

NILEHILITE

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NILES EAST HIGH SCHOOL, SKOKIE, ILL.

Friday, May 14, 1976

Ripplettes Swim Show will be presented tonight and tomorrow at 8 p.m. in the Niles West pool. Admission is \$1.25

East meets East

Eight Students Spend Spring Break in Russia

What started as a joke became a reality as eight students and four adults from Niles East traveled to Russia from April 13-20.

The group included Robert Katz, Renee Render, Janet Ginsberg, Laura Sable, Brooke Kaplin, Bonnie Levco, Jordan Lohn, and Laura Johnson. Joining the students were Mr. Moshak, East Russian teacher, and his wife; Mrs. Wright, secretary in the language office; and Miss Rochette, a Spanish teacher.

The group spent four days in Moscow and four days in Leningrad.

THE TRIP STARTED as a joke when Robert asked Mr. Moshak, "Why don't we go on a field trip to Russia?" Mr. Moshak told Robert to look into the situation, not expecting anything else to develop.

"I didn't take Robert seriously. Other students in previous years have tried to organize a trip, but nothing has ever developed," said Mr. Moshak.

Robert took it seriously, however, and when he received enough positive response, Robert began to organize the trip.

"I wanted to visit Russia because we talked about Russia in class. I saw pictures in class about the country, but people know very little about the country since few people have gone there," said Robert.

He added, "I went to 10 travel agencies and found Aeroflot the most accommodating. The fee of \$713 included travel expense, the hotel room, and three meals a day.

"The airline was terrible. The plane was jam packed, and it carried only the bare necessities," said Renee.

They stayed at Hotel Russia, which has 3,000 rooms.

In Moscow they toured the Kremlin, St. Basil's Cathedral, the Bolshoi Ballet, Moscow University, and the Exhibition of Economic Achievements, which shows how Russia uses money.

THEY ALSO WENT inside the Museum of the Kremlin, which contains lavish jewels that former czars possessed.

They traveled by the Russian subway, the Metro, which impressed the group with its mosaic ceilings, sculptured, marble walls, and chandeliers. Their tour guide commented on the subway: "We try to put beauty wherever it can be seen."

The group also got a glimpse of Moscow lifestyles. They found Russian life simple, with not much concern for style. The clothing seemed drab, with miniskirts and patent leather platforms comprising what "style" there is.

There are few traffic jams because there are not many privately owned cars in Russia. The expense is too great for an average citizen. Transportation is provided by the subway system and buses.

The department stores in Russia are very small, with the exception of Gum, (pronounced "goom") Department Store. Gum is a beautiful building, according to Renee. It was formerly a palace. "The quality of merchandise, however, compares to Turnstyle," commented Mr. Moshak.

Wherever they went, they were asked for chewing gum. The government does not allow the sale of gum in Russia. "They would do almost anything for chewing gum," said Janet Ginsberg. Bob traded three packs of Juicy Fruit gum for a leather belt with a brass buckle.

IN LENINGRAD, THE group visited Leningrad University, the Naval Museum, the Winter Palace, the



(Photo by Janet Ginsberg)

St. Isaac's Cathedral, Leningrad.

Hermitage, and St. Isaac's Cathedral. Bob was impressed most with the Hermitage. "I was fascinated by the wealth of the czars. They ate on gold, sat on gold, and slept on gold," said Katz.

Except for the museum and some cathedrals, the buildings appeared shabby. Janet Ginsberg reflected on the "war atmosphere" — the walls of many buildings appeared "eaten away," according to Janet.

Renee was able to see "typical" apartment living when she visited one of her cousins. She found two rooms: one for all purposes — bedroom, living room, and dining room — and a tiny kitchen. All the apartments looked similar.

The group did not enjoy the food, which consisted mostly of boiled fish and meat. But the last night they enjoyed a feast of shish-kebob and caviar, also the accompaniment of a live band.

This was the third trip to Russia for Mr. Moshak. The last time was in 1964. He has seen little change. "They think they are better off, but by our standards there is no comparison. The last time I was here there were few cars; now there are more," said Moshak. He also felt there was apathy, even hostility among the people. "People are very impolite toward each other," he said.

Russia is now a reality for these twelve persons.

Nilehilite staff wins award

The Nilehilite has won another award. This from Columbia University in New York, awarded for the Spring Semester, 1975. The Nilehilite earned the Medalist Award by scoring 975 points out of a pos-

sible 1000 in the areas of contents/coverage, writing/editing, and display/design. The Nilehilite received praise for its outstanding writing and design, and for its "professional look."



(Photo by Lauren Pitallis)

Larry Meisner, '77 and Sally Saber, '76, still on their feet after completing Student Senates' 30-hour dance marathon. The marathon, a benefit for Mentally Retarded Citizens, raised over \$3644 through telephone pledges and the dancers' sponsors. The first place couple, Meisner and Saber, won three-speed bicycles. Other winners included: Kathy Schoen, '77 and Jerry Goldberg, '76 and Barry Kramer, '77 and Sue Feldman, '76.

Plans for prom unfold

"Could It Be Magic," this year's Junior-Senior prom will be held May 28, 1976 from 8 to 11 p.m. at Allgauers Fireside.

Tickets to prom, sponsored by the Junior Cabinet are \$25 a couple. The evening includes a sit down dinner, and prom-goers will dance to the music of Dick Single and His Orchestra.

CABINET MEMBERS HAVE been planning the dinner-dance since September. Their plans include a "night full of magic," according to Larry Meisner, cabinet president. The cabinet selected the theme "Could It Be Magic" the title of a song by Barry Manilow.

"It's a good theme that fits the mood of the evening," said one cabinet member.

"It's also magic that we came up with the money to finance the prom," said Meisner.

The cabinet, led by Larry Meisner, president; Paula Sugarman, vice-president; David Pevsner, treasurer and Howard Steirman, secretary, have worked throughout the year to raise money for the prom. Fundraising projects included candy and taffy apple sales and valentine-o-grams.

The election of prom king and queen will be held Tuesday, May 25 in the cafeteria during lunch periods. The only requirement for a couple running for king and queen is that one member be a senior. All juniors and seniors are eligible to cast votes.

"It is going to be an evening filled with excitement and memories," said Meisner.

Prom tickets are on sale in the cafeteria periods 6-9.

Seniors sponsor blood drive

"It is better to give than to receive." one of the slogans of the Skokie Blood Program, will become the Senior Cabinet's slogan as they hold their blood drive Wed. June 3 in the student lounge.

Last year's Senior Class donated blood as a class gift. This year the cabinet has decided to sponsor the drive as an end of the year project.

"It takes so little work and it helps so many," said John Herbst, cabinet sponsor.

LAST YEAR'S DRIVE brought in 87 units of blood. This year's goal is 100 units. Anyone 17 years of age, weighing over 110 pounds and in good health is eligible to donate. Individuals with colds or those on medication will be deferred from donating.

The Skokie Blood Program insures each donor and his family blood protection for one year. That means the donor and his

family will receive total blood replacement at the hospital of their choice anywhere in the United States regardless of the amount of blood required.

Nancy Nordgern of the Skokie Health Dept. emphasizes another of the program's slogans: "Blood is the gift of life."

"Blood is expensive in Florida, \$35 a unit. By giving blood, students can give grandparents who live in Florida a wonderful gift," she explained.

The entire process of drawing blood is handled by the Michael Reese Blood Center. Doctors from the center bring a mobile unit into the school and execute all necessary procedures.

The drive will last from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., June 3. Interested donors should contact Mr. Herbst for further information.

Profile Presents:

Singer singing her dreams

by Amy Becker



Nance McAtee

"Nance McAtee, on DECA label with her latest song..." Senior Nance McAtee hopes some day to hear that and is well on her way to a singing career. She is going to study voice at Bradley University on a scholar-

ship given to her by the school. For her audition into the music school, Nance also received an honorary scholarship, which was given in recognition of her talent.

After getting her Bachelor's Degree at Bradley, she plans to go to Northwestern University for her Master's Degree in voice.

Nance has taken classical voice lessons for three and a half years. However, she doesn't plan to sing much classical or opera music. "I'm singing classical all the time with the chorus and my voice lessons. We are always trained in classical in the classroom. I would like to sing popular music."

Music in Nance's family goes back to her mother, who was a lead in the Senior play. Her father could play classical music by ear on the piano when he was a child and was considered a child prodigy.

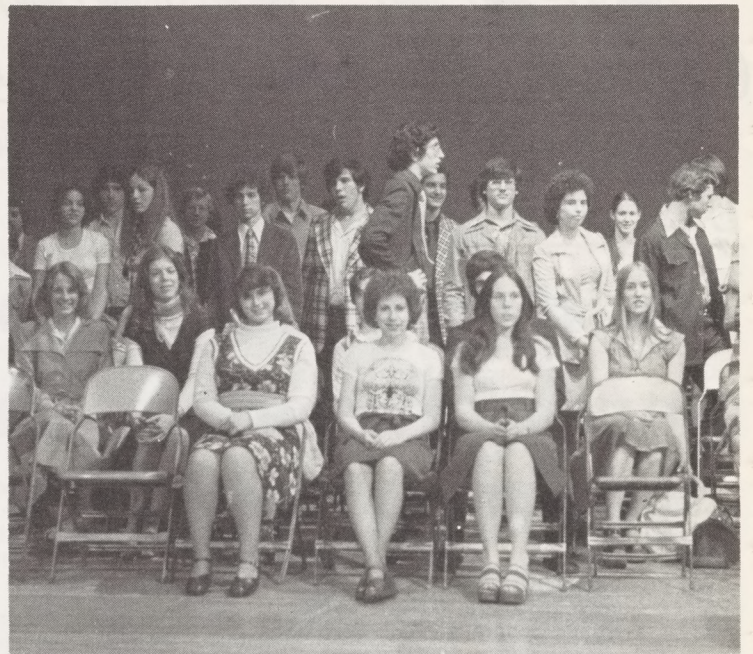
Nance has been involved in music in school. She has had a solo in "Reflections," sung back-

ground vocals for the band Phaze's single, "Save Niles East," and has participated in the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) solo and ensemble contest for two years.

Nance's interest in singing began in junior high. When she was in 7th and 8th grade, Nance was one of two girls selected from her class to attend Shubert School for special programs in drama, singing, and music. She also sang in the operetta "Cinderella and Aquarius."

Currently, Nance is in the Illinois Music Association (IMEA) District Chorus, is a member of Tri-M, and honorary music society at Niles East, and plays piano. With the District Chorus, Nance has gone to the University of Wisconsin at Whitewater, Elgin, and nursing homes to sing Christmas carols.

"I want to be the 'most versatile singer,'" she commented. "I would like to sing in night clubs... and I'd also like to be a recording star!"



Awards Received

Community and departmental awards, summer institutes, special scholarships and scholarship pins were given to more than 500 students with outstanding academic achievements at the 12th annual academic awards assembly held May 5.

National Merit Scholarship awards were collected this year by Richard Edelson, Larry Ellis, Michael Guerrero, Steven Leon, Gregory Marmel, and Judith Veis.

Community awards were given to seniors Richard Cope, Steven Leon, Martha Brozozowski, and Marie LeVan.

Special scholarships were received by Nancy McAtee - Bradley University Music Scholarship; Richard Cope - Chicago Rubber Group; Jean Wells - Cincinnati Conservatory of Music; Steven Merkin - Chick Evans scholarship, Western Golf Association; Donna Kulwin - Golden Jubilee, Illinois P.T.A.; Karen Alban - Northern Illinois University Foundation Merit Scholarship; William Kasper and Judy Veis - Northwestern University Six-Year Medical Program. Summer institute scholarships were awarded to Jean Wells and Arlene Fisher.

Departmental awards were given to students selected by the teachers in each category. The Business Education and CVE outstanding awards went to Marvin Bankier and Pat Schoenwolf. The outstanding girl in English was Amy Schwartz.

Quill and Scroll awards for the Nihilite went to Wendy Gerber, Bruce Goldberg, Rochelle Goode, Kathi Isserman, Caryn Lason, and Sandra Morrison. Yearbook awards went to Debbie Bernard, Laura DeFratus, Judy Greiman, Debbie Gutman, Mary Krier, Donna Kulwin, Richard Martin, Pam Mohr, Paula Lashinsky, Renee Renter, and Suzanne Soltan.

In Foreign Language, German examination placement awards were given to Christine Fohs, Gilda Forcade, Suzanne Gall, Vicki Gebavi, Christine Soehn, Johannes Soeh, Martha Stahlke, Patricia Sudendorf, Peter Totzke, Gregory Trauth, and Egbert Wegner. Sandra Sopkin was the recipient of the Alexander Jampert Hebrew Achievement Certificate.

Nancy Ekstrom was chosen outstanding girl and Diane Elrod was awarded the Betty Crocker Award in the Home Economics area. Other department awards went to Scott Wexler - Industrial Arts; Jean Marie Wells - Music; and Martha Brozozowski, Karen Behr, Caryn Glickson, Bobbi Lewen, and Jane Nesbett - Physical Education.

The National Math Contest winner was Sheldon Levin, and the National Scholastic and Art Photography award went to Barry Schmetter.

Actress Broadway bound

by Nancy Angell

Patti Sucherman, senior, recently one of the major leads in past East productions of "Fiorello," and "The House of Blue Leaves," and presently a director of the one-act play "Here We Are" by Dorothy Parker, plans a career in acting and the theatre.

This summer, for example, she hopes to join a special program at the Wisdom Bridge Theatre. This program involves ten apprentice actors who will attend an actor's workshop run by David Beard, the Wisdom Bridge director, and who will work with the Wisdom Bridge company in a performance. Initially, the apprentices are working for free, but if an actor is good enough he might perform at the Renaissance Fair in Gurney, Ill., or stay in the theatre company after the summer. Patti believes, however, that even if she doesn't get chosen, her auditioning will have been good experience. "I'll be getting a lot of turn-downs in the coming years. It's best to get used to it now."

In terms of schooling, Patti hopes to attend at the Goodman School, but as yet has not auditioned.

PATTI ENJOYS THE directing she is doing now. "It's interesting being on the other side of the stage," she says, but adds, "I like to be on stage ten times more. I like to be in the limelight."



Patti Sucherman

She is realistic about her chances and keeps up on the statistics. At present, there about 10,000 unemployed actors in New York City alone. Patti laughs and says, "If I do well in Chicago, I'll get an agent and go to New York and wait on tables. That's what happens to all aspiring actresses."

She is dedicated though. "It's fine if I fall in love, but I don't want to get married until I get my career rolling. I want this too much to let anything get in my way. I'm going to try. That's the most you can do is try."

PATTI'S NOT WORRYING

about being hurt by other actors who are trying to make it. "Actors are special people," she says. "When an actor gets hurt he just tries harder and covers it up. He can't let anybody know."

She did, however, emphasize the love she has found in the Niles East Theatre Department. The one person who has kept her going, besides her heroine, Liza Minnelli, is Jerry Proffitt, East's theatre director. He never really encouraged or complimented her, but she says "That's what kept me going. I know I'd really made it when he said, 'Nice job'."

Patti definitely believes that high school theatre has a lot to do with influencing a person on his career and adds that she "thinks it's a shame that Niles East theatre will end in 1980 after all the love that's been there."

And finally, Patti says, "When I'm performing to an audience and they respond to me, if I do something that makes them laugh or cry, it's the weirdest feeling in the world. If I can get a reaction, if I can make them realize an emotion, it's the most powerful thing a person can do. That's why I like it."

Theatre Dept. presents one-act plays

by Nancy Angell

David Pevsner, junior, Patti Sucherman, senior, and Ms. Janice Englehardt, student-teacher, directed three one-act plays presented at East last weekend.

The plays were: "Impromptu," by Ted Mosel, with Bobbi Frazes, Cathy Lasowski, Phil Martini, and Bob Silverman; "Here We Are," by Dorothy Parker, with Paula Sugarman, and Dave Wolf; and "Picnic on the Battlefield," by Arrabel, with Chuck Dushman, Scott Gotthelf, Jerry Lavin, Ed Nemmers, Joe Sochacki, and Rena Zaid. "Each one of the plays has some kind of bizarre appeal," said David.

IN AN INTERVIEW, David said that he "enjoyed working with a small cast because it was easier to communicate and therefore get the desired response. It was, however, still important for the cast to interact well together."

Due to the rather short amount of time allotted for production of these plays (2 1/2 weeks), the set was very simple - "suggestive rather than detailed, and left to the audience's imagination," said Pevsner.

The plays were presented to small but average audiences for this type of performance. David said that he felt "more people should come to the plays. They'd enjoy them and keep coming if they'd just come once."

Acting animals to entertain children

by Nancy Angell

The Taradiddle Tales, a children's program written by Flora Atkin, will be performed in the Niles East auditorium Wednesday, May 26, at 7 p.m.

Mr. Jerry Proffitt will direct this show with assistance by Gail Norris. There are eight students

in the cast: Kathy Baer, Mark Blackman, Elaine Cohn, Bill Daichman, Barry Kramer, Randi Merel, Carol Miller, and Phil Rappaport.

The cast will perform four of the tales: "The Magic Tree," "Peter the Fool," "Mouse Marriage," and "Spider Talk," as various animal characters and other objects. The costumes will be simple, just brightly colored overalls with large masks to convey the various animals. Each cast member will play more than one "character" in each tale. For example, one person in the "Magic Tree" plays a tree, a mountain, and a villager.

One cast member said that the show is "based loosely on the script but consists mostly of improvisations." He also said that "It's good because we can get all our inhibitions out. We all act like animals!"

ARE YOU STILL WONDERING WHY THE SCHOOL HAS GONE TO POT?



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Special Summer Opportunities

Park District offers programs

This summer, the Skokie Park District will be offering several activities for high-school students. Anyone entering 10th, 11th, or 12th grade is eligible to participate.

BACKPACKING WORKSHOP — June 22 at Oakton Park, 4701 Oakton Street, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The workshop will show how to pack, good locations near and far, and will give tips on equipment. Admission is free.

WILDERNESS CANOEING — July 6-15 in Ontario, Canada. Total cost will be \$195 per person. This cost includes round-trip transportation, food, and equipment.

FONTANA BEACH — July 17 at Fontana Beach in Wisconsin. Transportation fee is \$4 and water ski fee is \$8.50.

BICYCLE TOURING WORKSHOP — July 22 at Oakton Park from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Hosted by Spoke-n-Ski on Oakton, it will include a discussion of quality in bicycles, how to pack for bike trips, and safety tips. Free.

BICYCLE TRIP — July 23-25 on the bikecentennial trail near Carbondale, Illinois. A bus will be chartered for the ride down to Carbondale. Price to be announced.

SKY SAILING — July 28 at Indiana Dunes. Miss Rosenthal describes it as, "putting a big kite on your back and running and jumping off a hill." A preview and slide presentation will be shown at Oakton Park on May 25. All those interested in sky sailing

must attend this meeting. The actual sky sailing will take place at the Indiana Dunes. Fee is \$22.50 per person.

CAMPING AND SURVIVAL PROGRAM — August 6-8 at Southern Illinois University. The "Underway Program" is a unique program which will give an excellent education in camping and survival techniques. All

those participating must bring their own sleeping bags. Cost is \$48 per person.

Registration for all these activities except for the workshops, which are free, begins on May 25. Registration for the wilderness canoe trip begins on May 14. For further information, contact Debbie Rosenthal at the Park District.

University of Iowa offers Environmental workshops

This summer, the University of Iowa at Iowa City is offering a series of courses called SSTP, Secondary Student Training Program. These classes will emphasize techniques to detect environmental problems.

The "Rocky Mountain Program" is an outdoor program utilizing the Colorado Rockies and Arkansas River, permitting life zones to be studied which approximate a north-south expanse from the Mexican border to the Arctic Circle.

THE PROGRAM IS designed as a five-week experience for six semester hours of University credit, although a shorter experience for three semester hours of University credit can be taken.

This course includes extensive hiking and backpacking excursions as well as an adventure in mountain climbing.

The "Northwoods Wilderness Program" is a venture into the vast primitive wilderness of Canada.

For three semester hours of University credit, the student will be sufficiently trained so

he/she can participate in a week-long canoe trip into the Quetico Park areas of Saganaga Lake, Trafalgal Bay, and Northern Light Lake in Canada. Backpacking will be the means of transportation to areas which are inaccessible by canoe.

The "Yellowstone Program" is a program utilizing the Yellowstone National Park to study the interrelation of energy and conservation.

MANY GEOGRAPHICAL MONUMENTS will be visited and studied with special hiking and backpacking trips. In addition, a raft trip down the Snake River will be scheduled.

This course provides six semester hours of University credit.

In all three programs, occasional unsupervised solitude is encouraged, during which time a student can explore, contemplate and absorb the workings of nature.

For more specific information and applications, write to: Edward L. Pizzini, Coordinator, Science Education Center, The University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa 52242.

What's happening?

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| May 13, 14, 15—Foghat and UFO | Aragon |
| May 14 —Tubes | Oriental Theatre, Wis. |
| May 14, 15. —Persuasions and Rhinestones | Amazing Grace |
| May 14-23 —Esther Philips | Ratsos |
| May 15 —REO Speedwagon | Carolstream Arena |
| May 16 —Leon and Mary Russel | Uptown |
| May 16 —Freddie Fender and BJ Thomas | Arie Crown |
| May 19 —Captain and Tennille W/ Ken Rogers | Arie Crown |
| May 21 —Weather Report and John McLaughlin | Arie Crown |
| May 21-23 —Liv Taylor and Dick Pinney | Amazing Grace |
| May 22 —Shawn Philips | Uptown |
| May 24-25 —Meggan McDonough | Ratsos |
| May 25 —Willie Nelson, Poco, Flying Burrito Bros. | Arie Crown |
| May 26-30 —Stanley Turrentine | Ratsos |
| May 28 —Steve Marriott | Randhurst Arena |
| May 28-30 —Ben Sidron | Amazing Grace |
| May 29 —Pure Prairie League | Arie Crown |
| June 1st week—Jack DeJennett's Directions | Amazing Grace |
| June 1-2 —Wings over America | Stadium |
| June 13 —Marshall Tucker | Uptown |
| June 19 —Steve Miller | Uptown |
| July 7 —Gentle Giant | Riviera |
| July 10 —Aerosmith, Jeff Beck, Ted Nugent | Comisky Park |

Personals

To the driver of the Green Machine — Congratulations on your resignation. Glad to see you back to normal. Little Nancy.

I love you Deitz! Your loving wife and daughter.

Mr. Byron — Watch out for the weightroom. We might accidentally lock you in there and forget about you. We'll leave a bag of peanuts. Your two 4th period knuckleheads.

Capone gets 12 years for polygamy! Love, Mrs. Capone.

Bob Katz — I'm watching you.

Visit Miss Weller's 5-6 Foods class. The Sweathogs.

Eric Robin — Notice me when I say "Hi!"

Rick Jeremy — See ya this summer! Toad.

Priss — Are you funny! You would go boating with ----! K.C.

Big H. — We don't like little pies with a lot of salt.

Jim — Forever is a long time. That's how long I'll love you. Thank for being so good to me. Lorelei.

Lauren — My favorite cooking partner who doesn't know how to cook.

Debbie — You don't know what you're doing either! Your favorite cooking partner.

Brian Patterson — Get some pineapples and the \$7.00 you owe me.

To the sexy guy in the blue and white Grand Prix who comes by East every day — I LOVE YOU!!

Stewey — I hope you're not black and blue.

Lorrie G. You are the sunshine of my life, but bigger.

Jeff — You big, baby blue-eyed creature. Blonde hair and brown eyes is watching you.

Mari — Your line was busy; when can we pick up the flowers?

K.C. — The only flowers you'll get will be on your grave!

Karen B. — I know a secret!

Dual — quads loves Capone.

L.W. — Let's get some money one of these days, or have you forgotten how? Maggie M.

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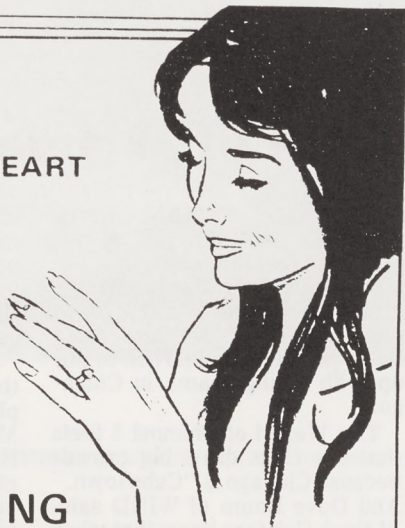
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Varsity baseball team defeats West; Gains first conference victory

by Howard Simon

The varsity baseball team won its first conference game of the season by defeating the defending state champion, Niles West, 4-3 on Thursday, April 22.

East trailed 3-2 with two out and no one on in the bottom of the fifth when Gary Musick beat the throw to second. West's pitcher then proceeded to throw a wild pitch, enabling both runners to advance. Mark Brines then drove in both runs with a line single to left.

Flip Gagerman held on to the lead to pick up the win in relief of starter John O'Malley.

EAST'S CONFERENCE RECORD is 3-6 but despite the poor record, the team has been competitive, according to Coach Galla. "We have just been unable to get the big hit or the big defensive play; our pitchers have continued to do well," said Galla.

Harry Steindler pitched a superb game, shutting out Maine East 3-0 on a four hitter. Bob Torstenson led the Trojan attack with two hits and two runs batted in.

Leading hitters for the Trojans are Mark Brines, Wayne Braverman, and Marty Rosenbaum. Bob Torstenson has been on a streak lately, getting six hits in his last three games, ending with Glenbrook South.

In the GBS game, Braverman led the way with a homerun and a double, driving in four runs. Flip Gagerman picked up his fourth win of the year without a loss with a 9-2 victory.

Gagerman held Glenbrook scoreless until two out in the last inning when he gave up a homerun.

East plays Niles West today at West at 4:15.

THE SOPHOMORE TEAMS continue to win as the baseball team has a 9-5-2 record with a 7-2 conference record, good for second place in the conference behind Niles North.

Coach Sandstead is pleased with the team's performance. "I'm surprised we've done as well as we have, considering as freshman they won only four games all year."

Hitting has been the strength of the team. The team batting

average is .330.

Leading hitters are Mark Brutzkus, hitting .500, Tom Siemsen (.450), Art Mandel (.380), Mark Arenson (.360), John Orloff (.333), and Steve Gothelf (.320).

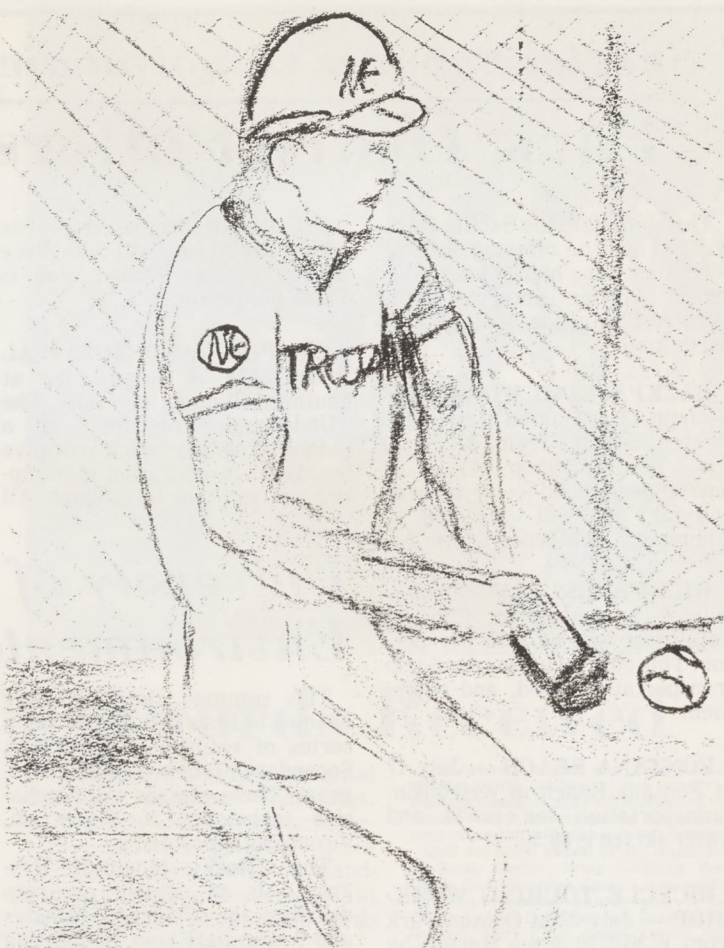
Top pitchers on the team are Greg Olshock with a 3-2-1 record, Al Gothelf, a 2-2 record, and Tom Siemsen, a 2-1 record.

THE DEFENSE IS GOOD according to Sandstead. Orloff at third base, Steve Gothelf catching, Barry Finn at short, Mandel at second, and Arenson in center field have been the solid performers.

"The team likes to run," said Sandstead. Leading base stealers are Mandel (11), Orloff (10), and Finn (10).

Sandstead felt the reason for the team's success thus far has been because of their attitude. "They are a good group of athletes, who have the desire to perform well as individuals," concluded Sandstead.

On the freshman level the A team is 9-7 overall and 5-5 in conference. The B team is 8-5 overall and 6-4 in conference play.



Varsity tennis wins

by Mike Bass

The Niles East tennis team swept their two meets during the week of April 26, by beating Glenbrook South 4-1 and Maine South 5-0. East also placed second in the Glenbrook South Invitational.

In the victory over Glenbrook South, Jeff Epstein and Tim Besser captured easy victories in first and second singles. Eric Robin had some trouble in third singles, but he managed to pull out a three-set victory.

THE FIRST DOUBLES team of Mike Lemick and Scott Winkler were the only losers, but they had never been paired before.

The second doubles team of Mike Guerrero and Mike Regidor won the final match of the day for the Trojans.

Perhaps the key to the recent success of the varsity team was the switching of Guerrero to second doubles with Regidor, and the teaming up of Lemick and Winkler in first doubles. Guerrero had formerly played first doubles, while Winkler was on the second doubles team.

The Trojans have a big meet coming up May 14-15 at Glenbrook South in the Conference Division matches, followed by the Districts, May 21-22 here at East.



(Photo by B. Schwartz)

That's one by Debbi Jaski.

Softball team wins

by Lisa Bercyn

The girls' varsity softball team defeated Glenbrook North 5-3 on May 4 to increase their record to 4-3.

East trailed 3-0 entering the final inning. The team proceeded to score five runs in the seventh inning to win the game.

"THE STRENGTH OF the Trojans has been our infield," said Coach Woodard. The infield consists of Debbi Jaski and Andi Slowik (1B), Julie Hansen and Judi Rich (2B), Judi Lee (SS), and Kathy Ewing and Jan Blitt (3B).

The pitching is led by Lauren Johnson. "She's our most experienced pitcher, possessing a very good fastball. The other pitchers are good, but they do not have Lauren's experience."

Leading hitters for East so far have been Judi Lee, Elaine Masover, Suzanne Arnopolin, and Joyce Hollingsworth.

Sophomore tennis team volleying with title

by Bruce Pales

For the past few years, Niles East's Sophomore tennis team has been a strong contender in the Central Suburban League. This year is no exception. The sophomores went into May with a 7-3 overall record, and an impressive 3-0 record in the conference's south division.

The key to the team's success has been coach Baker's insistence on a well-rounded lineup. He feels that a team consisting of seven good players will defeat a team possessing one or two great players and five or six weaker ones. Jeff Cohen earned a record of 9-1 at first doubles, before being switched to

second singles. Although Pablo Leon (7-3) has been substituting at doubles for injured Jeff Adler, he should prove to be equally strong at third singles.

FIRST DOUBLES IS another strong spot in the lineup. Bruce Pales has accumulated a 9-1 record while playing doubles with three different partners (Jeff Cohen, Pablo Leon, and Jeff Adler). Paul Weissman and Mario DeRango have also done consistently well at second doubles.

If the team continues to play well, the sophomores will again be a contender for the conference title.

Varsity trackers off to false start

by Marty Rossman

Although the Niles East varsity track team finished last at the Township track meet on Tuesday, April 27, the East team took four first places.

Conference champion Mark Lichtenstein placed first in the half mile run, with a time of 2:09. Larry Bower won the 440 with a winning time of 52:9. Dave Greenberg won the 100 yard dash, while the relay team of Bower, Greenberg, Lichten-

stein, and Sal Parenti also took first.

ED SANTACRUZ LED the way for the sophomores with a first place in the mile at 4:51. He also took third in the half mile.

Freshmen Phil Waller and sophomore Steve Taibl finished second and third in the two mile run, with times of 10:57 and 10:58 respectively. Jeff Pozen also placed for the freshmen with a fourth place finish in the mile.

In the field events, Bill Precht

took a first in the high jump, with a vault of 5'8". Chuck Thiry finished second in the shot put with a toss of 41'4", and John Boigk finished first in the discus with a throw of 111 feet.

ON THE VARSITY LEVEL, Lichtenstein and Parenti have a good chance to make it downstate. Bower and Greenberg also have an outside shot at it.

East's final home meet to be held May 6, against Taft High School was rained out.

Bass's Corner

The Mystique of Wrigley Field

by Mike Bass

The Chicago Cubs have not won a pennant since 1945, or a World Series since 1908, yet they always draw good crowds at Wrigley Field. A talk with some of Chicago's broadcasters and with a few Easthi students proved helpful in explaining this phenomenon.

Channel 7 sportscaster, Bill Frink thinks "Wrigley Field is a comfortable place to watch a baseball game. I think that a lot of fans go to Wrigley Field because of the smallness, the quaintness of the park, and the fact that they play only day games. It's a comfortable situation to go there. I think there's a certain mystique about it that draws the fans there. There's also a certain loyalty of the Cub fan that other ball clubs don't have."

CHANNEL 2 MAN, Larry Sachnoff and Jim West of Channel 9 feel the same.

Sachnoff adds, "Parents aren't afraid to let their kids go to Wrigley Field." He also feels that "people have learned to put up with losing teams in Chicago."

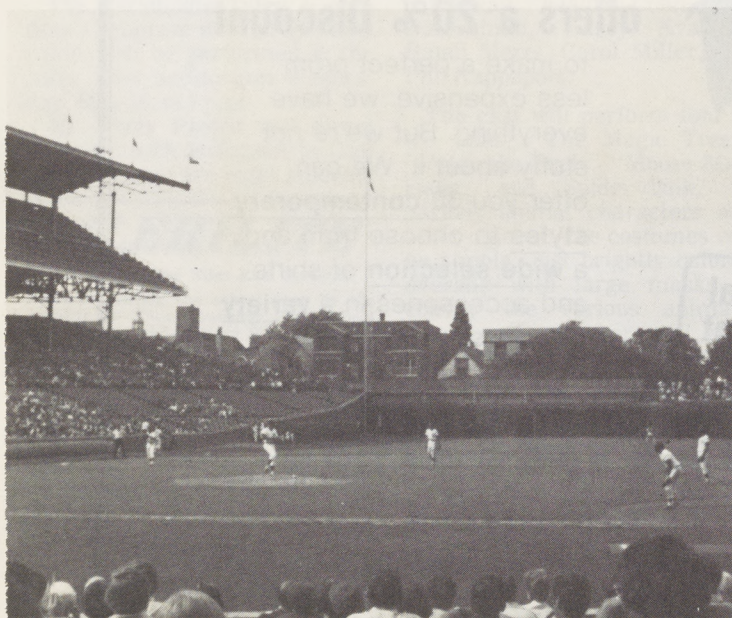
Tim Weigel of Channel 5 feels that the Cubs draw big crowds because Chicago is "Cubs town." And Dave Baum of WIND said, "I think Cub fans know that when they go out to see the Cubs play, win or lose, they're going to see an exciting game, and you're going to see home runs, and you're going to see some strange plays, but you're always going to have fun at Wrigley Field."

Sanford Cherney, '77 Nilehi student agrees, and adds, "The fact is that Wrigley Field is kept

cleaner and more sanitary than most big league stadiums. It's more intimate, and a smaller park, so the fans are closer to the field." Also, "there is good access to public transportation."

Gary Glochowsky, '78, added that "there are a lot of favorite players like Jose Cardenal, Rick Monday, and for me, Randy Hundley." Gary feels that the changes at Comiskey Park have hurt White Sox attendance, but since Wrigley Field stays the same, the crowds still come.

Bill Frink brought up an interesting point. He sees night baseball as a possibility in the future for the Cubs — perhaps after P. K. Wrigley is gone. Frink believes that this could ruin the mystique of the Cubs and their ball park, and considerably lower Cub attendance.



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