

# Jeanne Sparks Homecoming Festivities

JEANNE JUNGWIRTH will represent Niles East as the 1968 homecoming queen. The seniors in her court are Myra Flicht and Kathy Molitor. Juniors are Carol Dessent and Andi Isaacs.

The queen was announced at today's pep assembly by Mr. Arthur Colver and was escorted by two varsity football players. She will be coronated at Saturday night's

homecoming dance.

Publicity for this "Wild Wild East—Psychedelic '68" weekend has not been restricted to the school. "We'll be sharing the cover of The News with Niles North, and we'll have articles in The News, The Life, and The Skokie Review," commented Junior Lisa Grossman, publicity chairman. "Schedules have also been posted in class-

rooms and in stores in downtown Skokie."

FLOATS, TRADITIONAL for the Homecoming parade, will gather early Saturday morning at the Old Orchard parking lot. "More kids will be up at 6:30 than are usually up at 8:00," joked Senior Ernie Miller, Homecoming Committee Director.

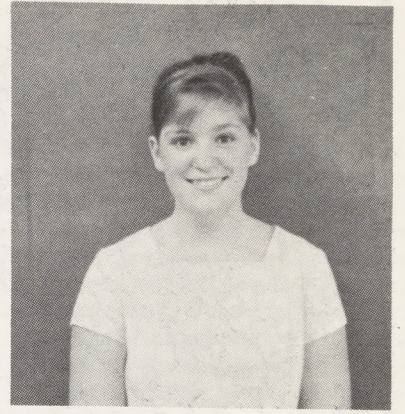
The parade will begin at 9:15

a.m., according to Bob Shuckman, float committee chairman, and will travel from Old Orchard along Skokie Boulevard to Main Street, then east to Crawford, south to Oakton Street, and on to East.

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"There will be 17 floats this year, including the decorated cars," Bob continued. Three winners will be chosen from each of the three categories of floats. Class A includes the largest floats, with moving parts, Class B includes smaller floats, and Class C consists of decorated cars.

JUDGES WILL include five adult community citizens, along with Ernie and Bob. Winners, as well as the non-competitive AFS,



JEANNE JUNGWIRTH, Homecoming Queen

N-Club and queen's float entries, will parade around the outdoor track before the varsity game.

Traditionally honoring the graduating class of five years age, this year's alumni tea will also be held before the game, at 12:15 p.m. in the faculty lounge, explained Senior Jeanne Jungwirth, tea committee chairman. "The graduates will meet their teachers from '63, the tea committee members, and the prom court. They also will get free tickets to the game and the dance," Jeanne added.

The 'Groovin' dance will be held from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. in the Girl's Gym, according to Senior Lynn Darmstadter, dance committee chairman. Bob Bullard and his Orchestra, who played at last year's senior prom, will provide music again this year.



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## Debate Team Strives Toward Competition in Downstate Meet

"DEBATE TEAM is determined to get past the sectional meets and into the state tournament this year," stated Varsity Co-captain Joel Feldman '70.

Debating on the topic "Resolved: That the United States Should Establish a System of Compulsory Service for All Citizens," Varsity Debaters Jeff Factor '70, Jerry Rosen '69, and Co-captains Joel and Norm Silber '69 will compete in their first debate, November 2 at Elk Grove.

### First Debate Scheduled

Niles East will argue in four rounds of debate, competing against Chicago-area suburban high schools. "The debates are organized similar to gymnastic tournaments," Joel explained. "About 25 to 30 schools participate in each of four state-wide sectionals, with the five winners of each match going on to compete in the state meet."

### Steadily Improving

Nilehi has three levels of debate team: novice, junior-varsity, and varsity. "We have gradually been improving," Joel said. Three years ago they lost all eight sectional meets; two years ago they lost six and won two; last year the team won six and lost two.

"This year we have a much bigger squad than previously—22 students. Because the squad is so large, there will be competition among individual debaters in order to select the 16 most qualified for meets. Under the direction of our coaches, Mr. John Palm and Mr. John Golata, we are finally forming a respectable team."

## Forensics Club Helps Voice

"FORENSICS has been in existence for many years, and is probably the most overlooked club in the school," said faculty advisor Miss Virginia Stemp. This organization consists of student competition in various types of readings.

According to Miss Stemp, this organization is recognized by the Illinois High School Association, which provides categories in which the students compete: Dramatics, Extempore Speaking, Original Oration, Serious Reading, and Comedy Reading, After Dinner Speaking, Verse Reading, Original Monologue, Radio Speaking, Prose Reading, and Oratorical Declamation.

Forensic members participated in a special workshop Wednesday at Niles West, and are tentatively planning to compete in a local contest November 2. Winners are chosen on the basis of the number of points they earn. Students are awarded various trophies and medals.

"We are hoping that many more people will come out for forensics in the next few years," Miss Stemp said. Working in this club benefits students by developing voice, diction, and good speech.



### HOMECOMING COURT

members this year are (l. to r.) Andi Isaacs and Carol Dessent (standing), and Myra Flicht and Kathy Molitor (seated).

## East Hears Black Power Speaker

by Joyce Fechter

"PEOPLE ARE MOVING to take into control their own destinies. They are not—absolutely not—going to let other people control them," asserted Mr. Walter Bell, black power advocate.

His lecture, held after school Monday, was the first of a series of speeches and films presented by the Niles East Human Relations Program. During the 75-minute talk, including a question and answer period, he explained briefly his philosophy behind the civil rights movement.

AN ECONOMIC historian currently teaching at Columbia College and studying economics at

Roosevelt University, Mr. Bell stated that he has seen people in Mississippi living in "really bad conditions." Their control over this situation is slight, and they are unable to articulate their needs and desires.

"Progressive social change is absolutely necessary for the survival of a country," Mr. Bell emphasized several times. "Political problems cannot be ignored. Attempts can be made to ignore them, but ultimately they'll come home."

He continued, "When legal attempts are made to right the wrongs of society, and these at-

tempts are ignored . . . then people, out of desperation, will be pushed to what nice, genteel society considers to be illegal."

MR. BELL feels that, as it now exists, this black power movement provides no room for white's participation. However, there are many other problems in this country, he stressed, besides those affecting Negroes. Upgrading education, improving housing, and eliminating starvation are all taking the form of progressive movements.

He concluded by answering a question as to what he proposes for a solution. "Understanding, plain and simple understanding, is needed. You shouldn't pick up a gun and start shooting. But I have no real answers . . . At this stage, I'm still trying to find out what the problems are and what caused them . . . Other than God, who knows what the future holds?"

## Talent Highlights 'Reflections'

THE AUDITORIUM is again humming with the sounds of stage crews and practice sessions as the 1968 Student Talent Show commences.

According to Mr. Jerry Proffit, director, this year's production offers three innovations. There will be no main theme; instead, each act will be an individual endeavor. Judging the acts will be Barney Pip, WCFL disc jockey; Eddie Ballantine, Orchestra Director of the Don McNeil Breakfast Club; and Dolores Eiler, of the Dolores Eiler Dance Studio. Cash prizes of \$50 for first prize; \$35 for second; and \$25 for third will be awarded for the best acts. Mr. Proffit felt that by offering cash prizes, more students would be induced to try out, making the show greater in scope of talent.

ASSISTING Mr. Proffit are Faculty Members Alan Kent, technical; Stan Carey, music; Leo Provost, conductor; and Mary Marshall, dance. Students in the Production Crew are Seniors Bob Beazley, Randi Margules, Donna Lachman, Marlene Hartman, Ellen Miner, and Eric Palles. The chairmen of the various crews are Liz Neidorf '69, director's assistant to crews; Joyce Fechter '69, pro-

grams; Laurie Kobritz, publicity; Ruth Kornan '69, costumes; Cindy Ellis '69, properties; Jan Kantro '69, makeup; Richard Zuckerman '69, tickets; Al Schwartz '69, sound; Mitch Goldstein '69, technical stage; Jim Schillo '70, lighting; Ted Johnson '70, stage; Rick Wolk '70, stage manager; and Ken Robin '69, assistant stage manager.

### Nilehilite Renovation Updates Nameplate

NOTICE anything different? The NILEHILITE has changed!

In order to keep pace with the most up-to-date trends in journalism, this newspaper will be greeting its readers from now on with a more modern looking logo or nameplate.

Designed by Mr. Ben Schatz, commercial artist, it replaces the previous gothic-style nameplate created about 10 years ago and used exclusively ever since.

## Election Issue Features Poll

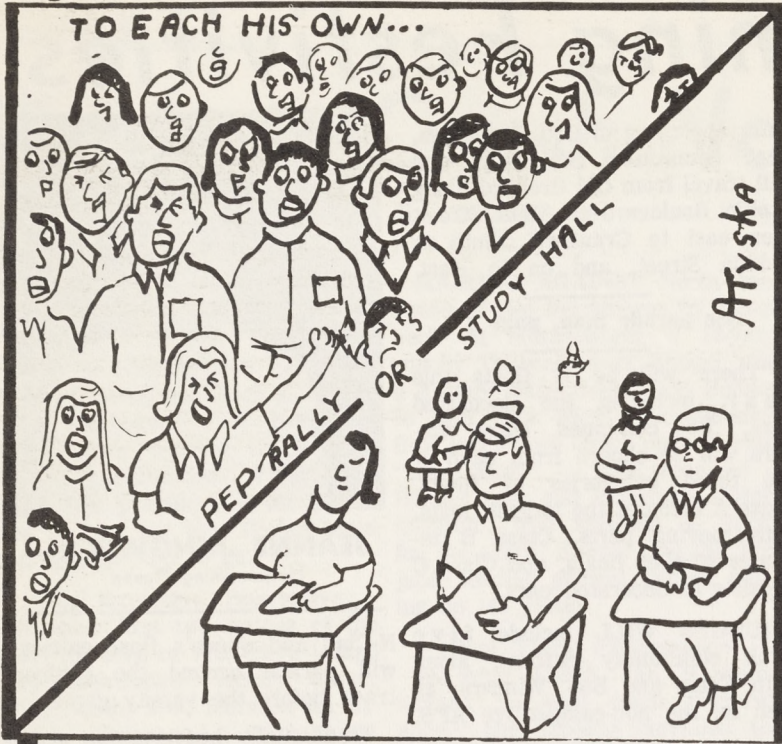
ELECTION TIME is only three weeks from today, and on Friday, November 1, the NILEHILITE will print a special election issue featuring the results of a student poll.

Ballots for the straw election will be distributed during homeroom next week, and the results tabulated by the editorial staff. Students will be allowed to vote for either Candidate Richard M. Nixon, Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey, former Georgia Governor George Wallace, or "none of the above." All write-ins, however, will be invalidated.



### PLAYING THEIR BEST,

Seniors Bob Kaiser and Ed Rotberg try out for the annual talent show.



Forum

# Assembly Change Urged

**CRITICISM AGAINST** pep assemblies has been rising steadily at Niles. The present system was initiated several years ago at the students' promptings. But now that the sentiment has changed, the NILEHLITE feels assemblies should be altered to satisfy current demands.

Some students are uninterested in athletics and have no desire to cheer. Others, who are more vehement, find that pep assemblies regiment students to act in a predetermined manner, arouse militant response by the group's chanting "HIT!" display a hypocritical attitude toward school spirit, detract from valuable class time, and overemphasize the importance of high athletics. The NILEHLITE, while not necessarily agreeing with these assertions, also questions the manner in which the assemblies are now conducted. However, whether or not other students believe that these charges are valid, we feel that everyone is entitled to his individual views and should not be coerced to attend an assembly he finds boring or unnecessary.

Several solutions to this situation are possible. One is to abolish all assemblies. However, many people enjoy these rallies and feel that they serve a useful purpose by recognizing student achievements and by developing school pride through participation.

**ANOTHER ALTERNATIVE** is to institute voluntary assemblies after school. Unfortunately, this system failed when tested at other high schools; the incentive to go home seems greater than the desire to participate in pep rallies.

A final alternative is to establish voluntary pep assemblies during the school day, thus enabling all students interested in attending to do so, while, at the same time, allowing others to attend a study hall or just relax in the student lounge.

**THE NILEHLITE FEELS** this last proposal to be the best possible solution. The plan would not dissolve all of the disadvantages of the present system. However, it would display the administration's growing respect for all segments of the student body. Perhaps that fact alone could inspire pride at Niles East.

## Your Write To Say It

# The American Rifleman: A Partial History

by Norm Silber '69

**IT IS OFTEN** thought that the Golden Age of Guns disappeared with the Golden Age of the American West. This just isn't so. As a matter of fact, the use of firearms has undergone an unprecedented revival during the past few decades.

### 50,000,000 Guns in U. S.

There are about 50,000,000 privately owned guns in the United States belonging to gun collectors and sportsmen. Apparently, the sport depends upon the collector. During 1965, 5,600 murders, 34,700 aggravated assaults, and the vast majority of the 68,400 armed robberies which took place in this nation were committed through the use of firearms. According to the President's Crime Commission, baseball and basketball draw many more spectators than armed robbery despite the latter's longer season. According to the National Rifle Association, these sports draw too much from the public.

268 of the 278 law enforcement officers murdered between 1960-1965 were killed with firearms. The Rifle Association contends that knives will kill just as effectively, and with much less recoil. "Yet we don't think of limiting the sales of knives," they say. The Rifle Association seems to forget that among police-murderers, guns were preferred 268 out of 278 times.

**AMONG 391** murders in the city of Chicago in 1964, 191 of our best professionals chose firearms. According to a governmental institution, J. Edgar Hoover, when assaults by types of weapons are

examined, a gun proves to be seven times more deadly than all other weapons combined. Recommendations such as these seem to suggest that knives just don't match up to firearms in their ability to kill, assault, and destroy.

### Fewer Guns Mean Fewer Crimes

The American Rifleman, even admitting the effectiveness of the gun in committing crime, refuses to believe that controlling access to guns will reduce the number of people killed by guns. He can't believe that fewer guns will mean fewer crimes. Therefore, he asks that the sportsman will be allowed to purchase guns by mail, at department stores, with green stamps, or from street vendors during riots.

"Gun control will only hamper the honest citizen," says the Illinois Rifle Association. The President's Crime Commission conducted an independent survey which found 91 percent of the 1700 persons sampled admitting to criminal acts they'd committed (not traffic tickets) for which they might have been jailed. Apparently, it's difficult to find a citizen so honest that he isn't tempted to commit a crime at some time or another.

**IT'S DIFFICULT** to correlate gun control with crime, because at the present time, anyone can obtain a gun. It's not too difficult, though, to view the gun as a monolithic horror second only to the bomb in its ability to create fear and death. The answer to ending crime and juvenile delinquency does not lie completely with gun control, but such control certainly is a start.

## Senior Responsibilities

# Council Details Program

"THE SUCCESS or failure of the student responsibility program is entirely dependent upon how students handle their new freedoms and opportunities." This is the major premise of the new, experimental program as explained to the seniors last Monday by Principal Arthur Colver and the School Systems Committee of the Student Council.

The program, which has been in the planning stages for about six months, is designed to "create more varied activities for the student body, beginning with the seniors; provide more flexibility of time for students and teachers; help relieve the boredom of a normal school day; give teachers an opportunity to meet more often with students; and take better advantage of the school facilities." The program will be in effect all day, except periods 5 and 6.

### Approved By Faculty

Originally conceived of last spring, the experimental program was discussed over the summer by the administration and by the committee, consisting of Chairman Joel Feldman '70, Seniors Mary Hook and Norm Silber, Juniors Jeff Facter, Peter Jungwirth, and Cindy Glickson, and Sophomore Larry Hoke. A final plan, based on the agreements reached at that time, was approved by the administration last month and submitted of the certified staff last week for their approval and suggestions.

**BEFORE BEING** admitted to the program, each senior and his parents sign an application form in which he "promises to comply with all the conditions set down for this program." After he is accepted, he is issued a senior ID card to identify him as a participant.

In short, the major provisions of the program are:

### SRP Detailed

1. Supervision arrangements. A staff supervisor will be present at all times in the student lounge and auditorium. Honor Study Halls will also be set up each period. Honor guards will be posted at each exit and entrance to greet visitors and make sure that no students leave the building.

2. Attendance procedures. When the period starts, students must be in one of these areas: the student lounge, library, study hall, or with a teacher in the lab or work center. They will remain in this area for the entire period. No passes will be needed except for the library, and these passes may now be obtained from the homeroom teachers.

3. Penalties for violators of the program. The first time a participant fails to meet his obligations in the program, he will be placed in a faculty supervised study hall

for a 6-week probationary period. The next time he is caught, he will be removed from the program for the entire year.

4. Development of seminars and use of facilities and equipment. Teachers and department heads will be asked to devise and supervise non-credit seminars as soon as the program starts. Teachers will also assist students interested in

the development of independent study projects. After the program begins, the number of needed study hall rooms will decrease, and more rooms will be available for such programs. Students will also be permitted to work in the laboratories if they have a project to work on.

5. Finally, comments and observations by senior members of the School Systems Committee, administrators, faculty and lay supervisors, seminar supervisors, librarians, and the academic progress of the participants will serve as the main criteria for the success or failure of the SRP.



**THINGS GO** better with coke, as (left to right) Seniors Gary Primack, Mike Patoff, and Mark Stevens readily agree while they enjoy the initial benefits of the Senior Responsibility Program.

# East Students 'Rule The World' During International Simulation

**BULLETIN** — U. S. pulls out of Vietnam, Declares War on USSR; Poland Declares War on World!

Such was the world situation during the International Simulation (IS) held at Niles West at the beginning of the month. Students from Glenbrook South, Niles East, West, North, and Notre Dame were assigned to one of nine countries, namely Poland, USSR, USA, France, Great Britain, East and West Germany, Czechoslovakia, and Yugoslavia. Their task was to govern the country in the best educational, military, economic, and world interest.

The U. S. team, comprised of Seniors Dave Chaiken, Head of State; Paul Katz, U. N. Diplomat; Jeff Levy, opposition leader; Greg Kovaciny, foreign affairs advisor; Paul Glick, diplomat; and Eric Ernst, from Notre Dame, "roving" diplomat, was declared the simulation winner. Our "leaders" explained their team's strategy: The IS was composed of 5 years, each lasting 45 minutes, in which strategic movements were made and data sent to the IS Computer via Dataphone. "Our first giant step was getting out of Vietnam, which helped raise our GNP (Gross National Product)," explained Dave. "Our military power was in conventional forces and protective missiles, and not in nuclear bombs."

**BY THE END** of year 3 the United States was so powerful through support by all nations except Russia that the U. S. felt the time was right to invade Russia, and end the last threat to world peace. Russia had limited military forces, so a surprise attack by 7000 conventional forces was all that was needed. Russia was obliterated. Its GNP and industries were destroyed.

"Getting tied down with the red

tape of triplicate forms and data sheets was a constant problem for the whole world," asserted Paul Glick. Paul Katz felt Russia's one mistake was that "they refused to listen. We were right in taking over Russia. We did what was best for the world."

**WHAT HAPPENED** to Poland's war? They were destroyed while bombing West Germany.

Senior Phil DeNotto, a Russian survivor, had only one comment, "You American Imperialists, we will bury you yet!" Two other East students were destroyed in the war. They were not available for comment.



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Floatbuilding Blues . . .

# Chaotic Eve Ends Week

TWO IN THE MORNING — and the float's not built yet! Tomorrow is Homecoming — and we're out of staples!

And so goes the many problems and worries which make Homecoming the happiest and most revered tradition known to our school. No one can forget the last night

of float building. After both working and freezing every night for a full week, one begins to wonder why the float does not yet look like anything more than two slabs of wood nailed together! And then there is always the problem of the supply shortage.

No matter how much petalpaper

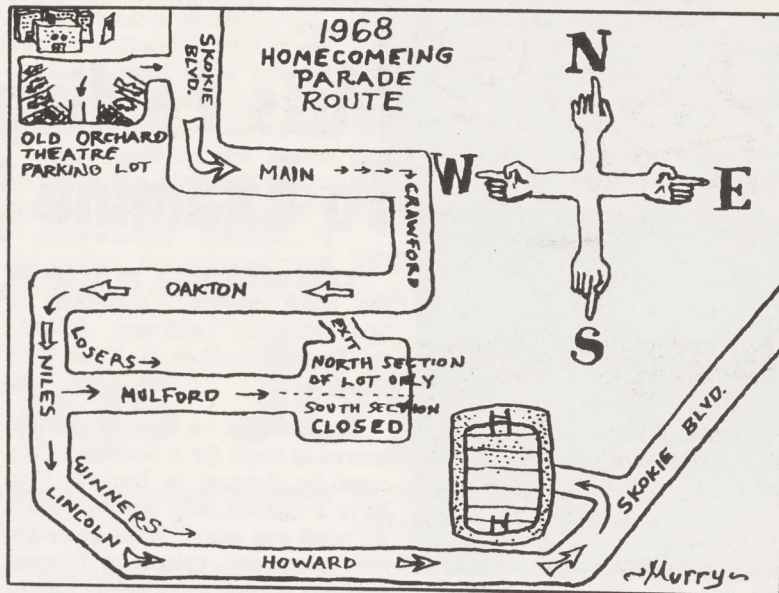
was brought, there inevitably is a shortage. And what stores are open at two in the morning? While some very brave fellow is roaming the streets, begging for staples, the rest of the gang is back at the old garage swimming in the conventional hot chocolate and coffee, thinking these liquids will keep them safe and warm, and oh yes — awake!

And so, the float is finally built; at least the gang thinks it is built. But as soon as the car begins to pull the float toward victory, some head or arm falls off, and everyone is back to frantic work.

AT LONG LAST, the float is presentable, but look at the kids! Half are still out float-hopping, while the other half is arguing about who will ride on the float, and who in the car. But the kids do straighten everything out, and the float proceeds.

Down the streets the floats travel, one by one, awaiting their destiny. Although the floats slowly fall apart amidst the tree limbs, everyone feels it's his duty to wave and cheer, and look as happy as possible.

As the judges begin to judge the student-made phenomena, some look at their rival floats with profound envy, while others spy their rivals with "I told you so!" attitudes. Yet, whoever's float does win a place in the "all important" parade around the football field, it really doesn't matter if you won or lost, because everyone wins the everlasting memories of a fun-filled, madcapped Homecoming.



STUDENTS WORK diligently to win a place in the "all important" parade around the football field on Homecoming Day.

## Homecoming '68 Commences With Bursts Of Excitement

CREATIVITY and suspense are the key words to describe this year's pre-game Homecoming presentation. The marching band will form an aisle beginning at the goal posts leading out towards the field. Two students holding a giant hoop covered with lettered paper will stand near the band next to the goal posts. Then the parade will begin.

every one will let go of his balloon as we score. Unable to tackle the Little Giants, we can always smother them with helium balloons!

If our football team doesn't defeat Highland Park, our endless stunts easily will.

Brad Kaiz, everyone's favorite mascot, will burst through the hoop first. While the band plays Nilehi, the cheerleaders will scurry through the hoop followed by the unbeatable Trojans.

At 1:30, game presentation speeches will begin as Margie Nortman and Brad Kaiz announce the float winners. Next, Homecoming Committee Director, Ernie Miller, will make a speech welcoming the crowd.

FLOATS THIS year should be "unusually creative," according to the floats committee. The themes vary from "Flower Power" to "Kick Them in the Acid." Prizes will be based on the float's class type. For A class floats, first prize is twenty-five dollars, second fifteen dollars and third ten dollars. For B class floats, first prize is twenty dollars, second, ten dollars and third five dollars. For C class floats, first prize is ten dollars, second, five dollars and third, an honorable mention. These floats will meet a rugged challenge in judging. Originality, execution of idea, construction, eye appeal and color contrast, durability, and reference to theme will all count heavily. There will be seven judges of which two will be students and five will be community leaders.

Booster Club is also trying to do its part in making Homecoming a first at East. If they are able to sell enough helium balloons before we make our first touchdown,

## Alumni Trip Into Time

"THIS IS your Homecoming Time-lines stewardess speaking. We'll be travelling way-back-when, to the year 1963. Please fasten your seat belts and have some tea!"

"Directly below us is the homecoming parade. The theme, 'A Highland Fling,' is illustrated by first prize-winner, 'Let's Kilt 'Em.' But the head seems to be falling off! Luckily, it's righted by a friendly fireman who just happens to be passing through on the end of his ladder.

### Athletics Prove Discouraging

"At the homecoming game, students wave their placards and mechanical noisemakers wildly as the '63 Trojans succeed in scoring six of the 25 points achieved all season. The varsity football team's record of no wins has been matched only by that of the varsity basketball team. However, this perfect record soon comes to an end as the varsity gymnasts place second in the state. At any rate, back to the tour.

"THIS EVENING, students dance to saxophones over the red-carpeted floors of a Scottish castle (better known as the girl's gym). Notice the killed heralds."

"Moving along, we see students dancing to the recently obtained juke-box in the student lounge. Student Council feel that such privileges will pave the way to responsibilities, such as taking care of a potato chip machine.

"Mistletoe hangs from the gymnasium's rafters at the Student Union's Christmas dance. Students are romantically sipping their 'Christmas Cheer' out of blue dixie cups (punch?) when who should appear but Uncle Earle Auge dressed as Santa Claus!"

"Uncle Earle Auge?"

"Here we see Assistant Principal Marvin Inne sitting in a Home Arts kitchen eating a cherry pie. He has been chosen to judge a cherry pie contest, he says.

### Reflections Reveals Talent

"Huey, Dewey, and Louie, clad in knee socks, bermuda shorts, and striped beanies are now parading at Reflections Revelries. Also from Disneyland are eight female bunnies dancing across the stage crying, 'You're late!'"

"Maybe they weren't so old-fashioned after-all.

"MOVING INTO February, we see Tom and Dickie Smothers helping to raise money for the prom. Qualified sources say that the brothers offered to perform a second time, but were refused because of their moustaches.

"Now in progress is Niles East's first musical, 'Mr. Crane of Sleepy Hollow.' Notice the headless horseman."

"And so ends the journey into the past. Let's hope Homecoming '68 proves a historical as the year '63 was!"



WILL THE real Nilehi Trojan please step forward? Fiberglass mascot imitates Brad Kaiz.

## New Uniform Helps Mascot Promote School Enthusiasm

ONCE AGAIN Niles will see our famous "Mr. Trojan" trodding through pep assemblies and athletic games hoping to instill spirit among the students.

However, this year, "Mr. Trojan" will be wearing a brand new uniform, donated by the Student Union. It will not be made of brass as last year's uniform was. Instead, it will be made of a new material, celastic, which was used in the costumes for the Broadway play, "Man of Le Mancha."

Although the helmet, breastplate, and backplate will be of this new material, the blue tunic will be made of wool, and the reversible cape with blue on one side and gold

on the other will be made of velvet.

In this new uniform, one can find Brad Kaiz '69. He will represent the student spirit by appearing at any event which needs a mascot.

"I'D LIKE to work along with the cheerleaders to instill more school spirit and pride into the students of Niles East," Brad explained. "I'd like to unite the school into one student body, so that they all cheer in one group, together."

"Although school spirit has improved 100% since last year," Brad added, "I think it still can be improved a great deal. Students

should learn to appreciate the time and effort put out by the athletes, coaches, and cheerleaders. Although they have to keep up with their studies, many athletes do not get home until 6:00 every night."

THOUGH BRAD will help the cheerleaders, he plans to take each game as it comes. "If the kids want to do a certain cheer, then we'll do it," he added.

Brad's goal is to set an example for the students of Niles and help them gain some school spirit. "I'd like to show the students that cheering is not something that is going to bite anyone!" Brad exclaimed.

Marching Band

# Jon Leads The Way

"JONATHAN REST'S BATON leads the big parade, while the Niles East marching band follows close behind."

The young man that can be seen marching at the head of the 54-member marching band is Junior Jonathan Rest. The two-year-old marching band is under the direction of Mr. Grant Vance and Mr. Leo Provost.

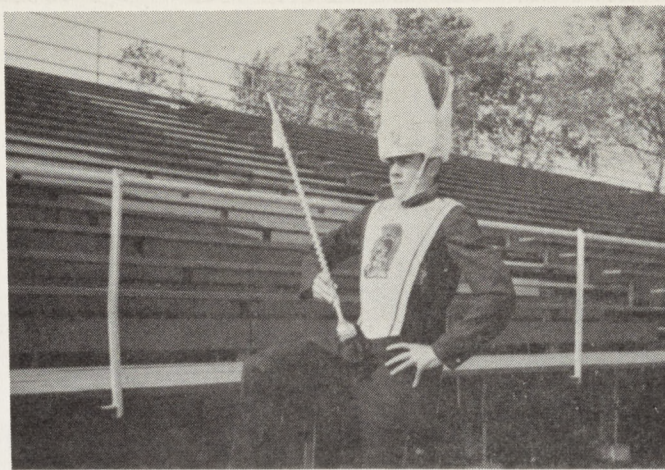
"BEING DRUM MAJOR of the band requires many skills, including keeping tempo, giving commands, and organizing drills on the field," commented Jonathan. "To be a good drum major, one must have a good sense of responsibility and rhythm, be quick at making decisions, and march with extreme agility."

The marching band consists of members of the concert and intermediate bands. Jonathan plays the trombone when he is not marching to the tune of "Nilehi."

"I WANTED the position of drum major because I am interested in leadership. I remember many enjoyable experiences from last

year's marching band," reminisced Jonathan. "For example, the band was standing near the goal posts 30 seconds before half time, when the Trojan tight-end ran a touch down into the middle of the band." The band is wearing new uni-

forms this year. The navy coats and pants come complete with an overlay and Trojan decoration that snaps on the front. As drum major, Jon wears gold ribbons, brass buttons, and a shako instead of the regulation hat worn by the band members.



JONATHAN REST, '70, marches briskly at the head of the 54-member Niles East marching band.



MISS VIRGINIA Leidinger, B.V.M., demonstrates her teaching philosophy in her English classes.

## Miss Leidinger Joins East Faculty To Examine Student Thinking, Needs

"TEACHERS HAVE no corner on the truth market," according to Miss Virginia Leidinger, B.V.M., an English teacher at Niles East this year.

"Students are an important source of truth for a teacher. They must be listened to because they have a contact with the real world an adult can miss." Miss Leidinger was born and raised in Chicago and has earned a Bachelors degree at Mundelein College and a Mas-

ters in economics at Marquette University in Milwaukee. She is presently working for her Masters in English at St. Louis University.

MISS LEIDINGER entered the religious life in 1959 "because I wanted to give my life to a cause bigger than myself," she explained. She has taught in Catholic high schools throughout the country.

Miss Leidinger belongs to a religious community of 2300 women. "We are primarily professional women who have another reason — a non-financial reason — for serving people.

"The reason I am here this year is to get an on-the-spot look at a good public high school in operation and to find out if the student thinking is any different in public high schools from that in Catholic high schools," Miss Leidinger related.

THE CURRICULA of the Catholic and public high schools are basically the same, she asserted. "The biggest problem in the classroom is getting students to listen to each other. You can't help any-

one unless you listen to him."

She has been active in her religious organization in structuring a Commission on Secondary Education. "More stress should be put on meeting the real needs of people today than on going through the motions of religion in a church building. Education must be relevant in a young person's life. He must be on top of the water-line in life if he is to feel his importance as a human being, and he must be able to relate the general past to his present."

MISS LEIDINGER does not wear the traditional nun's habit because "Pope John said to get rid of the ancient trappings, and most members of my community have. This way, people can realize that we are primarily persons too," she said.

Miss Leidinger's basic religious philosophy is that "the risen Christ exists in love, and the more love one shares, the more he is working at being like God." In a more contemporary vein, she added, "Jesus Christ is 'in' in 1968. He was a radical in his day, you know."

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## Mono Monotony

by Eric S. Palles

THERE ISN'T a person at Niles East who hasn't relished the idea of staying home from the pressures of school and taking a well-deserved rest for at least one day. It isn't too hard to play sick, and parents are easier to con than the school nurse.

The fun soon wears out if the person is really sick and has an extended absence. Take it from me, because I am presently confined to my house with mononucleosis. Believe me, the novelty of being home wore off quickly after I was introduced to the wonderful world of daytime television.

DAYTIME TELEVISION can be classified into two categories, the game show and the soap opera. The game show is the most entertaining of the two because it taps the limitless reservoir of human stupidity. It is genuinely fascinating to watch people make fools of themselves.

While slightly less entertaining, soap operas are every bit as intriguing. During the first few days I was home, I fought off the temptation of watching a soap opera, but it became too great. I gave in by watching a show that showed the "real" workings of a hospital and the "real" side of doctors and nurses. The revelation was, for me, shocking.

Soap operas are confusing unless you've been watching them for a long time. The plots and subplots are incredibly complicated, yet, from day to day, nothing happens. In this particularly realistic hospital series, questions of love and hate arose every day.

FOR EXAMPLE, job discrimination was a subject treated in a typically adult way. A new doctor, an extremely qualified Negro woman, was being considered for an appointment to the staff. She had an unpleasant interview with a hospital administrator who cast a very dark eye on the appointment. It seemed obvious that this man was a bigot. And he was. He had a fetish against women doctors and opposed the appointment on that issue, admitting, however, that the fact that the doctor was black "didn't help matters." It is really wonderful that housewives can see a hard-hitting show that deals with important social issues like sexual discrimination.

Television has served a valuable function. It has driven housewives to PTA, bowling, and bridge. As for me, I'm a more well-read individual.

**Coming Up**  
**Friday, October 18, 1968**  
 Institute Day — No School

**Saturday, October 19**  
 Homecoming  
 ACT Test — East, West, North

**Saturday, October 26**  
 Booster Club Wrestling  
 PSAT Test — East, West, North

**Friday, November 1**  
 NILEHILITE Election Issue

# Wild, Wild Homecoming Psyches Out . . .



Varsity Cheerleaders

# New Uniforms Revealed

THE NILES EAST varsity cheerleaders will give a sneak preview today of their new uniforms for Saturday's Homecoming game.

To reflect an increase in school spirit, the cheerleaders are now wearing new bright gold skirts with navy blue inserts as pleats.

In order to raise enough money for the new skirts, each cheerleader sold boxes of chocolate turtles in her neighborhood. The varsity cheerleaders are Mary Hook, Laura Krichevsky, Sharon Levit, Gail Mendelsohn, Kathi Molitor, and Jill Rice. The alternates are Marcy Kipnis and Liz Harrold.

Set Good Example

Miss Jo Morris, supervisor of the varsity cheerleaders, believes that a cheerleader's duties include "being responsible for improving school spirit and setting a good example for student conduct and behavior." Miss Morris also says, "The students should support the cheerleaders and support the team as well."

The newest addition to the many sideline and stunt cheers is the "T - E - A - M" cheer. In this cheer, which has been performed at the latest pep assemblies and football games, two girls mount on top of three others. In practice, the cheerleaders are working on other mount tricks, which they will unveil soon.

JUNIOR GAIL Mendelsohn captain of the varsity cheerleading squad, likes her job because she leads the cheers and exercises in practices and assemblies. A member of the squad her sophomore year, Gail believes that cheerleaders boost the team's morale, as well as the school's. She thinks that the football team is doing extremely well so far, and if this kind of pace is kept up, she says, "We're going to go great places."

Qualifying for a cheerleading position is not easy. The girls must attend two out of three clinics

which are held for selecting cheerleaders. They are screened by a panel of judges which includes the heads of the physical education department, the administrator of student activities, graduating senior varsity cheerleaders, president of the "N" Club and GAA, the Trojan Mascot, the student head of SSO, and the two cheerleading advisers, Miss Morris and Miss Holland. Before this panel, the girls must perform a stunt and three cheers. Girls must have at least a "C" average to qualify as a cheerleader.

Harkema Brings Better Spirit

"Since Mr. Harkema has come, we've had much better school spirit," explains Junior Laura Krichevsky, a cheerleader since she was in seventh grade. Laura,

who likes being a cheerleader because she's near the action of the game, thinks that cheerleading is a necessity for the students because, "without it, the students at the games would never get organized behind their team."

CHEERLEADERS HAVE three hours of practice each week during the football season. When basketball begins, the practices will be cut to two hours a week.

Senior Mary Hook doesn't doubt that, if the football team buckles down, it could take the Suburban League championship this year. Mary, whose making the squad this year was the highlight of her cheerleading career, says that she enjoys cheerleading because "I love the people, the exercise, and I like to promote school spirit."



TROY'S 1968-69 Varsity Cheerleaders are: (l. to r.) Liz Harrold, Sharon Levit, Jill Rice, Gail Mendelsohn, Mary Hook, Laura Krichevsky, Kathi Molitor, and Marcy Kipnis.

# Joy Brings Joy To Troy!

TROY'S MINI-EST cheerleader has spent nearly half of her life cheering for the Trojans. But, then again, Joy Rice is only two years old.

As the varsity cheerleaders' mascot, Joy appears with the other girls at all home football and basketball games. While the cheerleaders are going through their planned routines, though, Joy is excitedly rooting for the Trojans in her own exuberant way.

Family Affair

And Joy has plenty to cheer for. At the football games, her brother Rick, '69, is one of Troy's key men on the field. At her side is her sister Jill, '70, a full-fledged varsity cheerleader. And should she get lonely, her other sister, Karen,

a freshman cheerleader, is usually nearby.

JOY BECAME A MEMBER of the squad last spring, just after Jill was chosen for the group.

"She just kind of appeared," explained Miss Jo Morris, cheerleading sponsor. "She showed up one day wearing Rick's major 'N.'" Since Jill would always be with her, we decided to make her our mascot. After that, her mother made a uniform for her."

What does Jill think of having

her little sister on the squad? "I'm real proud of her," she cried. "She really loves it. For the most part, she's cheering for Rick, but she likes just being there."

Claps and Cheers

Laura Krichevsky, '70 summed up the attitude of most of the other girls. "She's so cute. She just sits there and claps and cheers. She's a future cheerleader."

Miss Morris said that Joy adds quite a bit to the squad. "She's so enthusiastic. Every time the

crowd claps she goes crazy."

THERE ARE NO plans to include Joy in any of the regular routines at the present time, according to Miss Morris. "She's more spontaneous than routine-oriented."

Whether or not Joy will want to be a cheerleader when she's actually at East, no one knows. But if she should, "she's off to a good start," concluded Miss Morris. "She has a lot of potential, and for a child that young, she reacts very well in front of a crowd."

# Bruiser Heads Pro Mat Bill

PRO WRESTLING returns to Niles East next Saturday night, October 26, at 8:30 p.m. in the high school gym. An all-star card of three bouts is scheduled for the 2nd annual Niles East Booster Club show, featuring a double main event.

Former pro football star Dick the Bruiser, 267-pounds, once offensive captain of the Green Bay Packers (1953-54), teams up with 310-pound Yukon Moose Cholak, who played football at the University of Wisconsin, in a tag-team match against Chris Markoff and Angelo Poffo, nicknamed the "Devil's Duo!" Markoff and Poffo recently headlined a major mat show at the International Amphitheatre. That show drew a record 10,000 spectators.

BRUISER, A WORLD famous wrestler, holds all the major attendance records for pro wrestling, both in America and in Europe. In Tokyo's famed Sports Palace, in 1966, he wrestled the Japanese champion, Shohei Baba (7' 1", 370 pounds), to a draw before a standing room only crowd in excess of 19,000.

Last year, the Bruiser was featured as the main event, and the Booster Club drew a full house. Booster president, Leonard Bolnick, says, "after last year's turnout, we're expecting an even better one this year. Especially because of the card we are presenting."

The Chicago Amphitheater, consistently draws crowds in the ten thousands, when the Bruiser appears. He is definitely the top drawing card in the world. In wrestling circles, he is known as

"the most dangerous man in pro wrestling."

Bruiser's partner, Moose Cholak, is the biggest wrestler in pro wrestling. As a star football player in college, he arm wrestled and beat every one of his team mates.

A midget match is the other feature on the card, starring famed midget star, Lord Littlebrook, 42 inches high, weighing 86 pounds, going against Tiny Brutus, who looks the part and who lives up to his billing as "the midget's answer to Dick the Bruiser!"

The opening bout will star the Assassin, a masked wrestler, versus Prince Pullins, currently ranked the world's greatest Negro wrestler.

TICKETS ARE on sale in the cafeteria during the lunch periods

and in various other locations in Skokie. Ringside seats are \$3.50, general admission tickets are \$2.50, and children's tickets are \$1.50.

This is the best card ever presented by the Booster Club. The show should and probably will be an annual event at Niles East.

## Football Schedule

- Sat., Oct. 19  
Highland Park  
(HOMECOMING)
- Sat., Oct. 26  
Evanston  
(DAD'S DAY)
- Sat., Nov. 2  
Oak Park  
(Away)



WAVING TO THE CROWD is Joy Rice (center), surrounded by her cheerleading mates.

# Unheralded Athletes Saluted

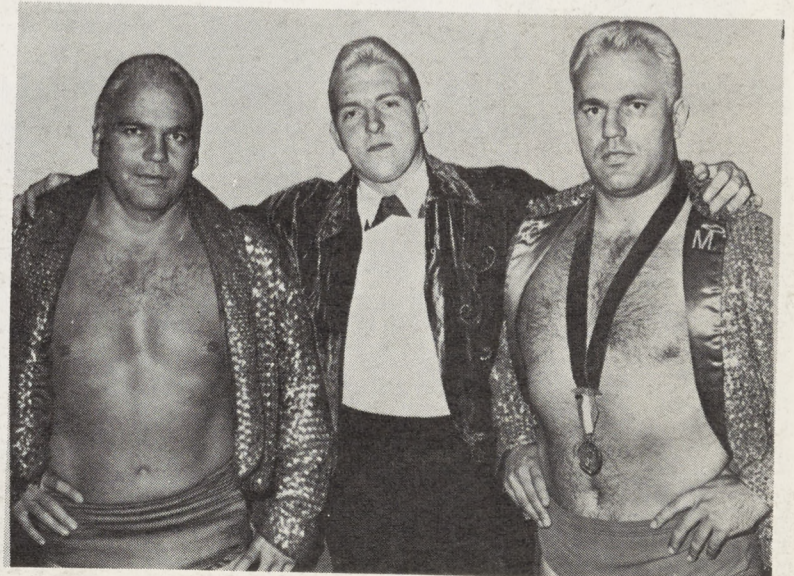
QUARTERBACKS THROW touchdown passes and receive recognition for them. Halfbacks score the touchdowns, and they get all the attention. Pitchers throw no-hitters and are idolized for their accomplishments. And the rest of their teammates just take a shower and head for home. There's no publicity for them, no recognition, just a "good game, Joe" or "way to be kid."

In any sport, there must be people that run the ballclub. But what about the rest of the guys out on that field? They're not just there taking up space. How great would the quarterback be, if his line didn't give him pass-protection? Yet, only in special cases, are interior linemen recognized. The same goes for the halfback.

The slot through which he runs doesn't just happen, it is made by the line. And above all, could a pitcher throw a no-hitter without the other eight men backing him up and one of them making a fantastic play on a very possible hit?

The answer is right there, looking you in the face. Of course not! People forget about these "unheralded athletes," the guys who give their teammates competition for positions at the beginning of the year, and who, therefore play one of the most important parts in a team's success.

TOMORROW, AT THE homecoming game, watch those linemen, and remember that if a touchdown is scored, there were 11 men involved in the play, not just one.



THE "DEVIL'S DUO" Angelo Poffo and Chris Markoff take time out with their manager, Bobby Heenan.

# Highland Park Invades Troy Homecoming

by Mark Levie

SPORTING A RECORD of three wins and two losses, the men of Troy will seek to defeat Highland Park in Saturday's homecoming contest.

Both teams enter the game feeling the effects of decisive defeats last week—Highland Park lost to Evanston, 34-7, and Niles lost to New Trier, 20-0.

### Ups and Downs

Inconsistency characterizes this year's Trojan squad. Displaying flashes of brilliance and periods of frustrating disappointments, the Trojans have defeated Waukegan

Tailback Mark Koppel, the Trojans' leading ground gainer.

### Proviso Tough

Despite excellent performances by Rich Becker and Larry Schneider, who were named "Trojans of the Week" for their efforts, the men of Troy couldn't seem to do anything right. Bonner and Tim Melas were given little pass protection behind the line, and the Proviso backs consistently ran through East's defensive platoon.

The Trojans proved, however, that they have the ability to rebound from defeat when they rolled over Waukegan the next week, 35-7. The victory marked the first successful encounter with Waukegan since 1960.

### Passing Tandem

Niles looked like a different team as Bonner completed an amazing 14 of 16 passes for 205 yards and four touchdowns. All four touchdown passes went to end Rick Rice, making him the Trojans' leading scorer for the year.

Balancing East's offensive attack was the strong running of tailback Al Mormalstein, who was

converted from wingback to fill the gap left by the absence of Mark Koppel. Mormalstein, who carried the ball 27 times for a total of 130 yards, scored the fifth Trojan touchdown.

### Homecoming Looms

Coach Jim Harkema and his staff named Bonner, Mormalstein, and Rice as "Trojans of the Week." It was learned at that time that Mark Koppel would be unable to play for the remainder of the season. Koppel is recovering from a bout with mononucleosis.

IN A LISTLESS performance last week, the Trojans were defeated by New Trier, 20-0. A fumble early in the game seemed to sap East of its spirit, and the Trojans went on to play their worst game of the year. Notable exceptions were the outstanding defensive performances turned in by Rich Becker and Al Mormalstein.

The unpredictable Trojans are capable of defeating a tough Highland Park ball club. To do so, however, East's pass defense and offensive blocking must improve.



**SCRAMBLING QUARTERBACK** Todd Bonner eludes two Morton East Mustangs as he leads the Trojans to a 20-0 victory.

## Suburban League Football

	W	L
Evanston	4	0
Highland Park (1 tie)	2	1
Oak Park (1 tie)	2	1
NILES EAST	2	2
Proviso East	2	2
New Trier	2	2
Waukegan	1	3
Morton East	0	4

and have lost to Proviso and New Trier since winning their first two games of the year.

East's loss to Proviso, 27-0, came largely as a result of injuries to key personnel. Seeing limited action during the game were quarterback Todd Bonner, wingback Al Mormalstein, and linemen Ed Thiry, Gary Lonquist, and Jim Tedeschi. Also missing was Senior

"WE'VE GOT THE BEST freshman football team in the history of Niles East," said Coach Jim Harkema at the last pep assembly.

Coach Harkema was talking about the Frosh A team, which had won three straight games and was shooting for number four, only to be stopped by New Trier last Saturday.

### Three Victories

Under Coach Baker, the fresh-

man team shelled Morton East, 21-0, handled Proviso easily by an 18-7 margin, and walloped Waukegan, 38-6.

Coach Baker believes that the reason this freshman team is so different from others in years past is that "we've got tremendous pride, we work hard, and we're proud of our school."

### Effective Rushing

The Frosh A team's offensive at-

tack is led by Quarterback Tom Christopoulous, fullback Jeff Hartstein, sometimes carries three defensive linemen on his back while making yardage. He is the leading ground gainer on the team. Left halfback Rick Shane is second in yards rushing, and is now "famous" for his long touchdown runs.

Coach Pooley works with the defensive and offensive linemen. The defensive line, which has improved greatly since the first practice, is led by Guard Fred Erb, and Ends Gary Eck and Ben Matsumoto.

### Finesse Gains Wins

Practice is held each day after school. The primary purpose of working out is to iron out the mistakes before Saturday's game.

Fundamentals, including blocking, play execution, and faking, are worked on. Fakes played a big part in the Waukegan game as two touchdowns were scored on them.

The Frosh squad had a tough battle against a big New Trier team last Saturday as the Trojans lost 19-7.

**TOUGH BREAKS** for East thwarted scoring opportunities in the game. A 70-yard touchdown run by Rick Shane was nullified because of an offside penalty.

The highlight of the game for Niles was a 53-yard touchdown run by Shane. Otherwise, New Trier's strong defensive line kept the team's running game to a minimum.

## Freshman 'A' Gridders Look Promising

## Harriers Hit Victory Lane

NILES EAST'S varsity harrier picked up their first victory of the season as they defeated Luther North at the Ridgewood Invitational. Led by Junior Ken Kravitz, the Cross Country team placed 21 out of 22 teams in their 15 point victory over Luther.

Saturday, the rapidly improving Harriers will travel to Oak Park for the Suburban League meet. Besides Kravitz, Doug Hoffman '71, Don Meister '71, Mickey Berman '72, Chuck Kantro '72, Bob Allen '71, and Rich Marcus '70 will round out the top seven positions. In pointing to the future, Coach Hurley said, "It is quite obvious that, with two freshmen and two sophomores in our top five run-

ners, we will improve tremendously by the time we host the Suburban League meet in 1971."

Pushing for remaining positions on the team are Seniors Mark Hill and Rick Dale and Junior Richard Dyer. From the fifth through tenth positions, recent meet times have varied most recently by approximately only 30 seconds. This small variance has helped to create the proper atmosphere for better performances throughout the year. Coach Hurley and Coach Furlan have also changed the team's daily practice routine. Instead of running long distances, the Harriers have been doing "jog-sprint" interval training. This training could aid the team in the closing

portions of a close race when extra push is needed.

### ALTHOUGH THE HARRIERS

have had a poor record in dual meets this season, team spirit has remained excellent. Coach Hurley is hoping for his underclassmen to make a strong showing at the Niles Invitational. In this meet, East's freshmen and sophomores will run with members of their own class level rather than with varsity members. This meet could indicate the strength of the team in coming years.

According to Coach Hurley, "Mickey Berman '72, will be a prime threat for first in the freshman division of this meet." He then added, "Besides the two freshmen on our varsity, the strength of the class of '72 is indicated by Sid Glassner, the number one man on the sophomore team." Other top Frosh-Soph runners are Bruce Frank '72 and Pete Behr '71.

## Suburban Cross Country

	W	L
New Trier	3	0
Evanston	3	0
Oak Park	2	1
Waukegan	2	1
Highland Park	1	2
Morton East	1	2
NILES EAST	0	3
Proviso East	0	3



**GASPING** for breath as he reaches the chute against Highland Park, East's number one harrier, Ken Kravitz, '70, turns in a second place finish.

## REPLAY

### Coming Home

by Joel Schatz

**HOMECOMING '68 IS DIFFERENT.** It's different because it is a homecoming.

For far too long, homecoming meant that the football team lost two or three games away, and then they came back to Skokie to show everyone at East how well they could lose. It most certainly couldn't be considered "coming home," because the crowds that the opposition bused in often outnumbered the meager handful of stalwarts and sadists that sat on Troy's side of the field.

### Gone Are the Days . . .

In '68, though, you don't hear defeatist slogans like "It's time for a change." It's a safe bet that the west stands will be overflowing on Saturday afternoon. "Hit" power is stronger than ever. The fans are looking forward, optimistically confident, to a battle for second place in the Suburban League, rather than the traditionally futile fight from the cellar. Even to be misconstrued as implying anything the least bit derogatory about the Trojan gridgers could hastily prove near-fatal.

**THE DIFFERENCE IN THE WAY** 2200 citizens of Troy think, act, and even eat their lunch, stems, of course, from East's duet of miracle-workers, Coaches Odlivak and Harkema. They were the first ones to work as hard on building a team for the stands as one for the field, and then the two units have worked together as one unbeatable squad.

### Bigger and Better Than Ever

Their success last year was obvious. Their real triumph came this year, though, when "hit" was not only still a part of East, but a bigger part than ever. Troy wants to win. While the crowds at home games used to number just a few dozen, today even the away games are attracting 500 to 1000 Trojans each. When Troy's side of the scoreboard reads "lost," the pride in the singing and cheering fans could convince anyone that it is Peoria revisited.

**SATURDAY, THE TROJANS** are coming home, not just to their home football field, but to a school that's convinced that "We're Number One."