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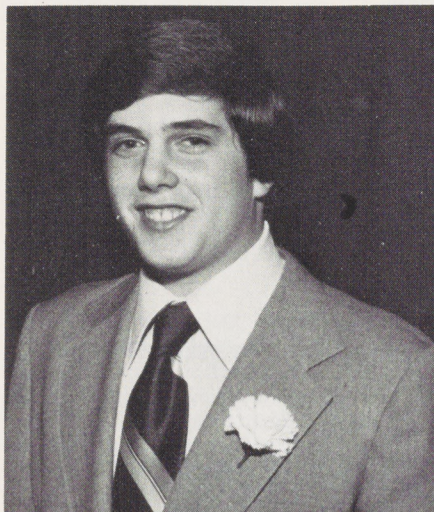
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Nineteenth Annual Senior Issue

Planning continues for East's closing

by David Eingorn



Jay Wilensky, newly elected Student Senate president.

Wilensky chosen Senate president

Jay Wilensky was elected Student Senate president May 18 in a runoff election against Phil Rappoport.

The May 16th election, which also included Sue Kulovsky, failed to produce a majority winner. It was a close election, but Jay feels he won because "he's the type of person almost everyone can relate to."

"One of the main reasons I ran for office was that during the three years I've been at East I have felt that students haven't been informed of what goes on in Student Senate," commented Jay.

HE FEELS THAT the Senate should be run for the students, and that they should know what's going on in Senate.

"I plan to write a questionnaire on school policies for students to see what they want changed," remarked Jay.

As for changes to the Senate itself, Jay plans to keep the constitution the same except for a revision to add more delegates. Jay plans to start Senate early next year and keep the students informed of the Senate's actions.

Plans for the closing of East in 1980 are being completed as scheduled, according to the latest meeting of the Committee to Close Niles East.

Regarding class and test uniformity among the Niles Township High Schools, steps have already been taken that have resulted in standardized placement tests for incoming freshmen, and a required semester course in western civilization beginning with the class of 1981.

"GUIDELINES concerning curriculum uniformity are made by the Board with the specific methods toward curriculum standardization made by the individual curriculum areas such as math, social studies, and science," explained Principal Galen Hosler.

Concerning departmental articulation with the East feeder schools, the recommended program of articulation consisting of meetings between North and West professional staffs with East junior high school district staffs is moving on schedule toward full participation by the 1979-80 school year.

Another major area considered by the Committee to Close Niles East is the future of athletics, music, and publications of East. Referring to this problem there have already been cooperative plans made regarding the programming of a district wide concert band and shared performances by the pom pon and cheerleader squads. Newspaper staffs in the district are also planning shared columns and stories.

RELATING TO CERTIFIED staff articulation guidelines that have already been approved, East teachers will be asked in January, 1979, to express a preference as to their building assignments and their departmental assignments for the fall of 1980.

Each teacher will also be asked to express a preference for an extra-curricular activity assignment and to indicate whether this preference would have priority over a building or departmental assignment.

Regarding teacher placement, teachers from East won't be able to use their seniority to "bump" a less senior teacher West to North or from North to West. The places taken by East teachers at North and West will primarily be from retirements and additional openings caused by the influx of students from East.

WHEN MORE THAN one teacher from East expresses preferences for the same building or departmental assignment, district seniority will be the deciding factor. After all preferences for the extra-curricular assignments are expressed, the principals and directors will

select the people for the assignments, using qualifications, experience, records, and seniority in similar openings in the district.

"Clearly, there is a definite need to close East due to enrollment estimates. Surely, it's unfortunate to move any student from one high school to the next, but I'm sure the kids of East will adjust quickly and be enriched by new experiences and relationships encountered by them at their perspective new schools. Academically speaking, all efforts have been made for a top quality education for all who transfer," concluded Hosler.

Editor addresses seniors

Dear Seniors,

As we glance back over the past four years, we realize that we often felt neglected and ignored but through struggling and working we learned to fight every problem with courage. We have experienced many unforgettable moments, both good and bad, from the first time we entered Niles East to the present:

FRESHMAN YEAR, 1974-75

Freshman Mixer was held September 14 in the girls' gym featuring the band "Apocalypse."

October 16-19, Homecoming weekend "Movies" was held featuring Wally Chambers.

Principal Dr. Arthur Colver left East on December 1.

GALEN HOSLER was appointed principal by the Board of Education.

A new homeroom policy was planned requiring students to attend homeroom every day.

March 31, marked the day for the first open hearing concerning East's possible closing.

FIVE FRESHMEN were seriously injured in an automobile accident, April 19. Freshman Terry MacDonald was killed.

SOPHOMORE YEAR, 1975-76

After school detentions were implemented.

Homecoming "We're on Top of the World" was held October 18, featuring TV sportscaster Johnny Morris.

Arrows, circles, and rainbows decorated East halls.

THE BICENTENNIAL YEAR began; \$2 bills were circulated.

A new credit-audit option and pass/fail system was adopted.

Students, 18 years old and older, were allowed to run for a Board of Education office.

JUNIOR YEAR, 1976-77

Freshmen and sophomores were required to attend study hall.

Niles Township Federation of Teachers (NTFT) declared strike on September 21.

Closing committee was formed and then divided into five subcommittees.

Homecoming's "Western Round Up, Eastern Style and the Sun Rises on the East and Sets on West" was held October 15, featuring Robert Irsay.

Gold and blue time schedules were discontinued.

GORDON HIRSCH, former Student Senate president, was elected as Board of Education member.

Junior-senior prom "This One's for You" was held May 27 at the Henrici's O'Hare in Rosemont.

SENIOR YEAR, 1977-78

Homecoming, October 15, "Trojans Don't Horse Around" featuring John Landecker.

Student Activities Board was formed.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENT was increased from 32 to 34 credits for next year.

Students were issued detentions for re-questing duplicate admits.

English and Social Studies curriculums were changed.

Weighted grades will be implemented next year.

PROM '78 "Precious and Few" was held May 26 at Chateau Ritz in Niles.

Graduation ceremony will be held June 4 in the football stadium or indoor gymnasium.

MANY TIMES ARTICLES have been written, encouraging students to join clubs and to be active and less apathetic in school. Most of us in our class did not need the "push". We were enthusiastic from the beginning. For example, some seniors even started a community organization, "Get it Together" (GIT) as sophomores. This club still exists.

For many of us, graduation is the beginning of a new journey...a journey that no one knows where it will lead. To the Niles East class of '78, I wish everyone success and happiness in the future.

Sincerely,
Wendy Gerber '78
Editor

Editorial Seniors feel 'on top of the world'

To many seniors it seems as if yesterday they attended their eighth grade graduation. To others it has been an eternity. Many seniors hate to see this year fade away so fast because they feel "on top of the world".

In the past four years, the class of '78 encountered many changes. In 1980, however, the largest and perhaps the most dramatic change will occur. East will close its doors to hundreds of students who will be transferred to North and West. After the closing, all that will remain will be the memories.

MANY SENIORS AGREED that the one class they would always remember is family living with Frank Mayfield. "It was the best class offered. It should be required, not an elective," commented one boy.

Evaluating the year wasn't difficult for most interviewed. "We were given attention from teachers and administrators that we never had before," said one girl. "I'd always heard seniors get top priority; we sure did. It was by far my best year in school."

"What I'll remember most is the friends I've made, the fun times we had, and all the enjoyment I've had from being in theater and music," stated Lauren Pitalis.

Looking back at the past four years, most seniors said they would have become more involved in sports,

organizations, and theater. "I regret that I couldn't take some of the classes that I wanted to," stated Jo Martinez.

450 seniors to graduate Sunday

This Sunday at 2 p.m., approximately 450 students will graduate in the stadium, six of whom are valedictorians.

THE VALEDICTORIAN is the student with the highest grade point average. Since six students have a 4.0 average, no one will be named salutatorian. This is the first time that East has had six valedictorians and all of them will take part in the presentation of the assembly. The valedictorians include Karen Andre, Martin Ellenby, Susan Fishman, Sheridan Lam, Robert Luke, and Paul Weisman.

The program will begin with the concert band playing the ceremonial march and then "Pomp and Circumstance." After the National Anthem and pledge of allegiance, the welcome and introduction of platform guests will be given by Sheri Marshak. The East choir will then present selections from "Chorus Line," directed by Robert Anderson and Frank Winkler. Timothy Wolfram will then direct the band when they play selections from "The Wiz."

After the valedictorians speak, remarks will be made by Board of Education president Mrs. Evelyn Rosenzweig and Raymond Fleischer. Principal

THE CLASS OF '78 is looking forward to a wonderful life. The Nilehilite would like to wish them the best of luck.

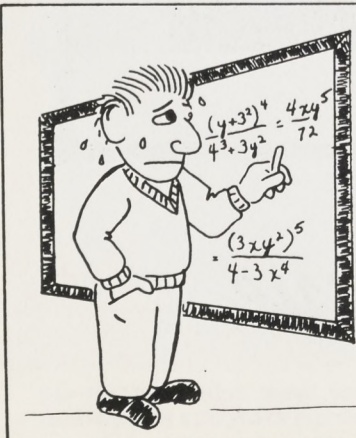
Galen Hosler will then give recognition to students for scholastic achievement. After the diplomas are presented by Mrs. Rosenzweig and Fleischer, the band will play the Coronation March from "The Prophet."

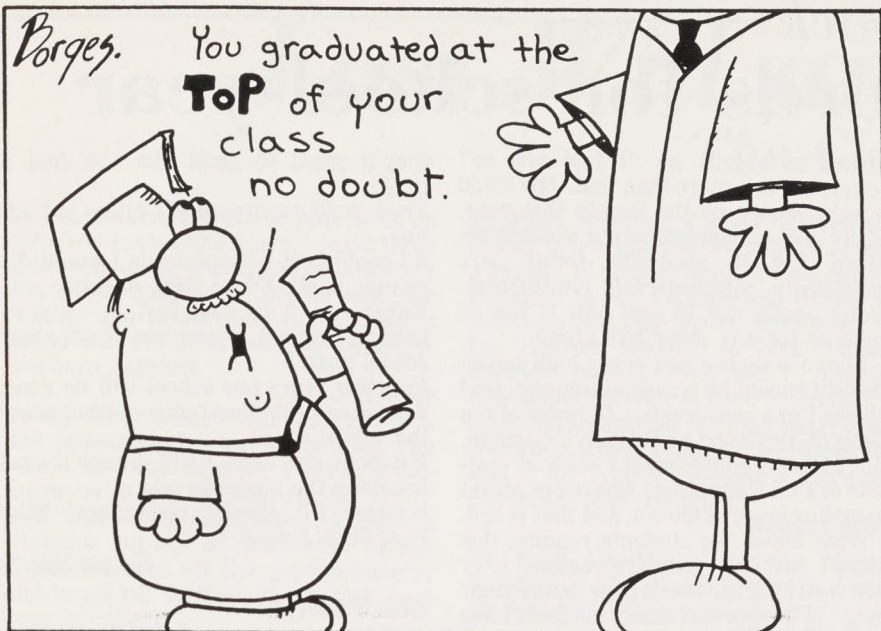
IN THE EVENT of rain, the graduation ceremony will be held in the contest gym. Each senior received four tickets.

The caps and gowns were furnished by E. R. Moore Company. The 49 National Honor Society members will wear gold tassels. The other graduates will wear white tassels. At the end of the ceremony, student graduates must turn in their caps and gowns before receiving their diplomas.

The honor guards for graduation are Terri Johnson, Sue Kelly, Dave Kleifield, and Dave Sproat.

THE CLASS GIFT (tentative as of May 23) includes recordings of popular rock groups and a selection of books for the library. The Senior Cabinet decided on this gift "because we knew that something like this will be transferred easily to the other two schools," according to Sheri Marshak, cabinet president.





Stewart gains experience as administrator

by Leslie Doi

At least 1305 women educational personnel in Illinois had administrative and supervisory certificates but weren't employed in those areas in the 1976-77 school year.

Miss Rita Stewart became one of seven administrators under Principal Galen Hosler. Miss Stewart, a teacher, rose to the position of building manager this past year.

Sixty-eight percent of women educational personnel agreed with the statement, "Women are discriminated against in seeking administrative posts," according to a poll given by the Illinois Office of Education's Research and Statistics section. Though public schools may be wary of hiring women as administrators, Miss Stewart commented that being a woman administrator has been no handicap and added, "I like to work with kids, be fair and demand appropriate teenage

behavior."

THE JOB of the building manager is to make sure all departments are functioning properly and physical parts are running smoothly, according to Miss Stewart. "For instance, if the heat isn't right, the students are miserable and they can't learn," she described.

The building manager is also responsible for the safety precautions and makes sure that everyone knows what he's doing when emergencies occur. She also added that she takes care of the "little, bitty details" to make sure everything is operating correctly for staff as well as for students.

MISS STEWART shared her philosophy that whenever she has a problem, she'd go and ask someone for help. She mentioned that Principal Galen Hosler, Dr. Barbara Tyler, Mrs. Elsie Levin, and a few directors have been very helpful.

Public places offer jobs

by Shari Miller

Good jobs can still be found as late as June for the person who is serious in his efforts, according to Don Test, Occupations Coordinator.

THE BUREAU of Labor Statistics has determined that only one in every three Chicago teenagers has a summer job, and approximately four million teenagers are expected to join the labor force this summer.

However, there is an increasing amount of job openings this summer due to an improvement in private industry. Last year the National Alliance of Businessmen placed some 200,000 youths in summer jobs. This year they anticipate a higher rate of placement.

Test concedes that good jobs are available in construction work, landscaping and as gas station attendants for boys and as waitresses and office workers for girls. "There are more jobs available for girls than boys. The school receives more requests for girls than boys," said Test. (All job requests are posted in Room 124.)

TEST FEELS THAT JOBS are available for the student who really wants to work, is reliable, and possesses some type of skill. He also believes that while jobs are available, students cannot afford to be choosy where the job market is concerned.

Test said there are several things an employer looks for when interviewing job applicants. His or her skills, educational background, and references are all important. One or two references should be from previous employers, and two or three should be personal references from adults. The employer is

also influenced by the applicant's interview.

IF THE STUDENT applying for the job has no previous experience, he should list any voluntary work he has done, or any responsibility he has held, even if it's at school. It is also important to remember that an employer is looking for a chance to build his company when hiring, and he will assess the employee's benefit to him.

Other places of employment include public places. Marriot's Great America is expecting to hire more than 2,000 workers for the summer season. Positions are available as ride operators, games and arcades, food service, security, accounting and office skills.

FOR LOCAL JOB opportunities, the park district hires students for various positions including camp counselors and lifeguards. The zoos often hire students to work the concession stands and various other jobs. Another place to consider is local hospitals, which hire volunteers and kitchen help.

Students should also consider national parks. Each summer parks hire hundreds of students as tour guides, maintenance workers, kitchen help, lifeguards, infirmary orderlies, typists, and gift shop clerks.

DUDE RANCHES also hire students during the summer. Openings are generally available in the area of trail ride guides, swim instructors, kitchen help, maintenance, and working with livestock, and acting as a general farm or ranch hand. Musical and instrumental talent might be beneficial in these jobs. Other opportunities include museums, day camps, parks, and beaches.

Teachers to leave in June

by Shari Miller and Wendy Gerber

Everett Colton, East's social studies teacher since September, 1959, will retire from teaching in June.

Colton taught non-western civilization, United States history, basic social studies courses, and political science. His students have ranged from freshmen to seniors.

"Non-western civilization has greatly influenced my life," Colton commented. Due to his teaching he developed a special interest in this area of the world, Colton has traveled in both non-western and western countries. After his retirement he plans to tour Mainland China in June and July, visiting Shanghai and various other cities in Northern China with a group. "After I visit China, I will have visited every major country covered in the non-western course,"

Colton commented.

AFTER HE RETURNS from China, Colton plans to spend a year in the city of Bangalur in India, serving on the staff of an English-speaking high school.

Colton feels that one of the high points of his teaching career was his trip to India in 1971. Colton also remembers an earlier trip in the summer of 1966 when he spent seven weeks in Atlanta, Georgia, studying black history on a black college campus. "It was a tremendous experience for me. It made me aware of my own ability to communicate with blacks, and it gave me a new awareness of many things," he said.

COLTON HAS TRAVELED both in groups and alone. Part of the enjoyment of traveling was returning with souvenirs. "I often discuss my trips with my classes and I show them some of the things which I brought back." He also added that seeing something and hearing about it might be the stimulus necessary for some students when learning.

Although Colton is anxious about his future travel plans, he will miss the staff members. However, "I am looking forward to a more leisurely schedule. I am anxious to travel."

In addition to Everett Colton, Mrs. Hazel Larsen, art, is also retiring. Mrs. Nona Pirokowski, health and Mrs. Joan Eisenberg, English, who were on leave of absence, have resigned. Miss Cindy Brandt, home economics, is resigning to be married.

THE FACULTY MEMBERS who were on leave of absence and are taking another year of leave include Miss Elizabeth Dreazen, library; Miss Cathy Traub, home economics; Dr. William Warner, drivers ed.; Mrs. Kathryn Chopra, English; and Miss Ruth Belser, English.

Frank Bostic, English; Mrs. Barb Benson, special ed.; Juanita Carlson, special ed.; and Mrs. Alexa Forman, special ed.; are non-tenured teachers who were released and then rehired for next year. Seymour Rifkind also will return to teach health. He was on a leave of absence.

MEL PIROK, Yearbook sponsor, has resigned his publication sponsorship after eight years. Dennis Grabowski will assume his responsibilities as sponsor.

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Feedback

Students have last words for school year

Dear Editor,

How many times has one heard several students say: "I hate this school. All the kids here are snobs. They only "hang around" with their own cliques. The "jocks" are always with the "jocks." the "freaks" with the "freaks," and the "bookworms" with the "bookworms". It is my opinion that students who say these things have the wrong attitude about school. Cliques do not have to exist.

FRESHMAN YEAR, I slowly developed the reputation of being the insane bookworm who spent all his weekends at the library. It became a pretty secure situation for me to be considered "Alan, the studier." For these past four years I've seen labels constantly being placed upon people: "John Doe, the athlete" or "Mary Smith, the freak." Many of these people either create their own reputation or someone else creates it for them.

For some time now, I have been coming to the conclusion that these reputations are only barriers that hinder people from getting to know one another. There has to be someone in this school who still knows me only as "the studier." That person really never had the chance to get to know me. This is why so many people become frustrated with Niles East. They are not willing to make an attempt to search for the more meaningful aspects of another person's character. They only see the superficial reputation that has been created.

A STUDENT MIGHT SAY: "This person is a freak. He is not responsible. He doesn't have his head together; therefore, I don't like him." I feel that this attitude is wrong. Why not give everybody a chance and try to understand what makes them act the way they do.

John Doe won't have to be only referred to as the athlete. He can be the nice guy who not only likes sports but also likes good conversation. One will find that these barriers will slowly disintegrate "into the air." People are people, not jocks, bookworms, or freaks. The whole situation is a "give and take" relationship. People need to understand each other.

All this might sound too deep to write about, but I truly know that many people reading this letter can appreciate what I am conveying. I have seen how, students from four different schools have found some sort of understanding and respect for each other's lifestyle. In many ways, I feel that the class of 1978 has matured greatly over these past four years.

Frankly, I am truly excited about it. Opening myself up to others and learning to accept their own individual lifestyles has brought me closer to all types of people.

BEING FRIENDS with freaks, jocks, and bookworms is not so bad once you find out that the words have absolutely no meaning at all.

To all the seniors—I wish the best of luck in the future!!

Alan Bain '78

Dear Editor,

I'm writing to protest an issue that I'm sure others have written in about. Since when did the process of making a mistake, or having a relatively poor memory, become worthy of punishment?

I committed the abominable crime of forgetting to have my ID picture taken, and received a detention for it. Why couldn't they just call us down like they used to do and drop the detention? It's almost as bad as giving the Nilehilite staff detentions for spelling Honor Society names wrong.

Signed,
Lauren Wohl '79
not
Loren Wahl

EDITOR'S NOTE: The NILEHILITE staff had no jurisdiction over the April 21, 1978, issue. The NILEHILITE staff was not involved with any article or photograph in that issue—the apprentice issue. In regard to misspelling two names, the names of three National Honor Society members were submitted over the phone to the printer and those errors could not be corrected before final printing.

"Ode To Niles East"

I'll miss my old friend Niles East—
It's ivy-covered walls.
I'll miss cruising down Circle Drive,
And walking through Trojan Hall.

I'll miss our "winning" football team,
And cheering in the cold.
I'll miss the sight of letter sweaters,
On the day of blue and gold.

I'll miss the cafeteria's
"Special of the Day."
I'll miss the shoving in the lines,
And turning in my tray.

I'll miss all the librarians,
Though they were stern and stout.
I'll miss the "sound-proof" conference rooms—
Especially getting kicked out.

I'll miss the crowd at all the mirrors,
With that distinctive locker room scent.
I'll miss my tiny gym locker,
And fights for deodorant.

I'll miss my French and English books—
Writing in my texts.
I'll even miss my calculus,
Oh, who will get them next?

I'll miss my teachers—most of them,
their quizzes and their tests.
I'll even miss school policies,
Though they were not the best.

I'll miss the juicy gossip most,
That went from mouth to mouth.
But I'll be near for at Champaign,
I'll be at Niles South.

Stacey M. Schneider '78



Stacey M. Schneider

Dear Editor,

I have never written a Letter to the Editor before but now that I'm leaving East I would like to say that I have enjoyed high school.

MY PHOTOGRAPHY COURSES with Lee Sellers and Dennis Grabowski turned out to be one of the most enjoyable things I've ever done. The new foods teacher, Miss Cindy Brandt, was terrific! She's getting married in June and I hope East doesn't lose her.

I have also enjoyed East a lot more than my junior high—high school years are said to be the best in your life.

Karyn Simmons '78

Dear Editor,

Last December I wrote a letter to the Nilehilite, in which I stated that unless the inept leadership of the Student Senate was replaced, the entire year would be wasted, and the Senate would lose what little respect it still had.

After the writing of my letter, I received nothing but good comments and promises of support. But what happened to these Senate members when it came time to change the leadership? They all ran and hid in the woodwork of Room 216. It was this hypocrisy and stupid timidity which showed to me that the year was wasted, and it just wasn't worth the time, so I resigned my meaningless post, a move which I now regret for the reasons stated later in this letter. Since then the Senate had done nothing; the computer dance flopped, which I knew it would.

NOW, THIS LETTER could be con-

strued as simply an "I told you so" letter, but it is more than that. The timid apathy shown by the Senate this year, sadly is characteristic of our generation. High school students today are politically, apathetically conformist. Voter apathy for 18 year olds is just as high as for any other age group.

I am not saying that every high school student should be a radical activist. God knows I'm a conservative follower of the ideas of Ayn Rand and Milton Friedman. But I am the only student I know of (outside of Phil Rappoport) who is not afraid to make his views known, and that is sad.

What about the students reading this letter? Are they actually reading it or just watching the words pass before their eyes? (I'm sure that many teachers have been asking the same question for years).

Since I am a senior, what the Senate does next year really doesn't matter to me. However, since I intend to enter politics (but even if I wasn't) the political attitudes and involvements of this generation matters a great deal to me.

One reason I am writing this letter is in the hope that a few students will stop and think about how apathetic they have been acting, and then change toward a renewed interest in this nation's politics, economics, and government.

I know that there are a few of you out there who do care, and it is to you that this letter is directed.

Chuck Heftman '78

To all "Heart Day" helpers,

I'd like to take this opportunity to extend my thanks to all those who helped me organize GIT's second annual Heart Day activities, held on May 5.

SPECIAL THANKS to Laurie Pautz and Bob Silverman, who kept things rolling at the nutrition booth and the blood pressure station. I also would like to thank Alan Bain, Andi Cohen, Michelle Goldberg, and Melinda Goodman, who helped with publicity and organization.

I wish to thank Mrs. Muriel Sucherman, Miss Rita Stewart, and GIT's sponsor, Mrs. Ellen Agoranos, for their special interest in this project; and a big thanks goes to Michelle Anstadt from the North Cook County Heart Association, without whose support this project would never have come about.

Thank you all for making my day a success.

Cathi Resnick '79

We came into this school, younger and afraid,

paving our paths for which we made.
Each experiencing bad and good, wishing we were out,

graduated, wondering if we could.
Basketball, baseball, football and more, as freshmen we'd anticipate what was in store.

Before you know it's sophomore year, we got our friends and everything a little more clear.

A drivers license has opened the door, to off campus activities, and even more. It's junior year, the upper half superior to the rest of the class.

Our meeting places all secure, the lounge, Mulford, or at lunch, there's always someone there, you can be sure.

So you cut class, or just forget the day, let's go out you don't want to stay.

Serving detentions has never been fun, but as all rules you pay for what you've done.

By senior year, it's all routine, you're at the top, you've seen everything. The freshmen seem smaller, or maybe you're just taller.

You're now counting the days till you're all through, this is something common, yet sad, but very true.

You hate high school while you're there, the aggravation, the tests you just don't care.

Soon some will be in college entering freshman year. Funny—we're starting all over the curiosity, the fear.

Once very tall, soon back in place, a number you'll feel so small.

Then you'll think to those high school days,

they'll seem so good like you had it made.

Then you'll catch yourself with a parents line,

if I could do it all over again I would, I'd change it all, I'd go back in time.

Either way it all ends fast, holding special memories from high school past.

In a few years our school will be gone, what about our class reunion, what about the school song?

If nobody else does, I will, I hope it's not breaking the students rule, because I'll always remember, Niles East High School.

Sharon Hill '78

Dear Editor,

I have gone to two high schools, Holy Trinity and here. Niles East has many things that Holy Trinity does not have: free periods, more choice of courses, more rooms, an auto shop—just to name a few. So I think students should be grateful for having what they have at Niles East.

Jim Garcia '78

Dear Editor,

I think it is too bad so many of the teachers are unhappy with the Board, and the administrators. When people have to work as one, and cannot work together, you cannot have unity. This only leads to torn emotions from all of the people involved. Then there will be hard feelings. No good will come of any of it.

Carol Porter '78

Dear Editor,

I would like you to come back with me to Room 117, the Niles East band room just a little over two years ago.

PICTURE BLUE WALLS which surrounded an orange carpet; a feeble attempt to modernize the room. In about 80 chairs, only about half of them are occupied, for the rest of the students are up and around, laughing and talking. For a better idea, try to remember your math class in grammar school when there was a substitute, complete with paper airplanes.

However, the student's instruments are there, the ability is there. Compare it to the Granada Theater in Rogers Park; with a little fixing up, it would be spectacular.

IT REMAINED RIDICULOUS until, until 'It'. It came to take over our cage, unaware...It told us that the name was Wolf-RAM. He told us to behave. He told us to sit down in our proper seats. No one listened. He then made us sit for nearly an hour without saying a single word. For some reason it worked, slowly but surely. The kids learned to respect the strict and controlled style, probably because they had to.

The blue walls were than painted orange. The room coordinated well, once someone took the time to show it how. We got a first division in the High School Band Contest. we also participated in Band Day at Northwestern's Dych Stadium, Band Day at Sox Park, played at Great America, played six or seven successful concerts in our own auditorium, played and marched at every home football and basketball game, not to mention the fantastic jazz ensemble which sprung from the band.

Some of us were even fortunate enough to support the theater jocks in their productions.

To Timothy Wolfram and Dr. Charles Groeling, I send my thanks and carnations for making the Easthi band the best organization in the entire school.

Toni Verschoore '78

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Last Will and Testament

The Class of '78

To Mr. Baker, I leave a year with no paperwork; to Eddie Adler, I leave three great remaining years; to Linda Katz, I leave one gallon of peppermint ice cream; and to Jerry Lavin, I leave a friend named John and a bottle of Southern Comfort.

Jeff Adler

To my sister Marcie, all the good luck and happiness for her remaining two years; to Mrs. Derichs, I leave a dictionary with only two words in it, "their" and "there"; to Rick Spata, I leave a lifetime supply of patience, happy memories, and all the good numbers; and to all my friends, much luck next year in college.

Judi Baizer

To Judi Baizer, friendship and memories; to Ken Miller, a prom date; to Glenn Agrest, a detention for indecent behavior in the cafeteria; to Anita Nussbaum, the whole summer with Steve; and to Niles East, another class like the class of 1978.

Karla Berman

To all the English teachers at Niles East, thanks for sharing your works with me and to Lori Frankel, I wish many good karmas and a happy present life.

Marla S. Berman

To Jerry Lavin, I leave a dent on the San Diego freeway; to Mitch Greenberg, I leave a copy of "The Dave Kopay Story"; to Keith Jaffee, I leave the title of "King of the Mutual Sex Attraction"; to Dave Wolf, I leave our "typical adolescents"; to Miriam Ehrlich, I leave a bed to use when her roommate kicks her out and to Stacey Schneider, I leave a "Little Butz".

Mark Brutzkus

To Mr. Oswald, a fantastic basketball season next year and to Felice Wienberg, a school that never makes you go to class.

Jill Chavin

To Mr. Plock, I leave nine dancing squirrels; to Dave Wolf, another night in the gutter; to Janette Weiner, a red football jacket; to Rhonda Davidson, "just one more lap"; and to Mona Kalter, a list of 25 prospective boyfriends at ISU—all Jewish and with red hair.

Janet Cohen

To the Niles East Computer Terminal, erased programs and a lot of headaches; to Sue Shrifter, a fraternity; to Anita Nussbaum, 100 gallons of gas; and to Diane Hart, all the answers in chemistry and accounting.

Judy Cooper

To my sister Laura, someone to wake up with each morning and a person to run out to the bus with next year and a tape recording of my advice so she can survive without me and to Alan G., muffins to hawk every morning.

Elaine Davis

To Mr. Coulson, Confucius says: "Always check bed sheets before jumping in."

DECA Class 1978

To Gary Chin, I leave a chance to beat Nestor Eviaristo in the hurdles; to Mr. Duffy, my Gesso-Cariso language; and to the Niles East Track Team, a Conference Championship.

James Doumouras

To Mr. Mayfield, I leave tons of my dirty jokes; to Mr. Sandstead, all my gym clothes and someone else to make fun of your Polish socks; and to Dave Sproat, all the yummys that came out of our cooking class.

Laurie Dunn

To Linda Sohn, a t-shirt saying "Shorter People Have More Fun"; to my sisers, the wisdom to pick the cute guys rather than the not-so-good looking guys; to Marla Greenspan, all the guys with snap-button shirts; and to Alan Schoen, I leave Mr. Wolfram and the Niles East Marching Band.

Wilhelm Eberle

To Mr. Puff, I leave my memory of thanks, a heart full of love, and the best of luck; and to Mr. Poznansky, more years of Homecomings as good as Homecoming 1977.

Lori Fefferman

To Marc Shuman, I leave a life-time supply of non-glare sheet protectors and a typist; to Alison Wohl, a fish named Herman; to Mr. Coulson and DECA, at least one national finalist next year; to Dr. Henrici, thanks; to Mrs. Panos, another person who won't disclose newspaper secrets; to Alan Friedman, a staff that knows how to do lay-outs; to all freshmen, a senior issue of the Nilehilite; and to my brother Howard, I leave my counselor, Mrs. Handler.

Wendy Gerber

To Emil Capitani, I hereby present Volume I, II, III of "How to Coach Basketball" in ten easy lessons.

Mitch Ginsburg

To Key Club, I leave the initiation that I never had.

Caryn Glickson

To Mr. Coulson, thanks for teaching us how to fix the Coke machine.

Julie, Jeff, Wendy

To Mr. Shugrue, another homeroom like ours!

Gigi Greenberg

To Marci Greenberg, I leave three more years of fun and great teachers I know she'll love.

Mitchel Greenberg

To Karen Mulcahy, I leave one aspirin tablet; to Sue Dolnick, I leave 100 Spanish novels; to Al Friedman, I leave Shari Miller; and to Mr. Oswald, I leave a bowling alley so he can use his head once in a while.

Ken Greisman

To Mr. Colton, I leave a **Gentlemen Quarterly** magazine of all of the latest fashions.

David Harris

To Pam Werner, I leave a parking spot where Puff can't ticket her.

Marcia Hartman

To Cindy F., I leave a bundle of smiley faces; to Marci Z., I leave a container of creamsicles and fudge; and to Marla G., I leave millions of parties in the near future.

Linda Harwood

To the school, I leave 500 "Save Niles East" records; to the band, I leave \$5,323.51; to Mr. Miya, I leave all of the tests and papers which he never returned; and to Mr. Winkler, I leave a legacy that can never be followed.

Chuck Heftman

To Mr. Bloom, I leave a mole of chemistry problems; and to Mr. Plock, I leave all unpaid notes and bad debts from two years of accounting.

Howard Herman

To my teachers, I leave many thanks to those who helped me during my high school years; to Mrs. Scherb, I leave one of the best teachers ever, sadly; to Mr. Ewing, I leave an economics course; to Mr. Cooper, I leave two more model students like Vicky Samelson and Kathi Isserman; and to Vicky Samelson, I leave more rumors to spread.

Kathi Isserman

To Sue Fishman, I leave an eligible baby face boy who doesn't live far away; to Joni Lerner, I leave "a little turbulence in the air"; to Ellen Goodman, I leave "the People"; to Gary Klawons, I leave him his very own calculator; to Mitchel Greenberg, I leave him his very own laugh mona (He, He, He); to Keith Jaffee, I leave a 12 by 12 foot poster of himself; and to Marc B. and Jerry L., I leave free skiing lessons.

Mona Kalter

To Penny Katsaros, I leave a southerner; to Mr. Slattery, I leave another set of Kojak's angels; and to Rob Rubenstein, I leave a map, so he can get lost on his own.

Melanie Karafotias

To Rob Rubenstein, I leave a beautiful 5 foot 10 inch girl; to Betty, I leave three more wonderful years at Niles East and good luck always; to Ralph, I leave a guide to muscle building by Arnold Schwartzinager; and to Mr. Herbst, I leave a brand new yardstick to use on his brand new freshman homeroom.

Penny Katsaros

To Gary Kantz, I leave 10 shares of Columbia Pictures; to Kenny Miller, I leave the White Sox; to Bob Rubenstein and Dan Silver, I leave a new member for their club; to Professor Dave Klein, I leave K and K chemicals; and to Mark Kusatsky and Steve Rubin, I leave a book on the process of interpleation.

Steve Kaufman

To Mrs. Ladd, I leave and so on, and so on, and so on, and so on...

Gary Klawans

To Mr. Cooper, I leave a box of Granola bars; to Dr. Kort, I leave a gold plated straight edge; and to all incoming freshmen, I leave as good a time as I had in my four years of high school.

Kevin Klein

To Niles East students, I leave another phenomenon like Steve Kessler.

David Larson

To Nancy and Chris, I leave a pair of boxing gloves and a first-aid kit; to Julie, I leave a copy of "The Problems of Growing Up;" to Judy Lee (freshman), I leave my name and reputation...good luck! to Coach R...thanks!

Judy Lee

To Sally Lehman, I leave a telephone without charges; to Brooke Caplin, I leave no more complaining about political science; and to Jean Hausman, I leave a day without giggling!

Jean Lehman

To the school, I leave my track shoes for my sister, so she can dust them before the school closes.

Steve Locasha

To my buddy "Tex" Sandstead, I leave a pair of steel belted radial gym shoes for better mileage; to Coach Sokalski, I leave best of luck and his winning ways; and to my one and only Pam Schwartz, I leave "nothing", she can't possibly want anything more.

Art Mandell

To Gemma Marabella, I leave her good luck for her remaining years at East (she'll need it) and to Mr. Sokalski, I leave him a new room in the indoor track to teach adapted gym.

Gracie Marabella

To Mr. Sellers, I leave all my weapon systems and my brother Wayne for you to handle, have a blast; and to Nick Psychogios, I leave my cruise missile to find you wherever you go.

Steven Matayoshi

To Larry Hanbrook, I leave a crispy bar; to Ellyn Acker, I leave "The disco chick look"; to Dean Miller, I leave two hours of referrals and detentions finished in four; and to Lauren Pitalis, I leave a case of beef jerky.

Randi Merel

To Mr. Herbst, I leave a senior cabinet meeting at least once a week and frogs which he can use for his reproduction experiment; to Mr. Degenhart, I leave a fruitfly's weight in fairness since that's all he needs; and to Anita Nussbaum I leave a lifetime filled with happiness and sunshine, but a very careful next year!

Bev Miller

To Pudgers, I leave all my love for the friendship and good times we share all through high school.

Sheryl Pearlman

To Mr. Miya, I leave all my test papers he never returned back to me, and "The Wordly Philosophers"; to Mrs. Ladd, I leave her all my "Greek Roots"; and to Mr. Poz, I leave him "The Perea Special".

Carlos Perea

To Steve, I leave an A in math; to Sue, I leave a robot to do her homework; and to Mr. Slattery, I leave infinitely man infinitesimals.

Lalitha Rao

To Mr. Yursky, I leave the A he never gave me; to Mr. Rostvold, I leave a freshman homeroom as bad as ours; and to Kris Quinones, I leave Y.A.

Norman Rifkind

To Mr. Degenhardt, I leave one of my favorite sayings: A giggle a day keeps the gloomies away; to Mr. Yursky, I leave much respect; to Mr. Livingston, I leave the satisfaction of knowing that his graduate work in oral interpretation paid off...thanks for aiding me in seeing the beauty of poetry.

Saralee Rosenson

To Mr. Coulson, I leave a bowl of fresh cherries.

Michele Roth

To Mr. Ewing, I leave a gold plated copy of Sylvia Porter's Money Book.

Jean Russell

To Mrs. Derichs, I leave a utopia which will never all and to Mr. Oswald, I leave golf conventions.

Alka Saxena

To Sandy Charous, I leave a voice that could hit the low notes; to Vicky Samelson, I leave a date with Michael M.; and to Mrs. Derichs, I leave my terrific name.

Charlene Schlager

To Joni Lerner, one tube and a patch to fix the hole in her racket; to Joy Wagner, varicose veins; to Rhonda Davidson and Janet Cohen, just one more mile; and to Mr. Oswald, a freshman homeroom to take our place.

Janice Schneider

To Bobbi L., I leave a pair of arms and legs for the ones you always seem to lose around Homecoming and to Debby D., I leave a new big sis—you're still a frosh.

Beryl Schwartz

To Karen, I leave all the sincere hopes for your happiness, and I'll always remember the great times we had in high school.

Beth Shanfield

To Lisa Samelson, I leave all those experiences she'll never regret and to Sharon Spiegel, I leave a conversationalist to talk on the phone until 3 in the morning.

Howard Simon

To Mr. Rostvold's new homeroom, Carin and I leave all the little white maggots; to Mrs. Derichs, I leave the B I was supposed to, get; and to the music department I leave a copy of "Ol Man River".

Danny Silver

To Alan Schoen, I leave a poke in the side; to my sister, Linda, I leave the freedom you never had while I was here; to Fuzzy Mayfield, I leave a whopper with cheese, large fries, medium coke, small vanilla shake, and 46 cents back from your \$3; to Mel Pirok I leave about two dozen tear-stained layouts—all rejects; and to the Theatre Department, I leave the remains of Charlie Tecnis, may he rest in peace.

Eileen Sohn

To Lauren Wohl, I leave all the great and gorgeous guys in the band.

Anita Stahlberg

To C.P., Martha, Suzy B., Liza and Colleen, I leave all the happiness in the world; to Neil and Hope, I leave love and beautiful memories; to the 1977-78 varsity cheerleading squad, I leave my four year trophy and a little bit of class.

Stacey Thomas

To Lynne Von der Sitt, I leave Joe Heinz and her gym locker all to herself.

Lisa Von der Sitt

To Steve Rubin, I leave a 60 average in Spanish; and to Steve Brodsky, I leave 4 years of suffering at U of I.

Alan Waskin

To all of the girls, I leave Dennis Pucher.

Lauren Weinberg

To Mr. Anderson, I leave a revolving door on his office to help move traffic; to Mr. Herbst, I leave a homeroom of freshman every year until he realizes that we weren't so bad; and to all my friends, especially Elaine, I leave good luck and happiness in all of their future endeavors.

Paul Weisman

To Penny Katsaros, I leave Robert Redford's toupee and a copy of "Southern Nights;" to Melanie Karafotias, I leave a tall dark basketball player, bronzed pom-poms and to Rob Rubenstein, I leave "short" pills and more 8-tracks to put away.

Ed Yep

To Mr. Colton, I leave a pair of pants and a shirt to match; to Mr. Dvorak, I leave him a bad point; and to Mr. Plock, I leave him some good accounting students to replace the old ones.

Steve Zimmerman

Seniors recall four years—

One of the most memorable experiences was during freshman year in Rostvold's 7-8 honors biology class. He was lecturing and class was not very exciting. All of a sudden, John Boigk, who had been leaning back against a glass cabinet on the wall, knocked his head and actually hurt himself. All Rostvold said was, "Darn it, John, you nearly broke my cabinet," and what was hard to believe was that he was serious.

Jim Adelman

Nothing I have done can surpass the completion of the set for "Superstition" in this year's Reflections. From the drawing board to the actual day we picked out the lighting, seemed like a few days even though it was three months. I owe Linda Sohn, Lisa Geiser, Joe Sochaki, and Arlene Weicensang thanks; for without their help I would not have had this experience.

Diane Ament

Three months ago we were sitting in the cafeteria and Tami Friedman told me to pour milk on her head so that we would have a "most memorable experience." I refused, so she poured it on me instead.

Karen Andre

Freshman year I had Coach Larson as a gym teacher. The class was having three weeks of soccer and we were learning how to "head" the ball the right way. He said when you "head" the soccer ball, you hit it on your forehead, not your nose. Well, Larson was getting mad at us because we were all "heading" the ball on our noses so, he had someone throw the ball up so he could do it the right way. When the ball got to him he hit it on his nose and his glasses split in two pieces.

The first time Robert Rubenstein drove to school he forgot that he had driven and took the bus home.

Bill Andrea

...sophomore year when I took Anderson's grade book right before the six weeks grade deadline so that I wouldn't fail, and I didn't.

Scott Avers

My most memorable high school experience occurred during senior year. It was sixth period and Sandy Serrano walked up to the table at which I had been enjoying lunch. In her hand she held a jar filled with a delicacy; chocolate covered ants. Kenny Miller and Alan Goldenberg decided to be brave. After attracting a crowd of 15-20 people, they decided to plant an ant into each other's mouths spontaneously. The crowd walked away in shock at the fact, that these two brave souls had survived their ordeal.

Judi Baizer

Freshman year, Joe Heinz locked Jeff Cohen in a locker before basketball practice. Joe had used Jeff's lock and Jeff refused to tell his combination. Finally, he gave him his combination and escaped, only to be locked up several more times that season. ...reaching 5'6" in height.

Marc Bercoon

For three years every time there was an o-gram, Candy Kane and I would receive one in our homeroom with a love poem on it, but always signed your secret lover. Candy and I could not figure out who was sending us these obnoxious letters until one day Candy caught the person in the act. Guess who? Bonnie Grimson—she was going to do this until the end of the year and then write it for her most memorable experience.

Ava Berman

...having three out of the four seniors qualify for state gymnastics finals.

...having the privilege to be coached by Sokalski; whose time, effort and attitude greatly increased my love for the sport.

Chris Besser

My most memorable experience was sophomore year when I went to the driver's ed. office for the first time and found this out of the way stair case behind the student lounge. I walked all the way to the top and there was a door that said "School Psychiatrist." I decided that I would knock on the door and run. I was wearing gym shorts and a t-shirt holding a basketball. Just as I was about to knock, a lady opened the door,

looked me over, then asked me if I needed any help.

Jan Blitt

One of my most memorable experiences at Niles East occurred junior year in Dvorak's math class. I was talking to friends (as usual) while Dvorak was talking. He tried to stop me by throwing chalk. One time, he returned to his desk while I wasn't looking and threw a tennis ball at me. He missed but he hit Roger Jaklin who was trying to do his homework. The look of surprise on Jaklin's face was great!

Michael Brow

Freshman year Bill Saputo, Chris Besser and I were in the girls' gym on the trampoline when some girl came in and asked Coach Sokalski if she could go on the rings? Coach said, yes. Well, she had a dress on and when she did an inverted hang her dress almost fell off; she gave us all a free show that day.

Jim Burke

...being president of GAA, having a solo in the swim show, participating in Project SAGE, taking U.S. history AP.

Brooke Caplin

My most memorable experience was when my bus driver drove me home. (I live on a dead end street.) When he was reversing the bus to exit my street he got caught on a fire hydrant located near somebody's lawn. The unhappy woman threatened to call the police but I never saw the final outcome of the situation because I ran as instructed by the driver.

Sandy Charous

My most memorable experience was during junior year in Livingston's major American literature class and his fly was open. He was trying to give a serious lecture, but the whole class was giggling.

Lisa Cohn

It was freshman year and I was in a number in Reflections. All I had to do was pose on a ramp with Lisa Phillippe. If that wasn't bad enough, a week before the show they decided to have signs hang from the ceiling. Well, one sign came right down in front of us that no one knew we were in the number.

Rhonda Davidson

After a soccer game freshman year the team went back to East on the bus as usual, but this time the cheerleaders were with us. We were all told by Coulson not to cause any trouble. We weren't on the bus even five minutes when Mike Markich decided to moon the cheerleaders. The guys all broke up, the girls tried not to look, and Coulson had a talk with Mike.

Larry Deutsch

...when during a boring movie in sociology some students started passing around a certain white substance and Drobny yelled at them for passing around gum.

...junior year when our word power class counted the number of times that Mrs. Ladd said "and soon" and "umm."

...during a heated discussion in U.S. biographical history in my sophomore year, when the class noticed DeJonge staring out the window at birds on the roof. What followed was an interesting discussion on bird watching.

Chuck Dushman

During my senior year I attended a weekly Key Club meeting. That night Howard Simon and Jeff Frankel were to be initiated. Their initiation consisted of sticking their heads in bowls of flour in search of a piece of gum. Well, the initiation got rowdy; soon raw eggs and flour were sailing around the hall. Being the klutz that I am, I slipped and fell on the messy floor while running from an attacker. Later I found that I had broken my left elbow. And to think, it wasn't even my initiation!

Miriam Ehrlich

One of my most memorable high school experiences occurred on a rush weekend, downstate, at the U of I. A large group of fellow Niles East seniors and I had just finished participating in "Friday night fraternity rituals," and we decided to take a walk. After a bit of walking, we discovered that there was a party going across the campus. Knowing that this was a good 15 minute walk away from where we were, we attempted to flag down a car for a ride. Almost immediately, a small car with two girls

stopped, and we asked them for a ride. At first they didn't believe us since there were 11 guys staring into their car. With a little persuasion, they decided that it would be worth a try, so all 11 of us piled in. People walking by couldn't believe what they were seeing. Anyways, these two girls gave us a ride to the party, and even waited for us to give us a ride back to the other side of town.

Marty Ellenby

Senior year there was a sophomore basketball tournament held at Niles East. One second remained in the game with the other team losing by one point. They were shooting a one and one free throw. Just when the player was about to shoot, Dave Larson ran down the sidelines parallel to the free throw line and slammed an English book to the gym floor. The player missed the shot and his team lost—Dave was escorted safety out of the gym by a group of about 20 of his protective friends.

Barry Finn

...swimming freshman year...that I'll never forget. It was the first time I'd been introduced to this "sight." But what strikes me odd is when Ferguson was handing out swim suits, I discovered to my amazement that my suit did not have a tie string and if that wasn't enough—it was three sizes too big! When I informed Ferguson of this, he boldly barked back, "You'll have to do with what you have, Frankel!" Naturally being a freshman, I did as I was told. But little did I know that we were having diving exercises today. Of course, when I jumped off the board, my trunks went clear down past my ankles!

Mike Frankel

At the freshman mixer, there was talk of a big party at Jerry's house. So, when the dance was over, we all walked over to Jerry's house. Everyone was outside talking, and I was very anxious to meet this boy Jerry. Minutes later, I found out that we had to wait for Jerry's parents to come home before we could go in. Disappointed, I confided in this girl next to me about how much I wanted to meet Jerry. She looked at me strangely, and with a laugh said, "Hi, I'm Jeri!"

Cindy Friedman

The most memorable experience I can remember is being the boys' track manager for freshman and sophomore years and being in the band freshman, sophomore, and junior year.

Lynne Friedman

...junior year when I accidentally left my car running with the keys locked inside of it and I didn't find out until homeroom.

...freshman year when I spilled soup all over my white painter pants and while I was waiting for my mom to bring me another pair of pants I spilled a Sprite all over my pants.

...senior year—getting my mom to call in and say I was at the doctor for all the classes I cut.

Cheri Gassel

During my senior year, I was taking an advertising test and the rest of the distributive education class was taking a merchandising test. While Bob Brown was almost half way through the test, another student goes to him: "Wendy is not taking the same test." He had copied down all of my answers.

...joining DECA, being Editor of the Nihilite, working about 16 hours a week, taking four classes at East, and taking accounting at Oakton, all during my senior year.

Wendy Gerber

...sophomore year when I was locked in the print shop until 8 p.m. Friday night.

...junior year when I greased the desks in my different classes.

Gary Glochowsky

My most memorable experience happened when I was in Florida this past spring. On the day we left, I discovered that I had lost my ticket for the flight home. I didn't know what to do. After a lot of hassles, I finally got on the plane. It was to leave at 9 p.m., and Fran Simon, Sandy Zimansky, and I got on the plane a few minutes to 9. I felt like O.J. Simpson on the commercial where he's running through the airport! As much as I hated to leave Florida, I was glad to be on that plane when it took off. **Marla Goldberg**

...senior year in word power class when the sentence—"Mrs. Lad is a b—ch" was written across the blackboard. Mrs. Ladd never said a word about it all during class but just before the bell rang, she looked at it and said, "I wish they'd spell my name right!"

Michelle Goldberg

...freshman year on the tennis team when Keith Jaffee gave Coach Baker one of his "fingers" behind his back. Needless to say Coach Baker was displeased and made it a point to give Keith a talking to (actually a chasing to).

Alan Goldenberg

One of my most memorable experiences occurred during senior year. There was a fight in the cafeteria and Drobny was on duty. As the fight became wild, Drobny ran over to stop it and proceeded to slip on some juice on the floor. He landed with a "plop" like some slapstick comedy. I must admit that it did break the fight up!

Dorinne Gomberg

During my freshman year, five friends and I tried to climb out the bathroom window to escape Hosler.

During my sophomore year in Weitzenfeld's geometry class, Ricky sent me one of his more "personal" notes. Weitzenfeld took it from me, read it, turned bright red, and talked for the next 20 minutes with his voice an octave higher.

Nina Grant

My most memorable experience was junior year when Tasha, Kim, Nancy, Madonna and I cut Byram's 9th period gym class during winter time and decided to take a ride to Lee Beach. When we got there, we walked on the mountains of snow and ice. While walking, Madonna decided to walk by the water to see how deep it was. Before long, I heard Madonna screaming only to find her in the water. We ran over there to pull her out. She was wet and extremely cold. Maybe that was a sign saying that's what we get for cutting Mr. B's class.

Gigi Greenberg

My most memorable experience was running for Student Senate president junior year. It started out as a joke being played on me by some senior friends of mine. Soon there were signs all over the cafeteria. Surprisingly, I received 33 votes, mostly seniors.

Ed Grounsnick

Sophomore year after Ripplette's practice a man walked through the girls' locker room carrying his clothes in his hands. All we could do is scream at him to Get Out.

Pam Haag

Senior year I received a progress report in the mail saying I was doing excellent work in management for living only to find out the next day I had flunked the test on taxes.

Diane Hart

My most memorable experience is going through state competition for DECA, and taking first place with my manual. The people that helped me know who they are and I thank them for the note of confidence.

Sharon Hill

One of my most memorable experiences happened sophomore year during the six weeks that our biology 3-4 class was dissecting fetal pigs. At the conclusion of the dissection when the pigs were discarded, I decided to take my pig's eyes. Later, in the cafeteria as I walked by the senior jock's table I had the pig's eyeballs in my pocket as a weapon against their obnoxious comments. Then I found myself throwing the pig's eyes at them, and to my surprise they all ran faster than they do on the playing field.

Laura Howard

One day in choir, junior year, Ralph Salas '77 got his finger stuck in the zipper of his jeans. He tried with all his might to get it out but he just couldn't. Jill Kozak and I were dying of laughter from the desperate faces he was making while trying to get his finger out.

Donna Kaluzna

most unforgettable experiences

My most memorable experience happened during my junior year. Nurse Scarborough gave me an eight week old puppy promising it would not grow to be bigger than a poodle. Six months later I have a puppy who resembles an Old English Sheep dog! Thank you, Mrs. Scarborough.
Jeri Kamenir

...winning the Central Suburban League Sophomore Championship. **James Kipnis**

In the last six weeks of junior year in Yursky's math class, we had to put trig problems on the blackboard. If we got the problem correct, we would get an A, if we got it wrong, we would get an F. I was so nervous when I went up to the blackboard, that I left out the c in "sex" and wrote sex.
Sharon Lee

In my senior year being in a Niles East Theater Production, "Damn Yankees" was an experience that I will never forget. I have changed my mind about the people who are in the plays. They were friendly and very helpful to me when I didn't know what I was doing. During "Damn Yankees" rehearsal, Lori Schwartz was practicing her striptease for the part of "Lola." She was using padding and by accident her dress and padding fell apart during her song. Ed Nemmers stood on stage amazed while everyone else broke up laughing.
Alan Lev

...during Reflections senior year, when Carol Miller and I went into Minnesota Fabrics and told the lady that we wanted to buy 175 yards of material.
Arlene Levin

...in Mrs. Panos class when Sari Gold sat on a tack I put on her chair. The next day she came to school with a bandage on her arm. I asked her what it was for, and she said she had to get a tetanus shot for sitting on the tack.
Bruce Levy

...being Mitch Ginsburg's and Jim Levine's admit office secretary senior year.
Andi Liss

I'll never forget the three-man, sophomore, gymnastic team that couldn't be beat.
John Lopez

My most memorable experience occurred at the beginning of my senior year when an "intelligent" sophomore introduced me as Rostvold to some freshmen. The freshmen, not knowing who Rostvold or I was, believed the sophomore and walked away content that they had made a new faculty acquaintance.
Robert A. Luke

One of my most unforgettable experiences happened my senior year. I was changing after swim practice in the locker room. I was almost nude when Danny Gallagher and Gregg Dskweigel walked through the locker room very casually. I screamed for 20 seconds. All they did was laugh!
Judy Malekow

...junior year when Larry Meisner said "hi" to me in the hall—wow, what hair!
Sheri Marshak

...the first day of school, freshman year when I couldn't find the bridge even after someone told me where it was.
Cindy Marshall

...senior year when I was changing into my band uniform in the girls' washroom and Hosler opened the door only to start commenting to one of the girls how good the band was.
Ellen Mayer

One of the most unforgettable experiences I had was when I went to take a drink of water from the faucet in Mrs. Snyder's cooking class and she dumped a pot full of water on my head.
Jay Rosenzweig

One of my most unforgettable experiences is driving down to Florida with Dave Festenstein, Alan Waskin, and Steve Brodsky and having to live with them for a week.
Steve Melnick

In sociology senior year, Drobny said we would be seeing a movie. When he pulled the screen down to show the movie, he found a playboy centerfold taped to the screen. He then proceeded to put it in his briefcase.
Michael Mendelson

My Key Club initiation is by far my most unforgettable experience at NE. It's hard to forget (even though I've tried) dressing up as a ballerina and going through school all day.
...having floats at my house two years in a row.
Kenny Miller

...being a member of the 1975 Central Suburban League sophomore football champs.

...being a part of the football program for four years.
Jim Murphy

This year the Senior Citizen's performance of "Damn Yankees," I was supposed to wear boxer shorts in the locker room scene. Somehow I forgot to put them on so I went on with the best thing—my underwear. Everyone said the light shined in such a way...
Ed Nemmers

I had an unforgettable experience during my sophomore year in my behind-the-wheel class. Galla was sitting at the bottom of the stairway which leads to the driver ed. cars. I was standing a few stairs above him. Engrossed in his attendance book, he shouted back to me, "Anita, take the keys and start the car." Without even knowing exactly where I was standing since he was looking down at his book, he threw the keys over his head and back towards the direction where I was standing. My hands were cupped in front of me, ready to catch the keys, when suddenly I felt a cold object slipping down my blouse. Astonished and embarrassed, I didn't know how to retrieve the keys. However, the fellow next to me stood with his mouth wide open and kindly offered to assist.
Anita Nussbaum

My most memorable experience was freshman year, the first week of school, when I locked myself in a bathroom stall and had half of the senior class laugh at me.
Sue Ohlhausen

In behind-the-wheel one day, my partner Sue Ohlhausen and I were out with Pugliese. He told me to pull into an alley and back out. I pulled in and Sue started to laugh. Mr. P turned to me and asked if I like Ketchup. I said, "sure, why?" He said, "you have it all over your wheel!" I had driven over someone's entire tomato garden!
Lauren Pitalis

...watching Cooper demonstrate the disaster drill position, senior year.
...when Jeff Adler and I got A's on Plock's test, with the answers at our feet.
Stuart Pollack

Jennie, Sue, and I planned to meet in the nurses office fifth period. Jennie and I went down from the same class and Sue was coming from gym. Jennie and I were in the office not five minutes when Sue came in, in a wheel chair. She had really hurt herself.
Carol Porter

...during my senior year when I went flying with aeronautics class and Jim Ossey got sick.
...December 1st of my senior year. Thanks Debbi.
Michael Potts

I'll never forget the day, freshman year, when I got tied to the tree and everyone crowded around me and just laughed. Finally, someone untied me.
Sandi Redman

...sophomore year, when Bonnie Grimson dropped her box of crayons while getting on the bus. No one helped her pick them up. They just stood there and laughed, including me.
...junior year, when John Orloff drank five cartons of milk in 30 seconds.
Jay Rosenzweig

...freshman year, being thrown in the girls' locker room showers with all my clothes on.
...junior year, having Roth lock me out of his class as a joke!
Julie Rubenstein

It happened junior year in my physics class. That day, Scott Friedman was to teach the class. Everyone knew that there was to be a surprise quiz to be given near the end of the period. So in the beginning of class, Scott stated that he was to teach the class today and the first thing he was to do was to cancel the quiz

and right then he reached into Coopers' briefcase and tore up the quizzes. Cooper then decided that Scott had taught enough for one day and proceeded to pass out the quizzes in different parts.
Steve Rubin

My most memorable experience occurred one morning in the library. Sitting and talking as usual with Melanie Karafotias, Karen Andre, and Tami Friedman, we were suddenly interrupted with a scream from Melanie. As we all turned to the corner in which Mel was staring in horror, we saw a tail flashing by at 90 m.p.h. While pushing and shoving our way out of the room, we were immediately confronted by Mallon, "You girls are much too noisy. Leave the library," she stated. She ignored the situation and told us to leave.
Vicky Samelson

Junior year I had Lueck as my science teacher. One morning during class Lueck was giving a lecture on gravity. In the middle of the lecture he stopped to demonstrate gravity. He started walking across the room and threw an object in the air, he continued walking to catch the object and when he did catch it he stopped in his tracks and continued to slide into a glass case.
Bill Samuels

Sophomore year when Carol Ley dropped half a peanut butter sandwich onto the floor during algebra class. Mrs. Kilstrom stepped on it, couldn't get it off her shoe, and told us how much she hated us—but an hour later Steve Samuels and I conned her into changing our six week grades to A's.
John Schmidt

...the night Billy Andrea, Miriam Ehrlich, Marty Ellenby, and I all slept together in a sleeping bag at PI LAMBDA PHI and Billy kept repeating all night that he couldn't believe it was happening.
Stacey M. Schneider

Sophomore year while helping the coaches in boys gymnastics, I was grabbed by two of them during practice, dragged from the gym all the way downstairs to the boys' locker room. Thank God, the door was closed or else I'd have wound up in the pool.
Dey Serrano

...my senior year in family living class when Mayfield was lecturing on condos and how it is almost impossible to tear them. He was passing it around the room when it came to me. I put it on my finger and unnoticedly over my sharp ring. When I tried to take it off, I had half of it around my fingers and the other half in my other hand. I was never so embarrassed.
Sandy Serrano

During one of the last few weeks of my sophomore year, I was sitting in an exciting word power class taught by Mrs. Ladd. Suddenly, the door swung open. There stood four tall guys with grocery bags over their heads. It all happened so quickly that I hardly knew what had hit me, but within ten seconds, I was drenched with water. The charming boys had whipped several water balloons into our class, obviously aiming at Mrs. Ladd. Unfortunately for me though, I was sitting in the first seat, directly in the line of fire. Mrs. Ladd had to excuse the class for the rest of the period because half of us were sopped. Perhaps the anonymous attackers had taken Word Power at East.
Sue Shrifter

My most memorable experience at Niles East has to be the planning of Prom '77. Prom '77 turned out to be a great success and I'm glad I was part of it. A lot of planning and hard work went into it and this school should only be so lucky as to have another Prom as great as Prom '77.
Bob Silverman

I will never forget my experience in the dark room, senior year. I was doing some developing for the yearbook and Grabowski let me use the darkroom while no class was there. He left and I was all alone. I closed the darkroom door so I could develop the pictures. Then I went to the door and it wouldn't open. I finally opened it after 10 long minutes.
Karyn Simmons

In my junior year the girls basketball team was preparing to leave for a meet

against Glenbrook South. Miss Wojdula took attendance and then sent Jan Blitt to get the water bottles. Miss Wojdula forgot she had sent Jan and the bus left without her. When someone finally realized that Jan was missing, we had to turn around and go back to the school to get her.
Andrea Slowik

...watching Doc Warner stand on his desk and throw a pipe out the door to show gravity of a moving object, and just missed Principal Hosler who was walking by.
Carol Sopkin

...those wonderful water fights freshman year in the girls swimming locker room.
Renee Sweet

Senior year, when Marty Rossman and I were kicked out of the cafeteria and almost were suspended for not taking back someone else's lunch trays.
Steve Taibl

Sophomore year, Bill Precht, Dave Larson, Barry Finn, Steve Locasha and I decided to watch the girls' track meet. When we headed to the announcer's booth for viewing, we were surprised to find that the P.A. system was working. Dave Larson proceeded to announce the girl's meet like it was a horse race. Bill then expressed his opinion about certain track team members and we finished with a chorus of the theme from SWAT echoing over the football field. We got several strange looks from the track coaches but no one chased us out of the booth.
Chuck Thiry

Freshman year I was going up to the third floor with Ellen Goodman to her locker. There was a science class out in the hall doing an experiment with a long wire coil that was stretched out the whole length of the hall. As I was walking to her locker, minding my own business, I managed to step on one end of the coil and the whole thing sprung back at me. I was totally embarrassed because the whole class was laughing at me. I definitely ruined their experiment.
Anita Urborg

...attending Niles East has been an experience in itself.
Marina Vamvakos

...junior year while walking to my car parked in a lot in downtown Skokie I noticed a driverless car rolling faster and faster towards my car and I assumed the car was possessed and I screamed for help. Finally, an older man helped me push the car back to its parking space, while a crowd of able bodied people watched.
Janette Weiner

Junior year in nursery class will always be a favorite memory for me. There was a young girl attending nursery who was very shy and uncommunicative. It took a bit of perseverance but after a bit she and I became friends and we both learned a lot from each other.
Linda Weintraub

...junior year building the cabinet float and having it fall apart on the way to the parade.
Vicki Wexler

One day during my senior year I decided that my detentions were piling up and I had better talk to the dean about extending the "due dates." I knocked on the door and no one answered. Rather loudly I said a few obscene words to my friends indicating that I was disappointed that the dean was out. Within seconds Hosler opened the door, behind him Baker and other high ranking school personnel. Later the dean told me when the door opened my mouth dropped a foot!
...leaving my English class, junior year, to have a cigarette in the washroom and throwing a still lit match into the plastic garbage can. The can caught on fire and I ran hysterically out while three librarians ran in. To this day they never knew I was the guilty one.
Lori Wolin

In science class Gigi Greenberg and I dressed our dissected frog in a cloth dress, and shirt. We then colored his nails and put shoes on it.
Linda Zaban

Seniors leave East; travel 18 states

ALASKA

University of Alaska, Fairbanks—
Chris Besser

ARIZONA

Arizona State University, Tempe—
Lisa Phillippe

CALIFORNIA

University of California, LaJolla—
Robert Rubenstein

COLORADO

University of Colorado, Boulder—
Ruth Kahn

FLORIDA

University of Miami, Coral Gables—
John Naubert

University of South Florida, Tampa—
Ava Berman, Marcia Hartman

HAWAII

University of Hawaii, Honolulu—
Marina Vamvakos

ILLINOIS

Augustana College, Rock Island—
Barry Finn

Bradley University, Peoria—
Steve Melnick

Chicago State University, Chicago—
Carlos Perea

College of DuPage, Glenn Ellyn—
Gary Glochowsky

Columbia College, Chicago—
Michael Mendelson

DePaul University, Chicago—
Andrea Slowik

Eastern Illinois University, Charleston—
Michael Brow

Harper Community College, Palatine—
Ruth Handelman, Lauren Pitalis,
Chuck Thiry

Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago—
James Doumouras, Steven Matayoshi,
Michael Potts

Illinois State University, Normal—
Jill Chavin, Ellyn Fertel, Dave Harris,
Mona Kalter, Arlene Levin, Sue Ohlhausen,
Sheryl Pearlman, Linda Zaban

Lake Forest College, Lake Forest—
Marla Berman

Loyola University, Chicago—
Michelle Goldberg

Mundelein College, Chicago—
Melanie Karafotias

Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago—
Melinda Goodman, Janet Peterson

Northern Illinois University, DeKalb—
Elaine Balikov, Maura Butler, Robyn Cohan,
Elaine Davis, Mitchel Greenberg, Ken Greisman,
Richard Kane, Gary Kantz, Steve Kaufman,
Judy Lee, Bruce Levy, Judy

Malekow, Stuart Pollack, Jay Rosenzweig,
Steve Rubin, Bob Silverman, Lori Wolin

North Park College, Chicago—
Toni Verschoore

Northwestern University, Evanston—
Robert Luke

Oakton Community College, Morton Grove—
Beverly Daniels, Lynne Friedman, Cindy Marshall,
Lucille O'Young, Dey Serrano, Karyn Simmons,
Sandy Vocos, Marci Weber, Lori Wolf

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Laurie Dunn, John Schmidt, Marla Simon,
Scott Avers

Triton Junior College, River Grove—
Grace Marabella

University of Chicago, Chicago—
Sharon Lee

University of Illinois, [Circle Campus] Chicago—
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Randi Merel, Kris Quinones, Anita Urborg,
Jenise Vassilatos

University of Illinois, Urbana—
Diane Ament, Karen Andre, Bill Andrea, Alan Bain,
Judi Baizer, Marc Bercoon, Karla Berman, Jan Blitt,
Barb Chabner, Janet Cohen, Lisa Cohn, Judy Cooper,
Larry Deutsch, Miriam Ehrlich, Marty Ellenby,
Cindy Friedman, Marla Goldberg, Dorinne Gomberg,
Ellen Goodman, Diane Hart, Linda Harwood,
Jeanne Hausman, Donna Kaluzna, Jeri Kamenir,
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Bev Miller, Carol Miller, Kenny Miller, Anita Nussbaum,
Jay Nussbaum, Alan Portnoy, Lalitha Rao, Sandi Redman,
Steve Samuels, Janice Schneider, Stacey Schneider,
Mike Serota, Beth Shanfield, Sue Shrifter,
Steven Silverman, Howard Simon, Eileen Sohn,
Alan Waskin, Vicki Wexler, Ed Yep, Marci Zimble

Western Illinois University, Macomb—
Lynne Ciskoski, Lori Fefferman, Sharon Hill,
Jean Lehman, Stacey Thomas

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Indiana University, Bloomington—
Lorie Brown, Chuck Dushman, Wendy Gerber,
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Norman Rifkind, Michele Roth, Janette Weiner

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Grinnell College, Grinnell—
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Vicky Samelson, Charlene Schlager, Alison Wohl

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Ohio State University, Columbus—
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Oregon University, Portland—
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Barbara Hamilton

University of Wisconsin, LaCrosse—
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Nina Grant, Kevin Klein, Art Mandell,
Jimmy Sobel

University of Wisconsin, Menomonee—
Steve Locasha

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University of Athens, Athens—
Penny Katsaros

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Offense plaguing Trojans

by Mark Pos

"I have trouble finding people who can go out and do the job consistently."

This is how varsity baseball coach George Galla sums up this year's performance by the Trojan baseball team. The squad has an overall record this year of 6-8 and are 2-6 in conference play.

"The hitting is still a problem and that definitely hurts us, but our fielding performance has been weaker than our hitting," stated Galla. This statement can be backed up by a low team batting average and a total of 47 team errors.

"I FEEL THAT the only real bright spot this season has been our pitching. Even though we're losing, our pitchers have been good," said Galla. Galla feels that in all but two contests the pitchers have done the job. "It's our defense that has been lacking," added Galla.

"Tad Slowik, pitcher, has probably been our most consistent of all performers," said Galla. "What helped him the most is the experience he gained playing varsity ball last year. He's young

and experienced and for sure that will help a lot next year," he added.

GALLA HAS "both good and bad" feelings about next year. "We'll have a good pitching staff next year with Slowik and Jay Wilensky returning and Rick Spata will help too. However, our problems this year might continue on to next year," he said. "Our hitting will probably still be weak and this year's sophomores aren't hitting so well either and that sure doesn't help," assessed Galla.

"I do feel that next year we will be a more experienced team than this year," stated Galla. "Many juniors are getting good playing time this year and we will have a 30 game baseball schedule this summer which will present a good opportunity for the boys to get some actual game experience," said Galla. "The summer program is not mandatory for the ball players to attend, but I have no doubt that these games over the summer will help them a lot for next year and will make us a better ball club by next spring," concluded Galla.



Julie Maggio shown above prepared to swing at opponent's delivery.

Senior sees progress in girls' athletics

by Judy Lee

Interscholastic girls' athletics has only been in existence at East since 1972. Since that time, the program has undergone many changes. All sports now consist of league competition and state tournaments.

AS EACH YEAR PASSES, the skill and performance of girls in all areas of athletics gets better and better. Such rapid improvement of players is largely due to the improved coaching techniques; as the player learns, so does the coach.

With the advancement of the program, the female athlete receives more recognition. Athletics is no longer a field totally dominated by males. At East, awards such as the "Al Beck" and the "Outstanding Senior Athlete" are now given to both a boy and a girl. Selections for all-conference teams were made for the first time this year and each team may select a Most Valuable Player. College scholarships are also more readily available for women.

AS MORE GIRLS become involved in athletics, there is a need for more levels of competition. At East, most girls sports have varsity and junior varsity teams. With many young players trying out, freshman teams should be incorporated into the program so that these players can work on fundamentals. Where possible, programs should also be initiated for girls in junior high school.

The problem is to find qualified coaches who are interested. Several teams at East are coached by men (volleyball, basketball, and softball),

and their ability and experience has been greatly beneficial to the girls' athletic program. The women coaches are also becoming much more knowledgeable in all aspects of competitive sports.

A major problem facing girls' athletics today has been a lack of facilities. This problem hits especially hard at East, where the Contest Gym is used continually by both boys' and girls' teams for many different sports. The girls can not expect to always have prime time in the gym, but priority should be given to the varsity teams. Although there has been great improvement in this area already, there are bound to be further conflicts over the availability of space. The only solution is to compromise.

EAST HAS a good athletic program for girls. One problem it faces, though, is lack of support. Many girls with outstanding ability do not try out for the teams. This may be due to the fact that in the past, girls in sports were often wrongly stereotyped as "jocks". It is also true that being on a team means devotion and hard work, but the reward of working together with your teammates is well worth the effort. One answer might be to have a workable athletic club for girls in sports (GAA was only for intramural athletics) to create more enthusiasm and team spirit.

Girls' athletics is sure to keep on growing in the future. This past year many freshmen have tried out for various teams and hopefully their enthusiasm will carry on. The best of luck to all returning athletes at East.

Sports Shorts

compiled by Judy Lee

In tennis East ran into some tough competition when changing to the north division. Four schools from this division are ranked in the top ten of the state: New Trier East, Evanston, Highland Park and Deerfield. East currently holds a 5-9 record, according to Winans. Jeff Cohen has been the best performer this year with a personal record of 12-8. Coach Len Winans feels that the team would benefit more from tournament competition, but is confident in the play of returning juniors Dan Pastron, Marty Brisk, Stuart Flanzer, and Dean Heimborg. In lower level competition the team has a current record of 2-12.

THE GIRLS' TRACK team also faced some stronger competition in the north division. Evanston easily took first place in the league, followed by New Trier East. Coach Jaci Hess found the team's strength to be in field events and long distance running. In league competition, freshman Chris Porter finished third in the 2-mile and sixth in the mile. While

sophomore Debbie Precht was fourth in high jump, freshman Linda Becker was fifth in high jump, and junior Mary Kinamon finished sixth in shotput. Like other coaches, Coach Hess has been working with a relatively young team. "The freshmen have shown much improvement, especially in long distance running," she commented.

GIRLS' GYMNASTICS finished their season with a fifth place finish in Districts. Several girls, however, turned in good performances in their individual events according to Coach Cathi Caliendo. Caliendo is especially pleased with freshmen gymnasts Alison Mann and Terry Dallas. Mann received an 8 out of a possible 10 for her beam routine, while Dallas received an 8.1 in vaulting. Coach Caliendo found vaulting to be the team's strongest event, followed by floor exercise. With only two seniors graduating from the team, Coach Caliendo is hoping to have a strong team next year.

The final issue each year of the Niles-hilite usually contains someone's optimistic outlook for next year's sports teams. Although he might not really stand behind what he writes, he'll still print it.

This issue will be no different from the past. Here is an optimistic outlook for two of next year's teams. The only difference from previous years is that many East students and I believe that next year could be a success for the East varsity football and basketball teams.

Last year the Trojan football team was 2-7. This fall the squad will be facing the same schedule as last year. One would then expect the outcome to equal last year's 2-7, but I wouldn't jump to any conclusions about next year's team.

HAVING THE SAME teams as last year will mean that East will have to play against perennial powers Deerfield, Evanston and New Trier East. Granted these games will be tough ones for the team to win, but the remainder of the schedule looks very optimistic for the Trojans.

What makes the five other games and the whole season look like a potential winning one can be found in one word—experience.

On last year's 2-7 team, many juniors saw playing time in varsity games. This experience along with a summer conditioning program will put the varsity football team in good shape for September 9. Watch out Niles West!

Experience is also a key word for next year's varsity basketball team.

Emil Capitani will have three junior starters—Tad Slowik, Al Andrea and Dave Sproat are returning for another season. With a less than spectacular record last year, there is much room for improvement.

THE SCHEDULE FOR next year's team looks much like the one played this year. New Trier East should replace their rival New Trier West as the top CSL

THE GIRLS' BADMINTON team finished fifth in their division this year with a conference record of 3-3 and an overall record of 4-6. Deerfield and New Trier East finished first and second, respectively. "Although we were unable to place in any tournaments, many of the young players will be coming back next year with more experience," commented head coach Pat Matlak. The team will be losing seven senior players.

ALTHOUGH THE SOFTBALL team was constantly plagued with rainouts throughout the season, the girls were finally able to finish their schedule with a record of four wins and six losses. In conference the team was 3-4. "Our defense was usually strong, but our offense was lacking," commented Coach Lee Sellers, the fourth different varsity softball coach in the last four years. Coach Sellers hopes to improve the team's batting average with the aid of a pitching machine next season.

Trojan Talk

by Alan Friedman

The north division will remain tough, but the Trojans, with a year of competition in the new division behind them should find an easier time than last year. Next year could see a welcome change in Niles East basketball.

SO NOW ONE can see why I think that next year could be a good one for these two sports. Some of you will agree with me and others will cite the example of the "super sophomores" of 1976 in 1977 and 1978 as teams that should have done well but didn't. To answer those who feel that way, I repeat the statement Marc Bercoon made in this issue about why the sophomores weren't successful as juniors and seniors. "We couldn't adjust to the varsity level our junior year and we changed into a stronger division our senior year," he said.

Good things will happen next year in East football and basketball.

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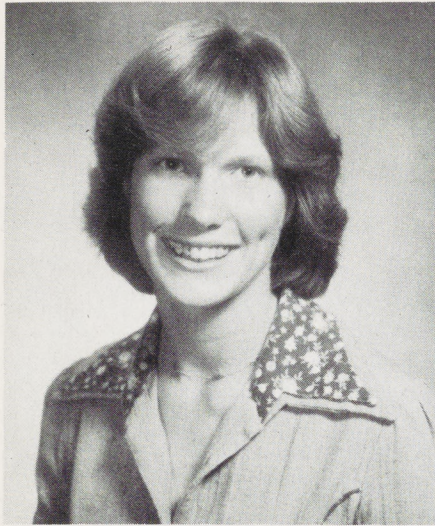
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Andrea Slowik

Slowik voted top female athlete

by Alan Friedman

Andrea Slowik recently was named the top female senior athlete of this year's graduating class in the annual senior survey.

At East, Andi has participated in volleyball and basketball for four years, three on the varsity level. She has competed all four years on the varsity level in softball and had competed on the

varsity archery team for her first three years.

IN ADDITION to her athletic activities, Andi has received some impressive awards. This past year was the first one that all-conference citations were given to female athletes. Andi earned all-conference awards for her performance in volleyball and basketball. Slowik also was named to the 'Suburban Trib all area team in volleyball and was given an honorable mention to the Suburban Trib's all-area basketball team. Andi also was named by the Chicago Tribune as Prep Athlete of the Week for her performance in volleyball.

Due to her athletic record Andi was pursued by many colleges. "I've accepted a scholarship to DePaul University for basketball and volleyball," stated Andi. According to Slowik, DePaul only awarded three volleyball scholarships and basketball scholarships this year. "Last year the volleyball team at DePaul finished the season ranked fourth in the state." Loyola and Northwestern also made offers to Andi, but she ruled them out because of their lack of courses in Andi's hopeful career, nursing.

Throughout her four years of competition, Slowik has competed in many games but she remembers most the loss to New Trier East in district volleyball last year and the team's victory over New Trier East in district volleyball this year. "The victory this year was really a surprise; we (the volleyball team) had never expected to even go this far," commented Slowik and added "we had only four people returning from last

year's team but the conditioning work we did over the summer really helped us."

THE CONDITIONING was the idea of Coach Jerry Richardson, according to Andi. "We did all kinds of skill drills that really improved all of us," added Slowik. In addition to Richardson's summer program, four of the girls attended a summer volleyball program taught by the head coach of Northern Illinois University. They were Slowik, Judy Lee, Jenise Vassilatos, and Bobbi Lewen.

Andi feels that such a rigorous conditioning program such as the one run by Richardson couldn't have been possible if the head coach was a lady. "Men coaches work you and push you much more than the women coaches. It's not that the female coaches aren't doing a good job' it's just that the men coaches are naturally more competitive than the ladies," observed Slowik.

BEING INVOLVED in athletics, Andi is in a position to assess the wrongs in the girls' sports programs at East. "I feel that since almost all of the girls that tryout for the teams are accepted; some of the girls gain the attitude that 'it doesn't matter what I do, I made the team; this situation is going to be changed when East closes and more girls will have to compete for fewer positions at West and North," said Andi. Although she believes this situation is a problem, Slowik feels that on the whole, girls athletics at East are getting much better and female athletes are becoming more accepted.

Marc Bercoon named best male senior athlete

by Alan Friedman

Marc Bercoon, '78, has been selected as the best senior male athlete by the seniors.

Marc has competed in three sports in his four years of high school: basketball, soccer, and baseball. This year is the third straight year in which the Nilehille senior survey winner has competed in those three sports. John O'Malley last year and Mark Brines the year before had all competed in basketball baseball and soccer.

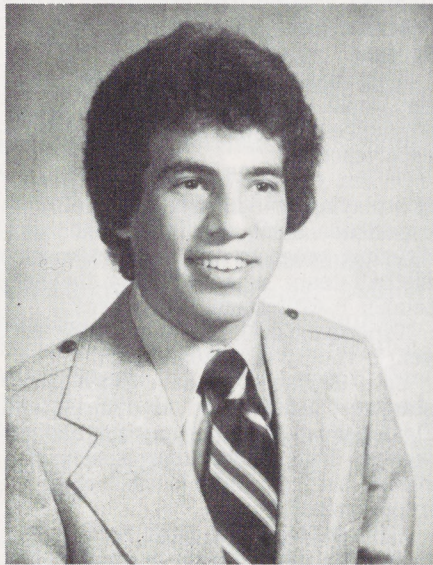
Having been named a standout performer on the varsity basketball team the past two years, it is appropriate that Marc's most memorable experience occurred on the basketball court. "We were losing to Niles North by one point with only a few seconds remaining; I had the ball so I just threw up a prayer shot and luckily it fell in," related Marc. "The most incredible thing about the game was that we were down by 14 points with three minutes to play and we caught them," said Marc. Along with the last second victory over North, the home-court victory over Niles West last year also stands out in Marc's memory.

The last two years for both basketball and soccer have not been the most successful, but as sophomores, the team captured the conference championships in both of the sports. So why didn't the "super sophomores" find success on the varsity level? "We just couldn't adjust to playing varsity ball," explains Marc. "Of course, this year we were hurt by changing divisions, but our junior year it seemed that some people didn't have the time and the desire. Many thought it just wasn't worth the work," commented Marc.

MARC BELIEVES THAT the closing of East in 1980 has affected and will continue to hurt Trojan athletes. "To be successful you need stable programs with the same coaches year after year," said Marc. "The last few years,

especially in basketball, have been rough because of the continual change of coaches. Many coaches have stayed just for one year and then leave because of East's closing. I think that the talent is here; it just needs a better program," assessed Marc. Bercoon also finds that in many cases a player's attitude takes away from his performance. "During the season an athlete must concentrate on his sport; he has to make it a priority," commented Marc.

As for the remaining years, Bercoon optimistically believes that next year could be successful for the Trojan basketball team. "The competition will remain tough, but I feel that the team will be fairly strong. The juniors who will be seniors next year have the right attitude and worked hard," commented Marc. Marc foresees a similar situation for the soccer team next year, but feels that the team will lack in experience and thus be hurt by this.



Marc Bercoon

East athletes win awards

by Alan Friedman

While the past year of sports at East has been unstable, many individual performers achieved recognition for their performances. The following list includes all-conference athletes and other achievements earned by Trojan athletes. (At presstime, awards for spring sports had not been announced.)

FOOTBALL

Jim Murphy, all-conference defensive end

Norm Dellheim, all-conference split-end

Chuck Thiry, all-conference center

SOCCER

Bill Andrea, all-conference all-sectional fullback

Mitch Ginsburg, all-conference half-back.

CROSS COUNTRY

Ed Santacruz, all-conference

VOLLEYBALL

Judy Lee, all-conference

Jenise Vassilatos, all-conference

Andi Slowik, all-conference, first team (all-area)

TENNIS

Mindee Epstein, first singles con-

ference champion, fourth in state
Claudia Brisk, second singles conference champion, top 16 in state

BASKETBALL

Tad Slowik, all-conference center

GYMNASTICS

Jim Burke, district champion side horse, tenth in state

Chris Besser, conference champion horizontal bar, still rings, all-around district champion still rings, fourth in state still rings, 15th in state all-around, National Gymnastic coaches All-America

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Andi Slowik, all-conference center

Judy Lee, all-conference forward

WRESTLING

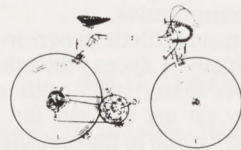
John Boigk, conference champion 185 pounds

John LaManna, conference champion 112 pounds

Victor Suarez, conference champion 126 pounds

Ricky Yale, conference champion 132 pounds, district champion 126 pounds

Scott Norris, conference champion 138 pounds, seventh in state 132 pounds



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Trojans find hard times; hurt by division change

The 1977-1978 sports season will be looked back upon as a year in which the Trojans of East found some hard luck as they switched to the north division of the Central Suburban League.

The switch was intended to place East in a weaker division, but did not prove effective as East was placed in the same league as many larger schools.

East with approximately 1850 students was scheduled to compete with schools such as Evanston, 4,300 students; New Trier East, 3,500 students; and New Trier West, 2,500 students. Besides contending with a smaller student body, the supposedly weaker north division sported two state contenders. Deerfield reached the finals of the Class 5A football playoffs and was the top ranked cross country team in the nation and New Trier West placed within the top eight basketball teams in the state.

COMPETING WITH these adversities, East did manage to play strong and never quit. It is a credit to all the athletes who have put in the time and hours of practice to make the Trojans respectable in these fields of competition.

The East football team reached respectability last fall, as they finished with a 2-7 record. Normally when looking back on a 2-7 season, most people would think the season would have been a disaster. But putting a "disaster" label on this season would be far from the truth.

Coach Gerald Ferguson's squad played some of these best games against some of the best teams in the state. Against a very strong Maine East team, the squad didn't play dead and made a run at the Demons losing only 13-8. Against Deerfield, a team which finished the season second in the state, they were outmanned but still played a very good game.

THE TWO VICTORIES for the squad came at two very appropriate times at home. The first victory was a 7-6 triumph over Niles West in the first game of the year. Four games later the Trojans gave a huge Homecoming crowd a treat by defeating Highland Park 18-12.

The East soccer team finished their season with a 4-11-1 record and a sixth place finish in the CSL north division.

"The record was no indication of how well this team played. They showed a lot of hard work and courage," commented Head Coach Hollister Sandstead. But for all the hard work the Trojans put in, the competition was just too strong.

THE TEAM PLAYED almost a full schedule of the entire CSL league. Although the CSL didn't produce any state contenders, several teams came extremely close to getting into post-season play.

The East wrestling team continued their winning ways by taking the conference title for the fifth straight year on the varsity level. The Trojans also won conference titles on the other three levels, with the sophomores winning the title for the seventh straight year.

Even though the Trojans did take the conference title this year, it was far from an easy one for the Trojans. The team had been plagued the entire year by injuries to key wrestlers and the line up was constantly being changed. The weakened team was defeated by New Trier East in a mid-season meet that resulted in their only conference loss and for a while put the Trojans in second place in the division. However, the Trojans with what Head Coach Fred Richardi calls their "winning spirit" defeated Evanston and Waukegan West to regain the conference title.

The East gymnastics team upheld their tradition of being one of the more successful teams at East by capturing the CSL north division title.

The team in the same fashion as the wrestlers did not have an easy path to the title. Evanston, who had given the Trojans trouble all year, defeated East in a dual meet by a narrow margin. This defeat forced the Trojans into a must win situation when they faced the Wildkits again in the division meet to finish the season in second place. Tom Sokalski's squad did it the hard way but defeated Evanston by less than one point.

Year ends for girls

This past year, girls' athletics has faced some drastic changes. The most important change has been the switch from a four season calendar to a three season one, eliminating the double winter season.

Many of the girls' sports, which use the gym, have been moved to either the fall or spring in order to accommodate more sports in the gym and to use available facilities efficiently.

SOME OF THE GIRLS' programs have suffered from the switch because many upperclassmen have had to choose between sports which now fall in the same season. The change has been beneficial in that the playing season has been lengthened, giving the girls more game experience. It also provides better practice times for many girls sports which used to have to work their schedules around the boys' schedule. There is still some trouble with overlapping seasons, however, such as girls' volleyball and boys' basketball. Although the change has produced some good effects and some bad ones, girls' athletics has survived.

Success in athletics is not a common occurrence in the history of East. The 1977-1978 girls' volleyball team was not common either. Being the first girls team sport to win a championship, the volleyball team captured both the conference and district titles. Although seven seniors graduated from last year's team, and only three players returned, the team played with confidence after finishing second in the conference and district last year. The team ended this season with an overall record of 16-4.

THE TEAM will be losing four seniors this year, but returning players include Chris Billisits, Natalie Doi, Sue Gockenbach, Julie Hanson, Mary Kinnamon, Bobbi Lewen, and Carolyn Ulbert. Coach Jerry Richardson hopes to come back

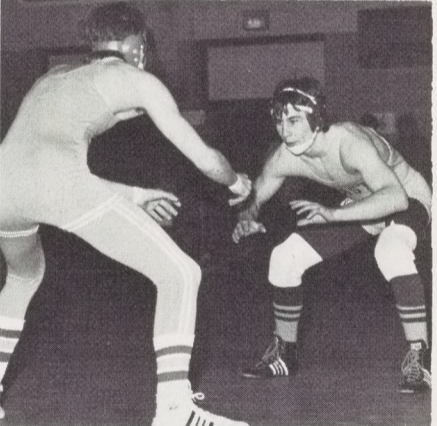
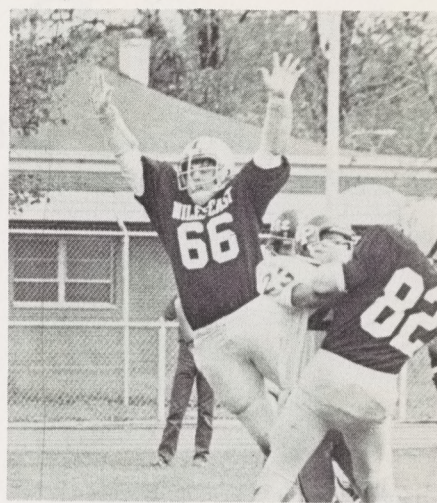
strong next season and he will again be holding a summer volleyball program for any interested players.

The tennis team also finished on a successful note this year. Under the direction of Coach Pat Matlak, the team tied for sixth place in state competition. Individual players Mindee Epstein and Claudia Brisk, turned in outstanding performances for the season. Epstein '78 played first singles for the team, while Brisk '80 played in the number two spot. In regular league competition, both players were conference champions in their respective positions; Epstein with a record of 11-1, Brisk with a record of 12-0.

Coach Matlak was pleased with her team's performance and, although Epstein's presence will be missed next year, she is hoping to find strength in the many returning players.

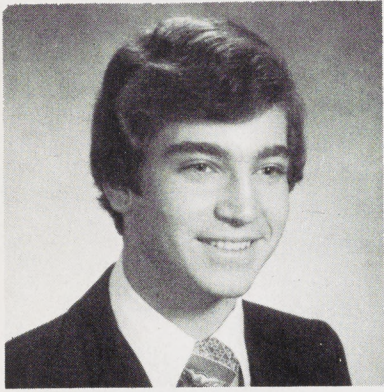
The bowling team finished its season with a fifth place finish in the district tournament. In regular season play the team wound up third on both the varsity and junior varsity level. After losing several top senior bowlers last year, Coach Dee Whyman considered this a building year for the team. Having noticed a great deal of improvement towards the end of the season, Whyman is looking forward to having a strong team next year.

Although expectations for a winning season for the girls' basketball team existed, all hopes were diminished by finish of six wins and 10 losses. According to Coach Jerry Oswald, the team's play was inconsistent with moments of outstanding play being followed by careless mistakes. The team will be losing four senior starters, while returning players include Sue Brown, Laura Finn, Sue Gockenbach, Nancy Kusek, Bobbi Lewen, Julie Maggio, Cindy Michals, and Chris Porter.

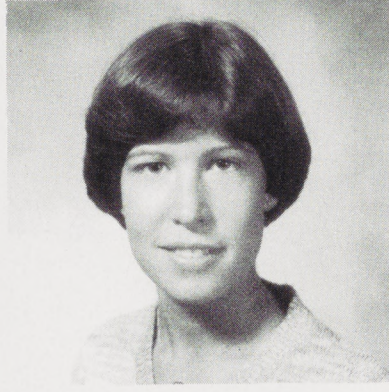


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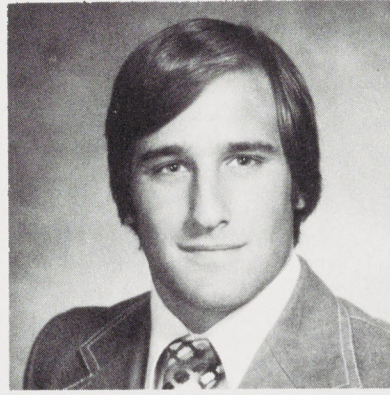


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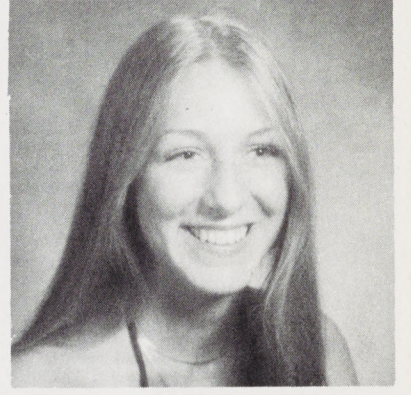


Karen Andre

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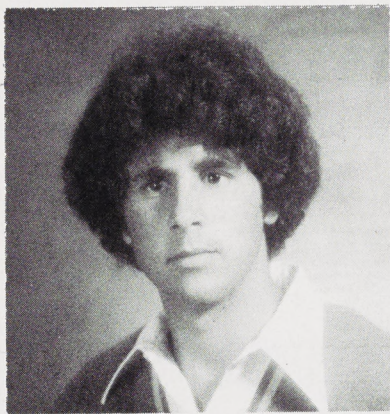


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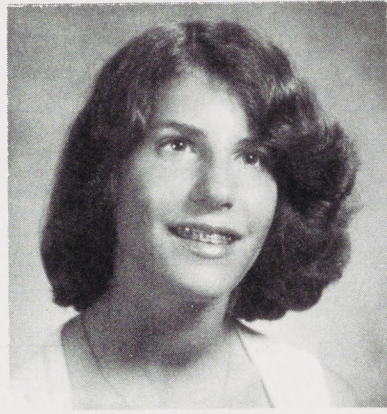


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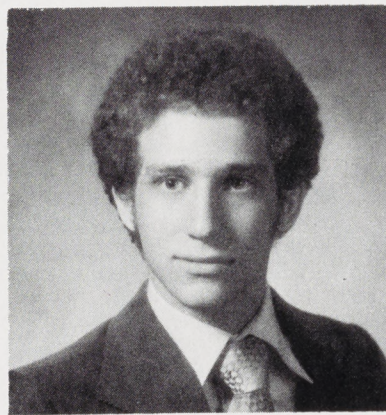


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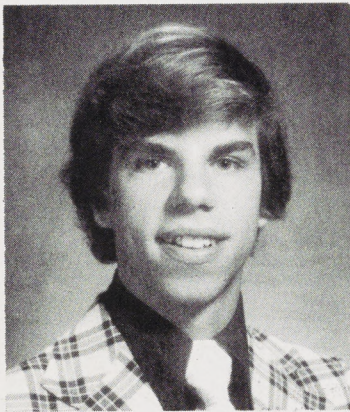


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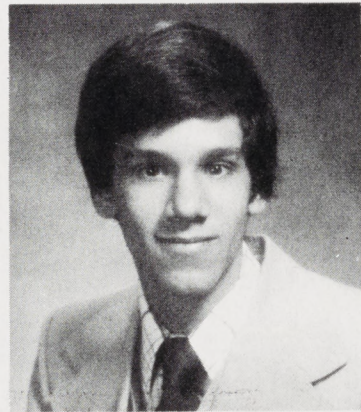
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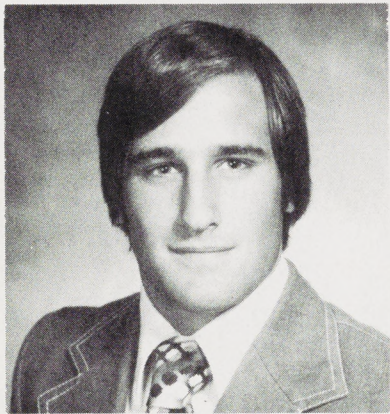


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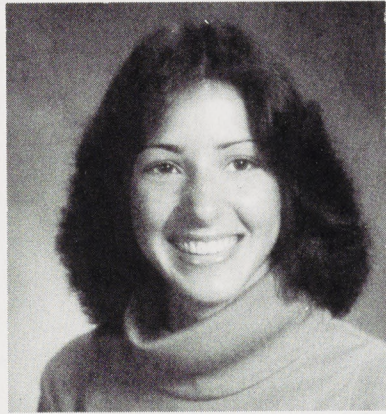


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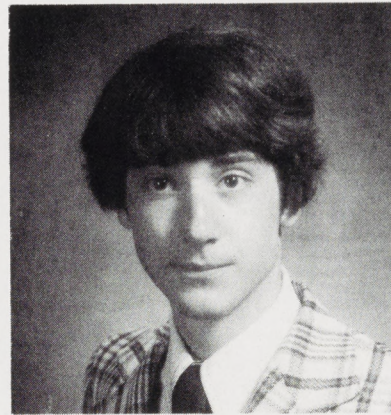


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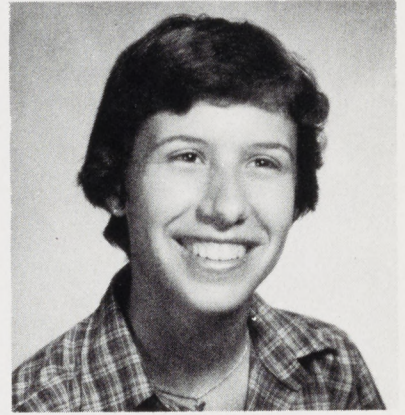


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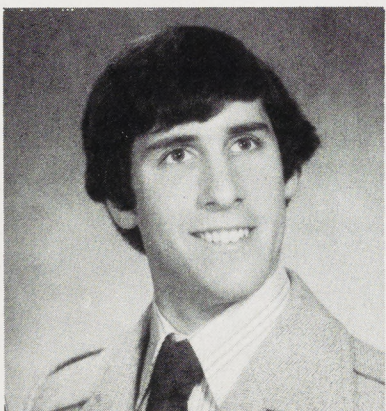


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