

OCC to acquire space at East in 1980

Come August 15, Oakton Community College will begin a five-year lease with the District 219 Board calling for its use of about one-third of East as an eastern campus site. The agreement eliminates the possibility of demolishing the 41-year-old building to make room for multi-family housing.

Oakton will pay about \$593,000 a year to rent 103,000 square feet of the 300,000 square foot East building, which includes 60 per cent of the facility's classroom space. This figure is comparable to the amount OCC now pays to rent its interim campus in Morton Grove. After the completion of its permanent campus in Des Plaines OCC will abandon the Morton Grove

site and move into East.

OAKTON OFFICIALS' decision to move into East will aid in their quest for \$9.9 million in state funding needed to complete phase two of their permanent campus in Des Plaines, according to State Sen. Howard Carroll (D-15th, Chicago). Carroll is chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, where Oakton's funding request will arrive in June for consideration.

"I think OCC's decision to rent space at East is a very enlightened response to a community's concern for the use of its educational facilities," Principal Galen Hosler said.

The lease itself includes an agreement by District 219 to spend \$750,000

in building improvements, which will be reimbursed by Oakton, at a rate of \$150,000 a year. In addition, OCC will pay \$443,000 a year in maintenance and utility costs. About \$500,000 of the improvement costs will go for installation of air conditioning in the portion to be used by Oakton. District 219 will also spend \$200,000 in providing the 600 additional parking spaces Oakton has requested. The additional parking is scheduled to be built on the football practice field.

AMONG THE AREAS left unused by OCC will be East's auditorium, library, and all physical education facilities, including two gymnasiums, a swimming pool, and an indoor track.

According to the Skokie Life, the Skokie Park District, which already uses East's athletic facilities for various programs, would like to continue using them after the East closing.

Another section of the remaining space at East will be used by District 219 to house its administrative offices, which are currently at 7700 Gross Point Rd., Skokie.

East sponsors closing gala

A gala to commemorate East's closing will be held Friday, May 23 from 9 p.m. until approximately midnight in the East building.

The theater production of "My Fair Lady" will be held the same night from 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. As the people leave the play, they can partake in the various activities.

VARIOUS COMMITTEES have been formed to coordinate the function. These include mailing and publicity, welcoming, refreshments, decorations, entertainment, reflections, and security.

A welcoming committee consisting of Chuck Pos, Lois Samuels, Fran Holzheimer, and Sylvia Dickman has been formed to greet people entering through different entrances and giving them a name tag.

Posters of graduating classes from 1939 to 1980 and nostalgic reflection Tables will be displayed in one half of the contest gym. Alumni can go to the poster of their own class to see if they can find former classmates.

THERE WILL BE dancing and music on tapes from the 30's to the 80's in the Girls Gym area. Tables and chairs will be set up on the stage and balcony.

Finger food like fresh fruit, chips and pretzels, fresh vegetables, dip and punch will be served in the cafeteria.

Flyers have been distributed to past faculty members, colleges, and alumni. Posters have been printed and will be displayed in Old Orchard, Golf Mill, and Downtown Skokie.

THE COMMITTEE expects around 2000 people to attend the event. The festival is for the entire community, alumni, parents of alumni, students and people who have lived in the township in the past, according to Mrs. Lois Samuels, PTSA president.

Students attend Spanish contest

On Saturday, March 22, at Northeastern Illinois University, seven students attended the Spanish Academic Cultural Contest sponsored by the American Association of teacher's of Spanish and Portuguese.

Six of Herminia Lopez's students received awards. In the Artistic Competition, Sandy Salas '80 and Larry Wolfberg '81 received an outstanding award. In the Written Competition, Clara Epstein '81 received an outstanding while Sandy Salas received an excellent rating.

IN LEVEL IV OF the Oral Competition, Arthur Rosenson '80 achieved an outstanding rating. In Level II, Michael Korey '83 received an outstanding and Ira Strongin '82 received an excellent rating.

In Level III, Micah Frankel '81, as student of Judy Rochotte, achieved an outstanding rating.

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Honor Society selects new members

47 students have been named as new members of the National Honor Society by the Faculty Selection Committee of the East chapter.

Senior members, including those members selected from last year (indicated by an * by their name), include:

Daniel Bartfeld*, Rosalyn Behr*, Barbara Bieniek, Christine Billisits, Jan Blok, Judith Brazen*, Lynn Breidenbach, Claudia Brisk*, Timothy Chin, David Ellison, Thea Fisher-Keller, Steven Fishman*, Alan Friedman*, David Gassel*, Charles Gollay.

Pamela Herbach*, Theodore Hill*, Kathy Jean, Kurt Kessler, Karen Konior*, Barry Leb, Tina Lee*, Steven Lisco*, David Lorig, Katherine Matz, Roger Merel*, Steven Meyers, Peter Miscinski, Shelly Mozin*.

Hal Nagel*, Richard Nikchevich*, Renee Olson*, Arthur Rosenson*, Jeffrey Ross, Karen Sawislak*, Cynthia Shapiro, Richard Simmons*, Linda Sohn*, William Stein, Linda Sugarman, Brian Sullivan*, Allan Weiner*, Andrea Wexler.

The 27 juniors selected are:

Diane Agemura, Linda Becker, Charles Blanke, Marc Brenner, Steven

Camnitzer, Barry Deutsch, Leslie Doi, David Eingorn, Mary Ha.

Elise Holzheimer, Zulima Hurtado, John Iskandar, Bruce Kaplan, Howard Korey, Michael Larks, Therese LeVan, Alisan Mann, Timothy Ortman.

Larry Perlman, Keith Rosenthal, Jonelle Roth, Scott Tauber, Paul Toback, Heidi Weitmann, Jaclyn Woll, Lynn Yamanaka, Nancy Zimmerman.

Seniors, Steve Fishman and Ted Hill were nominated by this year's Society to be applicants for the 225 nationwide National Honor Society Scholarships of \$1,000 each.

"The purpose of the society is to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote worthy leadership, and to encourage the development of character in East students," said Dr. Anthonie Kort, chairman of the Faculty Selection Committee.

EACH APPLICANT is rated in five categories. Selection is determined on point totals. The categories include 1) scholarship, 2) in-school activities, 3) out-of-school activities, 4) honors courses taken, and 5) faculty recommendations. Point totals are tabulated for each applicant by Dr. Kort and then

sent to the Faculty Selection Committee where actual selection is made by a majority vote.

"Students should have high scores in at least two areas and fairly high scores in the others. It is not sufficient for a student to be high in two categories and low in the rest," Dr. Kort commented.

TRADITIONALLY, about six per cent of the junior and three per cent of the senior class are inducted into the National Honor Society each year. Approximately nine to ten per cent of the graduates are members of the society.

"Because of the East closing this year's Committee selected more juniors than usual. However, juniors who were not elected this year will have the chance to be elected at North or West in '80," Dr. Kort stressed.

The Faculty Selection Committee members include Dr. Kort, chairman; Ed Degenhardt, Karl DeJonge, James Dorsey, Dennis Grabowski, Robert Keen, Don Larson, Verniel Lundquist, Gordon Malone, Sylvia Mazouch, Jerry Proffit, Dr. Barbara Tyler, and George Yursky.

Key Club elects officers for '81

Key Club, the first East club expanded to include all of District 219, elected officers for the 1980-81 school year on April 9.

Steve Ehrlich '81 was elected president; David Birz '81, vice president; Howard Korey '81, secretary; and Larry Perlman '81, treasurer.

THE EAST KEY CLUB is primarily a service organization, affiliated with the Kiwanis Club of Skokie Valley. In the past Key Club has participated in such projects as visiting Lamb's Farm, having a Christmas party for handicapped children, blood drives, and an annual picnic.

East Key Club is also part of the Illinois Eastern Iowa District of Key Club International of which East junior Nancy Zimmerman is a lieutenant Governor.

Senior surveys due today!



Key Club officers for '81 include, from left: Nancy Zimmerman, Howard Korey, Steve Ehrlich, Larry Perlman, and David Birz. (photo by Erich Massat)



Principal Galen Hosler displays crazy hat in celebration of Crazy Hat Day, March 28. More pictures on page 3. (photo by Glen Brezka)

Board election divides community

After the polls closed for the Saturday, April 12 school board elections, one wonders who actually won. Prior to the election, the few issues had disintegrated into insults and name calling in the local papers, showing a district still deeply divided by the board's 1975 decision as for which school should close.

Reviewing the vote returns, it is still District 68 versus the other feeder districts that comprise our high school district. Of the 2600-odd votes that the winning Concerned Citizen's slate of Lowell Ruffer and Florence Sutker garnered 59 percent of their total, or approximately 1600 votes a piece, came from their home district, 68. There, they beat the long-established 219 Caucus by a 9 to 1 margin, although the Caucus-endorsed team of James Poet and Ed Kaminski captured a majority of the votes in eight feeder districts. Sutker also won in District 73, the small East Prairie district. The fact that the Caucus slate swept the other districts and yet lost the election brings to light a great power imbalance.

MANY FACTORS surface when analyzing the Caucus' defeat, an event which had occurred only once before, also by a Niles North candidate. With East closing in June, its feeder districts have already divided themselves and have aligned their policies with their

new schools. Having been "burned" once, when it was decided that East would close, Districts 73 and 73½, now slated to attend North next year, had a strong sentiment that they should not be forced through another school closing. Niles North is supposedly going to close in 1985. Sutker and Ruffer are closely identified with the "keep North open" forces, and Ruffer had filed a law suit against the board last year to stop their secret negotiations to sell North to Oakton Community College.

Also, many Caucus members were slow to take the initiative to work for the candidates they had endorsed. By the time their work began in earnest, it was too late. The Concerned Citizens group had successfully concentrated their money and effort on the North feeder district 68. Reflecting backward, it is frightening to think that the future of the 219 district and its students hinge upon just one area.

Clearly, a restructuring of the current power balance is needed. If this year's voting patterns continue, future elections will become a Niles North versus Niles West free-for-all. Although the community may be able to withstand one or two years of this, it is the students and their education that will suffer. And, aren't these the very people whose interests we should be fighting to protect?

State Senator Carroll helps save East

As most everyone knows by now, Niles East will not become the new condominiums of Lincoln Avenue, but rather it will host Oakton Community College in part of the building until July, 1985. This action was largely initiated by Senator Howard Carroll (D-15) who exposed Oakton's lack of a promised eastern facility when their funding was being considered. What is not generally known, however, is what else influenced this action and what, if anything, is to become of the wing of the building not occupied by OCC.

There exist other factors in the decision which are not as apparent. Senator Carroll would probably not have become involved had it not been

Senate offers senior scholarships

by Julia Bienias

The Niles East Student Senate has been very active in the past two weeks, including accepting applications for the Senate-sponsored scholarship. It will be awarded to seniors showing strong leadership qualities.

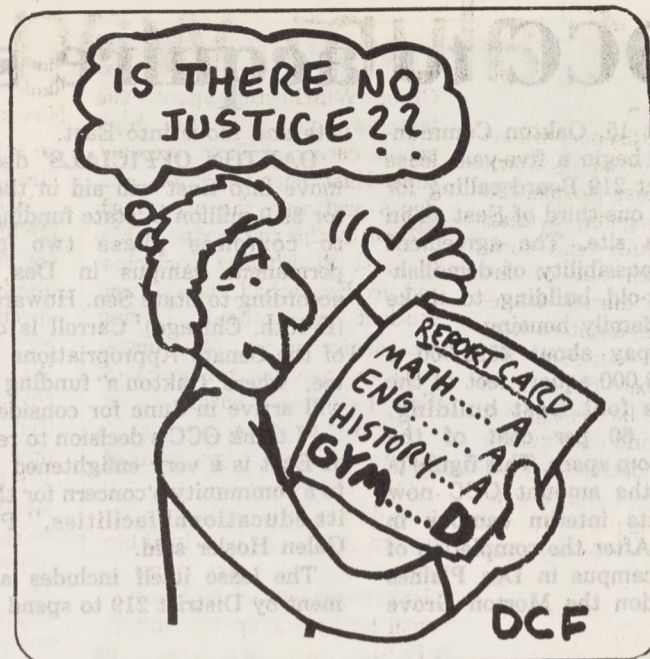
On the community service side, President Paul Toback has become involved with The Stadium Light Brigade. This committee's main goal is to raise enough funds to light the Niles West stadium Barask Field. "Teams" are being formed to reach this goal, and interested people should contact James Swanson, East athletic director.

ONE SUBCOMMITTEE of Senate, the Club Exchange Committee, has begun to organize meetings between East, North, and West groups, beginning with Dance Company. The committee will publish a list of the other schools' club opportunities at the end of the year.

An election committee has been organized to coordinate the upcoming presidential elections, which will be held in May. Information will be publicized when it is available. The Senate is also accepting suggestions regarding the elections, or anything else pertaining to East.

for community interest. There had to be someone motivating people, strong personalities within the community, leaders and doers. One such man is Saul Weiner, who met with members of the 219 board and later sent a letter to the OCC board, detailing benefits of Niles East and requesting their presence.

ANOTHER GROUP of highly motivated people is CentrEast, a non-profit corporation organized in July of 1979 to preserve East. Its president is Jeff Ortmann, a graduate of the school and of the University of Illinois. He is presently the executive director of Wisdom Bridge Theater, and he has a strong emotional tie with East. It is people such as these who create action internally within Skokie.



Guest Editorial

Student justifies apathy

by Larry Perlman

Every year there is at least one article in the Nilehilitte telling students not to be apathetic toward sports and to generally "get involved." I hope the editors don't spend too much time fantasizing about this dream.

The reason students are apathetic towards Niles East sports is because East teams usually seem to come out on "the short end of the stick." In

other words, they always seem to have losing records. And, nobody likes a loser.

WHEN DEPAUL had a losing record, nobody even knew who they were. Now, led by Mark Aguirre to a 26-2 season and national fame, everybody cares about DePaul and wants to be associated with it. If Niles East won a conference championship in football or basketball, I'm sure students would "get involved."

I know winning a championship isn't as easy as it seems, but this is the best, and probably the only way to solve the "problem" of apathy. Besides, what's so wrong with apathy?

Apathy, or a lack of interest in an activity, occurs all the time. If a student is supposed to care about everything that goes on in school, it would be mentally exhausting. I am very apathetic towards drama and the band, and am not interested when or where their next play or concert is. Just because I am not in the drama department or friends with its members does not make me a mean person. I do hope they do well in each of their engagements.

THE OTHER day, I was thinking of forming a Students for Apathy Club. Of course, nobody would show up for the meetings.

To the Editor

Students often label each other unfairly

Dear Editor,

"Freaks" aren't the only people being stereotyped. The Mulford crowd would have had a good argument if they had just said that they were individuals and had chosen to spend their freetime there for other reasons than to party. However, all their reasoning disappeared when they started to stereotype others who choose to pass the time elsewhere and who the groups coldly refer to as the "jocks."

According to these people, a "Jock" is good-looking, popular, or on a team. If that isn't a stereotype in itself, I don't know what is. Looking around, I think you'll find a very small minority of people fitting into any of these three categories. Niles East is composed of many different kinds of people. Yes, there are those that fit the stereotypes of "jock" and "freak" to the letter, not to mention a half of dozen other classifications. But, more important are the vast majorities of individuals. If only people would stop classifying others, they might find out what was really inside. The people you classify as

"stuck up" might really just be shy, and the person you think is outgoing may also have a quiet side you never noticed. It's easy to put people into neat little boxes and stick a label on the top, but the person inside is what counts.

Beth Diamond

Library's noise level is too loud

Dear Editor:

What is a library for? It's a place designated in a school for studying and has many books for reference. But, time after time I have gone to the library with the idea that I can get some homework or studying done, and I left in 40 minutes without accomplishing much at all. The reason is distraction. Unfortunately too many people come there to socialize and the noise level is not that of what a library should be.

There are resource rooms in our school but they are noisy, too. Sophomores are forced to go there and study the whole semester. Most of them don't try to study and the ones that try, find it an almost impossible task. So where is the student supposed to go to study?

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East alum wages war on cancer

by David Eingorn

Cancer is a disease whose very name invokes chills down the spines of most people. To be a cancer surgeon, a man must deal skillfully and compassionately with one of the most difficult of human tragedies, the battle against cancer.

Noted cancer surgeon Dr. David Winchester, East class of '55, fights the battle against the nation's second commonest cause of death, daily from the vantage point of Assistant Professor of Surgery at the Northwestern University Medical School and Senior Attending in Surgical Oncology at Evanston Hospital.

BORN AND RAISED IN

Ohio, Winchester spent the last two years of his high school career at East. At that time East enrolled 1300 students and was the only high school in the township. While at East Winchester participated in basketball, track, and student government. During his senior year, Winchester rose to become president of East's student senate.

From the time he was a sophomore in high school, Winchester knew he wanted to be a doctor. His early determination undoubtedly helped him survive the 16 years from the time he graduated high school until he "hung up the shingle of his own practice," in

November of '71. In retrospect he refers to that period as the "best years of my life."

WINCHESTER'S ACADEMIC record is indicative of the kind of rigorous training needed to be a successful specialist in the high technology world of modern medicine. Winchester is a graduate of Northwestern University and the Northwestern University medical school.

His specialty in surgical oncology stems from an additional six years of training, 1 per cent of which was spent at the M.D. Anderson Clinic in Houston.

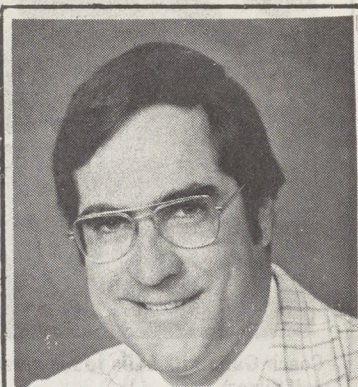
"I chose surgical oncology

because it gave me the opportunity to care for people while still allowing me to delve into significant research," Winchester said.

In a recent interview, Winchester expressed strong feelings on the medical school selection process:

"I think medical school admissions people place too much emphasis on grades and test scores. The intuitive ability and compassion level of applicants must be weighed in a medical school's admission's decision if we are to have good doctors," Winchester stressed. Summing it up, Winchester said, "Doctors must be human

beings who care about human suffering."



Dr. David Winchester, '55', is Assistant Professor Surgery at the Northwestern University Medical School.

Roller skating fast becoming the travel trend

By Linda Burstyn

Roller skating used to be regarded as a child's sport, and one that an adult would never undertake. However, in the past two years, the sport's popularity has increased immensely.

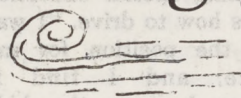
Many new shops, specializing in roller skates, have been opening. One such store, the Pony Shop which just opened last year, reports "Rentals have begun to pick up. We expect a very good year."

It is not only the grammar school students and older jet-set who have begun to skate. This new trend of travel has hit hardest in the high schools, East included.

"It's good exercise," commented Senior Scott Reicin. "It's better than jogging!"

Senior Sue Rotblatt agrees, "When I rollerskate I don't think of it as strenuous exercise, I think of it as fun. I just put them on and roller-skate around my neighborhood instead of jogging."

ANOTHER GOOD aspect of rollerskating is that it can be done all year-round; indoors, in roller rinks during the winter months, and out-



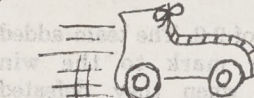
of the '80's

doors, virtually anywhere, during the warmer months.

The streets of your neighborhood or bike paths in the forest preserve are good places to start. One favorite roller-skating route is the paved path which runs along Lake

Michigan, at Northwestern University's Evanston campus. In addition to the healthful benefits of the skate, one could enjoy the beauty of the campus, and during the summer, get a tan.

To buy skates, one could go



to any sport shop, of any of the skate rental stores listed below. The skates, either gum shoe or ankle style, can cost anywhere from \$22.00-\$125.00.

ROADSKATES
\$1.50 per hour. \$6 for the entire day. \$5 for minors.
THE PONY SHOP — 743

Chicago Ave., Evanston \$3 for two hours. \$1 each additional hour. \$6 for the entire day. \$3 if kept overnight.

THE NATURAL TRAVELER — 1216 Waukegan Road, Glenview

\$2 for the first hour. \$1.50 for each additional hour. \$6 for the entire day during the week, and \$7 for a whole weekend day.

Puff secures school

By Wanda Mech and Stacey Sacksner

Who is the man with a kind heart, a great sense of humor, and willing to help anyone who needs help? No, it's not Santa Claus — it's James O. Puff — East's chief security guard.

Puff grew up in Chicago and has been at East since 1969. Before coming to East, Puff had such jobs as detective, mechanic, mailman, and policeman at North Park College.

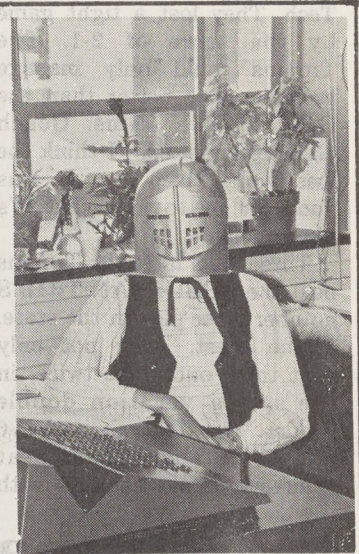
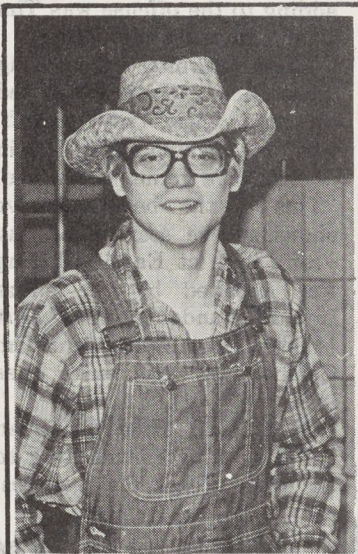
PUFF CAN BE MEAN at times, but that's his job. His only interest is the benefit of the students. "I really like the kids," Puff explains.

When walking past exit 13 you may notice Puff's small

office cluttered with girls. They are just a few of Puff's acquired helpers. They help Puff by making and distributing I.D. cards and doing other odd jobs.

ALTHOUGH PUFF isn't sure of where he's going when East closes, he is hoping however for a security job at either North or West. Principal Galen Hosler says, "Puff has seniority in the district and will probably be chief or security wherever he goes."

So remember, if you ever have a problem or need someone to talk to, go to Puff. "I'm always here to help," says Puff.



Clockwise: Student displays his own crazy hat; An unknown secretary enjoys her anonymity; Once again Dean David Shusteff sets a fine example for the students of Niles East. (photos #1 & 3 by Glen Brezka; Photo 2 by Mr. Dale Flick)

Reporter attends seminar

by Lee Kantz

The Chicago Sun-Times held a seminar for high school newspaper editors on Saturday, April 12, at the Sun-Times Building.

After being welcomed by Virginia Butts, vice president of public relations, students from all over Chicagoland listened to Ralph Otwell, editor, lecture on freedom of the press.

"A PERSON'S writing rights begin when he is born," said Otwell. "High school papers are not restricted from any rights. All journalists can say virtually anything (true)." He named three organizations, one being the American Civil Liberties Union, that help student papers with problems concerning rights.

Casey Ladowski, an advertising executive of the paper, told students about the most important part of production; advertising and seventeen helpful hints in developing ads.

The tone of the meeting changed as columnist Roger Simon explained the difference between a columnist and a

reporter. His humorous anecdotes about his own high school days livened up a would-be dull speech. He ended his presentation with a quote from Hemingway stating that a columnist sums up "the good and the bad...people, places and how the weather is."

AT LUNCH, students met Gary Deeb, former Tribune TV critic and the newest addition to the Sun-Times staff. He explained the importance of television before criticizing it. "The shows I would recommend for younger viewers are much the same as those I'd recommend for older ones," says Deeb. "These are the shows on Sunday and Monday nights such as "Sixty Minutes," "MASH," and "Lou Grant." Deeb explained that the subtleties of such shows tend to play in the viewer's mind more than "childish shows like 'Three's Company.'"

All speakers emphasized that they got their starts on high school papers, and that working on a major paper

allowed them to realize rights they never thought they had in high school.

Editors note: For all North-bound students — if you have received your registration printout for the '80-'81 school year, and are wondering what AAA means — it is the North equivalent of homeroom.

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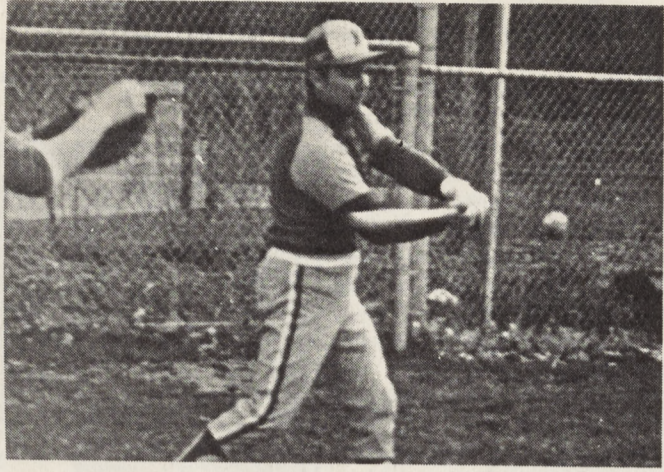
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Coach Galla hits balls to his varsity team during warm-up. (photo by Jeff Silver)

Galla gives time to youth

By Barb Reich

Although head baseball coach George Galla stands 5'7", he's a guy who doesn't go unnoticed at East. Galla has been with Niles Township for sixteen years, nine with the Indians, and seven with the Trojans.

AT WEST he was an assistant baseball trainer for the freshman and junior varsity teams. "My best experience was coaching with Jim Phipps in 1972, when we went downstate and won the championship."

Galla's East memories go back to '78 when, "we placed second in the division. If not for a Maine West defeat, we would have tied for first."

"Tad Slowik made last year special for me," adds Galla. Slowik was a two-time all conference winner who received a baseball scholarship to Rollins College in Florida.

GALLA FEELS the teams present 7-1 success story is because each player gives his all. However, he stresses, "We're always striving to improve defensive lapses."

Besides devoting himself to coaching, Galla also teaches drivers education. It was just three years ago that he became a health instructor, and started teaching special education students how to drive. "I was offered the position for my patience, and I find it rewarding because the kids want it so much." Galla says he refuses to feel sorry for the special education students because he feels it's the wrong attitude to take if these students are to become independent and lead normal lives.

Galla received part of his training in how to deal with

the younger generation by rearing three daughters. "Donna is 9, Denise is 11, Dawn is 13, and if we had a fourth he would be David," joked the jovial coach.

THE BASEBALL coach has no objections to being the only male in his family, because his girls are chips off the old block when it comes to athletics. "Dawn is a conference champ in basketball, and the younger ones are involved in swimming and gymnastics," declares Galla with pride.

As for himself, Galla is a real sportsman. "I bowl, golf, jog, play racquetball, and do any type of callisthenics. At 148 lbs. Galla pats his tummy and admits, "It's the only way to lose some extra weight." His other outside interests include wood working and doing any mechanical jobs around the house.

But to Galla, nothing is more important than spending time with his family. "It's traditional that we go down to Florida for Christmas, because baseball keeps me away from home a lot during the spring and summer months."

Hitting, Pitching, Defense, come together for Trojans

By Steve Bartelstein

"This team plays as a unit, and has the best spirit of any team I've ever had," commented head coach George Galla, referring to this year's varsity baseball squad. The Trojan's won their sixth straight game in the Central Suburban League last week.

The Trojan's opened up two weeks ago against Gordon Tech. They lost a tight game by the score of 2-1. The Trojans could only manage two hits, one better than the Gordon Tech Rams. Coach Galla commented, "I think the loss woke them up. It was good for us to feel what it's like to lose."

Three days later the Trojans beat the SUBURBAN TRIB'S number three pick in the state, Maine West. They not only beat them once, but twice, in the spring vacation double header. The Trojan's won 7-6 and 8-7. Then they beat Waukegan East handily, with

a score of 9-2. The team added another mark to the win column when they defeated cross-town rival Niles North 7-4.

"Hitting has been the strong point for the Trojans," says Galla. Leading hitter for the Trojan's during spring break was junior Kurt Mueller who supplied seven extra base hits to help their cause. Also adding to the offense was Tim Cahlahan, and Scott Reicin.

After returning from spring vacation, the Trojan's picked up from where they left off. They beat Maine North 12-5 in an offensive game. Galla said, "This is the best offensive showing I've seen in all my year's here at East!" Hitting was supplied by the entire squad. Standouts were Kurt Mueller, Scott Reicen, and Tim Cahlahan, all with extra base hits.

HITTING HASN'T been the only thing contributing to the wins. Coach Galla states,

"Our pitchers have been doing an outstanding job this year, keeping their heads in tight situations. The mound corps includes seniors Billy Garcia, Gary Karhoff, Steve Goldenberg and Scott Reicin. Junior hurlers include Terry Shapiro, Brad Biaetto, and Bill Witry. The defense has been solid with Scott Reicin at third, Brad Cole and Mark Raffel as short-second double play combination, and Steve Bartelstein at first. Kurt Mueller, Peter Miscinski, and Harold Schwartz man the outfield for the Trojans this year. Tim Cahlahan handles the pitchers behind the plate.

The Trojan's made it six straight when they defeated Maine East 3-0. The shut-out was credited to senior hurler Billy Garcia. If the rest of the season goes as well as the past two weeks, the Trojan's better plan on making reservations in Springfield for the state tournament.

Softball season begins late

With the ever-changing spring weather, the girls softball team was rained out of its first season meet against Highland Park, a team that defeated them by the slim score of 14-13 last year.

"The weather was a hindrance, and the girls were basically confined to practices in the stage gym," said head softball coach Lee Sellers,

prior to their first meet.

SELLERS FEELS it's just too early to predict how the team will perform, but he's sure that "it's a pitcher's ball game. If our pitching will be secure, we'll be competitive."

The pitching staff Seller's is counting on includes Joanne Mikos '80, Marcy Locasha '80, and Vicky Heller '82.

Other varsity players representing the Trojans are Cindy

Michals '81 first base, Julie Maggio '80 on second, and Jenny Moshak '82 on third. Nancy Kusek '80, Chris Porter '81, and Chris Sproat '81 are outfielders. Lisa Cohan '82 is the shortstop, and Janice Iacallo '80 is the catcher.

"WE LOOK GOOD defensively, and have no trouble hitting, but concentration is a big thing," says Sellers. "If the girls make a mistake they become flustered, and lose their train of thought. All we need is a couple of wins to gain our confidence." But it may be a tough goal, because the girls have to face New Trier, which has a winning record, and Niles West, who went downstate last year.

Another team setback was the 16-3 loss against Deerfield. In reference to that game Cindy Michals remarks, "It was their fourth game of the season, and only our first. We were a bit nervous, so our first inning threw us off."

Nancy Kusek added, "We needed three extra runs to extend the game to seven innings but just couldn't swing it." The three runs were scored by Kusek, Maggio, and Weiner.

Their second game was a slim 10-9 defeat against Highland Park.

Boys gymnastics team wins early in season

By Steve Bartelstein

"What can you say about a 5-1 team, except that we're doing something right and winning," expressed Tom Sokalski, head mentor of the East gymnastics team.

The Trojans reached this current 5-1 mark by defeating sister schools North and West in the Township meet on March 20.

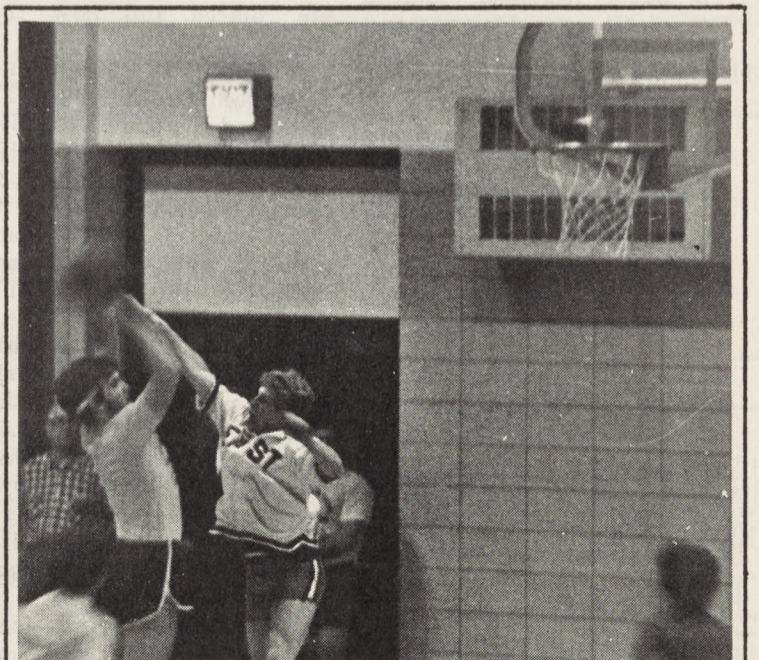
ANOTHER WIN came against Maine West on April 12. Coach Sokalski commented, "This win was a true team effort. We hit a couple career high scores and we also scored well as a team. I didn't expect us to score as well as we did so early in the season."

Last Friday they took on New Trier East. Coach Sokalski stated, "We're the only team in this conference who's got a shot at them. Our kids have got to get themselves up

mentally. We're going to have to hit some career scores, and they've got to make some mistakes. We're ten points behind them as far as team scores go. We'll have to really go at them, and if we do, we'll win.

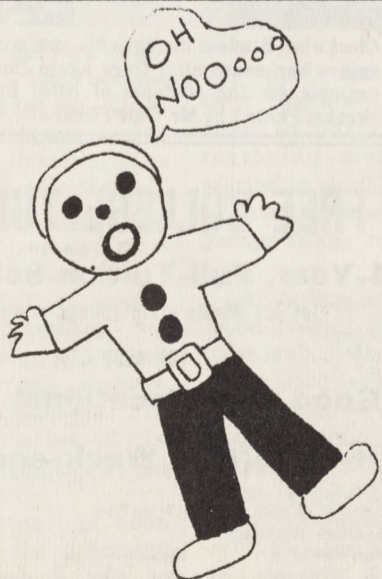
When state competition is mentioned, Coach Sokalski talks confidently. "We've got potential to do well. Sokalski named sophomore Steve Malitz, and seniors Steve Korn, Jim Lankford, and John Murray for potential state qualifiers. "They'll have to hit some good scores, but I believe they can do it!"

AS FAR AS conference competition goes, Coach Sokalski concludes, "If we beat New Trier East, we'll win the conference. There's no one else that can beat them, so if we lose we'll take second."



N-Club defeats the varsity team 33-30 in the April 11 game. In the second challenge that night the teachers trounced the Skokie Police Department 54-37.

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