn to the brighter side with the coming of spring. Coach Avery expected seniors Marc Colbert, Daryl Bartelson, and Tom Baerwald to put up a good fight and underclassmen Mark Morrow, Bob Brown, and especially letterman Bruce Shuman to keep the team in a winning position.



CALLING IT A DAY, Marc Colbert is in need of rest after a
strenuous practice session.





Student Life



A World of Blue Shadows Welcomes Centennial to Inter-High



ABOVE: AFTER CHECKING coats, couples begin an evening visiting with city-wide friends.
 BELOW: EMERGING THROUGH the blue arbor, Sue Trimble and Marc Sims gaze into the decorated gym welcoming the new Centennial.

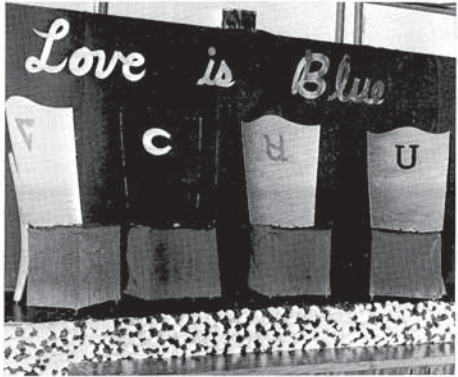


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Love is blue and Centennial loves blue. Students were delighted with the theme of the Inter-High dance. It seemed especially appropriate for the newest member of the Big Four to be welcomed into Urbana Junior High School's gymnasium amid light and dark blue swirls and streamers. Blue lights added to the romantic atmosphere.

Four queens, one from each school, reigned over the dance. Centennial was represented by mascot Linda Scott. After the crowning, she took her throne of blue displaying the special Charger "C". The orchestra played Paul Mauriat's current number one song "Love is Blue" as the coronation march.

The last winter dance of the year was the project of Inter-High Council, composed of students from University, Urbana, Central, and Centennial High Schools. The dance was just another way of providing for more co-ordination and communication between the schools.



FOUR THRONES symbolically unite the four individual schools of the Inter-High dance.

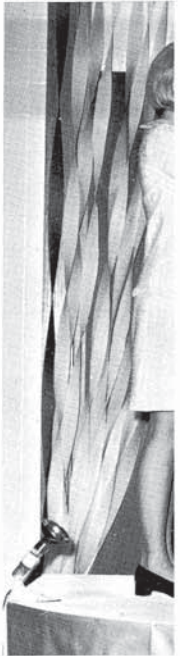


DANCING IN a world of blue, all four schools enjoy the evening.



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THE FOUNTAIN proves to be the center of attraction as couples gather around.



REFRESHMENTS AND BARE FEET prove relaxing for this group during a Vice-Versa break.

Girls Turn Tables at Encore's "Fountain of Dreams"



WHILE CROWNING Vice-Versa King Tim Morrow, Donna Erickson gives her own nod of approval.

The long awaited event finally arrived. After buying tickets and ordering pictures, the girls were ready to chauffeur their dates to the Encore sponsored Vice-Versa dance.

An old-fashioned park setting with a dominant fountain created the atmosphere for "Fountain of Dreams". Over the weekend, the gym was converted into an appropriate illusion of sparkling water and haze. This was the night the girls could show the boys a female concept of the ideal date.



"FOUNTAIN OF DREAMS" reflects romance.