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## Season's Greetings



# Self-Respect Important

A FEW WEEKS AGO, Principal Raymond Tyler spoke to the student body over the public address system. Discussing the topic of vandalism, he urged students to show more respect for our school and to exhibit their sense of responsibility. Most important, he appealed to the minority group of students that has been vandalizing our school to cease in these activities.

The attitude of some Niles East students is becoming increasingly deplorable; this has been exemplified in the recent cases of thoughtless vandalism. Because of these incidents, the NILEHILITE feels that this subject merits editorial comment.

THE FACTS SPEAK emphatically for themselves: Acts of vandalism have included writing on the washroom walls, removal of doorstops and hydraulic door catchers, and dismantling telephones. Publicity posters put up by student organizations are occasionally defaced or torn down, and the trophy cases in the gym foyer have on occasion been opened.

Students who participate in these unethical activities pay for their offenses in both monetary and intangible terms. Financial reimbursement for the damage is made, of course. But what is perhaps even more important is the fact that these students must pay for what they have done in terms of a loss of respect—respect by others and for themselves. The NILEHILITE feels that the students of Niles East should realize that they must respect themselves in order to be respected by others.

According to Assistant Principal Arthur C. Colver, the students must realize that this is their school; the school can only be as good as the students want it to be. Every individual student has a definite responsibility to Niles East.

WHETHER OR NOT the students of Niles East will face this responsibility will be demonstrated in the near future. New telephones have been installed; Mr. Tyler stressed that these telephones will not be repaired if they are defaced. In addition, the student lounge will be open to the students after winter vacation.

The NILEHILITE sincerely hopes that Niles East students will act as mature individuals regarding this matter. We hope that the students will respect themselves and this school and see to it that no vandalism will occur.

M. J. E.

## 600 Books Answer Appeal

THE NOVEMBER 4 issue of the NILEHILITE carried an editorial urging students, faculty, and community members to contribute books to the Lawndale Tutoring Project. Entitled "Open a Child's World," the editorial commented on the desperate need for books for the underprivileged children aided by this project.

The NILEHILITE sponsored a drive to collect these books, and the results have been truly gratifying. We have collected more than 600 reading books covering all grade levels from first grade through high school.

WE FEEL that the appeal for help was answered. The drive was a success because community members as well as school citizens contributed to this worthy cause. The NILEHILITE staff wishes to sincerely thank all of those who gave so generously. It is our hope that these books will "Open a Child's World."

### Your Write To Say It

## Winter Sports Take On New Slant

by Eric Palles, English 31

IT'S WINTER AGAIN and the season for the winter sports. No, I don't mean basketball, swimming, gymnastics or wrestling. I'm talking about those lesser known sports that are denied their rightful place in society because no school sponsors them. Since I am a sports buff, I would like to discuss a few of these winter pastimes.

One of my favorite sports is snowball throwing. The only equipment one needs for this game is a pair of gloves and a lot of snow. The game's scoring system is easy. One point is awarded to the player hitting a parked car from a distance of 30 feet or more; three points are awarded for hitting a moving car from any distance. If the car's driver stops to chase the participant, five points are awarded to that participant for each block he is chased. If the player is caught, however, he will be penalized 15 points for a technical foul and will be punted severely by the car's owner.

HOCKEY IS a very popular winter sport, but it requires a great deal of skating agility. If, however, you cannot skate, you can still participate if you use this simple system. When the hockey teams are chosen, say that you will assist the goalie on defense. Your job will be to prevent the opposition from scoring. This can be achieved in two ways; the first method is to stand in the way of your opponent un-

til he collides with you and you both crash to the ground. The second method, safer and also far more sneaky is to furtively trip your opponent with your hockey stick. One note of warning — be sure your opponent is smaller than you.

Football is an autumn sport but in winter it takes on new dimensions, especially if you play on an icy street. This change in geography may sometimes cause problems. The ice makes it impossible to run or to try any tricky pass patterns. This is all for the best because it is impossible to catch a football when your fingers are frozen together, anyway. As a matter of fact, forget football. Go inside and watch it on television. Those guys are being paid to play it.

ONE SPORT for those who drive cars is known as the Grand Prix Skid Championships. In this event daredevils test their driving skills by skidding on the icy pavement. Points are awarded for the form in which the drivers maneuver in the skid. Some stunt that may be performed include a three-quarter front twist with a reverse pike, a single turn reverse flip with a front kip, and a two and a half front circle with a reverse twist.

These are the sports I recommend for those who are stout-hearted winter athletes. As for me, I think I will go into hibernation until the spring.



Sign of the Times . . .

. . . Dating A-Go-Go

# Computers Play Cupid

"WHAT D'YA MEAN you don't have a date tonight? Why you certainly must know some nice computers!"

So, all the dateless college students trot off to their local Operation Match Bureau, pay three dollars, complete extensive questionnaires (sample question: "Do you consider yourself sexually experienced?"), and wait. Meanwhile, mountains of cards are fed into the monstrous, gaping mouth of the Great Twentieth Century God, the Computer. Within minutes, cards fly out bearing countless names and phone numbers of compatible males and females.

Once in the students' hands, the phone numbers bring campus chaos and Bell Telephone headaches (stock investors not included), as eager boys waste little time running down their lists of ideal dates. The great race is on . . . computer dating a-go-go is the name of the game . . . a sign of the times.

### Resources Pooled

IN THE winter of 1965, two Harvard undergraduates devised a computer system to match boys and girls according to their interests and characteristics. In an article written for "Glamour Magazine," Jeff Tarr, originator and president of Operation Match, explained, "The essential idea behind Operation Match is the pooling of resources into the biggest little black book ever, and using a computer as a clearinghouse for the information."

After 10,000 applications were sent out, 8,000 were returned bearing such addresses as "Cupid Computer Company Founders" and "Love Machine, Cambridge, Massachusetts." By mid-April, 8,000 applicants had received lists of

their ideal dates, one Cornell University boy receiving 154 female matches, over 125 from Wellesley College.

### College Students Paired

Summer, 1965, saw the spread of Match to cities and colleges all over America. By spring, 1966, over 100,000 college students had been paired.

MOST OF THE matches have proven highly successful. The computer, however, is not flawless — brothers and sisters have been paired, and even girls have received lists of girls.

Back on the college campus, stu-

dents continue to fill out Match applications, complete with special instructions — Yale: "Please do not fold, bend or spindle my dates." Vassar: "Where, O where is Superman?" Dartmouth: "No dogs, please! Have mercy!" Harvard: "Have you any buxom blondes who like poetry?" Mount Holyoke: "None of those dancing bears from Amherst." Williams: "This is the greatest excuse for calling up a strange girl that I've ever heard." Sarah Lawrence: "Help!"

### Get Well, Mr. Hoff

The NILEHILITE staff extends its best wishes for a speedy recovery to Mr. Earl Hoff, math teacher. At the same time, we would like to inform students and faculty alike that visitors are not encouraged at present. However, we are sure that Mr. Hoff would appreciate any written correspondence. His home address is 5250 Cleveland Avenue, Skokie.

### Letters to the Editor

## SSO Supported; Spirit Commended

DEAR EDITOR:

In the December 2 issue of the NILEHILITE there was rather strong criticism, in an editorial and in a letter to the editor, of the operation and effectiveness of SSO this year. We in SSO are the first to admit that it is not perfect. We are continually trying to improve. But, we need the help of all the students of Niles. Instead of just criticizing SSO, you, the students, should offer constructive suggestions and point out specific weaknesses in the organization.

IN BOTH the letter and the editorial, reference was made to the ideal state of SSO. This state can be achieved only through the cooperation of all students. Anyone who only makes blatant criticisms and offers no helpful suggestions is just as guilty as an ineffective chairman or an unfair hall monitor. If any student has a suggestion or a complaint about the conduct of any member of SSO, we want to hear it. A note in the mailbox of one of the members of the SSO Executive Board will be sufficient to have the matter looked into. Remember, it is the responsibility of all students to work towards the successful operation of SSO.

Richard Galen  
Chairman  
SSO Executive Board

Ed. note: The December 2 editorial suggested "more diligent work on the part of SSO"; the editorial staff agrees that student cooperation is also very important. However, we feel that students making "blatant criticisms" without not of-

fering specific suggestions cannot be deemed to be as guilty as an SSO member not doing his duty.

DEAR EDITOR:

Many of the students of Niles East are to be congratulated for the great amount of school spirit shown during our first five basketball games. We sincerely hope that this enthusiasm, duly merited by our fine basketball team will continue for the remainder of the winter athletic season in all sports.

Keep up the good work!

A. C. Colver  
Assistant Principal

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## "A Christmas Carol"

by Andrea Behr, Ken Robin, English 31

Once upon a time, there was a little girl named Carol. She was not born on Christmas, so her name remains a mystery. She was the type of girl about whom people would always say, "There goes a pretty little girl who looks like she was born on Christmas."

Carol, though young, nevertheless was already an atheist, and she did not appreciate such comments. When she would state that God was not only dead, but also that he had never even lived, her elders would turn pale and mutter under their breaths about socialistic, Communistic, atheistic, beatnik little girls. Thus frustrated, Carol retreated to her room and spent her time brushing her long, trite, blond hair and planning the perfect society. Finally resolving to go forth and do battle with the world, she raised high her hairbrush and descended upon her family. Half an hour later she became possibly the first six-year-old girl ever to be evicted from her home on religious grounds.

All through Christmas Day, Carol wandered the streets of suburbia, gazing through windows into the happy, bourgeois homes. By evening she was cold and hungry, and willing to admit that peaceful co-existence could be achieved between God and herself. Apparently God consented, or at least He didn't object, and she returned home, disillusioned by the compromise. Having been accepted by her parents, she went up to her room, put down her hairbrush, and took her afternoon nap.

## Christmas in Viet Nam

by Randye Wasserman,  
English 72

Santa—  
With dirty beard  
Brown crusted hands.  
Roaming, Roaming  
The world.  
Searching, Searching.  
Can he be forced  
To return?  
And be contented

## The First Night of Chanukah

by Ellen April, English 71

Tonight is the first night of Chanukah,  
And I carry the silver menorah to the window.  
I carry the menorah that has witnessed all our  
Chanukahs.  
Tonight, dear menorah, among our holiday gifts,  
There will be no dolls  
Nor trucks  
Nor games.  
Tonight, dear menorah, no wondering children's  
eyes will gaze up at you  
For, my brother and I, we two,  
Are no longer children  
And you must wait, holder of light,  
Wait until you have come to grace my household  
Before you can witness another generation grow  
out of childhood.

## It Was Just A Thought . . .

by Stuart Lubin, English 71

What is the World coming to  
They said.  
Especially during the holiday season when  
man should love man should love man.  
Why are there so many problems in the world  
They wondered.  
Environment  
I said.  
If a man lives with criticism  
He condemns.  
If a man lives with hostility  
He fights.  
If a man lives with fear  
He is apprehensive.  
If a man lives with jealousy  
He feels guilty.  
If a man lives with encouragement  
He feels confident.  
If a man lives with honesty  
He seeks the truth.  
If a man lives with fairness  
He seeks justice.  
If a man lives with tolerance  
He is patient.  
If a man lives with friendliness  
He feels the whole world  
is a good place to live in.  
You're crazy  
They said.

## Happiness at Christmas Time

by Gail Seeskin, English 71

Christmas time came once again to the tiny kingdom, and once again, all the misers and hermits and cynics came before the King to complain.

"There are traffic jams in all the streets," they said. "The post office is jammed with letters and parcels, and the mail is being delivered late," they said. "On every street corner there are hoards of people collecting money for organizations we've never heard of," said the misers. "No one really cares about the holiday, anyway," said the cynics. "They just want the gifts."

"You must do something about this horrible season!" they all demanded.

So the king declared that Christmas be abolished.

And all the tiny sparkling lights were taken down from along the avenues. And all the fresh green trees were burned. And all the pretty sugar cookies were thrown away with all the stockings and all the shiny ornaments. And all the songs that all the choirs had learned were forgotten. And all the money that was collected for the churches and hospitals and schools was returned. And all the friendly Season's Greetings cards were never mailed. And all the families who planned to visit Grandma and Grandpa changed their plans. And all the old men who try to make little children happy packed away their red suits and white beards.

And the birthday of a little child was forgotten.

And all the misers and hermits and cynics were happy.

## Human Nature

by Wayne Rhodes, English 12

The beauty parlor facial,  
Can fill with wonderment;  
But faces can't look special  
When covered by cement!  
The man behind the barber chair  
May not use all the gook,  
But that is not why men come there:  
They hope the women look!



# Nilehilite, Latin Club Celebrate Holidays; Give Books, Gifts to Underprivileged

THE NILEHILITE has made its contribution to the Christmas spirit by donating over 600 books to the Lawndale Tutoring Project.

The books, donated by East students, adults in the community, and many East teachers, were given in response to a recent NILEHILITE editorial. Editor-in-Chief Danae Prousis stated that the newspaper "would like to thank the many people who gave their used books for this very worthy cause."

DANAЕ EXPLAINED that the more than 600 books include old text books, story books, and even a number of sets of children's encyclopedia. "We collected all levels of reading materials," elaborated Danae, "from basic readers to regular high school novels. Many of the books," she added, "are practically new."

The books will be brought to the Lawndale Center on Chicago's West Side before Christmas by Lawndale Tutor Mike Aronson '69. Mike explained that because there are many underprivileged children at the Lawndale Center, books are always needed. "We can still use more books," he stated. "But the NILEHILITE's donation should provide an excellent start of a library."

MIKE ASKED that any student who still has books should contact him. "We also need more tutors at Lawndale. Any student who would like to give a few hours a week can work with the Lawndale Project. (See editorial, page 2.)"



DANAЕ PROUSIS and Mike Aronson look over the books for the Lawndale Project.

## East Teacher Coauthors 'History U.S.A.' Text

"I WANTED to tell the story of the nation's history, to include what the little men did, what the big men did; I wanted to include human interest; I wanted to include a dramatic picture of people moving," explained Dr. John Betts, American history teacher at East and co-author of the just published book, *History U.S.A.*

The book was written jointly by Dr. Betts and Mr. Jack Allen, head of the history department of George Peabody University, Nashville, and was published by the American Book Company. The date of its first printing is December 1, 1966. It is

being sold as a textbook for regular high school juniors studying U.S. history both in the United States and the Philippines.

DR. BETTS who has been working on the book since 1962, wrote the first fourteen chapters, the 150-page teachers' manual, and all the end-of-chapter material, while Mr. Allen was responsible for the chapters in the last half of the book. During the four years, Dr. Betts estimates, he has spent about 7,000 hours in the research, writing, and rewriting.

Having worked on a book in 1950 that never got published because the publishing company that he was writing for was bought out by Harcourt, Brace and World, Dr. Betts is extremely enthusiastic about his first published book.

"I THINK IT is a beautiful book and the company did a magnificent job in making it up," he commented in reference to the color, the maps, the pictures, and the general format that the publishers employed in putting the book together.

## Stu Lubin Wins English Award

STUART LUBIN, '67, has been chosen from over 8,000 students as a finalist in the National Council of Teachers of English contest.

Stuart will receive a scroll along with recommendations to colleges and universities throughout the nation. In addition, a certificate of recognition will be presented to Niles' English Department. Only 24 awards are given in Illinois and 435 in the nation. "I never thought that I would be one of them!" he exclaimed.

NOMINEES in the competition submitted three themes for judging, including an autobiography, a sample of the student's best writing, and an impromptu piece of writing on literary appreciation, done in no more than one hour. Stuart was also judged on the basis of an ob-

-WITH THE TRUE spirit of Christmas in mind, the Latin Club members contributed gifts to a service project for the needy, according to Latin Club sponsor, Mrs. Lois French.

During the week of December 1 through December 8 the Latin Club students gathered items such as clothing, toys, games, and toiletries from their homes, neighbor's homes and from anyone who wanted to contribute. These gifts were taken to a home in Skokie where they will remain until they are delivered to the state institutions in Dixon, Pontiac, Dwight, and Centralia for Christmas.

THROUGHOUT the week the Club package these gifts.

collected over 75 various items for these needy people.

"Senior Wendy Eimstad, program chairman, made the contacts and was in charge of putting the items together according to the needs of men, women, and children. General items and cottage necessities were collected," explained Mrs. French. She went on to say, "Although we have a service project every year, this is the first time we had one of this nature."

THE PROJECT was sponsored by the "Chicago's American" and Jack Mabley, American reporter.

About 20 members of the Latin Club attended a meeting to help



MRS. LOIS FRENCH, Latin teacher, packs clothing for the needy with Wendy Eimstad and Carol Zack.

## 'Jet Set' To Highlight Reflections Revelries

"THE JET SET" is the theme for this year's Reflections Revelries, to be presented February 3 and 4 at 8 p.m., according to Mr. Jerry Proffitt, drama director.

This central idea revolves around the exploits of seven people, waiting at a New York airport to take a world tour. Hollywood Producer Philo Fabulous is trying to find a location for his movie spectacular, "The World Atlas." Girl Beatnik Wanda Goo hopes to learn the secret of life from a Shinto priest, and James Botch, a bumbling spy, travels from country to country searching for contacts.

THE OTHER TRAVELERS include Bernie the Bookie, a Runyon-

ese bookie hiding from gangsters, and Beauregard Beechnut, a Southern senator on a junket. Adventurer Sylvia Fig-Newton is on her way to a safari down the Amazon, and English teacher Agnes Himmel has just won a slogan contest with a world trip as first prize.

All songs and dances in the show pertain to specific countries through which these characters will travel, Mr. Proffitt explained.

"Reflections' writing committee has done a fine job thinking of clever and new ideas," he said. The committee members are Eric Pales '69, Susan Lipner '67, Bob Cooper '68, and Barb Wartell '67.

## Lounge Opening Set; Council Makes Plans

"THE NEW STUDENT lounge is the students' own lounge, and how successful it is depends on how well the students take care of it," said Mr. Bernard Welch, sponsor of Student Council.

"The lounge," he continued, "is now completely furnished with round tables, lounge chairs, and desks for studying. The accessories such as the drapes, wall decorations, and magazines will be taken care of over vacation," he added.

"The lounge, which will open after Winter Vacation is, at first, going to be supervised by teachers," he explained. "Gradually this plan may change and the students will supervise."

Probable improvements to be added to the lounge include more garbage cans, a fire extinguisher, dictionaries, magazines, and bulletin boards for job opportunities and announcements.

The Student Council Committee for the student lounge, headed by Vice President Hal Brody, is now thinking of ideas for a theme for

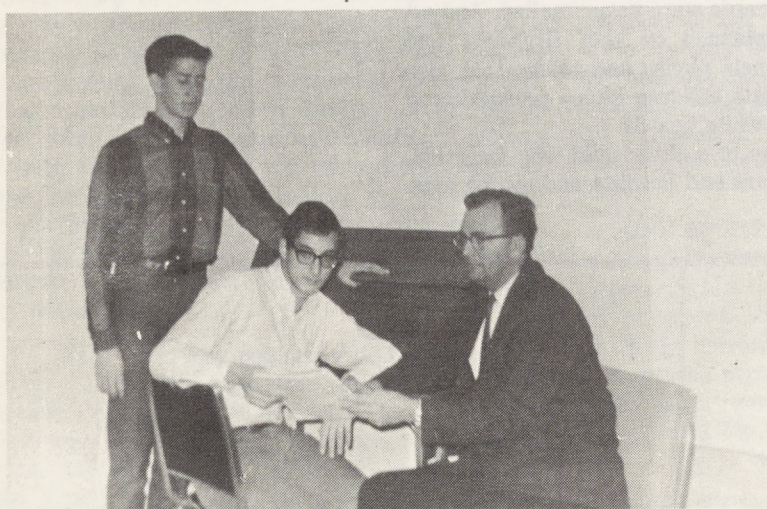
the wall decorations in the lounge. "Any suggestions from the students concerning the lounge are welcome," urged Mr. Welch.

Along with plans for the student lounge, Student Council is planning its Blue Crutch Day, to be held on January 7.

"Blue Crutch Day," explained Mr. Welch, "is a teenage program sponsored by the Niles East Student Council and the March of Dimes Association."

The plan calls for 200 volunteer students to stand at assigned locations in Skokie and collect money for the March of Dimes.

"We need about three students from each homeroom to volunteer to can from either 10-1 p. m. or 1-4 p. m.," he said.



JIM HEINSIMER, Hal Brody, and Mr. Welch discuss plans for the new Student Lounge in one of the Lounge's study corners.



STU LUBIN, English Award winner, studies an assignment in the Student Lounge.





**NILEHILITE REPORTER** listens closely as Santa wraps up his job for this season.

*Just Like Mom Used to Make...*

## Students Bake Cookies; Create Gifts for Friends

BRIGHT RED AND GREEN decorate the second floor kitchen as the aroma of freshly baked cookies drifts through the social studies wing. All this is part of the Home Economics Department's preparation for the holidays.

Although the special seasonal activities keep them busy, the girls in home economics are still continuing their study of the art of home-making. In the home arts kitchen, Room 227, Department Chairman Florence Butler's lecture on nutrition centers around the planning of balanced meals. In other classes she tells of the techniques needed to bake anything from a roast to bread. "Foods I and II classes learn to master the culinary aspects of home management," Miss Butler explained.

### Sewing Taught

Down the hall, in Room 223, sewing machines hum as they help fasten seams and raise hems to the desired height. Scissors snip their way through yards of material needed for projects. Patterns, thread, and bolts of cloth are strewn across tables and cabinets everywhere. The girls in Clothing, profiting now by using the skills they will need in the future, are presently making matching skirt and blouse outfits, which, when completed, should "look as good as any store-bought ensemble," according to Miss Butler.

INDIVIDUAL REASONS FOR entering this world where breakfast tables or sewing machines take the place of desks are many and varied. Some girls simply find the domestic life an interesting and enjoyable one and have found a way to put their creative abilities to use. Others, not as adept when it comes to running a household,

are looking for a chance to learn the techniques of the homemaker and to develop and master their newly-acquired skills. For a few, home economics serves as an interesting fifth major. "I take Home Ec just for the joy of being able to work with my hands," said a junior in Clothing I.

### Motives Vary

Even with so many different reasons for having taken the various home economics studies, all the girls feel that they have derived a great deal of knowledge and enjoyment from the classes. They all agree that the home arts courses are a valuable means of learning the skills and obtaining the experience in homemaking that will be important to them in the future.



**VISIONS OF** sugar plums became a reality in the Home Arts Department.

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## An Open Letter

*by Linda Lorence*

DEAR SANTA,

My requests this year are few.

Please send me a clear, star-lit Christmas Eve, or if this cannot be, perhaps one not quite as clear, but the sky sprinkled liberally with soft, feathery puffs of snow. Cover the ground with a carpet of crystal, a perfect backdrop for the carolers who will soon be coming down the street.

BRING WITH you a fresh, symmetrical fir tree, not too big nor too small, but green as a leaf of holly. Hide several fragrant cones underneath its boughs, and make the top branch strong enough to hold a star.

Give me, if you can, an abstract element, time. Time to spend with my family and relatives, to share the traditions I've known since childhood. Just sev-

eral hours to trim the tree, open gifts, sing carols, and enjoy our traditional Yuletide feast. Time to sit and look, to absorb all the sights and flaming, joyous colors of the holidays.

SEND ME ONE present; anything that strikes your fancy. It doesn't matter if it's the most hideous scarf or most foul-smelling bottle of perfume my senses have ever noted. My only request is that it be sincere and given in the true spirit of the season.

Please Santa, send me a simple Christmas. Keep the garish multi-colored fluorescent lights, the pushing shoppers, the frigid aluminum trees, the hundreds of meaningless greeting cards from people I never see or hear, and the too elaborate gifts bought at too great expense.

Thank you,  
Love, Linda

# Santa Reveals Year's Plans In Exclusive Interview

by Charlotte Corday

"INGENUITY, ENTHUSIASM, AND INCREASED PRODUCTION are combining to make Christmas 1966 the best Christmas ever!" enthused Mr. Santa Claus recently during an exclusive interview. "Of course, I'm a bit prejudiced," he added with a laugh.

"I've just returned from a trip to the northern plant, and everything is moving into the final stages right on schedule. The spirits of the elves are at their heights, and all my workers are hopping around, busily filling orders. My reindeer are working out every night, getting ready for the long haul on the 24th, and even my old sleigh is being polished up."

### Innovations Explained

Rushing to hear final gift requests clad in a red suit trimmed with white fur, a peaked cap, wide black belt, and black boots, Mr. Claus enthusiastically explained this year's preparations.

"MORE EMPHASIS is being placed on ingenuity this season. At a council last spring, the elves and I decided to modernize our products. The result is a blend of both old, traditional gifts with the new. Mechanized toys and mini-skirts will be found under the tree next to rocking horses, socks, and ties for the more conservative.

### Production Boosted

"The population increase caused us to step up production this year," he continued. "The same ingenuity that inspired new products carried over into the factory where new manufacturing ideas were adopted, helping to speed up the schedule. But the hand-crafted quality my elves are famous for is still present," he stated proudly.

WITH A FAR-AWAY LOOK on his face, Mr. Claus rocked back on his heels and mused about former times. "I remember the old days when the rush didn't really begin until the week before Christmas. Then all the kids wanted was one item—a simple wooden toy, a rag

doll, or a sled. Now all they want are atomic science kits and G. I. Joe dolls. Dolls—for boys!" he sighed, returning with a start to the present.

### Gifts Foretold

Asked about behavior this year, Mr. Claus leaned forward, eye-

brows bristling. "Some people have done their best to get their names in my black book." Finishing his remark, he smilingly said, "Most people, however, will be pleasantly surprised on Christmas morning."

Boarding his sleigh with a final "Ho-ho-ho," he rode off into the distance, red cap flying in the wind and stomach shaking like a bowl full of jelly.



"SANTA SPEAKS many tongues," learned ASFs at their American Christmas party.

Joyeux Noel... Felis Navidad...

## AFS Meets Santa

THE ASSEMBLY ROOM WAS transformed into a Yuletide "melting pot" of nationalities when the Niles East chapter of the American Field Service hosted 19 foreign exchange students from 12 suburban high schools, on Saturday, December 10.

Students from such countries as Greece, Malaysia, Italy, Germany, Holland, Argentina, Egypt, and Denmark, came together at Niles East to celebrate Christmas at the annual AFS Christmas dinner and party. The students, some of whom were dressed in their native costumes, were accompanied by their respective American 'brothers' and 'sisters.'

### International Talent Presented

A holiday chicken dinner was followed by entertainment presented by the Niles East AFS members and several foreign exchange students. Niles East's AFS president, David Kosh, performed the leading role in a James Bond spoof, in which AFS fought SPARROW (an international organizational of hate), and in which AFS was victorious. The talent show which followed featured a Malaysian girl in a native dance in which she balanced glasses of water on her head and in each of her hands. A Puruvian boy also performed a native dance, and a German boy played the mouth organ.

NICKI PINTO, Niles East's own

foreign exchange student from Sao Leopoldo, Brazil, attended the AFS party, along with her American "sister" Jane Cyrog.

### Nicky Views Celebration

The vivacious student is anxiously awaiting her first Christmas in America. "It's all very exciting, because I have a very busy and active American family," Nicki commented at the party.

"CHRISTMAS IN BRAZIL is very similar to Christmas here. We have Christmas trees, decorations, colored lights, and caroling," said Nicki. Pointing to the AFS Santa Claus, she laughingly added, "Yes, we also have a Santa Claus!"

### Sees First Snow

"The only difference is that now in Brazil, we are on our three month vacation from December to February, for it is summer in Brazil!"

The foreign exchange student had never seen snow, for in Brazil there is no distinct winter as in the Chicago area. "On the morning of December 1, when there was the first real snowfall, I looked out the window and was shocked! My reaction was like that of a little child's, because I was so excited. I think the snow's just beautiful; I love it!"

### Coming Up

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23

Winter Recess Begins

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

School Resumes

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

SAT 8:30 A. M.  
ACH 1:30 P. M. — West

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# Trojans Succumb to Highly Rated Teams

## Cagers Try To Regain Form in Tournament

AFTER TAKING a rough beating at the hands of Suburban League schools as a result of a tough schedule, the Trojans will lick their wounds and try to regain their early season mastery in the Niles North Holiday Tournament.

Niles' first three Suburban League games were against highly rated opponents, Evanston, Waukegan, and Proviso East. The three are rated 14th, 20th, and 12th in the state respectively.

Evanston, currently ranked number 14, was East's first opponent as the Trojans put up a good fight,

although playing without Mike Av-erbach, and lost by only six points.

### Different Ball-Club

Against Waukegan, the Trojans were a completely different ball-club, losing by a wide margin. The only real bright spot in these two games was the playing of Mark Bishop who scored well enough to place him fifth in the SL individual scoring race.

The schedule proved to be even crueller as for the third week in a row the Trojans had to play a top team. This time their adversary was Proviso East, highly-ranked

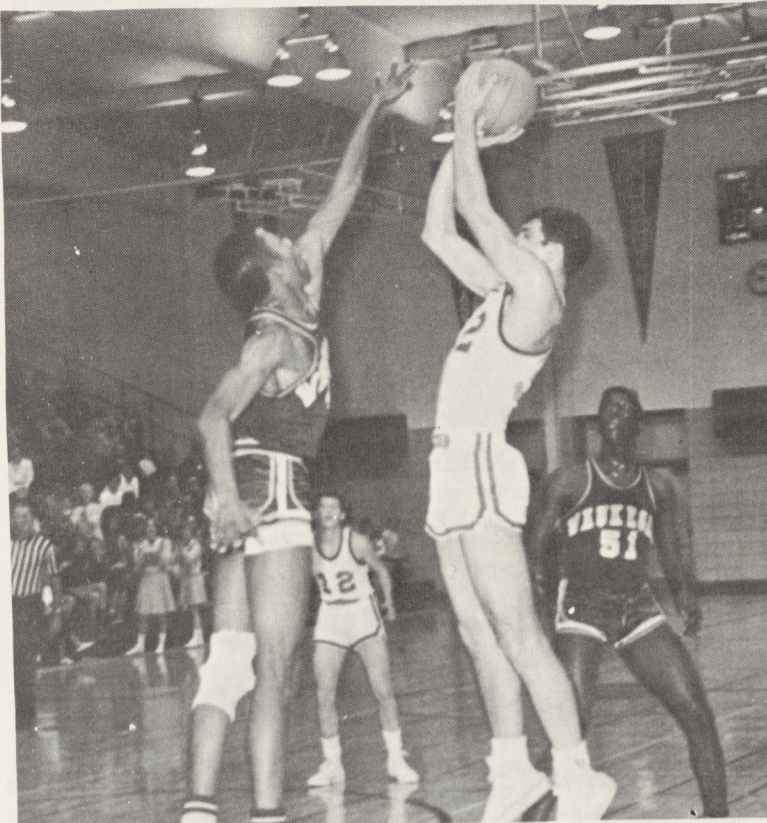
by many. In their first SL away game last Friday, the Trojans put up a good fight for one quarter against the Pirates but trailed 12-8 at the end of the first period.

### Capitalized on Errors

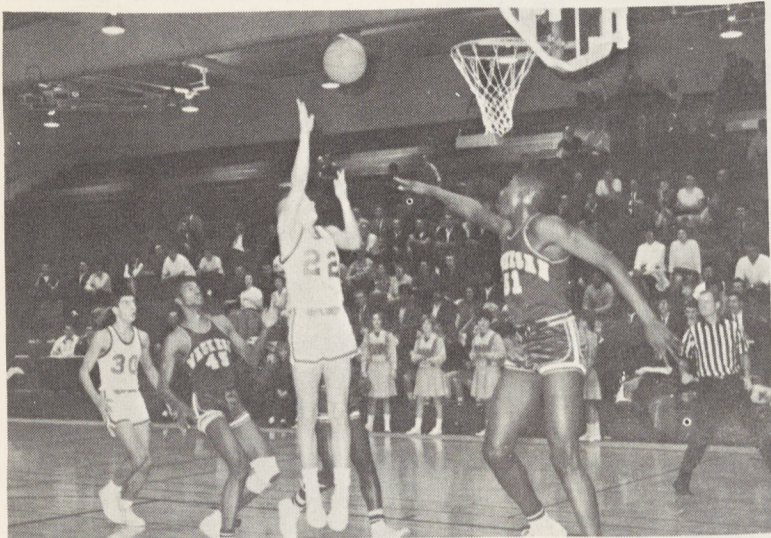
However, in the second period the Pirates showed why they are considered championship caliber as they pressed the Trojans and forced them into numerous errors. Proviso capitalized on these errors, converting them into scores. The Pirate defense was so good that it held Bishop scoreless in the first half which ended with Proviso holding a commanding 43-22 lead.

In the second half, the Pirates continued their domination and eventually won the contest by a score of 72-51.

December 27-29 the Trojans will be competing in the Niles North Holiday Tournament, won last year by Glenbrook South. Their first game will be played against Maine East on the 27th at 7 p. m.



**PREPARED** to shoot over the outstretched hands of a Waukegan defender is Center Steve Plotkin, '67.



**POINTING** a finger won't do this Waukegan player any good as Mark Bishop prepares to score two more points.

## Soph Cagers Lose Two After Beating Evanston

EVANSTON, one of the powerful perennial plagues of Suburban League basketball, met its match December 2 in the form of the Niles East sophomore cagers.

In one of the more exciting contests of the season, East's final period determination enabled the Trojans to edge out the Wildkits in the 53-49 victory. Although Evanston had height and rebounding advantage, Niles pulled out the win in what Coach Bill Osness termed "a fine team effort."

IN THEIR second conference game, the cagers were unable to pull out a win over the Waukegan Bulldogs. The capable opponents jumped out to an early lead and held it the entire game.

Mr. Osness commented, "We were just outplayed by the Waukegan team." The Bulldog defense stole the ball from East before the latter had chances for basket attempts. Very tight defense caused

the Sophs to take mostly outside shots; they averaged seven points a period in the 57-29 loss.

Last Friday the sophs lost their second Suburban League game as they lost to the Proviso East Pirates by a score of 71-37.



**BARRY KITE**, '67, does a headstand in order to avoid being pinned by his opponent.

## Defending Champs

# Fencers Win First Meet

"SPEED, ACCURACY, and skill are the main goals the Niles East's Fencing team must reach," according to Varsity Fencing Coach Robert Keen.

The coach made this observation prior to the victory of East, the defending state champion, over Niles West this past Friday by a margin of 12-6. The team was led by Sheldon Berman '67, Steve Winer '67, Mark Feldman '67, Sid Milstein '69, Martin Fraeman '69, and Jim Marx '69.

Coach Keen feels that the major asset of this year's team is the

fact that the team will have more competition, and thus have more experience. According to the coach, "More and more schools are organizing fencing teams. This year there were several suburban league schools that formed teams. By getting this additional competition, the fencers will be able to become more skillful."

THE COACH feels that the major problem the team faces is that of general inexperience due to the lack of boys coming out for the sport. Mr. Keen does not feel that there will be any great drawback

as a result of this since all the teams have this same problem, and most of them have it to a greater extent than it exists at East.

Although Mr. Keen would make no predictions for the outcome of this year's season, he was generally optimistic. He admitted that there will be some "tough competition," but that East has a good team. "If the boys develop speed, accuracy, and skill through experience, we should have another successful season."

## Grapplers To Compete In Waukegan Tournament

WAUKEGAN'S holiday tournament is the next meet on the agenda for Niles East wrestlers. Eight teams will participate December 29 and 30 in the annual event. Wrestling will commence at 7 that Thursday and at 1 p. m. and 7 p. m. the following day. Waukegan was the victor last year as East placed sixth. Head Coach Howard Byram labeled the contest an "experience meet."

The varsity squad's Suburban League record now stands at an exemplary 1-1. In non-Suburban League competition, the Trojan

grapplers boast a 2-0 slate. So far, District Champion Tim Cech, senior, and probable State Contenders Victor Mittelberg and Barry Kite, also seniors, remain undefeated.

### "Lack of Desire"

Niles East opened its dual meet season December 2 with a fine victory over Forest View in a non-Suburban league contest. Eight out of 12 East grapplers defeated their opponents in the 24-16 win.

THE MATMEN dropped their initial Suburban League encounter of the season to State Champion Waukegan, 26-14. According to Mr. Byram, "Niles East displayed both a lack of desire and ability in winning only four matches." Trojan victors included Cech, Kite, Mittelberg, and Sophomore Al Mormolstein. Mittelberg won by a fall in

32 seconds, getting the only East pin of the evening.

### Win Quadrangular

In the Niles East Quadrangular December 10, Niles East came out on top with 86 points, defeating Wheeling, 83 points; Glenbrook South, 76 points; and New Trier West, 55 points. First place victors for East included Seniors Jay Brandenburg, Cech, Kite, and Mittelberg. Each of the latter three won both of his matches by falls. Niles East hosted Proviso East in a dual meet last Friday, December 16, and lost 21-26.

The sophomore grapplers defeated Forest View 24-22 but lost to the Waukegan Bulldogs. In the NE Quadrangular, Wheeling was the only team that defeated the Trojans as East placed second.

## Inbounds and Out

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IF YOU ever walked through the corridor right outside of the contest gym, you probably noticed two glass enclosed display cases. Inside these cases are trophies won, appropriately enough, by our school's past athletic teams.

If you ever ventured close to the cases, you would see that on top of each trophy are small figurines representing for what sport the trophy was won. Strangely enough there are few trophies representing basketball.

### To Compete in Tournament

Next week the basketball team will compete in the Niles North Holiday Tournament and try to bring back to those dusty cases a trophy. To do that they will have to take first place and beat teams such as Warren, Glenbrook South, Woodstock, Highland Park, Maine East, and Niles West and North.

GLENBROOK is the defending champion, although this year they will be playing without their all-state player Mike Reeves, lost by graduation. So far this year the Trojans have beaten West and North, although both are improved since those contests.

### Schedule an Advantage

The one big advantage that Niles will have is that they have undergone a tough schedule so far and play in a much harder league than its other opponents excluding Highland Park. In their first three SL encounters this year Niles played teams all rated in the top 20 in the state.

Although they did not fare well in these games, the play did condition them for coming games and will eventually help them, more than likely in this very tournament.

So as you pass through that same corridor for the first time in 1967, take another look at that trophy case. And if it looks a little less dusty, that probably means there's a new trophy there, and you can be sure it's not for tiddly-winks.