

Niles East graduation set for June 6

Graduation ceremonies, previously planned for June 13, will now be held on June 6.

The graduation date was changed because of, "an interest expressed by the students, and commitments of many seniors who must leave school earlier," according to Principal Galen Hosler.

Although Hosler made the decision to change the graduation date, he is not pleased with it. "I think it is senseless to change dates once they have been established. Some people are going to be inconvenienced," he stated.

Graduation dates were first changed at Niles West and North. Hosler explained that the interest expressed at East was not a strong one, and that he approached the Senior Cabinet with the idea of changing the date, rather than vice-versa. Senior Cabinet is presently working on the details of the ceremony.

One of the reasons given earlier in the year for not changing the date, was the need for seniors to stay in school the extra days for added revenue. However, graduating students will spend only

three or four fewer days in school, and now Hosler feels that the loss of money to the school, "probably won't be very significant."

Approximately 500 seniors will graduate June 6. Ceremonies will be held on the football field if the weather is clear.

Rehearsals will be performed either Thursday or Friday before graduation. Seniors' last day of school is June 1 or 2 depending on finals commitments.

Students will have the opportunity to "stop and shop" on February 26, period 9 and on February 27, period 2-3.

During this time students can get information about courses they are interested in taking in future years. Students also will have the chance to discuss course requirements and learn what concepts are covered in the course.

Counselors also will visit homerooms to review the program planning guidelines and to answer any questions about scheduling for next year.

DECA holds name contest

DECA (Distributive Education Club of America) members are having a contest to name the school store which is opening this semester in Room 2B.

The members in DECA are sponsoring the contest in order to let students express themselves by naming the school store. A \$25 savings bond will be given to the winner.

Entry blanks which were distributed in homeroom must be submitted to a designated box in the Main Office by February 20. The winner of the contest will be announced on February 27.

Students will be able to purchase school supplies, clothing, greeting cards, and hardware from the store when it opens.

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Elects pass-fail

Board adopts credit-audit

A new credit-audit option and pass/fail system was adopted at the January 26 Board of Education meeting.

The audit option allows students to sit in a class and do no work if he declared this intent by the first two weeks of the semester.

The Board members passed the new pass/fail system by a 4-3 vote. Students must declare their intent to take a course pass/fail when he receives his six weeks grade.

If the student decides to take a class pass/fail, the 17th week of the semester he will be given the option to change the pass to a letter grade. This is only if the student will still try in the course after the declared date; if the student does get a good grade he will be able to put it in his record, and his declaration in the eighth week grade point manipulation will be more difficult.

Freshmen can not exercise the pass/fail option. Other students must take at least four classes for a grade, and required courses, which include the first six semesters of English, Non-Western Civilization, United States History and two additional semesters of social studies, first two semesters of math and science, health, and consumer education.

Principal Galen Hosler said he was against pass/fail, "when students use it only to manipulate their grade point averages and to disguise their performance."

Student Senate at East passed recommendations about the pass/fail option and weighted grades by a 14-13 vote where Gordon Hirsch, President, made the final decision.

Brian Davidson and Karen Shrifter discussed the pass/fail option which was originally designed for students to be able to explore courses in subjects that they normally would not take for fear of doing poorly and therefore harming their grade point average. In addition students would broaden their learning by being exposed to new areas.

Steve Leon, with the help of Richard Cope, interviewed both college admission officers and high school counselors about weighted grades. The information shows that none of the colleges evaluate grade

point averages. Therefore an Easthi honor student is at a disadvantage to an honor student from a school with a weighted grades system.

A weighted grades system does not place the basic student at a disadvantage because he doesn't apply to highly competitive colleges which require a high grade point average, according to Senate research. The regular student also would benefit since competition is removed from regular classes.

The committee said, "The system would only work if the weighting corresponds to the relative difficulty of courses." The weighting also must be applied to regular versus basic classes as well.

At the Board meeting, the only action that was passed concerning weighted grades was a recommendation. This statement said, "To adopt a position of support of a weighted grading system and direct the administration to develop and recommend a grade weighing policy."

A possible proposal had two systems, one on rank and the other based on the academic difficulty of the course.

Since the District 219 school board decided to close East, a meeting also was held on January 15.

Children in District 73½ must attend Niles North in 1980. Galen Hosler and Dr. Gilbert Weldy, Niles North principal, discussed the effects of East's closing with the citizens.

"I thought the meeting was worthwhile. I got some interesting insights and some ideas that we may be asked to use to manipulate students to North and West in a better way," Hosler concluded.



(Photo by Barry Schmetter)

Gordon Hirsch, Student Senate president, discussed credit-audit, weighted grades, and the student survey with members of senate.

Senate announces results of survey

The Student Senate recently circulated a survey to Easthi students, and have tallied the results.

About one third of the student body knows what the District 219 board is, and even less know who the superintendent is. However, approximately 90 per cent know the principal of East, and 75 per cent know the Student Senate President.

Only 31 per cent of the students approve of the change of administrators since last year, and 38 per cent consider the principal effective. Students in

favor of homeroom are in the minority, and those in favor of study halls are even fewer. Few students favor teacher supervision, and pass/fail is favored by most.

According to the survey, school spirit has increased by nearly 50 per cent.

"With East supposedly closing in 1980, the great rise in school spirit was unexpected by most outsiders. The spirit in this school accounts for student behavior toward others and their attitudes toward the school," explained Gordon Hirsch, Student Senate President.

Centers open daily

Easthi students are frequently using the five resource rooms, which were installed this year.

The Foreign Language Resource Center in Room 240 has been handling about 150 students a day. The room offers students the use of foreign tapes, magazines, games, and books in German, French, Spanish, Hebrew, and Russian.

In the English Resource Center, Room 140, an average of 75 students come each day during their free periods, either to study, to improve their English, or to read magazines or paperback books.

Books, periodicals, and pamphlets are available for student use in the Social Studies Resource Center, Room 226. Approximately 50-75 students visit the center to study and use the necessary materials for history assignments each day.

Approximately 60 students use the services offered at the Math Resource Center in Room 217. Books and a computer are available in this room.

The Business Resource Center, Room 328, materials include typewriters, a computer, books, and pamphlets on different business firms. Approximately 45 students a day visit this room.

All the centers are open during school

hours, and the Foreign Language Room is always available to use before and after school. In addition, each center offers students teacher assistance.

Coming Attractions

- FEB. 16 Registration for ACT testing begins
- FEB. 17 College Representative, Columbia College in Missouri Room 108 8:45 a.m.
- FEB. 19 Film, "To be or not to be" Skokie Public Library 8:00 p.m.
- FEB. 20 Picasso Lecture Kaplan JCC 7:30 p.m. Contemporary Arts Dramatic readings Skokie Public Library 8:00 p.m.
- FEB. 21 Winter Play Niles North 8:00 p.m.
- FEB. 19-21 One Act Plays East
- FEB. 22 Choir Concert Niles West
- FEB. 23 Board of Education Meeting Creative Writers Lecture Skokie Public Library 8:00 p.m.
- FEB. 25 Incoming Freshman Parents' Night East
- FEB. 26 Film, "Dead of Night" Skokie Public Library 8:00 p.m.
- FEB. 28-29 Art Fair Kaplan JCC
- MARCH 1 Directors' Meeting Counselor Meetings with Freshman homeroom teachers
- MARCH 2 Freshman special registration, homeroom
- MARCH 3 PTSA board meeting College Representative, Lincoln College Room 108 10:30 a.m. Band Concert Niles North 8:00 p.m.

53 students chosen for spring musical

A cast of 53 students were selected to perform in the musical, Fiorello, which will be presented in the beginning of April.

Auditions were held February 2-4. The students read dialogues, sang a song from the show, and danced the charleston, the waltz, and tap.

Donna Kulwin was chosen as assistant director to Jerry Proffit. Michael Guerrero and Paula Jeremias will assist Ms. Shari Kouba, choreographer.

The leads in the order of appearance include Barry Kramer, Fiorello; Mark Blackman, Neil; David Pevsner, Morris; Patti Sucherman, Dora; Susi Fleischman, Marie; Jerry Lavin, Ben; Phil Auerbach, first card player; Bill Elliot, second card player; Andy Goldstein, third card player; Michael Guerrero, fourth card player; Mitchell Wilens, fifth card player; Phil Heftel, Dealer; Bill Daitchman, Floyd; Gail Norris, Thea; and Sharyl Miller as Mitzi. In addition, 24 students will sing in the chorus, including 13 girls and 11 boys.

Feedback

Poznansky criticizes Nilehilite attitude

Dear Editor,

This letter is in reference to the cartoon "Wise Guy" in the Christmas issue of your paper. I would like to ask Gary Byron, the member of your staff who is responsible for this cartoon, just who is pictured in the drawing, and what purpose or message the drawing is supposed to convey to your readers? I think you are making a drastic error when you make any school official look like a fool. Give me a few inches of space in your paper and I could do the same to any member of your staff. I know that Mrs. Panos does an excellent job of sponsoring your paper and I see a vast improvement of the Nilehilite over last year, especially in your sports section. However, I cannot continue to read your paper knowing that you are not 100 per cent for Niles East.

If you can't print positive material, the kind of material that will help make Niles East High School a better place in which to gain an education; well then dissolve your paper and rid East of the grossly incompetent coverage of news, some of which I have attached herewith.

Mr. A. Poznansky

Hosler commends paper

Dear Editor,

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate you and members of the Nilehilite staff for the outstanding job you have done this school year in producing our school paper. Although any one of the five issues so far is a prize winner, I was particularly impressed with the Homecoming and Winter Holiday editions for their remarkable coverage and interest to all members of our school, coupled with such excellent technical perfection and photographic displays.

In the last few weeks you have had to carry on without the direct support of your sponsor, Mrs. Panos, who is re-

covering from serious surgery. Your efforts in this regard have been most commendable and a tribute to the talents of your staff.

On behalf of the Niles East administrators and staff, I wish you continued success as we look forward to another semester of first rate newspaper production.

Galen Hosler, Principal

Pass/fail option questioned

Dear Editor,

Pass/fail is intended to allow students to experiment in courses they normally would not take. On Monday, January 26, the Board of Education approved a pass/fail system that virtually eliminates the experimental usage of the pass/fail option. One point of the Board policy says that four courses must be taken for a grade. There are two things basically wrong with this. 1) Pass/fail was originally intended for the "weaker students." "These students cannot handle five courses; therefore the Board has taken the pass/fail option away from a large number of the students of the school. 2) Many seniors will take exploratory courses and use the pass/fail option. They also normally take no more than four courses their last year. Seniors, thus, will not be able to use the pass/fail option; therefore they will be forced to take only those courses in which they know they can get a good grade. The Board also declared that no required course can be taken pass/fail. It is saying that for example, even though there are 45 English courses, no student experiments in their choice of an English course. The Board feels there is no experimentation within the requirements. Furthermore, the Board believes that freshmen are unable to effectively use the pass/fail option. However, freshmen are able to take courses with upper-classmen and can take exploratory courses. They are high school stu-

dents and should be able to have the same things other high school students have. In short, the Board gave the students a pass/fail option with one hand and took it away with the other.

Fortunately, this policy has not been finalized. It will be presented to the Board again on February 23. If the Board approves it then, this so-called pass/fail option will go into effect next year. So, attend this meeting and voice your opinion to the Board.

Richard Cope '76
Student Board Representative

Editor's note: Due to a lack of funds and space, we regret that all letters could not be printed in this issue of the Nilehilite. If still applicable, these letters will be printed in the following issue. Please keep writing, we welcome student opinion.



(Photo by Steve Feldman)

Niles East or Niles Least? (This photo appeared in the November 14 issue of the Nilehilite to display the band uniform to students who had not yet seen it).

Reflections '76 performed well



The Nilehilite staff would like to congratulate the directors, cast, crews, and band of Reflections '76 for a job well done. The acts properly portrayed human emotions, including sorrow, fear, jealousy, joy, love, and anger.

STUDENT DIRECTORS Susi Fleishman and Mark Blackman, along with choreographers, Susi Soltan and Sally Saber; music directors, Celeste Ashley, Debbie Feldman, Linda Pastron, and Leslie Aiment; and set designer, Paul Scherfling, did an excellent job in creating and arranging a fine performance.

Editor replies to letter

Nilehilite clarifies goals, restates editorial policy

Included with the letter from Mr. Al Poznansky printed in column one were several clippings attached to articles from previous issues of the Nilehilite. Poznansky wrote his comments about each article, and the Nilehilite staff would like to explain our purposes for writing each of these articles.

IN THE OCTOBER 3, 1975 issue, the Nilehilite stated its editorial policy in an article entitled "Nilehilite views goals, invites student opinion." The article stated that the Nilehilite intends to strictly follow the rules of good journalism, "including responsibility, accuracy, fair play, impartiality, truthfulness, and decency." In addition, the staff stated, "We must not be judged as students creating a school paper, but as responsible individuals informing the public."

With specific attention directed on the aforementioned statements, Poznansky wrote, "When you use the name of a teacher or other staff member in your paper, use a Mr. or Mrs. in front of it. Show respect, not a lack of respect. You ask to be judged as responsible individuals, and not as students. Therefore I judge you as individuals who are supposed to be responsible."

According to the Nilehilite style book which dictates the rules of punctuation, capitalization, and labeling of students and faculty, female teachers should be named in full with Miss or Mrs., and male teachers should be named in full with no title except one denoting a profession such as Doctor, or Reverend. We feel that the way we name a faculty member does not denote a lack of respect, but a desire for consistency in our journalistic style. Furthermore, the Nilehilite has been using this same method for naming faculty members for many years, and have never before received a complaint.

IN AN ARTICLE ENTITLED "Teachers need more school spirit," in the October 27 issue of the Nilehilite, it was stated that although students frequently tend to be apathetic, teachers, too, displayed a lack of school spirit.

Poznansky wrote, "Yes, attitudes must be changed, but there are only 60 or 70 teachers at East, and 2300 students (all of whom read your paper). Where must the change of attitude first take place?"

In writing this article, the reporter felt that students were too often criticized for a problem which plagued the entire school, and not students alone. The reporter believed (and still believes) that the only way to improve the situation was for students and faculty alike to become more involved. It also must be mentioned that this article was coupled with another editorial on the same page regarding student apathy.

In the November 14 issue of the Nilehilite was a picture of a band leader, shown in his uniform, from the back (see photo in top right hand corner). The design on the uniform was a source of amusement to many, and for those who had not seen the band perform, we thought we would show the students what the new uniforms looked like. The line "Niles East or Niles Least?" appeared underneath the picture. Poznansky wrote, "No comment is necessary on this one!!!" We feel that if the student body and faculty do not have the sense of humor to laugh at themselves, Niles East will never last until the scheduled closing in 1980.

ANOTHER ARTICLE IN the November 14 issue entitled, "Student break memory lingers," was a simple reminiscence of the days when there was no homeroom. The reporter wrote, "For the first time in almost a year, the cafeteria was back to 'normal.'" Poznansky wrote, "It depends on what you think 'normal' is. There are nine 40 minute periods a day. Most students have four majors and gym and lunch which leaves three free periods. It is not a great hardship to have to spend 10 minutes a day in a homeroom."

The staff agrees that homeroom is not a great hardship, although its necessity is also arguable. That is not the point. Again, this was a light-hearted article

written for entertainment. We thought that students and faculty would be able to read this article and enjoy the reminiscences of a reporter without feeling insulted or rebellious.

In the December 19 issue was an article entitled, "Attendance system abuses students," in which the reporter described the penalties a student suffers if his parents do not call the school at the proper time during his absence. Poznansky wrote, "Before this system of attendance was introduced, there was mass truancy from class. In order for one to learn one must go to class. If the student is absent from class, the student has the responsibility of reminding the parent of his responsibility to call the attendance office. After all, everyone has responsibilities, and if they don't live up to their responsibilities they must suffer the consequences."

WE AGREE WHOLEHEARTEDLY. If some one does not "live up to" his responsibilities, they should suffer the consequences. However, why should a student suffer when a parent fails to "live up to" his responsibilities?

The cartoon mentioned in Poznansky's letter was also included with the aforementioned clippings with this statement: "It is the job of the security officer to keep Niles East safe for all students. Sometimes that job entails turning away trespassers, keeping the hallways relatively quiet, stopping vandalism, and supervising students. If you feel that the security officers in this district do not

perform in a responsible manner, you are invited to make public your views to the Board of Education, District 219."

CARTOON STRIPS ARE MEANT for enjoyment, but one must have a sense of humor to laugh at them. Many students have expressed unfavorable opinions toward hall supervisors (commonly called hall guards). The Nilehilite was merely capitalizing on a difficult situation as many newspapers throughout the country do. Satire is a world renowned form of humor which everyone should learn to enjoy.

In his letter, Poznansky stated that he believes that we are not 100 per cent for Niles East and do not print, "positive material, the kind of material that will help make Niles East high school a better place in which to gain an education."

Our job as a newspaper staff is to inform, not to publish propaganda for the school, its activities, or administrators. We inform the student body with as much skill and coverage as we can, but we refuse to pander to the desires of any group, students and faculty included.

THIS DOES NOT MEAN that we have experienced any difficulty in printing as complete coverage as we wish. We are grateful to the administration for their total lack of censorship, and trust in our responsibility as newspaper reporters and editors, and we hope that all our readers will treat us with the same respect.

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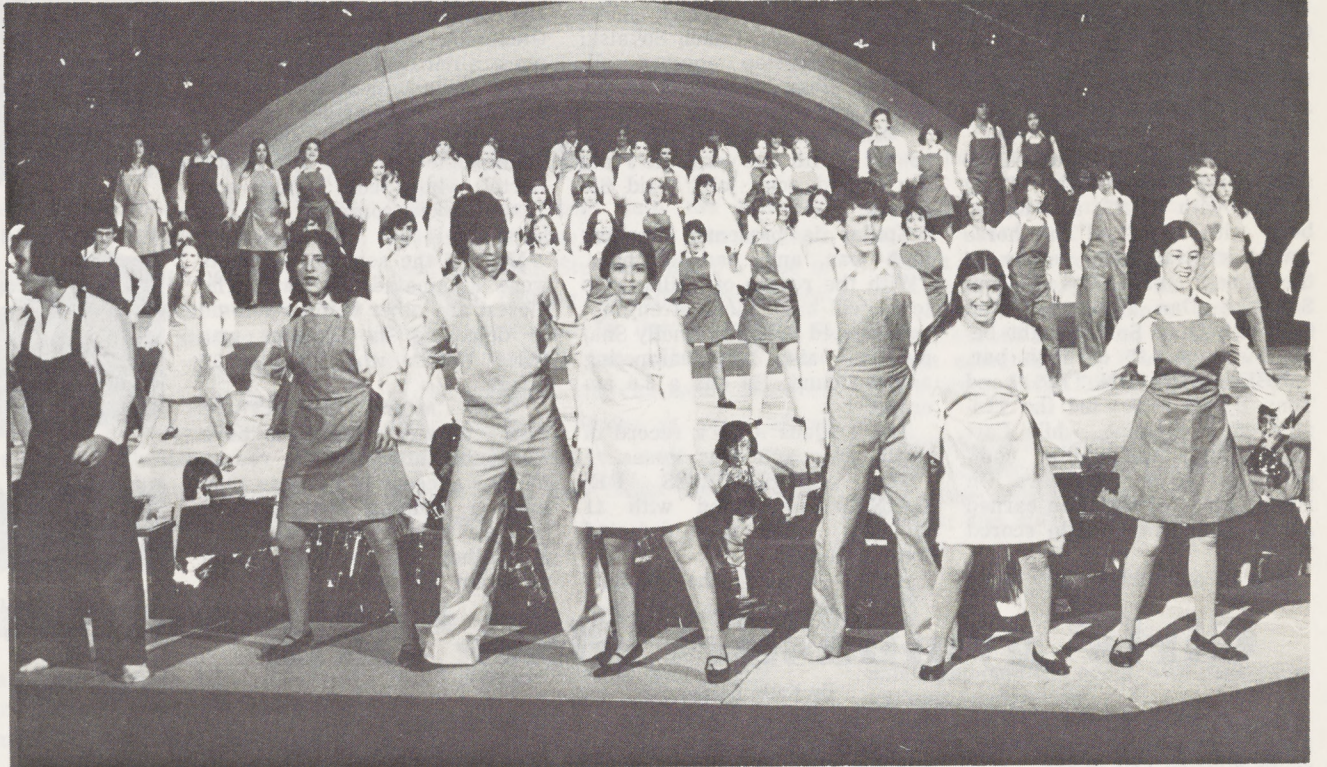
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Reflections '76, 'A Rainbow of emotions'



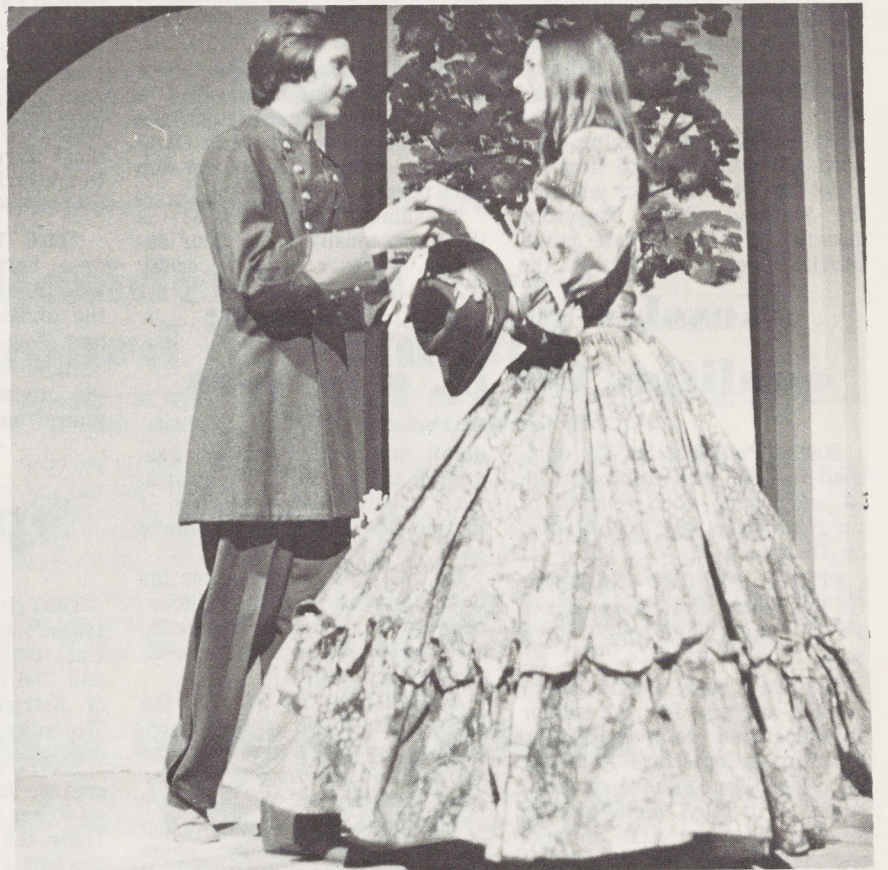
Sue Feldman gives helpful hints to happy homemakers.



The entire cast performs in the finale.



Patti Sucherman wonders why the guys don't want a girl like her.



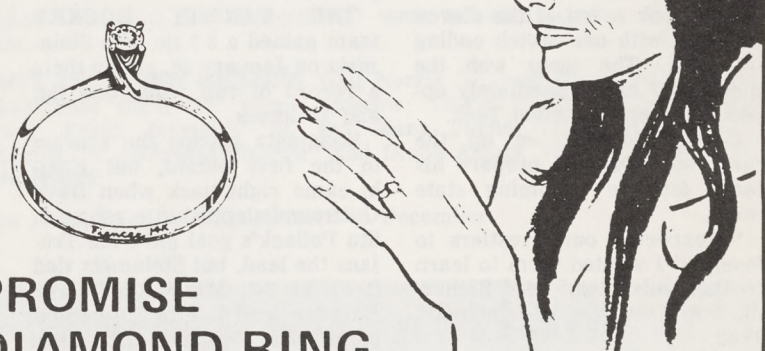
Mary Postal promises Bill Elliot that she will remain true to him while he is away in the war.



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Barry Kramer, David Pevsner, and Phil Heftel revive the greaser days at Niles East.

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Varsity gymnasts beat West

By Bruce Goldberg

Easthi's varsity gymnastics team defeated Niles West 120.31 to 115.03, Saturday, January 31.

The free exercise team was led by Lee Grodsky with a 6.50 and all-around Matt Rosenberg with a 7.65.

Steve Smith earned a 7.45 on side horse followed by Craig Gordon with a 6.25, and Rosenberg with a 5.85. "The horse was a crucial event for us in the meet," said Coach Tom Sokalski. Dan Kessem scored 6.60 with Greg Spillar right behind with a 5.95 on high bar.

JOHN CARLSON (7.95) and Tony Bague (5.90) led the Trojans on trampoline, while Carl Taibl (7.05) and Spillar competed on the parallel bars. On rings, Dave Abrahamson earned an 8.1 and Brian Austin scored 7.5.

Due to an ankle injury Greg

Spillar was unable to participate in the all-around sport. Because of this, Coach Sokalski had to develop another all-around. Rosenberg filled the position and has a 4.9 average.

"**MATT HAS WORKED** hard to try to fill the gap. He's doing a real good job," said Sokalski.

Spillar is presently working high bar and parallel bars. "With the return of Spillar, the team will have more strength," commented Sokalski. Shelly Shapiro has also been competing as all-around. He has a 3.0 average.

The Trojans have a record of seven wins and four losses.

THE SOPHOMORES REMAINED undefeated with 11 victories, when they defeated West 86.3-48.7.

Easthi earned the highest

score for a sophomore team in the conference with 92.03 against Glenbrook North. The sophomore all-around competitors include Chris Besser, Bill Saputo, and John Lopez. Each have an all-around average of about 5.0. Trampoline is led by Randy Hertel, while Scott London and Jim Burke compete on the horse.

Most of the sophomore meets were dominated by East. The closest any other team has come to defeating the Trojans was Niles North, who lost by 10 points.

"**THE MOST IMPORTANT PART** of any sport is to have a winning attitude. The reason for our success is because they have a winning attitude, and because they work harder than any other team," said Coach Seymour Rifkind.



Senior Carl Taibl displays his form on parallel bars. Taibl earned a 7.05 in recent meet against West.

Girls' gymnastics place sixth

By Kathi Isserman

The girls' gymnastics team placed sixth with 73.46 in the south division CSL meet.

"I was very surprised we placed sixth. I expected seventh or eighth," Coach Marcia Berke said. Last year the team placed last in the meet and division.

"**WE DID WELL.** This is the best we've ever done in the meet itself. The judging was good. We still need to improve a lot if we want to get into the 7's and place. Everyone has to pick up a half point, because we're placing in the

6's," Coach Berke said.

ROBIN SHORE ('77) placed sixth all-around in the meet. "She's improved the most on the beam, but she still has a lot of work to do," Coach Berke said.

"Carol Greenspan ('76) did a nice bar routine. She tried a couple of new stunts which she needs to improve on. With Carol leaving, Robin will be our top bar person."

"Jeanine Battista ('78) is the most consistent on floor exercise. I never have to worry

about her forgetting her routine," Coach Berke said.

According to Coach Berke, the team is extremely weak on optional vaulting, but the team performs good layouts, the compulsory vault.

"The team has not done well in meets, because some girls don't show up to the meets. I don't have substitutes so I have to scratch and leave the spot empty," Coach Berke said.

"**THE TEAM ON A WHOLE** does better on optionals. The league meet is all optionals and the division meets are compulsory."

Maine East finished first in the division, and Niles West placed second.

West downs cagers 74-69

By Howard Simon

The varsity basketball team was defeated by arch rival Niles West 74-69, Friday, January 16.

The Indians were led in scoring by John Bruner and Bob Zyburt with 24 and 23 points respectively. The Trojans put four men in double figures. Art Isaacs led with 19, Neal Schreiber had 16, Terry Greenberg 15, and Mark Brines, 13.

West quickly jumped out to a 9-2 lead by stealing two inbound passes, and converting them into baskets.

THE TROJANS CALLED time out to regroup, then played the Indians on even terms for the remainder of the half as West led 41-36.

West steadily built its lead in

the third quarter and led 59-46 entering the final quarter.

The Trojans fought back in the fourth quarter, and cut the lead to 65-59 before free throws by Marty Fabian and Zyburt iced the game for West.

East came home to play Main South on January 30. Unfortunately for East, Maine South shot exceptionally well to win 95-78.

COACH CAPITANI was not bitter in defeat. "We didn't play badly. Maine South just played well," concluded Capitani.

Editor's note: Due to lack of space and funds, the Nilehilit staff regrets we cannot cover all sports in every issue. If we do not include a particular sport in one issue, we will try to make room for it in the next.

Kessler places second; qualifies for jr. olympics

By Kathi Isserman

Steven Paul Kessler '78, qualified for the junior olympics in 16 and under epee fencing at the New Trier West AFLA Open on December 27.

STEVE PLACED SECOND. He lost to the first place fencer 5-4. "I should have won," Steve said.

The first and second place fencers qualify for the junior olympics and compete in the Fencing National for 16 and under Epee Tournament on February 15, in Troy, Michigan. The fencers who place first and second then qualify to compete against adults in the AFLA National Open.

Steve started fencing last year on the Frosh-Soph team. "I

didn't make the freshman basketball team, and I like sports, so I tried out for fencing. I had never fenced before," Steve said.

He switched to epee after his freshman year. "I was lucky, because I was able to qualify for varsity. Not a lot of fencers compete in epee."

ACCORDING TO STEVE, the IHSA competition is tough, because he mainly fences the more experienced juniors and seniors.

He likes fencing, "because it's a challenge. It's a team and individual sport at the same time. There's a challenge of out-guessing what your opponent will do and having the coordination to do it."

STEVE WILL CONTINUE to compete as an adult, although he wants to get a degree in accounting and specialize in tax laws.

Spikers lose in district semi's

By Kathi Isserman

The girls' Varsity Volleyball team lost to first seed New Trier East (1975 state champs) 20-12 and 20-6 in the semi-final round of districts at New Trier East Thursday, January 15.

"**NTE** had extremely hard serves, and it made it hard for us to set up good spiking plays. Their team's performance was the best I've seen in high school volleyball this year," Niles East Coach, Chris Woodard, said.

"**OUR TEAM'S STRENGTH** was defense. We covered the court well, and we weren't afraid to hit the floor in order to save a ball. Our serving also was more consistent. Although

we lost, we know that we played a good game."

"The fact that we made it to the semi-finals shows we've improved over last year. I hope it gives my players some pride and confidence that will carry over to next year," Coach Woodard said.

EARLIER THAT WEEK the team eliminated Niles West 20-18 and 20-17 in the quarter-finals. Niles North was also beaten in the quarter-finals by New Trier West, 8-20, 20-14, and 20-6. North was seeded third behind Glenbrook South, West was seeded fifth, and East was seeded fourth out of 10 teams.

According to Coach Woodard, the team accomplished their goal of working and feeling like a team. "Of all sports, the true essence of volleyball is teamwork. Everyone has to think and move together in order to make the team work," Coach Woodard explained.

"**WE PLAYED A TOUGH** schedule this year, and I'm very pleased with our 7-5 record. The south division of the CSL is very strong in volleyball, and we had some very good competition. We gained valuable experience. Since we only have two graduating seniors, we hope to do even better next year," Coach Woodard concluded.

Sports Shorts

Fencers capture third in tournament

THE VARSITY HOCKEY team gained a 3-3 tie with Steinmetz on January 28, giving them a record of two wins, one tie, and 18 losses.

Steinmetz opened the scoring in the first period, but Easthi came right back when Dave Gutfreund slapped in a rebound. Stu Pollack's goal gave the Trojans the lead, but Steinmetz tied it up at 2-2. Mark Rudd gave East the lead late in the second period, but Steinmetz tied the score at 3-3 midway through the third period.

Steinmetz outshot the Trojans 22-16. Coach Levin felt that this was one of Easthi's biggest problems this season. "We don't take enough shots. For a team to win hockey games you need the guys who know how to play the game, and who can set up plays. If you don't have those guys it hurts," said Coach Marc

Levin. Because of this, Easthi's coaches started using the "dump and run offense." This basically consists of dumping the puck into the opponents zone so a winger can set up a play. "When they use the 'dump and run,' they play good hockey, but when they start using their own style, we start losing," said Levin.

EASTHI'S VARSITY FENCING team finished third in a field of eight in the Inter-suburban varsity tournament.

"They fenced very well. It was the first time they fenced to their full capabilities," said Coach Ron Gralewski.

The varsity squad has a 3-4 record. East gained their three victories against West, New Trier East, and Marshall. Larry Labow has the team's best

record (11-5), followed by Jim Osness (11-8).

Gralewski feels the teams major problems are a lack of balance and consistency. "The teams we lost to we could have beaten if we were consistent. You have to have a total team effort."

The junior varsity team has a record of six wins and one loss. They lost their only meet to Gordon Tech. The squad, led by Bill Samuak with a 13-2 record, has won about 75 per cent of their individual bouts this season. "The JV team is probably ranked first in our division," concluded Coach Gralewski.

EAST'S VARSITY SWIMMING team defeated sister school Niles West 93-62, but lost to Libertyville 124-35 on January

30 and 31.

The Trojans set three new school records. On the varsity level, Bob Torstenson set a record in the 500 yard free style with a time of 5:27. On the lower levels Bruce Brownstein broke the 50 yard free style record in 25.5 seconds, and Scott Kleiman, Mike Boravik, Bruce Brownstein, and Dan Galliger earned another record in the 400 yard free style relay with a 3:51 time.

The swimmers have a 4-9 record. "I thought we'd be doing better but we only have three seniors, and two juniors on the team," said Coach Romaine Baker.

There are 10 sophomores on the varsity squad. "The sophomores are doing a great job, but they lack the skill and ability the older swimmers have," concluded Baker.

Matmen win

By Howard Simon

The varsity wrestlers defeated both Niles West and Gordon Tech on January 31.

The Trojans started the day by wrestling West while Tech looked on.

East took seven of the eleven matches with one match ending in a tie. The team won the meet 26-17 and immediately opposed powerful Gordon Tech.

Coach Richardi set up the meet with Tech to prepare his team for the upcoming state meet.

"I expected our wrestlers to lose, but I wanted them to learn by their mistakes," said Richardi, but East won convincingly, 28-13.

Tech, ranked sixth in the state, went into the meet with only one loss in the last two years. East is now ranked fifth in the state.

THE VARSITY, JUNIOR VARSITY, and sophomores continue to lead their divisions.

The wrestlers are now getting ready for the state tournament which began with districts on February 13.