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Special task force aims to rectify P.E. inadequacies

Major improvements are in store for District 219's athletic facilities if the community approves the recommendations of the special investigative task force authorized by the Board.

The Future Physical Education Space/Site and Facilities Committee has set May 13, 1974, as a target date for submitting proposals to the Board. Before then, the Space/Site Committee will be studying the inadequacies of all three schools' facilities, and will prepare a list of priorities.

AFTER AN INTRODUCTORY meeting February 19, the investigation began last week, as the 38-member committee toured the three schools to gain an understanding of district-wide needs. During March the group will be divided into building subcommittees; each building

will advise the central committee as to its most needed improvements. In early April, the Ways and Means subcommittee, comprised of two representatives from each building and several District administrators, will negotiate a final recommendation. The Space/Site Committee will then meet to consider approval of the report.

James Heiniger, former athletic director at Easthi, prompted Board action with an April, 1973, report on problems here. Prepared by the Physical Welfare Advisory Committee (which Heiniger headed) and the Booster Club, the report documented problems with the swimming pool, gymnasium, and land for outdoor activities. It called for a new pool, a new gym for gymnastics, and the acquisition of all the property extending to Skokie

Boulevard, Howard Street, and Lincoln Avenue (currently occupied by Bay's and Public Pontiac).

THE REPORT WAS presented to the Board and it brought quick action. Following a suggestion by Supt. Wesley Gibbs, the Board authorized the appointment of the Space/Site Committee. President Shirley Garland named Mick Herzog, District 219's community relations director, as chairman. Board members Evelyn Rosenzweig, George Hanus, and Mrs. Garland, along with John Nix, supervisor of buildings and grounds, represented the administration. Principals Arthur Colver (Easthi), Gilbert Weldy (Northi), and Nick Mannos (Westhi) headed the delegations from the three buildings. Eight students were selected—representing Easthi are Scott Jacobson, Nikki Odlivak, and Nilehite sports editor Dave Garlick. The Booster Club of each school and the three PTA chapters will send three representatives each. In ad-

dition, two members of Easthi's Physical Welfare Committee are serving; Heiniger, now a Westhi gym teacher (see page 3) is also on the committee. The membership is rounded out by representatives of two homeowners' associations.

Chairman Herzog, defining the purpose of the committee, said, "Right now we're just looking at needs to rank them." The group will attempt to submit several plans and estimates of costs. Herzog hopes committee members will "let their imaginations be their guides," and will not be confined to "logical" proposals. A District stadium, able to accommodate all three schools with such facilities as lights and artificial turf, is one innovative idea; it was suggested by Westhi's late football coach, Mike Basrak.

STUDENTS INTERESTED IN making suggestions to the committee should contact Dr. Colver, Herzog, or one of the students on the committee.

Three chosen for board

The District No. 219 Caucus endorsed three candidates for the Board of Education on February 17. It was the first time that students were represented on this body which often plays a major role in determining Board elections.

Incumbent James Gottreich and former District No. 74 Board of Education member Eric Moch were endorsed to run for full three-year terms. Fred Minkus, president of the District No. 67 Board was slated to complete the final year of retired Board member James Moore.

GOTTRICH, DIRECTOR of the Cook County Sheriff's Youth Services Department, was chosen by the Caucus on the first ballot. Generally regarded to be a major proponent of students' rights, he has served as a Board member for three years, most recently as secretary. Gottreich has been involved on the district-wide Drug Education Committee and recently came out for smoking lounges for the three high schools. At the Caucus screening, he voiced the opinion that teachers and Board members must get closer together. He also said that human needs must always be protected from the expanding use of the computer in the schools, if the school system is to continue providing a quality education to its students.

Eric Moch, presently an admissions officer at Northeastern University, was highly critical of the new teachers' contract. Calling it a travesty, he said that it is time that the power in the schools be retrieved from the teachers who he said now hold it, and returned to the administration. He also made it quite clear that students will never run the schools.

FRED MINKUS, A former president of the Caucus, said that he has no specific goals for the Niles Township high schools, but promises, if he is elected, to devote much time to individual problems as they arise. He said that although the three high schools face declining enrollment, he would not necessarily support decreasing the staff of the number of programs in the three high schools, if he felt such cutbacks would hurt the educational program in Niles Township.

OTHER CANDIDATES who unsuccessfully sought caucus endorsements included Edward Glenner, Betty Nudelman, and Sidney Bass. Dr. Irwin Ginsburgh, present board member, is completing his second term and will not be up for re-election.

Easthi Student Senate president Robert Feder and Senate member Dennis Kaplan both became voting members of the Caucus this year. It was the first time students had been represented in the selection of Board candidates. Both see this accomplishment to be the result of a growing feeling in the community that students can indeed act responsibly in developing their own education. They credited the success of the Senate this year as a major factor.

HOWEVER, FEDER WAS not enthusiastic about the Caucus' selections. "I'm hoping that there are some independents in the race," he said, adding that Gottreich was the only choice who had proved himself to be on the students' side.

The election will be held April 13. Feder and Kaplan urge all 18-year olds to vote.

Committee studies progress of Student Senate's 1st year

Responding to mounting criticism of the Senate's operation, president Robert Feder announced the formation of a special committee to evaluate the Senate's progress and failures in its first year of existence.

AT THE FEBRUARY 28 meeting, Feder surprised Senate members by naming vice-president Gary Elkins, Board representative Brian Hamer, and SAB judge-advocate Mark Bisk to the committee. Elkins has been Feder's leading opponent in many Senate discussions; the ongoing conflict between the two has been the major cause for complaints by Senate critics. Feder told the Senate that he and Elkins had discussed their differences and recognized that their conflict was injuring Senate unity rather than promoting compromises. He apologized for the time wasted by "petty bickering" and said much could be accomplished if he and Elkins worked together.

The vice-president also expressed hope that the arguing would cease, but he indicated that he would continue to sup-

port "what is right for the students" regardless of opposition.

IN RECENT weeks, the Senate has remained active in various areas of school improvement. The group, growing as new at-large members joined for the second semester, heard Nilehi business manager Robert Gara and Principal Arthur Colver speak on current issues. Gara discussed bus service and a new computer system for the district, while Dr. Colver explained his views on the results of the Senate's January survey.

The Senate agreed to help an independent group of students plan a dance in the memory of sophomore Andy Zarras, who died in January. After a plea by several students who proposed the dance, but had no sponsor, the Senate promised to assist wherever necessary.

NEW STUDENT APPEALS Board jurists were selected. Serving for the present six-week term are Robert Wolf and Linda Koenig, both seniors, and sophomore Howard Nelson.

Dance marathon tomorrow night

The second annual Dance Marathon, sponsored by the Junior Cabinet, will begin at 7 p.m. tomorrow evening in the contest gym. Contestants should be registered by 6, so that they can receive their numbers and review the rules.

Admission at the door is 50 cents and \$2 per couple to participate in the Marathon.

FOR THOSE WHO dance the longest, a prize of \$50 will be awarded. Thirty dollars will go to second place winners and, \$20 for the third place dancers.

Six local groups have agreed to play continually through the night and provide a sequence of various types of today's music.

DANCING WILL not be the only activity available. Raffle tickets will sell for 50 cents and prizes will be given to the numbers that are called.

By participating in the other games such as a basketball free throw, where participants are required to shoot a certain number of baskets according to their height, a raffle ticket will be awarded and the chance of winning a prize increases.

OTHER GAMES, SUCH as Tricycle Races, the Anything contest, a Moon Walk, and many other games will be offered.

For those who would like to see Mr. Puff get hit in the face by a whipped cream pie, Al Becker will be doing the honor, and will be throwing the first one at 11 p.m.

The Junior Cabinet promises fun and surprises at this year's "Dance Marathon," and wants to encourage everyone to come.

Summer school tuition raised

Summer school tuition will be twenty per cent higher this year than last, decided the Nilehi Board of education last week.

MICK HERZOG, SUMMER school director, recommended the increase after explaining that Nilehi summer school teachers receive lower salaries than many teachers in neighboring areas. The Board unanimously approved the salary and tuition hikes, and then heard Brian

Hamer, Easthi's student representative, relate a Student Senate proposal for free summer school for full-time students. The plan is currently under consideration by the EPDC.

Other proposals being considered by the Board include a commemoration program for the January 15 birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and improvements in the district's library, art and home economics facilities.



(Photo by Scott Wexler)

Edward Vrdolyak, a Chicago alderman, is running for Cook County assessor in the Democratic primary March 19. He spoke to Easthi students March 1 as a guest of Student Senate's Political Assemblies Committee. He commented on the election and his Democratic organization-endorsed opponent, Thomas Tully. "If the citizens of Cook County think Parky Cullerton has treated homeowners fairly, then they should vote for my opponent." The committee has invited President Nixon to speak at Easthi when he visits the Chicago area this month.

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Mobile carts suggested to help clean up cafeteria

Rules, of course, are needed to run a school. Here at Niles East, as is the case wherever else rules are needed, there are some good rules, and some bad ones. One of the bad ones is the one forbidding a student from bringing a dinner to the south end of the cafeteria.

THE ADMINISTRATION proposed the rule to help keep the cafeteria clean since the dish washing area is at the north end of the cafeteria. Logically, the idea should work. But a trip down to the student eating area around one o'clock will indicate that the rule just doesn't work.

One reason is faculty apathy. The rule was not enforced at all during the first semester. Since the start of the second semester, an attempt has been made to enforce it, but students estimate that they can "break through the lines" about half the time.

THE STUDENTS, naturally, are the other reason the rule doesn't work. If a group of students congregates in the south area, those who have friends there will want to join them, whether they have bought a hot lunch or not. If they choose to buy a dinner, and "get south" with their plates, they generally do not make the effort to carry their trays and plates to the dishwashing area at the other end of the cafeteria. Many who are forced to sit in the north area, often alone, assume a rebellious attitude and leave their trays anyway.

One result: a mess in the cafeteria. Another result: students aren't buying dinners. One day on the north end alone will cause the student not to buy a dinner the next day, since he can fill up on a snack anyway, and be with his friends. This is not the service the lunchroom should provide.

WE WONDER, THEN: If the student won't bring his dishes to the washing area, why not bring the washing area to him? In the teachers' cafeteria, carts are conveniently located, and are emptied at the end of each period. Why not place these carts in the student eating area? For the cafeteria staff, who are concerned with selling quality meals, for the teachers who must direct traffic daily, and above all, for the students, who must make the most out of a less than desirable lunchroom environment, it's worth a try.

Editorial

PE facilities need improvement

"The Niles East physical education facilities are inadequate . . ." states a 1973 report by the Physical Welfare Advisory Committee. You won't encounter much disagreement. From athletic director to students, those who have an interest in athletics at Easthi are painfully aware of the limitations placed on athletic activities by the obsolete condition of facilities here. In addition to the physical limitations cited by the report (see p. 1), we see various harmful and significant effects on students and staff.

FIRST, A FEUD rages between boys' and girls' athletic programs. Many girls are convinced that the administration is deliberately favoring boys' teams. They cite the higher salaries of boys' coaches—they earn twice as much as female coaches—and the greater expenditures for boys' teams. One GAA Board member complained that male athletes are given priority in the use of facilities, while the girls are forced to practice during evenings, or in inferior areas. Reflecting the attitude of many girls, she said, "I think it's unfair that boys and girls aren't treated equally." The girls' gymnastics team is also chafing at their cramped training site on the girls' gym balcony, from where they daily overlook the boys, who enjoy the use of the gym floor (5 of 7 male gymnasts polled said they were satisfied with their setup). One girl asked, "How can they expect us to do well if we don't have

enough equipment and enough space to practice?"

Athletic Director James Swanson asserts that there is no intent to discriminate against girls. He maintains that Niles East has done more for girls' athletics than Westhi, Northi, or many other schools, providing nine interscholastic teams. "I'm trying to encourage it all I can . . . but our facilities don't allow much success," he said "We've got more teams practicing than we can handle . . ." Swanson explained that boys often receive better facilities because there are more boys out for sports than girls, and that it would be senseless to let a team of 20 girls, for example, occupy the contest gym while a team of 45 boys is forced elsewhere. He claims that female coaches' salaries are comparable to, perhaps even better than those of male coaches, considering the amount of time spent during a season. The administrator stressed that girls' athletics are not yet widely recognized in Illinois—Easthi has fielded girls' teams for only two years—and that he would support the teams fully as they become established.

HOWEVER, ONE FEMALE coach stated "I don't see how I can get established with this type of facilities," as she looked over the balcony. She doubts there is intentional discrimination, but wonders why it "is harder to get what we want. Even to get a point across." She said boys' teams have several coaches while girls' teams are lim-

Feedback

Nilehilite appraised

Freedom of Expression

Dear Editor:

Anyone who is a good observer can certainly testify to the fact that this year the Nilehilite has grown. Grown in the sense that "now more than ever" it successfully expresses the wants, needs, and opinions of the students today. For the first time students don't have to be afraid of speaking out openly and freely on issues never thought possible to be printed in a school newspaper (for example, open and constructive criticism of the school board and administration). I believe that the Nilehilite handles this situation a lot better than their sister school counterparts (the West Word and the North Star).

One of the main factors on how well the Nilehilite has been able to master the impressions of the students is due to its proud and capable staff, and the skillful, tactful leadership exhibited by its editors. Yet this hard-working team goes on uncredited, unrewarded, and practically unrecognized, though they are putting out professional articles of great reading and educational value.

I see hundreds of newspapers filling the floors of our school halls, instead of filling the minds of students. Many students take the Nilehilite for granted; maybe it's too good for them. I hope you finally get the recognition you rightly deserve. Keep up the good work, and the presses rolling!

Mark B. Hirshman '75

Coverage questioned

Dear Editor:

On page four of the last issue of the Nilehilite dated February 8, 1974, I read an article written about Mr. Abner Mikva's plans to run again for the congressional seat of this district.

The content of this article does not concern me; yet the way in which the article was displayed on the news page, is truly unfair according to "equal time" standards.

In a past issue of the Nilehilite, an article was printed that I had written about Congressman Sam Young which, in my estimation, was certainly no less significant in content than the article written about Abner Mikva.

Yet, big, black, outstanding headlines and a friendly picture of Mikva accompanied this article while the article written about Young was not access-

orized with an impressive headline and picture.

A school newspaper, as well as any other newspaper, should strive to represent opposing views with equal emphasis, particularly in regard to political views.

The Nilehilite must give equal representation in every area, even though certain of its influential staff members may oppose it in cases where they themselves disagree with an issue—or a man.

Cynthia Payne '75

Security thanked

Dear Editor:

The Niles East Music Department, through the Nilehilite, would like to publicly thank and praise the combined efforts of Chief of Security James O. Puff and Al Becker and the Skokie Police Department for their fine work and diligence in recovering 15 stolen band instruments.

On December 21 many band members were shocked to find their personal instruments had been "lifted" from the locked cage during the early morning hours: for quite awhile a feeling of uneasiness prevailed. Reflections was coming rapidly and without the band there would be quite a void.

Thankfully Puff, Becker, and the Skokie Police Department acted quickly, gathering evidence and suspects until, in mid-January, the thief was apprehended and the instruments recovered. The entire music department has great praise for a job well done by all, and once again thank you.

The Niles East Music Department

Correction noted

Dear Editor:

Regarding the Nilehilite issue of Friday, February 8, 1974, vol. 36, No. 10, page 1, column 4, paragraph 7: "Board president Garland was the only member to vote against the appointment of Dr. Gregorc."

A check of the minutes reveals a 7-0 vote (refer to February 11, 1974, Item 17 Board minutes).

On the other hand, Garland did vote as cited in page 1, column 4, paragraph 1 (refer to Item 16 Board minutes). Thank you.

Bill Handzel

Editor's note: We checked the minutes and found that you are correct; Dr. Gregorc was approved by a unanimous vote. On the other matter, that of replacing Pat Handzel, (see Nilehilite, Feb. 22) we still do not have any explanation from the Board.

ted to one or two, and that male coaches seem to get requests for equipment and custodial service granted easily while the women are tied up in red tape.

Swanson feels that the girls are dissatisfied because they "expect everything at once," and maintains that things will even out when girls' sports come into their own. Still, argued another female gymnast, girls' sports are hindered by their poor facilities; it is a "vicious circle," where more boys than girls enter athletics because their facilities are better; their facilities are better only because there are more boys than girls.

Another source of dissatisfaction is the 'established' Trojan teams. The fencers have long resented being stashed away in the indoor track, forced to compete on rough asphalt, a very poor fencing surface. The trackmen themselves are unhappy. One team member compared the track with facilities in other schools. "Every other school is better," he determined. Still, Westhi and Northi, because they have no indoor track areas, send their teams here to practice. "Why does North kick us off at 4:30?" asked the trackman. "When they have meets they come at 4 and jog around the track." Westhi arrives around 5 to practice, according to another track team member, who added, "It hurts our team." It also can't be very helpful to the Indians or Vikings, who must prac-

tice at odd hours and waste time (and gas) riding here.

Finally, there are the students who just want to exercise or have a little fun. They have a tough time, as one student explained, because "the gym is always crowded for open gym. Very rarely are there any open handball courts, except between gym classes." He pointed out that the courts are unavailable after school because they serve as the pole-vault and shot put areas for the track team. His verdict: "All the physical education facilities are inferior."

IT IS APPARENT to us that extensive examination of Easthi's facilities is merited. We encourage students to submit suggestions to the administration and the Space/Site Committee; and we urge the entire PE staff, including coaches and the athletic director, to intensify their efforts to provide fair opportunities for all students, by seeking the most efficient use of the existing facilities. We also urge those students who feel they are being dealt with unfairly to work constructively for improvements. Above all, we encourage the Space/Site Committee to study Easthi's problems critically and completely, considering the factors we have presented as well as physical inadequacies. Chairman Mick Herzog's advice to "let your imagination be your guide" is worth heeding.

We could use a little imagination around here.



(Photo by Scott Wexler)

Israeli student Abner Tene relates the lifestyle of the Israeli people to Easthi junior Pam Favish as he continues on his tour of the midwest. Abner, along with twenty other Israeli students, is travelling in the United States and visiting various high schools to tell about Israel. The students will be in the States for six weeks. While at East, Abner stayed at the home of junior Mark Flitman.

Bring back the 'good old days'

Niles East—the way we were

By Marlin Brinsky and Michele Freed

Nostalgia appears to be a very popular diversion in these uncertain times. Thirty-six years of memories are enveloped in the hallowed halls of Niles East. This is a first in a series of features concerning our school from its inception. Hopefully, we will capture some of the enlightening memories of past years in these articles.

The then ultra-modern Niles Township High School opened its doors to awaiting students in September of 1938. A year went by before the first newspaper the **Nilehilite** made its debut on Thanksgiving Day, November 22, 1939.

THE SCHOOL SONG proudly sung during this time was:

If you want to go to High School
Then you surely want the best,
Our school is the right one
For it meets your every test.
If you want to see good basketball
Or you like to play the game,
Come to old Niles Township High School
And you will sing her fame.
Chorus . . .
Hail to the gold and blue
We're here to cheer for you
We'll try with all our might
To win that victory RAH. RAH. RAH.
Hail to our school so grand
Finest in the land FIGHT! FIGHT! FIGHT!
For old Niles Township High School
We will win that game!

OUR PRESENT PEP song, with words and lyrics by Clifford W. Collins was unveiled to arouse some dying school spirit. With the song Coach Harold (Ike) Isaacson (of football field fame) expressed his unhappiness at the declining attendance watching his football team.

The teenage generation of today prides itself

on its goals for equal rights for men and women. The students in 1940 practiced equal rights also, with the La Femme hop, where the gals asked their beaux to be their dance escorts.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS all have their idols, be they Robert Redfords, Barbara Streisands, or Hank Aarons. Nilehi favorites of the Silver Screen in the late 30's and early 40's were actor Errol Flynn and actress Betty Grable, of G.I. pin-up fame. Favorites of the radio broadcast waves were Bob Hope and Blondie.

Spring brought many eventful happenings in 1940. In May, came the first annual picnic at Brookfield Zoo, where everyone anticipated seeing Mei-Mei, the baby panda.

THIS YEAR'S SPRING play is *The King and I*, and we hope the king does not have as unfortunate an experience as Bob Harms did in 1940. During the Spring Play, Bob ripped his pants — breaking up the auditorium; and the play wasn't even a comedy!

According to the Hobo Day rules of May 29, 1940, all of us today would qualify in one aspect or another. The rules were:

- 1) Girls may wear hair ribbons or flowers in their hair.
- 2) Girls may wear slacks, overalls, or house dresses.
- 3) Boys may wear overall slacks or old suits.
- 4) No blackening of face and hands.
- 5) Costumes representing characters in fiction, comic strips, etc. are all very good.

IN SPORTS, THE baseball team won a share of the Northeast Conference Baseball Championship. This was the first championship held by any Nilehi team in a sporting event.

And so closes the first chapter of "Nostalgia at East."

'King and I' remains as fresh as ever

By Noah Gilson and Jill Horwitz

For two weeks now the cast and crew of "The King and I" have dug into their scripts, pulled out their paint brushes, and attended to the job of creating a production. The show's story involves Anna, an English school teacher who comes to nineteenth century Siam to teach the king's children Western ideas. But when approached by this very independent female, the king, steeped in the Siamese tradition of women being subservient to men, is outraged. The king then proceeds to make any self respecting women's libber shudder with the following statement: "A woman is a female who is human, designed for pleasing man, the human male."

YET THE CHAUVANISTIC (and by today's standards M.C.P) character of the king is tempered by the honesty and bewilderment he reveals in his more candid moments,

"But is a puzzlement!" cries out a confused monarch wrestling with the conflicts of two cultures.

Another modern note heard in this show is the reference to Watergate methods of investigation, as seen in this dialogue,

Anna: "You have been spying on your guests?"

King: "How else can you find truth?"

The interesting thing is that this play was written in 1951, twenty years before G. Gordon

Liddy and friends.

THE MUSIC IS all classic Rogers and Hammerstein. Listening to the score, one may comment that he's heard many of the songs arranged a hundred different ways on one of those all night FM music stations. But he'll also find that presented in its original form the music, which includes songs like "Whistle a Happy Tune," "I Have Dreamed," and "Hello Young Lovers," is as fresh as ever.

The actors, now developing their characters through rehearsal, have established some personal reactions to the roles they will play. With a pointedly modern interpretation, Stew Figa (The King) said the play made him "realize that no one man, no matter how strong he is, can rule a government without accepting advice."

JUDY HOFFMAN (ANNA) was "surprised how liberated this woman was in 1865."

Ellen Pollack (as Tuptim, secretly in love with Lun Ta) saw the need for "love to be felt from within."

Howard Pfeifer (Lun Ta) saw in his character the "hardships in loving someone not accepted by society."

"The King and I" will be presented March 28, 29, and 30 at 8 p.m. in the auditorium. Ticket prices are \$1.50, \$2 and \$2.50 Et cetera, Et cetera, Et cetera. . .

SAB holds untapped potential

Every week a group of five students, one administrator (usually Dean Turry or Dean Reiter), faculty representative Kathy Traub, and judge advocate Mark Bisk meet in Room 114. The five students selected by Student Senate (three regulars: Linda Koenig, Howard Nelson and Bob Wolf, and two alternates: Leonard Mayer and Shelly Rosenfeld) represent a wide cross section of the student body, ranging from radical to reactionary. They make up the Student Appeals Board, and meet to judge and discuss student rights and grievances.

Basically, the powers of the SAB are twofold. First, judicially the SAB has the right to hear and rule upon referrals brought to it either on appeal from the dean, or directly by the student. A student also may bring to the board any other complaint he has against any student, school organization, or employee. All cases are subject to review by Dr. Colver; however, no ruling this year has been reversed by him.

SECOND, LEGISLATIVELY the SAB can draw up policy recommendations concerning

students' rights, and submit them to the Student Senate for approval. For example, according to building policy, a student, before receiving a referral must be informed why it is being issued to him and by whom.

HOW EFFECTIVE IS SAB? That depends on the extent of its use by the student body. The SAB cannot remedy problems, nor redress grievances never brought to it. The potential is there for greater student freedom — all that is needed is for students to exercise what is rightfully theirs.

Hotline

Q. Where's Jim Heiniger?

A. Heiniger is now a gym teacher at Niles West. He asked to be changed because his sons attend West and are active in the Indian Intra-scholastic program.

Q. Why after being absent three days do you have to go see the nurse for an O.K. before being allowed back in class?

A. According to Barbara Scarborough, nurse, it is so that the nurses can keep records of illnesses going around the school and keep track of hospitalized students and those with serious illnesses. They also adapt the students' programs to fit their needs if they are sick and need alterations of their schedules.

Q. Why was school closed on February 22?

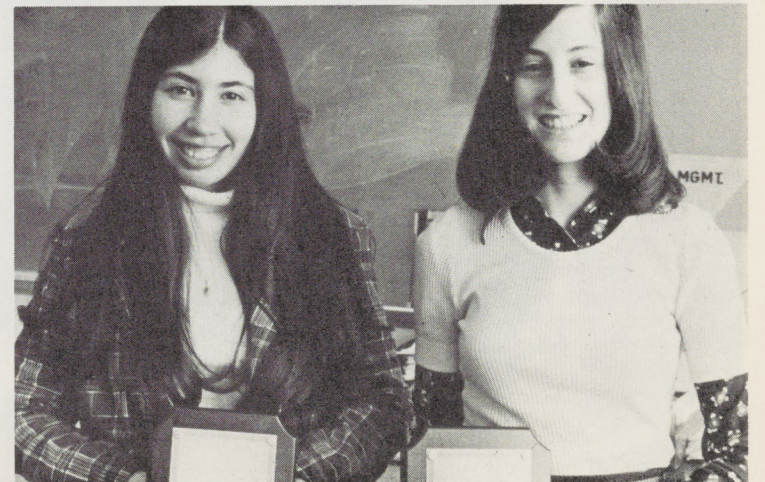
A. At the time school opened that morning the weather conditions were so hazardous that the administration thought they would get worse. Many power lines in the area were down and they were afraid the same would happen here. So before conditions got out of hand, they decided to dismiss school. As it turned out, the weather cleared up and we got an unexpected holiday.

Q. How much are sponsors paid?

A. Compensation for sponsoring a club or coaching an athletic team runs from \$1,488.13 a year for Head varsity coaches in football, basketball, baseball, gymnastics, soccer, swimming, and wrestling, to the director of major dramatic productions who receives \$857.36 for each play or musical he directs. The debate coach receives \$1,224.80 a year for all in and out of

school work. Senior and junior class sponsors get \$474 for their sponsorships, while freshmen and sophomore sponsors get \$270.68. Yearbook and newspaper sponsors receive \$612.40 a year.

We answer everything! Send your questions about anything to Nilehilite Hotline, Room 124. Sorry, personal replies are impossible. Your name will not be used unless requested.



Award winners Ellen Blatt and Sandy Le Vine, with first place trophies won at the OEA (Office Education Association) regional contests. Ellen placed first in Accounting I and Sandy placed first in Steno I.

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Come In, Write or Call

Gymnastic team competes in state preliminaries today

by Dave Mayer

Niles East's gymnastic team will be competing today in the state preliminaries at Mount Prospect High School. The Trojans qualified nine positions into the prelims where teams begin to collect points counting for their overall place in the state meet. Three performers made it through sectionals on floor exercise, the most number of men allowed out from one team in a single event. Among these competitors were state ranked Scott Harrison, 8.45; Neal Sher, 8.25; and Dave Mayer, 8.5.

ON POMMELLED HORSE **MIKE BURKE** and Bill Bro did outstanding routines worth 8.5 and 8.35 respectively. All-around man Sher scored a whopping 8.4 on the high bar dismounting with one of the best double backs in the sectional meet. Steve Kozub hit like a rock but suffered a few minor breaks; however, he still managed to receive an 8.2 on the rings. Sher also qualified on rings for East with his season high of 8.15.

In addition Sher placed second

in all-around behind Niles West's Bart Conner and ahead of Evanston's Mark Trippel. Neal averaged an 8.0 throughout the competition and finished the day by qualifying on four events. The meet tonight will be held in two sessions. Free-Exercise, pommel horse, and high bar will compete in the afternoon at 2 p.m. with the remaining events to be held in the evening at 7 p.m. Tomorrow the state finals will be hosted at Mount Prospect High School at 7.



Free-ex man Scott Harrison holds a "Y" scale in a recent meet.

Track beats Elmwood Park; relay team continues to star

Almost back to full strength, the Trojans track team has begun to gain momentum. At this writing (March 4) its record has climbed to 4-5-1.

ON WEDNESDAY, February 20, East trounced Elmwood Park 63-11, and, in an exciting battle tied Taft 63-63. Bob Miller, Mike Wolfensohn, Alvin Johnson, and Larry King blew everyone else off the track by grabbing the first four spots on the 50-yard dash. Wolfensohn also excelled by winning both pole vault and the high jump. Displaying good form, Fred Rosenthal, a gymnast who recently joined the team, snared first place in the long jump. As usual, Ross Pollack proved to be too much for the competition, and he collared a first in the shot put. The sophomores were walloped by Taft 82-49, but they then took it out on Elmwood Park by clobbering them 49-5. The 4-lap relay team consisting of Joel Sher, Mike Uhle, Barry Allan, and Dave Greenberg won with a time of 1:14.2. Greenberg also sprinted his way to victory in the 50. In the field

events: the shot-put was won by Jack Stark; the high jump by Mark Brownstein; and the pole vault by Steve Stein, with Wilcox Lealaitafea taking second, and Steve Packer, third.

Then on Saturday, February 23, the Trojans were drubbed by Conant 77-45, but shellacked Dundee 45-13. Marty Golub easily out-sprinted the field on the half mile with a time of 2:09.2, just two-tenths of a second of the school record. Proving their value to the team, Fred Rosenthal and Mike Wolfensohn again captured first in the long jump and high jump, respectively. The four-lap relay team (Wolfensohn, Miller, King, and Johnson) bettered the old Trojan record of 1:09.4 with a winning time of 1:09.2. The Sophomores were zonked by Conant 80-31, but they put the kibosh on Dundee 31-22. Triumphant for East were Dave Greenberg in the 50, and Mike Delmonico in the shot put.

IN THE NEXT Nilehilite (March 22), be sure to read our report on the conference meet and also on the Trojan records that are being broken.

The team presently lacks depth, and the coaches have expressed a desire for more athletes, especially freshmen and sophomores. There are many able but idle underclassmen at

East who could become very successful trackmen if they join now.

Trojans finish last in CSL

by Dave Garlick

The Niles East basketball team finished out its CSL season with two losses to earn a 2-9 record, and a last place finish in the South Division.

In the last home game on February 22, East lost to number one ranked Maine South by a score of 72-37. Maine was led by their two big men, Pete Boeson and Pete Smelzer, who scored 20 points and 16 points respectively.

THE HAWKS JUMPED off to a quick lead and the Trojans never came close the rest of the night. Len Weinstein led the scoring for East with 13 points.

Last Friday against the Maine West Warriors, one of the two teams East beat in the league, the Trojans closed out the regular season with a 68-56 loss. East played without the services of last year's all-conference player Don Diamond, who was excused from the team in what Coach Gary Cook described, "A flagrant violation of team rules." Diamond was unavailable for comment.

THE GAME WAS sloppily

Fencing team vies downstate

The Varsity Fencing team is competing today Downstate at the University of Illinois for the state championship. New Trier West, Notre Dame—the defending champs—and Maine South are the favorites in the tournament. The Trojans will need vast improvement in order to surpass any of these powerful teams.

AT THE FROSH-SOPH fencing tournament, February 23, the Trojans took fourth out of six places. Fencing were sophomores Larry Labow, Scott Wexler, and Jim Osness using Sam Rest and Lane Schultz as substitutes.

At the last home meet of the season on February 21 against Notre Dame, the team lost. The Varsity "A" and "B" teams lost all bouts except for one by Scott Wexler.

played, with the Trojans falling behind early, and never regaining the lead. At one point, East closed to one point early in the fourth quarter 46-45, following a three point effort by Kurt Kiesel.

Maine retorted by scoring 10 straight points. The winners were paced by Doug Meyer's 20 points, and Steve Zuccarini's 13. Len Weinstein was the leading scorer for East with 16, and Jim Cohn had 11.

THE NEWS WAS not all bad for the East basketballers, however. Senior Len Weinstein was named to the all-South Division Team. Weinstein finished 16th in the balloting for All-League team, out of 15 selections.

The sophomore team finished the season with two wins, an upset 45-42 win over Maine South, and a thrilling 55-52 win over Maine West. The sophomores finished the season third in the league.

Girls' team hosts meet

by Marcy Helfgott

The Girls' Badminton team was chosen this year to host the Central Suburban League Meet which will be held in the contest gym on March 22 and 23. Several schools will be participating in the meet which is open to all who are interested.

UNDER THE GUIDANCE and leadership of Coach Patricia Matlak, the girls' badminton season opened on February 5 with try-outs. The team was chosen on the basis of simple skill and strong attitude toward the game. This year's team consists of 24 girls, only three of which are seniors. Consequently, the prospects for future teams

seem very promising.

Last month, the girls had their first meet at Highland Park. It proved to be a good beginning as they won the meet on the varsity level by a score of 4-3. On February 15, the girls hosted Maine West and despite hard efforts by all the girls, lost that meet by a small margin of 3-4. On February 18, the girls hosted Niles West in the contest gym for Parents' Night in which all the players' parents were invited to watch and have refreshments. Niles West won that meet, however. The badminton season continues through the end of March.

Ruttenberg makes finals

by Jeff Weinstein

At the recent district swimming meet held at Maine East, Senior Andy Ruttenberg qualified twice for the state finals to be held at Evanston High School.

Niles East placed a respectable eighth in a field of 14 by scoring 55 points and just beating out Niles West who finished ninth, 11 points behind East.

RUTTENBERG, WHO HAD been a top state swimmer all year, finally got his recognition at the district meet, first by finishing third in the 50-yard free. Then with a sparkling time of 51.3 he won the 100-yard freestyle which also qualified him for the state finals.

Ruttenberg was the first stu-

dent in years to qualify for the state meet from Niles East. He also was the only medalist from East at the Maine East District.

SWIMMING IS NOT Ruttenberg's only sport. He also excels in soccer and is a state contender in golf. This could make him a prime contender for top senior athlete this year.

Evanston, winning the district meet with a rousing score of 246 points, qualified seven times for the state meet. Oak Park was right behind Evanston in the scoring with 235 points who qualified seven times also. The team that is favored to win the state finals is Hinsdale Central which last week qualified 18 swimmers for the finals.



State favorite Ross Pollack has recorded one of the longest distances in the shot this year.