

## Jr.-Sr. Prom To Be Held May 23

This year's Junior-Senior Prom, "Sweet Inspirations," will be held at the Highland Park Country Club on Friday, May 23. Bids are on sale in the cafeteria during lunch periods for \$5. All juniors and seniors are invited. The Prom is from 8:30 until midnight.

Out of 12 senior couples running for Prom king and queen, all but three have been eliminated in a preliminary election held Wednesday.

The winning couples are Seniors William Stapefeld and Mary Hook, Steven Feder and Susan Idelman, and Morlen Sinoway and Nancy Kogan. According to Mr. Leonard Sachs, Junior Cabinet adviser, the election was very close, and it was almost necessary to include a fourth couple in the court.

The final election to determine

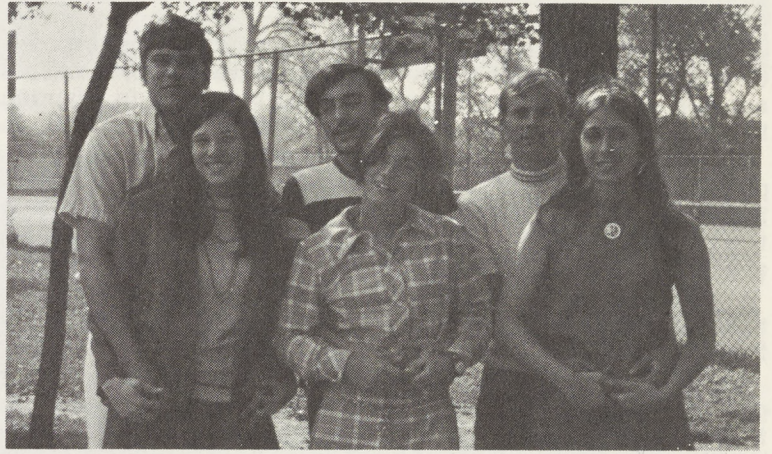
the king and queen will be held sometime next week. The winning couple will be announced and crowned at the Prom. The remaining two couples will comprise the court. All juniors and seniors, whether or not attending the Prom, may vote.

Anyone planning to attend the Prom will not be permitted into the dance if absent on that day. The chaperones will check attendance to insure this. This policy is to discourage taking off from school because of the Prom.

This is the second consecutive year that the Prom is being held at the Highland Park Country Club. According to Prom Committee Chairman Laura Rosset, it is a nice and a suitable place for Prom. She asserts that its conven-

ient location to downtown, its easy accessibility and convenient parking make it an enjoyable place for the Prom.

The Prom is sponsored by Junior Cabinet with the help of Mr. Sachs. Junior Cabinet has sponsored several successful projects to raise money for the Prom, such as the selling of gold and blue scarves and a jamboree offering various prizes. The Prom committee hopes to top last year's Prom attendance with about 150 couples.



**PROM COURT** couples are (from left) Seniors Steve Feder and Sue Idelman, Morlen Sinoway and Nancy Kogan, and Bill Stapefeld and Mary Hook.

## Anxious Seniors Make Plans As Graduation Draws Near

Even though it is "the end," seniors at Niles East will be busy until the day they graduate.

May 22 is the day that begins a series of events which will add a finishing touch to the many memories seniors have experienced. This day will be the official "Bicycle and Bermuda shorts day." Barry Hartstein, senior class president, stated, "The thrill of this day will not be as big as in previous years since Bermuda shorts are worn to school every day; however, there is an extra thrill of being able to ride your bicycle to school."

At Prom on Friday, May 23, the Prom King and Queen will be crowned.

Barry considers May 29 "the most important day for every senior who doesn't have to take a final." This is officially the last day of school.

Friday, June 6 will be a very hectic day. Starting at 9 a.m. the seniors will attend the senior pro-

gram. The senior movie "A day in the life" will also be shown. Immediately following the program at 10 a.m. the "last breakfast" will be held. Seniors will be served a catered breakfast which will include bacon and eggs. Barry says that the graduation ceremony rehearsal from 11 a.m. until "who knows when" will be a fiasco.

The actual graduation ceremony will take place outside at 4 p.m. on June 8, if the weather permits. Highlights of the program will be presentations by the choir, senior class president, valedictorian, and salutatorian. All the graduates will receive diplomas.

Barry also revealed "There will be senior pranks. They promise to be very fruitful and funny." He also pointed out, "There will be no Senior ditch day designated by Senior Cabinet; but, May has been a popular month for many absences. Because of our gift of no finals we have tried to pay back the administration by eliminating

formal senior ditch day. It is another one of our class gifts." The seniors already gave their gift earlier this year; it is the juke box now located in the senior lounge.

### Finals Schedule

Friday, June 6

Periods 1, 3, 5

Monday, June 9

Periods 2, 8, 6

Tuesday, June 10

Periods 4, 7, 9

## Math Contest Scores Revealed

Niles East took ninth place in the 1969 National High School Mathematics Contest out of 340 Illinois high schools participating. Niles West placed sixth and North came in twenty-second place. All three schools had outstanding achievement and, being in the upper 10 per cent of the participating schools, were placed on the honor roll.

The three high scorers from East (who determined our standing) and their scores are: John Spies, 80.50; Richard Schubert, 78.25, and William Page, 77.25. These individual scores were out of a total 150 points.

The contest, which was held March 11 in the cafeteria, is a test based on advanced algebra, geometry, and trigonometry. "A person with three years of high school mathematics is basically prepared for this, although these problems are not too similar to what students find in their regular math courses. This contest tests ingenuity and originality on the part of a student," stated Mr. T. J. Kiviluoma, chairman of the math department.

As for coaching before the contest, Mr. Kiviluoma further explained the students are given last year's test copy to become familiar with the type of questions asked, but very little is done in the way of jam sessions. Students are considered on their own.

This is not the first time that Niles East has scored very high in the math contest. We have been in the upper 10 per cent nine out of the past ten years.

## West Hosts Seminars

The Skokie Valley Welfare Council and the Niles Federation of Teachers are presenting a series of seminars on "The Negro in American History." The seminars will be given every Tuesday night until June at Niles West. The six seminars are nearing the halfway point, so those interested should take advantage of the remaining seminars.

The seminars are conducted by a different guest speaker each week. The past seminars were on African Beginnings, Myths of Slavery and Reconstruction and Betrayal. There are question and answer periods, books, visual aids and other resources used in the programs.

At the first seminar, an interpretation of an African Tribal Dance by some young people from the Johnson school in Chicago was

presented. Mr. Everett Colton has attended all of the meetings, and said that they have been attended by both blacks and whites, students and adults. The meetings are informal and there is a coffee hour afterwards in order to get acquainted with the people present.

Mr. Colton said that the most important seminars are the ones on May 13, 20, and 27. "I think this is where the average white person is least informed: the Reconstruction and the Black Renaissance. They are important for fact and concept," he stated.

The next three seminars will be on the Black Renaissance, the Struggle for Freedom, and Reconstruction. The seminars are open to the general public for a nominal fee of \$.50 for students, and a \$1 for adults.

## GAA Awards To Be Presented

The GAA annual Awards Night will be held in the Contest Gym at 7:30 p.m. on May 21.

The 24 point initiates will be inducted with a rose and candle, a traditional part of the initiates' ceremony. Other awards include the 75, 150, and 250 point pins and letters, presented to any girl having earned enough points by participating in the various intramural or interscholastic sports. Awards will also be presented to the sophomore, junior, and senior physical education leaders.

Highlighting the program will be the presentations of a \$400 college scholarship to an outstanding senior who will be majoring in physical education, recreation, or health; a GAA camp leadership award to two girls who have displayed leadership in GAA; and the announcement of "Most Outstanding Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, and Senior Girls."

The newly elected officers will be initiated in a candle-lighting ceremony. They are: Karen Gill, President; Shelli Friedman, Vice President; Linda Weiss, Secretary; and Cassie Diamond, Treasurer.



**NATIONAL MERIT** Scholarship winners (sitting) Andrea Behr, Nancy Holland, (standing) Bill Page and Neal White are shown with Principal Arthur Colver and Guidance Counselor Mrs. Rubin

## Art Fair Opens Monday in Niles East Gym

Niles East's annual art fair will be presented in the girl's gymnasium at 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 19, and continue throughout the remainder of the week. Approximately 600 projects will be on display.

"Everything from the conservative to the wayout will be pre-

sented," remarked Mrs. Hazel Loew, head of Niles East's Art Department. Displays will include various types of sculpture, including soft sculpture ala Claus Oldenburg, who is known for his large reproductions of ordinary objects. Paper mache' jewelry, etchings, block-printing, and plastic prints are also included in the displays. Highlighting the fair will be

three individual sensory chambers from New York, which revolve, while enabling a person to experience all five senses simultaneously. "Our theme is excellence," stated Mrs. Loew, "and we anticipate a large attendance." Punch and cookies will be served by candlelight, and several students will be modeling hand-dyed batik ensembles during the art fair.

Forum - Guest Editorial

# Educational System?

By Les Farber

**EDUCATION** is defined by the dictionary as the process of preparing youth for their "station in life." Thus, it should act as a secondary institution to aid the individual in adapting to his environment and leading a satisfying life.

Involving our present school system, this process of preparing seems to have lost much of its potential among contests and classifications. Not only is the student stifled by the present system, but he has lost sight of what his main goal in going to school should be: **Learning.**

The student is taught to question, examine, and evaluate the function of everything but the educational system. Therefore, let us take a brief look at this system.

The main problem is the grading system. The present grading system has stifled the student's desire to learn to the point of making school a contest. Such a thing as a "grade point average" should not exist. Less pressure would allow the student to come to school because of his desire to learn.

The compulsory curriculum stating that a student must have a certain amount of credits in particular fields should be ended. School should be set up to let the student concentrate in the area he desires. He should be able to get answers to all questions that intrigue him. Thus satisfying his desire for learning.

By the time the student reaches the age of 16, he is expected by his parents and teachers to be a mature adult. But he is not treated as such. A mature person should be allowed to think for himself totally. For instance, if a student does not want to attend a history class on a given day, feeling he will get much more out of reading poetry at that time, he should have the choice between the two. It should not, relating to this, be said that the student should behave as a responsible adult and attend the course realizing the importance of self discipline, etc. . . . It must be realized that the student is attending school to better himself, get an understanding of life, and learn what he desires.

Until the end of the present grading system, rigid curriculum, and compulsory attendance, the student must fight a battle with himself to try to learn.

## Puff, Puff, Puff

**FOR MANY** years, smoking in the washrooms has plagued Niles East. Despite a great deal of talk about this dilemma, little meaningful action has been taken, causing it to become one of the school's major problems.

When the school's washrooms first became major smoking areas, teachers were stationed in them in an effort to remedy the situation. This action was fruitless, therefore the administration decided to lock most of the washrooms. This proved quite unpopular with students under nature's call, and after many unkind words, the washrooms were reopened. Since then, the administration has taken no noticeable action; consequently, the problem has overgrown its original proportion.

Now that smoking on school premises is no longer considered a fire hazard, the NILEHILITE proposes the inauguration of a student smoking lounge. We feel that the present school rules on smoking are not only an infringement on the rights of the smoking student, but an annoyance to the non-smoker. The damage and odor in the student washrooms done by cigarettes would be for the most part ended, saving the school much money and ending discomfort to the student.

No doubt, this smoking lounge would not be of great expense to the school. Possibly one of the rooms at present being used as a study hall could be converted.

The NILEHILITE believes that the establishment of a smoking lounge would be in step with the increasing student freedoms, and should at least be given a chance.

# What a Lovely School

By Claudia Harris

There are many words that can be used to describe Niles East's students; lazy, slobbish, apathetic, indifferent. I think, however, that the best word is Disgusting.

The attitude of the kids in this school towards anything and everything that happens in this school is apathetic. After years of being stifled, the students are finally getting special privileges and what do they do? They take advantage of extra cafeteria and extra student lounge time; they storm through the school and leave a disgusting mess behind them; they leave the school for lunch, create a disturbance for classes in session, and regularly ditch their major courses.

This attitude is not only reflect-

ed in conduct towards the school, but in the students' attitudes towards out-side activities. For instance, the NileHilite and Golden Galleon are always in search of people and/or material, but seldom find the help they need.

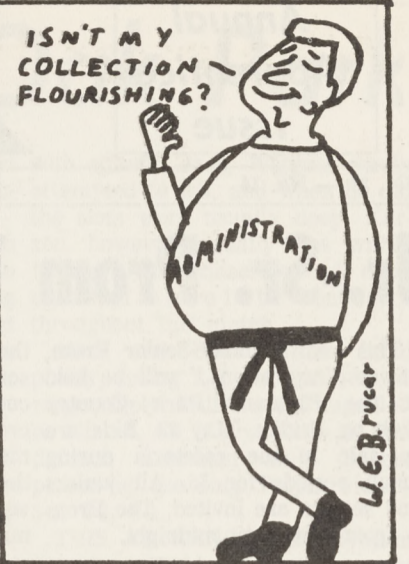
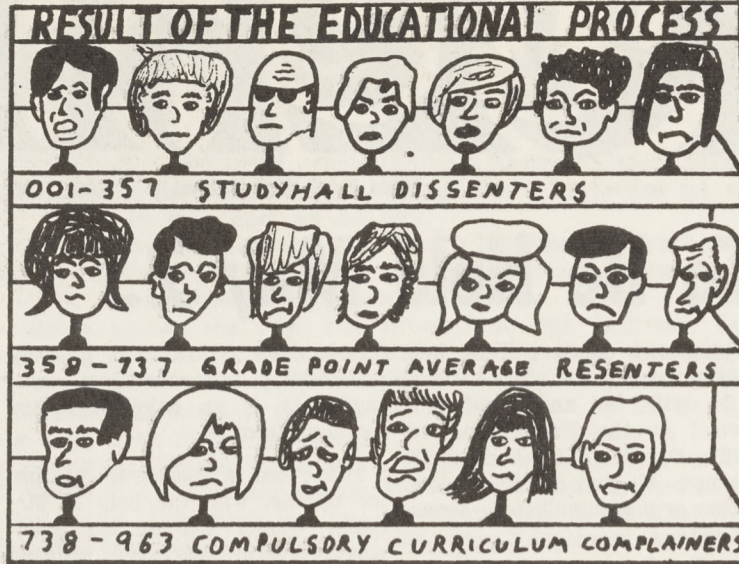
The school-wide project to raise money for Biafra raised only a small amount of money when considering the number of people in the school. Have you ever seen the size of the audiences for the gymnastics or tennis meets? If you haven't, just remember that very few other people have, either.

Besides all the other outstanding attributes that the students of Niles East don't have, they are not the least bit polite. A recent band concert was interrupted when a

third of the audience began coughing, snapping their fingers, and hooting. Mr. Provos, concert band director, had to ask the people in the audience to be quiet, and even then they didn't shut up.

This school has gotten the reputation of being impossible for substitutes, and for a very good reason. Kids play "Get the Substitute." When a substitute comes along, she gets destroyed. No one has enough consideration to be quiet, let alone listen to what the sub has to say.

Niles East students are slobbish, rude, lazy, and apathetic. If there was a person dying in the middle of the floor in the main hall, no one would bother to help him. Niles East, you stink.



## Letters to the Editor

# Cafeteria Mess—One More Time!

Dear Editor:

Yes, the student cafeteria does need cleaning up! NO, the administration is not unconcerned.

Marvin Glazer is correct in indicating that student council failed to follow through in providing effective student supervision. Finally one student has responded to our appeals.

He is incorrect in his claim that the administration does not care about the condition of the cafeteria and that efforts have not been made to correct the situation. Several meetings of the student council cafeteria helpers have been held as has a meeting of other interested students. Members of the administration staff have spent countless hours in attempting to work with students in bringing about an improvement in their cafeteria.

Apparently some students are showing by their actions that they want adult supervision in the cafeteria. Most students are showing by their actions that they want adult supervision in the cafeteria. Most students appear apathetic. Unless student leadership emerges to "do something" about the situation, we will return to adult supervision next year, perhaps with the assistance of interested students. I would welcome any other suggestions from anyone.

Sincerely,  
A. C. Colver  
Principal

Dear Editor:

Students of the various levels of English have been plagued by required reading for many years. These books are not only read, but seem to require dissecting and discussing for weeks.

It seems a pity the same select-

ions are taught year after year. Surely literature has changed since Twain and Shakespeare! Why haven't the reading lists changed?

The classics still are great works, but aren't there great works of our times that deserve a little discussion and understanding? Hemmingway, Capote, Malamud, and Baldwin are all good writers and should not be ignored.

By the time a student becomes a senior he has already learned to hate Walden. He has heard so much about it he hates it before reading it. One solution would be to change the selections from year to year. This would keep the selections varied and up to date, quelling any rumors about a book being bad.

The object of these specified readings should be to give the student an understanding of what good literature really is. The student should have a sample of present day good literature as well as a sample of good literature from the past. This combination would help the student compare and contrast the two types and give him a better understanding of literature.

—Diane Lazaar '70

To the Nilehilite:

This school is amazing. Students who think can see that the proposals submitted to the student body at the recent assembly on student government leave us with what boils down to a choice among Soviet Russia, Chairman Mao, or anarchy and all the proposals were made in the name of American democracy! Some choice, isn't it?

The main criticism of the old student council was that its members were a bunch of lazy bums who earned their lines in the yearbook by winning a popularity contest every year. True or not, it's time we see that there is only one remedy for this situation, and it is not scrapping the entire form of government, a process characterized by confusion, hypocrisy, and antagonism.

The solution is simple: elect more responsible representatives: I'm sure they exist. The proposal submitted by the fist-clenching student Coalition — the Niles East version of the S.D.S. — and even the merely less radical Student Union Compromise, will not alleviate the lethargy and complacency of the old Council. An eight-man oligarchy certainly will not improve this situation, nor will a legislative house open to all. One means dictatorship, and the other, chaos.

I say elect representatives obliged to represent the student body under pain of impeachment. Most of all, stop badgering the administration. Believe it or not, it's trying to do its best. That is democracy.

And let us keep one thing in mind: the purpose of Niles East is to provide an education for those who attend it. Whatever form of government we choose, let it remember that. To hell with the potato chip machines and the "choir caper." I'm here to learn.

Ron Schiff  
Class of '70

## New Nilehilite Staff Named

The new staff for the '69-'70 Nilehilite was announced at the recent journalism banquet. Members of the staff filed applications with the present editor, Robert Shapiro. Bob, Mrs. Sandra Usher, faculty advisor, and the present page editors helped choose the new staff.

Next year's editor-in-chief will be Lisa Grossman. Her staff consists of four page editors and a number of other positions. Page editors include Marci Ellis, news; Lisa Grossman, editorial; Janet Migdow, feature; and Bruce Wolf, sports. Assistant editors are Sharon Mittelman, Les Farber, and Claudia Harris.

Diane Lazaar, copy and photography editor; and Linda Silverman, business and circulation manager help complete the directing staff.

Some of next years reporters will be Steve Berenson, Wayne Judy Scaller and Pam Wallis. Artists and photographers will include John Hervatin, Art Tyska, and Larry Auerbach.

Other students interested in participating on the '69-'70 NILEHILITE, should speak to Lisa Grossman or Mrs. Usher in room 124. All articles submitted will be considered for publication, but the NILEHILITE does not promise that all articles can be published.



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# Whatever Happened With the Chickens?

ALL OF 24 once lively and maturing roosters are no longer residents of Niles East. Mr. Daniel Leigh, biology teacher, had the unfortunate responsibility of deciding the fate of those roosters.

The roosters arrived last month, unfortunately being delayed through the mail and therefore receiving no food or water. There were originally 50 roosters, but because of the lack of food and water, many died in route. The chicks, in their undernourished condition, arrived at Mr. Leigh's home, to the delight of his children. Stated Mr. Leigh, "My kids had a ball watching the chicks prance across the dining room table."

The baby chicks were first ordered for a biology lab experiment to be performed by Mr. Leigh's four biology classes. Explained Mr. Leigh, "I've been wanting to do this particular lab for many years but I never got around to obtaining the chicks. This year I decided it would be interesting if we could perform the experiment." The chickens were being housed in a former green house transformed by the teacher into a chicken coop in room 310.

The lab consisted of watching the development of chickens injected with testosterone and the application of it on their combs. One set of chickens was left as a control.

WHEN THE EXPERIMENT was almost over and the chicks were growing very rapidly into roosters, Mr. Leigh was faced with the problem of what to do with the chicks. "I knew I'd be faced with this problem eventually. There's even a suggestion in the teacher's manual on what to do, and I think it's the only thing I can do." Many seemingly feasible suggestions were made by students who wished

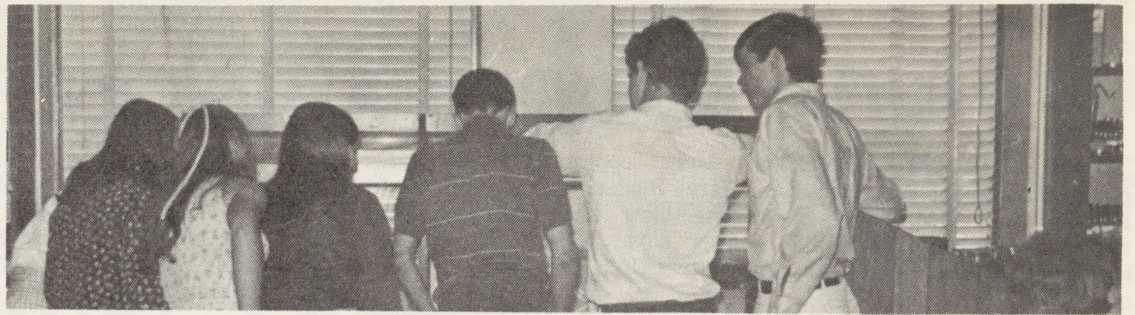
to see the chicks spared. Underneath they were most often impractical.

There were suggestions to give them to a zoo, the Anti-Cruelty Society, a farm, different kids' homes, and even having them remain in school. Mr. Leigh very patiently explained the problems with all these suggestions.

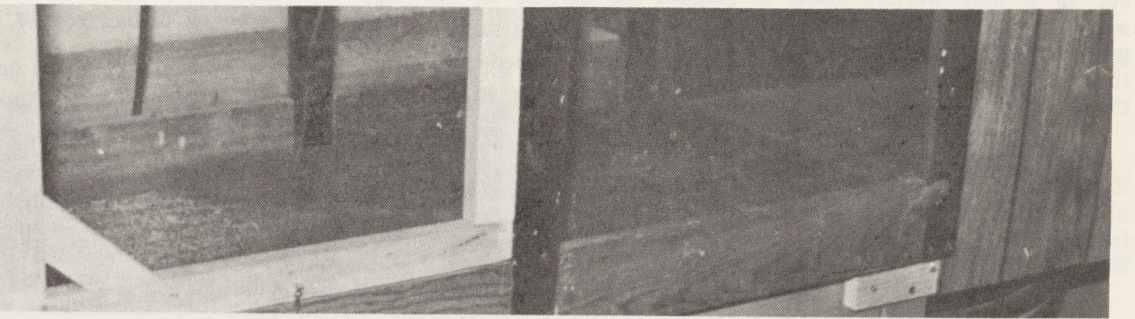
"A ZOO WOULD not want common everyday roosters. Even if they did, they would only accept a couple, probably to feed to the snakes. The Anti-Cruelty Society would have no use for them since their main objective is the prevention of cruelty to animals. What farmer in his right mind would take 20 roosters injected with male sex hormones? Since most roosters live for about 10 years, how many kids' mothers would enjoy a rooster in their home? As for keeping them in school, forget it," stated Mr. Leigh.

Since all areas were thoroughly discussed, that left only one inevitable alternative and that was, as stated in the teacher's manual, the extermination of the animals. This was done Friday, April 25. This may sound extremely repulsive and inhumane but ironically it's just the opposite. Mr. Leigh explained, "The method of extermination is quite painless. The chicks are placed in a large box with a cotton swab saturated with ether. The chicks breathe normally until they are asleep; it's just that they don't wake up."

Since a brilliant alternative was not suggested or arrived at, this was the fate for Mr. Leigh's and his biology classes' chicks. The coop will probably be transformed back into a green house, and things will settle down quite a bit in the grieving biology classes.



**BEFORE:** Mr. Leigh's biology classes are watching and enjoying the energetic activities of the chickens. The chicks were being used for a lab experiment in Mr. Leigh's classes.



**AFTER:** Empty and silent, the chicken coop will soon be transformed into a greenhouse.

## Classics of the Ditching Art

SOMEWHERE in this great suburb of Skokie, a Niles East student returns home and casually describes to her mother the unusual feeling that came over her when she turned while eating lunch in the Brown Jug, only to see Mr. Kent standing two feet behind her, looking the other way.

Compared to some of this year's escapades, an experience like the above is very usual. Kids are cutting out for lunch, shopping, and golf. There was even one junior who left school to go to the bank. Confronted by a man-in-blue, she told him that she was on Project Wing-Spread, and that they were on vacation that day. She got back to school just in time to leave with her class on a field trip.

TWO UPPERCLASSMEN walked out the side entrance of the auditorium, waved to a gym teacher on the triangle, and kept walking. Half an hour later, they returned. Then they left for downtown on a "mission" for a teacher. They returned 10 minutes after the last bell rang for the day.

One sophomore used a pass, supposedly signed by a school secretary, to get out of all her study halls for five days. Then, of course, there's the classic trick of just adding dates and rooms to a single pass. Or having a friend who works in the office come for you. Or having the guy who takes attendance check you out. Or just plain ditching.

WITH THE SCIENCE of cutting reduced to such easy terms, it is amazing that kids still manage to get caught. They do, of course.

About 20 students are looking sheepish as they pass a certain classroom — the teacher had seen

them in school one sunny morning, and reported them all when they cut out to the Cubs game that afternoon. And several girls are straining their brains for excuses now that Mr. Carey has decided to check his attendance book against his memory.

So far, though, no one has lived up to last year's champion — a senior. He was crossing Lincoln one morning on his way to breakfast when he was hit by a car. He spent three months out of school instead of nine hours, and on the day he came back — he DITCHED!

## Study Halls Hazardous To Sanity of Teachers

By Gayla Kosh

INSANE ASYLUMS have special rooms in which patients can release their hostilities and excess energy. We have study halls.

Sitting in study hall, I am looking out the window at a performance called "Barefoot in the Courtyard." It's really supposed to be rated "M," (suggested for mature audiences) but our teacher strangled himself trying to pull down the venetian blinds. He stole the show.

Crash!

IT SEEMS that three boys are in here playing football with a girl's purse (the contents of which are flying across the room). I think I've just been attacked by some lipstick.

Crash! (Two down, three windows to go.)

I have to study for that test. Here's my book, and I'm not going to be distracted by anything . . . Wait a second, there's something written on my desk.

Oh dear. That's a no-no. But after all, what else can you write on those itchy bitsy desks except four-letter words?

AFTER TWO petitions to open the window (there's only one window left), five requests to talk, three more to close the window, and one urgent plea to see the nurse, our new teacher jumps out the window. (The one with the glass in it.)

We must be on our fourth substitute by now. The third fell into the ventilation duct while looking for her glasses. I didn't think the dear old lady had it in her.

FIVE TENSE minutes pass until the bell rings and everybody squeezes out the door. Behind them they leave their mark: five broken windows, gym clothes strewn over the American flag, papers on the floor, and 22 teachers having traumatic experiences.

Next time, I'm going to the library.

## SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST SPEAKS:

# "Well, What's Your Problem?"

"I'M TAKING DOPE and I think my girlfriend's pregnant!" Does this sound like an incredible complaint voiced by an extremely unlucky individual? These things don't happen in Niles East, you say?

But these are exactly the kind of things a psychologist hears about. East's psychologist, Mr. Phillip Mankoff, has listened to these problems daily for three years.

Mr. Mankoff holds strictly confidential discussions with students about domestic problems, boy-girl relationships, and drugs. Another important problem occasionally brought before Mr. Mankoff concerns students who have high IQ's, as shown by their achievement tests, but are making low marks in class. When a student complains of feeling depressed for no certain reason, Mr. Mankoff tries to help them pinpoint the problem.

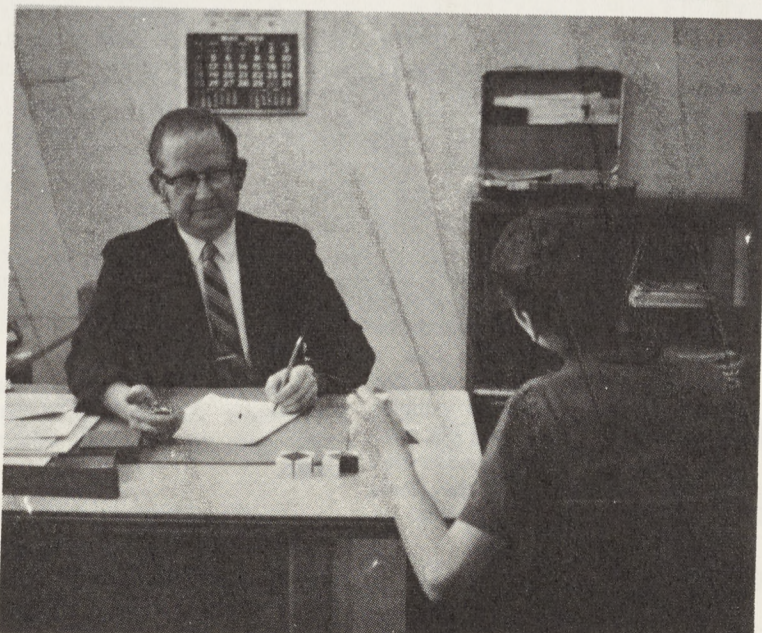
"MANY STUDENTS are referred to me by teachers or parents," Mr. Mankoff said. "But often students come in on their own, explain their problem, and ask for help. Sometimes they're afraid that I'll tell their parents what we've talked about. But I keep private everything that is said. I like the parents to know what is going on, but I never tell them

without the student's permission."

Another main function of Mr. Mankoff's job is acting as a "consultant to administrators."

Mr. Mankoff is trying to help some of the confused teenagers of today. Years ago he was a probation officer but always thought he was helping confused students little.

"So," he said, "I got my Mas-



**SOLVING PROBLEMS** isn't always easy for Mr. Mankoff, especially when a guy has this many problems.

ters in Clinical Psychology and went back to where I had been a probation officer. I stayed there as a psychologist for several years before coming to East."

Mr. Mankoff is the only psychologist at East, although there are two social workers. "The reason for this," he explains, "is because many students must be on a one-to-one basis with a psychologist. In other words, some students must talk to the same psycholo-

gist every time if they are to be helped."

IT IS DOUBTFUL that Mr. Mankoff finds any free time during working hours. He says that there are always new students who realize that they have problems and that they need to discuss those problems.

Are YOU taking dope and is YOUR girlfriend pregnant? If you are or she is, Mr. Mankoff is in room 114 and is always willing to discuss your problems.

### Coming Up

Friday, May 16  
Sunday, May 18

Spring Festival Performance  
Auditorium

Monday, May 19

Senior cap and gown distribution  
Auditorium Foyer

Monday thru Thursday,

May 19 - 22

East's Art Fair

Friday, June 6

Graduation Rehearsal  
8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 8

Graduation at 4:00 p.m.  
in East's Stadium

# Trojans Bounce Back, Win Two Straight

WITH STATE DISTRICTS being played this week, the Niles East Baseball team tried once again to rise to the occasion as it did so magically in last year's tournament.

This year, the Trojans started out as if they weren't going to score any runs, let alone win games, but in the past two weeks the Trojans have shown signs of improvement.

After losing a doubleheader to Evanston, the Trojans bounced back to win two in a row by defeating Oak Park and Proviso East.

TROJAN BATS began to rattle the baseball as Niles East pounded out seven hits in beating Oak Park, 4-3.

Mark Koppel, batting for pitcher Gary Binder, provided the winning blow when he sent Jerry Oher home in the bottom of the ninth with a base hit.

Although the Trojans began to hit in that game, errors still plagued the defense as the fielders committed three miscues. The shaky defense helped Oak Park to score three runs in the third inning.

But Troy went on to win against Oak Park to post victory number two against three losses in the Suburban League. The Trojans put their percentage up to an even .500 for the season when they edged by Proviso East three days later at the Pirates' home field.

Taking a big early lead of 4-0

in the first inning, the Trojans seemed to be on their way to their first romp of the season. But before it was all over, Proviso had come within one run of the Trojans' and almost won it.

HOWEVER, the Trojans held on for dear life and saved the victory, though a bit scared, 6-5.

Trying to make it three in a row, the Trojans were stopped short, 2-1, by Morton East.

Tom Hopsicker provided all the thrills for the home crowd when he homered in the first inning. A throw to the plate made the play close, but after the swirl of dust had cleared, Hopsicker was called safe and the Trojans had what was to be their only run of the game.



**DUST SWIRLS** as Tom Hopsicker, '69, slides in safely to home plate for a home run in the first inning against Morton East.

## Linksters End Dismal Year

NEARING THE END of the season, the golfers of Troy have compiled a poor record of one win and seven losses.

"The season's record was not at all expected," said varsity coach Jerry Oswald.

After losing to both Hersey and Maine East, the Trojans played Highland Park and went down swinging as the Little Giants stomped East 152-183.

In the next meet, the Trojans played their cross-town rivals, the Indians from Niles West. The gold and blue almost defeated West, but the Indians pow-wowed to beat Troy by one stroke, 182-183.

After the close match with West, the Trojans fell back to their usual losing ways by getting clobbered 183-203 at the hands of Oak Park.

Finally breaking their losing streak at five, the Trojans defeated the Proviso East Pirates by

the slim margin of 168-167.

UNFORTUNATELY, the Trojans couldn't continue winning as they lost to New Trier East by 23 strokes with a final score of 154-177.

However, the Trojans began to improve in their meet with Waukegan, as the Bulldogs edged by Troy by a scanty seven strokes, 153-160.

Coach Oswald expects Troy to do better in the District and State meets than it did during the regular season. The District meet was held May 10 at the Chevy Chase Country Club, and State Finals will be held tonight and tomorrow at the University of Illinois Golf Course in Champaign.

Dave Chaiken and Tim Melas are the men whom Coach Oswald believes can make it through Districts to the State meet. Should some of the Trojans make it to State Finals, they will be up against Niles North and Maine

South who both have excellent teams.

## Frosh-Soph Brighten Harrier Future

AT THE BEGINNING of the season, Coach Dean Slavens pointed out that this year was going to be a season of rebuilding for the Niles East Track team, and he was right.

Made up mostly of juniors and some sophomores, the trackmen were unable to win a meet, but they did gain experience.

Jasper Tovalacci, Mike Portman, Gary Covitt, and Barry Hartstein carried the banner for Troy as well as they could, but it wasn't enough.

Against Niles North and Niles West, the Trojans were able to come up with only one third place

finish as the Indians and Vikings ran away with the meet with North winning it, 114-97-14.

However, the Frosh-Soph team didn't fare so badly as it took second place behind West in the triangular.

BOB MINCEBURG took first place in the 880 yard run, while Bill Henry won the high jump event, and Jeff Hartstein captured first in the 220 yard run.

In the Conant-Prospect-Niles East triangular, once again the Trojans found themselves out-classed as Conant and Prospect each finished over 40 points higher than they.

But the Frosh-Soph team came in second again behind Conant with Bob Minceburg leading the way once more by winning the 880 yard run.

If nothing else, credit can be given to the consistency of the track team in having the varsity prove by a landslide all the time, gressed and next year they should while the Frosh-Soph team gave

its opponents a run for their money in its meets.

THE RULE held true again as the varsity was left at the starting gate in the Lake Forest-Grayslake-Niles East meet, while the Frosh-Soph this time took first place.

Rick Shane, Bob Minceburg, Roger Jefferies, Bill Henry, Jeff Hartstein, and two relay teams all took first place finishes in that meet for the Frosh-Soph team's finest performance of the season.

With the addition of some of this year's Frosh-Soph runners, next year's varsity team should be a much greater threat to its opponents.

Returning next year to the team will be Jasper Tovalacci, Mike Portman, Steve Rose, Chris Short, Pete Jungwirth, and Bob Woolf. These juniors showed much improvement as the season progressed and next year they should be leading a strong team.

## Netmen Out of State Competition

THE SEASON is all but over for the Niles East Tennis team, which was upset in the State Districts held at Maine West two weeks ago.

Sending a man downstate was the highest of the Trojan hopes, but it wasn't really expected.

Nevertheless, the Trojans finished poorly in the district which they won last year with the help

of Mark Bishop.

Troy came in a dismal sixth in a field of 15 teams as almost everyone on the team was upset.

DAVE WIGGINS, seeded third behind Bob Riessen and Howie Conant, was knocked out quickly and unexpectedly by Maine East's Allen Lauterbach with scores of 2-6, 3-6.

Before facing Lauterbach,

though, Wiggins beat Allan Berkely of Niles West, 6-2, 6-2, but that was as far as he could go.

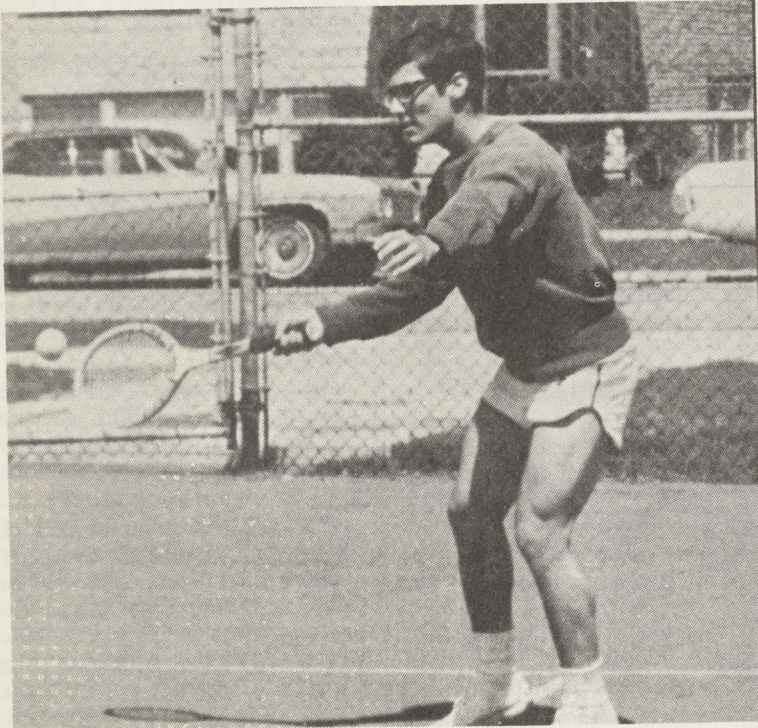
Another upset came as Junior Jeff Allen, after receiving a bye, lost to Evanston's Bob Whittington. The match was close with Whittington winning 6-2, 7-9, 6-4, but he isn't even a starting singles man on the Evanston team.

The doubles team of Marc Berger-Tony Pougoulatos breezed through its first match in 32 minutes. The brevity of the match, however, wasn't short enough for a good rest as second seeded Niles North defeated the Trojan second doubles men in the next round.

TROY'S first doubles team of Tom Beaver and Ernie Miller won its first match, handily, over Niles West, 6-3, 6-2, but lost a tough one in the next match, 4-6, 7-9, to Glenbrook South.

While the Trojans wound up with a bad day, their Suburban League rival, Evanston, had a great day as the Wildkats won the District meet and sent singles player Bob Riessen and the doubles team of Eric Friedler-Bob Thompson downstate to the finals which will be held tonight and tomorrow.

As for the Trojans, all was not lost as they took their hostilities out for doing so poorly at Districts on Proviso East. The Trojans whipped the Pirates 5-0.



**DOUBLES MAN** Ernie Miller, '69, displays the art of returning a rally during practice.

## Athletes Receive Awards At Booster Club Banquet

INVITATIONS are now being sent out to varsity athletes for the third annual Booster Club Banquet to be held at the Sheraton-O'Hare Inn on Sunday, May 25.

"We want the boys to know that the Booster Club wants to help the athletic program at Niles East," said Mr. Jerry Yale, newly elected president of the Booster Club.

Featured at the banquet will be guest speaker, Coach Alex Agase, of the Northwestern Wildcats' football team.

Bob Moore, of the Skokie News, will present the Al Beck Award, which goes to the best scholar-athlete.

### Star Performers

Other awards will go to those individuals who performed exceptionally well in their sport. State champions and scholarship winners will also be commended.

All varsity athletes are invited

to attend the dinner which will begin at 5:30.

Even if an athlete does not receive a written invitation, he is still welcome to attend, according to Mr. Yale. Mr. Yale pointed out that all varsity athletes are supposed to receive invitations but in case of a mix-up, he wants the athletes to know that they are welcome, invitation or not.

A MIX-UP did occur at the Frosh-Soph awards banquet in which some athletes weren't notified of the date of the dinner. The Booster Club is asking all varsity athletes that don't receive invitations to contact their coach immediately.

### Free Dinner

167 athletes from all sports are expected to attend the banquet which is free of charge and is being paid for by the Booster Club.

The last two banquets have been big successes and the Booster Club is hoping to make it three in a row.