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A reminder:
The deadline for
declaring pass-fail
is January 15.



(Photo by Eric Polley)

Coming Attractions

Happy
Holidays

Winter Vacation begins	December 22		
Playlets	December 23	3:00 p.m.	Skokie Public Library
Holiday Ice Show	December 28	3:30 p.m.	The Skatium
School Resumes	January 5		
Sophomore Cabinet	January 5	3:00 p.m.	Library Classroom
Dance Company	January 7	3:00 p.m.	Dance Studio
Elimination Recital for contest	January 9		
Divisional meeting Board of Education	January 12	7:30 p.m.	
Sophomore Cabinet	January 13	3:00 p.m.	Library Classroom
PTSA meeting	January 14		
Dance Company	January 14	3:00 p.m.	Dance Studio
Reflections	January 15	8:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Reflections	January 16	8:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Holiday Concert	January 17		Niles North
Reflections	January 17	8:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Northwestern Mime Theater	January 18		Northwestern
Sophomore Cabinet	January 20	3:00 p.m.	Library Classroom
Dance Company	January 21	3:00 p.m.	Dance Studio
Choir Concert	January 22		Auditorium
Playlets	January 23	3:00 p.m.	Skokie Public Library

Working students quit team

Openings available in all categories

"We need people of all grade levels, who have some speaking talent," explained Mr. Arnold Agnos, co-sponsor of the Forensics team with Mr. John Golata.

Speaking talent is defined as one who breathes regularly and speaks clearly, according to Agnos.

THE FORENSICS TEAM is experiencing many difficulties in finding new members. Several speakers from last year were forced to quit the team because of work commitments, leaving

openings in all 12 speaking situations.

"In a school of more than 2,000 students, where the honor rolls are bulging, 20-30 students should be willing to join, and help us win a tournament. We would like them to step forward and be sounded," said Agnos.

The 12 open categories include oratorical declamation, verse reading, radio speaking, prose, original comedy, humorous duet, humorous interpretation, dramatic duet, dramatic interpretation, original oratory, extemporaneous speak-

ing, and historical extemporaneous speaking.

AGNOS REQUIRES THAT all team members practice at least one hour before every tournament. Speakers must have Saturdays free and a ride to and from school on tournament days. The school will provide bus transportation and lunches.

Three trophies will be awarded at the end of the year to the team's most valuable speaker, highest scorer, and most improved speaker, to be determined by Agnos and Golata.

HOWEVER, THE FUTURE of the team is uncertain. "Unless there is considerably more activity, forensics may be phased out," concluded Agnos.

Galleon needs student work

Golden Galleon, Niles East's literary and art magazine, is now accepting short stories, poems, artwork, and photography, for evaluation by the staff.

For the second year in a row, Golden Galleon is headed by co-editors-in-chief. This year, editors include Pam Mohr and Karen Shrifter, co-editors; Pam Goldberg, literary editor; Anita Simkovich and Toni Huepfl, art co-editors; Nancy Seiden, publicity editor; and Diane Larsen, business editor.

THE GALLEON IS WRITTEN and compiled totally by students, with the advice and supervision of sponsor, Mrs. Jeanne Derichs. Entries are judged by the staff using numbers rather than names for identification.

"We would love contributions at this point," said Mrs. Derichs. "The magazine is built entirely on the contributions of the students."

Students may submit as many works as they wish under any or all categories. Cover sheets for entries are available in the English Resource center, Room 140.

STAFF MEETINGS ARE held every Wednesday after school in Room 252. "The staff is very enthusiastic," commented Mrs. Derichs. The publication date is set for sometime in May.

Toad hall changes location

Toad Hall, a youth activity center, is moving to a new location at 8058 N. Lincoln, in Skokie.

Toad Hall, which is sponsored by the Skokie Youth Commission, needs people interested in helping to organize and decorate the new center. People with an interest in art, electronics, and just "being helpful," are needed. The center is also accepting donations of furniture, audio equipment, and recreational equip-

ment.

THE NEW TOAD HALL will open on Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday nights, beginning in January. It will offer dances, coffeehouses, parties, and recreational games. The center can be used by bands and theater groups for rehearsals.

For more information call Bob Kowatch, 475-9808 or Randy Kanter, 475-7841.

DECA members travel to Missouri conference

Sixteen members of DECA, the distributive education club, traveled to St. Louis, Missouri, on November 14-15 to attend a Central Region DECA conference.

THE PROGRAM WAS attended by DECA students from 13 midwestern states. The national officers, seminars, and speakers on leadership and motivation were at the conference, according to sponsor Bill Coulson. "The students became more involved in Distributive Education and learned more about DECA," commented Coulson.

The students who went included Judy

Barry, Sherri Cain, Sue Cain, Jeff Cohen, Tyra Daitchman, Ila Gothelf, Rick Hazan, Mike Irving, Gordon Liametz, Diane Polin, Pat Rogover, Pat Schoenwolf, Jeff Schreiber, Cindy Spivack, Jody Stookal and Phil Wetzel.

Easthi students had an opportunity to bid for a variety of items at the DECA Holiday Auction on December 9-11.

THE AUCTION WAS hosted by the club, and the proceeds will benefit DECA members. The funds are needed in order to travel to Springfield in March for state-wide DECA competition.



(Photo by Barry Schmetter)

Congressman Sam Young spoke at a recent Student Senate meeting. Young discussed many of his ideas about politics.



Mrs. Jeanne Derichs, Golden Galleon sponsor.

Young speaks at meeting

Former Congressman Sam Young was the guest speaker at the Student Senate December 1 meeting.

Through seeking the nomination for Congressman in the 1976 election, Young explained that he favors four year terms for U.S. representatives. "With a two year term, as soon as you take office you have to begin campaigning again," he said.

REGARDING POLITICIANS in general, Young said that he feels labels such as "liberal" and "conservative" are distracting.

"Every person has his own idea of what labels mean," said Young. For that reason, he does not feel that he can label himself.

After his discussion of the job of congressman, Young expressed his views on

present political issues. He explained that the majority of the energy problem is caused by the weakness of politicians.

"People in politics don't have the courage to institute strict policies," said Young. He added that the general public, including high school students, are not willing to make the sacrifices necessary for a suitable solution.

In a question and answer period following his talk, Young said that he regards the recent UN decision concerning zionism to be "a poorly thought out policy." However, he added that it obviously shows, "the current around the world."

When asked what he thought of the CIA, Young explained, "it was set up for a good purpose and performs a very valuable function."

Musical honor society charters East chapter

Modern Music Masters, an international music honor society for high school students, is chartering a chapter at East.

Frank Winkler, music director, selected five students to serve as officers on the basis of musicianship, scholarship, character, cooperation, leadership, and service to the school, church, and community. They will select other students to join the chapter throughout the school year. Officers include Donald Pollack, President; Laurence Cohen, vice-president; Sue Stahlberg, secretary; Howard Shapiro, treasurer; and Kathy Stukas, historian.

THE CHAPTER PLANS to increase interest in band, orchestral and choral performance, and to provide wider opportunities for personal musical expression.

Since 1952, more than 1,350 chapters were started in the United States and foreign countries. The society's honorary membership list includes well-known musicians such as Dr. Arthur Fiedler, Sir George Solti, and Meredith Wilson, composer of "The Music Man." Past members were Dr. Joseph E. Maddy of Interlochen fame, and Duke Ellington.

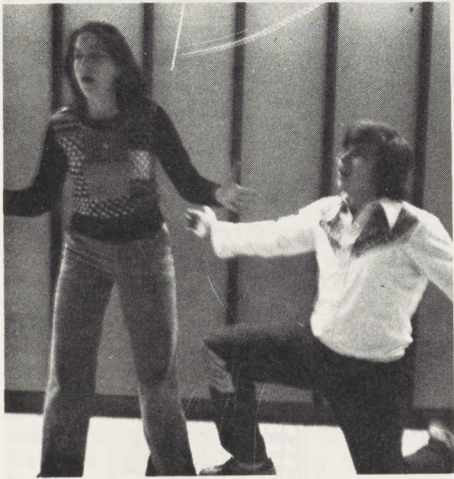
Students and directors in East's Music department held a winter band concert on December 5.

THE CONCERT FEATURED the Cadet Band, the Wind Ensemble, and the Stage Band. "Christmas Festival," by Leroy Anderson, "Rienzi Overture," by Wagner, and excerpts from Lchaikovsky were performed.



GARY BYRON NILEHILITE

Reflections '76 now in progress



Sheryl Fishman and Phillip Heftel rehearse for a scene in "Reflections '76."

Joy, sadness, jealousy, fear, love, hatred, and hope, are all aspects of life, and Reflections '76.

"REFLECTIONS ON A RAINBOW OF EMOTIONS," is the theme of this year's sixth annual student directed talent show to be held January 15-17.

The cast consists of 95 students who were selected from the 181 who auditioned.

Auditions included a short song, (The directors selected several pieces that the students chose from), a memorized speech (many different monologues were available for selection), and a dance, which was taught at two separate clinics, October 23-24, and through audition week.

The show is headed this year by seniors Mark Blackman and Susi Fleshman,

as stage directors; Leslie Ament, Celeste Ashley, Debbie Feldman, and Linda Pastron, co-music directors; Sally Saber and Suzie Soltan, choreographers; and Paul Scherfling, technical director and set designer.

THE SHOW IS DIRECTED and written by students. The directors and interested students have been working since last January, compiling a show that will reflect a wide spectrum of emotions.

The shows in the past have consisted primarily of singing, dancing, and acting, but Reflections '76 has added a new dimension; a mime company, which will present several colorful skits, headed by senior Janis Cohn, according to Sally Saber, co-choreographer.

SEVERAL OTHER added attractions such as a "pop-drop," which consists of approximately 2500 plastic six-pack carriers, and was constructed by Paul Scherfling, and Carmen Lomboy lending her hand in producing some of the universal costumes used in various numbers.

"We have been constructing the show



Students practice their lines for "Reflections on a rainbow of emotions."

for the past 10 months, and I am very excited to start working with the people who are in the show," concluded Suzie Soltan, co-choreographer.

76 students to graduate

Seventy-six students are graduating on Sunday, February 8 in the auditorium at 2 p.m.

A RECEPTION WILL be held for the seventh semester graduates in the student lounge following graduation.

The students include Stacy Abelson, Deby Bernard, Cheryl Bielinski, Robin Capuano, Michelle Chernick, Jeffrey Cohen, Janis Cohn, Nancy Cohn, Susanne Eberle, Diane Elrod, Susan Feldman, Cary Fetman, Robin Floss, Jill Friedman, Debbie Gerber, Karen Gold, Judith Greiman, Jeffrey Groat, Daniel Grodinsky, Deborah Gutman, Marla Harwood, Maria Hernandez, Susan Hill, Charles Kamen, Ellen Kaplan, Cary Klein, Felix Lara, Juan Lara, Diane Larsen, Lisa Lecker, Deborah Loester,

Sandra Lopez, Elizabeth McCloud, Kevin McMillen, Steven Margolis, Mary Markich, Robyn Medow, Donald Melvin, Barbara Meyer, Basil Michael, Charles Miller, Marla Nitti, Susan Ortmann, JoAnne Papa, Debra Plath, Lori Polin, Sharon Rade, Joshua Rich, Rae Rich, Michelle Roberts, Alvaro Rogina, Tobey Rozencwajg, Deborah Sagen, Edna Sardarbekians, Edith Saruk, Denise Scearce, Judith Schlaeger, Joseph Schmidt, Rhonda Schwartz, Aydee Serrano, Cari Silverman, Suzanne Soltan, Robin Sporer, Jack Stark, Sharon Stern, Nancy Susslick, William Taki, Jr., Nicholas Tanglis, Kathleen Taylor, Michael Uhle, Laurie Walls, Diana Walter, Richard Wilson, Jr., David Winans, and Michele Zabrin.

Three scholarships offered

Three scholarships are being offered for seniors and juniors.

Telluride Association will have a junior scholarship for summer study. It will be held at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, for a six-week period, from June 27-August 6. Specific subjects for all programs are not known, but two topics include politics—history and literature. Students from all over the country will be selected.

THE SCHOLARSHIP is based on PSAT scores or recommendation from a counselor. It will include room and board, tuition, and books. Applications and further information can be obtained in the guidance office, Room 108, or by writing to Telluride Association, 217 West Avenue, Ithaca, New York. 14850.

The second scholarship, for seniors, is at Lincoln College, a Junior college in Lincoln, Illinois. Two grants are being offered.

An applicant who has a 2.5 cumulative grade average or higher and is recommended by his counselor will have the chance for a counselor scholarship \$400 award.

THE FIRST 20 students who are willing to work an average of four hours per week at an on-campus job assignment and are recommended by their counselor are eligible for the counselor assistantship \$400 award. This is regardless of grade point average or financial need.

Further information regarding these scholarships and application forms are in the guidance office.

TRINITY COLLEGE in Hartford, Connecticut, has a program for Illinois residents that provides financial support up to \$6,000 per year for four years.

Boundaries decided

New school boundaries which will become effective in June 1980 were decided at the November 10 Board of Education meeting.

THE NILES TOWNSHIP School District 219, will be changed from three schools to two schools. Districts 67, 73, 73½, and 88, will attend Niles North. Students in districts 69, 70, 71, 72, and 74 will go to Niles West.

The 1975-76 board members include Shirley Garland, President; James Gotreich, George Hanus, Edward Kaminski, Fred Minkus, Eric Moch, and Evelyn Rosenzweig. The Easthi representatives consist of Richard Cope, Student Senate representative; Naomi Claver, and Sue Schwartz.

Easthi students named Illinois State Scholars

Seventy-two Easthi students were named Illinois State Scholars. They are determined by high scores on the ACT test, and class rank.

THE EAST STATE Scholars include Karen Alban, Nancy Angell, Philip Auerbach, Joan Bercoon, Deby Bernard, Keith Bishaf, Richard Bodenheimer, Martha Brozozowski, Rhonda Cohen, Richard Cope, Randy Crowe, Alexandra Duszynski, Richard Edelson, Larry Ellis, Robin Eskoz, Larry Feiger, Debra Feldman, Mark Fertel, Sherry Flanzer, Christine Fohs, Gary Gaines, Cory Glaberson, Marla Goldsmith, Rochelle Goode, Judith Greiman, Michael Guerrero, Deborah Gutman, Russell Hei-

mann, Steven Houdek, Antoinett Heupfl, Shelia Jacobson, Fern Josephs, William Kasper, Ann Kolodzik, Mary Koppelhoimer, Debra Kozak, Mary Krier, Donna Kulwin, Stephen Kusek, Diane Larsen, Patricia Larson, Paula Lashinsky, Lisa Lecker, Karen Lee, Steven Leon, Sheldon Levin, Taryn Levin, Stephen Lev, Sandra Lopez, Speros Maniates, Greg Marmel, Jordan Melamed, Steven Merkin, Pamela Mohr, Debra Ohren, Susan Ortmann, Sara Pearl, Rae Rich, Terri Riskin, Sally Saber, Scott Samuels, Jill Schoenbrod, Patricia Schoenwolf, Richard Silver, Harold Sloan, Yale Smith, Suzanne Soltan, Sandra Sopkin, Harry Steindler, Gregg Trilling, Judith Veis, and Laurie Walls.



Decorations add to joy

Holiday spirit lifted by winter vacation

Christmas trees, Chanukah bushes, menorahs, ornaments, snow, and slush are all part of the holiday spirit which

always strikes about this time of the year.

ALTHOUGH CHANUKAH began No-

vember 29, the true spirit of the occasion remains until well into the new year. Commonly called "The Christmas Spirit," this holiday joy is caused by snow, turkey, holiday decorations, and, most importantly, winter vacation.

Winter vacation may well be one of the biggest relief students experience, except, perhaps for summer vacation and graduation. By the time the middle of December rolls around, the majority of students thankfully welcome a two week break, praying for good weather and planning parties and friendly get-togethers.

Many winter activities are available to students during winter vacation. Skiing, sledding, snowmobiling, ice skating, and snowball throwing are included in the various winter events. Students with ambition and imagination can create many ideas for spending their vacation time.

WITH THE ECONOMIC SITUATION the way it presently is, perhaps students should spend more of their leisure times at home, or walking or taking a bus to their destination (to save on fuel). Excellent leisure activities to do at home include watching television, homework, listening to records or a radio, reading, sewing, knitting, painting, sketching, or sleeping.

Vacation time is for students to take advantage of, by doing things and going places they wouldn't normally have time for. Every student should plan ahead for his vacation, because before



they know it, that beloved two weeks will be finished, and they will have accomplished nothing. Before winter vacation flies by, students and faculty had better "get on the ball."

The Nilehilite staff wishes everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and a very enjoyable vacation.

Attendance system abuses students

"The sins of the fathers are delivered upon the children," a well known phrase from the Bible, also applies to the Niles East attendance system.

WHEN A STUDENT MISSES a day of school for a legitimate reason or illness, he innocently expects his parents to follow school regulations and call the attendance office before 12 p.m. that evening. If a student misses less than the full day of school, his parents are required to call before 3:45 p.m. during the day of his absence.

However, parents (although we sometimes forget) are human too, and are subject to human error and forgetfulness. Furthermore, in many families both parents work, and are not afforded the opportunity to call the school before 3:45 p.m.



(Photo by Bruce Gostomelsky)

Clerks patiently work on student admits in the attendance office.

If a student's mother or father forgets, or is not able to call the school before the appointed time, the student receives an admit with an absence designated as unexcused. This admit generally is marked as unexcused pending, which means that although the student does not receive a detention, the work he missed in class cannot be "made up."

WHY SHOULD A student suffer because of his parents' forgetfulness? The administrators seem to be missing the point of an unexcused absence. If a parent is aware, and approves, of the absence of his child; obviously the student should be legitimately excused from his classes without receiving punishment of any kind.

The purpose of the new attendance system is to keep more students in their classes rather than truant. However, this absurd time limitation on parents' calls may frighten even sick students who should not be in school, into attending classes, for fear that their parents will forget to call by the correct time. Is this what administrators call a fair system?

SOMETIMES A SIMPLE solution is the best, as it well may be in this situation. Leniency toward the time limits and a factor for human error should certainly be included in admissions regulations. After all, many administrators are parents too, and they may find their children in the same predicament one day; then whose fault will it be?

'Tis the season for giving . . .

To the boys' P.E. department, a million towels (Steve Urow '79).

To Rosemary Redlin, a lid (John Anderson '76).

To my mom, a ticket to China (Dana Colucci '77).

To my wife, clothes (Coach Poznansky).

To Steve Margolis, my love (Cheryl Newman '76).

To Everett Colton, applesauce or cotton balls (Beth Einbinder '79).

To Terri Levin, leaded pompons (Missy Josephs '77).

To Stan Weitzenfeld, a box of kleenex (Chuck Dushman '78).

To David Hyman, a nose job (Rhonda Vowell '79).

To Mrs. Sylvia Mazouch, a life size poster of Thomas Jefferson (Mike Ross '77).

To Scott Strauss, a new pair of pants (Tom Mangarelli '76).

To Coach Ferguson, a winning football team (Ken Reiter).

To the Niles East Community, more than five more years to continue the

improvements made in the last year at East (Stan Weitzenfeld).

To Louie Eyeremann, a referral (Jeff Feldman '79).

To Galen Hosler, a study hall and a homeroom (Lori Piper '78).

To George Yursky, french fries and a hamburger (George Curtis '77).

To a secret someone, a kiss (Sherry Brodacz '76).

To Kim Gross, a banana (Carol Feldman '77).

To Miss Hall, a pair of ankle bracelets (Dave Williams '79).

To Miss Kathryn Weller, two right handed gloves (Thomas Kaiser).

To the girls' locker room, a new supply of towels (Debbi Jaski '76).

To Frank Winkler, a new thermos of 90 proof and some musically inclined students (Bonnie Tunick '77).

To John Herbst, one hundred-thousand yeast cells (Layne Oliff '77).

To Wilbur Campbell, suntanning oil (Stu Bieber '76).

To the students of Niles East, Niles East forever (The Nilehilite staff).

Hotline

Q. Do students still resent homeroom?

A. Mr. Galen Hosler, principal, instituted the homeroom policy because he felt it would better inform the students, and hoped it would strengthen relations between students, teachers, and administration.

However, a survey taken involving 48 students from each grade level, showed



(Photo by Bruce Gostomelsky)

The bookroom is open at certain hours every day, offering students literature and school supplies.

that the majority of the student body still feels that homeroom is a waste of time.

Of the freshmen, most felt that the atmosphere in homeroom is too prison-like. Some students said that they would prefer a break during the day, while others offered ways to better the situation, such as having the announcements read before first period. One freshman simply said, "It (homeroom) seems to get longer every day."

Two older students explained that although they were more accustomed to homeroom, they are still resentful, and believe they get nothing accomplished. One student said, "It is just another way to keep us caged up."

Students repeatedly brought up the fact that they felt that more was accomplished in less time last year, when the announcements were taken care of prior to fifth period.

Q. What are the Achievement tests?

A. The Achievement tests, which are required for admission by many colleges throughout the country, are designed to discover what skills students

have developed and how much they have learned in a particular subject. Tests are offered in English Composition, literature, mathematics (two levels), American history, European history, biology, chemistry, physics, French, German, Hebrew, Latin, Russian, and Spanish. Future Test dates are scheduled for January 24, April 3, and June 5, 1976.

Q. What are the hours of the book room?

A. The book room and school store is open to students every day from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and from 12:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Q. How does a student qualify for the bronze, silver, and gold honor pins?

A. Honor pins are awarded according to a point system. Every semester a student's name appears on a blue honor roll, he receives one point. Two points are given for the gold honor roll. A bronze honor pin is earned after the student achieves five points, the silver pin is awarded for nine points, and students with 11 honor points will receive the gold honor pin.

Reminiscences of old times caused by new two-dollar bill

Remember penny candy and packs of gum for a nickel? Remember going to the movies for 50 cents? Remember thinking that \$6 was too much to pay for a pair of pants? If you remember those things, the re-creation of the two-dollar bill in 1976 may be quite a disappointment.

THE NEW TWO-DOLLAR BILL actually is worth only \$1.22 according to late 1950 standards. That would mean one dollar is valued at 61 cents. So, to be optimistic, one must imagine the savings he would make under certain situations.

For example: when attending a one-dollar movie, it will really only cost 61 cents. A McDonald's dinner will return change back from your 61 cents. Bus transportation to and from school won't really cost \$10, but will cost only \$6.10. A Kentucky Fried Chicken 99 center will really be priced at 60 cents.

Unfortunately, with the value of the dollar diminishing, businesses and industries across the country will adjust their prices to meet this devaluation. That dollar movie will soon cost \$1.50, and McDonald's will no longer return change from your dollar. Prices will skyrocket to catch up with the devaluation of the dollar, and inflation may reach an all-time high.

GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ARE announcing their Bicentennial patriotism with this two-dollar bill, beginning its renaissance on Jefferson's birthday with his picture on the front. On the back, a magnificent Bicentennial scene will be created to promote patriotism and good feelings toward the U.S.A.

However, the government doesn't seem to realize that this new addition to the U.S. currency will not inflate the hearts and souls of patriotic Americans, but merely deflate their wallets and bank books. If the government were really interested in promoting citizens' good will toward their country, they would find a way to control inflation, not decorate it and display it as something wonderful.

Graduation date delayed to June 13

This year, for the first time in the history of Niles Township, eighth semester seniors will graduate June 13,

1976; after school is dismissed for faculty and underclassmen.

THE GRADUATION DATE is planned by the administrative cabinet, principals of Niles East, West, and North, and several central office administrators. The date was changed because of the difference between the length of time now needed for putting records together and the time needed several years ago, according to Galen Hosler, Principal.

"We're no longer strapped with old-fashioned mechanical means," explained Hosler. "The length of time necessary to determine whether or not seniors were able to graduate has been reduced."

Furthermore, the District receives state aid based on the average daily attendance of students. If seniors are dismissed earlier, the school loses the money that the extra days in school for these students would bring.

Although many students are diligently working on petitions and declarations to convince administrators to reverse the postponed graduation date decision, Hosler claims that as far as he is concerned, the date will not be changed.

If seniors expect to fight this issue, they will have to do it in an orderly fashion. They must display courage, diligence, and good honest rationale with their petitions for early dismissal. Meanwhile, they have plenty of time to think about it, perhaps until June 13.

Feedback

Senate member responds to letter

Vice-president claims Student Senate is run fairly

Dear Editor,

The Student Senate is run fairly! This is a reply to a letter that appeared in the November 14 issue of the *Nilehilite*. As an officer of the Senate, I feel that the least I can do is reply to the charges and insinuations that were made against the Senate and its President.

1) The Senate is not unorganized. For the first time ever, we have a superb filing system that lets anyone quickly look up any Senate issues and projects. Also, we have a calendar for the many Senate committees to follow, so they know when and where to meet. In addition to this, all the committees are functioning effectively. In the past, the Senate was still in its organizing stages at this time of the year. This year, we were organized quickly, and have been successfully functioning for many weeks.

2) The president does not make all the decisions; what do you think the Senate members are there for? The Senate as a whole votes on all issues that are brought before it, therefore, the Senate is making the decisions. This can be proved by looking at all the recorded Senate votes in our files. The president does make some decisions, but those are all minor ones, and ones that he has the power to make. And yet, the Senate also makes many of these minor decisions.

3) The president does not appoint all of his "friends" to important positions and committees in the Senate. In fact, the president distributed application sheets to all of the Senators. These sheets were completed and returned to the president, and all the appointments were based on these applications. In addition to this, all appointments must be, and were, confirmed by the senate. I am sure that any one of the appointees will tell you that they were not appointed because they were a "friend" of the president. The vice-president and secretary are elected by the Senate, not appointed.

4) The president does not make a fool of himself. This accusation is totally ridiculous and uncalled for; in fact, it deserves an apology. The only person making a fool of himself is the one that resorts to this type of an accusation.

5) The Senate has done more than elect its officers. I can't recall all of our accomplishments this year, but I want to list some of them. We have elected officers, tried to move up the graduation date, set up the radio station in just two weeks, entered a float in the homecoming parade for the first time, approved the financing for and will distribute the recording, "Save Niles East," by the rock group Phase, which will be available next year, set up a meeting that allowed students to discuss building management with Mr. Hosler and Mr. Reiter, made corrections in the Student Guidebook, provided student complaint forms, improved cafeteria conditions (hairnets on cooks), administered an all school survey, and arranged two pep assemblies. I do not see how anyone can say we are inactive! In fact, we have only just begun the year, and there is much more to come.

6) The vice-president is definitely needed. The president has much work to do, and he must rely on the vice-president to do some of it for him, or it would never get done. In addition, the vice-president is the Senate parliamentarian, the person who interprets the rules of the Senate. Without a parliamentarian, there would be much dispute regarding how things should be done in the Senate. The vice-president does do a lot of work; believe me, I know this fact better than anyone.

To sum it all up, I know and can assure you, that everything in the Senate is "kosher." I also encourage all students to investigate my claims, and to see what is really going on in the Senate (not what is allegedly going on). Once you have investigated them, I think that what you find will encourage you to join the Senate!

The truth, and my loyalty and belief in the Student Senate, is what prompted me to write this letter. I know that if you were in the Senate, (and 102 of us are), you would be prompted to write the

same thing.

I hope that the students now know the truth about the Student Senate. If you have any questions, or any doubt left, please contact me, or any Senate member.

Brian Davidson '76
Student Senate vice-president



(Photo by Bruce Gostomelsky)

Dr. James Richter

Richter supports Senate

Dear Editor,

I could not help but read with some dismay a recent letter to the editor entitled, "Is Senate Run Unfairly?" Within this article some highly unjustified comments were made. Specifically, I refer to "unorganized organization," and, "the only thing accomplished ..." I am not necessarily a defender of everything that goes on in Student Senate, but it seems to me that these three points are basically incorrect.

Having served as a student council sponsor and as a member of the Illinois State Student Council Board, I have had numerous opportunities to observe many student groups in action. It is my considered opinion that this present Student Senate is probably one of the most organized that I have had a chance to know. As to the Student Senate accomplishments, there have been a number of things which have left the mark of this particular group on our school. And finally, even though I do not know those people who are close friends of the President, in those committees that I have observed there is a wide distribution of students from varying grade levels and backgrounds. In fact they appear to be more fairly representative of the entire school population than similar groups in the past.

James P. Richter
Director of Student Services

Graduation date postponed

Dear Editor,

To the Niles East Senior Class: Did you know that graduation has been postponed until June 13? Are you aware that this date is after underclassmen and teachers have been dismissed? Are you going to do anything about it?

The Niles West senior class cabinet has coordinated a program to change graduation to June 6, with graduation rehearsal on June 3 after school. Every Niles West senior has been given a petition requiring their's and their parents' signatures. Teacher petitions have also been circulated.

When a substantial number of the petitions have been returned to the senior class cabinet, as they already have been at West, representatives will present the petitions, with their rationale, to administration, superintendent, and School Board.

Don't just sit there — do something! All three senior classes must stand together and get the graduation date changed to June 6. If you need help getting coordinated just ask — we'll be glad to help.

The Niles West Senior Class Cabinet
Extension 271

Student relates hypocrisy

Dear Editor,

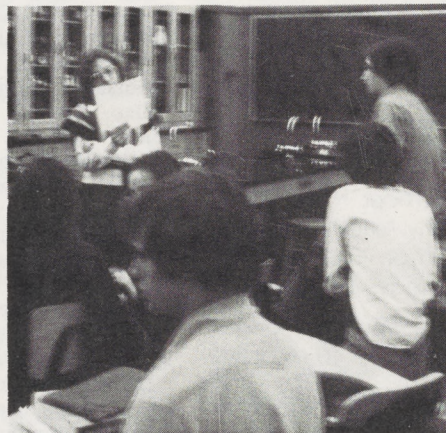
For the first time in my four years at East I feel inspired to relate the hypocrisy that fills this school every day. The focal point: a certain senior homeroom. The homeroom teacher has not had a homeroom of her own in a few years and seems to be a few years behind.

At the beginning of this semester we were told that the ten minute period was to be used as a study hall and not a social time. Virtually no one used this time to study, and therefore the time was completely wasted. When asked her reasoning, the teacher claimed much could be accomplished in a short time; yes, even in one or two minutes. When students began to talk quietly among themselves, they were glared at, and finally found themselves ordered to be quiet. This past week, students finally spoke out. One student was thrown out of class for asking the reason for our enforced study hall. A petition went around the room which was brought to our principal. The following day we were rewarded with an emotional lecture on the whole issue. Among other things we were told that we had been rude, obscene, and immature. The presentation of the petition to Mr. Hosler was deemed as a ridiculous act of immature seniors. We were told, "Mr. Hosler does not have the time to have students running into his office and neither do I." Well, if the principal of a high school does not have time for his students, what exactly does he have time for?

Another point in question is the purpose of our homeroom system. As I understand it, one of the basic reasons for a daily homeroom was "communication." Communication between students, and between teachers and students. I was told that a good relationship could easily be developed between a student and homeroom teacher because they met every day for four years. But here I find myself with my third homeroom teacher in four years: a woman I feel would not understand anything I might have to say even if she gave me the chance to "communicate." Now really, how can communication take place in a room that has reduced itself to a detention hall?

On closing, I would like to pose this question to the administration of this district: How far do you have to look to understand why apathy is widespread and the number of early graduates is constantly on the rise? If they would open their eyes to the hypocrisies that are apparent, they would not have to look very far at all.

Debbi Gutman '76



(Photo by Bruce Gostomelsky)

Many students feel that the homeroom period is "a waste of time."

Hall guards too strict?

Dear Editor,

I would like it to be known how I feel about teacher supervision of the halls. One teacher in particular comes to mind. What does he think this school is? A prison camp where he is guard who keeps everyone out of the halls? If a person wishes to go to a locker in his "patrol" area, a friend cannot come along. I was in this situation with a friend and was threatened with a referral for loitering because it wasn't my locker. Is "hanging around" an area for one minute the definition of loitering? I have no reason to linger around a hall in the middle of a period. Most people don't either. Another instance was when I came to class three minutes early and waited in the hall. Again I was threatened with a referral. I was loitering and he did not mention talking. By this law it is better to be late than early. Funny, I thought it was the opposite. Why is he constantly on the students' backs? I fail to see any reason for his actions. I'm

sure the administration didn't want supervision to go that far. Please ease off.

Name withheld upon request

Sponsors should not pay

Dear Editor,

Recently the varsity basketball team and cheerleading squad took a trip down to La Salle-Peru, Illinois, to participate in two basketball games. We stayed two nights in a Holiday Inn. Our rooms were paid for by the school. The basketball team, coaches, and the coaches' wives had their meals paid for by the school. The cheerleaders and our coach, Ms. Griswold, paid for our own meals. The varsity cheerleading squad is not complaining about paying (even though we were invited to come along), but we feel that our coach should have been paid for. To us she is just as important as Coach Capitani is to the team, and more important than his wife.

The Varsity Cheerleaders



(Photo by Bruce Gostomelsky)

Some students feel that gym rules are too rigidly enforced, and that they are treated more like soldiers than students.

Gym classes too military

Dear Editor,

As a freshman at Niles East, I feel that differences between this school and junior high are more noticeable to me than to a junior or senior who is already used to them. One that bothers me most, though, is Physical Education.

Gym has always been an enjoyable class for me, an escape from the pressures of school; a rest. But here, I cannot walk into the gymnasium, indoor track, or wrestling room without fear of being ridiculed by the instructor for folding my arms instead of keeping them at my sides. Must gym teachers use such expressions as, "fall in," "at ease," and "attention?"

Sometimes, while putting on my gym clothes (or should I say uniform), I feel as if I'm at West Point instead of Niles East.

Name withheld upon request

Editor's note: The *Nilehilite* staff would like to thank the faculty and student body for their response to issues of importance to the entire school. We encourage every student and faculty member to express their feelings and opinions with a letter to the editor. Letters must be no longer than 300 words in length (exceptions will be determined by the importance of the issue), and no profane, libelous, or obscene material will be printed. All letters must be signed, however names will be withheld upon request. Signed letters have priority over unsigned. The staff thanks those who contributed to this and past issues for honestly expressing their opinions and providing interest for our readers.

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Spirited class of '76, an enthusiastic crowd

by Sue Feldman

The Spirit of '76 is not intended only for America's Bicentennial, but also for Niles East's most spirited students, the class of '76.

Once again this class has shown enthusiasm for their school, as the seniors cheered on the Varsity basketball team to a first place trophy at the "Turkey Tourny" held at Lake Forest High School, during Thanksgiving weekend.

As many will recall, November 26 was the night that eight inches of snow fell; but it was also the Trojans first of three games to be played at Lake Forest.

A large amount of Easts students (mainly seniors) drove

one—two hours to attend this event. But it was not the attendance that made the night enjoyable to spectators, it was their spirit and stamina.

Without any cheerleaders to arouse the crowd, the students joined in unison to such cheers as "SCORE," Gary "Spooner" Musick's '76, chanting of "Wash 'em in the River," and a special guest appearance by ex-Trojan, Richard Berkowitz '75, performing the annual basketball cheer of "Ricky-Ticky-Ta-Ta."

The Spirit of '76 is alive and kicking (or clapping), as this year's seniors continue to maintain their title as the most spirited class, for their fourth and final year.



(Photo by Andy Goldstein)

Class of '76 continues to maintain their title of the most spirited class as the seniors rise for the entrance of the varsity basketball team at the winter sports pep assembly held Friday, November 21.

Pom-pon girls compete for 1st time, place 8th

by Sue Feldman

Many students complain about the lack of success at East, but one of the squads Easthi has to be proud of is frequently overlooked.

The pom-pon girls, who enlighten halftime at football and basketball games, were invited to the Badgerette Clinic, held November 22 at Adlai Stevenson High School.

This is the first time one of East's pom-pon squads attended such an event. This clinic, which cost four dollars per person, included instruction and competition between the 23 participating schools.

First on the agenda, followed by all 23 schools, was the originality routine competition, which consisted of exhibiting an original routine to a chosen song.

Each school was expected to supply their own music, on tape or record. The East girls, who

usually work with tape, brought along both to give the judges the choice of which they preferred. The response they received encouraged the squad to use the record, because it had a clearer sound.

The pom-pon girls then performed their routine, choreographed by Captain Taryn Levin, '76, to Grand Funk's "We're an American Band."

"The routine was going well. We were nearing the end, which we were very proud of, and the record skipped. We tried to adjust to the record, but it was impossible. The song ended and we left the floor extremely upset and discouraged," recalled cocaptain Sherry Flanzer, '76.

Sponsor Jennifer Hall, along with several squad members, approached the judges explaining the hard work involved in the routine and asked for another chance. The reply was,

"only if there is time." Fortunately time was given to the squad to perform again, and they felt they did a fine performance, for they received a lengthy applause.

Next, all the girls were taught a routine and given new ideas to bring home. Lunch was then served, while the girls got acquainted with one another.

Immediately following lunch was the prop dance competition which East did not enter. An example of these prop dances was "Rock the Boat," with the use of oars.

Then the girls got together for a "kick clinic," captain, co-captain seminar; and a discussion on "What if's," such as,

"What if you drop a pom-pon during a routine?" or "What if the record skips?"

Next they began to practice for the speed competition. This consisted of learning a routine in 45 minutes, with 45 more minutes to stage and perfect it. East placed seventh of the 14 schools that participated.

Before the schools began their journeys home, each squad was informed of their placement in the originality competition. East placed eighth of the 23 schools.

"Even though the pom-pon styles of the other schools were different, it was a worthwhile experience. We learned a lot and had a good time," concluded Sherry.

Awards abandoned as East closes?

by Sandee Morrison

As the closing of East approaches, many questions have gone through the minds of students and faculty members.

One question that was probably overlooked, but should have some relevance is, "What will happen to all of the awards and plaques that have been won over the years by Easthi clubs, teams, and individuals, and the memorial plaques for students, some of whom died in World War II and the war in Vietnam?"

Approximately 200 trophies, plaques, and awards are displayed in Trojan hall, and the auditorium foyer, won by Easthi teams and individuals from 1941-1975. There are also approximately 135 pictures of outstanding athletes in East's history. The members of the class of '75 might be a little upset to learn that the plaque, with the names of all the blood donors to the Gift of Life, their class gift, was put away in a box somewhere.

Not much thought has been devoted to this minor matter, but as we have seen this year, with the sudden increase in student involvement and the recent burst in school spirit, the Niles East students do care about their school a lot more than they are given credit for. Hopefully this spirit will not decrease, and students will express their feelings and opinions about this question. Students may submit their suggestions to the Nileh-lite, or to Galen Hosler, principal. Hosler hopes that the students will think of some new ideas.

Soph's dad monopoly champ

by Caryn Lason

After purchasing all of the orange properties and Park Place, Anshel Gostomelsky was pronounced United States monopoly champ.

Anshel Gostomelsky, father of Bruce, '78, got involved in the contest when it was announced on WLTD radio.

Gostomelsky won the regional contest, which was held in the community room at Northwest Federal Savings, and then advanced to the U.S. competition, held in Atlantic City. The Monopoly contest was sponsored by Parker Brothers.

In the U.S. contest, Gostomelsky won the championship over Roger Compton; however, he lost to John Mair, Monopoly champion of Ireland.

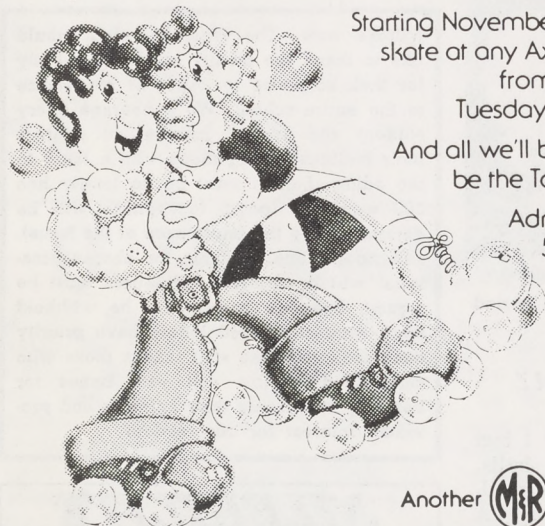
"I became interested in Monopoly, when I was 10 years

old, that was about 30 years ago," explained Gostomelsky. He didn't practice too much before the contest. "I played three games against Bruce and my daughter, but I lost all three," Gostomelsky confessed.

Gostomelsky explained his championship in Monopoly as a combination of skill and luck. "About 50 per cent luck and 50 per cent skill. I was able to get the orange properties in trade, and people kept landing on the orange properties and Park Place," explained Gostomelsky.

Gostomelsky received a 1934 Philco Cathedral radio for winning the Regional Contest, and a wall clock with a replica of a Monopoly board for the U.S. contest.

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An unexpected, unexplained fire drill interrupted the winter sports pep assembly as students filed out of the gym awaiting the signal to return.

Children Attend East's Nursery

by Sue Feldman

Seven pre-schoolers have been attending Niles East every Monday — Wednesday morning since September.

A second floor room has been converted into a nursery, complete with books, toys, learning games, art supplies, and 14 female students who act as student teachers.

These girls are supervised by home economics teacher, Mrs. Shirley Foss.

"THE STUDENTS WORKING in the nursery must take Child Growth and Development first, where they learn the principles applied in the nursery," explained Mrs. Foss. "There is a purpose to everything we do in the nursery. We work on developing a child's self-esteem and helping the shy or hot-tempered child maintain acceptable relations with others."

Teaching methods, lesson plans, and progress reports on each child are discussed on Thursdays and Fridays, the youngsters days off.

"I LIKE THE WAY the curriculum is developed. It gives us an opportunity to experience all aspects of learning



High school girls and pre-schoolers play a learning game at the Niles East nursery.

about children," concluded Sue Weiss '76, a member of the program.

Anyone interested in having

their pre-schooler enrolled in the nursery should contact Mrs. Foss or Dr. Barbara Ray at 936-3800.

Senior Betty Katz works to break world record

by Nancy Angell

Betty Katz '76 is working to break a world record. Since July, 1975 she has been making what will soon be the longest gum-wrapper chain known to mankind.

Betty began her chain because, as she says, "It was just something to do." Her sister, who is now a freshman, was also making a chain, and they were in competition with each other.

IN AUGUST, 1974 she saw what is professed to be the longest gum-wrapper chain in the world, at the Ripley's Believe It or Not Museum in Old Town. This chain, which is 524 feet long and took six years to

make, gave her the incentive she needed to attempt beating the record.

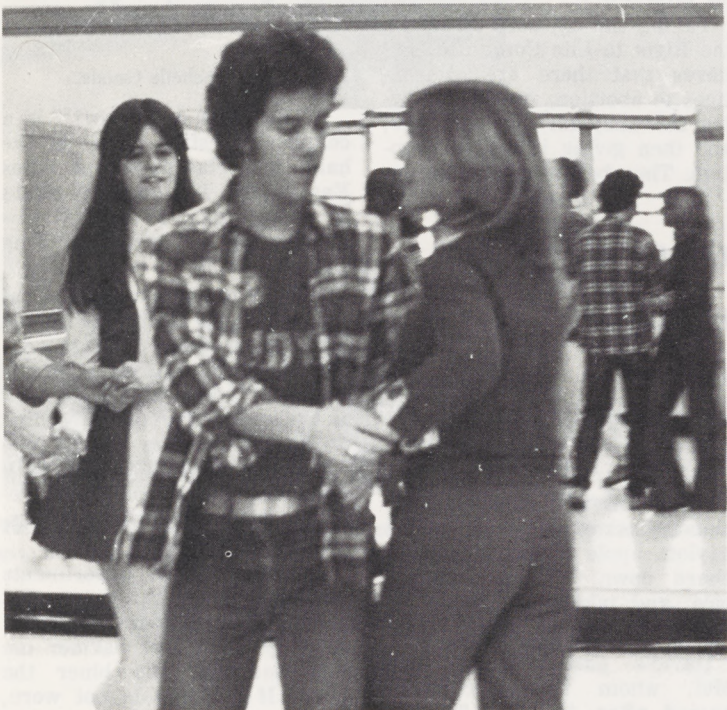
Betty's chain, made by tearing and folding the gum-wrapper in various ways, is 400 feet long, weighs 4 pounds, and contains approximately 9600 gum wrappers.

BETTY'S GOAL is to have a 700 foot long chain by her graduation this June. She would appreciate people saving gum wrappers and delivering them

to her through her homeroom teacher, Miss Kathryn Weller in room 122.

She has yet to contact the Guinness Book of World Records where she hopes her record will be printed.

Betty's enthusiasm was encouraged by the compilers of the record book. As they say in the book's preface, "We are always glad to hear from those able to improve upon the material available to us."



(Photo by Howard Levcoe)

Co-ed square dance classes teach more than just square dance. Students learn many modern dances as well.

Dancers learn jitterbug, fox-trot

by Rochelle Goode

During the last six week session, many students learned the hustle, the bus stop, the cha-cha, and the jitterbug; surprisingly enough, in a class entitled co-ed square dancing.

Taught by Miss Pat Matlack, Mrs. Deanna Whyman, and Miss Marcia Berke (separately), coed square dance involves a lot more than appears obvious. Although the first two or three weeks of class time are spent with square dances, students quickly advance to learnings social dances; including the hustle, the bus stop, the cha-cha, jitterbug, fox-trot, swing,

and the waltz; folk dances including the hora, and the tea time mountain stomp; and basic steps like the grapevine.

MISS MATLACK BELIEVES that one of the purposes of the class is, "to have fun, and to talk to each other and express feelings. It is a way of meeting people of the opposite sex on a social level in a classroom situation."

In addition, Miss Matlack feels that the students' attitude toward the class is a positive one. "Some people want to learn how to dance, and don't know where to go. This is an ideal way to teach them," she explained. "Of course, some students got stuck in this class, but I feel they are making the best of this situation," she added.

Students in the class offer various opinions about the way it is run. Most enjoy the social dancing more than square dance; the bus stop and jitterbug in particular. However, many students were surprised and upset that the course was

so heavily based on social dancing.

"THE COURSE TITLE was square dancing," explained Sue Meyer '77. "That's what I expected."

Several students took the class because they preferred it to the other P.E. activities offered, and because they did not have to change into gym clothes. "When you don't have to dress for gym, you can wear nicer clothes to school," stated Debbie Gerber '76.

ONE COMPLAINT SHARED by a large majority of the students is the ratio of boys to girls in the class, which includes 20 girls and 14 boys. Most students felt that this was a difficult handicap for the class, since they could not all dance at once, and many of the girls had to share partners.

Co-ed dancing may be offered again throughout the year in different forms. Discussions are now being held as to the formation of a discotheque dance class.

Barbara Theobold visits Thailand

by Suzanne Oxman

What do the Far East and Niles East have in common? Mrs. Barbara Theobold, who spent three years in Thailand as a Peace Corps volunteer before joining the Niles East faculty, finds few similarities.

Barbara's interest in the Peace Corps began eight years ago, while attending the University of Illinois in Champaign.

DURING A SPEECH class she met a Peace Corps volunteer who had served in the middle east. He was very enthusiastic about the program, and found it gratifying.

Barbara, who always wanted to help people, applied immediately. But she became discouraged when she was told she must earn her Bachelor's degree first.

The following year, 1968, she married Steven Theobold, who was also attending the University of Illinois. He too was enthusiastic about the program, and they graduated together in February of 1969, and were assigned positions with the Peace Corps in Thailand. They spent three months training in Hawaii.

Their training group, originally consisting of 110 volunteers assigned to Thailand, was re-

duced to 80 before leaving the island. The other 30 had either "dropped out, or were advised to leave," explained Barbara.

AFTER ARRIVAL IN Thailand, another 15 volunteers resigned because of their inability to cope with the physical and emotional discomforts.

Lampang, the city to which Barbara and Steven were sent, had a daily temperature of 90 to 100 degrees. Sanitation was poor, there were no screens on the windows, and bugs and mosquitoes were profuse.

The volunteers felt, "between cultures," bringing to many a loss of identity. They were unable to fit in to the Thai culture.

MANY WOMEN ALSO had problems caused by their sex, because in Thailand women are considered inferior: a woman walking alone was thought to be promiscuous.

Having Steven to relate to and share with, Barbara felt able to cope with these problems. Yet as a couple, they found it difficult to adjust to the social life structured to the individual man or woman, as opposed to the couple as a unit. Even when they were invited to the same function, Barbara learned that

women socialized separately from men.

As English teachers, the Theobolds noticed that the same rule applied to the classroom, where boys and girls were kept apart.

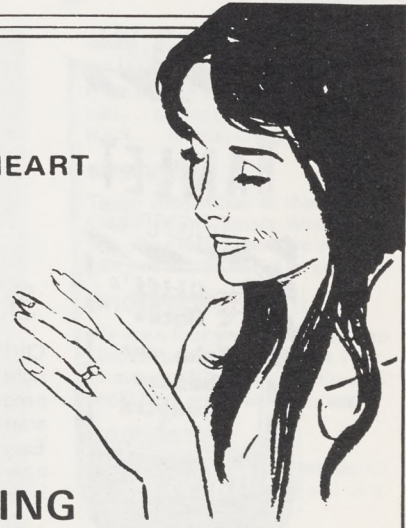
OTHER RULES OF the Thai's included students rising when a teacher entered the classroom, greeting the teacher, and thanking him after class. A student addressing a teacher would kneel until their discussion was finished.

Respect and honor for elders is practiced by all in Thailand. Barbara and Steven had to bow to the principal of the school where they taught, when greeting him. Many Thai teachers, although less educated, resented volunteers.

BARBARA HAD DOUBTS about Thai students studying in America. "His life would change. He would experience a different way of living and might find fault with his own culture when he returns," she explained.

Barbara found her three years with the Peace Corps very gratifying. "It has made me more sensitive, open minded, and understanding. I've learned not to judge people on my standards, but to assess them by their own," she concluded.

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Right to Life, Planned Parenthood discuss abortion

by Rochelle Goode

"In this country we have the most permissive abortion laws in the world," stated Ms. Barb Hilyard, a member of the Right to Life Committee, speaking against abortion to a Family Living class recently.

In addition, Mrs. Evelyn Fowler, a speaker from Planned Parenthood, also visited the class to discuss the assets and necessities of abortion.

The Right to Life Committee is devoted to, "join one another in the defense of human life." They are unalterably opposed to abortion, no matter what the social problem at hand. They explain that the viability of an unborn child is frequently used to decide abortion laws, but that viability ages are constantly changing due to medical progress. "Scientists are looking forward to the day when they can save a 12 week baby," explained Ms. Agnes Atwood, Ms. Hilyard's co-speaker.

Planned Parenthood, although it is pro-contraceptive rather than pro-abortion, believes that, "to make every woman who gets pregnant go through with having her child is really enforced childbirth," according to Mrs. Fowler. "If contraceptives fail, abortion should be an option," she explained.

The speakers described the various methods of abortion

used during certain periods of time of a woman's pregnancy. At 10 weeks, a suction or vacuum abortion is most common, at 12 weeks a D and C (Dilation and Curettage) would be performed, at approximately 19 weeks salt poisoning might be used, and during the later weeks a hysterotomy may be performed.

A vacuum abortion, which is used for 75 per cent of all abortions performed in the United States and Canada, is done by suction. A tube connected to a vacuum is inserted into the uterus, which destroys the developing baby and pulls it out of the uterus. These abortions are used only during the first three months of pregnancy.

A D and C is performed slightly earlier than, or during, the second three months of pregnancy. The woman must spend two or three days in the hospital due to the surgical procedures involved. With this method, the uterus is opened, and the surgeon cuts the developing baby to pieces and removes it from the uterus.

Salt poisoning abortion is used after 16 weeks when enough fluid has accumulated around the baby. A needle containing a salt solution is inserted through the mother's abdomen into the amniotic sac. The baby

swallows the salt, and is poisoned by it. Shortly after, the mother will go into labor and deliver the dead baby.

Hysterotomies are similar to caesarean sections because a surgeon cuts into the woman's abdomen to remove the baby. Hysterotomies are performed during the last three months of pregnancy, when abortion is allowed (in Illinois) only if the mother's life is endangered. After a woman has undergone a hysterotomy, she must have a caesarean section to deliver any future, wanted, child. With every caesarean section she has, surgical risk increases.

Ms. Hilyard and Ms. Atwood, the speakers from the Right to Life Committee, discussed the reasons and results of abortion with the class. They argued that every part of a baby is formed after 10 weeks, that an abortion will decrease the chance of the mother's next child taking the full nine months to be born, and that after 16 weeks the baby will recognize its mother's voice.

Statistics given by Ms. Atwood include one perforated uterus from every 50 suction abortions, one of every 10 women who have abortions may suffer some sterility, one of 10 may have to remove a fallopian tube, and one of every 100 women who have an abortion may

suffer some complications.

However, Mrs. Fowler, from Planned Parenthood, commented, "There is nothing in the procedure of a vacuum abortion to indicate that the woman will be sterile or more prone to miscarriage in the future."

Mrs. Fowler included in her discussion the argument that the fetus has no legal rights. "The constitution makes it clear that a fetus has no legal rights, because a fetus is not a person, and the constitution provides laws for persons," she explained.

Although the speakers from the Right to Life Committee expressed a desire for a change in the permissive abortion laws in Illinois, Mrs. Fowler declared, "The fact that there was a law against abortion has never prevent there being abortions."

Further explaining her position, Mrs. Fowler stated her belief in careful preliminary use of birth control. "Of course, unwanted pregnancy should be prevented. Abortion should be an alternative."

Taking the opposite direction, the Right to Life Committee believes that there are alternatives to abortion, such as carrying the baby for the full time, and then giving it up for adoption. They believe that, "the in-

alienable right to life of every human being, no matter what his size, age, or competence, must be protected by law."

However, the choice remains with the mother. According to Illinois law, any pregnant woman may have an abortion during her first three months of pregnancy without any difficulty; during the second three months she will need a doctor; and for the last three months, abortions only are allowed if the mother's life would be endangered by the birth of her child. The woman must make her own decisions about bearing her child or not.

Of course, the best alternative (agreed upon by both Planned Parenthood and the Right to Life Committee) to the worries, fears, and myths of abortion, is to not become pregnant at all. Contraceptives of all kinds are available from family doctors and corner drugstores everywhere.

Colorful rings relate feelings

by Rochelle Goode

"What color is it now?" is a common question heard in the halls and classrooms of Niles East lately. The question refers to mood rings, a popular new fad among all people, young and old.

Mood rings are available at prices ranging from \$2-\$35, depending on their settings. According to the manufacturers of some of these rings, the color of the stone changes according to the mood of the wearer, violet blue representing the ultimate happiness, and black denoting tense anxiety, and frustration.

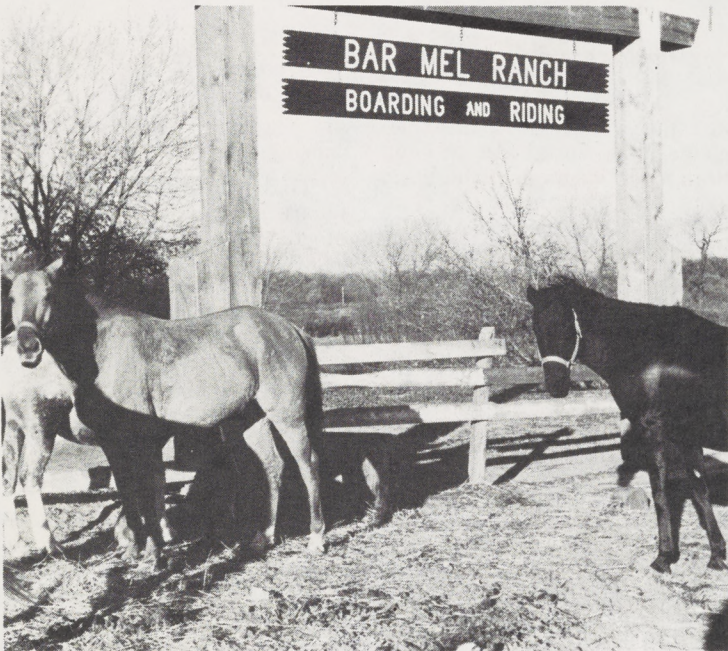
Actually, simple experiments with these rings can prove that the color of the stone is affected by body heat. The warmer the ring becomes, the bluer the stone. If the ring is not worn, it will become black in a short time, due to the lack of heat against it.

Because of the chemical composition which causes these changes in the stone, these rings must not be immersed in water. In addition, the life of the stone varies from approximately six months to one year, after which it generally turns black and is no longer affected by the wearers mood or body heat.

However, just because mood rings are not actually affected by mood, they still are an interesting piece of jewelry which give much delight to many people. They also can act as thermometer substitutes in judging how hot or cold the wearer is. They will let their wearer know when summer comes and winter ends, or when to turn down the thermostat.

Mood rings can bring a great deal of entertainment into a house or classroom, and often provide an interesting conversation piece. They are available at stores everywhere, including downtown Skokie, Old Orchard, and Turnstyle.

Editor's note: Due to the lack of involvement and participation by Niles East students, the Nilehilite story contest was cancelled. The staff would like to remind the students that although the story contest is no longer in effect, we would appreciate any contribution from the student body regarding current issues related to the school.



The Bornstein's stable 35 horses on their ranch. They also participate in barrel racing and show riding.

Bornstein's ranch means back-to-nature experience

by Sue Feldman

"Home, home on the range, where the deer and the antelope play ..."

Many city and suburban people dream of living in the country, running through open fields and horseback riding down forest trails. But for David Bornstein '76, this fantasy is a reality.

This month marks the Bornstein's two year anniversary operating the Bar Mel Ranch located in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Although they have only owned the 21 acre estate for a short time, their house, a large modernized log cabin, is the oldest in the Lake area.

Directly across from the house stands a huge barn which, at this time, stables 35 horses. David, accompanied by seniors Wendy Epstein and Marty Festenstien, spent last summer working with the horses and helping to run the ranch.

They awoke each morning at 7:30 a.m. and fed and saddled all the horses within an hour, with the assistance of several ranch hands. Then they returned to the house for breakfast, prepared by Wendy.

Daily chores, besides feeding and saddling the horses, included loading hay, cleaning the stalls, and training the horses. David recalls training a horse once that ran through, not over, a fence. Another daily chore on the ranch is building and painting fences.

David, Wendy, Marty, and the ranch hands opened the services to the public, 9 a.m.—5 p.m. daily. A trail ride, led by one of the hands, costs \$5 per hour. Riders are not permitted to travel alone unless "knowledgeable of the trails."

"Breakfast and dinner rides, which include three hours of riding and the designated meal cooked on the trail, are available for \$15, including the price of the food.

Hay rides also are available year round, while horse pulled

sleigh rides, which cost \$12 for two per hour, will be available during the winter only.

Other activities of the day included basketball games in the hayloft, apple picking at the orchard down the road, baking pies, and taking the horses to the beach for a swim.

David's parents, Barb and Mel, whom the ranch was named after, took the 75 minute ride every week to get to the ranch to participate in the weekend activities, which occasionally included barn dances.

Every Saturday night, the Bornsteins and their friends competed in horse shows throughout Wisconsin. Barrel racing, which is judged by speed and action, and activities including flag and rescue races, were the ones the Bornsteins entered.

The speed and action race, also called the plug race, consists of riding around one barrel and back to the starting box to conclude with a sliding stop. David, who's best time was 9.1 seconds, has won numerous trophies and ribbons for his horsemanship. Wendy and Marty also competed, but mainly for experience.

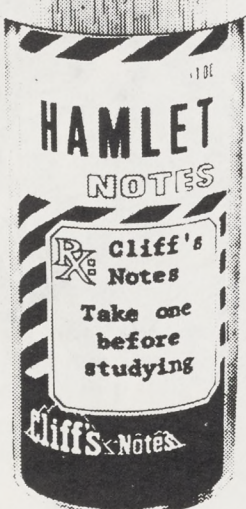
Another late night activity unexpectedly occurred during the summer. The Bornsteins awoke at 2 a.m. to find all the horses in the middle of the street. While in their pajamas, they brought the horses back to their stalls, making sure all the locks were secure.

The summer of '76 will bring added attractions to the Bar Mel ranch. Besides increasing the number of horses and amount of land they own, the Bornsteins plan to host professional rodeos and horse shows.

The Bornsteins intend to make their country ranch their permanent home. So Bornsteins, as Roy Rogers would sing, "Happy Trails to You ..."

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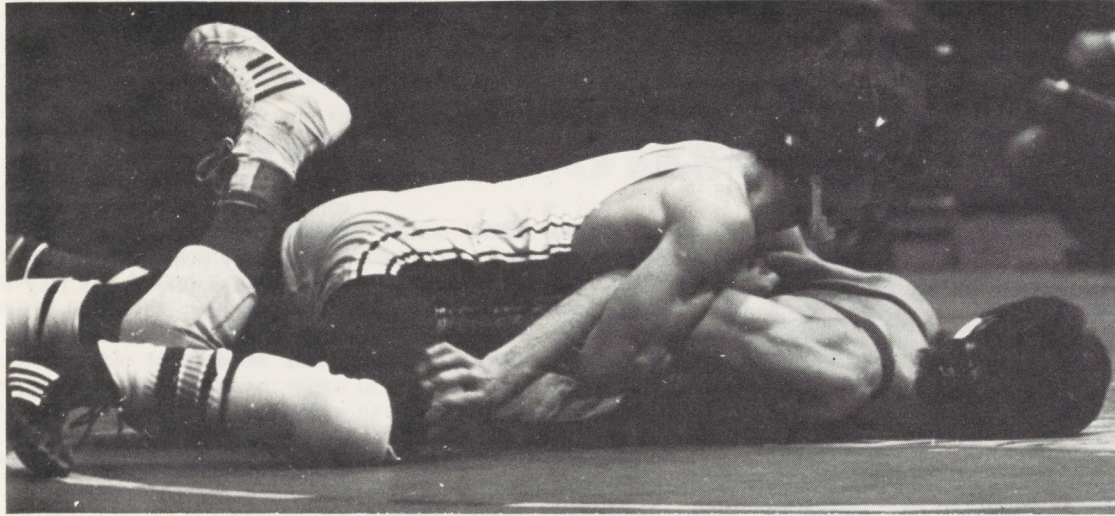
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Varsity wrestlers start season with four victories

by Bruce Goldberg



(Photo by Cary Claver)

Varsity wrestler Ricky Yale pins his opponent as coach Fred Richardi looks on.

Easthi's varsity wrestling team has remained undefeated in their first four contests of the season.

IN A MEET against Evanston a few weeks ago, the Trojans came out victorious 45-10. Dave Hinske pinned his opponent as did Rick Yale, Steve Eddin, and Pete Christopoulos.

The highlight of the meet was Joe Colucci's match against his 318 pound opponent. Although Colucci lost, he put up a tough fight considering his weight of only 200 pounds. "It was a good match, but Colucci should have beat him," said Coach Fred Richardi. Colucci will have two more chances to "beat him" this season, and Richardi expected him to do so.

The wrestlers lost the services of a very important contender, Mike Hinske. He will be out for the remainder of the season due to knee surgery. Coach Richardi feels the loss of Hinske will hurt the team physically and mentally. According to Richardi, Hinske was a great contribution to the team's morale. "He has a great enthusiasm for wrestling. We needed him to be a state contender."

THE WRESTLERS are rated at the top of their conference with Maine West. Although the Trojans have an undefeated

record, it appears that Coach Richardi is not satisfied yet. "There's a lot of room for improvement," he commented.

Among the many players on the varsity squad, Colucci and Christopoulos are expected to make the difference.

Richardi is not only interested in seeing his varsity squad have a successful season, but is more concerned with all four levels combining to make a well balanced team.

THE VARSITY TEAM defeated Deerfield, New Trier East and Elmwood Park, giving them their record of 4-0.

The junior varsity team also is undefeated. They have beaten Evanston, Deerfield, and New Trier East.

JV Coach Al Poznansky feels that his team has not really competed against the tough teams yet. The Trojans have a couple of close meets coming up, and Poznansky appears to be confident. "The kids have a lot of guts, we should be able to pull them out," he said.

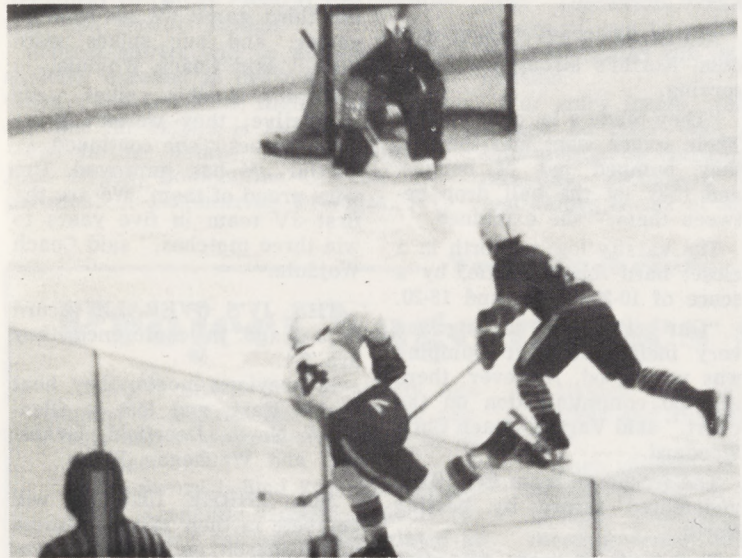
THE JV TEAM is looking toward winning the conference title. "The boys have confidence in themselves and have the ability to do the job," concluded Poznansky.

Tonight the wrestlers will travel to New Trier West. The meet will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Hockey team gains first win of season

by Bruce Goldberg

Easthi's varsity hockey team won their first game of the season against Steinmetz a few weeks ago, by a score of 6-1. **THIS IS THE** Trojans second year in the Chicago Metropolitan



(Photo by Mike Epstein)

Varsity hockey player, Jerry Smessaert, releases a slapshot on Prossers goal in a recent game at the Glenview Ice Arena.

High School Hockey League. Last year Easthi finished with four wins, 16 losses and one tie. Coach Marc Levin hopes they can do a little better this season.

This year's team includes three new freshman players; Neal Thomas, Brian Zolin, and Dave Gutfreund. It appears Thomas should help the team this year on defense as well as offense. "He works hard; he's just something else," said Levin. Coach Levin expects Jim Bolotin (center), and Scott Blomgren (right wing), to make a good pair on offense, while Rob Thorstensson, and Jerry Smessaert are leaders on defense.

JUNIOR RICK HAZEN is the goal tender of the Trojans this year, and Levin has confidence in him. "He is probably the best goalie in the league," commented the Coach.

In the Trojan's victory against Steinmetz, Bolotin was first to score, but Steinmetz came right back with a goal, and it was tied 1-1 going into the third period. Easthi put the game out of reach when Bolotin scored the winning goal followed by four more Trojan goals. Thomas scored two, and Smessaert and Tim Schneider each scored one more.

Easthi's record so far this season is one victory and seven losses. Although they have a losing record, most of the games have been decided by only one or two goals.

COACH LEVIN FEELS the team's offense is lacking. "Defensesmen are not going to win hockey games for us. You have to have the guys who are going to dig, and who are going to score," he commented.

Bowlers win again

by Kathi Isserman

The varsity bowling team beat Glenbrook North Friday, December 5, 4-1.

"**THEY HAVE A** very good team. When five bowlers average better than 130, that's good. We didn't have depth, and that's what hurt us," Glenbrook North's Head Coach Kathy Eichenner said.

"In the first game, the varsity was not bowling up to par, but we recovered strongly in the second and third games taking both games and series," Coach Dee Whyman said.

"We can always count on Lisa Frank to come through with a high series, as she did in this meet with a 522 series and 202 high game."

"When some of us bowl below average, there are others that bowl over their heads to keep us up," Captain Karen Frazier said.

The JV team beat Glenbrook North 5-0.

Cindy Michell bowled the highest game with 166 and second highest series with a 427. Pat Sochacki bowled the highest series with 442.

"**OUR JV CAME** on strong from the beginning. This was the best they bowled this season," Coach Whyman said.

Lisa Frank has the highest average on the team with 157 in league meets, Karen Frazier has 155, and Vivian Maniates has 153. The team average is 148, and varsity bowlers average from 128 to 157.

In other meets, the varsity lost to Niles West 5-0, beat St.

Benedicts 4-1, and won over Maine East 5-0. The JV is undefeated, beating Niles West 3-2, St. Benedicts 5-0, and Maine East 5-0.

They will compete against Maine East at Oakton Bowl Monday, January 12, at 4:00 p.m.

"**WE HAVE THE** potential and the averages to take the districts and the league championship. If we pull it all together as we have done in the past, we have a very good chance of taking them," Coach Whyman concluded.

Upcoming events

Dec. 19 Basketball - Glenbrook S.	Home 8:15 pm	Jan. 16 Basketball - Niles W.	Home 8:15 pm
Wrestling - New Trier W.	Away 7:30 pm	Swimming - Glenbrook S.	Away 7:45 pm
Boys' Gymnastics - Maine South	Home 8:00 pm	Fencing - New Trier W.	Away 7:00 pm
Swimming - Maine S.	Niles N. 7:45 pm	Bowling - Glenbrook N.	Oakton Bowl 2:00 pm
Dec. 20 Boys' Gymnastics - Maine East Invit.	Away 7:00 pm	Jan. 17 Wrestling - Glenbrook S.	Home 1:30 pm
Dec. 22 Wrestling - Glenbrook S.	Away 1:00 pm	Boys' Gymnastics - Glenbrook S.	Away 3:00 pm
Dec. 23 Wrestling - Glenbrook S.	Away 7:00 pm	Swimming - Elmwood Pk.	Away 1:30 pm
Dec. 27 Wrestling - S. Holland - Varsity Tourn.	Away 11:00 pm	Fencing - AFLA Open	Gordon Tech. 9:00 am
Dec. 22-23, 26-27 Basketball - Luther N. Tourn.	Away 9:00 am	Girls' Gymnastics - MW - NTW - NTE	Maine W. 9:30 am
Jan. 3 Wrestling - Buffalo Grove Tri-Meet	Away 10:00 am	Jan. 12-17 Volleyball - Districts	
Boys' Gymnastics - Niles N. Invit.	Away 7:00 pm	Jan. 20 - Bowling - St. Benedict	Oakton Bowl 4:00 pm
Fencing - AFLA Open	New Trier W. 9:00 am	Jan. 21 Fencing - Gordon Tech.	Away 4:00 pm
Jan. 7 Girls' Gymnastics - Glenbrook N.	Home 7:00 pm	Jan. 22 Bowling - Niles W. Invit.	Old Orchard 4:00 pm
Jan. 8 Fencing - Niles W.	Home 4:00 pm	Jan. 23 Basketball - Maine E.	Away 8:15 pm
Volleyball - Maine W.	Home 6:30 pm	Wrestling - Glenbrook N.	Away 6:30 pm
Jan. 9 Basketball - Glenbrook N.	Away 8:15 pm	Boys' Gymnastics - Glenbrook N.	Home 8:00 pm
Wrestling - Niles N.	Home 6:30 pm	Swimming - Glenbrook N.	Niles W. 7:45 pm
Boys' Gymnastics - Niles N.	Away 8:00 pm	Girls' Gymnastics - Maine S.	Away 5:00 pm
Swimming - Niles N.	Away 7:45 pm	Jan. 24 Wrestling - E. Leyden Tri-Meet	Franklin Park 12:00 pm
Jan. 10 Basketball - Evanston	Away 8:15 pm	Jan. 19-24 Volleyball - Sectionals	
Boys' Gymnastics - Waukegan E.	Away 3:00 pm	Jan. 25 Fencing - Inter-Sub. Var. Tourn.	8:00 am
Girls' Gymnastics - Niles W. Invit.	Away 7:30 pm	Jan. 26 Girls' Gymnastics - Maine S.	Away 5:00 pm
Jan. 12 Bowling - Maine E.	Oakton Bowl 4:00 pm	Jan. 27 Volleyball - Super Sectionals	
		Jan. 28 Wrestling - Highland Pk.	Home 4:30 pm
		Girls' Gymnastics - Maine E.	Home 7:00 pm

Swimmers begin with a win

by Bruce Goldberg

The varsity swimming team got off to a good start this season as they have won two and lost one.

THIS YEAR'S TEAM consists of mostly underclassmen. Coach Romayne Baker feels one of the swimmers' main problems is a lack of team members. "We don't have enough swimmers, and not enough depth to be a strong team," he commented.

Coach Baker hopes the team can win at least half or more of their meets. "It's going to be a struggle, but we'll have to work hard," said Baker.

This year's team includes Ed Purcell, Rob Torstenson, Mike Borovik, Dan Projansky, Scott Klieman, Steve Story, Brad Goldenberg, and Mark Fritell. Purcell is leading the team in free style events, while Projansky competes in butterfly.

THE TROJANS have had to forfeit diving events this season because they are unable to practice in the pool. Because of this they lose approximately 13 points a meet.

Easthi chalked up their two victories when they defeated Waukegan East 104-64, and Roosevelt 46-26. They lost to Waukegan West 52-29.

BAKER FEELS IF the team would practice during the off season, they would do a little better this year. "If they don't improve during the off season, the other schools will pass us up," concluded Baker.



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Gymnasts win first contest

by Bruce Goldberg

The varsity gymnastics team defeated Glenbrook South and Deerfield in their first double dual meet of the season.

THE TROJANS FINISHED with 116.9 points followed by Glenbrook with 97.9, and Deerfield with 60.71.

Free exercise was led by Senior Matt Rosenberg, who scored 7.4, and all-around Greg Spillar, with 6.8. Steve Smith earned a 6.6 on side horse, followed by Rosenberg with a 5.7. Dan Kessum scoring a 6.5 looked good on the high bar, as did Spillar and John Carlson.

Carlson scored a 7.5 on trampoline, while Steve Irsay earned a 6.2. The ring team scored consistently high. Dave Abrahamson scored 7.6 followed by Brian Austin and Ron Weinert, who both scored 6.8, and Spillar with a 6.2. Steve Seplowin earned a 4.6 on the parallel bars.

COACH TOM SOKALSKI feels the ring team and the free exercise team seem to be the strongest events for the Trojans this season. Junior Greg Spillar will be filling Neal Sher's spot as all-around. "Greg is improving, getting stronger, and is more confident. He should prove to be a fine replacement as the season moves ahead," commented Sokalski.

Injuries have kept Shelly Shapiro (free exercise), and Steve Borkan (trampoline), out of competition so far this season, but they are both expected to work in tonight's meet.

On December 6, the gymnasts participated in the Evanston Invitational. Five schools participated with Hersey placing 1st (90.71 points), Hinsdale Central took second (85.61 points), Niles West third (74.43), Easthi, close behind, captured fourth (71.20), and Evanston finished



Varsity gymnast Dave Abrahamson displays his form on rings in a recent meet.

fifth (67.08 points). Four members of East's team earned medals, including Carlson with a second place on the tramp. Smith placed third on the side horse; Kessum, third on high bar; and Rosenberg, fifth on free exercise.

COACH SOKALSKI appears to have confidence in his team this season, "They're a young team, and progressing well. They are working extremely hard to maintain our good gymnastics tradition," said Sokalski.

The sophomore team also captured first place in the meet against Glenbrook and Deerfield.

The sophomores have three fine all-around competitors in Tim Besser, John Lopez, and

Bill Saputo. Coach Seymour Rifkind feels, barring any injuries to those all-arounds, the sophomores will be conference champions.

THE SOPHOMORES HAVE a very small team this season. Only three people are competing in each event, when they should have four. This does not seem to bother Coach Rifkind, and it appears that in the sophomore's case it's quality over quantity. "We are very small, but I consider everyone to be great gymnasts," concluded Rifkind.

Tonight the Trojans will host Maine South in the girls' small gym. The freshman meet will start at 6:30 p.m., sophomores will begin at 7:15 p.m., and varsity will start at 8 p.m.

Maine East downs Cagers

by Rich Bodenheimer

The Niles East basketball team began its conference schedule with a 72-71 loss against Maine East.

EAST HAD ENTERED the contest with a 3-3 record, and injuries to forward Art Issacs and guards Terry Greenberg, and Mark Brines, hurt the team, although Greenberg and Brines did play.

Maine East began the game with a high shooting percentage, as they took leads of 6-0 and 13-3 before the quarter ended with Niles East down by 7, at 20-13. The Blue Demons excellent shooting was almost negated by East's struggling defense, and fast break offense.

The second quarter continued to the advantage of Maine East. At halftime they led 42-31. In the second half the Demons continued their control of the game, as they widened their lead to

as much as 21 points, at 57-36.

BUT THE TROJANS mounted a steady comeback led by forward Neil Schreiber, and guard Brines. With one minute left in the game, East tied the score at 71, outscoring Maine East 35-14 in the last 10 minutes of play. A backcourt foul with 23 seconds left, gave the Blue Demons a chance for the lead, which they took, 72-71. Brines tried a desperation shot with three seconds on the clock, but

to no avail, as East dropped their first conference game of the year. Coach Capitani still feels that, "East has the chance to be a contender, but we will have to rebound quickly after this tough defeat."

UPCOMING GAMES include Maine South and Niles West. Capitani thinks that, "this year's team is much improved over last year's, and we should give both these schools a strong contest."

Swim show tryouts today

Ripplettes spring show auditions are being held today, after school. The theme of the 1976 synchronized swim show is "Games."

THE REQUIREMENTS FOR auditions include five types of stroking; bent arm front crawl, straight arm front crawl, breast

stroke, side stroke, back stroke, forward and backward sculling, starfloat, crossfloat, and one length under water. A choice of stunts is also necessary, including somersaults, barracuda, ballet leg, and front walkover.

In order to audition for a lead, a ripplette member must also perform a 20 second routine.

Fencing team begins season

by Bruce Goldberg

Easthi's fencing team began their '75-'76 season with one win and one loss.

THE FOILERS BEGAN using a new method of fencing this year called epee. This is the first year epee is being used in high school fencing. It basically consists of using a heavier weapon, and a larger target area, while epee uses the entire body for the target.

EASTHI DEFEATED Marshall 16-2 for their first victory, but lost to Gordon Tech, 12-6.

Coach Ron Gralewski feels the team, consisting of Larry Labow, Jim Osness, and Steve Kessler, has looked strong so far this season. Alan Tish, Sam Rest, and Lane Shultz of the foil team have shown great improvement.

Gralewski expects his team to win more than half of their meets this year. "We're improving every week," said Gralewski.

THE JUNIOR VARSITY team also has a 1-1 record. The squad

includes Chuck Heftman, Bill Samuak, Bob Levy, Krikor Topouzian, Mike Potts, and Curt Potts. "They have a chance to be among the top teams," commented Coach Gralewski.

The sport of fencing is unfamiliar to many students. The object is to try to be the first to touch your opponent five times in his target area. According to Coach Gralewski, it takes stamina, agility, strength, and the ability to conduct the mind with the body.

Best JV spikers in five year history

by Kathi Isserman

The junior varsity volleyball team beat Niles North, Tuesday, December 9, 15-13, 13-15, and 15-10.

"THIS IS THE BEST match the J.V. ever played. Beating Niles North's J.V. is a feather in our cap because they were undefeated until we put them in their place," said J.V. coach Jean Wojdula.

"We worked as a team, we called them, and we backed each other up. The team was more aggressive than I've ever seen them. They really tried. They put in 300 per cent."

"There were two outstanding plays by Jean Russell and Martha Brzozowski that also deserve special recognition," she added.

"We still need work on setting and spiking. Our game was practically all bumping, but it was still backed up by teamwork which counts," explained Coach Wojdula.

ACCORDING TO COACH Wojdula, North's strong point was serving.

"They made a lot of mistakes. Their spikes went into the net, they bumped out of bounds, and they let the ball drop between them," she explained.

The varsity lost to North in a close, hard fought battle, by a score of 10-20, 20-14, and 18-20.

"Our setting and serving was very ineffective. Our bumping was very good. However, there was no communication on the court," said Varsity Coach Chris Woodard.

The freshman team kept their undefeated record by beating North.

The team is now 4-0 after beating Evanston, Waukegan West, and Glenbrook North.

Both varsity and JV defeated Maine South on Wednesday, December 3.

The varsity beat them 20-2, 13-20, and 20-14.

"It's the best we've played all year. Everyone was playing well. They were using the fundamentals, and that is what gave

us our win," said Coach Woodard.

"MAINE SOUTH PLAYED a complicated offense, and we forced them out of position."

"I'm very proud of my team, because they played the way I know the can play, and they really deserved to win," said Coach Woodard.

Both Maine South and Niles North tied for first in the division last year.

The varsity's overall record is 5-2 and in conference they are 2-2.

IN PREVIOUS MEETS they beat Deerfield, Evanston, Waukegan West, and Glenbrook North, and lost to Maine East.

The JV beat Maine South 7-15, 15-11, and 15-6.

"In the first game, we didn't call them, and we weren't moving. In the second game our serves were going well, and by the third game we got-it-all-together, and our spikes were good," said Coach Wojdula.

"Maine South's spikes were ineffective; they weren't going over the net," she continued.

"Our JV has improved. I'm very proud of them. We are the first JV team in five years to win three matches," said Coach Wojdula.

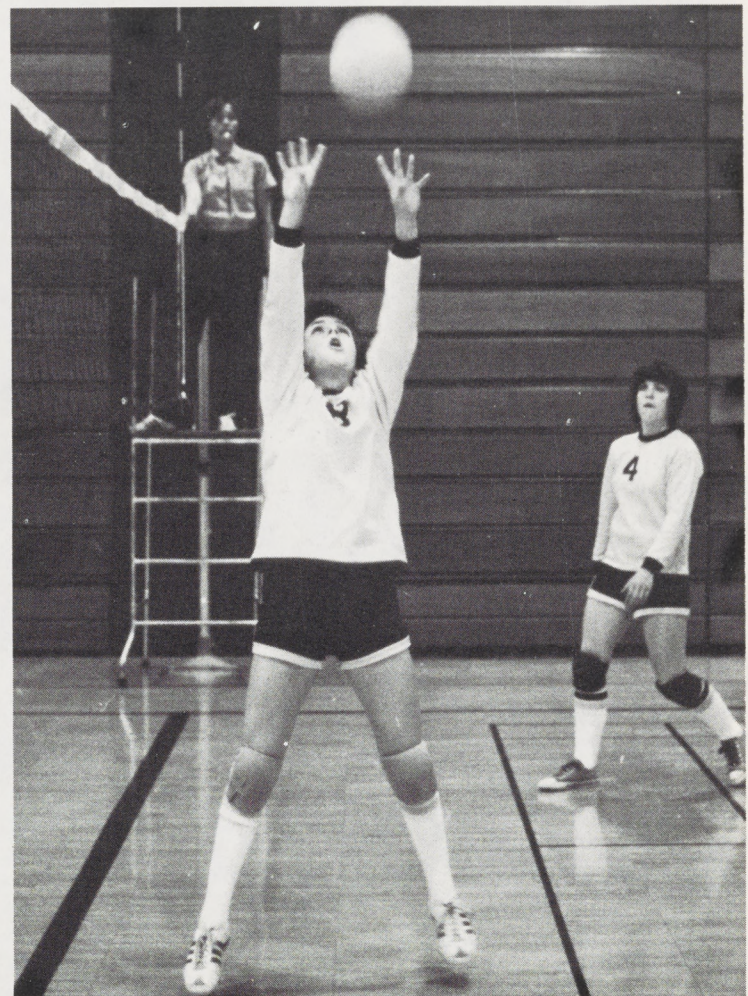
THE JV'S OVERALL record is 3-4 and in conference they are 3-1.

In previous meets, they beat Maine East, and lost to Glenbrook North, Deerfield, Evanston, and Waukegan West.

ALL THREE LEVELS will compete in their last dual meet of the season, on Thursday, January 8, against Maine West at 6:30 p.m. in the contest gym.

Districts will be held at New Trier East, January 12-17. Ten schools will participate, including all three Niles schools.

Sectionals will take place January 20-24, and the super sectionals will be held January 27. Illinois State University will host the state finals Friday and Saturday, January 30-31.



(Photo by Barry Schmetter)

In a recent varsity meet, Elaine Masover sets up the ball as Karen Behr gets ready to execute a spike.