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## Tuition-free summer school recommended

For the first time ever, a Niles East student sponsored proposal was passed by the Educational Policy Development Committee (EPDC). The recommendation, concerning tuition-free summer school for all high school students residing in Niles Township, was presented before the top policy making body in the District on March 7. It now goes to the Board of Education where it must be approved to become official District policy.

**THE PROPOSAL**, originally adopted by the Student Senate, was presented by EPDC representative Robert Feder. In his presentation he said that a public school system should not make its students pay for their education, and he questioned the present system where students must "buy credits" during the

summer months.

More encouragement for students to enroll in summer school was also cited as rationale for the proposed change. Now that teachers are spending much time developing summer courses that are distinctly different from those offered during the regular school year, it was pointed out, the schools should do everything possible to attract more students. The fact that such other alternatives in education as work study and the new Action Learning Center are being funded by the District provided another reason for the change. The fact that tuition provides an additional hardship to those students working during the summer to pay for post-secondary education also was cited as rationale.

**THE PROPOSAL, WHICH** was sup-

ported by the teachers' union, met resistance from the administration. Opposition to the tuition-free summer school program centered around the cost involved. Superintendent Wesley Gibbs estimated that the program, which is now paid for totally by tuition, would cost the District at least \$100,000 for the first year alone.

EPDC members, apparently feeling that such a program was worth the price, voted 10 to 5 to approve the Senate proposal.

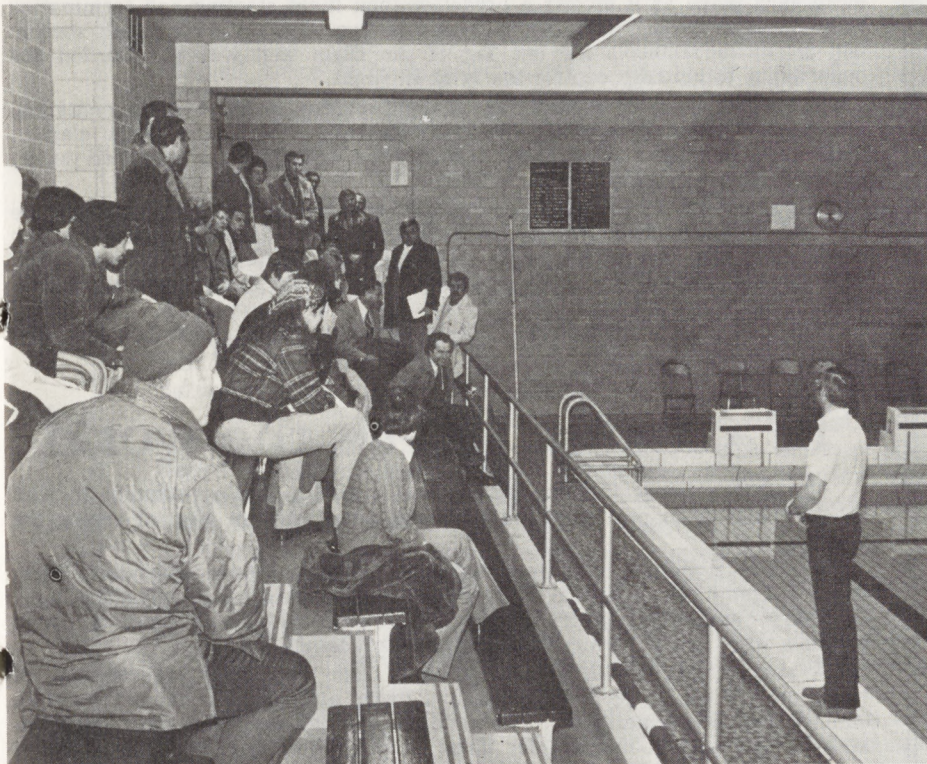
**FEDER CALLED THE** committee's action "a major victory for students." He said that it is one more instance where students are playing a more active role in the educational system. Citing this as part of a growing trend, he urged students to continue their effort to assure that their views are being

heard in the development of important policy.

Student representative to the Board, Brian Hamer, who also participated in the EPDC meeting, also spoke of the importance of the committee's decision. Yet Hamer, whose job it will be to present student support to the Board when the EPDC resolution is presented, warned that the proposal still has a long way to go before becoming official Board policy. He cited the fact that the Board raised tuition rates just five weeks ago, and that the adoption of tuition-free summer school will not be easily accepted by the Board.

**"BUT WHO KNOWS,"** Hamer said. "After this unexpected victory, we might just get this proposal approved."

Board consideration of the matter is expected as early as next week.



(Photo by Mike Fryer)

District 219's Space/Site committee is currently studying problems in the athletic facilities of Easthi, Northi, and Westhi. Here, swimming coach Don Larson discusses Easthi's pool with the committee. Chairman Mick Herzog is standing against the railing, behind Principal Arthur Colver.

## 'King and I' opens next week with senior citizen show Wednesday

"Somethings nearly so. Somethings nearly not." But one thing that cast members of the "King and I" are certain of is that the show opens next week starting Thursday, March 28.

**THE CAST AND CREWS** have worked six weeks rehearsing lines, learning songs and dances, building characters, and building sets. Frank Mayfield has been in charge of the show's sets, which include seven intricately painted scenic drops. Ray Pettit has been directing the orchestra that will play the classic Rodgers and Hammerstein score. Robert Anderson once again assumed his position behind the keyboard in working with the show's vocalists. Shari Kouba, choreographer, has directed all the show's dances. Liz Passman, costuming consultant, has served as resource person to the costume crews, while Elaine

Roth has been serving as business manager.

Jerry Proffit, who ties it all together, has used the same techniques in directing this show that have earned him a reputation for producing shows of uncompromising excellence. His ability of working with young people has been extended to the very young this year as 12 little brothers and sisters will portray the King's children. (See story on page 4.)

**THE CAST OF 55** include Stew Figa as the King, Judy Hoffman as Anna, Terri Diamond as Lady Tiang, Ellen Pollack as Tuptim, and Howard Pfeiffer as Lun Ta. Tickets are still available at \$1.50 and \$2 during lunch periods in the auditorium foyer.

A free performance for senior citizens will be given Wednesday at 1 p.m.

## Essays wanted on energy crises

Cook County schools superintendent Richard J. Martwick would like to learn how the energy crisis and the switch to daylight savings time is affecting students. Those interested in expressing their thoughts in writing in 50 words or less have an opportunity to offer suggestions on how

students can cooperate in conserving energy.

**ESSAYS MAY BE** used by the superintendent's office in preparing a general report citing student responses. All opinions and suggestions should be sent to Superintendent Richard J. Martwick at 33 West Grand Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60610.

## Board approves East renovation of facilities

Renovations of many facilities at East were discussed by the Board, March 11, to enhance the appearance and provide greater comfort for the school and its employees and students.

**THE BOARD ALSO** approved the appointment of Gary J. Ciaccio as the Social Studies teacher to replace David Jupp, who resigned. Mr. Ciaccio's contract is for the balance of the school year.

Dr. Colver's renovation recommendations, the first of which concerned removing a wall in the office area of the Art Department, providing additional shelving, carpeting of the floor, and constructing \$2,500 worth of new display boards for the Art Fair were considered by the Board.

**AT THE REQUEST** of Dr. Barbara Ray, East Home-Economics Director, and Niles West, the Board passed the recommendations to hire an "architectural consultant" to design major renovations for the Foods Labs at East and West.

Dr. Colver also recommended that carpeting, shelving, and counters, be installed in Room 11, as "our reading center." The Board agreed. The rationale for carpeting this room was "since students will be coming and going during their unscheduled time throughout the day, carpeting is needed to reduce the noise caused by this movement."

**IN PROTEST, EAST** student Gary Elkins cited that the rationale behind carpeting saying it deadens noise is a fallacy, and that the Board should not consider further carpeting at East.

The "ayes" had it when the Board voted on whether to carpet Room 147 and to remove three walls and carpet

Room 152, leaving member Gottreich abstaining "out of confusion," as he could not understand why the dollar figure attached to this operation amounted to \$7,000.

**THE COORDINATORS' AND** film clerks' offices of the Media Center will be carpeted in order to "counteract the northwind" that seeps through the windows.

"It's like a tomb now," remarked member Gottreich when the Board considered carpeting Room 311, the Science Department office, to deaden sound and to create "visually aesthetic" conditions.

**ROOM 106 WILL** be carpeted because the social workers there "must deal with the public every day" and the area must provide a comfortable atmosphere where "people can freely express feelings."

Room 327, where the Speech Therapist uses recording instruments that are "helpful only when audible" was said to be in need of carpeting that would help absorb some of the noise from the tennis courts and driveway beneath the office.

**THE BAND ROOM 117,** will be carpeted as "the performing groups in this room make a great deal of noise," and the carpeting or "sound deadening materials," would create a more effective acoustical environment for musical instruction.

As a result of Board action, carpeting will be installed and ceilings will be treated with sound deadening materials in the Social Studies Department. Exposed pipes in Rooms 214 and 216 will be covered. Dr. Colver commented that they "do not reflect quality room appearance."



(Photo by Scott Wexler)

Stew Figa, as the King of Siam, proudly acknowledges his twins, Brian Gawin and Steve Miller, at an early rehearsal of "The King and I."



## Hotline

# Q. Can students leave class if no teacher shows up?

A. If a teacher for any unforeseen reason is not able to come to a class, students are definitely not allowed to leave the class, contrary to popular belief. If the situation arises where no note is put on the door as a notice to the students, they should then go to the de-students, they should then go to the administrator in charge.

In a lighter vein, according to Dean Jerry Turry, if the student feels he has been cheated out of his valuable class time, a possible means of recouping is through the taxation process. Turry calculated that a parent should be expecting a remittance of varying proportions depending on the class as follows: \$1.16 for an art class missed, \$1.07 for science, 78 cents for music, 62 cents for boys' physical education, 19 cents for girls' physical education, 12 cents for health, 85 cents for English, and 79 cents for social studies classes. These figures are based on a 180-day school year. So if

you're sufficiently angry to demand a tax refund for missed class time, let us know if you succeed.

**Q. Why is door No. 4 (opposite door No. 13) always locked from the courtyard side? Could you arrange to have it opened during the day?**

A. "The door shouldn't have been locked," said Chief of Security James Puff. "It was probably just an oversight on the part of the custodians. We've been having some trouble with the doors lately," Puff explained. It seems that even if the bars (to lock the doors) are pushed in, after a few slams they pop right out again. But Puff assured us that the situation would be remedied — no longer will students be left out in the cold.

**Q. When will the Nilehilite's Senior Survey be coming out this year?**

A. The Nilehilite's annual Senior Poll, which includes not only the Senior Sur-

vey, but also a College-Vocational Survey, Most Memorable Experience survey and the Class Will, is going to be distributed during a homeroom held specifically for that purpose, scheduled tentatively for Tuesday, April 16.

All polls should be returned to the Main Office by Friday, April 19 in order to have results published in the May 31 issue of the Nilehilite. Students who wish to suggest categories for the Senior Survey, (most intelligent, most athletic, best looking, wittiest, etc.) should bring them to Room 124 or place them in Mrs. Scherb's mailbox in the Main Office, no later than Friday, March 29.

**Q. What do seniors do if they missed their measurement for cap and gown?**

A. Those students should go to the main office and see Mrs. Gloria Schabillon. She will be measuring the students. A check should be made out to E. R. Moore for \$4.50 for boys and \$5 for girls. Cash will also be accepted. Please come in as soon as possible.

Is there something you'd like to see changed? Do you sometimes wonder about school rules and policies? Do you have puzzling questions about any aspect of school? Send your questions to Hotline, in Room 124 or Mrs. Scherb's mailbox. We'll answer anything!



Senior Steve Putziger at the controls of a plane at Palwaukee Airport.

## Senate probes for facts— Dr. Colver, Gara speak out

by Cynthia Payne

Seeking information from Nilehi administrators, the Student Senate invited two key officials, Easthi Principal Arthur Colver, and District 219 Business Manager Robert Gara, to speak to the group.

**GARA SPOKE ABOUT** problems concerning the bus situation. He hasn't "any ideas as of yet," which bus company the district will employ next year. The current business expenditure in the Niles District is \$500,000.

When asked whether it would be profitable for the district if they ran their own buses for the three high schools, Gara pointed out that although he felt it would be cheaper, the district would have the added responsibility of hiring the bus drivers, buying the busses, and bussing the elementary school students in the district that Maierhofer also services.

**GARA ALSO DISCUSSED** next year's data processing budget for the district which will include the use of a computer at Oakton, salaries of the key punch operators, schedulers, program analysts, a director and supervisor, paper forms, and rental of computer terminals. Last year, the budget for computer use cost the high school district approximately \$220,000. If costs remain constant, next year's budget, because it will be subsidized by the Niles high school district and Oakton Community College, will be reduced.

The computer which will be "used for a number of purposes" will "make the mechanics easier" in making schedule changes for students, and is planned to be in use by the second semester next year.

**AT ANOTHER MEETING**, Dr. Colver reviewed the results of the student survey, administered by the Senate, which he felt was "very well done."

Dr. Colver felt that because 45 per cent of the students polled did not believe that most of the rules "concerning behavior at Niles East are fair," a committee of three students, three teachers, and one dean will meet to review the student guidebook to make recommendations for changes to the administration.

**FIFTY-EIGHT PER CENT** of the students polled are "satisfied with the quality of education here" and Dr. Colver expressed interest in "a follow-up on that" to see what students feel the specifics are and should be, in the quality of education at East.

Although 83 per cent believe that East should have a radio station, Dr. Colver pointed out that East has not been able to secure a frequency that goes out of the district. Therefore, East is only able to have a radio station within the confines of the building.

**IN RESPONSE TO** the survey results that showed 58 per cent do not feel they have full freedom of speech and personal expression, Dr. Colver said "I was surprised by their (student's) feelings that they don't have freedom of expression." He will be interested in learning in what areas students feel they do not have freedom of expression and whether their disenchantment relates with the Nilehilite or some other form of student communication.

## Flight class gets its wings

A first for Niles East students will happen this spring when the students in Lee Seller's aeronautics class "take off" for an orientation flight.

The aircraft they will be flying are four-place single-engine planes with a cruising speed of approximately 110 mph.

**THE PLAN CALLS** for three students and a qualified flight instructor to be in each plane as it follows a predetermined flight starting and terminating at Palwaukee airport with enroute stops at two other airports. Each student will sit at the controls for one leg of the flight and will be afforded the opportunity to actually control the craft in flight.

The class has studied the theory of flight, control in flight, instrumentation, and navigation in their daily class, as have previous aeronautics classes. However, this will be the first class to put the principles into practice during actual flight experience.

**FIRSTS ARE NOT** unusual for the aeronautics classes as they seem to be the first to launch free balloons from the courtyard when they were studying aviation history, to launch rockets from the football field during their study of aerospace, and to fly model aircraft as part of the study of aerodynamics and control.

The idea of an orientation flight is to become an annual event for the class.

## ICXchange travels the world

The International Cultural Exchange is offering the opportunity to high school students, to participate in an educational and fun way of seeing the world.

**A CHOICE OF** 30 countries would be available to one's preference. From either a month to a full year, a family will open their home and share their knowledge and appreciation to have the opportunity to increase a young person's wide gap of "away from home surroundings."

A student who recently has returned from the ICX-change stated, "I would only be too happy to help prepare anyone else who was about to embark on such a terrific experience . . . I have already had my sister from Denmark here at my house in America for three months. The ICX-change has helped a great deal in furthering the friendship of countries."

**THIS IS THE** precise goal of the ICX-change, a non-profit organization designated by the U.S. Department of State, as a sponsor of exchange visitor's program.

During Spring vacation, interest groups such as, language, biology, and theaters offer trips to distant places.

**TO LIVE OR** study abroad, to be in the midst of a foreign way of life, or even open your home to a student from another country, write for information to the International Cultural Exchange, Dept. S, Box 1965, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 48106.

## Three seniors earn top math scores

Last Thursday, 150 students participated in this year's nationwide math contest.

The contest is sponsored by the Mathematical Association of America, the Society of Actuaries, Mu Alpha Theta, The National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, and the Casualty Actuarial Society.

**THE 80-MINUTE EXAM** consisted of 30 multiple-choice questions dealing with geometry and algebra. As always, Niles East submitted its three highest scores to the five sponsors, who will compare them to those of other competing schools.

As has been the case for the last three years, East's aggregate score was high among the three Niles Township high schools. The high scorers this year were Harold Cooper (110 points), Jill Goldstein (80 points) and Richard Harris (75 points), all seniors. Their total score of 265 was 22 points better than that of either North or West.

This year's top five-point getters are all in Dr. Anthonie Kort's APP calculus course. "This may be a little unusual. The top students aren't usually from the calculus course," Dr. Kort said.

**THE STUDENTS ARE** hoping to receive invitations from the sponsors to participate in the Math Olympiad, a test administered to high achievers on the math contest.

## Skolnick presents piano recital

The Skokie Fine Arts Commission and the Skokie Public Library are presenting young American pianist Sheldon Skolnick in a piano recital Wednesday evening, April 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the Petty Auditorium of the library, 5215 Oakton Street, Skokie.

**MR. SKOLNICK** has appeared as soloist with many outstanding orchestras including the Boston Philharmonic, Grant Park Symphony, and the NBC Orchestra in radio and television concerts from Chicago. He also has played in Europe and South America.

This will be his second appearance at the library. Admission is free and the public is invited.



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### Guest editorial

# Dissent and mystery— our puzzling Board

by Gary Elkins

Last month the Board of Education defeated the administration's request that Mrs. Patricia Handzel be given a second semester contract. Mrs. Handzel had been substituting for David Jupp, social studies teacher, who resigned. No reasons for the denial of Mrs. Handzel's contract have been given by the Board.

At last week's Board meeting (March 1) Gary Ciaccio was approved by the Board by a vote of four to nothing with three abstentions. It was felt that those Board members who voted for Handzel (Gottreich, Ginsburgh and Poulakidas) and abstained were definitely indicating discontent over the recent Handzel issue.

Three weeks ago the administration rejected Mr. Ciaccio by a vote of 3-3, yet this week it again appeared on the agenda. The president of the Board or the administration very definitely ignored the Board's ruling by placing on the agenda again Mr. Ciaccio's recommendation.

**THIS BRINGS US** back to the great Handzel mystery. After speaking with member Gottreich, I felt that his abstention last week and "no" vote the meeting before were in obvious anger to the Board's Handzel decision. Furthermore, Gottreich stated that he knew of nothing in Mrs. Handzel's background that would initiate the Board's past action and believed she didn't either.

When I approached Mrs. Garland, I was told that maybe Mr. Gottreich did not keep in communication with the rest of the Board, or did not listen during the debate of the Handzel case. She also said that she was told by the Board attorney not to make any statements regarding the matter.

Next, I called member Ginsburgh. Voting in favor of Mrs. Handzel's being offered a contract, he declined to discuss the reasons for her not being given a contract, but said that his vote three weeks ago and last week had nothing to do with her capabilities. He said nothing of a possible relation between his abstention and the Handzel decision.

**NEXT I PHONED** member Hanus. In his recollection as a Board member, a personnel recommendation by the administration had never been defeated. If a Board relies on its professional people to research and recommend candidates for teaching positions, why in this case did the board reject the administration's candidate? Hanus replied, "I can't tell you that."

I was now getting tired and knew that cooperation was coming to an abrupt end. I called Mrs. Garland who told me that many factors were weighed pro and con in Mrs. Handzel's case, as she stated is done by the Board in all matters brought to its attention. She said that Mr. Ciaccio's name was brought to the Board's attention again by the administration. Mrs. Garland could not remember any cases where the Board failed to approve a personnel recommendation. I went on and asked her that in this case where the Administration recommends the best candidates, why Mrs. Handzel was not given a contract. She quickly responded that if the Board approved everything that the administration recommends there would be no need for a Board of Education.

At the last Board meeting I discussed the Handzel situation with Dr. Gibbs. I asked him two questions: 1) Do you know why Mrs. Handzel was not hired? 2) Do you know of any information in her background that would indicate that she is not properly qualified for the job? The answer to both questions was "no."

**ONE THING IS CERTAIN:** Pat Handzel was not given a second semester contract. Mr. Ciaccio was.

I can only come to the conclusion based on my speaking with these individuals that Pat Handzel doesn't even know why she was not hired. And at least one of the Board members doesn't know either. The three abstentions at the last meeting were in direct protest to the Handzel decision.

I find the reluctance of the Board of Education to speak about the matter to be a direct violation of those responsibilities which they have to the community. In my discussions with Board members, I encountered much red tape and a lack of cooperation.

**IT IS UNFORTUNATE** that the Board does not realize that students, staff, and administrative opinion goes much deeper than the small Board book given to them prior to the meetings. I hope that the Board of Education has good reasons for defeating the contract approval for Mrs. Handzel. Otherwise every qualified candidate for any district job is at the mercy of a Board of Education who may not approve their recommendation for unspecified reasons.

Gary Elkins, a senior, is vice-president of the Student Senate, vice-president of the Senior Cabinet, president of AFS, and chairman of the School Spirit Committee.

# Can Easthi bare it?

Originating on various college campuses, including the University of Illinois, Northwestern, and Loyola, and just recently making the scene at local high schools, the latest fad of them all, "streaking," has appeared.

With the majority of the streaking taking place at colleges, high schools are nonetheless beginning to hide. Reports of streakers at area high schools are many and varied. New Trier, Lane Tech, and Maine East all have been subject to streaking—how far away can Niles East be?

**SPIRIT, OR "CHUTZPAH"** as it is commonly called, plays a major role in this snowballing fad, and if and when it tickles the innovative imagination of Easthi's student population, the cries of "Beat West!" could quite possibly be replaced with "Wow, did you see that bod?" As can readily be seen, streaking quite possibly could encourage a feeling of unity to the student body because, as one student commented, "You could see a lot more of it."

Attendance at various sporting events would certainly be hiked with the addition of streaking; "And the next event in today's track meet is the 50-yard streak!" Athletic budgets could be lowered; a standard streaking uniform would consist of merely ski masks and track shoes.

**BUT ANY STUDENTS** who might be considering streaking also should

consider possible consequences. Any students caught "au natural" at Lane Tech will be charged with indecent exposure if over 17, and will be referred to juvenile court if younger. At Maine East a student who streaked on a bet received not only the \$60 he was promised, but also an unexpected expulsion from school.

Niles East has not yet been faced with this discipline problem, but according to Dean Jerry Turry, any streaker's first exposure will be punishable by a three-day suspension. No set policy regarding subsequent offenses has been established and Turry commented, "We'd have to take another look."

**CAN STREAKING** contribute to School Spirit at the home of the Trojans? We don't know whether it is the boost that Trojan spirit needs, but if and when the first streakers are sighted, the answer should readily be seen.

### Dictionary of Trojan streaking terms

Winning streak—a dash through a crowded pep assembly escaping the grasp of Mr. Puff.

Losing streak—running headlong into Dr. Eyermann and his famous referral pad.

Redress—the culmination of a successful streak.

Would you believe a Streak for Israel, a hunger streak, or a professional streaking team called the Chicago Bares?

### Guest editorial

# A plea to all Americans: You can't doze off now!

by Noah Gilson

Where have all the headlines gone? Longtime passing.

**JUST YESTERDAY THE** indictment of low rung White House bureaucrats drew great headlines. But now the convictions of Egil Krogh, a top White House aide and the possibility of the same for H. R. Haldeman, John Ehrlichman, John Mitchell, and John Dean barely makes the third page. The impeachment of the President everyday becomes more of a likelihood with the increasing torrent of incriminating information. But even this is regarded with almost complete boredom by the public. Perhaps it has lost its novelty. Perhaps the slow judicial process has no place in our instant, computerized immediate-results oriented culture. The temperament of the American public is one very much like that of a small child having short-sighted, self-centered interests unable to perceive anything from beginning to end—one that instead of learning from its experience and effectively planning its destiny instead reacts to problems on a day to day basis.

**THE AMERICAN PEOPLE** indeed have a leader after their own hearts in Richard Nixon. He has no programs. He has no effective plans. He is a populist who reacts to what that people want whether it be for the better or for the worse. He fawns to an aimless nation desperately in need of leadership, not misleading praise. His energy program does not exist. Rationing? Maybe . . . if he deems it necessary. A promise of reaction to a problem as it develops instead of any effective

long term remedy. Inflation? Instead of sound economics we get empty statements saying there is no recession. And, Mr. President, when will we get some truthful complete, and unadulterated evidence showing that you are indeed innocent of Watergate? Misleading information, half truths and a great deal of stalling. But still no solution.

**SO JUSTIFIABLY THE** American public is aroused and cries for action. But the cries are not for beginning the slow process of impeachment but instead a plea for instant action. Resign, they say, and save us, not from the agony of impeachment but from the (yawn) boredom of it all. After all, what if we forget about Watergate and want to forgive you by the time it's over? But surprisingly when the demand for resignation is not immediately met, people, instead of pushing even harder for impeachment, very simply lose interest.

Fortunately for Richard Nixon, the short attention span of the American people already has diverted itself to exorcism and "the good old days," leaving the reality of Richard Nixon's precarious position pretty much in the hands of Richard Nixon. Time is on his side and he is playing his wating game perfectly. Nixon has calculated a pathetic and politically immature public and with some luck will achieve his primary goal—remaining President for three and a half more years.

Noah Gilson, a senior, is active in Easthi's drama dept. and involved in numerous political activities. He is secretary of Student Senate.



# Rick Short: Key Club worth dedication required

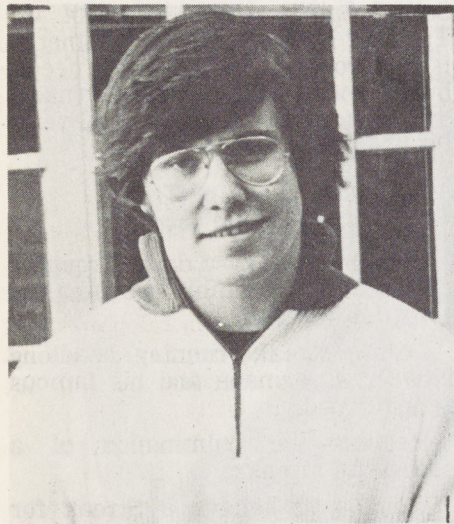
by Norberto Kogan

February of 1972 brought about the inception of the Niles East Key Club (Young Kiwanis). Fred Richardi and Dean Slavens, the original sponsors, began assembling the group by forwarding letters to prospective members. Rick Short was on the mailing list, and attended the first meeting to learn what Key Club was all about.

At that meeting, Rick realized that the Young Kiwanis was a "service organization dedicated to helping the needy." He, along with many of his friends were impressed by Richardi's presentation, and decided to become active members.

**NATURALLY, KEY CLUB** as does every organization, elected a student leader. Rick Short was voted president of the club. This, together with football and a heavy course load, made many of his days hectic.

Through his tenure as president, the



(Photo by Scott Wexler)

Rick Short

club sponsored many worthwhile events. They helped the handicapped children at Fairview South Junior High; they did work at La Rabida Children's Hospital; collected money on "Peanut Day"; and canned for other charities. Within the school, Key Club sponsored various hockey and basketball tournaments.

**AS THE PRESIDENT** of a local chapter, Rick attended various regional meetings, where he learned of the functions of the Illinois-Eastern Iowa (I-I) Key Club District. The club's good reputation made Rick fairly well known among members in the Chicago area. After a year and a half as president, Rick was still enthusiastic about the Young Kiwanis and their goals.

Noting his interest, Terry Stuart, the International Trustee of Key Club, together with Fred Richardi and other friends, prompted the Easthi senior to run for the governorship of the I-I District. At first Rick didn't like the idea of governing 117 clubs with 2,500 members from two states. But, Rick's desire to help others convinced him to run against one opponent at the I-I Convention.

**LATE IN APRIL** of 1973, Rick went to the convention in Peoria, where he survived questioning and caucus sessions, to get to the voting by the House of Delegates. Approximately 80-90 clubs were represented by the 150 delegates (each club may send up to two representatives). Rick came out on top once again.

Rick's victory meant a new challenge and responsibility which requires "three to four hours a night" of correspondence, problem solving, and planning. Often, he is called upon to speak before certain groups in the I-I District. He must also attend eight business meetings with the five members of the executive board.

At those meetings, the district project is discussed. This year's undertaking was the collection of sporting goods equipment for children's homes.

**OTHER BUSINESS CARRIED** on at the district level includes the interpretation of certain by-laws, nominations for district wide awards, and the formation of resolutions regarding Key Club functions.

The district board meetings are usually held in southern Illinois because of its central location. Rick's many traveling expenses are partially underwritten by the Skokie Valley Kiwanis Club. The

balance comes from his pocket.

**WHEN ASKED IF** he would encourage one of his friends to run for district governor, Rick exclaimed, "They would have to want it themselves. It requires dedication, but it's worth it!"

On May 1 Rick will preside over his last meeting of Key Club. At that time a new governor will be elected and Rick Short will have finished a successful career as a Key Club member.

Key club, which is always looking for new members, continues to provide services for all. In April, they will sponsor a fund-raising concert by "National." If anyone is interested in joining Key Club, meetings are held on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Coach's lounge.

## Twelve royal children add new dimension to 'King and I'

by Laurie Berger

"Twelve little children all in a row," or said more to the point, "taking over show business!"

They will add joy and a new touch to this year's spring production. The play, "The King and I," has broken years of East's tradition. Performing with Stew Figa, Judy Hoffman, and the others in the show, will be twelve young children — brothers and sisters of the cast and crew have been selected to portray the King's children—princes and princesses.

**AUDITIONS WERE SOMEWHAT** hectic, but everyone seemed to pull through.

The children, arranged in groups of five, were given a few bars of the song "Getting to Know You," and after overcoming their stage fright, were asked to sing alone.

**AFTER THE SINGING** sequence was

over, they were then told to repeat several speaking lines from the script to see whether they were easily understood, and to gauge the volume of their voices.

Auditions concluded in a most enjoyable way. Shari Kouba, dance director, asked the children to dance a few steps, to evaluate their grace of movement. The results weren't too smooth, but extremely unusual. The four eleven-year-olds really put on a show, even before auditions were over.

**WHEN THEY WERE** asked how they felt about being in the show, they responded with a variety of answers.

Linda Katz, 10, stated, "I like the show a lot. Little by little they teach us so we can learn. The older kids know their parts real good, and they fit the parts real good, too!"

**ROBIN BAUER, 10,** has a mature attitude toward the show. "It's really good to give some of these younger kids a chance to get some real experience. It's a lot of fun and the older kids are paying a lot of attention to us."

All of the children enjoy being in the show, but six year old Brian Gawin is not quite sure this is his "thing."

"It's fun being in the show, I guess. It's a lot of work though, but I think I would like to be outside playing baseball."

**SCOTT SAMUELS, AGE 11,** has really taken to show business. He clearly stated that, "This is so much fun. The king is great, and Miss Anna is really nice. I like the whole show!"

Jennifer Sharlot, 6, is not too happy with the cast. "The lines are hard but that's O.K., but I don't like some of the older kids, but I do like some."

**AND THE MOST** optimistic prince in the group, Steve Miller, 8, had a concluding word. "This show is going to be great."

The remaining six children: Brenda Hill, Tim Ortmann, Paula Miller, Diane and Nancy Sward, and Lee Wolin are extremely excited about the show.

**THE HECTIC YET ENJOYABLE** rehearsals will soon be over and as Mr. Proffit excitedly stated, "Having these 12 young children will add a delightful dimension to the show."

## Discover the Forensics nobody knows

by Debbie Epstein

Did you know that on February 16, 1974, Niles East hosted a Forensics Tournament in which 20 high schools participated? No? And did you know that on January 23 an in-school voluntary assembly was held and the Niles East Forensics team performed? No again? Do you know what Forensics is? According to a survey at the Spirit of '74 Activity Fair not too many people do.

According to the Webster New World Dictionary, "forensics" came from the Latin "forensis," meaning "public forum or market place."

**ALL IN ALL,** forensics has to do with talking. Travelling down the halls of Niles East there seem to be plenty of good talkers. Many people don't realize that they have this talking talent, and that they might be a real asset to the Forensics team. Arnold Agnos and John Golata are the Forensics coaches, who fortify our forensic ability.

Twelve categories are available from which to choose one's speaking medium:

1) **Original Comedy:** An original monologue, done in good taste and not to be used by anyone commercially.

2) **Original Oratory:** Formal advocacy of speech promoting an idea.

3) **Oratorical Declamation:** The memorization of someone else's speech, delivered as he would deliver it.

4) **Extempore Speaking:** The speaker draws from a selection of contemporary issues and has one hour in which to prepare a speech on it.

5) **Special Occasion Speaking:** "Ye Olde After Dinner Speech" — any lighthearted original speech will do.

6) **Prose:** Reading three story selections which may be either humorous or dramatic.

7) **Verse:** The reading of three five-minute selections of poetry.

8) **Radio Speaking:** A five-minute news summary with one original commercial. The summary is timed to the second and the speaker gives his presentation through electronic equipment.

9) **Dramatic Interpretation** and 10) **Humorous Interpretation:** Memorized cuttings from either a play or story. Many of the people who enter in these categories like to play two or more characters in their cuttings. This enables

them to use their ability to speak in different voice variations.

11) **Humorous Duet** and 12) **Dramatic Duet** are memorized cuttings from either a book or a play which has only two characters.

A new category that will be added soon is **Readers Theatre** in which the speaker gives his presentation with a script in his hand.

**A FULL FORENSICS** team consists of 24 members, two in each of the twelve categories. Some schools have as many as three full teams. Easthi's team members include Len Mayer, Radio & Prose; Eliot Osherman, Extempore Speaking; Howard Steirman, Special Occasion; Ron na Kalish, Prose; and Debbie Epstein, Original Comedy and Prose. Past team members of this year include Kathy Panos and Bob Dooley, Dramatic Duet; Elaine Zannis and Mike Regidor, Oratorical Declamation; Barb Saper, Prose; and Mike Bass, Radio.

If you would like to see what a Forensics Tournament is about, contact either coach and come along to one of the meets. The team would love to have your support.

## WWII affects students in 40's; cafeteria cleaned up

by Marlin Brinsky and Michele Freed

When students first attended Niles Township, boys dress ran to tight trousers, high stiff collars, and shirts that were pinched in front, finished off with ties. In those days, a boy could be reprimanded for several occurrences commonplace in today's society, such as talking to a girl in a classroom or out in the halls.

Girls wore ankle length dark blue skirts and white-midi-blouses with different color ties, depending upon what year they were in.

**DURING THE EARLY 40's,** one out of every three students graduating from Niles Township decided to further his education in college. The rest expressed a wish to either get married, go to work, or both.

A continuing tradition began in Janu-

ary, 1942: Semester exams were held during class periods for the first time.

**THE WAR OVERSEAS** brought Americans young and old together to help their country, on the battlefield and in the factories. Nilehi was no exception. On January 16, 1942, the first air raid drill was held at Nilehi. In 1942 the cafeteria did not serve meat on Wednesdays in observance of the nation-wide rationing of meat. On the first anniversary of the attack of Pearl Harbor, Nilehi held a "victory sing" in the gym, and at this time the new school flag was unveiled.

The senior council dedicated the first service flag to Nilehi in February, 1943. Twenty-eight alumni already were serving in the war. Nine months later the figure jumped to 210.

**IN 1944,** THE Niles Township alumni in the war were regularly sent Nilehilites. The postage for the papers was \$38.

The cafeteria had busy days in the early 40's. In one month, students averaged 3,198 sandwiches and 200 pies. Today, that probably isn't enough for one day.

**MARCH 1, 1945,** Lester Galitz formally dedicated the bronze plaque (now hanging outside the main office) purchased by Nilehi's pupils, which bears the names of these 16 former students from NTHS who died in the service of their country.

Nilehi students did not establish themselves as very good predictors for the Presidential election of '45. In a school-wide poll, Barkley was predicted as a

Democratic nominee for President over Harry Truman, and Thomas Dewey was expected to reside in the White House by a landslide margin.

**ADMINISTRATORS AND CAFETERIA** workers are wondering how to keep the cafeteria clean today. Maybe they should try what was done in '44. That year the seniors in the Problem classes assumed the management of the cafeteria as a project in government. No more did teachers, students, and visitors see paper strewn across the floor, or tables littered with trays and dishes. The students were trying to win flags for their tables. If a table had an E every day for a week it won a flag. An "E" was awarded to a table if it and the floor around it were clean and the chairs were pushed in around the tables.



## Fencers lose top coach

by Scott Wexler

Fencing coach Robert Keen, who introduced fencing to Niles East 11 years ago has announced his resignation after a fine career at East.

In more than a decade he has produced two state title teams along with four second place finishes, and two state champions.

**KEEN'S SUCCESSOR** should be Ron Gralewski, unless another faculty member with fencing experience is willing to take command of the team.

This year's poor record was "due to a let down," according to Coach Keen. Two of the fencers quit to get jobs and according to Keen "those fencers were top fencers and had a chance to improve the team's ranking."

**COACH KEEN TAKES** satisfaction in watching his fencers go through college and in seeing what becomes of them. For instance, state champ Al Acker, who placed first in the state in 1970 is married and is studying to be a lawyer. Acker also directs in the down-state Fencing Championships.



Larry Labow lunges at an opponent.

(Photo by Scott Wexler)

## Pacers win intramurals

by Jeff Weinstein

This year's Intramural Basketball champions are the LP Pacers. On Tuesday night, March 12, the undefeated Pacers won 38-36 in a closely fought ball game. In the first half, fine shooting and tight defense led the Pacers to 24-14 halftime score. Fred Batko was the key to the defense — he racked up three steals in the first half and two more steals in the second half. Hot shooting from Mark Klancic and Mike Shamburg sparked the offensive play through the entire ball game. Strong rebounding on defense

from Bill Patt and Bruce Kahn kept the opposition with only one shot each time down the court. Fine ball handling by Ken Kramer helped to break excellent press by the opposition.

In the second half things started to turn around because of the hot shooting of Hugo Donado and Ed Foresberg, but good defense by Jeff Burgess and more steals by Batko kept the Pacers in the game and with a tie game Klancic hit a jumper and the Pacers held on for a 38-36 victory.



Fencing coach Robert Keen

## GAA cagers beat Northi

by Pam Schnell

Niles East's girls' basketball team won its first game last Thursday against Niles North 60-40. The Trojan's offense was led by Karen Behr with 26 points. "It was a team effort," said Karen. Thursday's win was the first win in Jean Wojdula's two years of coaching girls' basketball. The team's conference record is 1-1.

**THIS YEAR'S TEAM** is doing well considering they are a young team and have little experience playing together. Three freshmen started Thursday with Karen Behr, the leading scorer; Jamie Borkovitz, scoring 10 points, and Pam Schnell with 7 points. Jill Greenberg, also with 7 points, will be returning next year.

Captain Melinda Metzger was a big help with assists. Several strong substitutes in Elaine Massover, Wendy Pullman, Ellen Schwartz, Donna Gerber, and Suzanne Arnpolin should prove helpful.

**THE JV TEAM** led by Beth De Francheski with Debbie Jasski, Nancy Sieden, Jo Anne Flakne, Donna Johnson, Lauren Johnson, Donna Burke, and Lynne Maylahn has been performing well despite their 0-2 conference record.

## Volleyball Jones wins another tournament

Volleyball Jones convincingly won the GAA-sponsored all-school volleyball tournament last Friday night. Chanting, "We shall not, we shall not, we shall not lose!" the team breezed to six victories without a defeat.

In the semifinals, V.J. shut out the Buzz Brains 16-0, by continually spiking where their opponents weren't, and returning even the toughest shots by their hapless victims. Meanwhile, the Bang Zoomers were outlasting Proviso East, a comical assemblage of volleyball talent. John Harles, Bang Zoomer captain, fought a vicious battle on the nets with Brad Lerman and Seth Gold of Proviso. The scoring alternated as the two teams aimed well-placed spikes in their opponent's backcourt. But the Zoomers won two games, including a tense overtime thriller.

**IN THE FIRST** game of the finals, V.J. jumped out to a 9-1 lead and coasted to a 10-5 victory. The second game of the

best-of-three series was another easy win for the champs, who outscored the Zoomers 13-5.

Team captain Kurt Kiesel described the V.J. powerhouse. "We have no great players, but we work well as a team, setting the ball up to each other, instead of being hogs and trying to win it singlehandedly."

**"COUNTING THE GAME** against the teachers, we've won 12 in a row," observed Corey Levens. "No one has ever won two straight tournaments."

"All that talk the Squeenies had after the last tournament about how they were better and we were just lucky and all didn't work. They were afraid to even show up," claimed Dave Garlick.

**LARRY YALE**, Jeff Kray, Rick Short, Steve Leadroot, Rich Berkowitz, and Jay Borker are the other members of the team which has proven that in Niles East volleyball, it's not so easy to keep up with the Joneses.

## Gymnasts finish high

by Dave Mayer

All-around man Neal Sher, side horse specialist Mike "The Irishman" Burke, and ring man Steve Kozub all competed in the state finals on Saturday, March 9. In the preliminaries one day earlier, Sher finished 13th in the all-around after missing his revised parallel bar set. Sher managed to qualify for East on highbar, his strongest event, with a respectable 8.45.

Mike suffered a few minor breaks and recorded an 8.4 and was slated eighth after Friday's side horse competition was completed. Coach Sokalski was worried about his star ringman, Kozub, who had been doing poorly for the prior two weeks.

Everyone on the team, in fact, was worried about the "Zub" except "Zub" himself. With his usual cockiness Kozub recorded a spectacular 8.9, good for fourth place. In that competition Scott Harrison, Dave Mayer, and Bill Bro all choked. Harrison and Mayer both slipped on the plastic surfaced tumbling mats and Bro had difficulty on his dismount off the side horse.

In the finals Saturday Burke placed ninth working the meet with a 103 degree temperature. Sher placed tenth on pipe equaling his score of 8.45 in the prelims. Kozub placed fifth on rings with an 8.9.

## Sophomore miler leads Trojans to winning indoor season

by Omar Hernandez

Larry Bower raced to a conference championship in the sophomore mile run at the Central Suburban League meet on Saturday, March 2. He became the first Niles East trackman to win the title in a distance event since Pete Lanners did it nine years ago.

During much of the race, Bower stayed close to the leaders, who were at a fairly quick pace. Then, with just a few laps to go, he surprised the field by dashing up to grab the lead.

**FROM THEN ON**, it was all guts as he outkicked his opponents to win by a second, in an amazing time of 4:41.3 — amazing because dark-horse Bower had not been expected to place near the top. In fact, he had run in the slower heat in the divisional meet four days earlier and just squeaked in to qualify for the conference. But, as Head Coach Jim Huskey told the Nilehite, "Bower had

pledged to come in first at the conference meet. He had a steak dinner riding on the pledge."

Coach Tom Ristow, who trains hurdlers and distance-men, was surprised at Bower's performance. He pointed out that in order to keep his distance men fresh for a grueling outdoor season he has not been working them hard indoors.

**THE COACH BELIEVED** that Bower's determination to win was a big factor in the race. Congratulations are indeed due to Larry Bower for bringing the coveted Conference Blue Ribbon to Niles East, and for setting a new sophomore Trojan record.

South Divisional Champion Ross Pollack brought his season-long string of victories to the conference meet — only to have it broken as he placed second in the shot-put. However, he bounced back a week later at the highly competitive Evanston Relays to cap-

ture first place with a put of 52' 6", a Niles East varsity record and six inches above state qualifying. But surely this record will not stand very long, for Pollack keeps improving with every meet. When asked how Pollack compared to other shot-putters in the state, Coach Jerry Ferguson said that he was in the top ten. But Ferguson also remarked that Pollack would have to undergo rigorous training in order to close in on the top spot.

**AS FOR THE** team's overall performance at the conference meet, it wasn't very good. Of twelve schools, the varsity crawled in with a ninth place finish, and the sophs slithered in with a seventh.

On Wednesday, March 6, the Trojans were flogged by Phillips 62-39, but chewed up Carmel 39-36. The top point-getter, Mike Wolfensohn, seized first in the pole-vault, third in the long-

jump, and second in the high jump. The sophomores had a bad day as they suffered a double defeat to these schools.

**AT THE NORTH** Shore Frosh-Soph Invitational in Evanston on Saturday, March 9, East took ninth out of twelve tough teams. One hurdle the opposition couldn't get past was Sal Parenti, who put the wraps on two first places: the 60-yard high and low hurdles. Parenti holds the following Trojan sophomore records: 6.6 in the 50 yard lows, 7.0 in the 50 yard highs, 7.5 in the 60 yard lows, 8.0 in the 60 yard highs, and 18' 11" in the long jump. At this same Invitational, Sophomore Mark Lichtenstein set a Trojan indoor record of 10:15 in the two mile run.

In a freshman meet held on Monday, March 11, East racked up 63 points, which was enough to overcome Niles North and Notre Dame, but not Niles West who scored 79. Tony

Tiagonce and Mike Delmonico were the team's one-two punch in the shot-put. First place finishers were Ken Golub, half-mile, 2:21.1; Ron Stein one mile, 4:56.3 (Trojan indoor record); Bruce Teichner, 440 yd. run, :59.2; and Steve Stein, pole vault (holds record at 8' 6"). The 4-lap relay team of Teichner, Tiagonce, Norm Seigle, and Steve Apollo triumphed by two seconds with a time of 1:17.3. The twelve-lap relay team of Golub, Al Arnoff, Teichner, and Apollo also won, being clocked at 4:33.1.

**THE VARSITY RECORD** now stands at 7-6-1. The sophomores are floundering at 6-8, but it is only fair to point out that such sophomores as Bower, Lichtenstein, and Parenti often have been brought up to help the varsity against stronger teams.

The indoor season ended yesterday, and the tracksters are looking forward to a strong outdoor season.



## Westhi assistant chosen new East baseball coach

by Dave Garlick

After serving under Jim Phipps for ten years at Niles West as Freshman "A", "B", and "J-V" Coach, George Galla has earned a job at Niles East as Head Baseball Coach.

Galla was a graduate of Mendel Catholic High School in the South Side. He moved on to Navy Pier Chicago Campus for two years, then moved on to the University of Illinois at Champaign, where he was starting second baseman. When West went downstate two years ago, Galla served as J-V Coach (Varsity assistant coach).

**HIS COACHING** philosophy has a touch of Phipps in it. "I want the kids to give 100 per cent, because I'll be giving 100 per cent to them. I believe in discipline; learning needs discipline. I expect the players to be at practice, look neat, and carry themselves as mature individuals, and I hope they can play more than one position."

Galla feels the Trojans will fit this mold. "From what I can see, the kids are very enthusiastic. We will have good team speed. My biggest problem will be the evaluation of talent, since I've never seen most of the boys play."

"I'm very optimistic that we'll have a successful season if everyone gives 100 per cent. If we're enthusiastic and believe in ourselves, there is no telling how far we can go."

**THE POSSIBLE** outfield if the season were to start tomorrow, would find Kurt Kiesel, Ed Calvo and Mike Wientraub in the outfield with Paul Dones, Ron Kleinschmidt, and John Gentile also vying for spots. The infield could find Mark Zolt, Hugo Donoda, Phil Spivak, Jim George, Howie Wiess, Greg Saltarelli, Rich Berkowitz, Kleinschmidt, Dave Garlick, Scott Slutsky, Colvo, and Dean Pueschel will handle most of the pitching chores, while Lee Wisniewski and Rich Rubin will handle the catching.

The Varsity opens the season April 2 at Oakton Park against Notre Dame, at 4:30.

**ON THE LOWER** levels, Bill Coulson will serve as J-V coach while Emil Capitani will lead the sophomores at Laramie Park. The freshmen play their home games on Easthi field, with Hollister Sandstead serving as "A" Coach, and Gerry Richardson "B"



Shortstop Mark Zolt swings while Catcher Lee Wisniewski awaits ball. (Photo by Mike Fryer)

## East basketball season ends with Evanston regional loss

by Dave Garlick

Niles East Basketball '73-'74 came to an end March 6 when the Trojans dropped a 64-45 decision to the Evanston Wildkits in the Niles East Regional. This loss came after the Trojans had won the opening game against Luther North, 64-47 the day before.

**AGAINST LUTHER**, East started quickly utilizing the fast break and pressure defense to take a 21-8 lead at the close of the first quarter. Record wise, the two teams entered the contest evenly matched, with East holding an 8-14 record against the Wildcats 7-16. North, however, was playing without five of its starters and two top reserves, who were thrown off of the team for drinking.

East continued to dominate the action and upped its lead to 53-32 at the end of three quarters. At this point, Coach Gary Cook signaled from the bench, and some of the lesser Trojans saw a quarter of action. Leo Kelly responded by scoring the first two points of his Varsity career. Seldom used Cary Buxbaum used his time well by hitting for seven points, one of the team highs for the night. Senior Glen Fydrych netted

five tough points. Len Weinstein led the Trojan scorers with 15; Kurt Kiesel was next in line with eight, and Buxbaum with seven.

**EVANSTON CAME OUT** in a 1-2-2 zone the next evening that forced the Trojans into shooting from outside. "The only way we scored all season was by getting the ball inside. When we do shoot from outside, we don't have real good board strength. The few times we did get the ball low, we were intimidated by their size," analyzed Cook.

East was able to score only 6 points in the first quarter, while Evanston hit for an also low 13. The trend continued through the rest of the game, with East playing fairly well, but Evanston just a touch better. Evanston entered the contest with an 11-9 record, coming from the tough Suburban.

**JIM PERRIN** was high scorer for Evanston with 17 points. Larry Lubin and John Brown were next in line with nine points. Jim Cohn led scoring for East with 12, Weinstein had 11, and Harles 10.

"We figured to win more games than we did," said Cook. "We have only one true guard, who missed a fourth of the season due to illness. The others who played guard, contributed with hustle, desire, and defense."



Golf team displays last year's awards.

(Photo by Mike Fryer)

## Tennis begins April 6

by Dave Mayer

Tennis is once again in season with spring approaching and Niles East has already begun preparing for the competition beginning April 6. The Trojans, seventh in state last year, are looking very strong with such stars as Dennis Kaplan, Jim Cohn, and Gene Guererro returning. Kaplan is expected to fill in the number one singles spot that Pete Stearns left vacant after he graduated last year. Kaplan has a relatively safe position with only Scott Skaletsky and Steve Pales, as the remaining singles players. However, the two seniors should not be counted out. Skaletsky is a fierce competitor and will most assuredly give Kaplan a run for his money. Cohn and Guererro, both returning lettermen, will highlight the doubles competition. The pair took first place in last year's district competition and are State hopefuls this season.

**THE SECOND DOUBLES** spot is up in the air at this moment. Juniors Jay Avers and Paul Milstein look to be the strongest contenders for the remaining two positions, but Steve Olhausen and Randy Sable, veterans, also have their

eye open for the second spot. The Frosh-Soph team has a total of 12 sophomores and 16 freshmen out for the team this year. The underclassmen placed second in the conference in 1973 and with most of their leading players returning are predicted to win the league title. Coach Romayne Baker feels that he will receive his toughest competition from Deerfield and last year's champions New Trier West.

Baker feels "if they work hard and concentrate on each individual match they could be conference champions," however Baker was quick to warn against "messing up one time" and becoming too over confident.

**BAKER ADDED** also that he has hard workers on his team and some sophomores capable of playing on the Varsity squad. Included among those are Jeff Epstein, Tim Besser, and Eric Robin. Other frosh-soph standouts are Barry Allen, Greg Goldsmith, Steve Merkin, Mike Guererro, Dave Bornstein, and Mike Lerick.

The Netters face their first match on April 6 against New Trier West.

## Best golf team ever at East: Oswald

by Jeff Weinstein

"This year's Niles East Golf Team seems to be on the way to having the best golf team in Niles East history," said golf coach Jerry Oswald.

**RETURNING FOR** their second Varsity season are seniors Andy Ruttenberg, Phil Cech, and Lorry Lichtenstein. Last year Andy set three records including best individual season average at 40.42, best nine-hole score, 36, and team medalist eleven times. Andy also has been team most valuable player for the last two years, and according to Coach Oswald, "We are expecting excellent team leadership from Ruttenberg this year."

Junior John Hanson led the sophomore team last year, and this year John will be called upon to be a top varsity golfer. John finished fourth on the district championship team last year. Junior Ken Kramer will also provide outstanding performance for the varsity squad this year. Last year as a sophomore Ken finished near the top of all the individual categories. He was fifth best for season average with 41.83, tied for second in best individual eighteen-hole score, and

tied for second with best nine hole score of 37.

**LAST YEAR'S** sophomore team with a record of 10-8 will have many top juniors to join the varsity team. These include Mike Valenti, Ron Rzadzki, John Burnham, Mike Ohlwein, and Ira Fishman.

Sophomore Phil Gagerman, who last year golfed at the varsity level as a freshman, will return for a second varsity season with excellent credentials. Last year he was a medalist at the district meet with a fine round of 74.

**A NEW DIMENSION** has been added to this year's golf season. For the first time in the school's history there will be play in three invitational tournaments which will have approximately 30 teams in each tournament. This should provide Niles East golfers with a yardstick with which to measure a possible repeat as district champs, and the team goal, state champs.

All these golfers should provide Niles East with one of the most exciting golf teams in Niles East history.