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NILES EAST HIGH SCHOOL, SKOKIE, ILL. Wednesday, December 1, 1976

Jazz Concert November 30 with Woody Herman



(Photo by Alan Schoen)

Four students are initiated into Niles East Key Club.

### **Key Club has initiation**

THE NILES EAST KEY CLUB held initiation ceremonies early November "Alice in Wonderland" theme. The new members include Kevin Kline as the Red Queen, Al Lev as Alice, Dave Kline as Playboy Bunny, and Alan Waskin as the cat. In past ceremonies, members had to wear costumes from "The Wizard of Oz," or eat cereal with marshmallow fluff in search of a raisin.

Since its formation four years ago, the Key Club now draws a large membership from all four grades. Key Club, a community-school service organization is similar to other clubs in its operation under school policy and student body membership, but its sponsorship, aims, and format set it apart from other clubs. The Skokie Valley Kiwanis Club, under the direction of leading businessmen from the community, sponsors the Key Club.

CLUB INTERNATIONAL PRESENTLY HAS 82,300 MEMBERS, 3,696 CLUBS AND 30 DISTRICTS. The Niles East Key Club holds an outstanding position in the Illinois-Eastern Iowa District, division 17.

### **Coming Attractions**

Dec. 2— Girls gymnastics - Niles North

Gym - 7:00 p.m. Dec. 2 — Winter Choral/Orchestra

Festival - Auditorium

Dec. 3 — End of second marking period Dec. 7—Booster Club Meeting

Coaches Lounge - 8:00 p.m.

Dec. 7 — Girls Bowling - Niles North -4:00 p.m.

8—PTSA Board Meeting

Dec. 8 — Girls Volleyball - Niles North

Gym - 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 8— Winter Band Festival - Audi torium

Dec. 11 - Boys Wrestling - Maine

South Wrestling Room - 1:30 p.m. Dec. 13—Board of Education meeting

- Central Administration - 8:00 p.m. Dec. 13 — Girls Bowling Invitational

4:00 p.m.

Dec. 13 — Girls Gymnastics - Glen brook South Gym - 7:00 p.m.

Dec. 14 — Girls Volleyball - Glen brook South Gym - 6:30, 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 16 — Girls Volleyball - Niles

West Gym - 6:30, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 17 — Last day before winter

recess

Recess

Dec. 17 - Boys Wrestling - New Trier East Wrestling Room - 6:30, 8:00

Dec. 17, 18, 19 - Ski Trip - Wausau,

Wisconsin

Dec. 18 — Gymnastics Invitational Niles North - 7:00 p.m.

Dec. 18 - AFLA Fencing Open Maine South - 9:00 p.m.

This year's officers include Jim Adelman, presi dent; Lee Grodsky, vice president; Mark Brutzkus, secretary; and Rick Yale, treasurer. The Key Club has already held a dance and disco-night while plans are in progress for a '50's dance and an all school volleyball/basketball tournament.

Anyone interested is urged to join. Key Club meetings are held Wednesday nights at 7:30 in the coaches' lounge.

### Rules changed

THE STUDENT SENATE officially accepted a new amendment to its constitution November 12 by a two-thirds majority vote. In order to ratify the amendment, the Senate had to hold voting sessions in two consecutive Senate

THE AMENDMENT STATES that any single member can have only one vote, even if he represents more than one organization. The purpose of the amendment is to insure equal voting power among Senate members, while the Senate's membership increases, since only one club or homeroom may be represented by any one individual. Previously, if a member represented two organizations, he had two votes on Senate

The Senate is taking part in a student exchange program with Glenbrook South High School on November 29 and 30. 14 students from both schools will learn how each school and student legislature are run, and the students also will exchange

### Show planned

THE NEW NILES EAST DANCE COMPANY, under the sponsorhip of Miss Caliendo, is active this year, and is preparing to present a dance show in February

THE NEW AUDITIONS were held recently. The company consists of 25 senior and junior members. The 15 senior company members include: president, Paula Sugarman; vice president, Mary Postel; treasurer, Caryn Lason; and members Paula Jeremias, Elaine Cohn, Carol Feldman, Karen Feldman, Jody Friedman, Debbie Balikov, Sandy Brenner, Melanie Karafotias, Gail Norris, Judy Rich, Carol Rollick, and Alison Wohl. The junior members include President Ellen Goodman, vice-president Cindy Friedman, and members Beth Feldstein, Sue Fish, Cathy Lasowski, Cheryl Lee, Sharon Lee, Marcy Mandel, Vivian Maniates, and Debbie Winston.

The company will meet regularly to organize the dance show, which is choreographed entirely by the members.

### East senior re-elected

DIANE POLIN, senior at Niles East High School and a member of DECA, the Distributive Education Club, was elected as Vice President of the state of Illinois at the statewide DECA convention in Chicago, November 5th and 6th. Diane was also a state officer last year, the first time in Illinois DECA history that an officer was re-elected to serve another

The student officer was elected by two student delegates from each of the 150 high school chapters around the state. There are 2600 members of the Illinois DECA organization, which is part of a national group of more than 169,000 members. Diane headed Niles East National DECA week activities November 14 to 20 with three other East DECA members, Brian David, Julie Gold, and Scott Nathanson who were all appointed to DECA Ambassador positions. They handled publicity for the state DECA activities in their community

ONE ACTIVITY conducted by DECA was the "Support Your Local Retailer" program. As part of this activity, 4 local stores displayed signs thanking shoppers for their business and urging them to patronize Skokie shops and merchants.

"The purpose of DECA week is to support our local retrailers, and also (to) let the merchants know what the East DECA students can do for them,' Bill Couslon, faculty sponsor of DECA.

### "Up with People" sings in Niles East Auditoriu

"UP WITH PEOPLE," a non profit worldwide musical and educational group, performed at Niles East, Saturday, Nov.ember 27, at 8:00 p.m. in the auditorium.

500 young men and women, from 17-25 years old, make up the group. They currently are divided into nine casts all

over the world.

The group was formed in 1965 when Mr J. Belk, the current president and chairman of the board of "Up With People," talked with eight college students. From the discussion, they decided that there was a need for a new kind of educational program. Chrysler Corp. agreed to sponsor the venture, and by 1968 Mr. Belk had incorporated the

When "Up With People" came to perform at Niles East, they were housed and fed by area residents. The group was paid a guaranteed \$2000 plus 50 per cent of the money collected at the door. The Students Activity Board sponsored the performance for Niles East. The clubs that helped sell tickets will share in any

THE ACTION LEARNING CENTER (ALC), district 219's alternative school, is a success according to Dr. Robert L. Fizzell, ALC program coordinator. Dr. Fizzell attributes the effectiveness of the ALC to the opportunity students have to find methods of learning other than those offered by a traditional education. As evidence to the success of the ALC, Dr. Fizzell cites that 80 per cent of the students who enter the ALC graduate, while 90 per cent of the graduates enter

The new learning methods include learning through experience, studying individually, and experiencing life in the community. Employing these methods, a student must earn a minimum of three credits each semester. The student earns these credits by fulfilling a learning contract. The student, with the aid of a learning coordinator and léarning resource person, draws up a set of objectives, a plan of activities, and a method of evaluation that must be completed on any given topic before the credit is awarded.

DR. FIZZEL said that a student who does well in the ALC is generally one who is above average in maturity, is capable of self-direction, prefers learning through experience than through the traditional

abstract approach, and rejects the routine of regular classes, but is motivated to

DR. FIZZEL feels that limiting the ALC enrollment to 43 students allows personal relationships and communication between people to develop. The 43 positions are filled on a first come first serve basis. Any sophomore, junior or senior may enroll, if he feels the ALC will serve his educational needs.

Dr. Fizzell and Joan Macala, Niles East English teacher, formed the ALC in 1973. The learning center is situated in a mobile unit outside of Niles West, with Dr. Fizzel and Mr. Bill Robinson, formerly of Niles North, as the learning coordinators.

### Colleges offer aid

LINCOLN COLLEGE in Lincoln, Illinois is offering \$400 grants to students who have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 and/or are willing to work four hours a week

FRANKLIN COLLEGE in Franklin, Indiana is offering scholarships based on scores, class standing and journalistic ability. The awards range from 200 to \$500. Applications are due

For more information, contact Mrs. Gilmore in the guidance resource room.

### East enrollment declines

AFTER 27 YEARS of an increase in student enrollment, a decline is subject for the next five or six years, due to the decrease in birth rates in the 60s and 70s.

The district officials predict that from the present 6818 students, the sum in 1980-81 will drop to 5096 students. The conclusion is to close the oldest school, Niles East that year.

Before graduation in 1975, 2177 students were enrolled. In 1975-76 Niles East's enrollment declined to 2149. At the present time, 2054 students are enrolled. Despite the decline, 51 new students

have entered Niles East since September.

The following chart shows the enrollment decline

Graduation				
Year	Boys	Girls	Total	
1977	303	264	567	
1978	264	262	526	
1979	269	224	493	
1980	237	231	468	
Total	1073	981	2054	



### - feedback -Students angered by library procedures

Dear Editor,

I would like to comment on the library, which has recently become a very unpleasant place to study.

I only go to the library during one period in the morning, and this year I have been quite surprised at the strict enforcement

of the no talking rule.

CERTAINLY THE LIBRARY is no place to talk or socialize, but must a student be evicted for whispering for a moment? Recently, I was evicted for talking back to a librarian, which I did after she angered me. I was whispering to a friend for a pen, and in a flash I was warned that if I wanted to talk, I should go into a booth. I noted that all the booths were full. The students in the booths were very loud, and I made the mistake of mentioning this to the librarian. I asked why they could make noise while in the booths, and I could not even whisper

I WAS AGAIN WARNED about talking outside of the booths. I would like to note that in warning me, the librarian talked longer and louder than I did. I inquired as to why she did not try to quiet the students who were making noise in the booths. She told me it was permitted for students to talk in the booths, and that is what they are for. At that point, I made a remark for which I was kicked out.

I just wish to point out to the librarians that I understand their job, but that I have lost all respect for them, because of their military attitudes.

Ken Greisman '78

Dear Editor,

There is a small problem, the library, which is shared by many students. I have found many of the librarians to be quite

unreasonable at times

SINCE I HAVE ONLY one free period, I don't have many opportunities to study in the library, but in one instance, I was totally angered. A friend came up to me, and whispered. I mean that no heads turned, no pencils stopped, and I heard no "Shhh's." Well, I have decided that the school has installed a radar device in the library, because a librarian was with us in an instant. My friend remarked that no one could hear, but the librarian in a perfectly audible voice stated that the library was not a place to talk, and we were instructed to go into a booth or leave. I don't think that each time someone has a question he must run into a booth. Don't you think this could become quite a nuisance?

Name Withheld Upon Request

### Gym classes unfair

Dear Editor,

I am a senior in the first period gym class with Mr. Richardi. It is the policy of the school to let juniors and seniors

choose their own activities in Physical Education.

ONE OF THE CHOICES was "Flicker Ball," the first three weeks and basketball, the second. After the first three weeks, the class was looking forward to playing basketball, and we discovered that we couldn't play, because a girls gym class was using the gym. As I understand it, the girls were not at fault, but someone made a mistake

MY GYM CLASS CONSISTS of 42 guys, and the only place we could go was the wrestling room. We don't mind much, but we felt we were cheated from an activity, we were falsely offered.

I hope that in the future, the athletic director makes sure that all gym classes coincide with each other.

Name Withheld Upon Request

### Students visit Tribune

The English classes of Niles East High School went to visit the Tribune Tower on Monday, October 18. It was taken in coordination with the Current Communications Classes' study of newspapers

THE TOUR, WHICH LASTED for approximately an hour and a half, was divided into four parts. The first part was a movie which was extremely interesting. It showed how paper was made, manufactured, and reprocessed.

The second part of the tour consisted of seeing the composing room, which is where news is composed and edited. The students also saw how pictures are relayed on the wirephoto, and how news items are phoned in.

THE THIRD PART OF the tour was the type setting room, which is where the layout is put together.

The fourth and last part of the tour was the room where the paper is rolled off the presses. it comes off in a complete newspaper, ready to be folded and sent to the public. Many students thought the trip was very interesting.

Stuart Blumfeld, '80

# **Old time schedules**

The old Blue and Gold time schedule policy is one that most East students

would welcome again.

The schedules were proposed in a NILEHILITE editorial, in the November, 1973, issue. The editorial suggested that a Blue time schedule be put into effect for daily use, and a Gold time schedule for days when special assemblies are held. In the Gold schedule, each class was shortened by three minutes, in order to leave an additional 24 minutes plus homeroom for assemblies

At present, the Blue and Gold time system is not in use. Instead, students are excused from fifth period and homeroom for all special assemblies. This is unfair

to those students who have lunch, or an important class scheduled fifth. Also, it makes it difficult for teachers to plan, and keep all their classes moving at the same

To remedy the situation, students were released from homeroom for a few days, and given a lengthened fifth period. This only proved to further confuse students, and certainly couldn't substitute for a lunch which was missed the week before.

Instead of changing effective systems, more time could be spent improving those which are ineffective. The Blue and Gold schedules were quite successful, and many people would agree they should be continued in the future.

### BLUE TIME SCHEDULE ..... 8:00-8:40 2 . . . . . 8:45-9:03 ..... 9:07-9:25 ..... 9:30-10:10 Hmrm. 10:16-10:26 5 . . . . 10:31-11:11 ..... 11:38-11:56 8 . . . . 12:01-12:41 ..... 12:46-1:26 10 . . . . 1:31-1:49 11 ..... 1:53-2:11 12 . . . . 2:56-3:25

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3	9:0:	3-9:19
4	. 9:24	10:04
Hmrm.	10:07	10:44
5	. 10:49	-11:46
6	. 11:31-	11:47
7	. 11:52	12:08
8	. 12:13	12:50
9	. 12:5	5-1:32
10	1:37	7-1:53
11	1:58	8-2:14
12	2:1/	6-2:56

### Reflections Unique, considered success



The NILEHILITE would like to congratulate the directors, cast, and crews of Reflections of a Lifetime Unique," for the time and effort they contributed to making the show a success.

THE SHOW, WHICH WAS COM-

PLETELY DIRECTED BY STUDENTS Gail Norris '77, and David Pevsner '77; choreographed by Mary Postel '77, and Paula Jerimias '78; and conducted by Lawrence Cohen '77, was presented November 18-20 with a special senior citizen's performance on the afternoon of the 17th. The technical adviser was Howard Steirman '77, and the choral advisers were Lisa Phillippe '78, and Kathy Stukas '78. Juniors Carol Miller and Diane Ament were responsible for all crews, and seniors Sharon Veis and Caryn Vale were in charge of costumes. All this leadership, plus a cast of over 70, and the sponsorship of Mr. Proffit, Mr. Winkler, and Mr. Mayfield explain the success of the show.

The students involved in the show began working intensely since last February. were fully responsible for organizing, casting, staging, and pre-senting the production, and the result displayed their efforts.

THE THEME, "REFLECTIONS OF A LIFETIME UNIQUE," presented life from childhood through adolescence, young adults, and finally later years. This theme was clearly displayed through songs, dances, and skits.

Many people feel that Reflections is one of the highlights of the school year and believe that this year's show was successful in fitting that standard.

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Editor's Note: The Nilehite staff would like to correct some of the articles, which appeared in the October 29 issue

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In the story, PEP ASSEMBLY HELD, KING AND QUEEN NAMED, the winner of the most spirited class in the Trojan Contest, was the class of '79. We would also like to apologize for the articles TROJAN TALK, and ROBERT IRSAY VOICES HIS VIEWS. The feelings expressed in these articles are not necessarily those of the entire staff.

In addition we welcome any letters to the editor, concerning these and other articles. Please send letters to room 154 or put in Mrs. Panos' mailbox.

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(Photo by Alan Cohn)

Jose Greco performing one of the various Spanish dances.

# Jose Greco, fine male dancer visits East to perform his art

by Phil Rappoport

Jose Greco, acclaimed as "the world's finest male Spanish dancer," recently performed at East.

The production, "Jose Greco and Friends," was sponsored by the National Endowment of the Arts and the Skokie Fine Arts Commission. It demonstrated the various techniques and characteristics of Spanish dances from the regions of Aragon, Basque, Valencia, Castile, and Andalucia.

THE 57-YEAR-OLD GRECO was born in Italy, brought up in Brooklyn, New York, and presently lives in Spain. He started dancing when he was 13 years old and worked professionally in 1943. He appeared on Broadway from 1951

to 1968. His wife Nana Lorca, who has performed with him since 1963, also is in the show. "She's been with me so long that I finally decided to marry her three-and-a-half years ago."

Greco spends his time performing in concerts, and making symphony guest sppearances, among them was one with Arthur Fiedler. Last year he gave 59 lectures, and this year has lectured 24 times. He is also a motion picture performer, and he has made records and appeared on television.

"I don't like the Hollywood atmosphere. It's a different medium. I'm not an actor, I'm just a dancer. I would rather give a live performance than make a movie. When making a movie, I am performing in front of a camera-it's an imaginary audience. I might have to wait around 11 days to shoot one scene. But when I do my own show, I can direct myself and not be directed."

JOSE CARRIES 60 PAIRS OF BOOTS with him when traveling. Sometimes one or two shoes break at each performance, because they are delicate and can ruin easily.

"What makes flamenco dancing interesting is that the male dancer acts very masculine and the lady acts like she wants to seduce the man," Greco explained.

"I think that more people of the younger generations have become exposed to flamenco dancing and feel that it is more cultural than rock," Greco concluded.

## Miss Diamond returns to East

by Shari Miller

"It was always my dream to come back to Niles East," said Cass Diamond, girls' assistant tennis coach.

MISS DIAMOND GRADU-ATED FROM EAST in 1971. She now tutors in the Special Education Department and coaches tennis, volleyball, badminton, and softball.

Miss Diamond participated in these teams and swimming while at East. During her senior year she played in the number one singles position on the tennis team. She was awarded the 'most outstanding sophomore in physical education," and "most outstanding tennis senior." She was chosen editor of the sports section of the yearbook. She also won third place in "Reflections' during her freshman year and participated in other musicals and choir. She was selected school mascot her junior year, and she was elected Homecoming Queen senior year.

Miss Diamond attended Eastern Illinois University, where she received a degree in Education. She participated on the college volleyball, tennis, and badminton teams.

DURING THE SUMMER SHE TAUGHT TENNIS in the Laramie Sports Program, which she has been involved in for the past five years, and she had her own tennis program at the Marriott Hotel for members and guests.

According to Miss Diamond, she was asked to take a coaching position at Niles North, but first she inquired at East. When she discovered there was an opening, she accepted it.

"Niles East has changed a little," Miss Diamond said. She feels there was more school spirit when she was a student. She also believes opportunities in physical education have improved greatly for girls both in class and competition.



(Photo by Alan Schoen)
Miss Cass Diamond

## NILEHILITE offers winter scene photography contest

by Caryn Lason

The Nilehilite is featuring a photograph contest to supply the front page with a winter scene

Homeroom \_

for the holiday issue.

Traditionally The Nilehilite publishes an annual Holiday issue. The cover of this special

issue consist of a three-quarter page photograph which should rerlect the photographer's talent in interpreting a winter scene.

This year, rather than assign the job to a staff photographer, **The Nilehilite** is holding the contest.

THE WINNING PHOTO-GRAPH will be printed and the photographer will also be

featured in the newspaper.

All photographs taken by Easthi students without the assistance of an adult are eligible. Entries must be placed in Mrs. Panos' mailbox, or room 154 by December 10. The entry below must accompany each photograph. Please do not include your identification on the photo, so judges decisions aren't influenced.

# Students plant shrubs; celebrate Arbor Day

by Lori Piper

The sound of dirt hitting the ground, and shovels and pickaxes striking the earth, occurred in Niles East's Courtyard, November 2, as members of several clubs planted shrubs and trees to beautify Niles East.

It was considered an exhilarating experience by the 25 students and Kenneth Reiter, working together to do something for East. This accomplishment won't just be forgotten, but will grow into beautiful trees and bushes to remember.

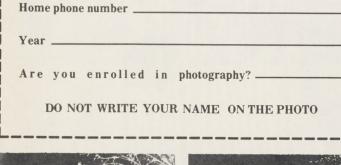
The money for the shrubs was donated by the Central office of Niles Township, located at Niles West

Students from Key Club,

Golden Galleon, Environmental Club, N-Club, Band, GAA Board, and the radio station participated by planting about 50 trees and shrubs in less than two and a half hours, this included a lunch break

The PTSA was responsible for contributing grilled hot dogs, taffy apples, and apple cider to feed the students.

Each participant who worked on the morning of Veteran's Day to plant trees for Arbor day at East, will be rewarded, not only by the satisfaction of their accomplishments, but by a plaque under each shrub, which will bear each student's name.







Examples of winter scenes included in past issues.

### Persons, places, and things

RICHARD LIVINGSTON, AND MARK ROSTVOLD, performed with the Chicago Symphony and Chorus on Monday night, November 8. George Solti conducted the members at Carnegie Hall in New York City as they presented pieces by Walton and Verdi. Alumni Cheryl Frazes '72 is also a performer.

ALUMNI AMY GINSBURG '73, is presently attending Duke University where she is majoring in Psychology. Amy is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

MAYER KAPLAN JEWISH
COMMUNITY CENTER, 5050
W. Church will present the play
"You're a Good Man, Charley
Brown" in April. A general
meeting for auditions will be
held Monday, December 6 at 7
p.m. for cast and crews. Contact
Lorry Woolfe at 675-2200, extension 235, or Myrna Schneiter,
ext. 230 if you are interested.

ADELE HIGGINS of the

ADELE HIGGINS of the library staff won a 12 inch black and white portable television in a raffle sponsored by the Inter-Village Mental Health Association of Skokie Valley. The TV was donated by the Morton Grove Bank. The funds will support the mental health programs.

THE SKOKIE PARK
DISTRICT is planning an Oakton

Ski Club for Niles Township High School students. The club will meet the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Oakton Community Center, 4701 Oakton Street, to plan ski trips, see films, have lectures and workshops for a dollar. Call Debbie Rosenthahl at 674-1500, ext. 42 for more information.

ALEXANDER MIRON'S
Hebrew classes will attend a performance of Israel Folk Dancing
at Evanston on December 14.
KATHI ISSERMAN '78 was

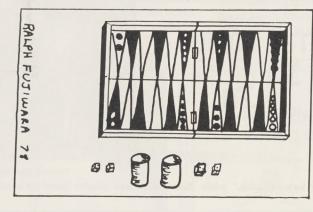
KATHI ISSERMAN '78 was selected to participate in a program sponsored by the Rotary Club. She will represent East at the meeting on February 15 at El Bianco II restaurant.

SENIORS GAIL NORRIS AND BARRY KRAMER have been chosen to represent East for the Illinois State Theater Production. They will audition for "Jesus Christ Superstar."

OAKTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE will present "Zorba the Greek" on December 3 at 8:15 p.m. in Building 6 at the Oakton Interim Campus on Oakton and Nagle in Morton Grove for 50 cents.

OCC SUNDAY NIGHT COFFEEHOUSE will also present the Reifriation Company and Improvisational Company on December 5 at 8 p.m. on the same campus for \$2.

## Backgammon, current fad



What used to be the back of your checkerboard is now a surface for the game of chance and skill.

BACKGAMMON A CURRENT HOBBY and fad among students in colleges has been spreading to high school students.

Two players group their fifteen checkers onto a board with 24 spear-shaped daggers called points. (They are grouped into four sections of six points in each.) The players attempt to move their men home by the use of dice and cups. Then they must remove all of their pieces from the board first to win.

"TWELVE-LINED GAME" dates back as early as 3000 BC when it was played by the Greeks and Romans. This game resembles modern backgammon a descent of Parchesi. Since 1925 the rules have changed little; at that time the idea of doubling or tripling stakes began. Ford example, when a player has all of his men off the board before the other person has his men home, the stake is doubled.

A person may purchase a set for 79 cents to \$95 in Skokie, to get involved in the backgammon

# Reflections "A Lifetime Uniq



(Photo by Steve Feldman)

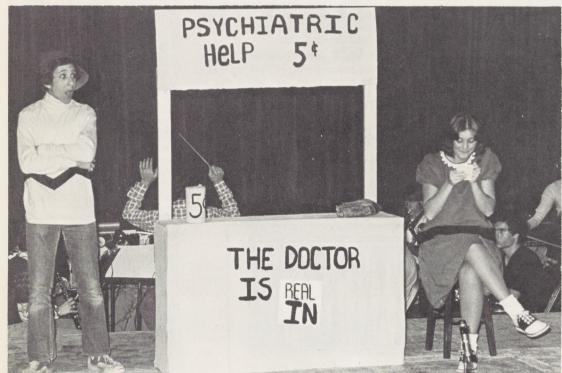
Paula Sugarman, Steve Stukas, Danny Santow, Jodi Friedman, and Joe Sochaki compare their father's professions



(Photo by Steve Feldman) Marty Lemer sings "My Father's Song"



Barry Kramer and Cookie Stone jitterbug at Pop's soda shop.



(Photo by Steve Feldman)

Phil Rappaport (Charlie Brown) wonders why he's so "blah," while Alison Brantman (Doctor Lucy) prescribes a



Singer, dancers perform the song "Tomorrow Isn't Soon Enough"

(Photo by Alan Cohn)



(Photo by Alan Cohn)

Phil Rappoport and Lisa Poteshman discuss the problems of "Being Green"



Steve and Cathy Stukas ask what they will be like when they grow up.



(Photo by Steve Feldman)

Barry Kramer (Elvis Presley) excites the audience.

# erformed on November 17-20



Chorus dancers audition for a musical in "I Hope I Get It"



(Photo by Steve Feldman) Chorus performs "Free to be, You and Me" in the aisles of the auditorium.



(Photo by Steve Feldman) Alison Wohl demands a big, fancy, extravagant wedding, when Ed Nemmers tries to propose in "Old Fashioned Wedding"



(Photo by Steve Feldman) Barry Kramer tells the ballad of "Sandra"





Randi Merel, Sheryl Fishman, and Missy Josephs sing background with Bill Elliot as soloist in "Doctor, Lawyer, Indian Chief"



John Diviak sings about Solitaire.

(Photo by Steve Feldman)



Lisa Phillipe shows anticipation, as she sings "The Wedding Bell Blues"



## DuSable triumphs in Trojan tourney

by Mike Bass

The 1976 Niles East Invitational Basketball Tournament ended Nov. 20, with DuSable High School capturing first

DuSable won the championship by defeating Carver in the final game by a score of 72-65.

The order of finish was DuSable first, Carver second, St. Michael third, Von Steuben fourth, Leo fifth, Mt. Carmel sixth, Niles East seventh, and Schaumburg eighth Schaumburg eighth.

Host school, Niles East, took seventh place by defeating Schaumburg 65-56, after losing their first two games to Von Steuben, 77-71, and Mt. Carmel,

The most valuable player of the tournament was Jasper McElroy of St. Michael, who averaged 21.3 points per game, and led his club to a third place finish.

Jeff Frankel of the Trojans was one of ten players chosen by the coaches to the all-tourna-ment team. Frankel averaged 20.0 points per game. Others picked for all-tournament honors were McElroy of St. Michael, Fred Carter of Leo, Billy Hamilton of Mt. Carmel, John Schmiel of Schaumburg, Jerome Miller of Von Steuben, Shawn Thrower of Carver, and Larry Williams, Brisbane Hardin, and Jimmy Odom from DuSable.

John Schmiel of Schaumburg and Brian Carter of Carver tied for single game scoring honors with 29 points each.



Niles East basketball team warming up for the coming season.

(Photo by Alan Cohn)

Football team seems optimistic-

Trojan

Talk

## Wrestlers prepare to defend title

by Eric Robin

The outlook is bright this year for the Trojan wrestling team, the defending Central Suburban League champions.

According to Coach Fred Richardi, "We've got an awful lot of kids to work with and they're very enthusiastic." Richardi reported a large turnout this year, in excess of one hundred

Last year the Tojans captured eight conference titles in all, including team and individual titles. After grabbing the varsity conference crown, the squad placed second in districts and qualified six men for sectionals. qualified six men for sectionals. Until key injuries hit high school All Americans Mike Hinske and Pete Christopolous, Richardi had serious hopes for a state crown.

Richardi's coaching staff, which he considers to be one of the best in the area, consists of brothers Steve and Al Poznansky and Karlos Hartunian.

This year the Trojans have plenty of depth. Richardi sees four or five class wrestlers competing for one varsity spot. "We've got some awfully tal-ented young kids," Richardi claims, including returning sophomore conference champ Chuck Purcell as well as sophomores Dave Polin and Victor Suarez. Richardi can also count on six returning varsity champions in Mark Sonshine, Scott Norris, Rick Yale, Mark Michaels, Steve Edidin, and Daryl Uhlberg. Other possible starters are Dennis Lutz, Keith Potts, John Boyjk, Lee Feldstein, Bud Blumenthal, and Dave Hinske.

When Dennis Lutz was asked what he attributed the team's continued success to, he replied, The coach, he's all for the team instead of himself. He's one hundred per cent school spirit.

Mark Michaels commented, "I am looking forward to state," while Bud Blumenthal said, "This is going to be an enjoyable and successful year for the team. Let's have a little school sup-

Captains this year are Dave Hinske, Bud Blumenthal, and Steve Edidin.

### by Mike Bass

The 1976 football season at Niles East had many disappointments, but the season was far from a total disaster.

The biggest plus of the year occurred in the final game of the season against Glenbrook North. After the Trojans scored two consecutive touchdowns in the fourth quarter, the players were up and screaming, cheering each other on. They were playing like a unit, one whole team, instead of individuals.

One of East's problems this year had been their mental attitude. The spirits of many of the players were very low, and for a player to perform, he must have the correct mental approach. That problem seemed to disappear in the fourth quarter of the Glenbrook game.

PROOF OF EAST'S POSITIVE ATTITUDE entering the off-season comes from the words of some of this year's juniors. Jim Kipnis, voted team M.V.P. and selected to the All-Conference team along with Jim Schuman, said, "We're going to be working hard for next year." Mark Brutzkus added, "We'll have a better year next year. while Jim Murphy goes much farther stating, "Next year, I think we can win the conference.

The optimism on the team may have best been summed up by defensive back Rick Yale, who claimed, "We were super-sophs (in '75), and next year we will be super-seniors!

This was a rebuilding year for the Trojans; a year when a big percentage of juniors were being worked into the line-up. These players picked up experience this year that will be valuable to them for next year. They will have the experience of a full season of play, plus they have had time to acquaint themselves completely with Coach Feguson's strategies.

Coach Ferguson also stated, "The juniors gained experience. The juniors have learned a lot, although it doesn't show on the

RECAPPING THE SEASON, Coach Ferguson said, "We just didn't block and tackle; if you (a team) don't do that, you don't

"Leadership from the seniors did not exist," continued Ferguson, "Therefore it was very difficult for the juniors to come along.

Ferguson did find some positive points about the Trojan's play this season. "A number of individuals were rushing and a number of individuals were rushing and a number of individuals were accepted." viduals were catching the ball instead of just one. They (the team) were still trying; they never gave up.

NEXT YEAR LOOKS BRIGHTER, according to Coach Ferguson, "We are a team of the future. Next year I think they (the Trojans) will be right up

On the sophomore level, this year has been a great success for Head Coach Nick Odlivak and his

It was a season that has seen last year's winless freshman team come back this year as sophs to finish 4-5.

The Trojan sophomores plagued all year by injuries. In the very first game of the season, they lost one of their top backs, Sherwood running

Blitstein. Something positive did come out of the loss of some of these players, and that was the realization of the club's good depth. At running back alone, there were at least seven players at the two rushing positions at one time or another.

"IT'S BEEN A GREAT SEASON," exclaimed Coach exclaimed Coach Odlivak, "they (the Trojans) showed a lot of poise for sophomores."

"Desire was 200 per cent," added Odlivak, "you expect to get 110 per cent, but these kids gave 200 per cent.

When this year's sophomore team combines with the juniors from the varsity next season, things could be very interesting on the Niles East gridiron in

### Trojan soccer team wins 1-0 over Maine in overtime

by Dave Kaplan

The Trojan Varsity soccer team defeated fifth ranked Maine East in overtime, 1-0, on a goal by Cary Claver. One week earlier, they had been beaten by Maine East 3-0.

As the game started, the Trojans were fired up and played very aggressively, claimed Coach Hollister Sandstead, but no one was able to score. "Brad Moss, our goalie, kept us in the game. He defended the goal very

Thirty seconds into overtime

Mitch Ginsburg threw the ball in from the sidelines to Cary Claver, and he scored the winning goal.

The Trojan's momentum was upset by Gordon Tech in a sectional game, when Tech forward Robert Meschlack scored six goals against the Trojans. East was beaten 7-0.

According to Sandstead, Meschlack plays soccer better than any high school player he has seen this year in com-

petition.
The Trojans finished the

season with a 7-8 record, and the freshman soccer team ended their season with a 3-8-1 record.

THE TEAM SHOWED SOME BRIGHT SIGNS, said Coach Bill Coulson. "The team hustled and was very coachable,

but they did not have enough experience in playing soccer."
According to Coulson, the outstanding players on the team included goalie Danny Sarasin, halfback Al Friedman, fullback Steve Fogel, and forward Mario Longobardo.

### Fall MVP's are announced

Most valuable player awards were recently announced at Niles East for the fall sports

In girls' sports, M.V.P. honors went to Nancy Ciran in archery, Claudia Brisk in tennis, and Jodi

The season was also high-

lighted by the Trojans placing

second in the Maine North Invi-

tational, and third in the Trojan

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Coninx in swimming.

The most valuable players in boys' sports were Jim Kipnis in football, John O'Malley in soccer, Ed Santacruz in cross country, and Rick Martini in

Trojan players who made All-Conference teams were Jim Kipnis and Jim Schuman in football, Ed Santacruz in cross country, Dan Stone and John O'Malley in soccer, and Claudia Brisk in girls' tennis (second singles).

## Harriers finish up season

by Barry Schwartz

The Trojan varsity cross coun-Ristow. The team's 2-5 conference record gave them a tie try team ended its season November 8, after capturing the for fifth place, out of eight 1976 Niles Township Chamteams, in the Central Suburban League.

> Coach Ristow attributes the fifth place finish to the fact that only one senior runner competed on this year's varsity squad. The team consisted of senior Ken Golub, and juniors Jim Doumouras, Barry Finn, Dave Larson, Ed Santacruz, and Steve Taibl.

Santacruz was chosen by his teammates "most valuable runner" for this season, while "best team member award," chosen by the coach, went to Captain Ken Golub.

The sophomore cross country team, under the coaching of Todd Dvorak, finished in a tie for third place. Outstanding runners on the team were Phil Waller and Jeff Pozen, according to Coach Ristow.