

# NILEHILITE

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**"Witness"  
performs  
Jan. 20-22**

## Grading policy to be changed

A new weighted grades policy was given tentative approval by the Niles Township Board of Education recently, and it will be given final consideration this month.

**THE POLICY, AFFECTING STUDENTS** at all three Niles high schools, will be implemented for all students in qualified courses during the school year 1978-1979.

According to the proposal, all courses except physical education will be evaluated and assigned a weighted grade multiplier as follows:

Courses with most difficult requirements 1.25

Advanced skills courses 1.15

Courses of "average" requirements 1.05

"Minimum requirements" courses 1.00

All courses except physical education and those graded pass/fail or audit will be used in computing the grade point

average and rank-in-class, upon consent of the faculty and administration.

The policy also mentioned that students who graduate early will retain, for the permanent records, the rank-in-class computed for their grade level at the time of their graduation. Those students who complete their work early will not be included in the rankings when their class graduates.

**IN A MEMO TO SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT** Wesley Gibbs, Dr. James Richter, director of Student Services at East, stated that the policy can be modified in any way Gibbs wished and that Richter has tried to make it as "lean" as possible.

In other action, the Board approved the new salary range policy for administrators and an increase in the salary of Superintendent Gibbs.

## Scholarships available

Several scholarships are being offered this month.

Eisenhower College in Seneca Falls, New York 13148, is sponsoring Trustees' Scholarships valued at \$1000. Financial need is not a factor. Candidates must be in the top 10 per cent of their class, have high test scores (SAT 1200, ACT 27). Extra curricular activities will also be taken into consideration.

**DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY** in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, is offering a \$500 scholarship in journalism to an outstanding freshman applicant who will major in that field. Financial need will be a factor, but scholastic record and interest in journalism will be given greater weight. The deadline is February 2.

Case Western University in Cleveland, Ohio, has scholarships in engineering, science, and liberal arts. They value \$2750 and include interviews, exams, and high College Board test scores. The deadline is March 1.

Robert Morris College is offering \$1000 scholarships to anyone interested in business or allied health. An exam will be given in early February as part of the competition. Interested students should contact the guidance resource room.

Lutheran General Health Careers \$1000 Scholarships are available for two students who prove financial need and have an interview with a screening committee. The deadline is February 1.

**AUGUSTANA COLLEGE** in Rock Island, Illinois, is offering scholarships based on performance, talent and financial need. Auditions will be held February 5. These scholarships are renewable, and Hillsdale college in Michigan is offering \$1000 scholarships to talented music students. The deadline is February 15.

Ashland College in Ohio is offering scholarships to talented music students who prove financial need. The deadline is April 15.

## Study abroad offered

Two trips are being planned this year in addition to the programs offered by the foreign language departments.

The first of the trips is one year of study in Spain. Last summer, 126 students from 35 states departed from Kennedy Airport and flew to Barcelona in order to attend classes and live at Universidad Litoral de Tarragona, on the Mediterranean. Facilities there include a private beach, tennis, and basketball courts. Courses of study include elementary Spanish to literature and culture.

**SIXTY STUDENTS TOOK** a four day tour to London. Once or twice a week, a group was scheduled to visit such historical places as Tarragona, Monserrat, Barcelona, and Valencia. Some students visited the Island of Mallorca.

Students found that they had more than enough time to do, see, and learn whatever they chose.

As part of the program, a trip was taken to Madrid, and also Toledo, Avila, Segovia and Valle de los Caidos. In Madrid, they visited the Museo del Prado, Palacio Real, Favrica de Tapices, Plaza Mayor.

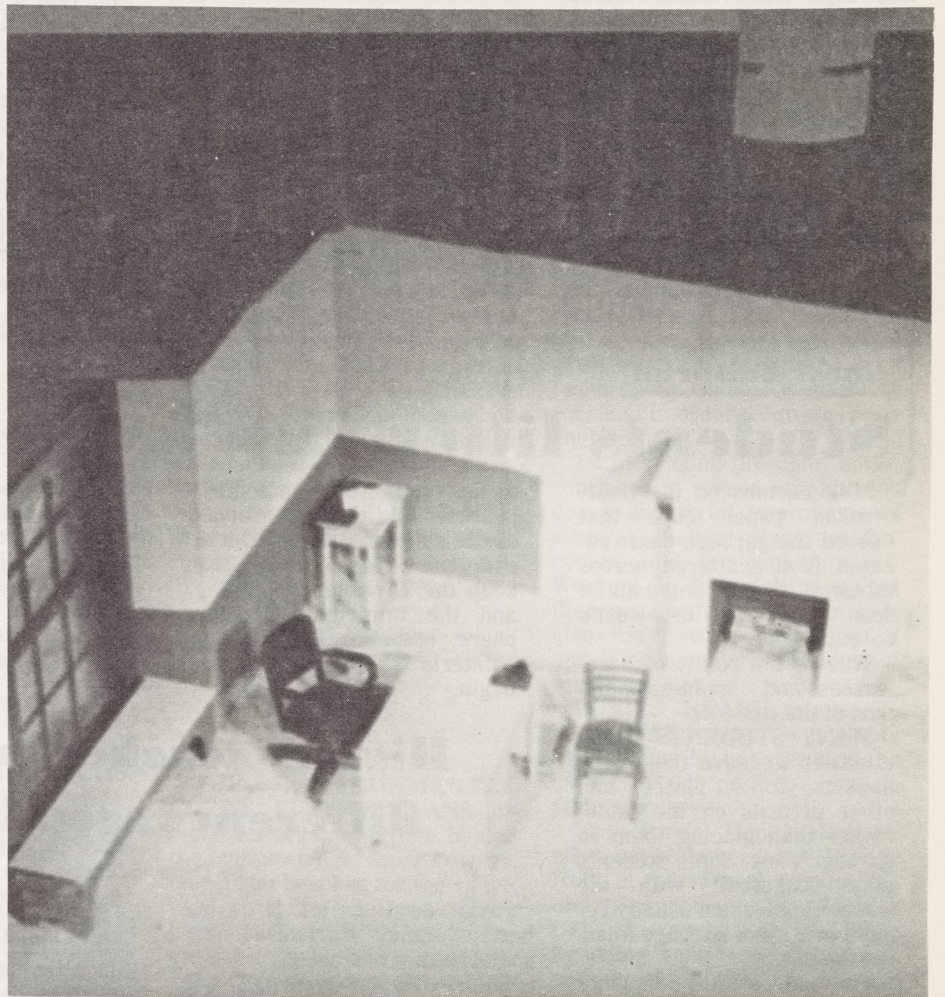
To complete the program, a free day in Paris, courtesy of Ais will be spent in Hotel Meridien, in easy access to the city.

All interested students should contact Dr. A. Doreste, Augustana College, Rock Island Ill. 61201.

Two representatives of universities in Israel will be in Chicago to discuss opportunities to study in Israel.

The Chicago Jewish Youth Council will sponsor the event. The Bernard Horwich JCC, 3003 W. Touhy Avenue in Chicago will hold the trip.

All interested students should contact Lynne Diamond at 761-9100.



Scenery for "Witness for the Prosecution".

## Journalist to speak at East

Donn Pearlman, journalist, will be speaking at Niles East on February 2, at 10:15 a.m.

**PEARLMAN IS HEARD ON WBBM NEWS RADIO 78** at the anchordesk on Saturday and Sunday mornings. He is the station's Weekend Executive Producer, and is responsible for directing coverage of all weekend events.

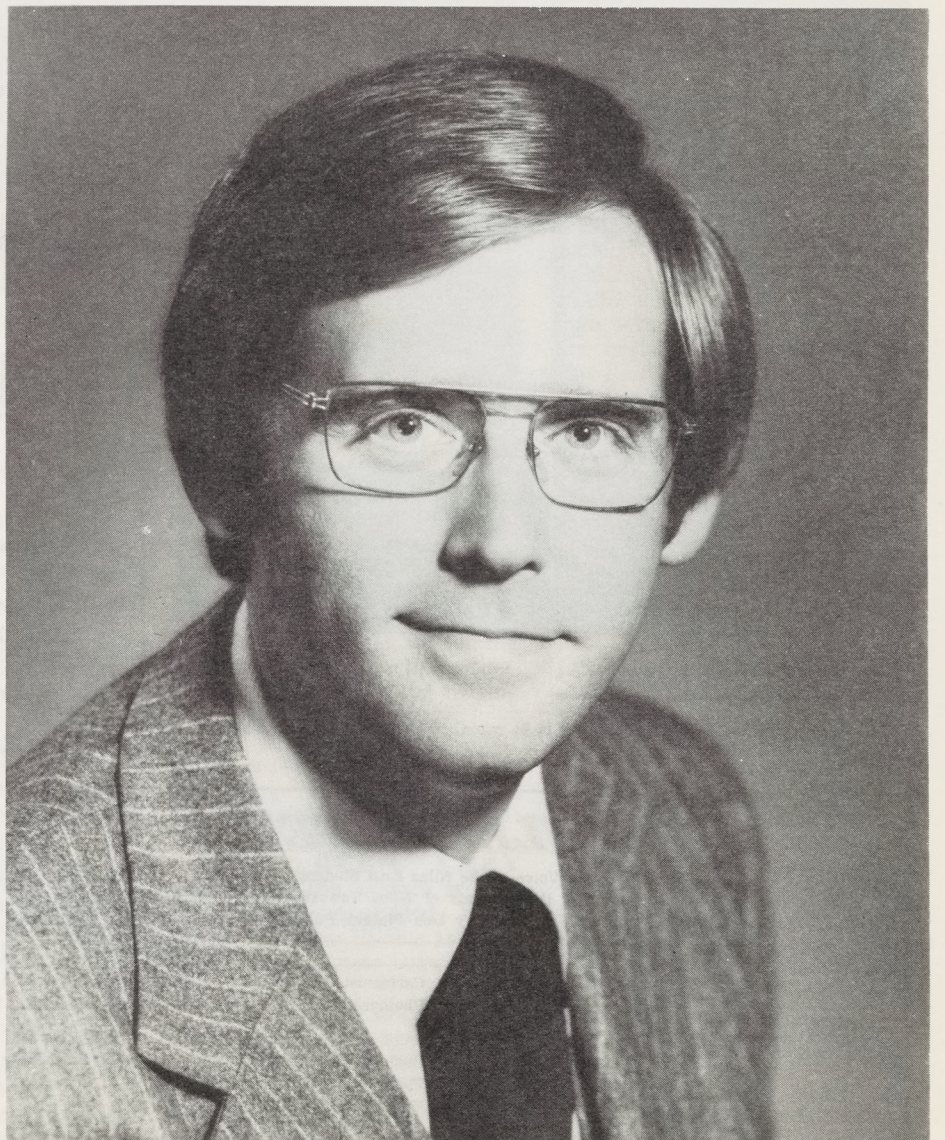
Pearlman has won 11 major awards from the Associated Press and United Press International, for excellence in

news reporting.

He graduated from Niles West in 1964 and attended Northern Illinois University. He was a member of the Skokie Fine Arts Commission.

He does reporting of news and features for the CBS radio network, and has worked as a disc jockey, television reporter, and weatherman.

He is married, has a 3½ year old son, and is a resident of Skokie.



Donn Pearlman of News radio 78 WBBM-AM.

## coming attractions

Jan. 20-21	Witness for the Prosecution	auditorium	8:00 p.m.
Jan. 21	last day for O.C.C. registration		
Jan. 21	boys basketball	Home	8:15 p.m.
Jan. 21	boys wrestling	Loyola	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 21	boys swimming	Glenbrook North	6:15 p.m.
Jan. 22	boys basketball	Home	9:30 a.m.
Jan. 22	boys wrestling	East Leyden	12:00 noon
Jan. 22	boys gymnastics	Glenbrook North	1:30 p.m.
Jan. 22	boys fencing	Gordon Tech	9:00 a.m.
Jan. 23	mid winter string orchestra concert	auditorium	3:00 p.m.
Jan. 24	Board of Education meeting		
Jan. 25	girls gymnastics	Waukegan East	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 25	girls volleyball		
Jan. 26-28	exams		
Jan. 26	boys swimming	Stevenson	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 27	boys wrestling	Home	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 27	boys fencing	New Trier West	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 28	boys basketball	Maine South	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 28	boys wrestling	Niles West	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 28	boys swimming	Home	6:15 p.m.
Jan. 28	boys gymnastics	Niles West	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 28	boys fencing	Home	4:00 p.m.
Jan. 28-29	girls volleyball	state meet	
Jan. 28	girls bowling	Home	4:00 p.m.
Jan. 29	last day for Monocep registration		
Jan. 29	boys basketball	Loyola	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 29	boys basketball	Maine South	9:30 a.m.
Jan. 29	boys fencing	Maine South	8:00 a.m.
Jan. 29	girls gymnastics	Glenbrook South	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 31	end of first semester		
Jan. 31	boys indoor track	Home	4:00 p.m.
Jan. 31	girls bowling	Home	4:00 p.m.
Feb. 5	boys indoor track	Home	9:30 a.m.
Feb. 5	girls bowling district meet		
Feb. 11-12	girls bowling state meet		

# Students help environment

One issue which affects almost everyone's lives is the environment. People have often been told to, "Don't Litter! Keep America Clean," but little has been mentioned about those advances to cure our environment.

Niles Township has a recycling center located at Niles West. The center is open on Saturday's, and accepts newspapers and magazines. The center also simplifies the responsibilities of environmental conscience Skokie residents by collecting papers and magazines bundled and left on

the curb before 9 a.m. on the fourth Sunday of each month. For more information, call 677-1114. The NILEHILITE is proud to add that we have contributed our extra back issues to the recycling center.

Another advancement toward a better environment is the pollution device on top of Niles East. This device is used as a pollution detector.

In addition, a noticeable amount of people have switched from aerosol cans to pump sprays, when it was discovered

that aerosols destroy the ozone layer, which gives protection from ultra-violet rays.

Pollution is caused greatly by large manufacturers, but organizations like CBE, citizens for a better environment, and CURE have made attempts to improve these situations.

Many other things can be done on an individual basis to help protect the environment. In fact, if every individual was environmental conscience the problem would be nearer to a solution.

### Guest Editorial

## Students litter East's cafeteria

Milk cartons on the floor, crushed paper cups that missed the garbage cans, uneaten food scattered across tables ... these items can be seen daily at Niles East's cafeteria.

This is the result of carelessness and sloppiness on the part of the students.

**MANY STUDENTS FIND** it easier to leave their used napkins, forks, plates, and other utensils on the table, rather than placing them in garbage cans. Some students play basketball with the waste cans, which usually results in a lot of garbage missing the cans.

The maintenance personnel of the cafeteria do a competent job cleaning the tables, but they cannot handle the steady flow of students in the cafeteria who are neglectful.

**IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY** of all Nilehi students

to assist cafeteria personnel in improving the appearance of the cafeteria. Afterall, it's everyone's responsibility to keep the environment clean, and the immediate atmosphere, including the student cafeteria is an ideal place to begin.

**Editor's Note:** The views expressed in this article are not necessarily those of the Editorial Staff. The Nilehilite welcomes rebuttals, and additional guest editorials, as well as letters to the Editor. Please place all submissions in Mrs. Panos' mailbox or room 154.

## History teacher grows different vegetables

By Danny Silver

"Why do I do it? It tastes better," said Karl DeJonge, social studies teacher.

**DEJONGE GROWS ALL OF HIS VEGETABLES:** about 27 different kinds in his back yard, and his neighbor lets him use his yard also.

DeJonge explained that the food is fresher and healthier when he raises it, than in grocery

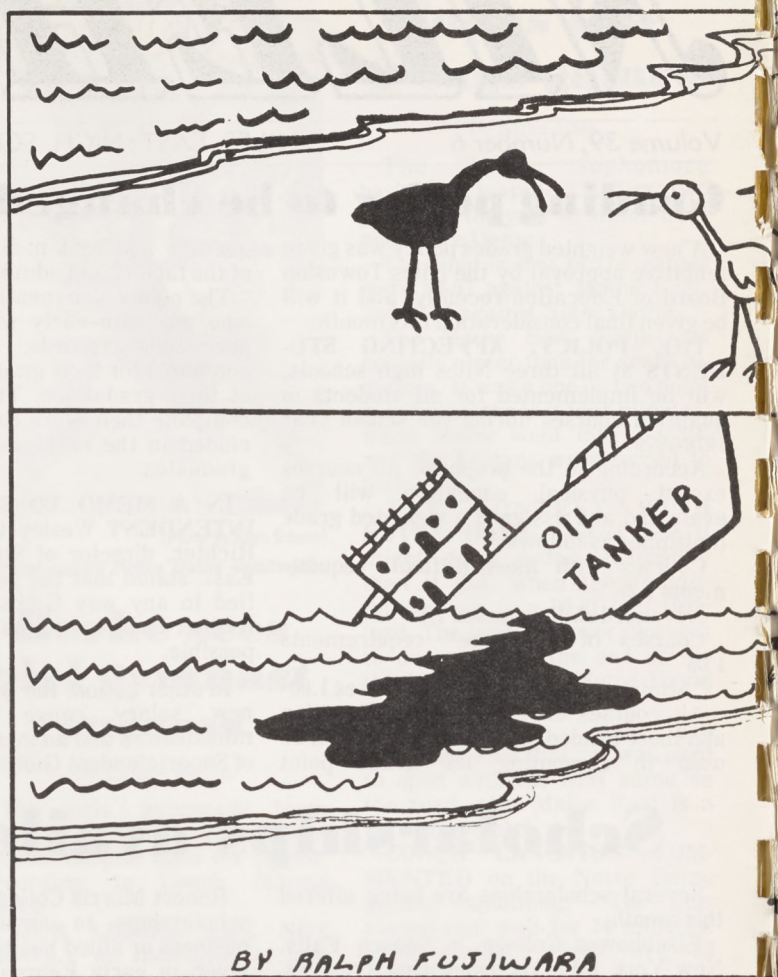
stores, but mainly it is because "I enjoy doing it."

Since DeJonge grows so many vegetables, he can't eat them all. Therefore, his children sometimes sell them in front of their house. His children get to keep some of the money and the rest goes toward financing his hobby. The family also cans the vegetables for the winter, and gives some of them to his friends.

Apparently, after totaling the cost of the whole project, it's a lot cheaper than buying the vegetables at the store, according to DeJonge.

**DEJONGE'S LARGEST PROBLEM** is the weather. "It can make the difference between a great crop and a bad one."

The most unusual vegetable that DeJonge grows is Chinese cabbage. However, Mr. DeJonge's most extraordinary dish, made from the vegetables, is his eggplant casserole.



BY RALPH FUJIWARA

## DeJonge and Welch

By C...

Everyday at noon, while most people are sitting down to lunch, Karl DeJonge and Bernard Welch are enjoying the flora of Emily Park, while watching for birds.

**BIRD WATCHING IS A HOBBY** shared by over 5,000,000 Americans, many of whom are members of The Audubon Society. John J. Audubon, born in 1785, was the pioneer ornithologist. He was an artist, and illustrated over 1000 birds in life size and color. In order to draw the birds, he had to kill many of them, but most bird watchers consider it a good cause, since a record of many species is now available.

DeJonge became interested in bird watching six or seven years ago. "I moved from a congested area, and I began to notice the birds," he explained. Sometimes he searches for birds alone, at other times with a small group, and occasionally in a large group. "The whole thrill is that you are with nature," commented

DeJonge. He added that the solitude, being away from noisy crowds, was appealing.

**WELCH HAS BEEN INVOLVED** in the hobby of bird watching, since he was a Boy Scout and studied birds for a merit badge. "I enjoyed hiking in the hills of West Virginia, since I was a toddler. I enjoy the outdoors, particularly plant and animal life," Welch added, "I like to hike and walk, and observe nature, particularly birds, their habits, songs, and colors. It's fascinating."

Welch is constantly observing birds. "I enjoy finding species that are new to me. We have a bird feeder in the backyard, and I look for birds while driving, to my wife's fright, particularly in the spring and fall, when birds are migrating," Welch explained.

**WHEN BIRD WATCHING THE NECESSARY TOOLS** include, a field guide to the birds, known by DeJonge as the "Bird



Flag was lowered . . .

The United States flag at half mast is in memory of Mayor Richard Daley.



BY RALPH FUJIWARA

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### END OF SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE

	JANUARY 26, 1977	JANUARY 27, 1977	JANUARY 28, 1977
8:00- 8:15 a.m.	Arrival	Arrival	Arrival
8:15- 9:30 a.m.	Period 1 Exams	Period 5 Exams	Period 9 Exams
9:30- 9:45 a.m.	Break	Break	Break
9:45-11:00 a.m.	Period 2-3 Exams	Period 6-7 Exams	Period 10-11 Exams
11:00-11:15 a.m.	Break	Break	Break
11:15-12:30 p.m.	Period 4 Exams	Period 8 Exams	Period 12 Exams
1:00 p.m.	Departure	Departure	Departure

## Environmental Protection Agency organizes various air pollution improvement programs

By Wendy Gerber

Before driving a car, creating a new industrial invention, or starting your furnace, realize the negative factors that effect the environment.

**HOWEVER, THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)** has planned programs to help overcome or improve pollution problems.

Every year more than 200 million tons of man-made waste products are released into the air. About half of this pollution is produced by transportation vehicles. Cars may be tested on a voluntary basis.

One out of every two people in the U.S. owns a car. In the urban areas, buses are nearly three times more efficient than a private automobile, according to the EPA. Air pollution con-

tributes to respiratory infections and chronic lung diseases. It may cause car accidents where visibility was reduced.

**THE EPA HAS ESTABLISHED STANDARDS** for vehicle manufacturers through 1978 under the Clean Air Amendments. The new cars must meet the requirements before they are sold. By controlling traffic through car pooling and placing bans on parking, pollution is reduced. To an extent, the act is trying to protect the public health and welfare from air pollution. Citizens, industries, and officials should all help to attain a lower level of pollution.

**MANY WATERS ARE ENDANGERED** by phosphates, oil from boats, and waste materials such as pesticides, fertilizers,

and hot water from factories, farms, and homes. This pollution prevents many fish and seabirds from surviving. The waste, which is disposed into the water, is expected to increase nearly four times during the next 50 years.

The Federal Water Pollution Control Act of 1972 specifically states goals. By July 1, 1983, they want to achieve water that can be used for recreational uses and yet protect fish and wildlife; and by 1985 to have no discharges of pollutants in the nation's waters.

**THE RESOURCE RECOVERY ACT OF 1970** is focused on recycling and reusing valuable waste materials such as cans, bottles, and newspapers. The Niles Township High Schools have in operation a recycling center at Niles West to help col-

lect and conserve materials.

Ozone, a colorless toxic gas, irritates air passages and creates damage and strain to the heart, lungs, and eyes. Ozone is caused mainly by industries, cars at rush hour, and accumulating air pollutants. During periods of high ozone levels, alerts are enacted to warn people to minimize all activities. Carbon monoxide is the main cause of pollution. Radiation, pesticides, and various chemicals also contribute to the problem. Monitoring and researching chemical contents continue in order to improve the environment.

An increasing problem, noise, continues to rise in urban areas due to industrial improvements such as the jet plane, motorcycles, and the jack-hammer. Workers in factories have lost their hearing because of noise. It also may affect psychological and physiological functions of man.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS HAVE** been held in order to evaluate health hazards, to determine the extent of the problem, and to plan programs.

The Skokie Health Department, a section of the Village Hall, at 8031 Floral Avenue has an Environmental Health Department which serves Skokie by doing sanitation inspections and conducting air pollution monitoring.

## PPT's

**THREE NEW ORGANIZATIONS** at East include Students for Easter Island Box No. 475960-283010, the Niles East Broadcasting club and Forums. English teacher Mrs. Jeanne Derichs sponsors Easter Island, Spanish teacher Steve Rosenzweig sponsors the Broadcasting club, and Mrs. Muriel Sucherman, Special Program Coordinator for East, directs Forums, while the Student Activities Board sponsors it.

**ALUMNI EUGENE GUERRERO '75 AND DAVID MAYER '75** were initiated into the Phi Eta Sigma High Scholastic Honor Society for freshmen at the University of Illinois-Circle Campus.

**THE SECOND SERIES OF REVIEW CLASSES** for the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) currently are open to high school juniors and seniors for registration at the One-to-One Learning Center, 9233 Ridge Road, Wilmette. For more information contact Jeanne Sollitt at 256-3400.

**THIRTY-FIVE THESPIANS** traveled to Normal for the Illinois State Theatre Festival. Jerry Proffit, East English teacher, was the director of the festival. More than 1500 students throughout the state participated in workshops, studio performances, and full length plays.

**FOURTEEN STUDENTS** of Miss Ellen Peirce's social studies class attended James Thompson's inauguration as governor in Springfield on January 9 and 10.

Due to poor weather conditions on Monday, they missed the inauguration, but they arrived in time to meet Thompson, and have their pictures taken with him. In addition, they saw the legislature, gallery, Lincoln's tomb, and the Governor's mansion.

**AUDITIONS** for the spring musical, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" will be held February 1, 2, and 3. Dance and music clinics are January 27. See drama board for more information.



## Club improves atmosphere

By Phil Rappoport

"Our club works to improve the surroundings in which we

live," said Lori Piper '78 concerning the Environmental Club.

Lori, social studies teacher Karl DeJonge, and about ten students were responsible for many of the group's activities this year. They helped plant the courtyard's trees, volunteered at the Niles Township Reclamation Center, and have placed boxes in hallways, resource centers, and offices in order to take wasted ditto sheets and other papers to the Reclamation Center.

"Students can help by having papers and bottles recycled, and simply not polluting," explained

Lori.

**THE ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB'S FUTURE PLANS** include an organic garden behind the outdoor track, more flowers, trees, and benches for the courtyard, and to continue telling local businesses to clean up garbage in their area or appropriate action would be taken. The club will possibly set up a nutrition campaign in the cafeteria, urging for more healthful foods.

The club meets every Tuesday in Room 222 at 3 p.m.

## Enjoy bird watching

By Crason

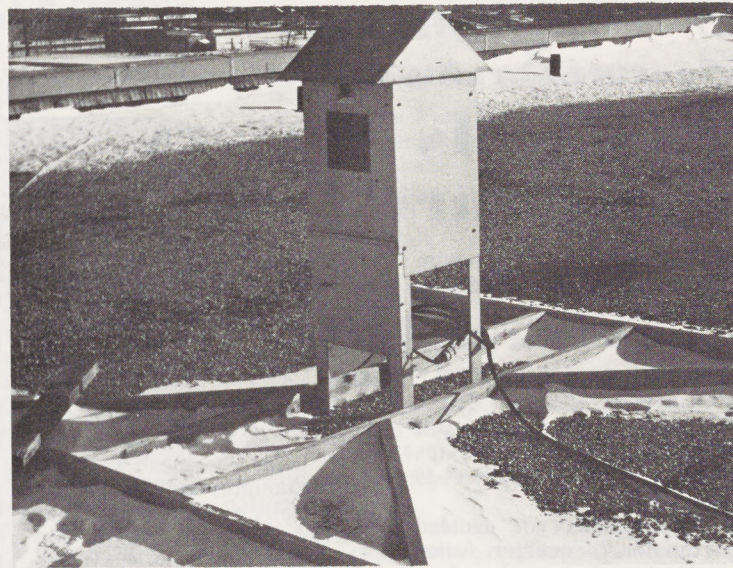
the "Bible," which includes descriptions and illustrations of birds commonly found in a given area of the United States, and a list of binoculars. DeJonge explained that it is often necessary to have two people in order to see on the correct identification of a bird, since many birds are similar. Birds are distinguished most often by color; however, in winter new born birds are not in color. Also, winter is a greater challenge because many, but not

all birds, migrate to the south.

**DEJONGE HAS AN IMPRESSIVE LIST** of 200 birds, which he spotted and identified, but he met one man, whose list included more than 496 different birds. The Audubon Society has a 500 club, but very few members attain this status. Some of the birds on DeJonge's list are accidents, including a wild parakeet, a white parrot (probably a pet), a large parrot, and imagine, a flock of 300 wild parakeets!

## Device controls air

By Wendy Gerber



(Photo by Alan Cohn)

Pollution is controlled by a device located on the roof.

To achieve clean air and a healthier atmosphere, environmental controls must be applied to reduce the hazards of pollution.

Located on the roofs of East and the Evanston Golf Club is a device which collects particles of air. The system, which measures air pollution and the purity of air, was started by the Federal Air Pollution Program in order to compare cities in the U.S. at a National level.

**THE DEVICE SERVES AS** part of an air purity program in the country. It checks areas in order to pin point the highly industrial locations, according to Ken Schenk, Health Director for the village.

**AN AIR PUMP PUSHES** samples of air through filter paper and each month the paper is measured, weighed, and analyzed. If the amount exceeds the standards, the neighboring

industries must control their production to reduce pollution.

High sulfur, fuel, coal, incinerators, and smog from Gary, Indiana, can raise the level of pollution. In winter the problem is worse due to heating, but during April and the raining seasons the purity improves.

Two years ago the 24-hour device was moved to East from the Village Hall, to provide a better height and a location that could easily be reached.

**"IT'S BEEN VERY GOOD,** and the system is constantly being up-graded. All of the results from Illinois are then compared at a state-wide level," said Schenk.

"Skokie is very low as far as air pollution is concerned. We stand very well in reference to the state. Skokie is far below the national requirements of those sampled; only two cities (Carbondale and Winnetka) are better," stated Schenk.

### Birds found in Emily Park (located south of Oakton Park)

- |                             |                             |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Song Sparrows            | 24. Tree Sparrows           |
| 2. Juncos                   | 25. Kill Deers              |
| 3. Sparrow Hawks - Kestrels | 26. Brown Creepers          |
| 4. Robins                   | 27. Ruby Crown Kinglets     |
| 5. Crows                    | 28. Blue Winged Teal        |
| 6. Cracklers                | 29. Wood Cocks - Snipes     |
| 7. Starlings                | 30. Field Sparrows          |
| 8. Cardinals                | 31. Pied Billed Grebes      |
| 9. Mallards                 | 32. Myrtle Warblers         |
| 10. Cedar Wax Wings         | 33. Ruby Crowned Kinglets   |
| 11. Mourning Doves          | 34. Canadian Geese          |
| 12. Catbirds                | 35. Touhees                 |
| 13. Meadow Larks            | 36. Swamp Sparrows          |
| 14. American Coots          | 37. Least Sandpipers        |
| 15. Kinglets - Golden Crown | 38. Chipping Sparrows       |
| 16. Red Wing Black Birds    | 39. Black Throated Warblers |
| 17. Blue Birds              | 40. Rose Breasted Grosbeaks |
| 18. Red Headed Woodpeckers  | 41. Pine Siskins            |
| 19. Green Herons            | 42. Wood Ducks              |
| 20. Belted King Fishers     | 43. Palm Warblers           |
| 21. Black Capped Chika-Dees |                             |
| 22. Flickers                |                             |
| 23. Downy Wood Peckers      |                             |

This list only includes those birds found in Emily Park.



(Photo by Alan Cohn)

Karl DeJonge and Bernard Welch look for birds at Emily Park.

## East wrestlers extend undefeated streak

By Mike Bass

While winning has become very rare for many Niles East sports, the Trojan wrestlers have become the exception to that rule.

The varsity wrestlers have yet to lose this year, and boast a 10-0 record. On all four levels, (freshmen, soph, varsity, and j.v.), there is a combined 33-2 mark, for the grapplers.

"IT LOOKS LIKE WE WILL WIN the conference title on all four levels," commented Coach Fred Richardi. "Not only are we in good shape on the varsity level, but we're in excellent shape on the lower levels also."

Coach Richardi feels, "There is so much talent here in wrestling, that it's unbelievable. Niles East seems to be a haven for wrestlers."

According to Richardi, the wrestlers win because "We have 14 good seniors on our team. The other sports here (at East) are unable to keep their good seniors."

"We are a well-rounded team," added Richardi, "We have no exceptional individuals, but we have no unexceptional individuals. All of our wrestlers are above average."

**RICHARDI ALSO CREDITS** the lower level coaches for the wrestling success at East. "The underlevel coaches do quite a job," clarified the coach. The names of those coaches are Al Poznansky, Steve Poznansky,

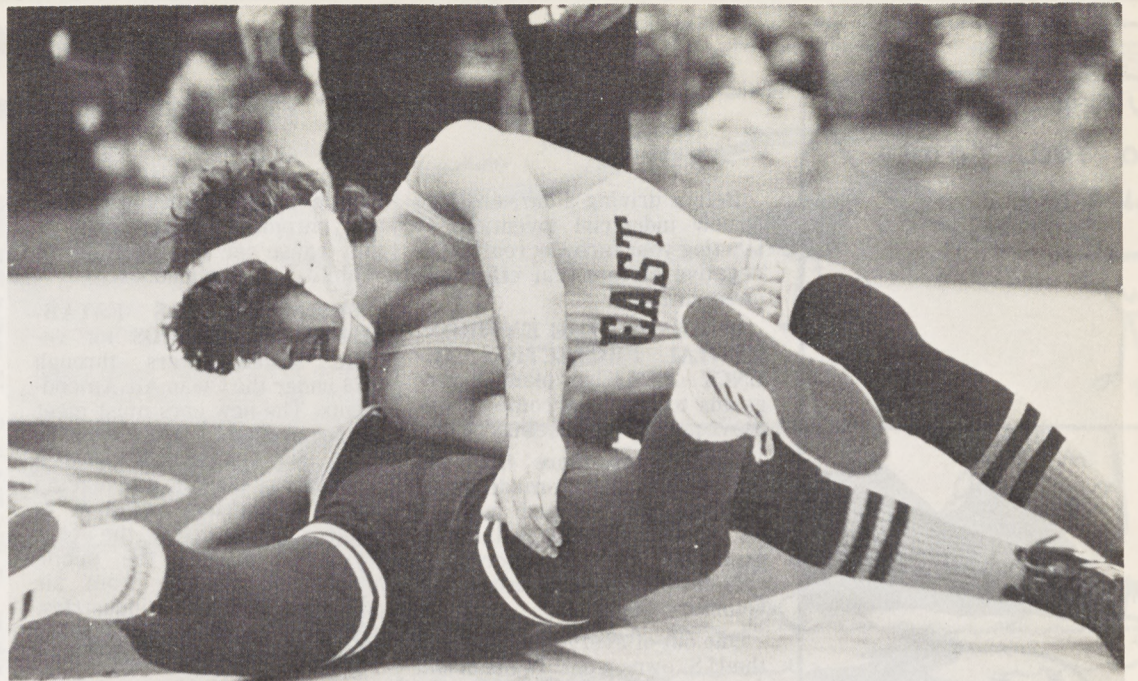
and Karlo Hartunian.

Some of the better seniors on the team are Mark Sonshine, Daryl Ullberg, Steve Edidin, and Keith Potts. In fact, between Sonshine and Ullberg, there is a combined total of three losses.

**OTHERS WHO HAVE WRESTLED WELL** according to Richardi, are juniors Rick Yale, Chuck Purcell, and John Boigh; and sophomores Dave Polin and Victor Suarez. Even Bill Stein, a freshman, is predicted by Richardi to win a conference championship this year.

**IN SIX TOURNAMENTS**, this season, the wrestlers have won six trophies. Coach Richardi predicts another six or seven trophies before the year is out.

The next action for Niles East will be on January 22, when they face East Leyden, the number one ranked team in the state, at Proviso East.



Mark Sonshine '77 displays winning wrestling form.

(Photo by Steve Suslick)

## Three female athletes deserve praise

By Judy Lee

Three outstanding athletes will be graduating this year. Their achievements are numerous, but they have had little recognition. They are seniors Karen Behr, Jamie Borkovitz, and Elaine Masover.

These three girls have participated in the sports program at Niles East since their freshman year. Having been friends

for many years, they have long had a joint interest in athletics. After completing high school, all plan to attend college, where they also hope to compete on an interscholastic level.

**KAREN BEHR** has an extensive athletic background, quite deserving of recognition. She played on the varsity volleyball team for four years and on

the varsity tennis team for three. Two of those three years, she was chosen captain. By the end of this year, she will have also played on the varsity basketball and track teams for four years. In her three previous years on the basketball team, Karen was chosen Most Valuable Player three times and captain twice. Her highest season total is 202

points. On the track team, Karen is a shotputter. Last year, she competed in the state meet. Her best personal record is 36 feet.

**JAMIE BORKOVITZ** also has an impressive record. Although she doesn't participate in a fall sport, she spends this time conditioning for the volleyball team, on which she has played varsity for three years. During her freshman and sophomore years, she played on the varsity basketball team, but switched to badminton in her junior year. Jamie is probably best known for her track record. She has been on the team since her freshman year. Her specialty is throwing the discus. She placed first in the league during her sophomore and junior years, and placed eighth in state when she competed last year.

**ELAINE MASOVER** is a quiet person, but her determination and hard work have proven her to be an asset to every team she's played on. She spends the fall working out for volleyball. She has played on varsity for three years and is probably the most consistent player on the team. She has also played on the varsity basketball team for four years, and on the varsity softball team for three. Her sophomore year she was chosen MVP of the softball team. Besides being a strong athlete, Elaine has also been able to maintain a 3.7 grade point average.

Although these girls enjoy the various sports they participate in, they have found that each one requires a lot of hard work. Their accomplishments are worthy of the recognition girls athletics seldom receives.

## Trojan gymnastic team defeats Hersey

By Mike Bass

The boys' gymnastics team earned a .500 weekend by defeating Hersey on January 6, after losing the previous day to Niles North.

East lost to North by a score of 126.99-123.68, but beat Hersey 126.26-125.04.

The loss to conference rival Niles North was the first of the

season for the Trojans in any meet this year. The gymnast's record now stands at 4-1 overall, and 2-1 in conference.

"THE NILES NORTH meet could have been won (by us) if it wasn't for little problems we had on the parallel bars," com-

mented Coach Thomas Sokalski. "Although, with a little more effort in the other events, we still could have won."

"It is difficult to blame an individual or a single event for a loss," added Sokalski, "if each of the other events had increased

by .5 point, we would have won."

Coach Sokalski was quick to point out individual standouts on the team during the two meets. He praised Brian Austin's 8.6 on the rings against Niles North, Steve Borkan's 8.25 on the trampoline against Hersey, and Chris Besser's 8.15 in the free exercise vs. North.

"All-around performances by Chris Besser and Bill Saputo have hovered around the 6.0 mark," stated Sokalski as being another plus.

"THE RING TEAM has been our most formidable event," exclaimed the Coach. "They had a 23.1 total vs. North." Members of the ring team are Brian Austin, Jeff Moll, and Ron Winert.

The varsity gymnasts are now in second place in the conference.

East's sophomore and freshmen team have also been active. The sophs have a 2-3 record, while the frosh stand at 3-2.

The team has been under much pressure this year. Coach Whyman feels this is because the girls have to keep up the reputation they have earned in past years.

Niles East hosted an eighty girl invitational on December 13. First place doubles went to Vivian Maniates and Lisa Frank. Third place doubles were awarded to Carolyn Ohlwein and Val Scheimpflug. Lisa Frank had the second highest individual series with a 514.

The girls with high averages in meets are Vivian Maniates, 153; Lisa Frank, 152; and Cindy Kozoures with a 151.

The girls' gymnastics team finished last at the quadraschool meet on January 7, between Niles East, Maine South, Libertyville, and New Trier East.

The team, whose season record now stands at 0-8, scored 63.55 points, compared to Maine South's winning total of 80.05.

**ONE OF THE MAJOR REASONS** for the loss was a weakness on the vault and uneven bars. Another was the absence of Coach Marcia Berke for a week prior to the meet.

High scoring competitors for East were Jane Nisbitt on the beam, with a 6.1, and Cathy Leaven on floor exercise with a 6.8.

### Sports Shorts

## Maine South foils fencers even team record, 3-3

The varsity fencing team's record is 3-3 after a 12-6 loss at Maine South on Jan. 4.

Coach Gralewski is very optimistic about the fencing team. "We have a very young team comprised of six players with only one senior. This is the first year of varsity competition for many of the fencers. Juniors Chuck Heftman and Steve Kessler have the best records. Freshmen Mike Winans has been a big surprise."

When asked about the fine art of fencing, Gralewski replied, "Footwork, timing, a good mind, and most of all confidence are the ingredients needed to win. Fencing is a lot like wrestling because you have to make the right move at the right time. Strong arms and legs are a must."

Gralewski feels the fencers should continue improving steadily as the season progresses.

The varsity basketball team played Glenbrook North on January 7. They were seeking their second conference victory, but they lost 53-77.

The Easthi Trojans were down by 12 at the end of the first quarter, and were never able to pull closer than eight points. That occurred near the end of the second quarter.

The scoring for Niles East was led by Robert Rubenstein, who had 14 points. He was followed by Jeff Frankel with 13, and Marc Bercoon with 10.

This loss left the Trojans with a 1-4 conference record, and a 3-9 overall record.

"IT WAS VERY SWEET," commented Niles East sophomore basketball coach, Bill Langston, after his Trojans defeated Glenbrook North 44-40 on January 7.

The game was not decided until the fourth quarter, when Niles East sank some key free throws in the last minute to put the game away.

Tad Slowik was the top scorer for Niles East with 19 points. He was followed by Alan Andrea with 13 points.

The Trojans came into the game at less than full strength, with sixth man Robert Fisch out recovering from the stomach flu. His role was taken by Jim Krysl, who came off the bench to help spark the Trojan's victory.

Langston was impressed by the bench play of Duane Zawistowski. "He is starting to develop," stated the coach. "Look for things to come from him."

The Interscholastic Girls Bowling Team will host its last duel meet on January 28 at Oakton Bowl.

**ACCORDING TO DEE WHYMAN**, coach of the girls bowling team, the spirit of the girls is one of competitiveness and excitement.

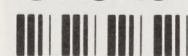
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