

## Committee approves application for use

The Alternate Use Committee for East, which is responsible for finding an acceptable alternative use for East, has unanimously approved a recommendation to the District 219 School Board that East be considered for conversion to a regional Arts and Special Events Center.

An application has been made to the National Endowment for the Arts for a \$25,000 grant to underwrite a study of the proposal.

ACCORDING TO MISS RITA Stewart, East building manager, and member of the committee, three committee members, Arlene Bezark, Dorothy Litwin and Jeff Ortmann have written the proposal.

"It is intended that rooms be rented out to artists, musicians, and others as studios, while the student lounge, and auditorium be used as theaters," explained Stewart. "It is also feasible that we rent out memberships to health clubs for use of the swimming pool, indoor track and tennis courts." The committee also plans on converting the cafeteria into a restaurant.

Stewart noted that some difficulties existed in the proposal. "We don't know who will provide funds to refurbish the rooms, or where patrons of the center would park."

A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION called Center East is being formed to lease this space from District 219, as well as a general overseer of the project. Anyone who would be interested in involvement with this organization is invited to write to Center East, 7700 Gross point Road, Skokie, Ill. 60077.



Jay Wilensky, Student Senate President, delivers the farewell address to his fellow classmates during the graduation ceremonies held June 10. (Photo by Erich Massat)

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## Roth leaves after 32 years

George Roth, East science instructor, will be leaving after 32-years of teaching.

"Kids are basically the same as when I started teaching here. They have the same desires and wants, but the way they express themselves is different. The fads have changed. In the early '50's girls wore 'hoop' skirts and bobby socks."

ROTH, AN EARTH SCIENCE and biology teacher, created the Student Services Organization, which was started to improve student attitudes. He is also responsible for the Homecoming Parade being started.

"At first, nobody knew how to build the floats," said Roth. "Everyone would stuff napkins in the chicken wire without staples or anything. So one

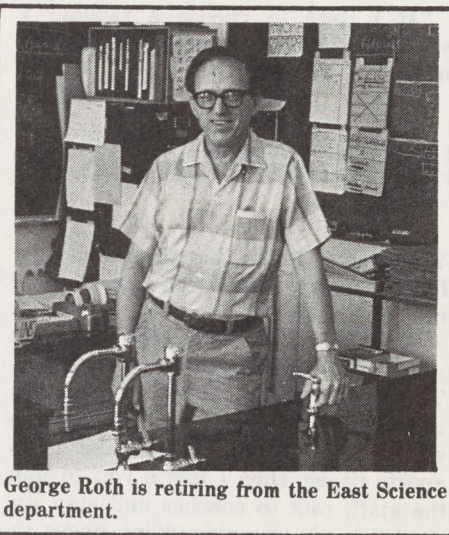
year, a float was blown over, and the napkins went in all direction."

He earned his bachelor's degree at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, and his master's at the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

"THEN AT THE TIME of Sputnik, I had to go back to school," Roth stated. "There was so I went to Humboldt State College in (Arcata) California."

He is now 65 years old and cannot hold tenure any more, according to district policy. The Nilehi board recognized Roth with a silver bowl for his 32 years of service.

However, Roth is not through teaching. He has three offers at other non-public schools.



George Roth is retiring from the East Science department.

## "Toback Attacks!"

Paul Toback '81 was elected Student Senate president June 1 in a runoff election against Steve Fishman '80.

The May 29th election which included David Eingorn '81 failed to produce a majority winner. Toback feels he won because "the students wanted someone who would be involved in the issue of the closing of East." He also believes that his slogan "Toback Attack" aided his campaign.

"STEVE PUT UP A GOOD FIGHT, waged a good campaign, was a good opponent, and was honest," said Toback. Now that elections are over, he expressed that he feels relaxed, eager to work, and get Senate moving.

Contrarily, at the first Senate meeting on Monday, June 4, only seven students attended. Disappointed at the turnout, Toback commented, "We need student support." He also stressed, "I feel it's very important that this year's freshmen get involved in Senate because this past year, the freshman class provided no representatives. It's important that they have a chance to vote on decisions that affect them."

Over the summer, Toback will be attending a Summer Leadership Program for Students and Advisers at Camp Cheley in Estes Park, Colorado, from August 14-19. The purpose of the program is to teach student leaders in the school's Student Senate or National Honor Society the basic skills of leadership. The curriculum involves problem-solving techniques, organizational skills, human relation skills, and communication techniques.

## Grades held till fines paid

Students who do not pay their fines for lost materials, such as books or athletic equipment, on or before June 22, will not receive their grades, according to Miss Rita Stewart, East building manager.

"The registrar will withhold grades, diplomas and grade transcripts of students who do not return either the articles themselves or pay for the loss," explained Miss Stewart.

"STUDENTS WHO DO NOT attend to those obligations will not be issued their student ID's in the fall and will not be able to pick up their books and supplies," Miss Stewart added.

Students will receive letters in homeroom informing them of their fines.

"We aren't trying to make money, but to educate kids to their responsibilities," concluded Stewart.

## Assembly honors athletes

The Spring Sports Awards Assembly on May 31 was an evening devoted to this year's most prominent East athletes.

Seniors Bobbi Lewen and Jeff Pozen won the 1979 Al Beck Award. In recognition of their athletic achievements Lewen's and Pozen's photographs will be displayed permanently in Trojan Hall.

However, more than great athletic prowess was needed to be a winner. The 15 Beck nominees were judged on grade point average, academic accomplishments, and involvement in school activities and services.

THE OUTSTANDING SENIOR Athlete Award was presented to Tad Slowik and Bobbi Lewen. This honor recognizes those who have garnered most valuable player status, as well as major letters in sports.

Seniors Natalie Doi and Brian Kamajian received the Bud Blumenthal Memorial Award, which acknowledges attitude, team leadership and sportsmanship.

Most valuable player awards went to seniors, Tad Slowik in baseball, and Stuart Flanzer in tennis; juniors Barry Leb in track, and Kyu Hur in swimming.

FEMALE ATHLETES were also saluted in the most valuable player category. Senior Julie Hanson won for softball, senior Lee Klancic for badminton, sophomore Terri Dallas for gymnastics, and freshman Jennie Moshak for track.

Athletic Director James Swanson, who presented the awards, said, "This year's athletes are the most successful that I can remember."

### EXAM SCHEDULE

	June 19, 1979	June 20, 1979	June 21, 1979
8:00-8:15 a.m.	Arrival	Arrival	Arrival
8:15-9:30 a.m.	Period 1 Exams	Period 5 Exams	Period 9 Exams
9:30-9:45 a.m.	Break	Break	Break
9:45-11:00 a.m.	Period 2-3 Exams	Period 6-7 Exams	Period 10-11 Exams
11:00-11:15 a.m.	Break	Break	Break
11:15-12:30 a.m.	Period 4 Exams	Period 8 Exams	Period 12 Exams
1:00 p.m.	Departure	Departure	Departure

### IMPORTANT DATES

- June 18-21 Underclassmen return locks to room 104.  
Underclassmen return textbooks to room 320
- June 22 See teachers for grades  
Students make outstanding fine payments



Marc Shuman and Karen Feldman were crowned prom king and queen at the Chicago Radisson on June 1.

## Pranks cause harm

When seniors break windows, deface buildings, and cause the injury of certain individuals, their so-called pranks should be considered acts of vandalism.

On the night of May 24, 13 students wandered through the school seeking out places they could vandalize. The damage of that night included a broken window in Room 150 of the new section and graffiti written all over East's buildings.

**THE NEXT MORNING** four other students perpetrated acts of vandalism. They oiled doorknobs in the English and foreign language sections of East. When those seniors oiled the doorknobs they accidentally spilled some oil near the doors. This resulted in the injury of a secretary who slipped and fell near one such oiled doorway.

"All 17 seniors who participated in acts of vandalism were caught within a week of the time they committed them," according to James Puff, chief of security.

Once caught, the seniors might have received criminal records, but East's administrators decided not to press charges, according to Rita Stewart, building manager. Instead the seniors were offered the alternative of withdrawal from the graduation exercises or fulfillment of a variety of punishments. First, they were suspended from school

for five days. Each of them was also asked to pay \$18.75 in damages to cover the costs of renting a sandblaster, cleaning a secretary's coat, and paying for the extra hours put in by the maintenance staff while cleaning up.

**THE MOST STRIKING** punishment, though, was that all 17 "pranksters" were forced to do maintenance work on the East grounds the week following the incidents. This work included landscaping and the arrangement of chairs for graduation.

It seems strange that the only people participating in the beautification of the East grounds were the ones who had vandalized those grounds a week earlier. This raises the question, "Are vandals the only ones who have a stake in the maintenance of East?" Clearly, the answer to this question is no. All student should participate in beautification projects.

Senate could provide the organization for this beautification program. In this way, students could promote instead of destroy pride in their school.



Don't worry Mrs. Blab. There is no threat of pranksters harming our staff, THIS YEAR.

## Sunbathers need protection

"If I were to choose a religion I would become a worshipper of the sun."

According to a University of Hawaii study, about 300,000 cases of skin cancer are discovered in America each year, in addition to premature aging and wrinkling of the skin.

**SUNBURN IS INEVITABLE** to those who do not take the necessary precautionary measures against overexposure. Follow these simple common sense rules to get an even, safe tan this summer.

1) Be sure to wear sunscreen whenever outdoors. The ones containing PABA are especially effective. Don't be fooled by a rainy day. The sun's ultraviolet rays can pass right through clouds.

2) Don't count on water to protect you from the sun's harmful rays; on the contrary, the sun is attracted to water and easily passes through it, even through the density of a pool.

3) **GIVE EXTRA PROTECTION** to areas most exposed to the sun such as lips, nose, and eyelids.

4) If you have olive or dark toned skin, you are still susceptible to the harmful effects of overexposure.

5) Remember that good things take time, and in the case of suntanning this is especially true. The smartest tan is built up gradually to give the skin's pigment a chance to offer natural protection.

6) **ONCE YOU'VE ACQUIRED** that deep, golden tan, keep it by moisturizing your body after every shower or bath. This also keeps your skin soft, supple, and wrinkle free.

7) Sunburn is not the only sun related problem. Be sure to wear sunglasses on sunny days to avoid squint lines in future years, and to protect the eyes.

Don't think that this means that you should avoid the sun at every opportunity. Picnics, swimming, and boating go hand-in-hand with sunny days, deep tans, and all the fun that's sure to come.

## Graduate refutes criticisms

Dear Editor,

If you don't print this letter, you are guilty of the same journalistic wrongs you accused the yearbook; if you do, you should be commended.

This letter is not intended to defend the yearbook, only explain it. In many ways I agree with your article of criticism of the yearbook. The yearbook was not perfect, it never was perfect, and I bet it never will be perfect. We made mistakes just as the Nilehilite and any other club or activity makes at Niles East. Over all I am proud of what we accomplished and would not tink twice about doing it over again. Personally, I felt if I told the truth about certain teams being bad, it would make the teams that had good seasons stick out. For example, the football and wrestling teams had good seasons.

Why make it look like they were just like everybody else, when they deserve much more credit?

To respond to "one for a better yearbook" I only wish you were right! The sports section in the yearbook is almost twice as long as any other in the entire book. If you would like more sports pages, then I invite you to join the staff, talk to coaches and stay up until 3 in the morning doing pages to make deadlines. Finally, if you hate the whole five thespians out of the twenty-six people on staff, why didn't you sign your name. What are you afraid of, a bunch of Thespians?

Respectfully,  
Alan Schoen  
Action Editor  
1979 Reflections

commentary

## Focus

david eingorn

The June 4 graduation ceremony was a joyous occasion for all the seniors who were able to participate. For those students that could not graduate, however, it was a time of anguished reflection, especially the ones that narrowly missed filling the requirements. In some cases students were only a P.E. class away from their goal.

**Editor's Note:** The letter which appears on this page, regarding the yearbook, like all letters to the editor, was submitted by an East student. In the letter Alan Schoen, referring to a letter which appeared in the June 1, 1979 issue states, "... you are guilty of the same journalistic wrongs you accused the yearbook..." It should be clearly pointed out that the letter that appeared in the senior issue was not the opinion of the Nilehilite staff. Our views were expressed in the "Yearbook's views deserve criticism" editorial, appearing in page two. It is also our policy to withhold the name of the letter's author if so requested by the author. Finally, we will print any letter we receive, withholding only those that we view as being slanderous to specific individuals.

Recently, a concerned counselor, Mary Murphy from North, brought to the attention of E.P.A.C., the serious hardships brought upon students who narrowly miss graduating. She suggested that a student who narrowly misses graduating be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony if the student is able to make up the credits by the end of summer school that year. The individual would participate in the ceremony but would not receive a diploma.

**THIS PLAN IS** a fair solution for all parties involved. First, the individual does not have to face the traumatic experience of telling family and friends that it is not possible for him to participate in the graduation ceremony as planned. Secondly, teachers will no longer be put in the precarious situations of passing students out of sympathy so that they may participate in the commencement exercises. Finally, it does not give the student a "false sense of reality," because, after all, what matters is not the ceremony but the diploma. If the individual does not have enough credits, he simply will not receive a diploma.

## Committee makes proposals

At the June 4 meeting of the 219 Board of Education, the Committee to Close Niles East made its final recommendations on the fate of East and its students in 1980.

Regarding guidance and curriculum, some of the major recommendations included that counselors will retain the same group of students when they transfer respectively to North and West, C.I.C. programs will be developed at both North and West, and East's class of '81 will maintain separate ranks at North and West.

**OF ALL THE RECOMMENDATIONS** on the closing, the ones that have attracted the most attention by students are those pertaining to student activity articulation. In its report to the Board the Area II subcommittee states, "Throughout, the feeling of the committee members was that in most cases the difficulties could be resolved by establishing co-officer positions for the 1980-81 year only."

The only proposal of the Committee to Close Niles East that was not accepted immediately was the one regarding student government. This proposal stated in part that the East student elected as president in 1980 would serve as a second semester president at the respective high school he transferred to. This directive was attacked vigorously by North student

government members who think that semester presidents cause disharmony. The matter is still pending until the Board reviews the North alternative plan which has the East student elected as president serving as an interim vice president. After a six-week period, an election committee would be held between the North elected president and the East interim vice president; the winner would serve as president.

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