

Mid-Term Graduates Start Anew

SENIORS HAVE begun their last lap of a four year race, but for several the race has already been won.

Gary Brown, Mourene Fuenfer, Stuart Jenkins, Nancy Shonkwiler, and Anice Sonheim have graduated in seven semesters, but their lives have not suddenly become those of leisure.

Three have already begun their college careers. Mourene left last Friday for the University of Colorado, Stuart started classes this

week at Illinois State in Normal, Illinois, and Anice will enroll at Kendall College next week.

Gary and Nancy who are both embarking on musical careers, graduated early for mutual reasons. They need time to practice their instruments—Gary on the clarinet and Nancy on the organ and piano.

"In March, I'll attend Northwestern University's School of Music," said Gary. "I am now in a band from Northwestern and will

practice and keep my job at the Jewel to earn money for school.

Nancy is working for a Music Scholarship at Indiana University, which she attended last summer.

"With the help of my advanced placement credit, I hope to enroll this summer at Indiana as a sophomore student," she said. "Until then I'll continue to play in the school band and orchestra. I also have a part time job modeling."



OFF TO COLLEGE

and careers are mid-term graduates Gary Brown, Nancy Shonkwiler, and Anice Sonheim.

Witchcraft . . .
Warlocks . . .
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"THE MAMAS AND

the Papas," a Senior chorus line, face the problems of "Kids" in this year's Reflections Revelries.

Oklahoma—OK for East's Spring Musical; Romance, Kansas City, Cowboys Recreated

"Many a New Day" will dawn before the curtain rises on this year's musical "Oklahoma!" on April 1 and 2, but rehearsals are already in progress for the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical comedy.

"Oklahoma!" was the first musical written by Rodgers and Hammerstein," began Co-director Earle Auge, "and it should prove to be an interesting contrast to the updated, fast paced 'Bye Bye Birdie' which was produced last year."

The musical takes place in the Oklahoma Indian Territory at the turn of the century. The story line satirizes the conflicts between the farmer and the cowboy in the emerging state and provides background for another conflict—a duo of love triangles.

The brash cowboy, Curly (Lorey Comitor, '66), has taken a liking to Laurey (Carol Propp, '67). But Juc Fry (Elliot Kroger, '67), a

farm hand, also has designs on Laurey.

A comic variation on the same theme is provided by Cowpoke Will Parker (Chuck Schwartz, '66) and wacky Persian peddler Ali Hakum (Bob Cooper, '68) who vie for the hand of Ayo Annie (Carolyn Dowlin, '67), who "Just can't say no."

Also directing the play will be Miss Virginia Stemp.

Color, Contrast

Reflections in 'Abstract'

by Sue Schatzman

"THERE'S NO business like show business . . . let's go on with the show!"

Seats in the first four rows of the auditorium are filled with eager and hopeful participants. Onlookers watch from various points around the immense room. Crews—shouting, banging, lifting, sweating—move around the back of the stage as two boys, one strumming a guitar, sing out.

Yes, the show will go on! Wheels are again turning for Reflections Revelries, the student talent show, which will be presented February 25 and 26 at 8 p. m. in the auditorium.

"I appreciate how people have come forth and offered to help with the show," began Miss Lynnette Faurot, new director.

"Without the help of Mr. Alan Kent, Miss Judy Rochette, and Mr. Gary Messerschmidt, the production might not have been cancelled. Also, the student help in the production is of immeasurable value.

"This year's show will be different and original," she continued. "Instead of television, we will use 'Abstractions' as our theme. Color and contrasts will be predominant." Featured in Reflections will be a barbershop quartet, several

chorus lines, and two specially choreographed numbers.

The Hullabaloo portion of the program stars Ken and the Creations, drummer Marty Scharaga and singer Len Schaeffer, and numerous other musicians. Dancers will be the pedestal girls, the shindig dancers, and Junior Trudy Galnick in a solo jazz routine to "The In Crowd."

"Because of a minimum of funds, all costumes will be provided by the individual acts," explained Miss Faurot. "Also, scenery and props will be cut to a minimum."

Nile-Highlights

STUDENTS FROM Niles East and Highland Park will mix on the dance floor after clashing on the hardcourt Friday night, February 11, at a Student Union featuring East's own Ryells. Admission to the dance, held in the girl's gym, will be 50 cents.

WA92XJ ARE the new call letters of the Niles East Amateur radio club. The club received its station license from the FCC several weeks ago, announced Mr. Richard Miya, club sponsor.

THE LAWNDALE Tutoring Project is having an orientation meeting for all interested high school and college students in the area on Wednesday evening, February 16, at 7:30 in the Assembly Room.

"WAR ON POVERTY" is a new group being formed at Niles for all juniors and seniors who wish to give up their Saturdays to community service," announced Mr. Jack Spatafora, who has all the details for interested students.



"ONLY AT NILES EAST"

sings Jay, of the musical act Jay and the Americans, at the January 29 concert sponsored by the Junior Class. The profit realized from the concert is used to help finance the Junior Prom.

Photo by Rathmann

Clara To Compete in Pie Contest

WITH HER PRIZE-winning cherry pie, Junior Clara Baldassano will advance to the finals of the 1966 Penny Flame Home Economics Contest to compete for a college scholarship.

Clara's "tender crusted, juicy" pie was chosen best at Niles East by judges Mr. Marvin Ihne, Mr. Thomas Kiviluoma, Mrs. Carlington, and Mrs. June Smitzer.

"Not only the quality of the pie, but the display of the finished product and the demonstration itself play a large part in the selection of the winners," stated Mrs. Florence Butler, home economics instructor.

College scholarships await the winners this Saturday, February 5, at the Northern Illinois Gas Company in Glenview.



PROULY DISPLAYING her creative cookery is Junior Clara Baldassano.

Council Forms Unity Board, Wins Citation, Plans Ahead

AS THE NEW SEMESTER begins, Student Council can be proud of previous accomplishments while anticipating projects for the new term.

Headed by Jim Heinsimer, vice-president of Council, a Unity Board was recently formed "to coordinate the efforts of all school organizations towards common goals on various projects."

The first meeting was conducted on Tuesday, January 18, where 24 school organizations were represented. Making posters for the Jay and the Americans Concert was the Board's first project.

"Future meetings will be monthly," said Jim. "It is hoped that Unity Board will accomplish such goals as promoting school spirit through closer relationships among various organizations."

"A citation of excellence was awarded to Niles East for its outstanding participation in the Metropolitan Crusade of Mercy," reported Senior Cliff Rudnick, president of Council.

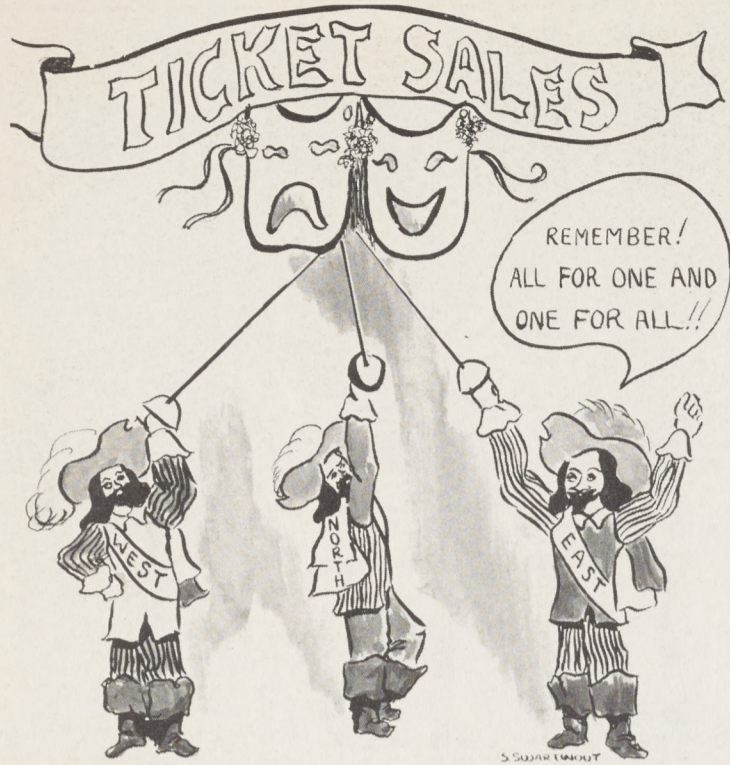
The student body contributed over \$1,000, more than the donation of any other school

in the area. The Niles East funds also enabled the district to top its goal of \$6,000.

During the halftime of the Niles East-Morton East basketball game on Saturday, January 22, five representatives from the Niles council had an exchange with eight Council representatives from Morton. Jim, Cliff, and Juniors Sue Tarantur, Sandy Arnstein, and Gary Skaletsky toured Morton while discussing the projects of each school.

Recently a student dress committee, headed by Senior Ron Rabin, discussed the wearing of such apparel as boots, with Mr. Tyler, Mr. Botthof, and Mr. Miller. According to Ron, closer relations and better understanding of mutual problems between the student and administration were the results of the meeting.

"As for next semester," stated Cliff, "Council looks forward to conducting more exchanges, further progress of various committees, establish a Student Switch Day, and to assure the existence of a student lounge for next year."



Forum

Combined Effort Needed

JAY AND THE AMERICANS performed last Saturday evening, January 29, in the annual Junior Class concert. The general consensus among those who attended was that the concert, except for a brief delay, ran smoothly and the performers displayed the high calibre of professional quality traditionally associated with this concert.

The weeks preceding the concert, however, were not without difficulties, for there was some doubt as to whether enough tickets would be sold to meet the cost of the concert. Due to the problems involved this year in the selling of a sufficient number of tickets, the NILEHILITE wishes to propose a suggestion which may alleviate similar problems that may occur in future years.

THE PRIMARY PURPOSE of the concert is to finance the annual Junior Prom, which, according to Mr. Alan Kent, Junior Class sponsor, will cost approximately \$1,000. This year the Jay and the Americans' concert realized a \$600 profit; one year ago the Chad and Jeremy concert yielded a \$1,900 profit. There is one factor to which last year's greater profit can be attributed: the successful selling of tickets to students not attending Niles East.

Last year the Junior Class was able to sell tickets at both Niles West and Niles North where students purchased over 100 tickets. This year however, such an agreement was difficult to make, and not until a week before the concert were tickets made available at Niles West.

The NILEHILITE feels that efforts should be made to improve the relationship between the three schools on matters concerning fundraising functions. The NILEHILITE proposes that the Student Council initiate a reciprocal agreement among the three Niles assuring co-operation in the promotion of one another's functions. By making tickets available at all three schools for a concert, maximum success will undoubtedly be assured.

OPPOSITION TO SUCH a proposal repeatedly has said that the students at the respective schools do not want to aid one another because of inter-school "rivalry." This idea is ridiculous. An American is not banned from viewing an artistic masterpiece in a French museum merely because of his nationality. Students from East, West, and North will receive equal pleasure from such entertaining functions. It is folly to believe that one is obligated to owe allegiance to the school at which the affair is held.

Only through combined co-operation among the three schools can each school expect to successfully continue to offer concerts and other functions of the high calibre represented by this year's Jay and the Americans concert.

Mr. Schwartz Bettered Niles In the Classroom and On the Stage

WITH THE SUDDEN, tragic death of Mr. Alvin Schwartz, Niles East English teacher and Drama Department head, we have lost a dedicated teacher and a talented drama director.

Mr. Schwartz came to Niles East in 1959 to teach English and public speaking. The fall and spring plays, "Reflections Revelries," Drama Workshop, and the National Thespian Society came under his expert direction and supervision when he became head of the Drama Department in 1963.

"I always appreciated and admired Mr. Schwartz for the contributions he made to our school," commented Principal Raymond G. Tyler. "He was not only an excellent English teacher, but through his working with the students on different stage productions he gave a great deal for the betterment of Niles East."

THE STAGE productions directed by Mr. Schwartz—"Teahouse of the August Moon," "The Miracle Worker," "Auntie Mame," "The Curse of an Aching Heart," and "Stalag 17"—have entertained countless students, faculty members, and community residents alike. "Reflection Revelries," the annual student talent show directed by Mr. Schwartz, has been continually applauded each year by audiences which always filled the auditorium.

Not to be forgotten is Mr. Schwartz's close and devoted work with the students in his classes as well as with those involved in the stage productions. He taught members of his casts and crews the various stage techniques necessary in the world of drama and entertainment.

"His death is a loss that will be felt for a long time," added Mr. Tyler, "as all of us have lost a true friend and loyal worker."

Verbatim

Hark, I Hear A Voice

by Jeff Bonner

DURING THEIR high school careers, students at one time or another are introduced to a guy named William Shakespeare. Now, reading Shakespeare isn't like reading anything else, I mean you suddenly realize that there is more to good literature than a Mad Magazine or Series D of Batman Comic Books.

One day as I was skipping home I thought what fun it would be to take a few excerpts from Shakespeare and fit them into typical Niles conversations. So, let's go back 400 years to the Niles of yesteryear and listen to a few of the nifty conversations that passed through these sacred halls.

(The voice over the P. A. system, Monday morning, reviewing the weekend sports scores): "Friends, Skokians, Grease, and Collegiates, lend me your pierced ears (and 60 cents to buy a copy of Walden).

(Gym teacher directing his class in exercise): "You blocks, you stones, you worse than senseless things! If you don't perform your poosh-ups in the correct position I may begin insulting you."

(Friendly Maierhoffer bus driver on Monday morning): "Dreary is the day that depriveth me of driving yon yellow vehicle to Nile-hishire. How I miss my valiant young friends. Hark, what do I see,

'tis a student. O joyous occasion! How I love kids! (As he crushes one between the freshly lubricated Maierhoffer bus doors).

(Two freshmen conspiring in the senior-supervised study hall): "Why man, that senior doth bestride this study hall like a Colossus, and we petty frosh do walk under his cuffed pants and peep about his wing tips to find ourselves shiny pennies."

(The nurse consoling a girl who has just broken up with her boyfriend): "Come, come, fret not dear child. The course of true love never did run smooth. Just because he trippeth you on the third floor and you fallett down and breaketh your arm and three ribs does not necessarily mean he is not fond of you."

(Substitute teacher taking attendance, and as usual, mispronouncing every name): "O Harold, O Harold Falstein, Wherefore art thou Harold?"

(Harold): I entreat thee, my surname is not Falstein, but of a different utterance, 'tis Smith.

(Substitute). "Forgive me dear Harold, but what is in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet!"

(Harold): "Huh?"

The Bewitching Hour

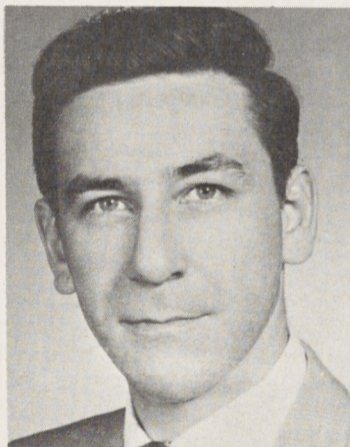
Law Curtails Driving Hours

IN THE LAST SESSION of the Illinois Legislature, a new state law was passed. The proposed bill had received very little publication during the legislative proceedings, and most people learned of the bill only after it had been passed in the latter part of December.

The car curfew law affects all teenagers under the age of 18, that is, all legal minors. Under this new law, a minor's drivers license becomes invalid after specified curfew hours; Skokie's curfew is 11 p. m. on weekdays and 12 midnight on weekends.

In accordance with the Niles Township Youth Organization, Niles East Senior Don Fink and Niles North Senior Victor Elias head a committee that is protesting the car curfew law. Along with other interested members of the Youth Group, Don and Victor have been investigating the possibilities of getting this law repealed, or at least revised.

"Under the car curfew law," Don contended, "our driving rights are being taken away, although we have nothing to say about it."



Mr. Alvin Schwartz

Since there are no curfew restrictions on minors' licenses, this law exemplifies an ex post facto situation. We intend to do something about it, but we need adult support."

DON POINTED out the fact that under this law, a minor driving after the particular curfew hours in

Students Voice Opinion on New Law

THESE WERE the initial responses of Niles students when they were questioned about the new curfew-driver's license law.

Bill Christenson, '67, is opposed to curfew mainly because of dating. "Setting a time limit is unreasonable. Now, according to the new law, you can't go on a date after a school event because by the time the event is over, it is already past the curfew."

Don Mizock, '66, believes that a teen's driving curfew should be a matter that he settles with his parents.

Warren Siegel, '66, adds that "pretty soon they'll pass a law making us be at home at 9:30."

Most of the students interviewed believe that the new curfew-driving law will not be strictly enforced by the police, and that the law will be applied only to those teenagers that the police suspect are looking for trouble.

any part of the state has a greater degree of liability for an accident. Now, if a minor hits another car after curfew hours, he not only is liable for the accident, but his problem is further compounded. For under the new state law he can legally be charged with driving without a driver's license at the time of the accident. Before this law was passed, a minor driving after curfew could be charged only with a curfew violation.

"Driving without a license is a very serious offense," emphasized Don. "The penalties are very severe; they include fines of up to \$1,000."

THE PURPOSE of the car curfew law is to stop juvenile crime, according to Don, for this is the purpose of the curfew regulation itself. However, Don feels that delinquents who violate the curfew before will continue to do so, regardless of the regulations this law imposes. He points out the fact that most driving laws apply to all drivers, but this law applies to the teenage group only.

"After we get all the facts, we will try to get a lobby in the legislature," Don explained. "Because late-hour teenage customers are important for restaurants, we may be able to obtain backing from a lobby of the National Restaurant Association or a comparable group."

The youth group has written to Senator Russell Harrington to obtain more information about the technical points of the law before taking any definite action. They have also written to other youth groups to attempt to get more support for their project.

Students Aid In Leukemia Battle

CHARLES ALAN KARP was a Niles East sophomore two years ago, when leukemia took his life, and unless a cure is found to combat the fatal disease, many more young people like Chuck will die in future years.

Forty girls and thirty boys from the Niles Township schools have formed their own chapter of the Leukemia Research Foundation to aid the discovery of a cure for this blood cancer.

THE ORGANIZATION has sponsored two leukemia marches and a theater party and has helped to

sell tickets for a nation-wide leukemia car raffle project. The group also sells donation cards for any occasion.

On Friday night, February 18, the group will sponsor a second dance — "Action" — featuring the Vy-Dels. It will be held at the American Legion Home, 8212 Lincoln Avenue from 7:30 to 11:30.

Tickets can be purchased for \$1 now from Roz Yagoda, homeroom 246 or any other member of the organization. Tickets will be sold at the door also for \$1.50.

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Curtain Up!

"YOU YOURSELVES must set flame to the faggots which you have brought," are the words which haunt and puzzle 10 of Mrs. Alice Green's APP Senior English students. They are the words of Playwright Kenneth Sawyer Goodman inscribed over the stage of the Goodman Memorial Theater in downtown Chicago.

The students belong to an extracurricular organization which doesn't appear on any of the school's calendars and schedules, an organization affectionately called by its members "The Goodman Little Theatre Group."

"While there are certain specific facets of culture, an interest in the theatre is an integral part of the cultural background of any person," said Mrs. Green as she explained the purpose of the group. "A knowledge of the theatre is a necessity to a person who thinks of himself as being educated in the largest sense."

Continuing Tradition

The students in the theatre group have purchased subscriptions to the season of six plays produced at the Goodman Theater of the Art Institute, and attend the plays together with Mrs. Green on one Friday evening of each month.

The "Little Theatre Group" is continuing a tradition begun by Mrs. Green seven years ago, when she took some of her students to see "The Inspector-General" at Goodman. However, this is the fourth year that students have been attending the theatre on a subscription basis.

Stage Craft Improved

Mrs. Green, a devotee of the theatre since her high school days, and an avid supporter of Goodman

for many years, has noticed a vast improvement in stagecraft throughout the years.

"The scenery no longer wobbles and falls on stage," she reminisced with a chuckle.

She also noted that the quality of the productions has improved and become more varied this year.

Plays to be produced during the remainder of the year include "Dylan," based upon the life of

Playwright Dylan Thomas, "The Skin of Our Teeth," by Thornton Wilder, and possibly "Benito Cereno," by Herman Melville.

"I hope that this year's group," concluded Mrs. Green, "is as enthusiastic about this extracurricular program as a student whom I had several years ago, who said that the trips to Goodman were the most beneficial and enduring aspect of her senior year."



A SIGN OF Mrs. Green's love for the theater is her collection of hundreds of playbills.

'Fire Burn and Cauldron Bubble'

ALTHOUGH 300,000 WOMEN were executed as witches between the fear-filled years 1484 and 1782, many still believe that it is handier to use the broom for other chores than sweeping.

Witches and their masculine cohorts, warlocks, still practice sorcery; several years ago in Germany alone, 10,000 warlocks busily concocted potions using "eye of newt, and toe of frog, wool of bat, and tongue of dog."

For every person accused of being a witch or warlock, there are dozens who quake when they think of these supernatural beings. The enchanters have formed mysterious pacts with the Devil, whom even many Chicagoans fear.

"After all," reasoned English Teacher John Palm, "if people can believe in and love God, there is no reason why they shouldn't believe in and avoid the Devil and his workers." Mr. John Palm, interested in necromancy, has visited a candle shop on Chicago's West Side where people can buy incense, perfume, and books to either ward off vitches or assume these creatures' supernatural powers.

THE SHOP, according to Mr. Palm, is incongruously modern. There are no small, wrinkled women laboriously measuring packets of herbs; there are no cauldrons filled with foaming potions. Instead, stacked

neatly along a side wall are jars filled with blue, green, orange, and 'an mixtures labelled "Success," "Protection," "Magic Love," and "St. John's Root." The person desiring to ward off the Devil can buy a bottle of Master's Oil

At the back of the store stand shining pots and kettles that do resemble their more ancient counterparts. These anachronistic pots, however, are tended by neat men in white aprons; instead of creams made from blood of frogs, candles guaranteed to bring success are made in that back room.

"The store," continued Mr. Palm, "also sells magical books." Paperbacks analyzing dreams rest on a rack while heavy leather volumes loom behind the glass of a sturdy cabinet. Mr. Palm's students presented him with one of the books, *The Great Book of Magical Art, Hindu Magic and Indian Occultism*. The most unusual part of the prodigiously thick brown work is the section on vampires, Mr. Palm reported.

"THE BEST PROTECTION against vampires is buying and wearing garlic and silver crosses," asserted Mr. John Palm. All he has bought so far, however, is St. John's Root.

"I'm not quite sure what it's for," he admitted. However, the

two Johns may be able to work together to combat any warlock or witch for seven or eleven miles as the bat flies.

Coming Up

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Basketball: East vs. Waukegan, 8:30 p.m.

Wrestling: East vs. W. Leyden, 4:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Swimming: East vs. New Trier, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19

American College Test—West 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

From the Ivory Tower

by David Urman

My Funny Farm Valentine

VALENTINE'S DAY confronts us again, and with it the age-old problem: "What sort of gift should I give my valentine?" Anyone can buy a box of candy or a bouquet of flowers, but very few people have the knack of selecting a gift with that crowning touch of imagination and personality. To facilitate this task, I will at last unveil my carefully selected list of Off-beat Valentine's Day Gift Suggestions; or, Valentine Alienation Made Easy.

Try getting your valentine a concordance to Cliff's Notes . . . a gold-plated toothpick . . . a shrunken head . . . a Japanese gong . . . a lifetime subscription to "National Geographic" magazine . . . an undated library pass . . . a portable fallout shelter . . . a get-out-of-jail-free card.

Stereophonic telephones . . . a beret . . . a parking meter . . . "The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire" in pig Latin . . . a wind tunnel . . . a peanut-butter-and-bologna sandwich (the cafeteria's specialty) . . . a briefcase . . . all the props from Nilehi's last eight plays.

SOUVENIR ASHES from a burnt draft card . . . a flagpole . . . two pennies, to be inserted into penny loafers . . . a tree (anywhere from sequoia to HO scale) . . . a canoe paddle . . . a hamburger with everything.

For a guy: A dark, conservative necktie that glows in the dark and reads, "I can't get no satisfaction"

. . . a white charger to help him rescue the fair damsel imprisoned in the Tower . . . root-beer flavored aftershave . . . Elizabeth Taylor. For a girl: Madras hair dye . . . Richard Burton.

A conductor's score to Rachmaninoff's "Rhapsody on a Theme by Paganini," opus 43 . . . a cigar . . . a silver bullet . . . a knitted sweatshirt proclaiming "Madame Defarge Fan Club" . . . a nose job . . . a grape of wrath . . . a guided tour of the NILEHILITE office . . . a pebble from the top of Mt. Everest . . . a pogo stick . . . a signet ring that stamps a question mark . . . a packet of dandruff . . . a hubcap . . . a bust of King Priam, a Trojan who lost more than football games, offering his famous words of advice: "Never look a gift horse in the mouth."

AN ENGRAVED paper clip . . . a 60-r. p.m. record . . . a CARE package . . . a season ticket to all baseball games played by that great old team, the Nylon Sox (after all, they get the most runs) . . . a sauna room . . . a junior printing press to print up a competitor to the NILEHILITE . . . a finger bowl . . . seven-league boots . . . title to one square inch of land in Alaska . . . a holy grail (whatever that is) . . . a leaf of grass . . . a "Mr. and Mrs. Potato Head" set . . . a one-way mirror . . . your priceless collection of rare old bubble gum fortunes . . . the moon.

(This maniac's savings are purely of his own invention, and in no

way reflect the workings of the NILEHILITE staff as a whole. —Ed.)

Star-Studded Studies

"FIRST AND LAST, history is about people, what they do, what they think, what happens to them, and how they influence the world they live in." This statement by a professor at the University of Missouri is the foundation of Mr. Karl DeJonge's experimental United States history class.

Through 18 different biographies, the randomly selected students examine history through the lives of great men. "Such dynamic individuals as Alexander Hamilton, Andrew Jackson, John C. Calhoun, William Jennings Bryan, and Theodore Roosevelt have molded our history," believes Mr. DeJonge. He explained that "through the lives of these men, the student can view the economic, social, and political problems of the times."

"THE COURSE was designed," stated Mr. DeJonge, "to make

history more interesting, more meaningful, and more memorable."

Members of our History Department agree that teaching history to the average high school student is difficult for two main reasons. First, the student finds names, dates, and places meaningless and dry. Second, he lacks an effective "anchor" to bring him into contact with the various historical periods.

THIS NEW teaching approach, believes the History Department,

eliminates these two problems. Students enjoy discussing living people rather than fuzzy historical figures. Also, by identifying himself with the great men, he can put himself into the historical setting. "In other words," clarified Mr. DeJonge, "the course permits the student to view history's abstractions through the understandable experiences of a fellow human being."

The success or failure of this experiment can be determined only after a year of testing and evaluation. However, both Mr. DeJonge and his students find the approach to be an exciting experience.

Jane Cech, '67, feels that the "human side of history is more interesting than dull facts. Also," she added, "I can now place the great men into their settings and understand them and their times better." Junior Rebecca Ruben claims that the class offers "more interpretations of events and men. We see, for example, the problem of sectionalism through the eyes of Calhoun, Clay, Webster, and Lincoln, rather than the eyes of just one text-book author."

SUMMING UP the experiment, Mr. DeJonge stated that "the high school mind can best identify with people in action, rather than abstractions in a vacuum."



MR. DeJONGE heralds a new way of teaching; his students are enthusiastic about the new method.

NT Trojans Next for Grapplers; Pauss Remains Undefeated at 16-0

by Terry Hirsh

REGAINING THEIR WINNING form, the varsity grapplers bested Forestview last weekend 23-19 after dropping successive meets to Morton East, Evanston, and North Chicago. The squad faces West Leyden and always-tough New Trier this weekend.

The squad, 3 and 3 in the SL, 7 and 4 overall, has been plagued all season long with injuries and illnesses, never quite attaining its potential. Moreover, certain key performers have failed to respond to the call to practice, according to Coach Howard Byram.

"Disappointing Season"

"Yes, this has been a very disappointing season," he declared. "Between the injuries and the boys who failed to come out, we've been hurting."

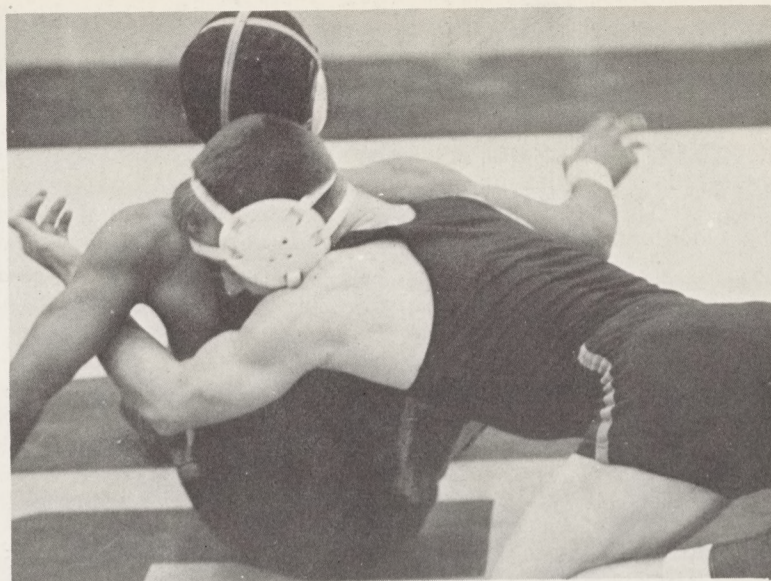
It should be mentioned that the defeat at the

hands of Morton could have been reversed if one more Trojan had been victorious. Two matches would have meant victory over Evanston. It would be hard for anyone to beat either of these two outfits at anything less than 100 per cent physical shape.

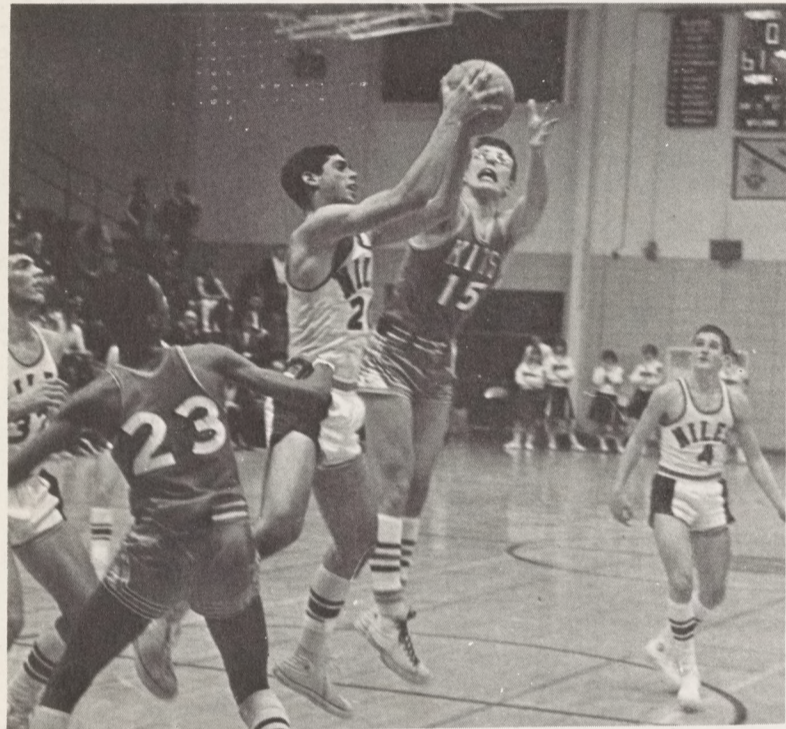
Pauss Undefeated

OF COURSE, THERE have been several bright spots in the Trojan ranks. Senior Bill Pauss is undefeated in 16 bouts, while Juniors Vic Mittelberg and Tim Cech stand at 13-3 and 13-2-1 respectively. All three should merit good shots at the state final to be held at Northwestern University in March.

With a half a season to go and with a lot of hard work, the Men of Troy could pull quite a few surprises as the '65-'66 SL race reaches full speed.



TAKING THE OFFENSIVE against his Evanston opponent is Junior Grappler Tim Cech who tied. (Photo by Ryan)



GRABBING AN IMPORTANT offensive rebound with only seconds remaining against Evanston is Senior Jeff Gendelman.

Trojan Cindermen Improved

"THE NILES EAST track team should be greatly improved over last year's because of the good showing that the boys have made in practice so far this year," said Co-captain Pete Lanners.

The field events will be led by Pole Vaulters Rich Gershenzon, senior, and Neal Kamin, junior. Shot-putters will be Seniors Bill Lemonds, Neal Baskin and Junior Rich Berg. Aiming for new school records will be Senior Ed Uzemack in the high jump, and Junior Seymour Bachman in the long jump.

Senior Bob Barys will be the

number one hurdler until Co-captain Jeff Schacht recovers from an injury. The top sprinters will be Seniors Bob Blitstein and Rick Nitti.

THE LONG DISTANCE runners will be led by Lanners and will be backed up by Senior Cliff Rudnick, and Juniors Bob Schabillon, Stu Feldman, and Steve Epstein.

The team opened the season yesterday with a meet against Maine West. Next week the Cindermen will compete against Morton East and Waukegan, and on Saturday the East-West-North Triangular will take place.

Bleacher Beat

by AL SUTTON
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COMMENTS ON THIS YEAR'S WINTER SEASON:

THE NORTH-EAST school split proved to be a weakening factor in this year's Trojan swimming and gymnastics teams.

Former East athletes Jamie Heller, Wes Coker, and Jeff Vender are all number one men on North's swimming team which is expected to place high in the state this year. Heller, who specializes in the 50 and 100 yard freestyle, has recorded the fastest time in Illinois this year in the 50 at 22.5.

Leading North's gymnastics team to an 8 and 1 overall record, including a recent win over West's excellent team, have been former East gym-men Larry Pardo, Ron Rapper, Murray Plotkin and Joel Segal.

IN A RECENT Iowa-Michigan State gymnastics meet, four out of the five top men for Iowa were former East gymnastic stars. These former Trojans were Juniors Ike Heller and Ken Gordon and Sophomores Arnie Lazar and Marc Slotten.

IF I WERE to choose an all-SL basketball team, my first choice would have to be 6 foot 11 inch Center Larry Rosenzweig of New Trier. Rosenzweig is leading the SL in scoring with 206 points and is also leading the league in rebounding.

WHO WOULD OUR cagers like to meet at the Regionals? According to Co-captain Stu Widman, it would be the North Vikings, in order to gain revenge for the 50 to 47 loss the Trojans suffered in November. However, earlier this week the Trojans were paired against St. Patrick and the Vikings against Evanston.

Cagers Face Waukegan

by Al Sutton

THE ROAD HAS been a rocky one for the cager's chariot this year as their 3 and 11 record seems to indicate, but as the Trojans meet Waukegan tonight at home and Proviso East, SL leaders, tomorrow night away, a note of optimism can be reached. Last week's close loss to Evanston proved that the Trojans could play a better brand of basketball than they have shown.

The loss was actually a disappointing one as the Trojans had a 10 point lead at the half and seemed to be in control of the game. However, the story of the game can be found on the backboards where the Men of Troy were outrebounded by the Kits 25 to 13 in the second half.

Cagers Lose Widman

Another sad note was the loss of Co-captain Stu Widman for the rest of the year. Early in the first quarter Widman reinjured his right

knee which has been giving him trouble for the whole season.

HOWEVER, TONIGHT the Trojans will once again have the services of regular Center Dennis Bailen who has been out with pneumonia. Bailen will have to provide the extra scoring punch and rebounding power the cagers need.

Senior Jeff Gendelman, eighth highest score in the SL with 121 points, is leading the team in scoring with an 18.2 average. He is followed by Senior Dan Nielsen, 14.9, and Junior Steve Plotkin, 13.9. Leading rebounder is Plotkin with 105 for the year.

Sophs Win

THE SOPHS REGAINED their winning ways last week and handily beat Evanston 62 to 51.

However, a week before, an overtime loss to Morton East, 50 to 48, was a bitter pill for Coach Bill Osness to swallow. His sophs

led by 17 points at the end of the third quarter, 40 to 23. But they were outscored 25 to 8 in the last quarter to put the game into overtime.

Tonight the sophs hope to gain revenge against the Waukegan Bulldogs who beat them earlier this year in overtime.

Trojan Fencers Led by Trobe, Harris, Wentink

LAST YEAR'S varsity fencing team finished second in the state. This year's team is expected to do better by Coach Robert Keen. "We're determined to beat Marshall," Coach Keen stated, referring to the state champions of 1965.

Led by three seniors in their fourth year on the team—Captain Pete Trobe, Harvey Harris, and Al Wentink — the fencers are packed with experience. Thus far in the season, Trobe's record is ten wins and two losses. Harris owns a nine and three slate while Wentink has won seven and lost five. Juniors Steve Winer, Joe Howard, and Sheldon Berman round out the squad.

The fencers have lost only once this season, in the Bloom Invitational Tournament, where Marshall edged them out for first place by one point. The team travels to St. Mel on Friday, Feb. 11, and one week later hosts Foreman and Dixon in a triangular.

Tank Records Broken

by Marc Ellenby

THE TROJAN VARSITY tankmen will have a difficult time getting their third league win when they play host tonight at 7:30 to New Trier, the perennial state champs and one of the toughest teams in the country.

With tonight's meet being the last meet of the season, the varsity swimmers post a credible Suburban League record of 2-4, and they stand 4-8 in overall competition.

Consistently leading the team have been Senior Don Wichert, Senior Al Greene, Junior Bob Simon, and Sophomore Tom Harrington.

IN THE MORTON EAST meet, Wichert posted an exciting first place finish in the 400 yard free-

style with a time of 4:17.7, a new school record. The following day, in the Arlington meet, the 400 yard free relay team composed of Wichert, Simon, Greene, and Harrington set a new record with a winning first place time of 3:42.6.

Against Evanston, Simon tied the school record in the 50 yard freestyle with a time of 24.0 in the 82-13 losing cause.

Alleman, Slotten, Randall Lead Troy Against Huskies

A "GYMNAJAMBOREE" is expected tomorrow night in the Oak Park gym when the Trojan varsity and frosh-soph gymnastic teams make on Oak Park in their fourth Suburban League meet.

Junior Mark Randall, back after a bad foot; Junior Barry Slotten; and Senior Steve Alleman are all expected to place high in tumbling and trampoline, according to Senior Joe Arkin, manager-trainer. Senior Lorey Comitor is also expected to come through with a good routine on side horse.

IN FROSH-SOPH competition, Sophomore Hector Mandel, undefeated in Suburban League on tramp, is expected to steal first place. Sophomores Steve Kite, Rich Nagel and Freshman Seymour Rifkin are also expected to place.

In last week's meet, the varsity squad, with three top men out of competition, lost to Arlington, top contender for state title, by only 22 points (77-55).

Still expected to take state honors are Slotten, Alleman, Randall, Comitor and Lazar according to Arkin.



LEAPING OUT to a quick start is Senior Don Wichert who has set a school record in the 400-yard freestyle at 4:17.7.