

# News Hilites

## Tootsie Roll Banks Help Mentally Retarded

In March, 1970, the Skokie Youth Association for the Mentally Retarded was formed. This chapter consists of 38 members, mainly from Niles East and Niles North. Their cause is to help aid and entertain the mentally retarded children and young adults in Skokie.

Presently, the members are selling tootsie roll banks, filled with tootsie rolls, for \$1. They have sold quickly, so about 400 more are on order; the proceeds go to their treasury.

The members meet monthly, along with Mary Sue Urbanus, President, Sheri Didech and Bob Frank, Vice-Presidents, Barb Schneider, secretary, and Andi Goldstein, treasurer, at each other's homes to plan their forthcoming activities. Included are plans for a national convention of all the youth associations for mentally retarded, to be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, from October 28 to November 1. Niles East's Student Council is helping to finance the trip by donating \$200.

To raise money, the members held a car wash last May, followed by a picnic for the students and parents of Julia Malloy School, formerly Orchard School, last August. The food and prizes were donated by the local stores.

Presently, members baby sit for the children for 60c an hour, generously giving their profits to the association's treasury. They also work for Devonshire Park on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 3 to 4:30, helping in recreational activities. Planned events for the future include a magic show, to be held on December 6.

The Skokie Youth Association for Mentally Retarded welcomes any new members. If interested, contact Iris Bernard, H.R. 220.



Rita Brumlik sells Homecoming buttons to Mrs. Natker in the library.



The Homecoming Court of 1970 includes, left to right, Cassandra Diamond, Cindy Dessent, Dahlia Mishell, Linda Swartwout, and Milena Orloff.

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## Homecoming, Witches Join Forces



Pictured above are some of the Homecoming Committee Chairmen. Left to right, Janice Meisner, Katie Klehr, Cindy Glickson, Sue Mueller, Rita Brumlik, and Nancy Weisman.

(Photo by D. West)

Which will be honored on the eve of Niles East's Homecoming this year? Will there be the traditional coronation of the queen or are the witches of Halloween's mystical spell going to invade the night's festivities?

Witches and goblins will haunt the mighty Trojan this year as Halloween collides with the Homecoming events tomorrow. (Caution - this combination may result in apprehension!!)

The witches' brew is stirring up the first event, with the Twilight Pep Rally held tonight at 7:15, in the football stadium. The pep rally will go up in smoke when the Trojans set flame to the Morton Mustang dummy. Everyone is invited to attend the ceremony and cast the curse upon Morton Mustang's tires.

The construction of floats, urging the football team to victory, will be judged and presented in a parade which begins at the Old Orchard parking lot at 9:30 tomorrow morning, and ends at Niles East.

The sophomore game begins at noon, while the varsity game commences at 2 p.m. Trick or treats may appear at the Homecoming events. Who knows, the football players may suddenly vanish into thin air, leaving the mustangs a little out of the gallop of things. Then again, treats might spill out from the goodies bag as the Trojans finally win a victory.

The Homecoming Court was selected through popular vote by juniors and seniors, Monday and Wednesday, October 19 and 21. Members of the court include Cindy Dessent, '72; Dahlia Mishell, '72; Cassandra Diamond, '71; Milena Orloff, '71, and Linda Swartwout, '71. The queen will be announced at the twilight pep rally tonight.

Bids for this year's homecoming dance, whose theme is, "Sing in the 70's", have been on sale during lunch periods in the school cafeteria for \$4 per couple. The dance will be held in Trojan Hall instead of the girl's gymnasium this year. Popular rock group, "The Dontays," will stir up a crowd of Niles East witches and warlocks.

Homecoming Committee members include Chairman Cindy Glickson, '71, assistant chairman Cyd Holland, '71; Katie Klehr, '71, secretary; Rita Brumlik, '72, treasurer; Holly Garland, '72, buttons chairman; Jerry Kupfer, '71, float chairman; Nancy Weisman, '71, parade panorama; Sue Mueller, '71, games presentation; Cheryl Duhl, '71, dance chairman; and Janice Meisner, '71, publicity chairman.

## Freshmen Girls Rank Tops



Freshmen girls scoring above average on P.E. test include: (front row) Barb Kusek, Sherrie Friedman, Faye Kazan, Peggy Gockenbach; (row 2) Janet Maxon, Michelle Small, Janice Bauer, Libby Zazove, Jennifer Phillippe, Sue Wolowiec; (row 3) Sandy Carabine, Merle Diamond, Denise Chlapaty, Sue Stern, Robin Polin, Susan Carabine; (top row) Lisa Newman, Lauren Lehmann, Kathy Weissman, Nancy Lyon, Joann Deutsche, Susan Krause, Sue Uhle.

(Photo by D. West)

## Committee Pinpoints Students' Problems

Students, parents, teachers, and administrators from Niles East, West, and North have united and formed the Problem Sensing Committee designed to detect the problems and meet the needs of the Niles Township students.

The committee, now only three weeks old consists of ten committees within each high school. Each committee composed of one student from each of the four grade levels, one administrator, one department head, two teachers, plus one member of the Community Action Committee, equals a new perception in recognizing the problems of students.

What is a problem? Each committee is divided into different groups as each one tries to either add or eliminate a specific problem. The first committee will recognize the problems and determine whether or not they exist. The next committee goes a step further by categorizing the problems, while the next committee chooses one member from each school to present the list of problems to the administrator. The administrators then, meet with the school board officials to form a solution.

Senior Karen Racusen, a member of two committees, has been chosen to present the list of problems. According to Karen, "Some of the problems discussed are the relevance of courses and the merit system in the physical education classes."

Mr. De Jong has been recruiting students to join the committee. Anyone interested, contact Mr. De Jong or Karen Racusen, H.R. 151.

## Freshmen Score Above Average on Tests

The Niles East freshmen girls have recently scored better than average physical fitness scores according to the results of the American Association for Health, Physical Education, and Recreation Youth Fitness Test given to students each year.

The fitness test battery was designed by the President's Council for Physical Fitness to measure the arm and shoulder strength, speed, abdominal strength, agility, explosive power, coordination, and endurance of each girl.

According to Dr. Barbara Ray, Girl's Physical Education Chairman, and test administrators Miss Jo Morris and Miss Karen Hovey, the Freshmen students scored well above the national average in six of the seven sub-tests. The average class percentile scores are flex-arm hang—64; sit-ups—84; shuttle run—72; standing long jump—74, 50-yard dash—71; softball throw—41; 600 yard walk-run—76.

Twenty-four girls scored in the 90 percentile when the seven sub-test scores were averaged; Janice Bauer-91, Sandy Carabine-93, Susan Carabine-94, Denise Chlapaty-90, Joan Deutsche-91, Merle Diamond-94, Sherrie Friedman-93, Peggy Gockenbach-96, Faye Kazan-92, Susan Krause-92, Barb Kusek-93, Lauren Lehmann-90, Nancy Lyon-95, Janet Maxon-91, Lisa Newman-95, Jennifer Phillippe-90, Robin Polin-90, Edie Rose-92, Michelle Small-91, Sue Stern-90, Sue Uhle-91, Kathy Weissman-95, Marcia Wolowiec-91, and Libby Zazove-90.

Results of the physical fitness tests are used to divide the students into homogeneous groups which facilitates learning and teaching throughout the year.

## Senior Cabinet Sponsors United Fund Drive

"If you don't do it, it won't get done." Give to the United Fund. Beginning November 2 the senior cabinet will sponsor the United Fund Drive through November 9.

The United Fund is a nationwide drive collecting for needy organizations such as The Crusade of Mercy, Cancer Society, U. S. O., Mental Health Association, Skokie Welfare, and Skokie Valley Community Hospital.

Senior Cabinet Chairman Nancy Weisman said, "Even though Senior Cabinet is sponsoring the drive, anyone who wants to go canning should contact Larry Hoke, H.R. 208, or Bob Gordon, H.R. 120. Students will be collecting donations inside and outside of school this year."

A homemade coffee can with a slit carved into it is the only requirement of any student wishing to help save a person's life. Students will be supplied with United Fund stickers to clarify any questions donors may ask. "We're asking very little for what might help a lot," explained Nancy.

Mr. Jack Lerman's Freshman Art class decorates Library Bulletin Board. Pictured above are Lisa Silver, Lenore Krasner, Judy Jansen, Shelle Engelberg, Amy Shapiro, Faye Kazan, and Debby Meister.



## From Our Readers

## Reaction

Dear Editor,

It is indeed unfortunate when emotional illogic passes for rational thought and when anarchy with no human rights passes for freedom. In both cases, power replaces rights and decline substitutes for progress. There are several statements in your issue (Oct. 9) that demand response.

**IN AN EDITORIAL YOU** state "The older generation is not to be discarded, but they must realize it is time for today's youth to act, not them." This is very generous of you, but is pure hypocrisy: you would trade an old "Establishment" for a young one, but in neither case would you find love, trust, cooperation, and peace.

The older generation has come through two world wars, a "police action", and a major depression where every bite of food was put on the table with tremendous effort. This has molded their character just as an easier survival, wide news coverage, and civil rights — Vietnam has molded the character of the young. Both have a right to a place in this world and to act therein. Intolerance on both sides is wrong.

**AS ONE WHO IS** too young to be "Establishment" and too old to be "youth", I believe I can see both sides. I must agree that too often the dreams and opinions of the young are quickly discarded only because they are of the young. I find many of these opinions valid and insightful. Yet, too often do I find that the luxuries earned by the older through persistent hard work are quickly enjoyed by those who decry capitalism and personal ambition. I find many youth unwilling to accept the choice their philosophy demands that they make: to **GIVE UP** the rewards of profit in ex-

change for emotional humanism

I see this in my classroom. The only things "relevant" are "now." Any area of knowledge that demands effort, persistence, hard continuing work for future learning is irrelevant and unimportant. The immediate ego-gratification of the television generation denies future goals entirely, be they profit or human goals. This destroys the human mind, our only difference from other life forms. The philosophy is of no importance, no matter what is believed, very little can be accomplished with only immediately available knowledge. Work is not irrelevant.

**GRADES, TOO,** are not irrelevant. While I concur that our present grading system needs some change, I cannot agree that a non-graded school is advantageous. Some indication of achievement is essential and highly realistic. While I have no desire to teach a class of tape recorders, with playback exams, neither do I find that "Any student who spends one or two semesters in a class and attends regularly, does not deserve to fail." If the student **CANNOT** master an area of knowledge he does not deserve credit; if the student attends but does not work he does deserve his failing grade. The only possible, or at least advisable, non-graded school would be a school based entirely on individual progress and individual credit-graduation procedures — a tutorially oriented system. While I would certainly approve of and be overjoyed to teach in such a school, I doubt with all my reason that even the most adamant youthful advocates of such a school will be willing to underwrite the tremendous cost, when they are the persons working to

pay it.

Comment on another topic: Every community of about 2,200 is bound to have a few "criminals" who are unwilling to, in the exercise of their freedom, admit that others have some rights also. The people across Mulford have the freedom and right to maintain their property without interference from East students. And East students have the freedom and right to attend classes and learn without interference from other East students who refuse to be quiet in the corridors. Yes, Mr. Pliskin, Mr. Silber, and Miss Maydet, guards are necessary, and a student who "disrupts school process by making noise in the halls" should very definitely be penalized. It is time that some consideration be given to the rights of students other than themselves.

Stanley C. Weitzenfeld  
Mathematics Department

Dear Editor,

What are the restrictions of Open Campus? Are they obeying traffic regulations, respecting public property, and walking silently through the halls during class sessions? These laws are nothing but common courtesies. On the whole, laws and rules are made to benefit the greatest portion of society as possible. If students displayed these courtesies themselves, they wouldn't worry about violating these restrictions. As in every case, there are exceptions. Suppose a student is involved in a traffic accident or receives a ticket. This doesn't mean his self-directive day will be stopped. Series of conferences are held to "clear the air." Is signing the contract unreasonable? Rather the contract is a reminder to display peace, and love, a form of courtesy.

Kathy Kostyniuk '71

Dear Editor,

In reference to an article written by Nancy Maydet, there can be no doubt that only one side of the story was told.

**SPEAKING AS ONE** of the "misguided motions" Nancy so thoughtlessly described, I have a few things to say.

Throughout the school, my co-workers and I try to see that some sort of acceptable conduct is maintained. We are here to direct visitors to their destination and acquaint them with the proper procedure for securing a visitor's pass. In the cafeteria we do our best to help students keep their lunchroom free from litter. We are available to help students with any directions they may need and to advise them of daily time schedules.

Though our reason for being here is none of your concern, I'm sure it is not because we feel the need for proximity to teenagers. Many of us have our own at home. We work for the same reasons that many of your parents do. Some want or need the extra money. (Perhaps to help put their children through college.) Others choose to work here because (believe it or not—there are some families with just one car) it is walking distance from their homes. Many find the hours compatible to their daily schedule, especially if they have young children at home.

**THE FACT REMAINS** we are all trying to do the job we were hired for. If those who are so critical of us would meet their obligations with the same positive attitude, the atmosphere at Niles East would be more conducive to better learning.

A Lay Supervisor

## Right to Vote Sought

On December 15, Illinois voters will receive a blue paper ballot concerning lowering the voting age to eighteen. The Nilehilitte believes students' parents must be convinced of the great need for today's youth to channel their opinions through their vote. It is believed that Illinois will reject this provision and the voting age will not change.

**A COMMON ARGUMENT** against the eighteen-year-old vote is that students do not have enough wisdom, education, or experience to have the right to vote. An eighteen-year-old has not been exposed to life and all its problems as a mature twenty-one year old has. How many times have you heard that today's students are getting the finest educations from the best schools? How is it possible that today's young people are well educated and involved in a schooling program everyday, but too ignorant to vote? The hypocrisy is that either students are really educated in today's fine schools and have acquired some wisdom or the schools are not high learning institutions as they pretend to be. Parents cannot have it both ways.

People over twenty-one years of age who are supposedly experienced, educated, and wise are ignorant of the precious right they hold. How anyone can say eighteen-year-olds should not vote because of their youth, when only 49-53 per cent of registered adult voters over twenty-one years of age elect their president, is **absurd!** Community and city elections turn out only 21-35 per cent of all eligible voters.

**ADULTS BELIEVE EIGHTEEN-YEAR-OLD** voters would support idealistic programs, but would not share any of the burdens involved with such programs. For example, if a welfare program were passed, the parents would be the ones paying the taxes for the needed funds, not the eighteen-year-olds. However, if the voting referendum were passed, perhaps other laws would change enabling youth to share the responsibilities as adults must do. The right to vote entails more responsibilities than just electing government officials and youth realizes this.

The common argument given that previous draftees have fought in America's wars without having the right to vote does not make that law justifiable. If one must fight for his country and perhaps die for it, he is man enough to help run it. Supporters who favor lowering the voting age argue that Due Process includes the rights protected by the Bill of Rights and restated in Amendment 14 of which they are being denied.

**THE MAIN REASON** the voting age will not be lowered is adult's fear of young people. Voters (your parents) are apprehensive of today's youth and one way of controlling them is not letting them vote until they reach the magic, mature age of twenty-one. Viewing riots, protest marches, and sit-ins has convinced adults that when a person reaches twenty-one much of his idealistic thinking disappears and he is ready to conform to society's rules of life. Unfortunately, adults do not realize that one solution to bettering America is giving today's teenagers the right to be heard peacefully. Protest can be peaceful and effective. The one term does not contradict the other. Protest by voting against those politicians who up to now have ignored youth.

The Senate wants to change the qualifications of becoming a Senator from 23 years old to 21 years old. They feel that by lowering the age, a greater turnover of ideas will be brought to the Senate. If the Constitution wants to trust twenty-one-year-olds to be senators, shouldn't the voters trust eighteen-year-olds to vote?

**THE YOUTH BLOC MAY** have access to neither the money nor the influence peddlers which the powerful lobbies in Washington control, but it does have numerical strength. That is what adult voters fear and that is why youth will not be given the right to peaceful dissent through the democratic process—voting.

Ghostly Tales  
Haunt Our Lives

Once again it is Halloween, the holiday that children ring doorbells shouting "Trick or Treat" and lie in bed at night hearing about scary tales, witches, goblins, and ghosts. This year there are many scary tales that can provide one with nightmares continuing many weeks after Halloween ends.

**ONCE UPON A TIME** in a country called AMERICA, land of the free and the home of the brave, trouble began brewing quickly and it is starting to boil over the enormous pot of patience and understanding. Many thousands of men have lost their lives in Vietnam. Supposedly sane people have rationalized an insane idea, such as war is a justifiable way of life. Villages and groups of people have been destroyed and America can proudly say it has enough power to disrupt anything in existence today. Protestors die in National Guard Battles and Guardsmen receive medals for murder. America has poisoned its air, land, and

and water and yet pollution continues every day. The Nilehilitte wonders who will be destroyed first, man or his environment?

**WITCHES, GOBLINS, AND GHOSTS** may scare little children, but one can always say they don't really exist. Wars, murders, racism, pollution should scare big people, for they do exist.

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## Our Traditional Farce

Homecoming is a farce at Niles East High School. Through the years, this annual tradition has lost its meaning and instead of being a school's most important event, it has become something fake.

**CLUBS AND GROUPS OF** students design floats and begin building them one week prior to Homecoming. All of a sudden people become friends with each other because ideas, money, time, and effort are needed from many people. For that one week students develop fake friendships with each other because a deadline must be met. After Homecoming the cliques separate once again and those once needed friendships are nowhere in sight.

The night before Homecoming always is hectic—crowds hurrying to finish their floats but all the "so called workers" disappear and five kids are left to complete the job once started by twenty. However, the next morning all original twenty turn out hoping to ride on the car or float during the parade.

**ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON,** Niles East tackles their Homecoming opponent. The stands are filled with energetic students cheering "Go Niles East beat the Mustangs." Pompoms wave while cheerleaders demonstrate the student body's support of the Trojans. However, the weekends that follow present a different picture. Stands are empty, little ranting and raving exists, and Niles East once again shows its lack of support to its football team. Even the excitement of Homecoming or perhaps winning the game won't change the great apathy displayed by students for their own teams.

**AFTER AN EXCITING** football game Homecoming couples prepare for the dance that evening. Girls spend money on expensive dresses which are never worn again. During the evening's activities the Homecoming queen is chosen and her court surrounds her. Approximately two weeks prior to Homecoming, junior and senior girls compete for Niles East's Homecoming Queen and Court. All of a sudden, girls approach you smiling and making idle chatter as though you've been their best friend for years asking for your all important vote. Unfortunately, the girls who deserve to win are bypassed and eliminated early in the competition. The ideal homecoming queen isn't the cutest or most popular girl, but the forgotten one who really wants to be queen. That girl should reign as queen, not the girl who is so sure she will win that she buys her dress weeks before the event.

**AT THE DANCE COUPLES** stand around complimenting each other on their appearances and later are heard saying "her dress is really ugly or did you see that boy she was with?" A band plays music during the evening but only a couple of slow dances have participants. After the announcement of queen and her court is made congratulations are given (most comments being insincere) and couples leave for a late celebration of their own choice.

The clock strikes midnight — another year will pass until the next Niles East Homecoming Farce.



# Spooky Past Retraced

Where did Halloween come from? Most people don't know. To them it is simply a time for the youngsters to collect all of the candy that they can get, a night for pranks, and parties. The true meaning of Halloween is "hallowed" or holy evening. This is because it fell the night before All Saints' Day which was on November 1.

**AT ONE TIME** the Celts occupied France and the British Isles. They believed that November was the start of the new year in addition to being the festival of their sun god. Thus, their New Year's Eve would be Halloween. They believed on this night, the Lord of Death brought together all the souls of the dead, which had been condemned to enter the bodies of animals. They had to decide what forms they would take for the following year. Good souls were humans, bad souls were punished by being put in animals.

On Halloween, people often think of cats. This also dates back to the time of the Celts. They held cats to be sacred animals. They felt that they were once human, and had become cats as a punishment for an evil deed. They also believed that all those who had died within the past year, were allowed to visit their families on Halloween.

**THE WORSHIPPING OF** the sun god on Halloween, was done by lighting huge bonfires on the top of hills. The fires also helped to frighten evil spirits away who were released on this night. In order to prepare for the great bonfires, young boys would go around begging for material for their fires. They would go from house to house asking for whatever the person could spare to help celebrate this great occasion. From this, comes Beggars' Night. Usually, the night before Halloween, some "beggars," go hunting for Halloween treats early.

Another belief of the Celts was that some women sold themselves to the Devil. They could be seen riding broomsticks to the top of hills, where they would dance wildly with the goblins. They would perform these dances to the music of the Devil which was played on instruments made of dead men's bones.

Another popular Halloween feature is the pumpkin, or the Jack-O-Lantern. This was created by the legendary character, the stingy old man named Jack. Jack was condemned to walk the Earth forever. He was forbidden to enter heaven because he was so stingy, and then was forbidden to enter Hell because of the practical jokes that he played on the Devil. Thus he walked with his lantern lighting the way until Judgment Day.

The Romans changed some of these customs when they conquered the Celts in Britain. The Romans celebrated their harvest during Halloween. Dunking for apples, cider drinks, and nuts symbolized their feast of Pomona, goddess of fruits. These are still carried on as Halloween customs today.

Think back to the days when Halloween was really a night of witches and goblins. How many will be walking the streets?

## Millions Helped Through UNICEF

Twenty four years ago, the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund was originated to provide food and clothing for children in underprivileged or underdeveloped countries. So far, UNICEF has provided welfare for millions of needy people. But the only way that it can keep on doing its much needed job is through donated funds. Some of the countries that it serves, donate part of the money, but the majority of the revenue must come from us. In order to reach its goals, you are urged to give all that you can, when your neighborhood children come "canning" to your door on Halloween night. Instead of having the customary goodies bag, they carry with them a milk carton type box and will ring the bell and shout, "Trick or treat . . . for UNICEF."

**DON'T THINK OF YOUR** donation to UNICEF as just another charity. Think of it as giving to a fund which was started as a universal cause to help ease the great depression and despair found throughout the world.

Out of all the welfare funds in the whole world, UNICEF reaches more people in more countries than any others. So, when the door bell rings this Halloween, give generously to the children who are giving their time to, "Trick or treat for UNICEF."

## Untenured Teachers' Rights Sought

While many Nilehi students are happily living in their own small, sheltered worlds, many actions are being made to protect them and their teachers of their rights. Such is the case of Embysk vs. the Board of Education of Junior College District 512.

**IN DECEMBER, 1968,** the two plaintiffs, Betty Embysk and Edward Kalish, non-retained from their teaching positions without a cause and subsequently financially supported by the NEA, brought suit in Federal Court against the Board of Education asserting that the non-retentions were based on violations of the plaintiff's first and fourteenth amendment constitutional rights.

Although the personal aspects of this case are still in litigation, it has helped to establish the principle in Illinois that "even untenured teachers may not be denied continued public appointment only because they engaged in constitutionally protected activities."

**THE ISSUE AS TO** whether or not the plaintiffs in this case were constitutionally non-retained has yet to be determined by the court.

The fact that this case has helped to establish the above principle in Illinois may be very beneficial to all untenured teachers.



Christine Uritz beams with pride after breaking a girls P.E. record.

### A Halloween Happening!

"Jimmy, it's hot in here."  
"Be quiet Todd, and quit complaining. My Dr. Spock suit isn't exactly air conditioning central."

"I know, but at least your mom didn't talk you into wearing your sister's costume from last year. After all being 'That Girl' is a little embarrassing."

"Why, I think you look kind of cute."

"Shut-up and keep the pumpkin-faced flashlight pointed at the sidewalk."

"Trick or Treat."

"You know what Jimmy? We got Marshmallow Yum-Yum miniatures at the last thirty-four houses."

"Yea Todd, I know. I can't get mad though."

"Why not?"

"Well, our boy scout troop sold these as our summer project. Whoever thought that when we sold Halloween candy in June, that anyone would really keep it until October?"

"Hey Jimmy, here comes those upper classmen. They aren't even dressed up this year. They say that it is immature. Let's ditch them if we value our . . . oh hi guys."

"Hey, who are you?"

"Jimmy and Todd."

"Hey guys, get a loada these two guys. They're dressed up for Halloween. That's really immature. Let's get them with shaving cream and Silly String. Just you guys wait. Hey where did they go?"

"Whew, we lost them."

"Let's knock at this house. These people look real rich. They'll probably give dime candy bars to everyone."

"Yea, let's try it."

"Trick or treat."

"O.K. kids. Let's have a trick."

"Well, Jimmy. I guess that it's just not our night."

"Let's go home. My mask is really starting to itch and . . . oh my gosh. Jimmy, it's really late. We gotta get home. It's almost time to pick up our dates for Homecoming."

### Peace of Mind

by Ruth Urman

I would like to sit, somewhere and talk. About life. Somewhere, where there's no traffic confusion—under a palm tree maybe, or a weeping willow. And we (you and I) could just think—and talk, about life, about you, about me.

And while we were talking, we wouldn't notice the time slip by . . . and how late it is. We'd just talk, and talk, and talk.

And no one would tell us "it's time to be leaving, and go home"

And we'd just sit there thinking, and talking — about life, about you, about me . . . sharing an eternity . . . of knowledge.

# You Can Do It, Chris!

by Donna West

Seconds seemed like minutes, slipping fingers filled with sweat, while the redness of a beet reflected upon her complexion. "Seventy-one (pant) seventy-two, aahhh, seventy-three . . . I couldn't believe it," recalled freshman Christine Uritz. Miss Morris was counting the seconds, as thirty-one faces were shouting, "You can do it! Stay up there, Chris."

**ALTHOUGH SHE FITS** perfectly into size three and a half shoes, Christine Uritz's tiny feet had the gigantic job of dangling in mid-air for 77 seconds when she broke the girl's flex-arm hang record.

Petite, blond, and blue-eyed with a distinctive ring of brown fading into the pupil, Christine explains, "One of the reasons why I am so short is because I was in a hip cast from my waist down." She was born with dislocated hips and has undergone fourteen operations.

**A GRADUATE FROM** Fairview Jr. High School, Christine said, "In sixth grade I was placed in a handicapped room for special leg therapy and exercises for 1½ years." Sleeping with her legs in tractions and lifting weights for her muscles became a daily routine.

A look of doubt, and then a smile appeared on her face as she added, "Niles East students are friendlier, where as people once made fun of me at Fairview. It upsets me to watch people tease me and make snap judgments before they know me. The same applies to the problems of the world; people get the wrong impression."

**BORN IN THE ALPS** of Switzerland, she learned German well. "It is my favorite subject at East, but I also want to learn how to write and read German better." She loves swimming since she learned how to swim last summer. However, she's still a bit skeptical about participating in other athletic activities. "I never really used to participate in gym and sports until now. I didn't think I could do so well."

When asked how she managed to hang on so long, she replied, "When I was in the cast, I had to lift myself upon the crutches and walk. Soon, my arm muscles became stronger as I carried the weight of the cast."

**MOVING HER HANDS** nervously through her braided pig-tails she said, "It was the day before I actually took the test when I was practicing holding onto the bars. Miss Morris had been discussing the freshman tests with her students, while I thought it would be a good idea to give myself a test. Within a few seconds I became quite noticeable. Miss Morris told me to save my strength for the next day because I would be tested then. As I hobbled down with 'a little help from my friends,' I started believing that I would do it."

Wasn't it Virgil, a foremost philosopher who said, "For they can conquer, who believe they can!"

## 'Hair' Still Growing

by Howard Reich

Writing a review of an American Tribal-Love Rock Musical which deals with a conglomeration of thoughts and feelings rather than any detailed plot, (and often does a fine job of conveying such feelings) can be a rather trying experience—particularly if it has the irony of truly effective music and fine on-stage acting, but various stretches of boredom.

**THE PLAY, OF COURSE,** is "Hair," where all those number one, best selling, golden record, ever-popular tunes originate. Yet, one who doesn't see the play, but is an avid radio fan, might not realize that literally dozens of genuinely creative songs are also in the musical, (despite the fact that musically inclined disc jockeys do not seem to notice them.) But, it is, in fact, the sheer number of these songs, publicized or not, which makes the musical almost a grand opera of rock. And for once, there is a grand opera in English.

But, of course, there is more to a play, and the talents of performing artists, than the musical atmosphere created—there is the dramatics of the production. Here "Hair" can claim nothing even near to perfection. For, as the cast attempted to extend the dimensions of the stage into the entire theatre, to thus make the audience a part of the program, it laid bare its reliance on script and props. One could see actors lazily strolling from aisle to aisle, and occasionally tossing a flower or two at whoever might catch one. At times, members of the tribe would flicker a flashlight in a yawning disposition, and even the most vivacious of the lot did little more than shout an obscenity or two as they exhaled in lazy frustration. Yet, quite strangely, when the members of the party stepped on the stage, they assumed a new look and vigor. The memorized words and actions flowed from almost each of them—a remarkable change in attitude for the better. But as is so often true, better is not quite good enough, as the shifting from dull to moving, and off-stage to on, resulted in infinitely long periods of boredom and confusion.

**ON THE OTHER HAND,** though, there was something uniquely successful about "Hair." And it was sacrifice of detail of plot in order to gain time for expressing emotions and thoughts and feelings. The bulk of the on-stage time in the play was devoted to contemplations and outside pressures felt by Claude, who had received his draft card and didn't know what to do about it. An exchange of purpose in a play—from plot to thought—as unique as this, can be a good swap, and did indeed fit into the play very neatly. At least on stage, anyway.

What is interesting, generally, about this play, is the irony of it all. The good music and somewhat clever mode of presentation are so needlessly damaged by boredom of the audience caused by boredom of the actors with the audience, or with their parts, or something—a sad thing to see in what could be a nicely moving production.



# Trojans Anticipate Victorious Homecoming

Last year at the Trojan Homecoming, the sun shone a little brighter, the blue and gold petal paper a little lustier, and the head coach a little more optimistic. Homecoming last year was on October 4, early, considering the Halloween playoff of this year. Niles East was first in Suburban League standings and under the guiding hand of Jim Harkema, the Trojans scalped the New Trier East Indians to mark the end of a glorious Homecoming weekend. Names like Rose, Woolf, Jungwirth, Short, and Hanley are memorable, associated with the coach and the "Harkema" he pulled.

**TOMORROW THE WINLESS** Trojans face Morton East. Perhaps had victory come early in the season, the Trojans might have had some extra added incentive and confidence when they take to the turf for the remaining games, but progress has been slow. The defeats tal-

lied include Evanston, Highland Park, Oak Park, New Trier, and Waukegan, the last two were wiped out by the Trojans last year.

Coach Ed Pugliese might have visions of Illini coach Jim Valek in his nightmares, but his primarily junior team strikes a worthy note. Berg, Shane, Hanley, Satterelli, Hartstein, Tepp, Netznick, and Capezio are energetic blood, some Harkema offspring; if Troy ever needed a transfusion, now is the time, and these players could give a combined dosage.

**THREE WEEKS AGO**, the Trojans succumbed to Highland Park's Giants and fell to a crushing 41-0. In the past two weeks, the Trojans consistently bowed to Evanston and Oak Park.

Before a large enthusiastic crowd, the Trojans spiraled to their fourth consecutive defeat.

From the initial kick-off the "Kits" indicated that an upset would not occur. Within two minutes, Evanston quarterback Willie Miller passed to end Jim Archer for a tally. It was only the beginning of a very disheartening afternoon for Trojan fans. The Kits played an alert, fierce game scoring 14 points in the first quarter, 13 in the third, and 7 in the fourth.

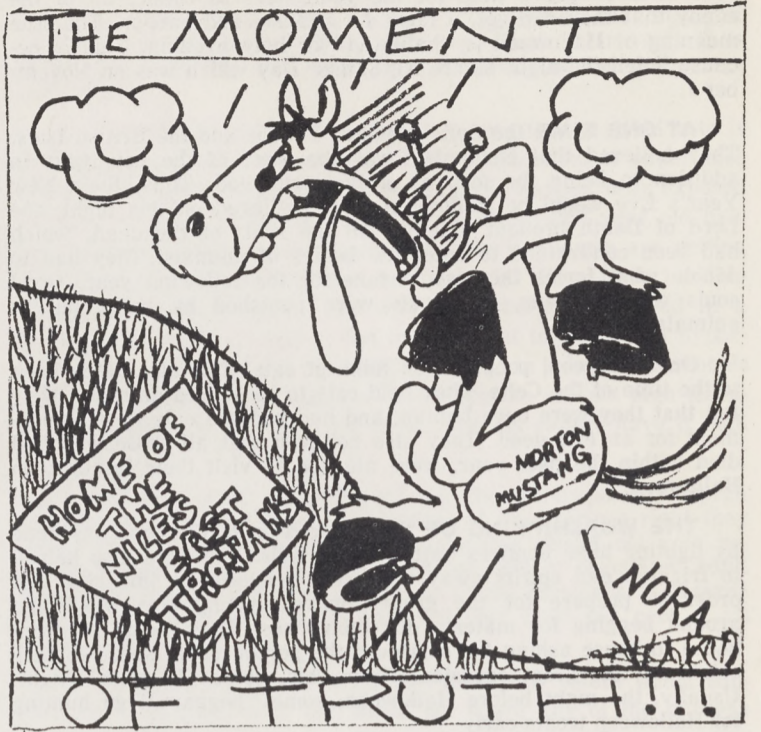
**FOR TROJAN QUARTERBACK** Jeff Netznick overthrown and intercepted passes were again his nemesis. Netznick suffered from this inability in the 41-0 rout by Highland Park's Giants. Poor play was evident through most of the game. A 15-yard sideline run by Rick Shane brought some life to the men of Troy, but penalties prevented an opportunity to score. Fumbling was evident through most of the game and this gave Evanston the time it needed to break away.

If the Trojans are to battle Morton with victory in mind, they had better shape up their passing attack and offensive line. East seems congruous in that Sophs and Frosh appear to stray within range of the same fate which seems to have grown quite fond of the Varsity team.

**LAST YEAR'S** "Homecoming '69: A Space Odyssey" was appropriately entitled—it was a rarity—never before had Niles East played so well, ranked so high, for so long, so soon. This year's theme, "Homecoming '70: Sing Out in the Seventies" is indirectly related, 'cause we "got them old cosmic blues again, mama."

### IT'S ALL IN THE STATE OF MIND

If you think you are beaten, you are;  
If you think you dare not, you don't;  
If you'd like to win but think you can't,  
It's almost a "cinch" you won't.  
If you think you'll lose, you're lost,  
For out in the world you find  
Success begins with a fellow's will.  
It's all in the state of mind.  
Full many a race is lost  
Ere even a step is run,  
And many a coward fails  
Ere even his work's begun.  
Think big, and your deeds will grow;  
Think small, and you'll fall behind;  
Think that you can, and you will.  
It's all in the state of mind.  
If you think you're outclassed, you are,  
You've got to think high to rise.  
You've got to be sure of yourself before  
You ever can win a prize.  
Life's battles don't always go  
To the stronger or faster man,  
But soon or late the man who wins  
Is the one who thinks he can.



GAA News

## Atta' Boy, Girl

by Jamie Scott

Being an athlete is more than wearing a Niles East jersey, more than flexing your muscles, and more than lacing a pair of four-striped "adidas." An athlete accepts the glory modestly, is part of a team, a company that is healthy and prosperous, and works with others to beat the competition. The highest ideals of sports are patience, will, and the undying strength to pick yourself up and learn from defeat, as much as it hurts; only trying again will take the hurt away.

**BEING AN ATHLETE IS . . .** missing the pass, but ready for it the next time, . . . losing game-point with a smile and a handshake, . . . practicing for hours and not telling anybody, . . . catching yourself **before** you lose your temper, . . . playing fourth singles just as you would play first, . . . hoping for a team victory not necessarily an individual win, . . . patience with your weaker teammates, . . . playing to win, . . . forgetting everything else but the game you are competing in, . . . living healthfully, holding your reputation in good conversation, . . . accepting criticism without throwing your racket or kicking the one who gives it, . . . proud of the way you played, regardless of win or loss, . . . determination and stability throughout the game.

**THE GIRLS' ATHLETIC** Association (GAA) is again sponsoring a series of Volleyball Tournaments, the first of which will be held a week from today—November 6, in the boys' contest gym. Traditionally held on Friday nights, the VBT's enable preregistered teams to compete against other teams who optimistically believe they will ultimately grasp the first place team trophies. Registration will be explained next week for further details and qualifying requirements. In the past, boys' teams have dominated the finals; if more female volleyballers registered women's lib may have new insight.

Official time-keepers, scorers, and line-judges will preside over each court, officiating and terminating the game at the set time. Refreshments will be sold and a probable admission charge set.

## Cagers Look Ahead

The boys' contest gym, the stomping ground of Mr. Gary Cook, Varsity basketball coach, is open territory, all periods, except 5th and 6th, as well as after school from 3:30 to 5:30, weather permitting gym classes to be conducted outside.

**THIS EXTRA PRACTICE** time was made available for boys wishing to pursue the call of basketball for added exercise and perfection.

Whether or not the extra effort has paid off will soon tell, as soon as Monday, November 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the contest gym, the set tryout date for the Varsity basketball team. The Junior-Varsity team will also be

chosen at this time; the sophomore and frosh tryouts are scheduled to be held on the same day in the gymnasium two hours earlier, at 4 p.m.

**WITH A SEASONAL** start of team selection eleven days before the first scheduled game, against Glenbrook South, on Friday, November 20, the team must place an accent on precision and watch their time usage. New coaching influence will definitely affect the team's performance; which way, however, only time will tell, and considering last year's record, how does the song go . . . "I figure when you're down and out, the only way is up and up."

### 1970-71 VARSITY BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Nov. 20—Glenbrook South—Away	Jan. 29—Proviso East—Home
Nov. 25—Niles West—Home	Feb. 5—Highland Park—Away
Nov. 28—Niles North—Away	Feb. 6—Oak Park—Home
Dec. 4—Proviso East—Away	Feb. 12—New Trier East—Away
Dec. 5—Glenbrook North—Home	Feb. 19—Morton East—Away
Dec. 11—Highland Park—Home	Feb. 20—Evanston—Home
Dec. 18—Oak Park—Away	Feb. 26—Waukegan—Home
Jan. 8—New Trier East—Home	Mar. 1-5—State Regionals
Jan. 15—Morton East—Home	Mar. 10-12—State Sectionals
Jan. 16—Evanston—Away	Mar. 16, 19-20—State Finals
Jan. 22—Waukegan—Away	

### 1970-71 JR. VARSITY BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Nov. 21—Glenbrook South—Away	Jan. 23—Waukegan—Away
Nov. 28—Niles North—Away	Jan. 30—Proviso East—Home
Dec. 5—Proviso East—Away	Feb. 2—Maine North—Home
Dec. 12—Highland Park—Home	Feb. 6—Highland Park—Away
Dec. 19—Oak Park—Away	Feb. 13—New Trier East—Away
Jan. 9—New Trier East—Home	Feb. 20—Evanston—Away
Jan. 16—Morton East—Home	Feb. 27—Waukegan—Home



Trojans literally sweep an Evanston Kit off his feet.

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