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(Photo by Ron Lewen)

*"Peace does not dwell in outward things, but within the soul; we may preserve it in the midst of the bitterest pain, if our will remains firm and submissive."*

*Francis Fenelon (1651-1715)*



# Speedy schedule changes predicted

by Robert Feder

Nilehi business manager Robert Gara predicted that student schedule changes (which now take up to five days to complete) soon will be accomplished with the aid of on-line computer terminals within ten seconds.

**THE NEW SYSTEM** of terminal hook-ups at or near the school's guidance office along with college-type registration will be tested at West division next September, with the target date for use at East being second semester of next year, Gara said.

At the present time, in order to change a student's daily program, a lengthy process involving several clerks and a cumbersome messenger system impedes efficiency, Gara said.

"With these on-line computer terminals

in each building, a student will be able to go to a clerk who operates what looks like a television-typewriter and tell her the desired program change. Ideally, the clerk could punch up the change, and if space is available in the new class, the student's change would be accomplished before he even leaves the clerk's area," Gara said.

**GARA STRESSED THAT** this system would not necessarily mean wholesale changes in student programs would be allowed. "We would still retain the to set guidelines for making such changes," he said.

Gara spoke with Nilehilite editors recently along with Superintendent Wesley Gibbs and district supervisor of buildings and grounds John Nix.

**DR. GIBBS CATEGORICALLY** denied rumors that the Nilehi schools are negotiating with Oakton Community College to sell one of the three Nilehi school buildings to that junior college. According to statements made at recent village board meetings and reported in local newspapers, the declining enrollment at

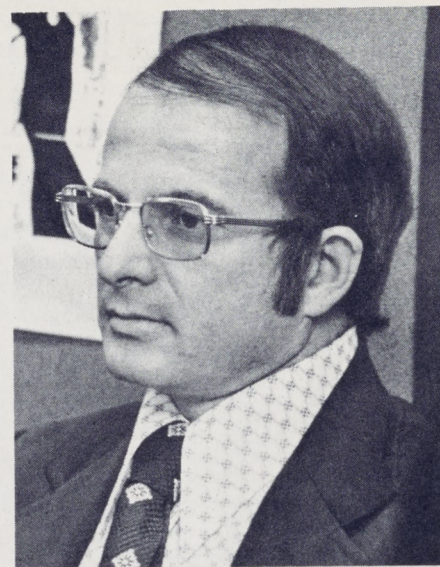
all three Nilehi schools has started speculation that Oakton would buy one of the buildings to use as its permanent campus.

"There is no validity whatsoever to those rumors. They are strictly speculation on the part of those individuals," Dr. Gibbs said.

**NIX CLARIFIED HIS** recently released program of energy conservation for the district. He said that gasoline and petroleum are the only two critically short power sources at this time, although efforts to conserve on electricity would also be maintained.

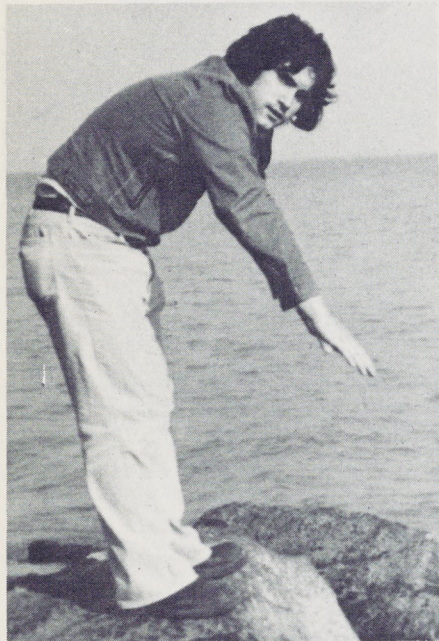
"I have some definite opinions on the causes of the present energy crisis, and I think the big oil companies are a lot more to blame than the Arabs. Many of us saw this crisis coming well before the Middle East War," Nix said.

**DR. GIBBS CONCLUDED** the press conference by telling the editors he expects to release the name of his choice for new assistant superintendent to fill the vacancy of retiring George Gilluly before the beginning of January.



(Photo by Michael Fryer)

Nilehi business manager Robert Gara said at a recent press conference that college-type registration may be available to Easthi students by the second semester of next year.



(Photo by Zachary Zager)

Zachary Zager, a senior at Niles East, illustrates how he was swept into Lake Michigan by high waves while standing on a breakwater at an Evanston beach.

## Nearly drowns in lake

# Easthi senior escapes death at beach

by Dennis Kaplan

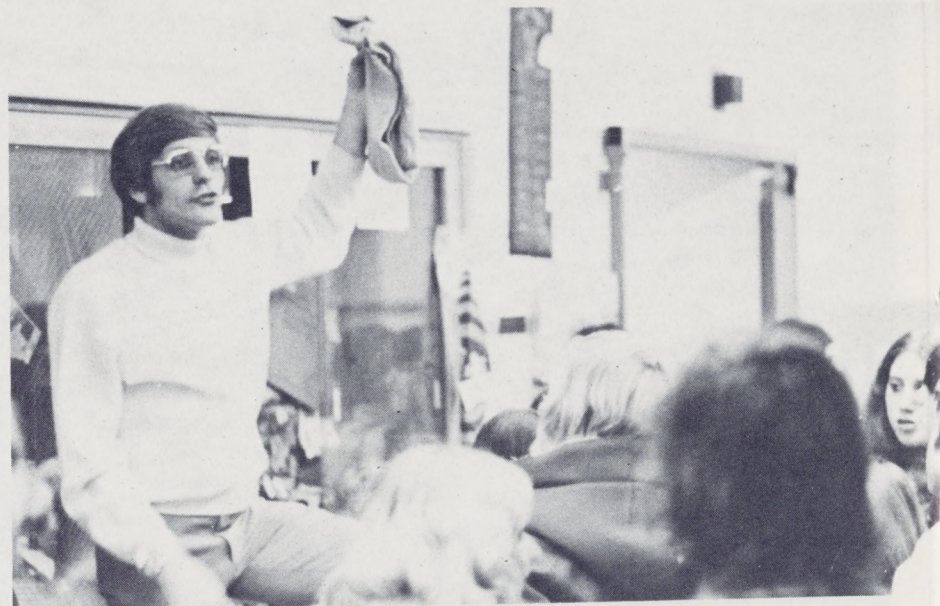
Easthi senior Zachary Zager feels fortunate that he is able to relate the story of how he was swept in the forty degree water of Lake Michigan while sightseeing atop a breakwater with three companions on the night of December 15.

**"VERY INTRIGUED"** by reports of high waves bombarding the local beaches, Zager and three friends traveled to the Evanston Lighthouse beach and ventured out along a narrow jetty which serves as a breakwater for the beach. As they neared the end of the jetty, a wave coming off the lake swept over the concrete where Zager stood, knock-

ing him off his feet and into the lake. **THIRTY MINUTES** had elapsed when one of the boys returned with two policemen to rescue the stranded youth. After several unsuccessful attempts to hoist Zager from the water with ropes and belts, the two police officers dragged

him to safety as he began to drift inward to the shore.

Zager was admitted to Evanston Community Hospital, his body temperature having dropped to ninety-three degrees. He was released shortly thereafter in good condition.



(Photo by Scott Wexler)

William Coulson, sponsor of the Distributive Education Club at Niles East, accepts bids on an article of clothing at the club's auction held on December 14.

## C.V.E. starts radio station

by Michele Freed

Ron Henrici's fourth period cooperative vocational education (C.V.E.) class has brought music to the cafeteria and student lounge of Niles East by creating and operating its own radio station.

**THE IDEA TO** set up the radio station originally started when the class made plans to begin a business selling records, but a large enough supply was not available. The club's next idea was to operate an F.C.C. approved station on F.M. radio, but they were unable to obtain a license at that particular time.

The radio station is student-run and has been operating for the past six

weeks. Various committees have been created to advertise the station, furnish it with equipment, and instruct future disc jockeys as to the proper broadcasting procedures over the air waves.

**HENRICI FEELS THAT** "it's a good program and is serving its function," and "as long as kids do the job it will last."

There have been both positive and negative comments about the rock music surrounding the selected parts of the building. Some feel it is a nuisance, while others say it has supplied them with the impetus needed to work effectively.



(Photo by Scott Wexler)

Steve Nitz assumes the role of a disc jockey while broadcasting from the cooperative education class' radio station at Niles East.

## Auction nets hundreds

The Distributive Education Club of Niles East conducted an auction on Friday, December 14, in order to send representatives to the local and state-wide contests which are part of the Distributive Education Club of America (DECA) program.

**DENIS PERRY**, president of the DECA branch at Niles East, said that the five hundred dollars raised at this year's auction was an increase of one-hundred and fifty dollars over the sum raised last year at the same function. Perry also said that this year's total made it the most successful auction since

the club's inception.

The money raised at the auction will be used to defray the traveling expenses of the club's representatives as they compete in local DECA contests and in the state contest held in Springfield, Illinois.

**WILLIAM COULSON**, the club's sponsor, said that even though this is the third or fourth year that the club has held its auction, "kids still aren't really clear as to what an auction really is. They don't realize what bargains they can get at one."

## Publication league formed

In an effort to further improve the quality and diversity of news covered by the Nilehilite, co-editor Ron Miller and advisor Mary Scherb conducted a meeting last week attended by representatives from the newspapers of Evanston and Highland Park high schools.

**THE INITIAL PURPOSE** of the conference was to initiate a 16-member league of the students' publications in the northern suburbs. Miller has been corresponding with the schools since June, attempting to encourage support for the

plan, which would foster the exchange of sports and news information, feature articles and ideas in journalism and staff management.

However, the limited response has not dimmed the hopes of the Nilehilite, Evanstonian and Shoreline for cooperation. The three papers decided to meet regularly to discuss school and community problems as well as difficulties incurred by each staff. They believe other schools will gradually join the new, informal version of a publication league.



## Nilehilite

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## For jobs well done

Niles East has been fortunate in recent weeks to have seen notable achievements by students in all areas: academic, athletic, artistic, and charitable. For these jobs well done, we offer our sincerest congratulations and best wishes.

Among the many students East can be especially proud of, we commend the following:

**NINE NATIONAL MERIT** Scholarship semi-finalists for 1974 and 20 other Letter of Commendation recipients.

108 Illinois State Scholar designates.

Senior Bruce Brantman, named All-Central Suburban League football linebacker as well as the Trojans' most valuable player. And senior Mike Wolfensohn, All-Central soccer fullback and m.v.p. as well.

**STUDENT PARTICIPANTS** in the music department's annual winter Festival last Sunday.

Members of Spanish Club, conducting a clothing drive for young children in Chicago's Spanish communities and raising funds to aid the Casa Central Day Care Center.

Students from Special Education Club affiliated with the charity concert and telethon designed to donate money to the Jewish Vocational Service and the Jeanine Schultz Memorial School, two facilities for mentally handicapped persons.

**KEY CLUB MEMBERS**, sponsoring a sports equipment drive for North Shore orphanages and their charity donation to Orchard Center.

Students for Israel, collecting for a Mogen David Adom ambulance in Israel from Nilehi donations.

**AND STUDENT SENATE**, having made money grants to the Metropolitan Crusade of Mercy, the Day Care Center fund, and the Israeli ambulance drive.

## Respect classroom time

For a school district that prides itself on maintaining the most sophisticated computerized student attendance system known to man, it seems rather incongruous that classes are being cancelled here with increasing regularity.

**WHETHER IT WAS** the four days forever lost to the teachers strike (shrugged off with a "who cares" attitude), or two teachers' institute days, or even the North Central Evaluation days (presumably of earth-shaking importance to our survival), the administration has assumed what we see as a hypocritical stance.

If classroom time is so expendable that it can be cancelled for the slightest excuse, then who needs the costly student attendance system of IBM cards and data mailers? And conversely, if a student's time spent in class is as vital as we are led to believe, why not save the administrative paper-work to do on their own time instead of ours?

**THESE LOST DAYS** are counter-productive for all students' progress, but are particularly detrimental to basic and advanced placement students for whom each class session is crucial to achieve long-range educational objectives.

If administrators want students to respect the value of education in the classroom, they'll have to start showing some of that respect themselves first.

### Hotline

## Q. Will East ever be air conditioned?

**A.** Although it would be physically possible to install air conditioners everywhere at East, there doesn't seem to be a chance that it will ever come to pass.

Nilehi Buildings and Grounds superintendent John Nix said that unless the building were used year-round (like North division for summer school), the 20 or 25 really hot school days do not necessitate air conditioning East (or West of that matter). Nix estimated the cost of air conditioning the whole building at one million dollars.

But Nix did not exclude the possibility of eventually air conditioning just East's cafeteria.

**Q.** When was the first Nilehilite published?

**A.** On Wednesday, November 22, 1939 (the day before Thanksgiving), the first

issue of the Nilehilite was printed in the basement printing class on our own presses. It was a four page newspaper, only nine inches by five-and-a-half inches in size.

The first issue carried a news story about the arrival of the new American flags for each classroom, a Thanksgiving essay, a congratulatory letter from principal Ralph Cotanche, an editorial declaring "there is one, and only one, Niles Township High School," and a statement of objectives that stated, "this paper is to represent the voice of the students . . ."

Today the Nilehilite varies from four to eight pages, measures 16 and a half inches by 10 and a half inches, and is printed in the impressive plant of the Des Plaines Publishing Company (a good 20 minutes away from here).

## Nilehi's Mort Schaffner: 'Something of a legend'

by Robert Feder

You probably never heard of Mort Schaffner. And even if you did, you probably never met him.

**BUT WHEN HE DIED** several weeks ago, many people were suddenly sorry they hadn't gotten to know him better while he lived. That's because during his four years at Nilehi, Mort Schaffner became something of a legend here, perhaps the most famous high school kid this community's ever seen.

He represented student protest here at a time when that's all there was going on. He was on the ground floor of the once-formidable enterprise known as the New Free Press, and he helped make it flourish.

And he was about the best p.r. man anyone could have for himself. During the fracas over the school board's firing of 47 teachers in 1971, Mort and his friends dumped a bushel of half-eaten apples on Dr. Gibbs' desk, symbolizing "the bite taken out of our education." The television cameras just loved pranks like that by Mort.

**MANY STILL REMEMBER** the picture on the cover of the Skokie Life of Mort in a sleeping bag camped in front of the district office. He slept out there all night so he could be the first to file his petitions the next morning to run for the school board.

His bid for a place on the ballot was

denied, but not until the whole community knew about it. Even the Skokie News' Bob Moore admired the kid's drive. Moore often wrote about him in his column, sometimes referring to him simply as "Mortie."

Mort dropped out of sight for a while after he left Nilehi. Stu Nelson said he heard Mort was working in a factory somewhere.

**ABOUT A YEAR AGO**, he walked into a school board meeting wearing his black jacket with the American flag sewn on the back. Nobody said anything to him, so after a while he got up and walked out. It was probably his last appearance at a Nilehi function.

Most older people reacted the same way when they heard that Mort died at age 20. "I think it's a real tragedy and catastrophe," lamented Dr. Gibbs, the man against whom Mort launched many of his attacks.

Few people ever learned that Mort never got his diploma from Nilehi — he was one credit short of graduation. And even fewer knew that North principal Gilbert Weldy wrote his college recommendation.

**MORT SCHAFFNER** had a real flair for doing things around here. And we'll probably never see anyone as colorful or captivating at Nilehi again.



(Photo by Scott Wexler)

Nilehi Superintendent Wesley Gibbs' car is paid for with district funds. How about switching to a more economical, less gas-consuming one to set an example for us?

and for a new high school building and \$60 thousand for a site (the land).

Together with the aid of a federal grant from the Public Works Administration for construction and equipment and a labor grant from the Works Progress Administration for landscaping, the original East building was erected.

Incidentally, one early Easthi student recalled the building being referred to as "the country club high school" in the late thirties, because of its unusual luxury for its time.

**We answer everything!** Send your questions about anything to Nilehilite Hotline, Room 121. Sorry, personal replies are impossible. Your name will not be used here.

And while many things have changed for Nilehi and the Nilehilite (for example, there are now three — not one — Niles Township High Schools), that first stated objective is still on our masthead and is still our goal, to represent "the voice of the students."

**Q.** Is Shirley Garland the first woman Board of Education president?

**A.** No, in fact the very first Board president was also a woman. Mildred Tess was of the same Tess family for whom Tessville (later called Lincolnwood) was named.

Mrs. Garland is the second woman to fill the post.

**Q.** How much did it originally cost to build Niles East?

**A.** In November, 1936, Niles Township voters passed a bond issue of \$450 thousand.



## Feedback

# Student calls for indoor smoking area

## Mulford blues

Dear Editor,

Now that the cold weather is here, it becomes difficult to smoke out on Mulford. The only alternative is the johns. If the students were allowed to smoke in an assigned room in the school, no one would turn to the washrooms. This would prevent a lot of hassles for the students and the faculty. No matter how many referrals the teachers give, it would still not stop this problem. If we had a room to smoke in, there wouldn't be any reason to have so many hall guards checking out the washrooms.

I personally despise being followed into the washroom and then being watched by some supervisor while you defecate. I just think that the idea of this is grotesque.

If the teachers are allowed to smoke in an assigned room, why can't students? There are many students who are supporting this letter. Even if the administration disregards this suggestion, I ask them to please, if they will, take it into consideration.

George Fletcher '74

## Religion at East?

Dear Editor,

Today I was approached in the cafeteria by a student from the Shalom (which, incidentally means peace) Center who was handing out literature for Jews for Jesus, which is an angle for attempting to convert Jews to Christianity.

Whatever the angle, this sort of activity, if permitted by the school authorities, constitutes a violation of the law, according to a Supreme Court decision relating to religion in schools.

I would be just as upset about any other religious group (including my own) attempting to convert anyone within the school premises and I seriously hope immediate action will be taken to prevent this.

Liz Surlin '77

## Ranking unfair

Dear Editor,

The present system of ranking members of a class on the basis of grade point average is not adequate. However, I do not agree that the changing or abolishing of the pass/fail option is the answer. I think that pass/fail should be made less necessary by abolishing the system of class ranking. Since each individual is unique in his interests, abilities, and goals, it is unfair to judge people on the basis of others.

If a class rank is not available for colleges and universities, these institutions would be forced to judge prospective students on their own merits, rather than everyone else's faults. Honors students would be looked upon as honors students, and colleges and universities would begin to take into account the difference in work involved in addition to the grade attained, thus eliminating the controversy over the "honors point." Those students with a sincere desire to work will not be discouraged by a class rank below that of people who took courses on a P/F basis. Cutthroat competition would be supplanted by creative cooperation, and Niles East would be a much more enjoyable place to exist in.

The administration ought to seriously consider abolishing the class ranking system. Such a move would, in the long run, lead to more, better, and more satisfying educational opportunities for all Nilehi students, both in high school now and in the future.

Warren Silver '75

## Two and two

Dear Editor,

I believe in the library in which there are four large rooms to study, that two of these four rooms should be made into

study places where everyone who needed to discuss some assignments with someone else, could get the help.

I think it's about time to do something about this, since there are never enough places for discussion in the library. This would make everyone happy, especially the people who want to study by themselves. They wouldn't have to listen to any talking, that would otherwise bother them. Everybody should have a place where he could do his best work.

Lewis Shancer '76

## Change of pace

Dear Editor,

I must commend you on your interviews of Debby Meister and Brian Hamer. I find it particularly interesting for a change of pace, to hear about students' involvement outside of school as well as within.

Shelly Rosenfeld '74

## Supervision bad

Dear Editor,

In regards to the supervision by teachers in hallways, I find it a waste of their time and a waste of the school's money (time when the teachers could be helping students out of the classroom — money that could be used to improve cracked windows, etc.).

If the school board really thinks we are in desperate need of supervision, why don't we have it on the bridges so we couldn't perform our little deeds of vandalism?

Kathy Ravey '76

## Feder on board?

Dear Editor,

Despite much criticism from fellow students, I feel that Robert Feder is doing a superb job as our president. Until some of these critical students such as Gary Elkins can match the dedication that Robert has afforded us, they should keep their mouths shut.

I have seen Rob on many an occasion stopping and conferring with fellow students in corridors, the cafeteria, the library, etc. as to their grievances and other problems troubling them. Because of this rare quality, Mr. Feder has done more for Niles East than any school president in my four years at Nilehi.

Hang in there, Rob, and I would like to see you on the school board in a few years.

Mark Edwin '74

## V.B.J.'s accept

Dear Editor,

We, the Champion volleyball team, Volleyball Jones, would like to inform our rivals, Squeenies I, that their challenge for a volleyball game between champions is accepted.

As we glance at your roster, we note that the only difference between the Squeenies of this year and the Squeenies of last, is the absence of Don Diamond, and the addition of a few players. We feel that these minor changes do not account for the not one, but two victories we held over the Squeenies the night of the tournament.

In conclusion, we plan to beat your brains out and prove once and for all that Volleyball Jones is the best volleyball team in the history of the school. When is the game?

Dave "Stork" Garlick  
Kurt "Porkey" Kiesel  
Steve "Mel" Leadroot  
Rick "Superstar" Short  
Corey "Bunny" Levens  
Jay "Volley" Borker

Larry "The Serve" Yale  
Jeff "Teddy" Kray  
Rich "Berky" Berkowitz

## Bridge sitters

Dear Editor,

I think that students should sit on the bridge. Students have been ripping up the tiles and goofing around on the bridge for the last two years. Why all of a sudden have the deans changed their minds and not let us sit there any more? I think they should carpet the bridge with indoor-outdoor carpeting. I think that the person in charge should think it over and let the students sit on the bridge.

Hal Sklar '76

## Coyle Bowl?

Dear Editor,

While at the Skokie Public Library recently, I was rummaging through old newspapers and came across an article in the Skokie News of 1959. It said that the park that is situated next to Fairview South (Coyle to be exact) had the chance of being a bowling alley.

It seems to me that all the C.P.'s wouldn't have been C.P.'s and would have mixed in with Oakton Bowl a lot sooner than they did.

Christie Chomsky '76

## Trojan losers

Dear Editors,

It is my express desire to comment on your coverage of the Niles East varsity football team. The reason for you writers and photographers taking up an extensive portion of the Nilehilite in covering the Trojans' poor sports activities is beyond me! In your articles, the Trojans' pictures have been displayed, write-ups have recapped how the Trojans have lost each game by a landslide, and even optimistic editorials have been written on the Trojans. What did the Trojans do to deserve such accolades?

Another thing which eludes me was the reason for naming our football team the Trojans. The name Trojans in itself is a loser. Homer's famous epic poem "The Iliad and the Odyssey" depicts the war between the Trojans and the Greeks. The Trojans subsequently lost the war by a landslide.

At any rate, I request, in the future that you try to concentrate writing your articles on more important and more victorious games of the Trojans.

If you can't do that and you're looking for something to fill in the vast spaces taken up by "Trojan articles," try writing about our fine art department, or about some of our intermediate athletic teams, or maybe about the interesting activities of some of our teachers, of about Easthi's various clubs, or about

Andre Hamilton '76

## Elkins replies

Dear Editor,

Many students, including many people on your staff, have seen fit to write critically of my position on the School Spirit, and the committee itself. Many allegations have been unjustly charged to me, and I feel that a response, one that is very clear and meaningful may set yourselves, as well as some students straight on our committee.

It is very easy for the Nilehilite and some of the students of this school to criticize me and the School Spirit committee, without knowing what we're about, and what our intentions are. I believe that a school newspaper which is supposed to run on behalf of the students of this school, should not include the character assassination that I have

fell victim of. I would think that the students of this school deserve much better than to have valuable space in the newspaper taken up by a personal conflict.

Next it seems as though some athletes were unhappy with the way we ran the last assembly. We notified each coach of our plans, and they agreed to our assembly. There were no suggestions on any change in the agenda of the assembly, and when at the last moment we were faced by a boycott of the assembly by the wrestlers because we would not introduce them individually, we knew the assembly was going to fail. I assure you our intent was to increase enthusiasm, so that attendance would be outstanding at the various meets.

Personally, I am sorry that the winter assembly was a ruin, but I can't help but think that some of the athletes added to its demise. The agenda was agreed upon by the committee and all the coaches.

I hope that in this short letter, I have been able to make you aware that the School Spirit Committee is not the bad guy, and I ask that the Nilehilite and the athletes of this school and their coaches give us their support in improving Niles East.

Gary Elkins '74

## Speak in English

Dear Editor,

Concerning Mr. Roland Torres' recent verbose and totally incomprehensible attempt at communication, I say this: For crying out loud Roland, SPEAK IN ENGLISH! You were on the verge of saying something and blew it by showing off your knowledge of big words.

Noah Gilson '74

## Gooniest poses

Dear Editor,

Over the years, the Nilehilite has gained a fine reputation as a cross section of student opinion. Through varied attitudes and approaches to the problems of school interest, the paper presented a school voice. Yet recently I have sensed that this voice is becoming more centralized, less varied, and less representative of the student body.

In a recent issue, there was a bit of "photo journalism" that brought this problem to a head in my mind. That was a sequence of photographs showing Mrs. Garland in 10 of the gooniest poses one could ever be caught in. This alone wasn't damning except for the fact that these 10 "self explanatory" pictures were followed by nothing more than a caption summarizing three hours of discussion. The only other "reporting" of the meeting was a belligerent essay. Letting those uncomplimentary pictures speak for themselves is unfair to Mrs. Garland as well as being one-sided journalism. I hope that the Nilehilite will shape up into the fair and equitable paper it's proven to be in the past.

Noah Gilson '74

## A letter to you

Dear Readers,

We are delighted by the vast outpouring of letters we have received this year and encourage you and your friends to continue writing to us about the things that concern you.

Our policy on letters is to accept only those bearing the author's signature, although we will withhold names upon request. Generally, letters are published in the order they are received by us, with attributed letters getting priority over anonymous ones.

We welcome your thoughts, in writing, addressed to Nilehilite, Room 124. And that also goes for questions for our Hotline feature and guest editorials.

We wish you a good vacation and a Happy New Year. Our next issue will be January 18, 1974.

The Nilehilite Editorial Board



## More goals to conquer

## Barb Sapoznik wins in Israel

by Donna Whisler

Was it only a few years ago, when the Women's Lib movement was just emerging, that East's superstar swimmer, Barb Sapoznik, was fighting for the right to swim with the boys on their team?

**WELL, MUCH** has happened since then, both to Women's Lib and to Barb. Over the summer she competed in Israel's Maccabiah Games, against teams from Australia, Austria, Great Britain, Israel, Mexico, South Africa, and Sweden. The United States did well, receiving the most medals in the games, including the most gold medals. As for Barb herself, she took a first in the 400 meter freestyle relay, two seconds in the butterfly, two thirds in the backstroke, and a fourth in the individual freestyle.

**WHAT EXACTLY ARE** the Maccabiah Games? "Various sporting events are held every four years in Tel-Aviv for Jewish athletes from all over the world. The athletes are selected mainly by past performances, and how well they've done in the Regionals and Nationals in their particular sports," explained Barb. Her expressive brown eyes lit up proudly as she revealed that she was one of only eight female swimmers accepted of 80 that applied. Barb was also the only girl representing Illinois in the Games.

Accompanied by her parents and 240 athletes, officials, captains, coaches, and doctors from all over the United States, Barb arrived in Israel on July 4. She was somewhat surprised at the tight security they received. Army men with guns rode with them on the bus from the airport to the Ramat-Aviv, the country club where they stayed, just outside of Tel-Aviv. For the first two days, the athletes weren't allowed to go out alone, and were protected by armed guards posted all around their hotel, including one on the roof!

**BARB MADE MANY** friends on the trip, and said that for the most part, she "communicated

perfectly with them." She writes often to some boys from South Africa, and only regrets that she'll probably never see them again. She returned home on July 20, and Barb summed the trip up by saying, "We got A-1 treatment from everyone."

Swimming has been a way of life for Barb since she began with the Skokie Park District when she was eight years old. "I flunked all of my swimming tests there, and didn't really get interested until I went to the JCC, where some coach saw me and thought I had potential." She credits her coach Terry Townsend, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sapoznik, for giving her the needed encouragement over the years.

**BARB WORKS OUT** at Maine South, Maine East, and Loyola Academy seven days a week (and twice on weekends). These workouts last about two hours each, and in them she practices her repertoire of the butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke, and freestyle. Beginning in January, she will work out twice a day, seven days a week. But despite the long hours of devotion, she feels it has been worth it. "I don't think I really missed out on anything, because I had a goal I wanted to reach," she explained.

Some of those goals have been swimming in the Regionals, and then this last year, the Nationals. Although she didn't place in the Nationals, which were held in Louisville, Kentucky; it was quite an honor just to be accepted.

**WHEN ASKED IF** she plans to try out for the '76 Olympics, Barb's answer is a definite "no." "I'm looking forward to swimming in college, and I want to try out for the Maccabiah Games again in four years," she said. Besides these goals, the Nationals are coming up in April in Houston, Texas, and over the summer in San Diego, California?

For a girl who started swimming by flunking all of her tests, Barb Sapoznik has done all right.



Barb Sapoznik, East's champion swimmer. (Photo by Scott Wexler)

## Listening to the voters, Young looks to 1974

by Cindy Payne

"I like to keep in contact with the people in this community," said Congressman Sam Young, who flies home to the tenth district every weekend from his position in Washington.

**IN KEEPING WITH** his intent, he holds "one-on-one" programs on Saturdays; there, citizens in the community have the opportunity to speak with him individually. During a recent "one-on-one" Saturday, Young recalled his most difficult objective in the election of '72. "I tried to get voters to know me by going around to meetings and talking to people at coffee groups," he said.

For Young, a man who thrives on 17-hour work days, the '72 election days were physically exhausting. As for the Congressional election to be held next year, Young will "continue to be accessible" to the community.

**A 50-MILE WALK**, to be taken in stages during the Congressional recess in January, and continuing through February and March, will enable the Congressman to get a "first-hand impression of how residents view key issues." The walk will carry him through all five townships in the district. "Walking through a community and listening to the citizens is one of the best ways I know to get a realistic appreciation of the sentiments and views of the people."

How is Young maintaining contact with high school students?

**IN A SERIES** of "Young Dial-logues" — long distance telephone conferences to high school history, civics, and economic classes — students have the opportunity to ask the Congressman questions concerning current legislative matters.

A telephone hookup permits Young, in Washington, to hear the students' questions, and allows his answers to be heard by the entire class. Classes at six schools in the district have participated in the program since October 10.

**IN AN EXPRESSION** of genuine interest for ecology and pollution control, during the August, 1973, Congressional recess, Young met with several groups who are working with him to develop a program for Lake Michigan erosion control.

He will talk with high school students in connection with environmental projects he will support during the next election. The students who aid his programs "would not necessarily be working for Sam Young per se, but for our community," commented the Congressman.

Young has held Congressional hearings in this district, including an *ad hoc* Congressional hearing on airport noise abatement. Since January, he has taken a leading position in combatting aircraft noise pollution, and expressed a strong concern that the Environmental Protection Agency has not yet proposed new Federation Aviation Administration regulations to reduce the noise pollution, and will not until next year or later. The Congressman feels that county, local, and state governments must begin to work together on this problem.

**WHAT WILL THE** election platform in the 10th district be?

Young feels that he will primarily be concerned with 'economy and energy.' "People thought it was a contrived story, but the energy crisis is a significant problem to the United States." Added Young, "How well we handle the energy crisis depends on how much people cooperate." He recommended that schools reduce their temperature to 68 degrees, and that students encourage their parents to do likewise at home.

**FURTHERMORE, SAID THE** Congressman, "Students can tell me what they think the objectives of the United States should be, and what they think about the future" by coming to one-on-one programs, writing letters, and by participating in "Young Dial-logues."

## North Shore fun spot grows up

by Ed Jacobs

On the Evanston campus of Northwestern University stands a uniquely popular coffeehouse entitled the Amazingrace.

Developed a mere two years ago, this informal place of entertainment is run and managed by 12 young adults, 11 of them being full-time students at the University when the coffeehouse opened its doors. At its inception, the Amazingrace served the students only as an alternative eating spot, featuring such unusually delicious delicacies as zuke (zucchini) soup, home-made bread and other assorted freshly-made foods.

As the popularity of this coffeehouse grew, so did the need for an entertainment spot inexpensive enough for the college students' wants and needs. This is when the collective first implemented the idea of creating a comfortable setting where both good music and fine food could be found.

**THE AMAZINGRACE** people have been successful in their attempts to bring some noted

personalities to their audience of mainly high school and college students (although the performances are open to the public). Such noted personalities as folk singers Bonnie Kolac and Dave Bromberg, along with some unknown performers like the rock groups Odetta and the National Recovery Act, who have performed admirably thus far.

During the week lunch and dinner consisting of one set menu for each meal is served at a nominal cost of \$1.25 and the establishment is quite crowded. But from Friday through Monday nights the coffeehouse is literally jammed

with people doing what the announcer calls the "butt shuffle." As the jammed room turns even more crowded, people push closer together in order to enjoy the warmth of the carpet while enjoying the melodious sounds of the musicians.

Two shows are presented nightly Thursday through Monday with performances at 8:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. Admission is \$1.50 for one or both shows. Advance sales of tickets are available at the coffeehouse, located at 2031 Sheridan Road, Tuesday through Thursday from 9 to 3 p.m. and all day Friday.

## Club news

## Groups exploring cultures

## Spanish Club

Under the new sponsorship of Herminia Lopez, this year's Spanish Club is setting many precedents. The group has dedicated itself to helping two day care centers in Chicago, Casa Central and one operated by Temple Shalom.

**A WINTER CLOTHING** drive was the first activity held. It was a "first-rate success" according to club secretary Pam Goldberg. Many bagfuls and several boxes of clothing were given to Casa Central last month.

The dozen or so active members of the club are now planning to visit the children at both centers to assist the limited staffs and to practice their Spanish, since many of the children speak better Spanish than English.

**LAST MONDAY, DECEMBER 17**, the club co-sponsored a Christmas party with the East's pom-pom squad at Casa Central. The center, located in the basement of a church near Diversey and California, was the scene of an entire afternoon of

festivities. Forty scarves, knitted by club member Karen Albas, her mom, and several other students and teachers, were given as gifts to the youngsters, who also enjoyed the refreshments brought by Nilehi's ambassadors of holiday spirit.

The group joined the three other foreign language clubs in planning an international holiday feast after vacation.

## AFS

Would you like to house a foreign exchange student for a weekend? American Field Service organization is having its International Weekend February 15, 16, and 17. During this time AFS will be hosting between 15 and 20 foreign exchange students. If you are interested in housing one or even two students on those Friday or Saturday nights, and joining with AFS on the weekend's festivities, contact Gary Elkins, Lori Simon, or place your name and phone number in Judith Rochotte's mailbox in the main office. Learn new cultures and have a great weekend with AFS.

The Nilehilite's feature section is designed to provide readers with interesting and informative stories covering all aspects of school life and many outside school. Our feature staff has been seeking fresh ideas from many sources, but it is impossible to be comprehensive without contributions from readers who are involved, or just interested, in school and community activities. We invite comments on the stories we have printed thus far, ideas for future stories, and your views on our regular features like Spotlight, College Notes, and the stories on outstanding students. In order to make the Nilehilite the true voice of Niles East, we must know what areas to cover on our feature page. Take a few minutes to send us your thoughts.

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# Political Science class forms own 'small society'

by David Mayer

Political Science is a timely subject to be taking at this point in history, during the exposure of widespread scandals throughout government. Betty Quinn and her first and fourth period political science classes do not, however, limit their studies to the problems of Watergate. Mrs. Quinn leads her classes into of such political philosophers as John Locke, Machiavelli, Rousseau, and Karl Marx. The means of rising to power also are reviewed. In addition, Mrs. Quinn correlates the relationship between such works as Rousseau's *Social Contract* and the American Constitution and between Machiavelli's *The Prince* and Richard Nixon's Presidency.

**RATHER THAN HAVE** her students memorize aspects of constitutional law, Mrs. Quinn prefers to solicit their ideas as to what is or is not constitutional according to their understanding of American Republicanism. Essentially, this transposes the class from studying basic facts of existing laws to learning philosophies, understanding the effectiveness of laws, how laws are made and man's concept of government. Class time evokes many controversial discussions. The first period students become, at times, divided into three dif-

ferent political actions.

Cary Morgen, the headliner of the first group, is usually the most analytical of the three factions representing a variety of viewpoints. Robin Bezark and her entourage have made brave, but futile attempts to confront the absolut-



Betty Quinn

ists of the remaining group. Robin has demonstrated flexibility in her ideals and believes the same attitudes should be carried over into political life. Steve Kozub, Mike Rzdski, Jeff Serota, and Sam Horn, the "rightists," believe that flexibility will bring upon an imminent downfall in government.

**THE CLASS ALSO** has engaged in experiments. The most unusual and interesting of these activities were the war games which were played on a large

piece of paper on the floor; an observer looking for organization and leadership would most probably be disappointed. Mrs. Quinn claims that the war games and other experiments similar in nature are representative of present conflicts in the world. And diplomacy in political science classes, Mrs. Quinn added, is a simulation of state diplomacy and a student later on in life can extrapolate from his experiences in class to gain a better understanding of matters of state.

## Upcoming Reflections show Compares past to present

by Leslie Miller

"A glimpse at the past fifty years of American life as viewed through the fresh eyes of today is the motif of this year's Reflections, 'Yesterday and Today,'" explained Noah Gilson, one of the production's directors.

**THE SHOW WILL** be presented on January 17, 18, and 19, (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights) at 8 p.m. in

the auditorium.

The subjects which are to be examined by the cast in this year's episode of Niles East's annual production include love, war, politics, movies, (featuring a student-made movie produced by the cast) and a retrospective glance at some of the more out-standing ups and downs of the past five decades.

**QUITE A BIT** of the show is original. The numbers include, among others, "a post-World War II patriotic extravaganza, complete with the Niles East version of the Andrews Sisters singing 'Boogie-Woogie Bugle Boy,'" described Gilson. "The pathos of the Depression rings out a foreboding note in the moving solo 'Buddy, Can You Spare a Dime?'," he continued.

Other numbers include medleys of two great influences on the American musical scene, in which George Gershwin and The Beatles are compared, "as are," quoted Gilson, "the atomic bomb scare of the '50's and the detente of the '70's. Another feature is a striking number describing a projected ending of the world, entitled, 'We'll All Go Together When We Go.'"

**OF THE MORE** than 200 students who auditioned for Reflections last month, 125 were selected for the cast.

"This year's cast is probably the largest we've ever had," stated Gilson. "It will be a challenge, but with the cooperation, enthusiasm and hard work of all involved, the show will be a success."

**DIRECTING "Yesterday and Today"** are Stew Figa and Noah Gilson, general directors; Robin Bezark, assistant director; Bruce Koestner and Howard Pfeifer, musical directors; Nan Friedman, Ilene Korey, choreographers; Michael Jacobs, technical director.

**CREW CHAIRMEN** include Arlene Siaveles, costumes; Ellyce Glassner, make-up with Sue Baizer as assistant; Ruth Landsman and Flo Stern, painting; Michelle Soltan, programs; Leslie Cole and Glenna Hecht, properties; Dan Rappaport, publicity; Judy Hoffman, tickets; Stan Pressner and Warren Silver, lighting; James Van der Kloot, sound; Jaci Sagen, construction with Jay Petroski as assistant.

## How the crunch stole Christmas

by Robert Dooley

Twinkling star-lit Christmas trees and pulsating tiny outdoor lights. Life-size, human-looking nativity scenes and twisting and turning Santas. Four-foot high little green and red elves, busily hanging up their candy canes to dry or noiselessly hammering their toys together. A fifty-member choir with organ, Santa with his eight tiny reindeer, and loud speakers shouting their Christmas joys. Glistening multi-colored ornaments and gold and silver garlands. Bright spot lights shining on all this have symbolized Christmas for the people in the Lincolnwood Towers area in past years, but this year their bright and merry Christmas may be just a little less bright.

**THE ENERGY CRUNCH** may pull the plug on many outdoor displays or at least cut them down. Voluntarily some homes have kept their outdoor fantasy lands crated up, stored in attics, garages, crannies, or just about anywhere an elf can fit. Some of the big red velvet twisting and turning Santa Clauses won't make their regularly scheduled

appearances, but will come out at a later Christmas, that is, if the moths don't find them first. The twinkling little lights that shone beneath the first light snowfall in past years will sit dull and lifeless in their containers, hoping someday they will again be used. Sadly, but just as merrily, Christmas will continue for these people.

While some are all for saving energy, they still can't see giving up a part of Christmas, so they've compromised. A part of their decorations are neatly packed away, while the rest shine brilliantly and seem to say to all that lay eyes upon them, "Merry Christmas from half of us." These Santas may twist and turn, but the eight tiny reindeer are not bouncing over the roof-tops. The organist may play her organ, but only half of the fifty-member choir will sing the tune. The nativity will be out for all to see, but the shepherds and their sheep and the three wise kings will be safely tucked away waiting for a time when they once again will be able to tell the story they hold.

**STILL OTHERS FEEL** that "Christmas comes but once a year." As one old gentleman put it, "you've got to grab for all the gusto you can get" while he finished plugging in his dazzling spectacle of lights. With all the Santas turning and twisting and children swinging and toy soldiers standing at attention up and down the drive ways, life-size nativity statues and flashing white and green, red, yellow, and blue lights surround the house and spruce trees, with the high intensity spot lights shining on all, and over this a loud speaker blaring out its Christmas message to everyone who passes and gawks at the sight.

There's still one thing that all these people have in common though . . . they have the Christmas spirit. The feeling that has filled men's, women's, and children's hearts since that first Christmas so long ago. No matter how light or how dark their front lawns may look, you can be sure of one thing — they know it's Christmas and are wishing you a merry one.

## Seeking better education, twins withdrawn

by Robert Dooley

Felix and Juan Lara attended Niles East from the beginning of this year until they were recently withdrawn because they were illegally enrolled in the school. The 15-year old twins immigrated from Mexico and have lived here less than a year under the guardianship of relatives living in Skokie.

**FOUR WEEKS AGO** the Lara parents also came to the United States and took up residence in the northern Puerto Rican community of Chicago. The boys moved back in with their parents since guardianship was no longer possible once the parents were in the states.

For two weeks the boys commuted from their Chicago home to Niles East. This arrangement soon ended though, when James Puff, in his capacity as truant officer, saw the boys disembark from a Chicago bus one morning. Puff immediately brought the boys to his office and called Spanish teacher Gentil daRosa to act as interpreter. After a rather lengthy discussion and an honest explanation from the boys, Puff informed them that under state law, the boys would have to be withdrawn from

Niles East and attend school in the district in which they lived. The Laras preferred East because of the better education they would receive here than in their own district's high school. The law states that the only way the boys would be able to go to Niles East would be to pay \$3,600 tuition, but the family is having a hard time making ends meet now.

Legally, the school is correct in its withdrawal of the Lara twins, but many people have said that they feel it is "morally wrong to deny them the right to an education simply because they are poor" and that "this kind of incident could have been overlooked in this case, but it wasn't."

**AS OF NOW**, there may be some students who commute like the Laras did — illegally. The question is, what will happen to these students when they're caught, if ever? Will they be withdrawn or overlooked?

**Editor's Note:** Deans Ken Reiter and Gerry Turry have made extensive efforts to contact, though Mrs. Herminia Lopez, the Lara parents in order to discuss the situation, and to contact also Nicholas DiBenedetto, originator of the English for Foreign Speaking Students in the Chicago public schools. The Lara

boys, who as of Wednesday were still waiting for word as to whether they could attend classes, have returned to Niles East and are presently staying with residents of the school district.

## Club News

### Committee aims to build spirit

by Gary Elkins

School Spirit is a wonderful thing to have. Though the fun and enthusiasm that was displayed by students of this school in the 40's and 50's has all but been transformed into loneliness and apathy, there are still many students who want the "spirit" returned to Niles East.

Because of these students, the Board of Education approved the formation of the Niles East School Spirit Committee. It was formed with the intentions of bringing people together at assemblies, parties, and other events to display fun, enthusiasm, and good will.

**THIS COMMITTEE WANTS** to restore much of the positive attitude that has been lost when one thinks of school, and to build a strong administration-faculty-student rapport by their involvement in these assemblies.

Last year, as an unofficial organization, headed by Gary Elkins, Lori Simon, graduate Rhonda Daniels, and formed by Dr. Colver, the students of this school were brought the "Spirit of 72" assembly, the Faculty Basketball game, and more.

**THIS YEAR** the School Spirit Committee already has assisted the Homecoming Committee in a great pep weekend, and though failing, tried to bring a fun filled winter sports assembly.

They are trying to build spirit for everyone, and in order to meet that task, support and enthusiasm is needed.

Meetings are held every Tuesday, 12th Period, in Room 250. All suggestions may be addressed to School Spirit Committee and placed in John Moshak's mailbox in the main office.



# Renowned coach expounds on basketball

by Norberto Kogan

Twelve years ago Ed Badger became an IHSA official. In those 12 years he has endured the common outcries of furious fans, embittered coaches, disgruntled players, and belligerent basketball boosters. Why does he continue to subject himself to such treatment? — It relaxes him from the strain of coaching his own troops — those of Wright City Junior College.

**HIS REFEREEING DEBUT** came one night when an IHSA official failed to arrive at a high school basketball game. He was called from the stands (a familiar position for Mr. Badger, who is a continuing student as well as a teacher of basketball) and asked to help arbitrate that night's game. Ever since that moment, the coach learned what it was like to be on the receiving end.

Badger has coached teams with varying talents. He has never really had a "big man" to utilize at Wright, and therefore has relied on speed, quickness, and alert play to lead his teams to two state Junior College titles, and few shots at the national honors.

**HOWEVER, HE DID** get a chance to coach some players with appreciable height and strength when he coached the United States' entry to the World University Games in Moscow. Oddly enough, he didn't deviate from his normal tactics, employing the same offensive strategy he does at Wright, while utilizing as he put it, "bigger and more talented" players than he normally tutors.

In a six-week time span, the highly successful coach led his cagers to a 21-0 "season," defeating such teams as the Buffalo Braves and Boston Celtics, and capturing tournaments in Prague and Moscow.

**THE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT'S MVP** was the United States' David Thompson, a 6'4" forward from North Carolina State. Badger very candidly stated that he believes Thompson to be "one of the top ten players in the world, including all those in the NBA." It is not surprising that with Thompson, Quinn Buckner of Indiana, and their able teammates, the club had such an outstanding record.

According to Coach Badger, the United States' basketball prowess is far superior to that of any other nation. The reason he said, is that here, "the kids start at a very early age," while the Russians and others begin at about 12. Another great hurdle most nations face is that their style of play is very methodical, while in the U.S. the players are more agile and smoother in their movements.

**COACH BADGER WAS** very impressed by the courteous treatment he received in Russia and Poland. He confided that the treatment in Bulgaria was not as grand as that elsewhere, but it was still excellent. When asked what a typical day was like he replied, "I just went to see other games."

The U.S. basketball coach for the World Games claims that his 15-year career at Wright has been a fruitful one. He noted that striving to be suc-

cessful at any level is rewarding; and we might add that he has been successful, as is verified by his selection as Junior College Coach of the Year by many newspapers, polls, and basketball conferences last year.

**HIS PHILOSOPHY ON** basketball is simple: The main objective is to win; the second is to encourage his players to further their education; and his third is to prepare those players who are very good, to continue in their pursuit of playing for a major college team.

One might ask why such a proven coach is not instructing at a higher level. Frankly, his talents have not gone unnoticed. Many "unofficial offers" (those by important alumni) to become

the assistant or coach in major colleges have presented themselves, but as Mr. Badger quips, I've heard that they (alumni) can get coaches fired, but never that they could get coaches hired."

**HE HAS RECEIVED** offers from several Big Ten schools and other major colleges, but admits that they usually offer

assistant's job, something which he doesn't particularly care for. He was considering being an assistant in the pro ranks, and recently was named head scout and chief assistant to Coach Dick Motta of the Bulls.

So, before yelling at a referee at the next Easthi game, look to see if it is Ed Badger. If it is, then start by saying, "Sir."

## Tankers show improved form

by Jeff Weinstein

Our Niles East Varsity swimmers opened the 73-74 season by losing at Elmwood Park, 47-33 on December 1.

**DESPITE THE LOSS**, there were some excellent individual

efforts. Senior Andy Ruttenberg took a first in the 50 yard free style with a time of 24.2 and was also the winner in the 100 yard breast stroke. Junior Ed Naumes also came in first in the 100 yard free style with a time of 58.9.

Against Rolling Meadows, the team lost 59-23. Again it was the individual performances of Ruttenberg in the 50 and 100 yard free style and Naumes in the 200 yard free style that prevented the meet from being a rout.

**THE NEXT** day the tankers almost turned things completely around and were barely beaten by a very strong Maine North Squad, 90-77. Soph Bob Tortsensson won the 500 yard free style and took second in the 200 yard free style. The 400 yard free relay team, comprised of Miles Lustig, Steve Hirsh, Rodrigo Lopez and Pete Theodore, also won. These performances give us hope that our swimmers are slowly putting it all together and a win should not be far away.

When talking with Coach Larson, he said, "We could have won two of these meets if only a few more men would participate."

## Fencers foiled by Indians; Cowboys next

by Scott Wexler

Varsity fencing at Niles East absorbed its second loss of the season Friday, December 7 by a close 10-8 score, in a meet at New Trier East.

**THE "A" STRIP** won their part of the meet 5-4, with Sophomore Larry Labow and Senior Kurt Liepold both scoring 2-1 victories. Both fencers have improved much since the last meet, according to team captain Ron Rovner. Rovner won the other bout for East against the tough Indians.

The varsity "B" strip lost 6-3, however. All three members of the "B" strip lost by a score of 2-1. The three members are Sophomore Lane Schultz, and Juniors Joe Jaas and Roland Huhn.

**THE FROSH-SOPH** team beat New Trier 10-8. The highlight of the meet was a 3-0 record by Sam Rest, who scored one "grit" (a 0-5 shutout). Scott Wexler was 2-1, and Jim Osness was 1-2, but his win was also a "grit." The freshmen who make up the "B" team are new-comers to the sport. Losing 5-4, the B team scores were Jeff Fogel 1-2, including a winning grit, Barry Schmetter was 1-2, Howard Miller was 0-1, and Allen Tish was 2-0.

After the meet, Coach Robert Keen commented, "The Freshman-Sophomore team showed much improvement, but the Varsity needs a lot of work."

**THE FOILERS** battled the New Trier West Cowboys last Wednesday.

## GAA winter sports

### Gymnastics

Jan. 18-4 p.m. .... at Maine South  
Jan. 19-4 p.m. .... at Niles West  
Jan. 23-4 p.m. .... at New Trier West  
Jan. 26-11 a.m. .... Glenbrook South  
Feb. 1-2-11 a.m. .... League Meet at Highland Park

### Volleyball

Jan. 10-4 p.m. .... Maine West  
Jan. 11-4 p.m. .... at Niles North  
Jan. 15-4 p.m. .... at Niles West  
Jan. 17-4 p.m. .... at Deerfield  
Jan. 25-4 p.m. .... League Meet at Glenbrook South  
Jan. 26-9 a.m. .... League Meet at Glenbrook South

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# Gymnasts beat Maine North, defeated by ranked York

by Dave Mayer

On Friday, December 8, the Niles East gymnastic team defeated Maine North 124.23 to 80.47. The free-exercise squad started off the meet with a total score of 22.95 points. Paul Milstein was good for a 6.75 and Scott Harrison, executing a double back somersault in his routine, received an 8.4.

**POMMELED HORSE GATHERED** 22.6 points as a unit. Barry Liametz had some difficulties in his set but still managed to get a 6.4. Bill Bro and Mike Burke performed flawlessly for scores of 8.05 and 8.15 respectively. Horizontal bar was a weak spot for the Trojans. All Around man Gary Siegel missed his mount, but thereafter did an excellent job and was awarded a 6.8.

Trampoline hit for over 20 points and was highlighted by an 8.1 performance by Lorry Lichtenstein. Barry Scher, Siegel, and Harrison all turned in good performances on parallel bars. Still rings, however, was not up to par with Steve Kozub topping off his performance with a one and a half salto to his back.

**THE FOLLOWING DAY** the Trojans suffered their first defeat against a much improved York team. Niles scored more than 125 points, but it was not enough to overcome the Dukes, who netted 142 points, the second highest total so far this year; only the reigning state champions (Hinsdale Central) have done better. On free-ex York scored 24.75 points as all-around man Curt Austin, also last year's state tumbling champion, scored 9.05 points. Harrison kept East respectable with an 8.05. The Trojans completely dominated on pommel horse with Burke capturing first place with an 8.0. The Dukes won every other event, including all-around, and especially trampoline, where they totaled more than 26 points, the highest in Illinois high school competition as of now.

Still rings was the best event for Niles, scoring 23 points. Kozub was the only other event winner for East, besides Burke, scoring his career high of 8.75. The gymnasts clash with Maine South tonight at 7:30 in the girls' gym.



(Photo by Michael Fryer)

Buddy Swanson scores in front of Kiesel in recent North vs. East game.



Gary Siegel displays his winning form on p-bars.

## East slumps to 5-4 mark

by Dave Garlick

After starting out the 1973 season with a 5-0 record, the basketball edition of the Niles East Trojans has slumped to a 5 and 4 record. Despite the five wins, East has yet to win a Central Suburban League game, and is in last place, with an 0-3 record.

**ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8**, the Trojans traveled to Niles North to meet their arch-rivals, the Vikings. North came out of the locker room intent on embarrassing East. And that they did. For the first three and a half minutes, East was shut out, as North pranced to a 12-0 lead. When Trojan Coach Gary Cook called time out with 3:43 left in the quarter, the Vikings led 16-4.

The Trojans couldn't make up the early deficit, although they played North even for the remaining three and a half quarters. The teams were so evenly matched after the start of the game, that North never led by more than fourteen points or less than eight the rest of the way, an amazing six-point spread! The final was 61-51.

**LAST FRIDAY NIGHT** Deerfield put on a remarkable display of outside shooting and rebounding, while the Trojans put on an equally remarkable display of free-throw shooting ineptness, turnover frequency (31 turnover in one game),

and a resounding lack of rebounds as Deerfield spoiled East's home league opener, 65-51.

Saturday night Oak Park invaded Troy, and the Huskies too got their licks in against the Trojans. In an exciting game that wasn't decided until only four seconds remained, the Huskies squeezed out a 56-53 decision.

**NILES DID PLAY** a fine game against the highly regarded Huskies, and would have won if Don Diamond had not fouled out of the game with 6:00 left, or East had not shot only 11 of 27 freethrows, or East hadn't waited so long to take the last shot that would have brought them victory.

With 1:00 to go in the game and Oak Park leading 54-53, East controlled the ball. They ran down the clock to 17 seconds, when Cook called for a timeout. Niles set up the basic offense with the purpose of getting an open shot. A few Trojans seemed reluctant to take the final shot. As time ticked down to four seconds, Jim Cohn's attempted pass to John Harles underneath was intercepted, sealing the victory for the Huskies.

**EAST WILL TRY** to break its losing streak tonight against the Glenbrook South Titans in the Contest gym at 8:30.

## Grapplers compile wins

by Ed Jacobs

In recent weeks the Niles East wrestling team's road to success has been impeded by such foes as Glenbrook North, Waukegan, and Glenbrook South, but the return to winning form was initiated last Saturday as the grapplers downed both Cary Grove and Lake Forest.

**LAST FRIDAY NIGHT** the Trojan grapplers travelled to Holy Cross High School to battle the Crusaders, and came out on the short end of a 24-18 score. Jeff Rock continued to sparkle at the 98-pound classification as he dominated his opponent and extended his unbeaten streak to nine matches in succession with an impressive victory. Fred Albrecht, Phil Cech, and Larry Yale were some of the other victors for East against Holy Cross.

Against Cary Grove and Lake Forest the following afternoon, the Trojans escaped with double victories and renewed the hope for a very successful latter part of the season. As Rock extended

his victory streak to 11, he established an East varsity record. Cech also brought about double victories for a 3 and 0 weekend record.

**THE CLASSES OF '76 and '77** performed well as the freshmen shut out Holy Cross by the unbelievable score of 69-0. Not to be outdone, the super sophs shut out Cary Grove the following day, also in impressive style. The underclassmen are being directed by Coaches Schusteff and Poznansky.



(Photo by Scott Wexler)

Trojan matman pins his opponent.

### Schedule of Events

#### Basketball

Dec. 21 ..... vs. Glenbrook South  
Dec. 26-29 ..... Tournament at Glenbrook North  
Jan. 4 ..... vs. St. Mels  
Jan. 11 ..... at Niles West

#### Swimming

Dec. 21 ..... at Maine East  
Jan. 11 ..... at Niles West

#### Fencing

Jan. 8 ..... at Norte Dame

#### Wrestling

Dec. 28-29 ..... Tournament at Glenbrook South  
Jan. 11 ..... vs. Niles West

#### Gymnastics

Dec. 21 ..... vs. Maine South  
Dec. 22 ..... Tournament at Maine East  
Dec. 29 ..... Tournament at Rich Central  
Jan. 5 ..... Tournament at Niles North  
Jan. 11 ..... vs. Glenbrook South

The Sport Editors apologize for the inappropriate outline below the wrestling picture on page four of the last issue, December 7.