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David Ritter (left), of Deerfield High School, chairman of the evaluation committee's fine arts subcommittee, talks with Ephraim Weinberg, of the School of the Art Institute, as the North Central Committee visited Easthi this week.

Charity group needs helpers

The Muscular Dystrophy Associations of America need more than 50 male volunteers to help care for muscular dystrophy patients who will be attending

the free summer camp for dystrophic campers. Two one-week sessions will be held in Lake Villa, Illinois, June 16-22 at Camp Ravenswood and June 23-29 at Camp Hastings.

Prom set: May 31

This year's Junior-Senior Prom, "The Trip," is scheduled for May 31 at the North Shore Hotel in Evanston. Bids will be sold next week at \$25 per couple. Howard Pfeifer and his Chapter Four Band will provide the music.

THE MENU INCLUDES punch before dinner in the reception room, fruit cup, salad, rib-eye steak, broccoli with Hollandaise sauce, and a Viennese pastry and torte table. Unlimited free seconds for every dish will be available.

STUDENTS ARE NEEDED to help the patients with their daily routine because most of them are confined to a wheel chair. Some of the activities planned include swimming, boating, fishing, horseback riding, and camp fires.

Volunteers, who must be 15 years or older, will be provided with room and board by the Muscular Dystrophy Association. All volunteers will be given orientation sessions.

INTERESTED STUDENTS MAY call the Muscular Dystrophy Summer Camp, 427-0551.

Easthi fine arts programs offer varied entertainment

Improvisational, children's theaters open in May

Easthi's drama department will close out this year with two new projects. The first of these is an improvisational theater, which under the direction of Jerry Proffit will be developed through the improvisational method by the show's cast.

THE THEME OF THE show states that reality can be tempered by humor and tries to convey the true sources of joy in daily life.

The sixteen students selected for this project are David Barrack, Janis Cohn, David Cole, Cheryl Esken, Sue Feldman, Stew Figa, Noah Gilson, Davi Hirsch, Judy Kalin, David Pevsner, Chris Reiss, Steve Schwartz, Michelle Soltan, Patti Sucherman, Lori Simon, and Len Upin. Performances will be presented May 10, 11 in the East auditorium.

THIS YEAR'S CHILDREN'S THEATER, entitled "The Magic Lantern" will be presented in the style of a Japanese legend.

The cast, guided by Shari Kouba includes Debbie Epstein, Sue Fleishman, Gail Norris, Paula Sugarman, Rena Zaid, Ed Goldstein, Marty Glochowsky, Steve Lev, Lee Levin, Barry Kramer, Mark Zinnman, Sandy Klein, and Pam Landau.

CHILDREN'S THEATER IN ADDITION to touring various elementary schools, have a performance for the public on May 25 in the auditorium. Time for both shows is 8 p.m.

Orchesis presents dance show tomorrow night

Persimmon En L'Air, a collage of dance, comes to the Niles East Auditorium stage tomorrow night, April 27, at 8 p.m. The concert will be presented by the Niles East Orchesis Dance Club, sponsored by Shari Kouba, PE teacher at East. East's Orchesis Dance Club consists of 36 girls in two divisions, senior and junior. Rehearsals for the show were held every week in the early stages and several times a week as the show drew nearer the production date.

THE SHOW CONSISTS of 19 dances showing various dance styles from modern and tap to ballet and jazz. In the show will be a space dance, a ballet duet on point, and a nostalgic look at dances of the past. A soft shoe tap dance also will be featured.

Seniors Laura Page, Eia Radasavljevic, and Linda Koenig, and junior Sandy Klein have been responsible for the major choreography for the show. Laura Page, president of the club and four-year member will do a solo to the music of "Sunflower."

TICKETS, \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for students and children, are available at the door.

Ripplettes show theme: "A Tribute to Walt Disney"

Ripplettes will present a swimming performance May 2 through 4, Westhi's pool, 8 p.m.

THIS YEAR'S THEME, "A Tribute to Walt Disney," will contain techniques of synchronized swimming and movements of water ballet.

These 30 girls have practiced in preparation for the show since the year began. They range from freshmen to seniors, and all will participate.

Tickets for \$1 may be purchased at the door.

Educators evaluate East; recommendations are now in

Voluminous mounds of literature greeted the 37-member North Central Evaluation Committee visiting Niles East this week, including various department evaluation forms coupled with strengths, weaknesses, and recommendations.

THE NORTH CENTRAL Evaluation Committee was first hosted by the Board of Education to a dinner on Monday evening at the North Shore Hilton. Their observations began in the school on Tuesday morning with meetings at 3 p.m. held individually by each department.

This crediting organization, whose "purpose is to help schools improve their program," continued its observations of East through today. Last spring East's staff was organized into various committees, departmental or general.

TEACHERS BECAME INVOLVED in either the department under which they worked, another department, or a general committee, and proceeded to make a self-evaluation based on criteria provided by the North Central Association. All these reports together with abstracts and other related materials were presented to the committee members.

Many of the departments have recommended that the managerial system be exchanged for the previous department chairman system. Most departments felt they needed more space, more equipment, more facilities, more teachers, and more communication.

THE STEERING COMMITTEE strongly recommended that promotions, especially administrative promotions, be made from within, since the most apparent successful administrative posts have been filled by those who have had actual teaching experience at Niles.

The faculty report also included an overall definition of the improvements that have been made since the last North Central evaluation in 1967. Among the many positive aspects of improvement were included such items as the revised administrative structure to building managers rather than department chairmen, the self-directive school day (Open Campus), the Student Appeals Board, the

Review Board, problem sensing committees, advisory committees, Town Hall meetings, independent study for credit, the pass/fail option, and the elimination of the mandatory provision of giving final exams.

THE NORTH CENTRAL committee had the opportunity to visit classes this week, talk with individual teachers and students, meet with administrative heads, and generally observe the educational climate at Niles East.

The committee will submit a complete report on their recommendations for improvement to the Board of Education.

SERVING AS CHAIRMAN of the North Central Evaluating Committee was Dr. David F. Byrne. Other members of the committee included Dr. Oliver McCracken, (superintendent, District 73½, Skokie), Don Rich, Dean Tartar, Donald Wright, Sherman Roth, and Dr. Ralph Johnson. Committee members from Indiana University included Ms. Dorothy Curtis, Prof. Josephine Spear, Mrs. Frank Whiting, Prof. Edward Jenkinson, and Walter Ney. Those from the University of Illinois were Prof. Sandra Savignon, Mme. Michele Leoux, Frank Medley. From Northern Illinois University came Dr. Ruth Wooschlater, Duane R. Johnson, and Prof. Joe Vaughn. Dr. Dorothy Quisenberry and Dr. Robert Koehler, both from Illinois State University, Elmer Jamniak (Joliet High School), Richard Ebert (Carl Sandburg High School), Dr. Dean Gould (Maine West High School), Frank May (Evanston High School), Daniel Leigh (Rolling Meadows High School), Ms. Blossom Marmel (New Trier East High School), Dr. George Jacob, Mrs. Pamela Gillet, Ralph Clark and Robert Kuehn both from York High School, David Ritter (Deerfield High School), Dr. Ephraim Weinberg (Art Institute), Mrs. Bettye Swanson (Western Illinois University), Ralph Shively (Lake Forest College), Dr. Russ Platz (Wheaton College), Clarence Culver (superintendent, District 71, Skokie), Dr. Harry Miller (Southern Illinois University.)

Student Senate elections May 21

Easthi students will choose next year's Senate president in a May 21 election. Candidates for the office include junior Cindy Payne, and sophomores Steve Leon, Howard Nelson, and Stan Pressner.

A RESEARCH COMMITTEE appointed by president Robert Feder studied possible changes in the election procedure. Hoping to prevent the type of conflict that has characterized much of the Senate's first year, the committee considered the running of both president and vice-president on a ticket, or representing parties. The possibility of all Senate officers being elected by the student body was also discussed. However, none of

these ideas were chosen to replace present election procedure, that of selecting the president only.

Official filing for candidacy opens Wednesday, May 1, with Friday, May 10 being the deadline for filing. There will be an optional all-school assembly on Monday, May 20, as the Gold schedule will be in effect. There the candidates will present their views on the Senate, student rights, and other issues they deem important to their campaigns.

THE BALLOT BOX in the election will be located in the contest gym foyer. If a run-off is required, it will be held on Thursday, May 23.



(Photo by Scott Wexler)

Orchesis dancers have been rehearsing daily for tomorrow night's show, "Persimmon En L'Air," in the auditorium.

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Why apathy about prom? lack of publicity hurts

by Michele Freed

Prom, Fact or Fiction? Perhaps a once in a life time proposition. Four years ago we students anxiously awaited the days when we would be upper classmen and be able to attend the biggest event of the year, the annual Junior-Senior Prom.

POSTERS AND PICTURES could be seen throughout the hallways of the couples running for Prom King and Queen. Boys could be seen wandering through the halls clad in Tuxedos, and "are you going to the Prom" seemed to be the main topic of discussion.

With only 43 days remaining, there has been no talk of Prom at Niles East. Where is everyone now? The majority of the students excluding the Junior Cabinet because they're planning the Prom do not know where the prom will be, what it's going to be like, who's the performing orchestra, and many of the students could care less.

WE MAY BE able to thank the Junior Cabinet for a great deal of this apathy. Unfortunately students no longer anticipate prom, but pass it off as just another night. It is the Junior Cabinet's job to encourage the students to attend prom because they surely won't do it on their own, especially if they don't know a thing about it.

Maybe an affair as important as prom should not have been left to the Junior Cabinet, but should have had a special committee such as Homecoming which ended very successfully due to the effort of the Homecoming Committee.

STUDENTS DO NOT realize that prom is just not another day, another dance. Much time and preparation and money go into the planning even though the Junior Cabinet has not succeeded in making this evident.

Prom this year will be held at the North Shore Hotel located in nearby Evanston. Some people describe it as "An old people's home," while still others can relive their Bar and Bas Mitzvahs. Cabinet chose the North Shore partly because of the gas shortage, the price, the food, and the decor. What they failed to realize is that the biggest events of Prom come afterward, which usually take place downtown.

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO hotels like the Sheraton Chicago, Conrad Hilton, Palmer House, and Ramada Inn? They were already taken by other high schools including our sister schools North and West.

Seeing that we cannot exactly brag about the hotel our prom will be held in, maybe we will be able to brag about our turn out. Proms do not necessarily have to cost a fortune; many fun things can be done for nothing.

Of course, there is the cost of corsage, tuxedo and gas, but how many times is a formal dance held? Many good reasons may be presented for attending the Prom, but perhaps "tradition" is the only one most will consider.

Guest Editorial

Weighted grading system proposed for incentive

by Mark Bisk

For some time now considerable complaint has been registered against the present grading system. Many people feel that because the system fails to distinguish between honors, regular, and basic course levels, it debases the grade point average. This, they say, distorts class rank, hampers proper college selection, and actually creates a non-incentive for many students.

WHY NOT JUST go back to the honors point, many ask? After all isn't the honor student bearing a greater burden by taking the higher level course? But what about the regular student who is bearing a greater burden than his basic classmate? Considering that, is the honors student really deserving of this extra "bonus"?

The Building Policy and Procedure Committee headed by Dr. James Richter and composed of several students, teachers, and administrators is now taking action in an attempt to remedy the situation and still avoid the pitfalls of the past.

THE COMMITTEE HAS turned to the weighted scale. The weighted scale restores credibility to the grade point

average and gives everyone the incentive to reach his own highest potential, by placing some differential between each course level.

The committee has narrowed the options down to two systems. One creates a full-step differential. This system would make an honors A worth 5 points, a regular A worth 4, a basic A worth 3, an honors B worth 4. The other system has a half-step differential making an honors A worth 4.5 points, a regular A worth 4, a basic A worth 3.5, an honors B worth 3.5. Does this system emphasize grades too greatly, and will it create a new non-incentive?

WHATEVER THE CASE, students, teachers, and parents alike will shortly be able to express their opinions on which system they approve of. The B.P.P.C. is now preparing a survey soon to be completed and distributed prior to making their final recommendations to the Educational Policy and Development Committee.

Mark Bisk, a senior, is a member of Student Senate, and the BPPC, serves as a judge advocate of the Student Appeals Board, and has competed in the debate team for four years.

Feedback

Girls in boys' athletics? Editorial stirs up conflict

'Sporting look' unfair

Dear Editor:

I wish to comment on the article appearing on page 4 of the April 5 issue of the Nilehilite, entitled "A Sporting Look — Girls going too far?" It was not a 'sporting look,' as the headline suggests, but an inappropriate editorial, condemning the equality for which so many women have fought so hard.

In addition to the several objections I have to the contents of the article, I feel that the manner in which it was presented was equally questionable. No byline appeared, implying that any opinions stated in the article are opinions held by the Nilehilite, when in fact they are solely those of the article's author, who for some reason about which I can only speculate, did not see fit to include his name. If he had, I could not object, except as a matter of personal disagreement, to what he had to say, but the article was — even though not on the editorial page — so clearly presented as an editorial (larger type, set off in a box, no byline) that I must question/condemn the Nilehilite for allowing it to appear as such.

I will not go into my personal objections to the article — which, by the way, are numerous — except to say this: In the last paragraph the author said, "...girls cannot compete with boys on a varsity high school or college level, and risk injury." Would a girl who was physically qualified to compete in a sport be risking any more injury than an equally qualified boy? Of course not. I'm not suggesting that boys' teams lower their standards for girls in order to accommodate any female who wishes to participate. I merely would like once again, to point out that in sports, as in any other area, sex is no valid basis for discrimination. It is those who would believe otherwise, and not the girls striving for equality (as holds the article's anonymous author) who are as he puts it, "making the mistake."
Leslie Miller '74

Sports editorial lauded

Dear Editor:

I wish to extend my congratulations in regard to the article on women's sports. Women in their pursuit of the so-called "establishment of equality" with men are treading on insecure ground.

Surely there are those who will cite the example of Bobby Riggs; yet, we must keep in mind that he is not an example of man in his prime (though he did manage to win one of the two occasions in which he faced female opponents.)

While on the subject of tennis, which is one of the easier sports for females to participate in, when was the last time someone saw a female "pro" serve even half as fast as a male "pro"? Never! Or, can you imagine a female Hank Aaron? Face it ladies! Males are just so much more superior, that it is inconceivable to even dream of the possibility of a female out-performing a male. God has seen fit to establish the superiority of men on earth and what God has established, let no mortal undo.
Name withheld upon request

Privileges questioned

Dear Editor:

One of the poorest aspects of Niles East is its library.

The mood created by the librarians leaves a lot to be desired. Often times a librarian will reprimand a student and cause more disturbance than the student in question.

Undoubtedly, common courtesy is not usually predominant in the minds of our students, but nonetheless, it is almost always extended. I know of no instance that in the library when extended periods of rowdiness have not been corrected by the students themselves.

As I write this letter, I am being glared at by the head librarian. After being tossed out of one room, I find

myself being kicked out of another, undoubtedly because the writing of this letter is no secret.

The "new addition" of talking privileges in one room has not accomplished what it was meant to do. If, when in that room, a student uses this privilege, he is often accused of abusing this privilege.

Under the section entitled "conduct in the library" in the Privileges and Responsibilities booklet provided by the library it states:

You may move freely among the service areas as the need arises so long as you respect the rights of others who are using the media center.

Maybe we had better decide those rights.

Heather Benton '76

Trip cancellation questioned

Dear Editor:

Recently Dr. Colver asked the Student Senate to get two volunteers to participate in the Illinois Youth Traffic Seminar in Decatur on the weekend of April 19.

Barry Kravitz '75 and I volunteered to go on this trip on the condition that the school pay for food, lodging, and transportation. Mr. James Swanson, the head of the Driver Education Department, agreed to our conditions and gave us the go-ahead. We gave him our completed reservation cards and permission slips, so we thought everything was running smoothly.

The last I've heard of this trip was that we could not go because Dr. Colver didn't want to take the "responsibilities."

Is this the way Niles East takes care of its student-oriented activities?

Cary Grossman '75

Board stifles speech

Dear Editor:

In reference to Gary Elkin's "Guest Editorial" in your March 22, edition, I was surprised that Mrs. Garland did not direct Dr. Gibbs to restrain Gary as in my case.

PLEASE NOTE THAT three of the seven board members revealed that I could maintain individual contact with them.

Citizen Al Alargondo in a letter to **The Life** editor suggested that our "new board whose cornerstone was freedom of expression and liberal thought has degenerated into a closed-mouthed, closed-minded group, which constantly stifles..."

John "Bill" Handzel

Editors Note: In the first paragraph, Mr. Handzel refers to a letter from Dr. Gibbs which stated: "Individual contact with Board members at other times is seldom appropriate. In this case, your repeated communications could border on harassment, and I would respectfully request that you discontinue further individual contact with the President of the Board and other members of the Board of Education."

Hail to "The King and I"

Dear Editor:

The recent performance of "The King and I" was the finest high school production which I have ever seen. What can be said to the faculty and students of the theatre, music, and dance departments of our school but "Bravo!"

Dean Kenneth Reiter

Wants to eat leisurely

Dear Editor:

For four years now, I have tried to enjoy a leisurely midday meal in the Niles East cafeteria. However, I have been unsuccessful. I believe that I can attribute this to several factors:

- 1) Being forced to eat a plate lunch on the North side of the cafeteria.
- 2) The ignorance and attitude of the cooks (e.g. — case problem: Me: What is in a Burrito? Cook: I don't know?)
- 3) The ever-presence of "Ms." Jo Morris.

Good remedies to the above have been suggested and ignored.

The cafeteria must be improved for the now and future students of Niles East.

Ed Triwush '74

Gene, Jim: anachronisms in apathetic society

by Dave Mayer

In an era when most students can't find the time to participate in extra-curricular activities, two notable exceptions Junior Gene Guerrero and Senior Jim Cohn exist.

ORIGINALLY THE PAIR played doubles together on the tennis team, but this year Gene is playing number one singles and Jim is teamed up with Marty Avers on the second position doubles team. In addition to tennis, each has participated in several other school sponsored activities and both belong to "N" Club and Key Club.

Both Jim and Gene are outstanding students. Gene is presently ranked at the top of the junior class. He won the Renssalaer Science and Math Award for Outstanding Juniors, for which only 15

students nationwide are selected annually. The award is presented by the Renssalaer Polytechnical Institute, and if Gene chooses to attend that college he will receive a four-year scholarship grant.

GENE ALSO HAS played first chair trumpet in Niles East's concert, stage, and cadet bands, as well as first chair in the Skokie Valley Youth Symphony. He is on the Board of Directors of Easthi's Key Club chapter. When not engaged in these activities, he finds time to do volunteer work with children who have muscular dystrophy and cerebral palsy. Gene also is an officer of 'N' Club, whose membership consists of varsity athletes who have earned a major award in interscholastic sports.

Gene is an Eagle Scout, a member of the "Order of the Arrow," and would someday like to become a doctor, like his father.

Many of the teachers and administrators who know him attribute his involvement to an overriding dedication and responsibility Gene feels for others. His tennis coach, Len Winans, explained that Gene works as hard, if not harder, than the others on the team, and Gene's counselor, Barbara Handler, said that his "dedication and hard work show up in all the activities" in which he participates. Gene said that all of these things are rewarding to him in one way or another, citing as an example, his "Music," which he said, "relaxes me." **GENE ALSO IS** well known for his

pleasant personality and the sincerity he shows in all the activities in which he participates.

Richard Livingston, who teaches the Major American Literature courses, said of Gene, "He's clear, well organized, and expressive, and unlike most people, he knows how to write."

IT IS UNUSUAL to find many people as devoted to life as Gene, which makes the duo of Jim and Gene even more rare a commodity to Easthi, with both of them at the same high school and only a year apart.

Jim Cohn, too, is involved in a flurry of activities. In addition to being a star on the basketball and tennis teams, he tried out for soccer this year after returning from Argentina. Jim spent the summer in South America as part of the AFS foreign exchange program. He had no previous knowledge of Argentina's history, culture, or language, but in spite of these barriers, Jim managed well there, picking up some Spanish, learning the customs and lifestyle of the country, and becoming very interested in the foreign service as a possible career choice, in addition to his medical aspirations.

JIM WAS SELECTED recently for the B'nai B'rith athletic scholarship award for outstanding student-athletes. He refused the scholarship money concomitant with the honor, expressing hopes that the money be given to someone who was in greater need of financial assistance than he.

Jim helped Gary Cook in the Summer Basketball Program at Niles East, and has served as a teacher's aide at his synagogue. He's a former sports reporter for the Nilehilitte, secretary of Key Club, and is initially responsible for many of its programs. Jim also has played in the orchestra (cello) for several Easthi musical productions during his four years here.

'It's Academic' team 'fast, bright'

by Leslie Miller

Some say it's academic, but Richard Miya believes that the two main criteria for success on an "It's Academic" panel are "how fast your arm is and how great your powers of recall." Miya, faculty sponsor of the team, on April 1, accompanied the highest scoring 15 of the 45 students who originally auditioned for the panel to the CBS studios downtown for the final elimination. This narrowing-down from 15 to East's three contestants and three alternates consisted of various questions from five categories — history, English, science, math, and a general category, testing miscellaneous knowledge: "I think there was one (question) asking what kind of soup you find okra in," recalled Senior Seth Gold, who was on last year's team, and this year answered by far the most questions — 16 — while the second highest score was turned in by Junior Alan Ellenby, answering ten. Tied for third place were Juniors Steve Levy and Barry Berk, who was placed as alternate ironically because of his proficiency in answering math questions (six of the nine he answered concerned math), while Steve Levy's nine answers were divided more evenly among the categories—with a slight favoring of history and English, which complements his team-mate Alan Ellenby's dependence upon math. (Seven of his ten correct replies dealt with math.) The two other alternates are Juniors Paul Saltzman, with a score of eight (spread among all five categories) and Mitch Newman, with a score of six, slightly favoring science. "We've got a nice mix this year," commented Miya. "Seth scored high all the way across, while the others vary, creating a nice balance."

IT'S FORTUNATE THAT even without Seth the team balances well, because the show will not be broadcast until September, (probably as the first of the new season) and depending upon

when the show is taped, which could vary from anytime in April to September, Seth may be ineligible and/or unavailable to compete — already having graduated and begun college.

The delay of the broadcast also cuts two promising seniors out of the competition — Julia Rath and Bob Wolf, both with scores of eight. But it simply would not be feasible to retain seniors as alternates when the possibility exists that they would not be available (for the same reason as in Seth's case) were they needed. The remainder of the 15

juniors and seniors chosen to make the trip to the studio include John Cascino, Robert Feder, Robin Bezark, Avram Lothan, Barb Saper, Mark Snyderman, and Ron Miller.

MIYA FEELS THAT Niles East's chances of winning this year are excellent. "The team is very fast and very bright," he said, adding too that during the original tryouts, in which several underclassmen participated, he detected "tremendous potential for the next few years."



'It's Academic' team members and alternates display the numbers they held up during auditions when they knew an answer. From left to right: Seth Gold, Barry Berk, Paul Saltzman, Mitch Newman, Alan Ellenby, Steve Levy.

(Photo by Scott Wexler)

Investment Club buys bag of money

Tuesday, April 2, was a day to remember for the Niles East Investment Club. The club members went to the Skokie Trust and Savings Bank, and with the help of Teller-supervisor Michael O'Connell they purchased a \$500 bag of silver dollars. The purpose was to sift through these halves and look for those which

were silver. The sight of these investors looking at the coins would have warmed a miser's heart.

INVESTING IN HALF dollars might not seem logical, but acting leader Rich Berlow explained the decision. "We wanted to get out into the business world

and learn how to turn a profit. Being an investment club, we wanted to invest in something safe, so we checked on all possible investments and found coins a good possibility. Secretary Marshall Speigal had his eye on buying 'a piece of a politician,' but the members could not decide between a Republican or Democrat."

The club contacted many banks, and found the Skokie Trust the most eager to sell them the bag of halves. Most of the members went wild with all that money before them. Gerhart Massot, the club coin expert, showed the members how to identify a coin of extraordinary value. The club profit margin is 100 per cent more than last year.

THE KEY TO the club's success is in its active members which include Jack Henry, Howard Nussbaum, Howard Chabner, Norm Seigal, Ira Fishman, and Gerhart Massot, plus the officers. Faculty sponsor Charles Plock expressed his pleasure over the boys' winning experience. "All we need now is about 20 more members," said Plock.

Homecoming: one of biggest events of fifties

by Michele Freed

This is the last in a series of stories on past years at Niles East. We hope you have enjoyed the articles and gained an insight into our school's heritage.

Students often are eager to criticize, but rarely quick to think of all the things they are fortunate to have at Niles East. As expressed in this quote from Desiderata, "As you compare yourselves with others you may become vain and bitter for always there will be greater and lesser."

IN THE DECADE of the fifties, Niles East was just beginning to become the school it is today. On April 25, 1952, the Niles Tennis Team hosted its first match with a total of five brand new courts.

In the '50's good news reached the newspaper staff in that they would no longer have to fold the school newspaper since the print shop acquired a paper-folding machine.

IN APRIL OF 1952 a quiz on driving was given to the senior class. The results showed that more senior girls drove than boys, with an exceptionally close tally of 81-82. Boys owned 13 times as many cars as the girls did, outnumbering them by 52-4. A boy held the record for getting the most tickets, 6, and last but not least, boys took the accident honors 32-12.

In January of 1953 work began on the new wing. Students looked anxiously in the direction of their small parking lot, for in a short time the new school addition would begin leaving them with no adjacent parking lot (a problem Nilehi students still face today.)

ON OCTOBER 12, 1957, the first Homecoming queen was crowned. Decorations were built around a huge glittering crown while couples danced to the music of Marty Robert and his nine piece band, quite a bit different from this year's 'Puzzle' and 'Eden Rock'. During the fifties, it was surmised that Homecoming was one of the biggest money making evenings of the year. Nearly all the students plus many alumni attended the affair.

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Trojans sweep five in a row, then lose next three straight

Glenbrook North is the opponent today for the Niles East baseball Trojans at Oakton Park, at 4 p.m. Last year, Glenbrook beat East 7-4.

East entered this week's action with an overall 5-3 record, 3-2 in the CSL. The Trojans jumped off to a quick 5-0 start, but three straight losses at the end of last week spoiled East's dream of an undefeated season.

THE YEAR STARTED happily enough, with two non-conference wins, 11-3 over Notre Dame, and 6-3 over Waukegan. The opener found Dave Garlick as the winning pitcher, with Dean Pueschel and Ron Kleinschmidt doing well in relief. Lee Wisniewski was the hitting hero, with 3 RBI and a home run. Ed Calvo drove in two with a triple and a double.

The 6-3 victory at Waukegan found Pueschel getting the win in relief after a strong starting job by Scott Slutsky. The game was tied 2-2 entering the seventh, but a bases loaded walk to Calvo and a bag loaded double by Wisniewski pushed East over the hump.

East opened the CSL season on April 9 with a game against rival Niles North. Star pitchers Larry Rosin and Ron Kleinschmidt squared off in a classic mound rivalry. North got the better of the action in the early innings. A single and a walk in the third inning set the stage for Viking catcher Sean Bowlens' two out triple, putting North up 2-0. In the fifth, a Kleinschmidt walk and two singles netted North's third run. But that was all North was to get.

Rosin lost his control in the bottom of the sixth. With none out, he walked Howie Weiss, Mark Zolt, and Kurt Kiesel in succession. With Ed Calvo at

the plate, Rosin uncorked a wild pitch, cutting the Viking lead to 3-1. With the count 2-1, Rosin tried to slip a fastball past Calvo, but Ed was ready and lined a single to center, to tie the ball game.

THE SCORE REMAINED tied through the seventh. Kleinschmidt held North in the eighth. Ed Calvo led off the bottom of the inning with a sharp single to left. When Viking left fielder Mike D'Antonio fumbled the ball, Calvo took second. Lee Wisniewski drove the next pitch to left for a single. Again D'Antonio had trouble coming up with the ball, and East was a 4-3 winner.

East traveled the next day to Deerfield to meet the Warriors. East didn't play a real good game, but they did well enough to gain an 8-5 win. East got only six hits, but took advantage of eight Deerfield errors to get the win for Dean Pueschel, in relief of Scott Slutsky.

Monday, April 15, found Maine West at Oakton Park. Again East and Kleinschmidt fell behind early, 2-0, and again East came back. In the third Greg Saltarelli and Howie Weiss walked, and Rich Berkowitz followed with a bunt single. A wild pitch and a balk by pitcher Steve Liggett netted the two Trojan walks.

THE SCORE STAYED tied until the top of the seventh when Maine again forced East to come back. A two out single by Steve Zuccarini drove in West's fourth run.

But the Trojans did come back. Greg Saltarelli walked, and was bunted to second by Weiss. Berkowitz was robbed of a hit by the left fielder, but with two out and two strikes, Mark Zolt drove his first hit of the season

to center to tie the game. East won the game in the eighth when Kurt Kiesel led off with a walk, and promptly stole second. Two outs later Kleinschmidt won his own ball game with a base hit to left center.

East lost its first game of the season on the 17th to Niles West. The game was scoreless in the fourth inning when starter Dean Pueschel ran into trouble. A single, a walk and a double forced Coach George Galla to pull his starter in favor of Dave Garlick. But Garlick couldn't find the plate, and after walking a man and falling behind another, Galla put Ed Calvo in to pitch. Calvo walked two, and West pulled ahead 3-0.

EAST CUT THE LEAD to 3-2, but a bases loaded double by Indian first baseman Gillen put the game out of reach for East, and spoiled Galla's homecoming to West (he coached there for nine years).

Last Friday East couldn't overcome a six run second inning for Maine South and lost to the Hawks 7-6. The inning featured five hits, an error, and a hit batsman. Still, East would have won the game were it not for three base running errors. Mark Zolt missed the game for East due to a sprained heel, and Lee Wisniewski drove in four runs despite playing with a 102 degree temperature.

The next day East played poorly in a 6-3 non-conference loss to New Trier East. The only bright spot for East was Ron Kleinschmidt's two run triple in the third. East committed three errors, all of them costly.

Next week finds the Trojans travelling to Maine East on Monday, home against New Trier West Wednesday, and at Glenbrook South on Friday. All games start at 4 p.m.

Netters place second

by Dave Mayer

It isn't easy for a team to best their previous record when it placed seventh in the state last year, but that is exactly what Coach Len Winans is trying to do. The Trojans opened the season in the annual Niles Township Quad at Niles West. The Trojans played hard, but could only place second to the powerful Vikings who displayed their single most potent weapon: Mike Kuer. Kuer, who played at the number one singles position topped East's team leader, Gene Guerrero, 7-5, 6-2.

THE SOPHOMORE TEAM, however, destroyed its opposition losing only one match out

of 15. Super-soph Jeff Epstein captured first place. Since that Epstein and the sophomores have been virtually unbeatable. They have gone undefeated with a record of 6-0 and are favorites to win the conference title. Coach Winans explained that Epstein, while capable of playing the number two singles spot on the varsity squad, was kept down so the underclassmen could capture the trophy. But Winans is confident that Epstein will be playing in the all important districts which decide the fate of many teams in the state-wide competition.

The Trojans' most crushing

victory occurred recently against Maine North. The netters trounced Maine 5-0 winning every match. Very impressive was the combined play of Dennis Kaplan and Scott Skaletsky at the number one doubles play.

Invitationals disappointing

Golfers face Maine N., H.P.

Maine North and Highland Park will oppose the Niles East golf team Tuesday. New Trier East will golf against the Trojans Thursday.

THE GOLFERS were slightly disappointing in two Invitational meets. East finished ninth in a field of 20 at the Fenton Invitational, and tenth of 18 at the New Trier East Invitational on April 19.

"The rounds weren't as good as they could have been, and should be improving drastically in the next few weeks," said Coach Jerry Oswald.

EAST WON ITS first meet 171-178 against Riverside-Brookfield. The top score was registered by John Hanson, a 38. Andy Ruttenberg, Ron Rzadzki, and Mike Valenti were next in line.

Niles West was next in line for the Trojans, and East turned in an excellent 163-171 triumph. Ken Kramer turned in a 39, with Ruttenberg, Phil Gagerman, and Scott Barranco all doing well.



(Photo by Scott Wexler)

Mark Zolt scores run in opener. Zolt's first hit later won Maine West game.

Home meets for track postponed indefinitely

by Omer Hernandez

One question that seems to be popping up frequently among East's trackmen is, "When will we be able to run a meet at home?" The Trojans have been waiting for the track to be lined and marked for quite some time.

The situation is puzzling, to say the least. The track itself was not properly surfaced when the job was done last summer. The contractor agreed to repair it, but has advised the school to wait several years for the asphalt to settle before the job is completely finished.

HOWEVER, SINCE EAST hasn't hosted a home meet in years, the itch to run one at home became irresistible. It was decided to line the track in early spring to last for the next few years, until the track is resurfaced. But the track will still be un-marked. Head Coach Jim Huskey has said that the line-painting job has run into delays caused by red tape and wet weather. But he is still optimistic, though, and the team hopes those lines will be down on the track pretty soon.

East's first outdoor meet was scheduled to be run here against Niles West on Tuesday April 2. But five events (including three relays) were rescheduled to be run at Niles North two days later when East would duel the Vikings. Well, West didn't show up, which technically meant that East won those five events by forfeit. In the actual events won on April 2, the Indians could be considered the winners, but because of the forfeit, the Trojans acquired enough points to push past them. This meet saw four first places registered

for East: Len Weinstein in the high jump (6'0"), Mike Wolfensohn in the long jump (21'6"), and Ross Pollack in the shot put (48'11") and the discus throw (131'9").

IN OTHER EVENTS TERRY Lee ran his fastest 440, but was edged out by an Indian at the finish line. Lee was timed in 53.3. Ron Seplow was right behind thme, as he also ran his fastest 440, at 54.1.

On a windy Tuesday, April 16, the trackmen were defeated by Deerfield's Warriors. Running the Varsity two miles, sophomore, Mark Lichtenstein charged in with a thrilling last lap kick to catch two distant Warriors and leave them far behind, quite surprised. Mark's time was 10:18. He later joined Glen Davidson, Sal Parenti, and Barry Rubin in the 880-yard relay, which found the Trojans winning.

RUBIN ALSO RAN in the mile relay with teammates Ron Seplow, Mark Scherfling, and Terry Lee. Premier Trojan half-milers, Marty Golub, did not have to exert himself too much in easily taking his event. Mike Wolfensohn, possibly the team's best all around man, captured first in each the pole vault, the long jump, and the triple jump. Pollack again was first in the discus and shot put. Weinstein won the high jump with a record 6'3".

Upcoming meets: tonight, the Prospect Invitational, at Prospect High at 4:30. Tuesday May 7, the South Division meets at Niles North. Next Tuesday finds East hosting Maine South at 4:30.

Sherrie Friedman badminton champ

by Michele Freed

Senior Sherrie Friedman holds the Central Suburban League Title for Badminton. The meet took place on March 22-23 at Niles East, with 12 schools competing for top honors.

Sherrie was East's first singles who won all of her regular meets during the CSL season. She also won every single match in the tournament to make it to the finals.

In the finals, Sherrie met a New Trier West girl, and won two out of three sets for the title.

Sherrie has been playing badminton along with tennis, volleyball, and softball throughout high school. She was captain of the badminton, volleyball, and tennis. Softball captains have yet to be chosen.

After winning the league title, Sherrie said, "It was the greatest feeling to win something and know everybody was rooting for me! The Varsity badminton team would all like to thank Miss Matlack and the Junior Varsity team for their time and effort in making the CSL meet a great success!"

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