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Rebuilt auto wins student first trophy

"I didn't expect to win and I was very surprised," commented Ray Ledvora, '75, who designed and built a silver corvette automobile, "Rachel," that took first place and won a trophy for its owner in the Conservative Sport class in the Rod and Custom show at McCormick Place on December 5.

RAY SEARCHED THROUGH several auto shops to find the parts he needed for his car, and spent approximately \$2,500 for all the materials he used. But instead of being made from the usual fiber glass, rubber, and steel that most cars are made from, Ray feels his car was "made of money."

"Rachel" will be entered again this weekend in a national contest sponsored by the International Car Show, at the amphitheater, in which people of all ages participate.

HE HAS CLEANED IT and shined the chrome, but on the way home from his win at McCormick Place, he hit a hole and cracked the fender. But Ray said, "I'm not going to bother fixing it. It happened and I'm just going to leave it."

He started building the car last January by himself for his own personal satisfaction. The car began as an old beat-up corvette and was transformed into a brand new silver "VET."

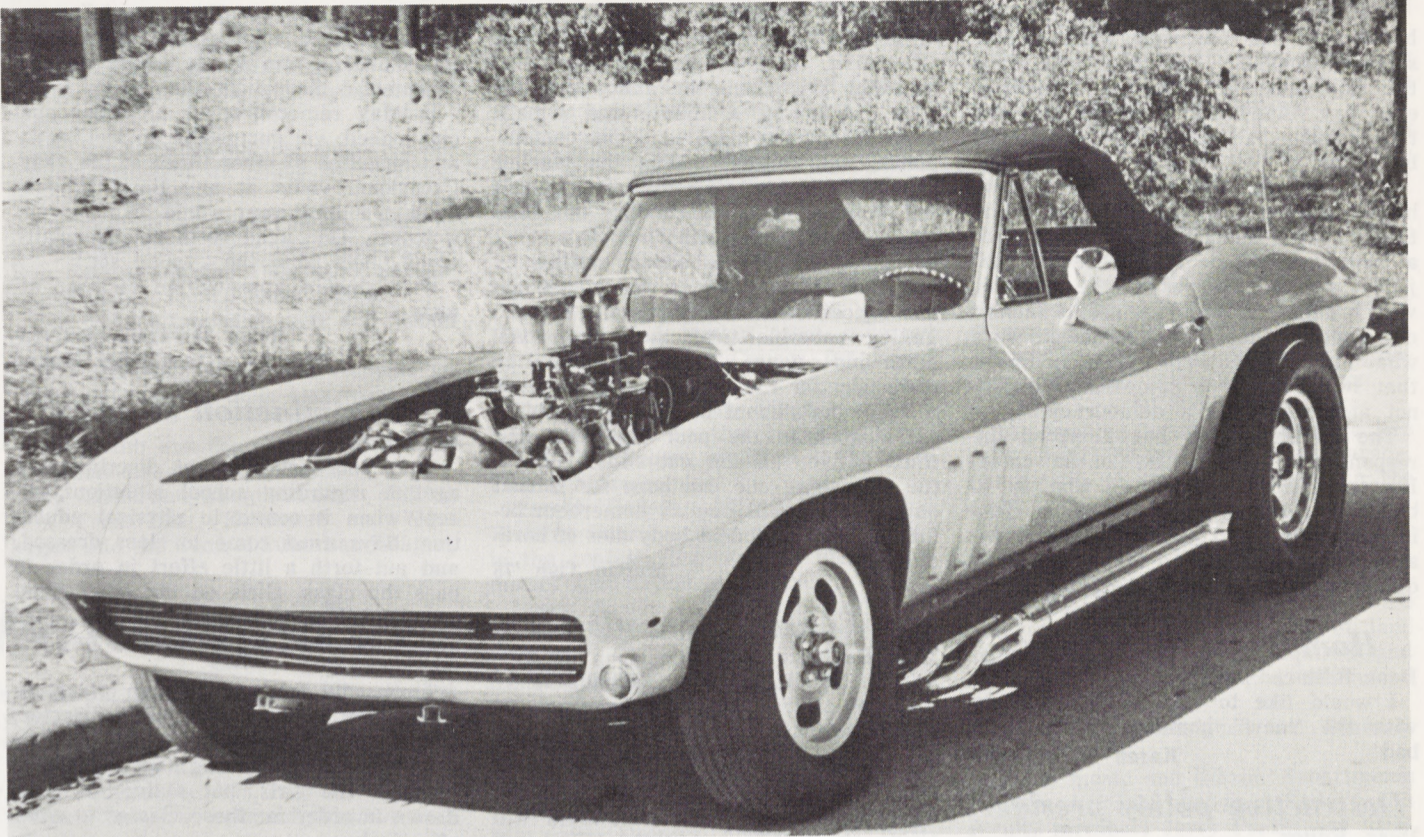
The group helping him—his back-up workers—is called "Chi-Town Eliminators," a new car club at East. But when asked who helped him the most, Ray replied "special thanks to the family and most of all to Eagle."

Dance club's annual show presented next weekend

The new Niles East Dance Company, under the direction of Miss Shari Kouba, will perform its annual dance show on January 31 and February 1 at 8 p.m. in the auditorium. Tickets cost \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for students or 75 cents if purchased in advance.

THIS YEAR'S SHOW "ILLUSIONS" will include the entire dance company of 39 girls performing in 21 dance numbers centered around jazz, tap, ballet, and modern dance. The show was completely choreographed by the girls with only the finale done by Miss Kouba.

Dances will be performed to a variety of songs including selections from the



Ray Ledvora's Corvette "Rachel" basks in the sun ready for its next contest which begins today at the Amphitheater.

Eighty-four earn recognition

Illinois State Scholar students named

Eighty-four Easthi students were chosen Illinois State Scholars this year.

THE ILLINOIS STATE SCHOLAR program is designed to honor those high school seniors who have shown superior academic potential as determined by their academic record, their ACT assessment scores, and high school certification.

Each State Scholar receives a certificate of Merit from the Illinois State Scholarship Commission (ISSC). His name is distributed for statewide recognition to the various news media in the state and to the colleges and universities in Illinois. If a student is named a State Scholar, it will help him in being accepted in many colleges and universities as they seek the State Scholar for admission.

IN ORDER TO QUALIFY, a student must possess the following eligibility requirements: be a citizen or permanent resident of the US and a resident of Illinois; be in the upper half of his class scholastically at the end of six semesters; be a person of good moral character; and not have engaged in any university, college, junior college, or other advanced training prior to January 1. (College credits earned while the student is in high school will not disqualify the student from State Scholar consideration.)

For current juniors to qualify, they

must take the ACT in April or June and list the ISSC code number 1047 on their answer sheet as a recipient of their scores. The announcement of the students named as State Scholars will be made in October.

THE FOLLOWING SENIORS have been named Illinois State Scholars:

Phil Adelman, Howard Balikov, Mark Bandy, Miriam Benjamin, Joy Bergman, Barry Berk, Michael J. Burke, Howard Chabner, John H. Coens, Cheryl Cohan, Ann Cohn, Jonathan David, Steve Dobryman, Sheryl Dubin, Jonathan Eager, Stephen Eich, Alan Ellenby, Pamela Favish, Martin Fisher, Ira Fishman, Eugene Freid, Allen Glass, Martin Glochowsky, Sally Goldstein, Susan Goldstein, Sheila Goldsweig, Cary Grant, Barry Greenwald, Cary Grossman, Eugene Guerrero, Laura Gunderson, Barry Hartman, Marsie Hass, Davi Hirsch, Scott Hite, Ronna Kalish, Dorothy Kampf, Julie Kaplan, Nancy Klehr, Paul Kostyniuk, Maria Levie, Michael Levin, Helaine Levy, Steve Levy, Felice Lewin, Rodrigo Lopez, John Martini, Robert Matz, Robert Miller, Stephanie Millman, Paul Milstein, Sherri Miner, Edward Naumes, Mitchell Newman, Michael Ohlwein, Kirk Pamper, Scott Pector, Saul Pilchen, Debra Plotkin, Cathy Rian, Pamela Rockoff, Philip Rothblum, Marc Rush, Lisa Saber, Bonnie Saltzman, Jeff Saltzman, Paul Saltzman, Ellyn Siegel, Warren Silver, Lori Simon, Elizabeth Smart, Mark Snyderman, Karen Sobel, Susan Sohn, David Stone, Larry Swider, Marty Tish, Andrea Toback, Cindy Trawinski, Mitchell Trilling, Toni Tumonis, Mary Unruh, James Vanderkloot, and William Weinman.

Cast chosen

Play rehearsals underway

"Two Gentlemen of Verona," a successful rock musical on the professional stage, will come to Easthi through the combined efforts of the drama and music departments March 13, 14, and 15. The show is a change from the standard high school musical where such standbys as "Oklahoma," "Camelot," and the like are performed. Music for the show was written by Galt MacDermot, the composer of "Hair."

AUDITIONS WERE HELD during the week of January 6-10 with the cast being selected on the basis of their singing, dancing, and acting abilities. The students were auditioned by Jerry Proffit, overall director of the show; Frank Winkler, musical director; and Miss Shari Kouba, dance director.

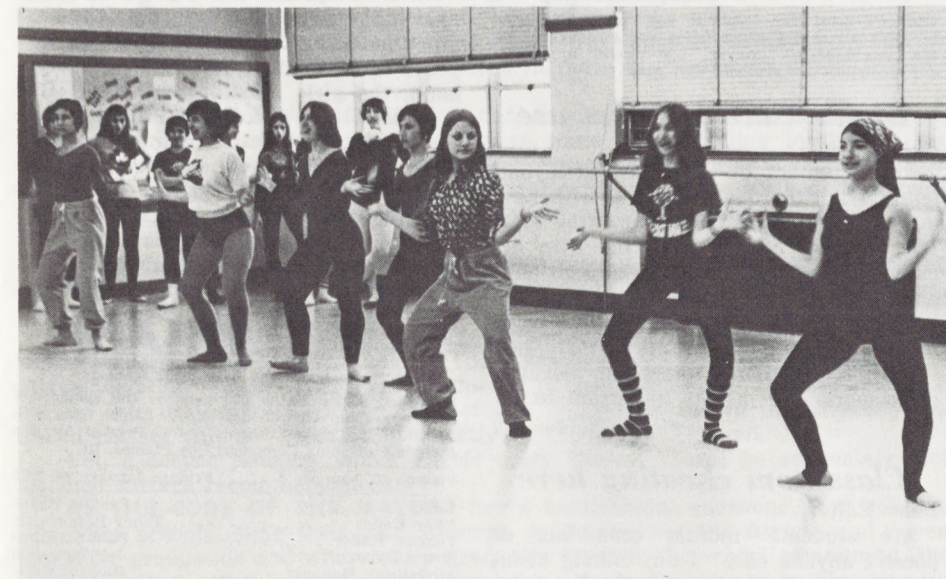
Other directors for the show include Ray Pettit, orchestra director, Frank Mayfield, technical director, and Miss Wendy Blickenstaff, serving as student teacher for Proffit.

Cast for the production includes Bill Hall as Thurio, March Rush as Proteus,

Barry Kramer as Valentine, David Pevsner as Launce, Mark Flitman as Speed, Cheryl Esken as Lucetta, Ellen Pollack as Silvia, Scott Hite as Duke, Marty Glochowsky as Antonio, Sue Ortman as Julia, and Bruce Kahn as Eglamour.

The citizens of Verona and Milan will be portrayed by Howard Balikov, Joan Bercoon, David Barack, Mark Blackman, Sherry Brodacz, Lisa Cohn, Dave Cole, Bill Daitchman, Terry Diamond, Marty Festenstein, Sheryl Fischman, David Fleischer, Bobbie Frazes, Jodi Friedman, Gary Glochowsky, Ed Goldstein, Eddie Jacobs, Paula Jeremias, Mark Klancic, Sandy Klein, Donna Kulwin, Sheryl Miller, Lael Miller, Gail Norris, Lisa Saber, Sally Saber, Dan Santow, Susan Shelley, Karen Shrifter, Sue Soltan, Patti Sucherman, Paula Sugarman, and Debbie Zaban.

REHEARSALS HAVE BEEN underway for two weeks in preparation for the first rock musical to hit the stage at East.



(Photo by Rochelle Goode)

The Niles East Dance Company rehearses in the dance studio for its upcoming show "Illusions" on January 31 and February 1.

Feedback**Homeroom policy outrages student body**

Dear Editor,

The past decision of having a daily homeroom has outraged most of the school's students. Many are mad about the ridiculousness of having homeroom everyday. Many are upset by the way the decision was made. Most are upset by both.

I, along with the majority, feel that homeroom every day is unnecessary and that we were doing very well with once a week homeroom. I, against the majority, am not upset about the way this was brought about. The great amount of people who feel that "he doesn't care what the students want" seem to forget that school is not a democracy. It was not and cannot be a democracy.

The administration has accepted the responsibility of the welfare of the school. If something goes wrong, who is to blame — certainly not the students. This is responsibility. Thus, we cannot have a democracy; since a democracy requires equality.

Mike Miller '76

Homeroom distressing!

Dear Editor,

I would like to express my distress with the "new" homeroom fad - it's bad!

Karen Shrifter '76

Destructive policy presides

Dear Editor,

If Mr. Hosler feels that homeroom is so important, let's see a little proof. In my homeroom, the students are so busy complaining about homeroom, that we miss all of the announcements, rather than hearing the fragments which we used to hear. I also see it as a further destruction of the student/faculty relationships in our school. I feel that the greatest problem resulting from daily homeroom is the destruction of both student and faculty optimism for Mr. Hosler as the principal of Niles East.

Penny Holland '76

Apathy strikes at East again

Dear Editor,

The students at Niles East have again proven that they are totally irresponsible and apathetic.

The homeroom boycott was planned to bring students together in the courtyard. The students were to listen to speeches and be suspended. Instead, there were only a handful of students. There were no speeches, and there were plenty of suspensions.

I personally was among the few students out there. However, after a few minutes I became so disillusioned that I fled to homeroom. I was not suspended.

When students were asked how they felt about homeroom, they condemned it bitterly. However, when asked if they would participate in the boycott, their answers were, "I'd like to, but ..." There are the students at Niles East for you. The first to complain, but the last to do a damn thing about it.

Burt Salenger '76

Hosler's policy—mistake

Dear Editor,

When Galen Hosler first announced that he was going to institute a new homeroom policy, I strongly felt that he had made a serious mistake. After a week of homeroom, I am seeing just how right I was. If Mr. Hosler had tried to come up with a new way to torture students, he would have had a hard time topping this one.

Basically, the daily homeroom is totally and completely unnecessary. One homeroom a week would certainly provide time enough to handle most problems that come up. In fact, even in the old homeroom there was often nothing for the teacher to do except take attendance and try to keep the students from leaving. Moreover, the new homeroom deprives the students of the chance to go down to the lunchroom for a snack or to go out for a breath of air. As an additional unexpected side effect, the new policy also adds to traffic jams in the already crowded corridors.

One would logically assume that the students would get something in return for this loss of the student break. Unfortunately, this is not the case. The new homeroom was supposed to aid

teacher-student communication, but the only thing communicated is a mutual dislike for Mr. Hosler and his policies. Of course, there is certainly plenty of time for this since the announcements take only about a minute and a half. The rest of the time is spent contemplating the ceiling, asking the teacher for permission to leave, aimlessly punching buttons on a calculator, or some other equally interesting activity.

I think Mr. Hosler should realize by now that the only things that homeroom has succeeded in accomplishing are: 1) Taking valuable time away from AP math and science students, 2) Breeding disrespect for the administration among most of the student body, and 3) Giving extra work to the poor mailman who must deliver all the cut slips. I guess the only thing one can hope for is that our principal will abolish homeroom before the entire student body dies of boredom.

Martin Tish '75

Future in question

Dear Editor,

Dear Mr. Hosler . . . What's next?
Philip Averbach '76

Purpose to better relations

Dear Editor,

The policy concerning homeroom will be discussed time and again, but it will undoubtedly not change this year. So why not put homeroom to good use?

As I understand it, the 10 minutes were designated for communication by counselors and administration. During my two years, I have seen my counselor personally only once and that was for a minor change of my schedule. How can he give me an honest recommendation on my college applications, which many colleges and universities consider important, by only knowing my grades, behavior, and comments from teachers and not my personality?

I would like to see homeroom used for purposes of bettering relations between the student and counselor.

—Sharon Veis '77

Christian thanks Jews

Dear Editor,

When I moved to Skokie from a suburb of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, I was concerned about possible conflicts I might have in a town with so many Jews.

I am a strong believer in Christianity and I believe that I should spread the word of Jesus Christ coming to earth from heaven to die for us so that our sins could be taken away and we could go to heaven instead of hell. Since I believe it is a sin not to tell people, I wondered what the reaction would be toward me spreading God's Word in a strongly Jewish town.

I have found that most Jews would react with some curiosity and be polite enough to respect my belief. Although I have had limited success so far in getting people to accept Christ as their Lord and Saviour, I was surprised and pleased to get a reasonable reaction and no trouble. I think that the Jewish people of Niles East and Skokie should be congratulated for their respect for someone else's beliefs.

—Rich Wilson '76

Electronic media wanted

Dear Editor,

I have often wondered why East doesn't have any classes dealing with radio and television broadcasting or television filming. Many schools not only have broadcasting classes, but have their own radio station. I feel a lot of people would be interested in this type of course.

—Bruce Goldberg '77

(Editor's note: One of the reasons we do not have a class of this type is that we do not have the personnel to teach it. The Nilehilite plans to look into the subject next semester and make specific recommendations regarding this course and others.)

Citizens thank students

Dear Mr. Hosler,

On behalf of the residents of GROSS POINT MANOR, I wish to express their gratitude to the students of your school who visited our Center on December 19 for making their holiday season a brighter and more cheerful one. The carol

singing and the instrumental music were greatly enjoyed by all of our folks.

This warmth, interest and understanding shown to our people would also be meaningful throughout the year.

Holiday remembrances are very special indeed, yet our people do feel lonely and forgotten at other times of the year. Occasional visits at any time throughout the coming year would also be very welcome. Our aged residents especially enjoy visits from the "young set."

With sincere appreciation of your efforts I am,

Helen Jawarski, Activity Director, Gross Point Manor

Discrimination in sports

Dear Editor,

Boys and girls are not discriminated against regarding school situations except when it comes to physical education. Boys must come to class dressed, and put forth a little effort in order to pass the class. Girls on the other hand are graded on dressing, tardiness, attitude, skill tests, written tests, and attendance.

Supposedly talks have been going on between Mr. Swanson, athletic director, and PE faculty members.

I am not condemning the boys' system nor the girls, but a line must be drawn in order for these classes to work effectively.

—Michele Soltan '75



(Photo by Barry Lustig)

Approximately 15 students did not attend homeroom on January 6, the first day of the enactment of the policy. The daily bulletin indicates that 41 students were suspended as of January 13 because of non-attendance. Most of the students were given in-school suspensions, although the punishment could have been more severe.

Some activities neglected

Dear Editor,

In our school only some clubs or athletic groups get recognition. This happens in our announcements, daily bulletin, and in our school newspaper. I believe that an all school newspaper should represent the whole school and not only what the writers believe is important.

Also, our head faculty such as athletic directors and principals as representatives of our school should not always go to one sport as they have in the past. If this error is not corrected, I believe many unnoticed clubs or athletic groups will become unpatriotic to our school and thus ruin the school morale which still barely remains.

—Philip Skaletsky '76

(Editor's note: The Nilehilite has consistently tried to cover all organizations fairly and thoroughly. We are shorthanded, however, and would appreciate any contributions students can give us.)

Divide time for gym use

Dear Editor,

As a member of the Girls' Volleyball team, I am thoroughly fed up with having to come to practice from 4:30 to 7. The boys, of course, have the gym occupied before that. It really gets to be a pain, coming home late every night. Let's at least divide the week fairly. Guys games are important, sure. But they shouldn't be more important because girls sports are just as important to us.

Nancy Seiden '77

Classroom cheating here

Dear Editor,

Are students' morals crumbling or doesn't anyone care? I am talking about cheating, particularly on tests. Recently, during a test, at least 80 per cent of a class were cheating.

I laugh when someone shows me their "cheat sheet" or the clever place they

have stashed answers, but I am not laughing inside. I am really crying for the cheaters, for little cheaters turn into big ones.

Everyone I talk to is angered by the Watergate mix-up, the Nixon administration, and all the lies and cheating involved. Did H. R. Halderman cheat on a test? Did John Mitchell lean over anyone else's shoulders? Quite possibly. Maybe these are ridiculous questions. But I feel that this whole subject should be brought to the attention of students and faculty.

School supposedly prepares a person for life. Does this mean they will go through their whole life cheating?

Name withheld upon request

Sports coverage incomplete

Dear Editor,

I think you should spend a little more time on Niles East sports. Go into a little more detail on what happened during games. Instead of giving the score and commenting on how poorly East played, I think you should give more recognition to all the teams. Usually the fall sport of football is not too good record wise. Yet, most of the guys play great games.

Last year Freshmen took second place in the Conference and second place in the Freshman Tournament by 1½ points in wrestling. The sophomores took first

place in Conference and third in the Sophomore Tournament. No one heard about these scores. The Freshman and Sophomore Gymnastics Team did well also but nobody heard about that either. So get on the ball. Start writing about what happened in the Freshman, Sophomore class team events.

Name withheld upon request

Sue Feldman '76

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Major events that highlight East's '74 in review

The year 1974 was certainly a unique historical period for the world, the country, and Niles East. What with energy crises, food shortages, inflation, Watergate, resignations, 2,000 plus murders in Chicago, job layoffs, and a gloomy forecast for the economy, the scene here may appear somewhat mild and subdued. But East had its share of controversy and accomplishment.

JANUARY

Robert Gara, District 119's ex-business manager, rejected the Better Government Association's claim that the District violated state law requiring that "competitive bids be sought on most major goods and services made by governmental bodies including school boards."

Eighty-seven students graduated mid-year.

Reflections presented "Yesterday and Today" with a cast of 120.

The boys' gymnastic team began 1974

with a 6-1 record.

FEBRUARY

Dr. Anthony Gregorc brought an extensive background in educational administration as he was selected by the Board for the position of assistant superintendent.

For the second time, the Board of Education affirmed its policy by rejecting in-school smoking.

An internal struggle among Student Senate members emerged focusing on Rob Feder (and the Federites) and opposing forces led by Gary Elkins.

The Spirit Committee held its second activities fair.

Stop and Shop week gave students an opportunity to plan their next year's programs.

Sue Kozub won the Gymnastic Central Suburban League Competition.

The Suburban League folded shifting New Trier East, Evanston, and Waukegan into the Central Suburban League.

MARCH

Tuition-free summer school, the first student sponsored proposal, was passed by the EPDC, but failed to become official District policy when the Board voted against it.

The Theater Arts Department presented the musical "The King and I."

In a baffling move, the Board rejected an administrative request to contract Mrs. Patricia Handzel as a second semester replacement for David Jupp in the social studies department.

Summer school tuition was raised 20 per cent.

James Gottreich, incumbent, Eric Moch, and Fed Minkus were endorsed by District No. 219 Caucus for Board positions.

The second annual dance marathon was sponsored by the Junior Cabinet. Andy Ruttenberg qualified in the State Finals in swimming.

Harold Cooper, Jill Goldstein, and Richard Harris earned top math scores in the contest sponsored by the Mathematics Association of America.

Larry Bower raced to a conference championship in the sophomore mile run.

Major architectural improvements in the Food Labs, carpeting, shelving, and counters in classrooms, and the installation of 60 carrels in the library were passed by the Board.

APRIL

The internationally renowned group "Up with People" appeared at East.

Three unopposed Board candidates won membership to the high school Board. Eric Moch and incumbent James Gottreich are now serving three-year terms. Fred Minkus is completing the term of James Moore who resigned in October of last year.

The North Central Evaluation Committee made its three-day visitation to East.

The Nihilite was awarded the Golden Eagle for overall excellence at the Northern Illinois Press Association Conference.

MAY

Bob Miller won the Student Senate election for president.

The Building Policy and Procedure Committee proposed a grade waiting scale. It is not District policy yet.

National Honor Society initiated 52 students.

Mrs. Lois French announced her retirement after 25 years of teaching at East.

Jill Goldstein earned the highest point average in her class to become valedictorian.

Chris Riess, AFS exchange student from Switzerland, prepared to leave East

after spending a year here.

The Nihilite received a special award of "Best Journalism" from Washington and Lee University. Judges included Roger Mudd from CBS.

The annual Junior Prom held this year at the North Shore Hotel in Evanston was overcrowded with students.

More than 200 students contributed their art work for the annual Art Fair held in the Girls' gym.

JUNE

On June 9, 475 students graduated on the football field.

SEPTEMBER

Record budget is passed by the Board of more than 19 million.

Easthi students participated in the National Multiple Sclerosis bike-a-thon.

OCTOBER

Homecoming weekend featured a pep rally with Wally Chambers, parade, game with North, and a dance in the girls' gym.

The Varsity soccer team sported the top record in the school with a 10-2.

The Space-Site Committee recommended to the Board that a new gym be built, that 132,000 square feet of land adjacent to the school be acquired, and that a new swimming pool be constructed for East.

Robert Gara resigned as Business manager.

East's music and theater departments performed "John Brown's Body" with faculty members Jerry Proffit and Richard Livingston.

East had nine National Merit Semi-Finalists and 19 students who received letters of commendation.

NOVEMBER

Dr. Arthur Colver announced his resignation as principal of East to become principal of John F. Kennedy High School in Plainview, N.Y.

Coach John McKiel resigned as basketball coach and Emil Capitani assumed the job.

Student files are now legally open to students and parents as of November 19 according to the Protection of Rights and Privacy Act of 1974.

DECEMBER

Galen Hosler was appointed the new principal of East by the Board.

A new homeroom policy is planned. 1975 has been with us for a very short time, but already students feel disgruntled about everyday homeroom and possible curtailment of freedoms they have enjoyed. What is required now is an unemotional and objective approach to what the year may bring. Let's try to enjoy the advantages we have, for who knows how long East will be in existence?

Homeroom challenged

Since Galen Hosler has been acting as principal at East, rumors have it that we can expect changes. Some rumors may prove to be justified in the next year, some are fabricated, and one, homeroom, was realized on January 6.

VARIOUS STUDENTS speculated that daily homeroom would be met with the same student furor that the Tripp, Palmer, and Pildes issue was in 1970. However, 18 days after its implementation only one feeble attempt at outward rebellion was made by 15 of East's 2,300 students.

On December 16 the Student Senate issued a majority and minority resolution to Hosler, the former stating reasons for their rejection of the daily homeroom policy, the latter stating reasons for support of it. However, after debating the issue, they have not arrived at any idea which might effectively sway the consideration of the principal. Now the Senate has directed itself to other areas of concern and the homeroom policy has gone unchanged.

THE NILEHILITE, after learning of the change, reserved publishing any immediate opinion in keeping with the objectivity of a newspaper medium. We looked for the advantages of the new system that Hosler has referred to. It seems that those advantages depend on the contributions ambitious homeroom teachers make to their homerooms.

With the exception of those students under the auspices of such individuals, bulletins and P.A. announcements that were read and heard in the fifth period classes are being taken care of in homerooms with the added expense of traveling time.

RATHER THAN CLEARING students out of the halls from 10:15-10:25 (10 minutes), Hosler has gone through elaborate steps to inject more than 2,300 people into the halls for exactly 11 minutes. (Six of these are spent going to homeroom, the other five in going to fifth period classes.) Students listen to the same announcements for five minutes that were heard in less time in the opening minutes in fifth period classes.

Yet, one concern that Hosler voiced as a negative force affecting students' development, the Nihilite feels is valid. Many students attend classes (usually the minimum required for graduation) and do not join additional activities. This is where the agreement ends.

Although we contend this situation weakens the educational experience that school can furnish, the "home base" that homeroom provides does not influence the situation.

HOMEROOM DOES NOT provide access to otherwise inaccessible information for the majority; more students are now falling over each other in the halls, and students are becoming alienated from rather than impressed by a school suddenly taking on the physical characteristics of a prison.

Early graduation, the largest effect of this loss of interest, should stimulate people to locate the flaws of this system. The Nihilite suggests that a committee, with membership open to all concerned parties, be formulated to investigate the reasons behind yearly increases of six and seven semester graduates.

WHERE DO THE PROBLEMS lie? What need can the school fulfill for students that it has failed to meet in the past?

If the energy that was engaged by building administrators to implement daily homeroom were directed toward answering these questions, East would witness an investigation which might in itself, bring more students together than was ever evidenced before.

Requirements questioned

Discussion among the Educational Policies Development Committee (EPDC) members has been prompted by a proposed increase in graduation credit requirements from 32 to 45.

THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE Cabinet cited the rationale behind the increase it proposed as combating an "easier route to graduation by two to six credits for many students." From 1967-1973 courses changed from minor to major credit, elimination of the "dangling credit," and courses changed from non-credit to credit have reduced the interest in "achieving well and taking full advantage of the opportunities in the Niles High Schools."

Although discussion is in its infancy, the EPDC has heard and anticipates hearing a "broad spectrum of concerns from parents, teachers, and students" on the subject, according to East's teacher representative Dick Miya.

IF THE EPDC APPROVES the proposal to the Board of Education, the high school experience of the class of 1979 (first possible class) will be affected by its implementation. However, the requirements of two additional credits would be phased into the programs of the class of 1977. Therefore, two of the presently enrolled classes will not be affected directly by the proposal at all.

Yet, a deeper problem, which affects every student cannot be adequately met by such surface recommendations.

AT THE CORE OF THE MATTER lies a fundamental question: How well are the Niles schools doing their job? Through examining reasons for six and seven semester graduation and where early graduates stood in the school community, the EPDC's investigation might lead to discovering inadequacies and weaknesses inherent in the school structure.

We urge students and faculty who see discussion of the Cabinet proposal as a means to direct investigation into what may be a very serious deficiency, to voice that concern to them.

10-second editorials

Odlivak works hard for team

A football coach must be someone completely dedicated to a cause, willing to spend all of his free time making plays, conferring with assistants, and working players. His only reward can be a winning season, which is not guaranteed.

THE FROSH LEVEL is hardest to coach because football fundamentals must be taught in addition to learning and execution of offense and defense. Nick Odlivak tackled this task and reaped the rewards.

Odlivak's coaching did not stop after practice. Accompanied by his assistants, he continued to develop a strong offense. Blocking assignments, pass patterns, split-second timing, who gets the ball, are a few things to consider and put together for strong ball control.

DEFENSE, KICK-OFFS and returns, punting, all have to be determined first on paper before they can be used on the field.

Coach Odlivak did all of this and more. However, it couldn't guarantee a successful team. But the freshmen responded to his hard work. They followed his instruction, learned his plays, and understood when he screamed and yelled.

IT IS VERY REFRESHING to visit Isaacson Field and see a Niles

East football team function as a whole unit and end with a winning season. It cannot be done without a strong backbone like Nick Odlivak.

Carolers cheer

The Christmas Spirit was reflected by members of Choir, Stage Band, Key Club, Arnold Agnos, and his English students, faculty, and alumni as they went caroling through downtown Skokie and to convalescent homes the Thursday before vacation.

FOR THREE YEARS, Arnold Agnos has sponsored this activity. "It gives us a chance to spread a little Christmas cheer to people who are less fortunate than we are," said Agnos.

The residents enjoyed the music thoroughly. This made it difficult for the singers and band, led by Frank Winkler, vocal director, to leave.

TALENT WASN'T JUST limited to the students. Dick Livingston, English instructor, did the solo parts to various carols. This is an excellent example of faculty and students working together for the benefit of the community.

The participants should be commended for their worthwhile efforts. Obviously when the heart is full, and the spirit high — there truly is "joy to the world."

Chance to receive college credit and save money in A.P. classes

Niles East's Advanced Placement Program offers qualified students the opportunity to participate in college level courses for college credit and/or advanced placement. In the first of a two-part series, Sue Feldman describes the French, biology, and chemistry AP classes.

by Sue Feldman

What is a more rewarding experience than hearing students praise the academic work in a class?

Many students here at East feel the AP program is a very interesting and helpful experience for their college years ahead. These classes in Advanced Placement were started by an educational testing service in New Jersey and have been offered at East for the past 20 years, according to Principal Galen Hosler.

THIS IS Madeleine Loughran's first year teaching French AP at East, and although the participation in this class is small, with only six enrolled this year, the students feel they are benefiting greatly. "I enjoy the course because it has helped me to improve every aspect of my French," commented Ira Fishman.

One of Mrs. Loughran's teaching techniques is having the students listen to tapes in the language lab from the National French Contest, which helps them in oral comprehension and sound discrimination.

TO HELP WITH THEIR reading comprehension, the students have already read a novel and are in the process of reading a play. All discussion and conversation is in French, so the students must prepare in order to enjoy and understand the discussions without getting lost. The prerequisites are to have

taken an equivalent of four years of high school French and a placement recommendation.

Earth science, biology, and chemistry, along with a recommendation can place a student in Ed Degenhardt's APP Biology class. This course deals with all aspects of biology, but is handled in an independent manner where the students must read and prepare for lectures and labs in order to keep up with the work. Scott Hite recalls taking approximately six books home a night to read material for a lecture the following day. All students must work this hard and most do.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL science course is APP chemistry, taught by William Bloom. To be placed in it, physics, algebra, or math analogy and a recommendation are required. This course, as in APP Biology, spends the majority of class time with lectures, labs, and class discussions. "It's a hard course. A student must be self-motivated, have good study habits, and be willing to read and prepare material for lectures and discussions," confesses Phil Adelman.

The labs take approximately four hours and a summary is due after each one describing the complete experiment so Bloom is certain the students not only followed directions, but also understood what they did. "The only problem is we don't have enough time," stated Henry Rollick. Bloom added, "The new homeroom system will be taking the extra time we once had away from us." Both Henry

and Phil agree, along with many other students, that the time they do have in class is made very interesting and worthwhile by Bloom.

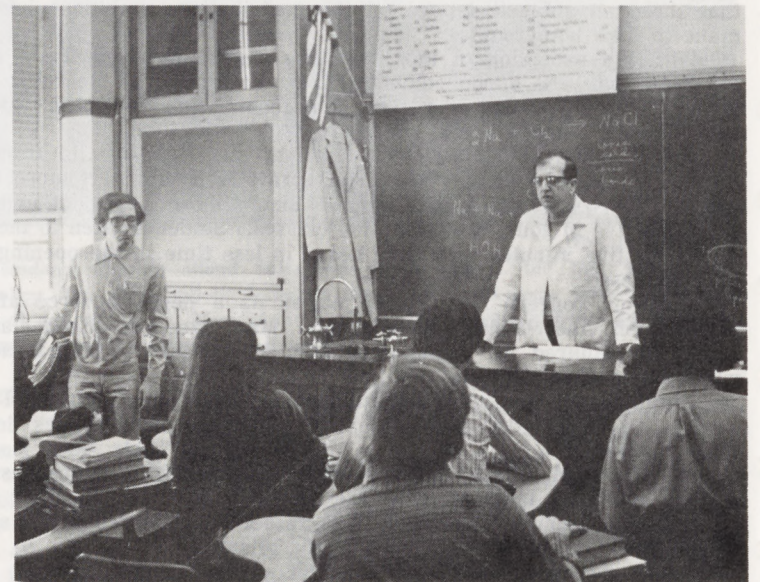
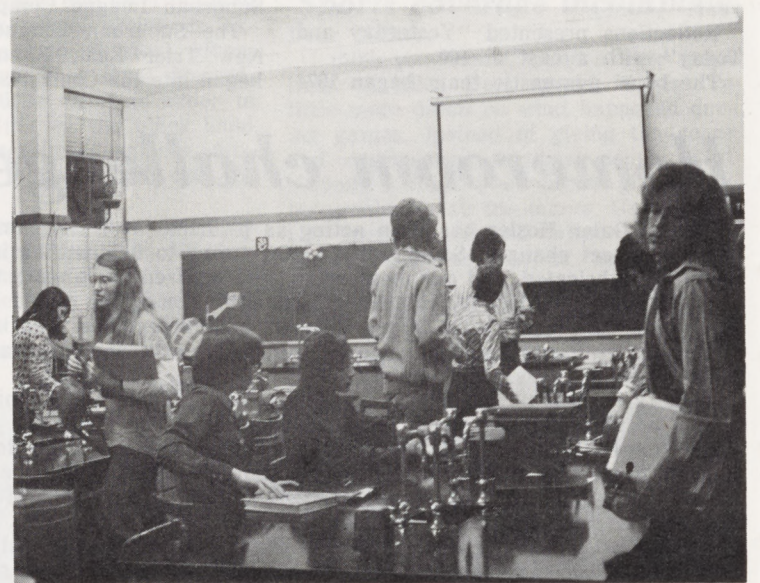
IN ALL ADVANCED placement courses throughout the country, a special test, composed differently each year, for each class, is given in May. All finished exams are then sent to New Jersey where a panel of specialists in each field individually grade them.

The highest score one can receive on a test is five. Last year three students in APP Biology scored five, nine scored four, and five scored three.

IN APP FRENCH, the teacher chooses to give the students either a literature or language test. Through the years at East most classes have taken the language test. Last year the scores were low, with four students scoring three, two scoring two, and one scoring one. Ron Gralewski, counselor, feels this problem is partially caused by not enough preparation for the test.

Students scoring five, usually have no problem receiving full credit for that specific class in college. Many universities, such as Northwestern, will grant placement for scores of three and higher.

NOT HAVING TO TAKE a freshman course will also save money on credit hours. "A couple of years ago, one boy took several APP classes and entered college only two or three credits short of being a sophomore, thus saving several hundred dollars," Degenhardt recalled.



(Photos by Barry Lustig)

Advanced placement students take A.P. courses with an eye to the future. In early May, they will take tests that may earn for them college credit or advanced placement. Shown here are (top) French A.P. class, (middle) biology A.P. class, and (bottom) chemistry A.P. class.

Handy girl earns mechanical A's

by Rochelle Goode

"The average person spends over \$80,000 in a lifetime on cars; it makes sense to know something about your investment," — states the student course book, in reference to Auto Mechanics I.

THE ONLY GIRL in her Auto Mechanics class, Bobbi Dredze '75 agrees. "I was always good in mechanical stuff, and I figured since I'm going to be driving a car, I should know something about it," she explained.

"I love the class. The course starts from scratch assuming no one knows anything."

Though she receives high grades, Bobbi feels that the attitude of her male classmates toward her varies widely. "Some of the guys tend not to work with me. Some don't care, and others figure 'what the heck — she's in here to work like

the rest of us.'"

GLENN JUREK, Auto Mechanics teacher, feels that the girls in his classes are not treated equally. "We've had girls in the program for about three years. It takes a girl with independence to take auto mechanics." He added that "most of the girls in the program have done better than the boys."

Bobbi feels that the course is easier for her "because most of the guys don't bother to study and take notes, and I do study, so it makes it easier for me because I know what's going on."

BOBBI WORKS in Jurek's office during her free periods, doing odd jobs of filing, organizing grades, answering the phone, and taking messages. "I started by asking Mr. Jurek if he needed help. I enjoy it." Although her fellow students

may be prejudiced, Bobbi said that Jurek is "really nice — he treats girls and guys equally."

Though she realized when the class began that she didn't know as much as most of the boys, she listened attentively to lectures and took notes. She sits in the front row of class because it helps her to pay attention. "If I sit in the back, my mind wanders." Now she gets one of the highest grades.

IN DESCRIBING the course, Bobbi said that it included "lots and lots of learning about cars."

Offered both semesters, Auto Mechanics I covers basic functions of the automobile engine, routine car maintenance, tune-ups, and how to buy a used car. No other prerequisite is needed for Autos II, III, and IV. According to Jurek, the first semester is arranged so that anyone who takes only that can talk on a technical level with service people.

AUTO MECHANICS II consists of studying chassis and suspension and is spent mostly in labs actually working on the problem with a car in the shop. Autos III covers engine rebuilding, and three-fourths of the course is spent in lab work. Students in this class work at their own speed. Autos IV studies "tune-up and diagnosis" and is a technical course taught with an effort to show the student how to do some professional tune-up work. Half to two-thirds of class time is spent in the lab.

An independent study course also is offered in which the student may pursue the area that interests him most. Bobbi, as a senior who has just discovered the miracles of mechanics, only intends to take two semesters. But, she also is taking a class in woodshop.



Bobbi Dredze hard at work on a carburetor.

(Photo by Rochelle Goode)

Some early risers begin school at 7:15

by Rich Wilson

About the time you are getting ready to catch the bus to school, some students are already starting their first class of the morning.

EARLY BIRD CLASSES, as they are called, is a new innovation at East this year. At 7:15 a.m. every school day, students go to either algebra or P.E.

Todd Dvorak teaches the algebra class, while Tom Sokalski teaches the P.E. class.

DVORAK SAID THAT the students in his class are more awake and alert in the Early Bird class than other classes because they "took the extra effort to get here in the morning." Attendance has been good and most students get to class on time.

Virg Van Cleave, director of the program, and Dvorak initi-

ated the idea for the classes. Student enrollment for Early Bird classes came after Board approval.

THE EARLY BIRD classes were offered for several courses including algebra, geometry, P.E., and some science courses. Only the algebra and P.E. courses acquired sufficient enrollment.

Algebra and P.E. will be offered again next year, and if sufficient numbers of students register, other courses will be added.

EVEN THOUGH A STUDENT must catch the bus at 6:40 a.m. to get to class, some advantages do exist. The class is more relaxed and the students enjoy it more. In addition, in the algebra class, every Friday is doughnut day.

Troubles over

Amazingrace reopens in The Main

by Paul Saltzman

The Amazingrace Coffehouse has reopened with its self-proclaimed "corporate hippie" owners prepared for a long stand at a new, larger location.

THE NEW LOCATION is in The Main, a renovated building at the corner of Chicago and Main Avenues in Evanston. The six-member collective that runs Amazingrace relocated it because of a variety of problems they encountered with Northwestern University, the former site of Amazingrace (from 1971 until last September), and the city of Evanston.

The group's problems with Northwestern, which started in 1973, stemmed from the fact that they housed the coffehouse in a rent-free, temporary university building, but all of them had either graduated or left the university. Amazingrace eventually came to an agreement with Northwestern allowing them to remain on campus for one year, ending in September, 1974.

TROUBLE WITH EVANSTON arose from the living arrangements of the members of collective, then numbering 12. The city charged that all 12 members living in one house violated an Evanston zoning ordinance which limits to three the number of unrelated persons who can live together in a single family zoned residence. A lawsuit filed by collective members through the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) blocked eviction from their house until they recently moved.

In addition to the external problems the Amazingrace collective has had, they have also experienced internal turmoil. When Evanston started making a fuss about their living arrangements and Amazingrace's future seemed uncertain last summer, half of the group left for Eugene, Oregon, to start a similar coffehouse in the University of Oregon town. After they left, the remaining members dropped their lawsuit

against Evanston and moved into an apartment building.

ACCORDING TO Amazingrace member Jeff Beamsley, the remaining members were then left with two choices. "We could have gone smaller and less professional or larger and more professional. Then we got involved with The Main."

An Evanston architect who attended the old Amazingrace made an agreement with the collective members to renovate the building now called the Main. The Main will also house fledgling businesses as part of the collective's policy of community involvement. Operation of a food co-op is another of their community involvement projects.

BECAUSE OF THE HIGH rent of The Main's three-store front location and their new sound and light systems, admission has been raised to \$3.50 for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday performances and \$2.50 for other days.

Upcoming performers at Amazingrace include January 29-February 1 — Ken Bloom, Sam Leopold, and the Dillards.

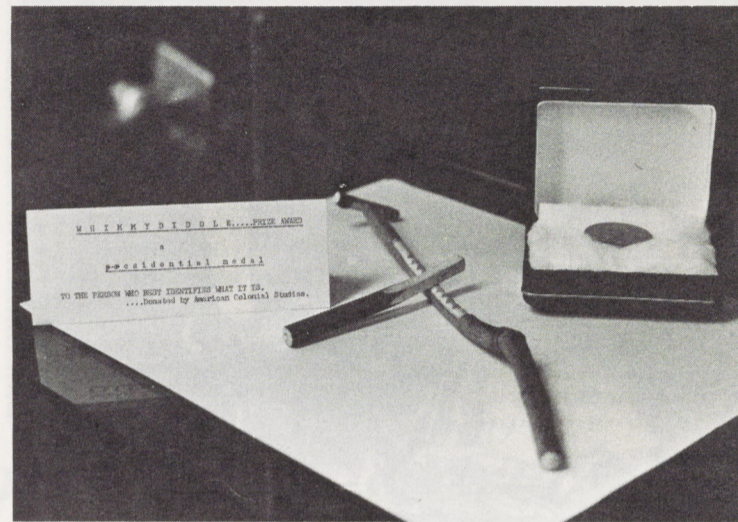
FEBRUARY 6, 7 — Jerry Jeff Walker, the Lost Gonzo Band, and David McKenzie.

February 8, 9, 10 — James Montgomery.

February 11, 12 — Tim Weisburg.



(Photo by Barry Lustig)



(Photo by Scott Wexler)

(Top) Mr. Colton, holding whimmydiddle, looks on as whimmydiddle contest award winners joke about their prizes. A whimmydiddle (bottom) is shown here with the first place prize in the contest, a replica of a presidential medal.

Northwestern U., Art Institute, OCC to offer film programs

by Paul Saltzman

Movie buffs should enjoy the remaining months of winter as three sources of high quality films will be available to the public at very reasonable prices.

NORTHWESTERN University's Film Society offers classic films such as Charlie Chaplin's "City Lights" this winter season at \$1 per night for both single and double features. Screenings are held in Norris University Center, Northwestern's student union building. Series tickets at \$6 for nine admissions are available at the Norris Center information desk.

The Film Center of the Art Institute, now in its third year, also offers top quality films and retrospectives. Here, though, there is more concentration on foreign films such as Roman Polanski's "The Fearless Vampire Killers (or, Pardon Me, But Your Teeth Are in My Neck)." Admission is \$1.25 and

a \$15 membership subscription provides fifteen Film Center admissions and qualifies members for weekday discounts at eight Chicago art film theaters and several other benefits. A complete Film Center schedule is available by calling 443-3737.

OAKTON COMMUNITY College (OCC) will be the site, starting January 31, of a weekly series of gangster and detective films beginning with "The Godfather." Single admission go for 50 cents and a \$5 series ticket is good for all 13 films. For complete schedule and series ticket information, call 966-3830.

Films to be shown soon at the three sites include:

January 24—"Repulsion" at the Film Center of the Art Institute.

January 28—"City Lights" at Northwestern.

January 30—"The Exile" and "Letter From an Unknown Stranger" at Northwestern.

January 31—"The Godfather" at OCC. January 31—"The Fearless Vampire Killers" at the Film Center.

Persons, places, and things

The music being piped into the cafeteria and student lounge may be credited to the efforts of a few students who sought to reinstate the broadcasting following its discontinuance last spring. **Dean Ogren, Paula Rubin, Patti Sucherman, Sheila Rubin, David Ruber, Amy Becker, Bruce Kahn, Rahni Fiduccia, and Fred Batko** will be operating the controls and playing the records.

Faculty sponsors **Arnold Agnos, John Golata**, and several members of the forensics team will travel to Peoria for a two-day competition at Bradley University on January 31.

Miss Dorann Klein, French teacher, spent part of her winter vacation skiing at Lake Geneva.

Plans are being made by **Todd Dvorak** for a ski trip to Colorado during spring vacation at a cost of about \$300 per person. Since this is not a school-sponsored activity, all interested students should contact Dvorak directly.

The French department will sponsor a celebration on **Mardi Gras Day**, February 11, in which all French teachers and costumed students will participate. Its purpose is to present a usually unseen side of French culture in an atmosphere of enjoyment.

Mark Rostvold, biology instructor, spent one week during winter vacation at his cabin in northern Minnesota. Rostvold built the cabin, which has no modern conveniences, himself.

A **backgammon club** is being formed at Niles East. Any students or teachers interested in learning, playing, or practicing for local tournaments should contact **Len Brenner**, homeroom 229, or **Irwin Katz**, homeroom 222.

Though January may not seem the time to think about gardens, planting can start in about nine weeks. For a wide selection of high quality seed, ordering directly from seed companies can prove profitable. The following companies will send fruit and vegetable catalogs free: **W. Atlee Burpee Co.**, Clinton, Iowa 52732; **Joseph Harris Co., Inc.**, 48 Moreton Farm, Rochester, N.Y. 14624; **Gurney Seed and Nursery Co.**, 2680 Page St., Yankton, South Dakota 57078.

Richard Wetzel, art instructor, has etchings and serigraphs on display, in a group showing, at "Gallery One," in Mundelein College, 6363 N. Sheridan Rd., Chicago. The exhibit can be seen at the college through January 31.

Bob Keen's Wood Technology class is constructing kitchen cabinets for Frank Mayfield, social studies instructor. Plans have been approved and construction started. The cabinets will probably be ready for installation by the end of March.

Scott Malina '77 won Mr. Colton's "What is a whimmydiddle?" contest, his prize a replica of an 1817 James Madison medal. **Keith Pamper, Bruce Levy, and David Kaplan** received "special mention" awards and honorable mention was accorded to **Cari Ann Silverman, Alison Wohl, Norman Christopherson, Jeff Groat, and Howard Simon**. A whimmydiddle, by the way, is a simple folk toy made with three pieces of wood, a nail, and a sharp knife. Contact Mr. Colton for further details.

Gentil daRosa, Spanish instructor, spent the winter break in Madrid and Barcelona, Spain on a combined business (for daRosa Travel) and pleasure trip.

Miss Sue Belser's and **David Wood's** freshmen Backgrounds of English classes saw "Romeo and Juliet" at Old Orchard Theater shortly before winter vacation as part of their drama unit.

Fourteen Niles East students went caroling in the Lincolnwood Towers area over winter recess. The group, **Marc Blackman, Janis Cohn, Susi Fleischman, Bobbi Frazes, Ed Goldstein, Barry Kramer, David Pevsner, Lisa Saber, Sally Saber, Steve Schwartz, Michele Soltan, Suzie Soltan, Kathy Stukas, and Paula Sugarman**, gave all donations to the American Lung Association.

The **American Field Service** is looking for families to house 35 foreign exchange students for the weekend of February 14. AFS will hold its annual "gym and swim" program here on Friday night, the 14th. On Saturday, the guests will visit the Museum of Science and Industry and attend a Valentine's Day party in the evening. After brunch on Sunday, the "friendship circle" will be held. Students interested in participating by hosting an exchange student should contact Miss Judy Rochotte, AFS sponsor.

The "Open Door," a new program devised by students and social workers, will begin next semester. The Nilehilit's next issue (February 14) will have details about the program.

Mike Johnson '75 is currently painting a mural on the south wall of the Reading Center. An art student in Mrs. Judy Miller's class, Mike will be graduating at the end of the semester.

The **girls' interscholastic bowling team** will host the Central Suburban League Invitational meet on Tuesday, January 28 at 8 p.m. and the state district meet on Saturday, February 1 at 9:30 a.m. Both meets will be held at Oakton Bowl, 4833 Oakton St. The varsity and junior varsity squads both ended regular season play in first place.

Mrs. Bettie Ladd traveled to Fairbanks, Alaska during the Christmas holidays to visit her daughter.

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Mystery Theater presented four short plays directed by students January 16, 17, and 18. (Right) Pictured conversing in "Two Bottles of Relish" are Jenny (Kathy Stukas) and Mrs. Hutchinson (Jenny Warda) as David Linley (Ed Goldstein) watches Willie Smithers (Mark Klancic) look on. (Below) Egbert Van Horn (Scott Gotthelf) pours a drink for flashily-attired Eloise Dalton (Allison Brantman) in "Curse You, Jack Dalton." (Photos by Rochelle Goode)



News in brief

● Park dist. offerings

The Skokie Park District offers a variety of activities for high school students this winter season. In addition to outdoor skating, ski trips to Villa Olivia are planned for tomorrow and February 22 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. A \$10 fee covers a one-hour lesson, slopes fee, equipment rental, and bus transportation.

CHESS TOURNAMENTS are scheduled for January 30 and February 6 at the Oakton Center from 7 to 10 p.m. Swim team tryouts will be held January 30 at North's pool from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Students should bring their own suits, caps, and towels.

A teen concert will be presented tonight at the Devonshire Center from 8 to 10 p.m. Admission is \$1.

● Rock film tonight

"Mad Dogs and Englishmen," a rock film, starring Joe Cocker and Leon Russell will be presented tonight in the auditorium at 8.

MRS. SHIRLEY FOSS, practical arts instructor, and her Work Study Club, HERO (Home Economics and Related Occupations), are sponsoring the movie to raise money for conventions and other events in which they participate. Advance tickets for 75 cents are available in the Work Study office. Students also may purchase tickets at the door for \$1.25.

● Choir to perform

East's 60-voice choir will present a concert Saturday, February 8, in the auditorium at 7 p.m. Admission of \$1 for adults and 50 cents for students and senior citizens will be charged.

DR. LEONARD VAN CAMP, director of choral activities at the Edwardsville Campus of Southern Illinois University, will be featured as guest conductor, according to Frank Winkler, choir director.

The concert will focus primarily on colonial American music, including a number of selections by Aaron Copland.

"**MEET AMERICA'S** William Billings" will be directed by Dr. VanCamp.

● Classes hold trial

Mrs. Mildred Quinn's political science classes conducted a mock trial shortly before winter vacation dealing with an alleged fraudulent used car contract.

THE DEFENDANT, accused of attacking a used car dealer on the grounds that his car's engine was two years older than the dealer claimed, was found guilty by both of the classes conducting the trial. They decided that the defendant should pay all hospitalization bills for the used car dealer. One class, however, required the dealer to replace or repair the defendant's engine.

The purpose of the trial, according to Mrs. Quinn, was to demonstrate a court case in which an average citizen might become involved.

Senate keeps busy

The appointment of East's new principal and the institution of the everyday homeroom policy provided the Student Senate with two big issues to which it devoted most of its time in the past two months.

THE SENATE FORMED a committee to aid in the selection of choosing a new principal. The committee first documented the qualities which would be expected from the new principal. Then, after much discussion with the administration, they received the right to question the four candidates. The committee then reached a recommendation. Due to a communications error on when the Board's special meeting was to be held, the Senate's decision was never heard.

SAB yet to hear case this year

The Student Appeals Board (SAB), organized originally in 1971 through the suggestion and cooperation of students, teachers, and administrators, finds itself without work and possibly near extinction. No cases have been referred to it yet this semester.

ITS PURPOSE IS to serve all students who may have encountered difficulties with classes, teachers or referrals. Currently, the board includes Mitch Newman '75 (Judge Advocate), Nancy Hirsh '75, Scott Hite '75, and Mark Snyderman '75 together with faculty representatives Miss Kathleen Traub, home economics instructor, Deans Marilyn Danneggar and Ken Reiter. Steve Levy '75, Bruce Kahn '75, and Dr. Antone Kort, math instructor, serve as alternates.

THE STUDENT SENATE appointed the students, while the principal selected administrators and teachers. The Judge Advocate screens and schedules cases, keeps records and selects the cases.

The referred party has the right to answer all charges and to cross-examine witnesses in addition to bringing witnesses to speak on his behalf.

Meetings usually are held in Room 114 on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday at 3 p.m. and

EXAM SCHEDULE

Thursday, January 30

Period 1—8:00-8:52
Period 2—9:02-9:26
Period 3—9:30-9:54
Period 5
Period 4—10:04-10:56
Period 5
Lunch—11:06-11:58
Period 5—12:08-1:00

Friday, January 31

Period 6—8:00-8:24
Period 7—8:28-8:52
Period 8—9:02-9:54
Period 9—10:04-10:56
Period 10—11:06-11:30
Period 11—11:34-11:58
Period 12—12:08-1:00

Passes 4-2

Board allows taping

Although the motion failed on December 16, leading arguments by Board of Education members led to a 4-2 vote on January 13, with member Evelyn Rosenzweig absent, to allow "anyone so desiring" to tape record open meetings. No Board policy existed concerning outside recordings, but the following legal opinion had been adopted by the Board previously: "All regular and special meetings of the Board of Education shall be taped. The tapes shall be made accessible to the public and should be made

available for a period of six months."

BEFORE RECEIVING this opinion from the Board Attorney Marvin Glink, outside taping was banned on December 16.

Throughout the debate on December 16, votes were split 3-3 with member Eric Moch absent. Therefore, President Garland ordered that all tape recorders be shut off, and this action was met with an unsuccessful appeal by member James Gottreich.

OTHER ITEMS on the January 13 agenda included a progress and descriptive report of the Niles Township High School Reclamation Center by its managed, George Brabec. Superintendent Wesley Gibbs added that there are three concerns the Board should decide on for the Center which is under the auspices of the Niles West building administration: 1) whether the Center may receive or apply for funds from governmental agencies; 2) may it "acquire funding from the business community and/or residents; and 3) shall the Board regulate its expansion.

Although the Board approved the Center "in principle," further discussion will follow specific administrative recommendations concerning job descriptions and performance standards before it approves any of Gibbs' present suggestions.

When the Senate was confronted with Hosler's new policy concerning everyday homeroom, it took an immediate stance and adopted a resolution which stated that the Senate was in definite disagreement with the new policy. After being forbidden to duplicate the resolution on the school's copy machines, the Senate paid for the printing of the resolutions from its own funds and distributed them to the student body.

THE NEXT MAJOR ISSUE before the Senate is the consideration by the administration of raising the graduation requirements. The Senate invites all students interested in having a say in their student government to join.

can be called on other days as needed, according to Mitch Newman.

"THIS IS AN ADVANTAGE to students. If they don't go to the SAB, it may be discontinued," said Miss Traub. The SAB has the right to choose an individual case, or a case pertaining to the school, to call

upon other sources, and to make decisions in closed sessions.

Students may attend all open sessions with the SAB. If a student is not satisfied with the decision, he may appeal his case to the principal, to the superintendent, to the school Board, and if necessary, to the Civil Court.

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PTSA formed

Students accepted into PTA

by Stephanie Millman

After six years of battling, students are now permitted to belong to the newly formed PTSA (Parents - Teachers - Students Association).

AN ATTEMPT TO MAKE the PTA into a PTSA, made in October, 1973 by President Muriel Sucherman, failed. This past September she asked the PTA board if two students could be permitted to attend the PTA board meetings. Student Senate sent seniors Dale

Andrea and Fred Batko as representatives.

The PTSA issue was rekindled when Fred inquired why no students were involved in PTA. According to Fred, it is essential for students to become involved in the PTSA, but not too many are taking advantage of the opportunity. He said that if more students get involved in PTSA, more students can get on its board.

DALE FEELS THE PTSA

provides a great opportunity for students to have a say in school affairs.

According to Mrs. Sucherman, "Students wishing to become members of the PTSA or serve on the board may leave \$1 with their name, year, and address in my box in the main office."

STUDENTS MAY SERVE in positions as chairmen of AFS or the Booster Club, delegate to the village Caucus, member of the Skokie Valley Council and chairmen for the Faculty luncheon, Founders' Day, Health and Ecology, Hospitality, Human Relations, Juvenile Protection, Legislation, Mental Health, Newsletter, Publicity, School Education, Scholarship, Social, Ways and Means, and Yearbook.

Mrs. Sucherman said she is "very pleased" that the proposal was approved. "An organization with parents, teachers, as well as students, working together cannot possibly go wrong."

Snow brings fun



by Paul Saltzman

Skating, hockey, sledding, and tobogganing are all popular at this time of year in the Chicago area.

OUTDOOR ICE RINKS for free skating and hockey (usually only at designated times) abound in Skokie and the surrounding region. Information is available on ice conditions at Skokie rinks by calling the Park District at 674-1500.

Indoor ice rinks' numbers have increased in recent years as interest in hockey has boomed. Area indoor rinks available for both free skating and hockey include The Skatium, at Church St. and Gross Pt. Rd. in Skokie, phone 674-1500; Randhurst Twin Ice Arena, in Randhurst shop-

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College scholarships based on ability, need

by Rochelle Goode

Several scholarships are available to graduating seniors who have shown scholastic ability and who intend to pursue certain college majors.

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY OFFERS nine scholarships in its school of Arts and Sciences, four in Engineering, and one in Nursing, each worth \$5,000. The scholarships are awarded on the basis of proven scholastic capability. Financial need is not a factor. Applications may be obtained in room 107, the Guidance Office, and must be returned before February 15.

With a February 15 deadline, Lutheran General Hospital offers health careers scholarships to its employees' children, "candy-stripers," and all graduating seniors who expect to pursue a career in health care fields. Those applying for the scholarships, valued at \$1,000 each, must show ability, achievement, and financial need.

THE NATIONAL SCHOL-

ARSHIP Program of the Printing, Publishing, and Packaging Industry offers 25 scholarships, ranging in value from \$100 to \$1,500, to students interested in attending college with a program in graphic arts who have taken the SAT. Application forms must be submitted before January 31.

Amoco Foundation scholarships worth \$3,400 are offered to seniors with a B-average or better who plan to major in petroleum engineering, geophysics, or geology. Financial need is not a factor.

THE MEMCO CHARITABLE and Scholarship Foundation will hold a debate on current events in which only two seniors from any high school may compete. First place is a \$1,500 scholarship, with \$1,000 for second, and \$500 for third. Finalists in the competition receive \$50 savings bonds, and school representatives receive \$25 savings bonds. Selections for school representatives will be made by February 26. Counselors have application forms.

Winter sports provide exercise

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ping center in Mt. Prospect, phone 259-5534; Rainbo Ice Skating Arena, 4836 N. Clark St. in Chicago, phone 275-5500; and Niles Sports Complex, 8435 Ballard Rd., Niles, phone 297-8011.

TOBOGGANING AND sledding facilities are spread throughout the metropolitan area. Locally, Mt. Trashmore in Evanston's James Park at Oakton and Dodge provides a fast, well-kept hill for tobogganing, sledding, and even skiing.

Chris Jensen Slides in the Caldwell Woods Forest Preserve at Devon and Milwaukee Avenues in Chicago has wooden toboggan chutes, somewhat shorter than Mt. Trashmore.

THE BIG DADDY of all area tobogganing facilities is Swallow

Cliff Slides in Palos Park at Rte. 83 and LaGrange Rd. The one hour drive to Palos Park is definitely worth the trouble for all tobogganing enthusiasts because Swallow Cliff's six toboggan chutes stretch 90 feet up and extend 356 very steep feet to the bottom. Swallow Cliff's facilities, incidentally, are the ones seen on Cook County Forest Preserve District television commercials.

All three of these tobogganing areas rent toboggans by the hour for \$5 and a driver's license. They are required as a deposit for rented toboggans.

DIRECTIONS TO ALL Forest Preserve tobogganing sites are available by calling 261-8400.

Vulgarity defined by student

(The following was a written assignment given as a means of encouraging positive behavior for negative conduct in one of Frank Mayfield's classes.)

by Sheryl Margarit

I realize that swearing indicates that I am ill-mannered, discourteous, rude, impolite, disrespectful, ungentlemanly, caddish, undignified, unseemly, unbecoming, unbeseeing, ungracious, unladylike, unscholarly, indelicate, in bad taste, barbarous, savage, brutal, rowdy, ruffian, obscene, filthy, low-brow, offensive, showy, coarse, common, ordinary, unrefined, uncultivated, unpolished, uncultured, inelegant, uncouth, unkempt, rustic, provincial, rough, crude, low-bred, earthy, blatant, gross, vile, smutty, indecent, foul-mouthed, abusive, unpleas-

ant, and deviant. But these assumptions are incorrect.

TIMES ARE CHANGING and things that were once considered socially unacceptable are now being looked at in a new light.

"I do not suppose that there are now any linguists who hold that . . . standard English must fit some logical . . . scheme apart from the test of usage." (Paul Roberts)

USAGE IS THE KEY WORD in this case. When a word is used often enough, it becomes an acceptable part of our everyday language. Just as abortion was always illegal until enough women had it done to have the

law changed.

I mentioned earlier that swearing indicates deviant behavior, but let us consider what deviant behavior actually is. ". . . the definition of deviance changes according to social circumstances." (Popenoe, David., Sociology). And according to the social circumstances of this particular Social Studies class my behavior was not uncommon. Therefore, the entire class as a whole should be regarded as ill-mannered, discourteous, rude, impolite, disrespectful, ungentlemanly, caddish, undignified, unseemly, unbecoming, unbeseeing, ungracious, unladylike, unscholarly, indelicate in bad taste, barbarous, savage, brutal, rowdy, ruffian, obscene, filthy, low - brow, offensive showy, coarse, common, ordinary, unrefined, uncultivated, unpolished, uncultured, inelegant, uncouth, unkempt, rustic, provincial, rough, crude, low-bred, earthy, blatant, gross, vile, smutty, indecent, foul-mouthed, abusive, unpleasant and deviant.

AND SINCE THIS behavior is common to the majority of the entire student population at this institution, then those who do not swear are the deviants as compared to the school's total members. (This includes faculty as well).

I apologize, because of the respect I owe you as my instructor, but not because I feel that what I've done is necessarily unacceptable.

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Cagers at peak, host Maine East

by Jeff Weinstein

John Harles, Neil Schrieber, Art Isaacs, Bob Warsaski, and Mark Brines. This is the nucleus of the best starting lineup East has placed on the basketball court in recent years. Although they haven't won an overwhelming number of games this season, this still has to be one of the most competitive teams in recent years, and all Trojans ballplayers should be proud of their efforts.

EASTHI HAS HAD a string of heartbreaking losses in the last month. It started with Maine West. The game was tight the entire way, with the lead seesawing back and forth. Going into the fourth quarter East had a slim 48-46 lead. The two teams played even the entire quarter until there were only :02 second remaining when West star Steve Zucharini put in the winning bucket for a 60-58 victory. High scores for East in the game were Neil Schrieber and John Harles. The next thriller was played against arch rival Niles West. This game was also a close affair with neither team establishing a convincing lead at any time through the contest. West's hotdog guard Marty Block was kept in check all night by Bob Warsaski a big key to playing close with West. Block didn't score until the second half, and those points came on mostly free throws. Things looked bleak for East when they were down 2 points with five second left. But, Terry

Greenberg hit a jumper at the buzzer to send the game into overtime. East was outplayed in the overtime and fell behind early. West then stalled out the clock to gain the victory. This game had to be one of the most exciting games ever to be played in the Niles East gym. East next faced area powerhouse Maine East. As expected East trailed by 18 at the half. But, East didn't give up. In the third quarter East held South to 8 points, and Easthi cut the margin to 6, 51-45. In the fourth quarter, East got as close as 4 points before the powerful South offense pulled away, and won 70-58. Easthi can lift their heads high for the battle they gave Maine South.

During vacation East competed in the Danville Tourney. Their first round game was played against Watseka. The Trojans lost the game 83-78. In this game Watseka had 36 foul shots, and made 31, a remarkable 86 percent. It just so happened that the officials were from Watseka.

AFTER VACATION THE Trojans' first game was against Niles North. In this affair East shattered their opponent. At one time in the game they led by as much as 20 points. East finally coasted to a 73-60 win. Junior Art Isaacs performed in the game by scoring 24 points and grabbing 15 rebounds. Center John Harles was right behind Isaacs with 22 points. East suf-



Center John Harles goes up for jumper in recent game against Highland Park. (Photo by Barry Lustig)

ferred a letdown the following evening when they lost to Highland Park 75-65. High scores for East this game were Harles and Mark Brines, each with 22. Last weekend, the Trojans won a thriller against Glenbrook North as they came from 12 points down in the final quarter

to become 61-58 victors. Neil Schrieber led all scorers with 22 points.

It looks as though East has no future worries as far as basketball goals. For this year Easthi has a great freshman team. So far they are undefeated in league play. Top fresh-

men are Bill Andrea, Joe Heinz, and Frankel.

THIS WEEKEND EAST will have two more league contests facing Maine East tonight, and New Trier West tomorrow night. New Trier West is one of the top teams in the league and East will have its hands full.

Foilers improve, lack experience

by Jeff Weinstein

East's Fencing team is under a new coach this year, Ron Grawleski, and the inexperience of the coaching and players may be the key to the bad Easthi fencing record.

SO FAR THIS season, the Trojans are 1-4 on the Varsity A level and 3-2 on Varsity B level. The victorious B team is led by junior Jim Osness who is currently sporting a 11-4 record. The only varsity win was chalked up against Dixon. The Trojans won the meet 8-1. Foilers Larry Labow and Scott Wexler both went undefeated, and Joe Jans was 2-1. On the B level Osness was 3-0 and Lane Shultz was 2-1. Other B team victories were compiled against New Trier East and Niles West by the score of 5-4.

Something new has been added to high school fencing this season, girl fencers. So far this season, most of them have been very successful. In the Dixon meet, Kathy Faley competed, and won her set 2-1 by beating

two East men fencers. One varsity fencer commented "You can't tell the difference between the boys and girls; they all fence the same. The only difference is that the boys have a larger target to shoot for."

ON THE FROSH-SOPH levels, both A and B are currently sporting a 1-2 record. The team's only victory was compiled against Niles West.

This year's varsity team members include Joe Jans, Larry Labow, Scott Wexler, Jim Osness, Lane Shultz, and Sam Rest. Frosh-Soph players are Allen Tish, Greg Topusian, Chuck Heftman, Bill Samuels, Bob Levy, and Mike Mendelson.

The Trojans compete against Gordon Tech after school today in the indoor track and participate in the Intersuburban Varsity Tourney tomorrow morning at 8. All these upcoming meets will lead to the state championship meet on March 7 and 8 at the University of Illinois.



(Photo by Daniel Lustig)

Top Trojan horseman Mike Burke displays his winning form.

Tankers swim in new home away from home

by Shari Berkowitz

This year Niles East opened the swimming season in a new atmosphere and at two "new" pools. They aren't what the school had hoped for, but they are a place to swim. All home meets for the '74-75 season are being held at North or West, but practices are still at East.

THE FIRST REACTIONS of the coaches toward the Board's decision not to build a new pool and ban competition at East's present pool were unfavorable.

"It's a dirty trick," said Head Coach Don Larson. "We've been swimming in this pool for 35 years and suddenly it's unsafe. I don't think you can have a strong team if you can't have your own facilities."

JUNIOR VARSITY COACH Al Becker said flatly, "Sounds like they're going to close East."

Freshman Coach Romayne Baker feels that "... there seems to be a lack of interest

in having good facilities available to students. Swimming is strong physical exercise and our facilities are inadequate. The district thinks it runs a good system, but it doesn't. Not only is competitive swimming suffering, but PE classes are at a loss, too."

THE TEAM'S REACTION was basically the same. Negative. "I think a school should have the necessary facilities for the sports it offers," said senior butterfly Mike Chavin. "I feel the Board's decision was unwarranted. Not enough guys go out for the team due to the bad pool. Also there aren't divers because it's a hassle to practice at West."

Other team members look at the situation from a different point of view. Sophomore Steve Story and Ed Levine, both long distance swimmers, agree that "Swimming at North and West

will decrease fans and waste money." Story added, "Well ... at least the bus rides will be fun."

THIS YEAR A RECORD is kept of how far each swimmer goes daily. In order to stay on the team, the boys must swim a daily practice of 6,000 yards. Some swim up to 10,000, run, weightlift, and swim Saturdays.

Returning to the team from last year are such Varsity stars as Rob Torstensson, Rich Berkowitz, Ed Naumes, Rod Lopez, and Ed Purcell, and sophomores like Danny Projansky and Steve Packer. Some new faces on the freshman team include varsity swimmer Mike Borovik and Scott Kleiman.

So far the season has gone fairly well. The one mishap occurred after the first meet at West when the bus failed to return to take the team back to East.

Sher wins all-around

Gymnasts roll during vacation

by Paul Milstein

East's Gymnastic team had a highly successful winter vacation. The gymnasts competed in three big tournaments, walking away with two first place finishes and one second.

THE FIRST MEET was held on December 21 at Maine East. Thirteen teams competed in the meet. Some of the top schools competing were Hinsdale Central, Rolling Meadows, Niles West, and last year's state champs, Hersey.

In the meet only the top man from each team is allowed to work. Mike Burke, the top side-horse man in the state showed his expertise by scoring an 8.75, and taking first place in the event. Steve Pollice performed on the trampoline and took second with a score of 8.55. Neal Sher represented East on the remaining events. Neal placed fifth on parallel bars, floor exercise, and high bar. As a team East placed second, following first-place West.

THE RICH CENTRAL All-Around Invitational for all-around men only had Neal Sher participating who, came home with the first place trophy after

beating 54 other competitors. In the five routines Sher threw, he maintained an all-around average of 8.02.

The Niles North Invitational held on January 4 allowed men to compete on every event. East's gymnasts easily won the meet with no other team giving much of a challenge. Sher showed his great skill by taking a first in floor exercise, side horse, high bar, and parallel bars. Sher also won the all-around title for the meet. Brian Abrams performed well on floor exercise, taking third place. Mike Burke and Steve Pollice had off nights, but each took

second in their respective events. Helping out the team effort, in addition, was Steve Irsay who took fifth on high bar.

THE REMAINING VARSITY gymnastic meets will all be contested at home. Starting tonight, the Trojans will face Maine East at 8 p.m. and Deerfield tomorrow afternoon at 2:30. The following week East will host Glenbrook North in an afternoon affair. The gymnasts will close out league competition on February 7 against Maine West, starting at 7:45 p.m. East will then enter post-season action, with hopes of winning a state crown.

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