"To be young, gifted, and black" is theme of successful culture week

By Dennis Copeland

On that day (Friday, February 12) the brothers and sisters came dressed in either African styles or in black. The black designated unity and brotherhood among blacks while the African clothing symbolized their heritage, the black attire encouraged, gathering around the "C" to a white umbrella, the gathering might have appeared to be a mob. But when the signal came, nearly one hundred beautiful voices rose in harmony as the black students began to sing "Lift Every Voice and Sing," the black national anthem.

That was only the beginning of Central High's celebration of Black History week. A week which would be beneficial to anyone, that is, anyone who was willing to listen.

Tuesday, February 10, after a long week-end, the celebration of Black History week was resumed. Educational films dealing with the life of a black man, or some aspect of the black man's situation in America were shown. Some of the films included: "A tribute to Malcolm X"—a short biography of the late Malcolm X; "I have a Dream"—a story discussing the life of the late Martin Luther King; "A man's story: Lost, Stolen or Strayed," which was a lengthy film narrated by black comedian Bill Cosby. The banquet was a sequel to "Black, White and Blue" which told of the plight of a Lutheran minister who had attempted to integrate his church, and "A Time for Building" which was a sequel to "A Time for Burning.

On Thursday, black students presented the dramatic play: "Uncle Tom's Revolution." The play was written by Darryl C. Enns, a former Central student. "Uncle Tom's Revolution" traced the progression of revolutionary thought by the American black man.

The play was welcomed by a receptive audience. It was a success as the audience left the auditorium, one could hear the happy shouts of the cost for "we had a ball." Both students and teachers had been moved by the play and we received many compliments. But the best compliment came from the library's author himself as he said, "Due to the problems you had to face, it was beyond me that after all its glorious moments, wasn't the height of Black History week. The climax came at the final banquet on Friday night. The atmosphere was one of unity and brotherhood. Everyone seemed to be at peace with himself. Senator Chambers, the first speaker, addressed the audience in his usual calm and inspiring manner. A moving and dramatic speech, Senator Chambers was presented a painting done by Central senior Jim Higgins. The banquet was followed by a dance at which the Electric Band provided entertainment.

Colorful African clothing, the black national anthem, films, guest speakers, the play: "Uncle Tom's Revolution," and a banquet featuring State Senator Ernest Chambers: All of these were part of Central's Black History week, February 12-February 19. Pictured at left are cast members rehashing for production of "Uncle Tom's Revolution."
Black Culture Week successful demonstrates faults in educational system

The important week of February 12-19, unnoticed by some, is over. The postcards and the crepe-paper decorations are gone. Over, but not forgotten, are many special programs which included prominent black speakers, films, a fashion show, a banquet, and a play, "Uncle Tom's Marching." They were part of the major festivities of Black Culture Week.

This unprecedented Black Culture Week was an exceptional piece of work backed by much hard work and organization on the part of the black students at Central to acknowledge, by showing examples of black culture and accomplishments, that the black people are an integral part of American society and to rid contemporaries of the "Negro" stereotype.

Black Culture Week was a greatly needed experience for all and appeared successful in meeting the aims and objectives of the program.

That week was a great opportunity for the education of both blacks and whites in regards to black history, achievements, and culture within and outside the United States.

The programs served to facilitate a better understanding between the races stemming from the educational experience. Black Culture Week was also a great opportunity for the stimulation of black pride, unity, and self-expression.

Perhaps most significant of all in the week's accomplishments was the clear indication of the apparent faults in the present educational system in our country. It is indeed a shame that we have to set aside one week out of 52 weeks in the year for Black Culture Week. While there is a glaring need for such a program, there simply should not have to be such a need anywhere.

Our educational institutions should include more integrated courses both in black and white culture. Traditionally, textbooks deal strictly with Anglo-Saxon literature; History books tell basically of white accomplishments. We come out of courses remembering only that Carl桑burg was important and recalling the only mention of blacks was in reference to slavery before the Civil War.

The most significant black accomplishments in our history, but where are they?

Certainly, they are not usually found in our textbooks or in textbooks. Only within the last year has there been a move to include more blacks on black culture. This move has included more books and information in lectures. The newer books and lectures are an indication that more information on the black culture. But this move is not as significant and widespread as it should be. A great deal of research still is needed to take the educational process among themselves, which is needed to help blacks understand the black culture.

Black Culture Week is not incorporated into a daily educational experience for all of us at school, classes, races, which stem from the idea that blacks are separate and understanding, will continue to plague our nation. It is vital that the present educational system be revamped in order to have more black culture, history, and accomplishments to all students.

Debbie Simon.

Letters To The Editor

"Uncle Tom's Revolution' very good play

Dear Editor,

The Black History Week play, "Uncle Tom's Revolution," was most effectively staged, lighted, and acted.

The play and cast were excellent and hard for this moving and dramatic culmination of the week's events.

I congratulate you all to you.

A faculty member.

Existing black student, faculty gap wide

Dear Editor,

At Central High, the rapport between the black students and faculty is not as good as it should be. Whether this is due to the isolation of the black student or not, black students have faced too many difficulties and conflicts with the faculty in learning the game of basketball. Although some black and white students feel good, many black students resent the seeming lack of concern on the part of the faculty and the faculty's seeming over concern for white students.

Eda Jones.

Council Column

Student Council, in an attempt to achieve greater representation of the student body, has decided to institute a new policy. One of the major criticisms of Council has been that there is little or no communication between the students and Council members. Student feel that there is little opportunity to vote or express their opinions and give their suggestions on things that Council should be taking action on. Council in contrast, has been receiving very few suggestions.

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Candidate announced for annual military ball

Chess club wins state

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Lloyd likes 'scarlet and cream' next fall; former Centralite Mills signs too

February 5 may not have been a memorable day for Central students, but for one Centralite it decided what he would be doing for the next four years. For Central's All-State footballer, Jerry Lloyd, February 5 marked the signing of a University of Nebraska letter of intent. A Nebraska assistant coach Cletus Fischer hopes to be back at Central on May 5 to get Lloyd's signature on a national letter of intent. If the contract will verify that Lloyd will be wearing "scarlet and cream" next fall.

Nebraska's challenge

Jerry said, "I want to go to Nebraska because it will be more of a challenge since they are the number one team in the nation." Five other Metro performers were signed by Nebraska. They were Randy Ross, a fullback from Benson, Tim McGurl, a guard from Prep, and George Mills, a tackle from Ryan. All were Metro and All-State performers except Mills.

Mills proved that all of the recognition is not necessary to be noticed by a big-time football coach. It is terminal that the Central coach let the 6'4" Mills slip out of their grip. He attended Central's open house the last weekend of December, but instead of heading to the South Omaha school in his sophomore year. Besides playing football, George is a top performer in the classroom. He is averaging 16 points per game.

serious performer

Lloyd does not know what position he will be playing in college. The versatile Eagle played fullback, guard, tackle, linebacker, and middle guard in his high school career which was marred by a shoulder injury that kept him out of three contests last fall.

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Coach Martin's Comments

Cagers' fate told tonight; faces tough Ryan Knights

How about that performance of Lindberg White, Saturday! Anyone who followed our late blooming, Cinderella team of faces tough Ryan Knights.

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that I did if they watched the televised Big Eight game. Only lofty Linder has worked himself into the starting lineup at Kansas State, and scored 14 points for the second time this year as he quarter­backed the Wildcats to a win over tough Colorado. His play, as usual, typified by fine passing and tenacious defense, but now, he has become quite a good scorer. Remembering his state tournament play in 1969, I guess we shouldn't be sur­prised at Linder's early suc­cess nor his ability to score. I believe he averaged just over 17 points per game in that three game drive to becoming the state runnerup.

In our preseason strategy ses­sion at Benson, I discussed with the team's play and pointed out the vision that he possessed. He had a dream (wanting to play big college basketball), and he was blessed with the confidence and deter­mination to realize this goal in spite of little encouragement. Even those of us who coached Lindberg here at Central felt that his chances for success at the large school were much better in football and sort of counseled him in that direction. I can tell you I couldn't be more pleased about being wrong.

Do you know what our con­ference record was when Lind­berg played here two years ago? This is a question I asked the team Saturday. The an­swer is five wins and eight losses; I brought this up be­cause with wins over Benson and Burke, our record in the Metro would be exactly the same this year. Of course, my motive for all of this comparing of these two teams is to give our players confidence, and hopefully help to formulate a goal of repeating that drive into the state tournament.

1. I think we did the best job of execut­ing deliberate offense against Prep and Benson that we've done all year.

2. The two men who refereed our wild contest with Benson on the basketball court as he is averaging 3.5 points per game. These two men who refereed our "record in the state meet" took our players confidence, and hopefully help to formulate a goal of repeating that drive into the state tournament.

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Glenn Boot, a surprise in district, won his opening match by default, but suffered a concussion. Kurt Cleffter also lost his opening match as did Jerry Lloyd, another contender for the State crown. The eventual heavyweight champ, Sam Marita of Lincoln Northeast, was a Lloyd victim earlier in the year.
Spirit soars high as winter athletics close

By Nancy Rembold

PTA sponsored a good ole fashioned Chili supper on Friday, February 18, before the Burke game. It was a great success and thanks for all the support.

The winter sports have come to a close at Monarch and it was certainly fought hard and long. It's been an exciting season.

February 18-20 was the State Wrestling Meet in Lincoln. Our four qualifiers: Tim Fullerton, Curt Butcher, Glen Boes, and Jerry Lloyd did a great job. Congratulations! Our matmen had an admirable season ending with a 3-2 dual record.

The State Dual Meet was held February 26-27. Our swimmers had a season damped a little by several team injuries, ending with a 1-8 dual meet record. Swimmers: Jim Cole, Jerret Knoll, Lowie Liston, Gary Noreilinger, John Bomis-ten, and Len Canaday were standouts for Central in the State Meet.

The District Basketball Tournament is beginning. The Eagles run up against Ryan High, Wednesday, March 3 for the first eliminations. I hope everyone will be present to support our team. Right on Eagles! The Eagle Five played their final regular schedule game against the Burke Bulldogs at Norfolk, Friday, Feb. 26. The Eagles were victorious, naturally, and it was a fantasic game. Keep up the good work girls because the team will need your support even more in districts.

March 6 was designated as Girls' Night at the Eagles in charge of first floor; the Boys' Night at second floor; and Pop Club, third floor. Keep those signs coming and let's make this Girls' Week a week to remember. A trophy will be awarded to the group with the best floor. Everyone should get involved. Come to some of the pep rallies help to decorate.

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Don't stop yelling until you hear that final buzzer though, because the team needs your support all the way through the game.

In case you haven't noticed, and you had better get your act together, it is Spirit Week in session. The week of March 1 through March 5 is a great time for girls of all ages. The Eagles are in charge of first floor; the Boys' Night at second floor; and Pop Club, third floor. Keep those signs coming and let's make this Girls' Week a week to remember. A trophy will be awarded to the group with the best floor. Everyone should get involved. Come to some of the pep rallies help to decorate.

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Spirit has been so good lately, two spirit girls were chosen to represent CIS for the last two weeks.

Junior, JoAnn Tsuji, who's favorite sport is basketball, is a squad leader in our pep club.

She is always present at the games and usually in charge of the Eagles at theextracurricular sporting event. The second chosen is Lynda Brand, who also enjoys watching Central basketball games. She intends to try out for cheerleading and Eagles this spring.

Don't forget the District game Wednesday, March 3 against Ryan High at 8:30-Burke High.