

# Niles East Proposes Pass-Fail Grading

AS AN INDIRECT result of the continuously increasing emphasis society has placed on updating the school system, September, 1969, may bring the adoption of the first school-wide pass-fail grading at East.

Under pass-fail grading no distinction is made for the level on which a student passes a course. Instead of four possible passing

grades there would be only one. The proposal now being discussed would allow a student to take any course for pass-fail. The major restriction on this proposal states that a student may take only one-fourth of his classes for pass-fail.

To increase the number of pass-fail courses one could take, any student would be able to take five majors. No student would be al-

lowed to carry more than two pass-fail courses per semester. Grade-point averages will still be recorded.

Discussion began on pass-fail through several school channels. Earlier this year, the Student Council Curriculum Committee, headed by Norm Silber, '69, discussed the possibilities of pass-fail grading with Assistant Super-

intendent John Bristol and Principal Arthur Colver.

Norm feels that pass-fail won't drastically change classes. Basically he feels, "You learn a different way in a pass-fail course."

Due to student and administrative interest, a meeting was held Tuesday, January 8, to discuss pass-fail grading. The meeting was to acquaint the department heads with the proposal. According to Mr. Colver, the response was "favorable."

Next the department heads will discuss the proposal with their teaching staffs. Among departmental heads the views were varied.

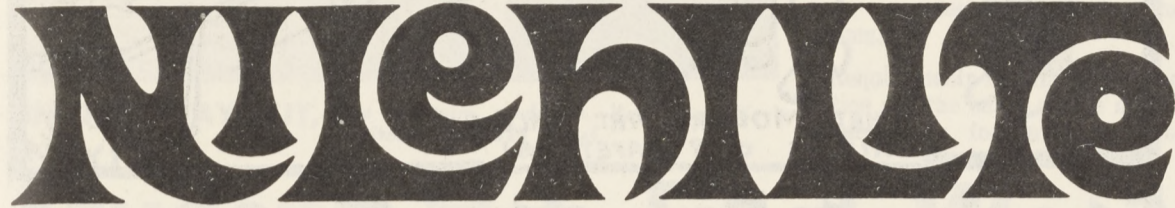
Mr. Kivilouma, head of the math department, recommended the adoption of pass-fail grading

on an experimental basis. "This would give time to determine the reactions of students and teachers," Mr. Kivilouma stated.

Mr. Burgener, head of the science department, was less enthusiastic about the proposal. "I am open-minded about pass-fail," he stated, "but at this point I suspect that it will amount to trading one set of problems for another."

Mr. Golata, head of the English department, indicated that his department responded favorably to the proposal. "One of the advantages of such a procedure would be lessening of anxiety on the part of students who are now forced to compete with one another for grades."

Mr. Colver is one of the school's (Continued on Page 2)



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## Greek Tragedy 'Antigone' Presents Interpretation of 'Timeless' Themes

DISSENTION and revolution, kids versus parents, students against administration — such relevant topics of today compose the basic theme in the Greek tragedy "Antigone" to be presented tonight and tomorrow night in the auditorium at 8 p.m.

"Although the play was written thousands of years ago, we wish to project a timeless effect," noted Mr. Jerry Proffit, drama director.

"In fact, the male costumes are quite contemporary, just ordinary suits. One actor even wears a tuxedo."

### No Scenery Changes

The scenery will remain the same throughout the play. But, by changing the intensity and color of the lights, different moods will be suggested.

"Antigone" tells of Creon, the King of Thebes, who issued a law stating that Polynices could not be buried, because of Polynices' intent to conquer Thebes. Antigone, Polynices' sister, disobeys the King and buries her brother. "But, this is only the superficial story," Mr. Proffit said. "There is a conflict, here, between generations. The conflict surrounds a young girl's search for an ideal, pure life."

### Explains Play's Relevance

"This generation gap is a strug-

gle of the young mind against the establishment," Mr. Proffit went on to say. "The administration is an establishment, and the young mind represents those students who are seeking something better. Student conflicts and the Chicago riots are present day examples of this timeless theme."

The minor characters of the play represent corruption, as Antigone comes in contact with them, she confirms her opinions of the cruel, evil world. "By hanging herself, Antigone is rejecting this world with all its corruption," Mr. Proffit added. "She is saying 'NO' to this life."

### Antigone Cast

Antigone .....	Cheryl Pallas
Creon .....	Jonathon Rest
Chorus .....	Stuart Oken
Nurse .....	Cindy Ellis
Ismene .....	Janice Kanro
Haemon .....	Steve Melamed
First Guard .....	Eric Pallas
Second Guard .....	Doug Hoffman
Third Guard .....	Steve Schneider
Messenger .....	Leon Natker
Page .....	Stephen Berenson
Eurydice .....	Carol Nigut



**STEPHEN BERENSON, '71** playing a page, consoles Antigone (Cheryl Pallas, '72) over the death of her brother Polynices.



"ANTIGONE" PLAYERS rehearse a scene from the weekend production.

## Student Supervisors Improve Cafeteria's 'Sticky' Situation

SINCE THE adoption of student supervisors in the cafeteria, Niles' general attitude has begun to change.

Instead of just tolerating the lunchroom, students are trying to help the situation, stated Supervisor Mary Hook, '69, in a recent interview concerning the effects of Student Council's cafeteria proposal.

The idea for the student supervised cafeteria was initiated by Principal Arthur Colver. Student Council then organized the project. Mike Ross, '70, chairman of the committee, agreed, "We felt our school shouldn't have 'babysitters.' The students are responsible for their own maintenance." Mike noticed an improvement in the cafeteria. The lunch line is more organized, and the tables

are generally kept cleaner, he felt.

MANY SUPERVISORS noted that the general reaction to the students was favorable. The supervisors, who are supposed to be inconspicuous, said students don't seem to resent having peer supervision as much as they resented the lay supervision. The new program gives students more responsibility. They accept and appreciate this. The cafeteria staff also said they can clean the lunchroom in only 20 minutes instead of the usual 60.

Gradually the supervisors will be given less jobs and less responsibilities. Next year Council hopes to start with no supervision from either students or laymen.

## Students to Pursue D.I.S.

DIRECTED Independent Study, a program being initiated next semester at Niles, will allow all juniors and seniors to pursue an individual course of study and receive credit for their work.

Recently approved by the Board of Education, the study "involves choosing a problem or topic which has particular meaning for the

## Club Donates Blood Pump

A WRINGER-TYPE washer may now save many lives, thanks to the Denise Jill Cohen Memorial Foundation and a doctor in Cleveland.

A few Niles East students had heard of this man's work in converting a washing machine into a diolysis machine, used to treat kidney patients. They told him about their idea, and the doctor was willing to cooperate.

That was last summer. Now the machine is serving in Cook County Hospital, along with a \$650 blood pump that was donated by the DJMF last week. The diolysis and blood pump are the outcome of numerous fund raising projects, which include a theater Party at the Golf Mill Theater, a program at the "It's Here" Coffee House, and most recently, a button-selling drive at East.

individual and following it to a point where it satisfies his curiosity or need at the time."

### Purpose Clarified

Although students may substitute independent study for a major course, the program is not intended to circumvent regular class work. Rather, its purpose is "to provide opportunity for students to study an established subject in greater depth or to study in an area not presently included in the curriculum."

Students wishing to participate in the program must first prepare a proposal for their intended project. Assistant Principal David Bonnette explained this proposal should be a concise statement with clearly defined goals. One purpose of the paper is to evaluate the completed study.

### Students To Submit Proposal

This proposal, containing an "appropriate description of the study," should then be submitted to a teacher-advisor who will supervise and guide the student in his project.

The course is to be graded on a pass-fail basis, and credit for each study will be granted following an individual evaluation. However, only two credits of the 32 needed for graduation can be earned

through Directed Independent Study.

Mr. Bonnette added that seriously interested students can obtain further details in the main office.

## Axe Lowered on Student Council; Government Policies Considered

NILES EAST Student Council voted Wednesday not to have elections for representatives and officers next year, announced Student Council Representative Norm

Silber, '69. In effect, Student Council has abolished itself as it now exists.

Council hopes that by presenting this proposal, it will lead the way

for a more effective form of student government. Norm noted that the committee headed by Senior Morrie Gertz has been doing work on student government. Several forms for a new government are being considered at the present time.

Norm cited, as far as designing provisions for a new means of student government, "Student Council sessions have been for the most part, a waste of time."

"My proposal was established for two reasons," Norm continued. "By confronting students with the prospect of no government next fall, we hope to push them into organizing a more effective and meaningful student government. Secondly, by starting from scratch, this will help make sure that the members don't vote against new proposals that would lessen their chances for re-election. If the students don't accept the responsibility of securing an effective government, then there will be nothing next year."

## Project Wingspread To Open Pathways for Urban Studies

APPLICATIONS for Project Wingspread are now available to juniors in the main office.

During second semester, two groups of one-half Austin High School students and one-half Niles High School students will study Urban Studies for nine weeks at Niles North and nine weeks at Austin.

Courses offered in the program are the regular subjects, such as science, math, and business education, in the morning, and Urban Studies, a combined English-social studies program, in the afternoon. The course counts as one English and one American history

credit. ONE HUNDRED students, 50 from Niles and 50 from Austin, will participate in Project Wingspread, which begins February 3 and ends June 13.

The Niles students will receive a pass-fail grade dependent upon their attendance and participation, and grades will be transferred to each student's "home" school.

Juniors with good attendance who are capable of doing the work in their other classes are acceptable for the program. Students not meeting these requirements can be admitted on a probationary basis.



Forum

# Plan Gives Impetus

WHILE THE student supervised cafeteria arrangement provides many marked advantages over an adult-patrolled lunchroom, it is unfortunate that there has to be any supervision at all. There are many remaining problems in the cafeteria which must be solved by this new arrangement for supervision.

Previously, under adult-patrolled conditions, there existed in the lunchroom filthy and messy tables together with occasional outbreaks of fighting and vandalism, none of which could effectively be controlled. Under the new student plan, this situation has yet to improve, although the NILEHILITE readily admits that it is much to early to evaluate the successes and failures of this arrangement. However, despite the degree of seriousness of these problems, they are not the fault of any student or adult supervisors. These conditions, unfortunately, have been brought forth by an irresponsible, inconsiderate attitude of a substantial portion of the student body. Most of these students are not vandals; rather they have failed to clean up their mess at the lunch table and therefore have neglected to do their part in improving conditions in the cafeteria.

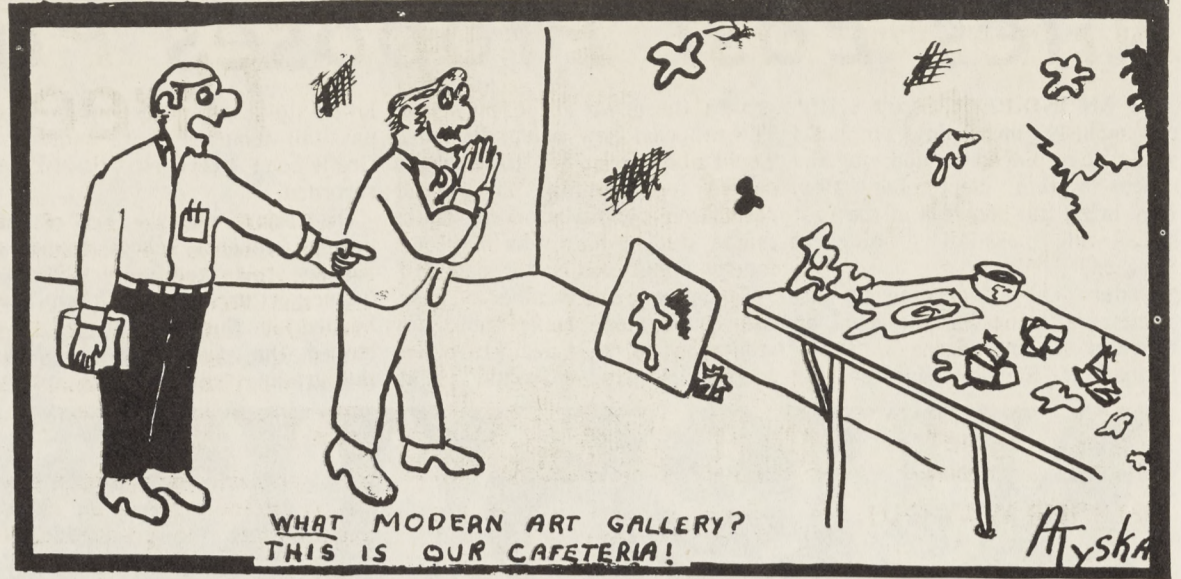
A small force of students cannot be expected to regulate the actions of these inconsiderate students unless they have their cooperation, together with the help of many other members of the student body who do not bear the designation "student supervisor." As mentioned earlier, it is unfortunate there has to be any supervision; with the cooperation of the rest of the student body and the student council supervisors, an un-supervised cafeteria can be a reality of the near future.

THERE ARE, however, a number of problems which still exist. The first of these is a similar situation in the student lounge. The NILEHILITE wonders if there will have to be "supervisors" there, too, or can the students handle the situation in the lounge in the same way the NILEHILITE hopes it can control problems in the lunchroom.

Another area of difficulty was created indirectly by the institution of the supervision plan. Since the school has a contractual agreement with the lay supervisors in the cafeteria, it would be impractical and unfair to these supervisors to release them in the middle of the year. Therefore, these people were reassigned to patrol the hallways. However, the NILEHILITE has received numerous complaints from its readers to the effect that these supervisors were "taunting" and "harassing" them when the circumstances did not warrant such treatment. As previously mentioned, the NILEHILITE does not feel that these people should be released from employment, but they should not be employed so as to make matters difficult for Niles students. Supervising East's study halls, seminars, and recreational areas could be useful jobs for these people.

READERS HAVE also stated numerous complaints about the unsanitary conditions of the food served in the lunchroom. This is a serious charge, however, and the NILEHILITE has not been able to examine the facts surrounding it. This is an area that might well be investigated.

Finally, however, a word should be said in defense of the new supervision proposal. It was entirely student conceived and it was the work of the students through their elected representatives. As noted earlier, there was no significant difference in cafeteria conditions under adult and student supervision, but perhaps the satisfaction of getting this proposal enacted and the many challenges created by it may serve as an impetus for the students to cooperate with their supervisors and achieve decent conditions in their cafeteria.



# Student-Faculty Group Hears Government Plans

"THE STUDENT-Faculty-Cooperative Committee was established to serve as a forum for the expression of ideas and opinion on subjects and problems which committee members feel need attention," explained Mr. David Bonnette, co-chairman of the committee.

The committee consists of 16 members, four representing the administration, four from the faculty, and eight student representatives. Rona Bass, '70, is the committee's other co-chairman. Meetings are open to all students, and Mr. Bonnette stressed that "participation from people who are not committee members is encouraged."

Mr. Bonnette explained that the committee takes up matters which it feels are of common concern to students and teachers. "After complete discussion," he stated, "the committee draws up a proposal and votes on it. This decision is submitted to the administration for its consideration, where Mr. Colver has indicated that it would prove extremely difficult for him to deny any request or proposal adopted by the committee."

The initial meetings of this year dealt with the nature of the Niles East dress code. Although no specific change was recommended by the committee, Mr. Bonnette felt that as a result of the discussion, "all three factions of the school, namely faculty, administration, and students, obtained a better understanding of the dress code."

HOWEVER, THE bulk of the committee's attention has been devoted to the problem of providing effective student government. A number of proposals were submitted to the committee for its consideration. The first was proposed by Mr. Hayward Wood, student council advisor, who suggested that there be a "student congress," which would give students more direct representation. Their votes in "legislative sessions" in homeroom would obligate their representative to bring desired topics up in the congress for discussion. The Wood proposal also provided the specific steps to be taken once a proposal is approved by the homeroom, but at the same time established certain "appeal routes" that could also be taken.

Another proposal was introduced by Jan Bishaf, '69, which required student representatives to vote proportionally to the desires of the entire student body. The only purpose of meetings would be to work

out the details of proposals voted on by the students. Finally, the open forum concept was put forth to the committee by Senior Mark Gordon, whose report also included recommendations on curriculum, suspension, and student parking. Mark's committee was the one that presented their report and requests to parents in November.

The committee recently set up a subcommittee to specifically study the question of student government and provide the full committee with a proposal to discuss and act upon. This subcommittee, headed by Junior Beth Goodman, was instructed to "make sure it obtains the opinion of every student at Niles East regarding student government."

ACCORDING to the committee co-chairman, items to be discussed at future meetings include conditions in the student cafeteria and lounge, narcotics, assembly conduct, the school day schedule, student activism, and pep assembly study halls.

## Letters to the Editor

### PTA President Desires Unity

Dear Editor:

It gives me a deep feeling of pride to write to you at this time of the year.

Between teachers and parents, there is no essential conflict of opinion. Both want what is best for the education of our youth.

At the meeting of parents, students, faculty, and administration in November, I had the opportunity of listening to many of your problems, as we parents were asked to come and participate in a panel discussion concerning all vital issues. Many high school students worry about their education as much as their parents and teachers do. Your administration is doing everything in its power to help you. We were proud of the way parents, students, and administrators exchanged ideas. Niles East High School will be known as having a civilized approach to ironing out student difficulties during a period when every other place of higher education has acted with rash and violent acts.

Communication with cooperation is the keynote. Let us make our common concern coalesce into the shape of making a good thing better.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Esther Berzon  
President, Niles East PTA

Dear Editor:

Upon the advice of my friends and colleagues I find it necessary to speak up for the students of Niles East. I am a quiet person who does not often make a fuss, but under these circumstances, I find I must make a gesture of impatience.

On Thursday, December 12, as I

was eating my lunch I found among certain folds of lettuce, a cockroach. I immediately proceeded to get my money back and was greeted with "Oh! There she is!!!" This in itself would not have been enough to raise my anger, but, unfortunately many of my friends have had similar experiences. One of these was a student who had a fly in a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. Since that time I have not been eating in the cafeteria.

For the sake of a hungry student, would you please look into the matter of cleaning up the cafeteria!

Connie Porter '69  
Ed. note: See editorial on this page

# Pass-Fail Plan Debated

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most enthusiastic supporters of the proposal. "Pass-fail grading gives a student a great advantage to explore areas in which he isn't going to specialize," Mr. Colver stated.

Despite overall support, the proposal has raised certain problems. "As a teacher the one problem I can visualize is that of motivating some students, when the stimulus of grades is no longer a factor," Mr. Golata stated. Pass-fail grading will demand improved teaching methods to hold class attention without grade pressure. Mr. Colver is concerned that all students may not be mature enough to handle the responsibility.

If Mr. Colver is worried about "lowering of standards," he is not alone. Several students stated, as did Tom Ryan, '69, that the perfection of work may decrease.

Though possible problems were recognized, the students consistently supported the proposal. Laurie Brodsky, '70, stated "the student will no longer work just for a grade; pressure will be relieved."

A similar response was made by Michele Wallke, '71, "I think it

would give students a chance to enjoy classes," she stated.

The grade pressure of school was the most often mentioned idea. "I think the pass-fail grading system would be very helpful to those students who do not live up to the standards set for them by their parents," Reid Goldstein

'70, stated.

"It takes off some of the burden that the student faces in his everyday routine," Rich Berman '69, said.

Now that the proposal has been made, student, faculty and parental reactions will decide any further action.

## Textbook Policies Outlined For Mid-year Class Changes

TEXTBOOK RETURN and distribution will take place in room 318 beginning next Monday, January 20, according to assistant principal Marvin Ihne.

Students who have textbooks which are no longer needed should return them now, explained Mr. Ihne, while those who may wish to use their books for study should return them immediately after their final exam.

ROOM 318 will be open from 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. from January 20 to January 24. Students entering new courses the second semester should secure their new texts at the same time they return their unneeded texts, although most students will use most of the same textbooks the second semester.

As a public service announcement for those who have not heard the morning bulletin, the final exam bus schedule is as follows: there will be regular morning pick-ups with return buses commencing 10 minutes after the end of each exam period. Those whose exams begin after 8 a.m. are out of luck. There will be no activity buses because the only activity to be done will be one done at home — sleeping.

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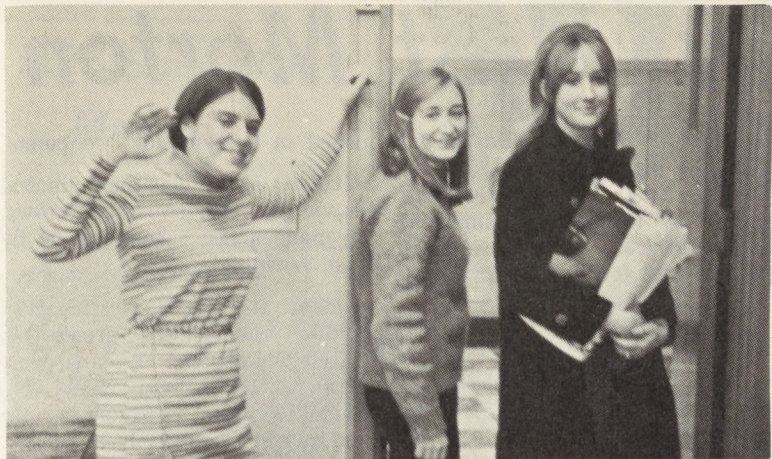
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ON THEIR WAY OUT, are mid-term graduates, Val Ward, Kevin Kreitman, and Jan Bishaf.

# Three Graduate Early

by Merle Shapera

"WE GOT TO get out of this place" expresses the sentiments of Seniors Kevin Kreitman, Janis Bishaf, and Valerie Ward, as they spend their last days at Niles East. The three girls will be leaving the school on Thursday, January 23, upon completion of their final exams.

though mid-term graduates need not take an 8th semester of physical education. Any student with 32 credits before the commencement is eligible to graduate early.

### Graduates View School

Kevin decided to graduate early at the start of the 7th semester. "I have been disenchanted with high school ever since my sophomore year," she remarked. "I dislike the constant supervision by the administration and the lack of freedom and independence that should be entrusted with the students. I want to finish my education so that I can start to pursue my career and also get married." Kevin plans to work for two months and enter the summer tri-semester at either Northwestern or the Circle Campus. She hopes to finish college in three years. Although she is undecided about a major, she is interested in psychology, art, and education.

JAN DECIDED to graduate in January because she felt she wasn't learning anything worthwhile enough to keep her in high school for another semester. "Most of the courses are designed to teach students only factual information that is easily forgotten." Besides working at Marshall Field's, Jan plans to attend Loyola University until September. She is presently undecided about what her future educational plans will be.

Val decided to graduate early because she is getting married on January 25, two days after her departure from school. She is getting married to Dan Clark, a recent graduate of Niles East. "After my wedding, I am going to work as a full time secretary at A. C. Nielsen and Company until September when Dan and I will enter Northeastern University to advance our education."

# Student Has Final Word

By Gayla Kosh

WHAT STRANGE metamorphosis overcomes our teachers when they write our final exams? All those kindly, smiling teachers are incapable of such cruelty. Of course.

With this thought in mind, I decided to take the afternoon off from school and to visit the only creature fiendish enough to write a final: the devil himself. (Boy, did I have a time explaining that one to the attendance office.)

Shortly after undertaking the devilish business, my suspicions were confirmed. Down here were the headquarters of Satan's Ready-Made Finals, USA.

A million little demons sat at their typewriters, busily thinking up new ways to torture us poor students. Something about their ears made me suspect that they were really Santa's elves who had sought after-Christmas employment.

THINGS BEGAN to get a little warm, and I realized that the bad place doesn't have a heating problems like that of Niles East, the good place. But then they don't have an auditorium, either.

Wearing a grin and a white carnation in his tail, my guide brought out the latest releases from the workshop. Although charred around the edges from the great heat, I was able to make out this year's super-questions. Here they are in uncut, uncensored form:

—Question: If you put 5 black, male mice in a cage with 5 white, female mice, and after two months you have 62 mice, half black and half white, what can you deduce about the nature of mice?

Answer: Mice know more about biology than this class does.

—Question: Cyclopentene plus peroxyformic acid yields cis-1,2-cyclopentanediol. True or false?

Teacher's Note: Only those who have sold their souls to the devil will know for sure.

—Question: What is the relation-

ship between Madame Defarge and her knitting?

Answer: Madame Defarge and her knitting are not relatives.

—Question: George Washington served as president for two terms but refused to accept a third. Describe in detail what this shows about his character.

Answer: It shows nothing. George-boy never lied but I did. President Washington was never offered a third term.

—Question: A car leaves Toledo at 9:45 at a speed of 47 mph. At 9:45 another car leaves Kansas City averaging 52 mph. When will they meet, considering the first driver makes a gas stop and the second stops for coffee at a roadhouse that has a blonde waitress named Celeste?

Answer: Never. The first is headed for New York and the second runs away to Mexico with Celeste.

Now that I have so generously given you these killer questions, would you mind doing me one small favor?

GET ME OUT OF HERE!

# Dropout Rate Increases at Nilehis

THE DROPOUT RATE of students in the Niles Township High Schools last year was 2.5 per cent of the more than 7,600 students in the three high schools. It was a .9 per cent increase over the previous year's dropout rate.

In numbers, 192 students of the 7,662 teenage boys and girls attending Niles East, Niles West, and Niles North quit school.

The school district's dropout rate during the last several years has ranged from a high of 3 per cent in 1960 to a low of 1.7 per cent during the school year 1965-66.

BY INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL, Niles East, where the total enrollment last year was 2,203, the dropout rate was 2.4 per cent with 52 students quitting school; Niles West, which had 2,998 students, had a dropout rate of 2.5 per cent with 76 students leaving school; and Niles North, which had 2,461 students, had a dropout rate of 2.6 per cent with 64 students withdrawing from school.

### Patterns Noted

Of the total number of dropouts in the high school district, 119 were boys and 73 were girls, following a national pattern of more boys than girls.

The grade level from which the largest number of dropouts leave is junior year. The dropout rate for this grade level, which had 1,882 students, alone was 5.4 per cent.

The senior level of high school had a dropout rate of 2 per cent, while the sophomores had a rate of 2.2 per cent and the freshmen had a low of .8 per cent. The sophomore class was the largest last year with more than 2,000 students.

### Theirs to Reason Why

Causes for dropping out cited by girls and boys most frequently were attitude toward school, personal psychological problems, family emotional stress, poor study habits, and low academic ability in general. Follow-up studies show that more than 30 per cent of the dropouts return to some form of schooling before a year has passed.

SCHOOLS Superintendent Charles Szuberla said the schools are striving more than ever before to meet the individual educational needs of all students in an effort to make every student's school experiences meaningful.

### New Programs Help

In addition to a wide variety of vocational and technical courses, the schools offer most of their academic courses at several different levels of ability, he said.

The schools have developed a work-study program to provide students with three to five hours of on-the-job training after a morning of regularly required subjects. About 200 students are currently engaged in this beginning program.

SZUBERLA SAID much more remains to be done with this program, adding that the schools rely greatly on the cooperation of business

and industry in the community for this kind of program.

Most recently adopted by the school district is a program for independent study by students who are especially motivated to work on their own.

Under the guidance and direction of a teacher, the student doing independent study can work on a specific project or area approved by the school for credit.

The Niles Township High Schools, 80 per cent of whose graduates last year went to college, are interested in meeting the educational needs of all students, regardless of post high school plans, Szuberla explained.

## Coming Up

Friday and Saturday Jan. 17-18

"Antigone"

### Exams

Tuesday, Jan. 21

Period 2—8:00-9:36

Period 4—9:42-11:18

Period 8—11:24-1:00

Wednesday, Jan. 22

Period 1—8:00-9:36

Period 3—9:42-11:18

Period 7—11:24-1:00

Thursday, Jan. 23

Period 9—8:00-9:36

Period 6—9:42-11:18

Period 5—11:24-1:00

Friday, Jan. 24

No School

Friday, Feb. 7

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# Getting Things Off My Chest

by Eric S. Palles

IN CASE YOU'VE ever wondered how I choose the topics for this column, I take whatever comes into my muddled mind. It so happens that this week, I thought of two things I'd like to discuss.

### Righteous Outrage

Crusading journalist that I am, my soul cries for justice when I see racism in this country — our sin an dour shame will leave a black mark on the future of our posterity.

Consider the circumstances. A group of people is stripped of their national identity, herded together into ghettos, made to fit into an economic society which they have no concern for, denied proper education, and kept in abject poverty. They are second-class citizens, sometimes denied the right to vote or hold public office.

Bigots retort that they are ignorant, lazy, or shiftless. It's said that they drink a lot. In some circles they're still referred to as savages.

AND ALL BECAUSE their skin is not white. It's red.

Yes, it's about time someone spoke up for the American Indian, or raised a hue and cry for red

power. But a good Indian is a docile one (or a dead one, as Custer would say). And if they ever did protest the response would be, "Why don't they go back where they came from?"

### Sting of the WASP

I saw a controversial movie the other day in family living class. It dealt with the serious problem of mixed marriage. The girl was a Protestant and the boy Roman Catholic.

Of course, the problems started immediately. It seemed that the gracious accommodating wife, try as she would, could not cope with her fanatic, unyielding hubby. First, it was the fish on Friday that bothered her. Then she got bugged when she got pregnant because "the beast" didn't believe in birth control.

The whole thing was truly insidious in its chronicle of the understanding Protestant and the close-minded Roman Catholic. But then again we all have our prejudices. And it certainly won't come as a shock to many that the educational system of the White Anglo-Saxon Protestant United States is certainly not geared to the Roman Catholic.

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— MORE STUDENTS GO OUT INTO LIFE

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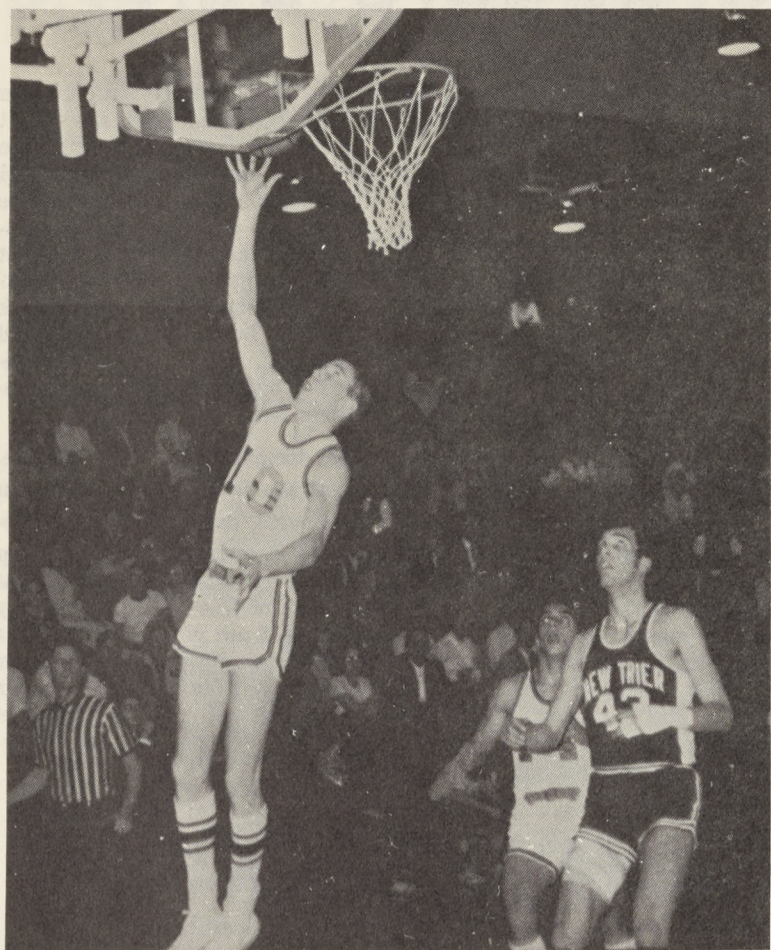
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WORKING AFTER SCHOOL?

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# Cagers Gain League Victory, Host Morton



**JOHN HUTTER**, Senior guard, adds two more points to his already high season total.

NILES EAST'S varsity cagers brought their Suburban League record to 1-4 by squeaking past Oak Park 78-77 and falling to New Trier East 96-47.

The victory against Oak Park was a see-saw affair all the way with both teams fighting it out under the boards. After the Nilehi men vaulted ahead 15-13 the Huskies came back to post a 21-20 lead at the end of the first quarter.

### Huskies Lead

Center Bob Vossel went to the bench during the second quarter with three fouls as Oak Park began to control the boards. Norm McCray made an effort to check the Huskie tide, but only managed to pick up five fouls within three minutes.

BY HALFTIME, Oak Park owned a nine point 42-33 lead. Hutter sparked East during the third quarter by tallying 14 points, he went on to score seven more which gave him 36 for the evening.

During the fourth quarter Oak Park jacked its lead back up to 69-61 but two free throws by Hutter and then two by Vossel cut this back to three points.

The Huskies, however, did not fold as it took two steals in the backcourt by Hutter to finally push the Trojans into the lead at 74-72.

### Vossel Scores

Oak Park then again fought back with three quick points, giving them a 75-74 lead. However, Bob Vossel then faked Huskie center Bob Deist out of his way and

pushed in a layup for two points.

GUARD TIM Melas then clinched the victory with two free throws, this made a last second basket by Deist meaningless.

Against the tall New Trier East Indians, one of the area's top ranked teams, the Trojans were completely outclassed. Nilehi was behind 10 points at 25-15 after the first quarter.

### Deep Freeze

Trojan Rick Shapiro kept the game a semblance of a contest with eight points during the second quarter but New Trier's lead was 48-32 by half time anyway. With a 33-4 blitz during the third quarter, the Winnetkans iced the game.

Tonight, the Trojans will host Morton East.

## Wrestlers Hunt For Experience

NILES EAST'S Wrestling team is still winless with the same problems that confronted the squad at the beginning of the season.

The grapplers' Suburban League record is a dismal 0-3 with losses to Highland Park, Proviso East, and Oak Park.

In last Friday's meet with Oak Park, the Trojan matmen often found themselves just trying to stay free of being pinned by their opponents rather than scoring points as they were bombarded 38-10.

HOWEVER, Junior Ken Kravitz managed to edge out his opponent

2-0 and Bill Schnitzer won his match by a pin in the Oak Park meet. Sophomore Jeff Lake gave East two of its 10 points by tying his opponent.

The problem that has been ailing Coach Hutcherson's squad this year is the lack of depth and experience that is a must if a team is going to win.

"There isn't much we can do about our record now," said Coach Hutcherson. "This team is being built for the future," he added.

THE TEAM of the future will include this year's sophomores who are now split up with some boys already wrestling on the varsity level. Jeff Lake, Brad Soltes, Jim Lake, and Dave Beard are all picking up experience.

In the distant future the Freshman stand on weak ground. Coach Furlan's wrestlers seem to share the problems of the upper classmen, with only about one dozen boys on the squad.

## Swimmers Win Trojan Pentathlon

AFTER LOSING a tough, close meet with Oak Park, the Niles East Swimming team bounced back with a victory in the Aqua Pentathlon held here last Saturday.

The Pentathlon featured six schools including East. The Trojans were lead by Senior Wayne Thomas who won the overall individual championship in the Pentathlon. Wayne took a first in the

100 yard butterfly and captured seconds in the 50 yard freestyle, 100 yard backstroke, and 200 yard freestyle. Lee Bollow, who came in third place in the overall competition, won the 100 yard backstroke while Paul Katz took the 50 yard freestyle for the Trojans. Junior Jim Simon finished sixth in competition and Rich King took tenth place.

THE VICTORY in the Aqua Pentathlon came the day after the Trojans lost a heartbreaker in a Suburban League meet with Oak Park.

In the second to the last event, the 100 yard breaststroke, the Trojans needed and took a second and third place finish to get within striking distance of Oak Park for the last event.

In the final event, the 400 yard freestyle relay, the tanksters found themselves behind, when Wayne Thomas, the anchorman, made his bid to overtake the Oak Park

swimmer. As Wayne tried to catch up, the fans roared and cheered him on. But those shouts from the crowd were wasted as Oak Park won the race by less than a second and squeezed out with a victory.

INDIVIDUALLY, there were some fine performances that provided excitement during the meet. Lee Bollow set a new school record in the 100 yard backstroke with a time of 1:00.8. He also won the 200 yard individual medley for the Trojans. Paul Katz and Wayne Thomas also won key races but East just ran out of gas at the end of the meet.

### REPLAY

## Super League

by Joel Schatz

FROM OUT OF NOWHERE, the Suburban League has suddenly emerged as a basketball powerhouse in Illinois.

The SL, well known for its production of top squads in football, gymnastics, and swimming, had always been one of the forgotten, or ignored, leagues when it came to the courts. With rare exception, the game of giants has been dominated by a number of downstate schools, and, within Cook County, the top teams always came from just about any place but the SL.

### ... And Then, Now

But then came this season, and the Suburban League started to look more like the Super League. Of its eight teams, the SL has two representatives ranked among the top 10 in the state, and three in the top 10 in the area.

PROVISO EAST, according to the Illinois Prep Sports Special's ratings, is second in state, and Waukegan is placed 10th this week. In the Chicago Daily News area charts, Proviso is right on top, with Waukegan third and New Trier East seventh.

The exact reason for this sudden massive surge of power isn't completely clear. For one team to come up with a great squad is natural. But when three schools out of eight do it simultaneously, there has to be some explanation.

### Best in Talent

Proviso's coach, Tom Millikin, feels that there is probably no better talent in the state than that on Waukegan, New Trier, and his own squad.

ANOTHER FACTOR, he feels, is that even though the Suburban League has had strength in the past, it wasn't until Evanston won the state championship last year that the league got the publicity it deserves.

Coach Millikin explained that basketball throughout the Chicago area is getting better each year, and that this is starting to create the same great fan interest that exists downstate. Until recently, packed gyms and turned-away fans were unheard of around here.

### And the Others?

With such great power amassed at the top of the league, there is the problem of the remaining teams serving little more purpose than to add to the top teams' win totals.

The frustration of the situation was summed up by the coach of one of teams that are creating it, Waukegan's Jack Miller. "A school could have a real good club," he said, "and still wind up fourth or fifth in the league."

NILES EAST'S varsity fencers recovered from a recent disaster against Maine South, a 13-5 loss, with a second place finish behind Marshall at the Chicago Circle Campus Invitational Tourney.

Ken Fleischer, '69, placed the duelers with a surprise fourth place finish in the Circle meet, though he was previously ranked only fifth on the team.

CAPTAIN NEAL White followed with a seventh place finish in the Trojan victory. Rounding out the team were Tom Fillipp, '70, Glen Dash, '71, Al Acker, '70, Julian Solway, '70.

Wednesday night the Trojans traveled to New Trier East where they posted a 14 to 4 victory against the Indians. Winning all three bouts were Glen Dash, Al Acker, and Marty Fraeman. Tom Fillup and Neal White each took two, and Morris Millman won one match.

The frosh-soph team also won over the Indians with a score of 12 to 6. Sophomore Jim Sultzter and freshman Jim Pluda were undefeated.

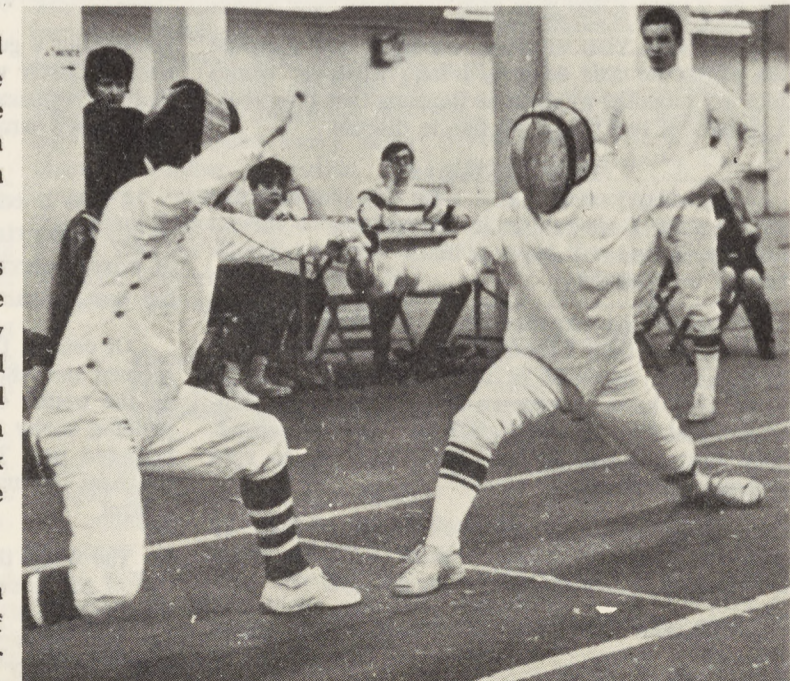
The varsity now has a four and two record in dual meet competition. Coach Keen has recently introduced innovations into practice in the form of special drills that should increase the team's scoring accuracy.

Captain Neal White feels that the key for the fencing team will be added determination to go all out for the rest of the season.

The Nilehimen were minus their number one fencer Sid Milstein, '69, out with a knee injury and Marty Fraeman, '69, who had to take a college entrance exam.

Tonight the Trojans will travel to Marshall of Chicago for one of their biggest tests of the season. Leading the Commandos will be Ken Johnson, second place finisher at the Circle Tourney.

## Fencers Lunge Far At Circle Meet



NEAL WHITE (r.) touches in his duel against a Maine South opponent.