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## Former administrator dies in Arkansas

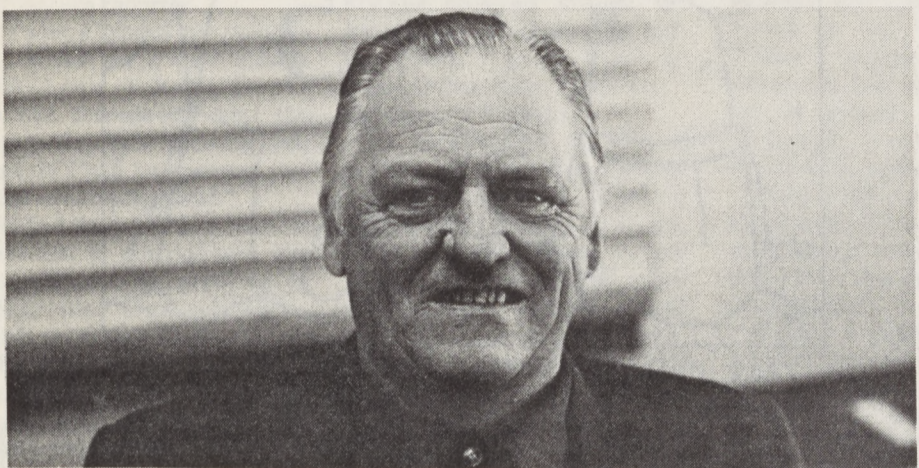
Virgil Van Cleave, retired East high math and science director, died January 13 in Rogers, Arkansas, of an apparent heart attack.

Van Cleave came to East in 1964 as a math teacher and a football coach and he was promoted to the position of assistant principal in 1967. In 1970, Van Cleave was appointed the director of math and science, where he remained until his retirement in November of 1977.

VAN CLEAVE AND HIS family

then moved to Arkansas where he sold real estate. Van Cleave is survived by his wife Ruth, and two sons, Mark and Jim.

Ruth Van Cleave will be setting up a Memorial Fund with the Hope Evangelical Church in Arkansas to purchase an organ for the church in Virgil Van Cleave's memory. If anyone would like to contribute to the fund, the school will be happy to see that Mrs. Van Cleave receives any contributions.



Former East assistant principal, Virgil Van Cleave died in Rogers, Arkansas on January 13, 1979.

## Test resigns from East

Donald Test, East Industrial Arts teacher, and VICA coordinator, will be resigning, effective at the conclusion of the first semester, after 18½ years of teaching at East.

Test and his family will be moving to their farm in Aurora, Missouri, where they will be operating a True Value hardware store.

TEST CAME TO EAST in 1960 and has taught auto mechanics and drivers education. He also served as a campus supervisor.

"When I first came to East, students did not have the privilege of open campus. As a campus supervisor I had to patrol the grounds to insure that students reminded on school grounds," commented Test.

Test noted that many other changes have occurred since he first came to East.

"Boys were subject to suspension if

they didn't wear a belt with their pants. Jeans were strictly forbidden and girls were required to wear skirts or dresses to school."

"IN 1969 I BECAME involved in the work study program in addition to teaching auto mechanics. I became the VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) coordinator about four years ago. Students taking Industrial Arts courses are involved in the VICA program," stated Test.

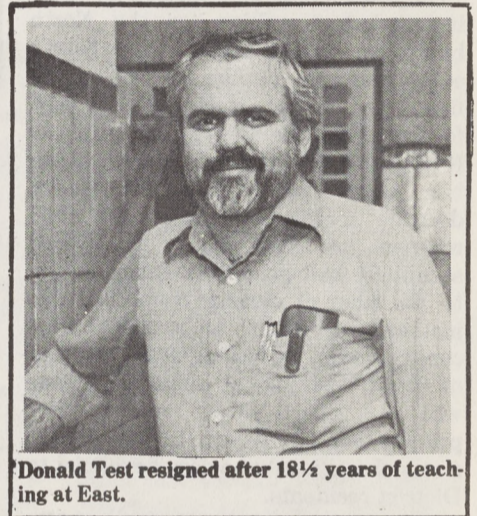
Test is looking forward to his upcoming move, "My wife and I have bought a True Value hardware store which we will be running. We'll be living in a small house on our grounds. Then we'll be building a large garage which we'll move into until our house is constructed," Test and his wife will be executing the architecture and construction of their new home.

"The people are very different there.

They are kind and considerate. In fact, our neighbors will be helping us build our home," continued Test. "I think I will enjoy most, the fact that there is only one stop sign between our farm and the town," laughed Test.

TEST REMARKED that the area is very peaceful. "I think it is a good environment in which to raise children. One of the reasons we are moving is to give our children a chance to grow up in a country atmosphere. The children themselves are excited about the move."

Test announced his decision to leave in late October of this year. "I have mixed feelings about leaving. I still like teaching but I feel it's time for a change, and the time to change is when one is happy, not unhappy."



Donald Test resigned after 18½ years of teaching at East.

## 53 graduate mid-year

Fifty-three students will graduate mid-year, according to Galen Hosler, East principal.

Students who are graduating early are welcome to participate in a small ceremony February 15, at 4:00 p.m. in the student lounge. "Students and their parents are welcome to join us for coffee and refreshments after the ceremony," commented Hosler.

"WE ARE EXPECTING about 20 students to participate in the ceremony. Other students will be returning for the June ceremony," Hosler concluded.

The graduates are as follows:

Donald Anderson, Sheila Barsky, Denise Braverman, Diane Brazen, Karen Bressler, Joel Collins, Linda

David, Paul Davidson, Eric Edin, Lyle Edwards, Stephen Faller, Sharon Favish, Mindy Sue Fine, Peter Gebavi, Laurie Ann Goldstein, Zehava Goldstein, Janice Greenberg, Todd Gunther, Larry Hanbrook, Julie Hoffman, Diane Horak, Donna Kenig, Steve Korres, Nancy Kraft, Howard Levine, Sue Lewandowski, Roberta Lewen, Diane Lovitt, Cindy Marsch, Phil Martini, Julie A. Miller, Richard Miller, Ronald Nagel, Colette Purcell, Sharyl Purvin, Cindy Reich, Marcy Ross, Randi Siegel, Ivy Sirt, Sharon Speigel, Karen Stein, Diane Uhle, Carolyn Ulbert, Rene Vasquez, Rhonda Vowell, Arlene Weinberg, Mickie Weiss, Lisa Wolff, Ivy Zekelman, Marla Zimble and Brian Zolin.

## Graduate returns to East

Jack Knish, former East student, is the new assistant security officer. He has replaced John Herter who left the position last December.

After graduating from East in 1975, Knish took classes in Law Enforcement at Oakton Community College. He recently passed a test to become a Skokie policeman and is now on their waiting list.

KNISH'S DUTIES will include patrolling halls, issuing parking tickets, and keeping everyone in general control at sports events.

When asked to compare East in 1979 to East when he attended, Knish replied, "The rules are more strict than they were when I attended East. I think it's for the better. When I went to East, there were no study halls. Smoking on Mulford was limited to the curb; however, nothing was enforced. It was like a country club. Now I feel that the kids are more relaxed and easy going. There isn't as much vandalism as when I attended East."

"So far I have really enjoyed my job. I feel "right in" with the school," concluded Knish.

## Weather changes schedule

Due to the adverse weather conditions that Chicago and the surrounding suburbs have been subjected to, a number of school days have been missed, making it necessary to implement changes in the East calendar.

Final exams will be held one week later on February 7, 8, and 9. February 2, previously scheduled as the semester break, will now be a complete school day. February 19, previously scheduled as an institute day, will also be a full day of school.

BECAUSE FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, served as an institute day for the teachers, only four days have actually been lost in the school year, according to Mr. Galen Hosler, East principal. Two days will be made up on February 2 and 19, leaving only five days left.

"The last day in the school year has not yet been established and no adjustments have been made in the second semester either due to the fact that more snow emergency days may be necessary," Hosler explained.

TRANSPORTATION TO AND from school has also proved to be a problem. Because the bus company needs time to make all their scheduled stops, only the 7:25 a.m. bus will be running. There will not be a bus at 8:10 a.m. until further notice. All routes in the afternoon will remain as scheduled, with the exception of the 5:30 athletic bus, which will also be canceled until further notice. The 6:15 athletic bus will continue to run as scheduled.

### EXAM SCHEDULE

	February 7, 1979	February 8, 1979	February 9, 1979
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

## Nilehilite reviews policy

On January 21, the District 219 School Board, on a motion by George A. Contarsy, voted 6 to 0, with one abstention by Gordon Hirsch, to reaffirm a decision made in 1975 to close East. In the opinion of the Nilehilite, this decision should not be viewed as the final verdict concerning the East closing.

Going back to 1975, the decision made by the Board to close East at that time was reasonable. In the District there was to be a projected enrollment drop of 61% of the peak of a decade ago. Since East was the oldest of the three District high schools and needed the most repairs, amounting to \$2.9 million, East was the logical school to be closed. So, at that time, the Board concluded that "barring unforeseen developments," East would be vacated by September of 1980.

But as everybody knows "unforeseen developments" did arise about two months ago when OCC offered to purchase North if it closed in 1980. "The total bid of \$5.8 million by OCC included \$5.2 million for the North building, half a million for North equipment and supplies, and five years free rental of space at North to be used for District headquarters," according to Raymond Fleischer, Board member. Until the January 21 Board decision reaffirming the Board commitment to close East, the Board seemingly had given due consideration to the plan of closing North in 1980 instead and selling it to OCC. This consideration, on closing North instead of East, was logical since OCC was what the Board would term a "first priority buyer or leaser" because it was a school and would be very beneficial to District residents.

But instead of holding a public national discussion on the fate of Niles North and East and the availability of closing North and selling it to OCC, there began a "smear East" campaign led by some North parents. These protesters claimed that East was in a total shambles and unfit and unsafe as a high school structure.

Currently unresolved by the Board, is which of the many alternatives they're to choose concerning the East closing. First, should the Board reject the bid by OCC as too low and go ahead with closing of East in 1980? Second, should the Board accept the offer of OCC and close North in 1980 saving East from demolition? Third, should the Board sell North now, marking East for destruction in 1980, and turn over the North building to OCC in 1985? Or fourth, should the Board do its utmost to lease North to OCC, having OCC take over the North building in 1980 and consequently saving East from demolition?

Of all these policy options, the one the Board should try and move toward is clearly the one that deals with leasing North to OCC in 1980, and in

the words of the eloquent Gordon Hirsch, "End the matter of the East closing once and for all."

This plan that deals with leasing North to East in 1980 is the best for many reasons. First, according to this plan, East would be saved from demolition and would continue to serve the District as an active and vital institution. Second, if OCC would leave North, the North building would be used in the capacity it was designed for, namely to educate District residents. Third, if North is leased to OCC, if there is ever a need for a second high school in the future here in the District, the North building will be available. Finally, leasing North to OCC in 1980 will give the Board more time to find a suitable leaser for the East building in 1985.

focus

## X leader talks about gang life

david eingorn

"You know, you can tell the story of a person's life from his hands," he began. "Just look at my hands, see here, eleven stitches from a guy who pulled a knife on me," he continued. "Look at your hands," he said to me, "no cuts, no scars; I know from this you're a nice person, not a bum," he added.

I was flying to Miami when I met this former gang leader who was going to pick up a truckload of merchandise that he was bringing out to Atlanta.

HE SAT NEXT to me and we started talking, and I began to question him. He was very interesting and open without the pretensions that characterize most people in the North Suburban area.

Caeser (as he will be known in this article) told me that he was a Cuban from the Uptown area, that he was the oldest of a family of eight, that he was poor, and that he had very little opportunity to get a decent education because of the violence that permeated his school and community.

The call for breakfast came which temporarily interrupted our conversation. Immediately after breakfast I continued questioning him.

INGORN: Why did you join a gang in the first place?

CAESER: I joined the gang because I had to. Whenever I would walk down the street some kids would come up and jump me and take my money. I needed gang membership for my own protection so people would be afraid to start up with me because if they did, my gang would get them.

INGORN: Why is revenge so

important to gang life?

CAESER: Revenge is simply a fact of life. If someone beats you up and takes your money, and you or your gang don't get him back, then the next time he sees you he'll demand your money, and if you don't give it to him he'll beat you up and take it. This guy will just keep taking from you until you or your gang get him back.

INGORN: Why do gangs flourish in poor areas of the city?

CAESER: There are a lot of reasons why gangs are so popular. First, the parents of the kids in my own area don't spend much time with their kids because they're either working long hours so their families could eat, looking for jobs, or drinking at the neighborhood bar. Therefore, their kids get the attention and sense of belonging they need from various gangs, instead of from their parents where they ought to get it.

Second there's too many kids and not enough facilities. There are simply not enough parks, basketball courts, or open spaces for all the kids. Consequently, individual gangs rule over specific parks or basketball courts, and if you ever want to play ball in a park or shoot baskets you better be a member of a gang and be in that gang's territory or else you'll get beaten badly.

INGORN: Where does the gang get its money, and how is it run?

CAESER: Some of the money comes from dues, a lot of it from stealing.

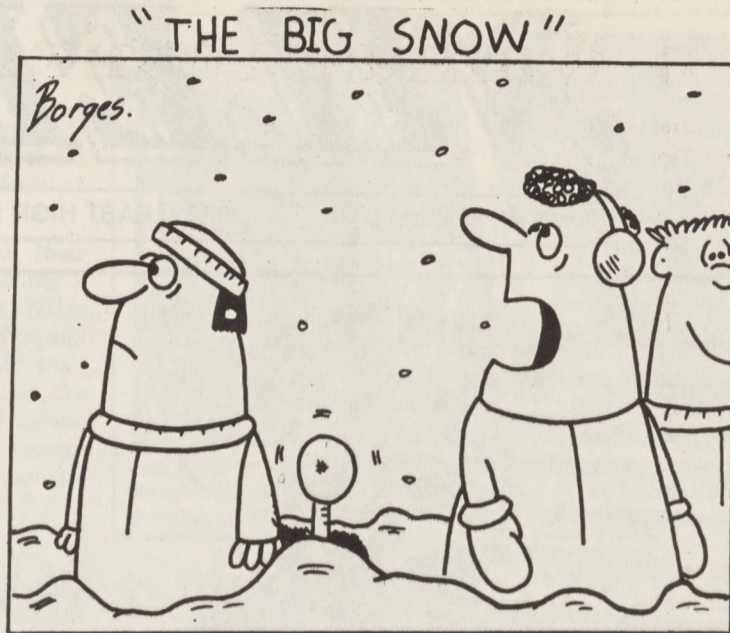
In my old gang, the members elected officers (Pres., V.P., etc.) and the officers ran the gang. The president was the head of the gang and was always the craziest of the members. By that, I mean he wasn't afraid of nothing. When two gangs would meet,

it was the presidents that started fighting first and then the rest of the gang members would fall in.

Finally, from what I learned from this former gangleader was that there is a solution to the problem of gangs. The solution lies in desperately needed revitalization funds from the federal government to rejuvenate the poor areas within all cities, specifically, money for many new parks and recreational areas. Also, more importantly, there should be a great number of public works jobs created for area residents intended for area renovation and improvement.

The results of this effort by the federal government would be twofold. First, the part of the problem of the decadence of the modern city would be limited. Second, there would be more money and attention directed toward the children of the individual area residents; not forcing these kids to find attention and acceptance through gangs, and money through thievery. Third, this plan, instead of the current system of welfare "handouts" would instill pride in poor city residents which is so badly needed.

In addition, I'd like to relate Caeser's experience to us and our community. For example, the teenager of both the Skokie and Uptown areas have basically the same problems of acceptance, peer pressure, and parental conflict. Just in the case of Caeser, their problems are compounded by poverty and the depressed conditions that surround them; causing them to revert to gangs as a refuge. While in our own area, conditions aren't so bad as to cause kids to revert to forming gangs as a way of helping them solve their problems.



They must've taken the flagpole down, 'cause I can't see it anymore.

## Feedback

### System baffles student

Dear Editor:

After recently looking at my report cards for the first two marking periods, I have been totally dumbfoundd as to their meaning.

In this letter, I do not intend to criticize the grading system, because I believe that the new weighted grade system is a good idea. I just wish that someone could explain to me how to decipher these new report cards.

FOR INSTANCE, is an underclassman's grade point average totally redetermined using the weights for the

classes that he or she successfully completed or does one's grade point remain the same?

What is the honor roll G.P.A.? What is the cumulative weighted G.P.A.? What is semester average weight? What is the cumulative average weight? These are all points regarding the new report cards that have baffled me.

I have talked to administrators about the report cards and they have not been able to help me understand the new report card system because

they themselves don't know how to explain the system, as they frequently admitted to me.

I THINK IT WOULD be a good idea for the Niles Township School District to publish a clear and concise explanation of how to analyze one's report card. I feel that if East students can't understand their report cards, they will not be able to fully understand the significance of weighted grades and their effect on one's high school career.

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## Bob Wallace reminisces

by Janice Greenberg

"Coming to Chicago in May, 1970, was the my first big break in the broadcasting business," stated Bob Wallace, Channel 2 news anchorman and feature reporter.

"I sent a tape of my voice to an audition for a CBS station in St. Louis. I didn't get the job but the station sent the tape to Chicago, knowing that Channel 2 had an opening, and I was eventually hired."

WALLACE, WHO IS 37 years old, is married and has two children. He grew up in Somerville, Massachusetts, which is located right outside of Boston. Wallace received his Bachelor of Arts degree in broadcasting from Boston University in 1962.

He participated in a two year Associate Arts Degree Program in Boston. At first he wasn't interested in broadcasting as a career, but rather a "latent desire". "My parish priest in Somerville, who I admired very much, thought I had a good speaking voice and

encouraged me to utilize it. I wasn't sure what major to pursue in college; then I discovered broadcasting and chose that for my career. I always enjoyed acting, so broadcasting fulfills my acting desire. I guess I can be called a frustrated performer," commented Wallace.

"I DISCOVER MOST of my stories by keeping my eyes and ears open. I think if something is interesting to me, it will be interesting to the viewers. I also receive notes from public relations and viewers. I throw most away, but every once in a while I get a good tip."

Wallace noted that when filming on location, everything is ad libbed. He usually plans his feature stories a few days in advance. Although he works with a planning unit, he always has the final decision.

Some of the stories Wallace has agreed to included washing windows in the Hancock Building, parachuting, and a

wing walk.

"THE PARACHUTE jump was very scary even though I had ground training. I felt fear of the unknown. A wireless microphone was attached to me, but I froze. Finally I jumped. The whole thing took four or five seconds, but it seemed like eternity. Although I was scared, I would do it again if I had to."

"I also did a wing walk on an airplane. I was waving and doing hand stands. My wife thought I was crazy," reminisced Wallace.

Wallace concluded that students interested in broadcasting as a career should take classes in many different fields such as political science, law, humanities, and typing.

## Yearbook staff prepares '79 copy

by Leslie Doi

When the annual East Yearbook, *Reflections*, comes out, students are seen huddled

in the cafeteria and in Trojan Hall or sitting cross legged at the foot of their lockers shrieking over pictures, pointing at familiar faces, hiding their own faces, and dreaming of memories of the past year. Students proudly display their yearbooks to relatives and other friends but few realize the amount of work spent on it.

"Headline deadline!" someone may yell out. Under the supervision of Dennis Grabowski, the yearbook staff works to meet the five major deadlines made by the printing company, Josten's American Yearbook in Topeka, Kansas, according to Josten's production schedule. "If we don't meet the deadline, we are charged by the yearbook company for each day and the yearbook will be delayed at the end of the year," claimed Grabowski.

THE YEARBOOK WHICH is scheduled to appear at the end of May must be completed by March 1st. Many different jobs are established to produce an attractive final product. The editors-in-chief, Alan Karras '79 and Ted Hill '80 must check details, copy, layouts, pictures, cropping, and identification of the entire book according to Grabowski.

Grabowski pointed out that it is difficult "to find the amount of time necessary to finally check all the material. It takes hours and hours of work."

Each of the five major sections has its own editors: Expression, Leslie Oif '79; Spirit, Gena Schoen '81; Action, Alan Schoen '79 and Sue Isserman '80; Ideas, Judy Brazen '79; Individuals, Laurie Pautz '79 and Nancy Kaplan '79; and copy editor, Lisa Woll '79. Each section editor is responsible for the same work as the editor but in smaller quantity.

A STAFF PERSON usually, has a page assigned to him and must take care of all the necessary jobs involved. Each staff member must see to it that all photos needed for that page are taken. For this they would approach Mark Ross, a professional photographer from Root Studios, who does 99 per cent of the photography

according to Karras.

Here another obstacle exists. Scheduling all events to be photographed is difficult because it must be coordinated with publication deadlines. Also, Hill commented that a problem is "the frequent uncooperativeness of some faculty members."

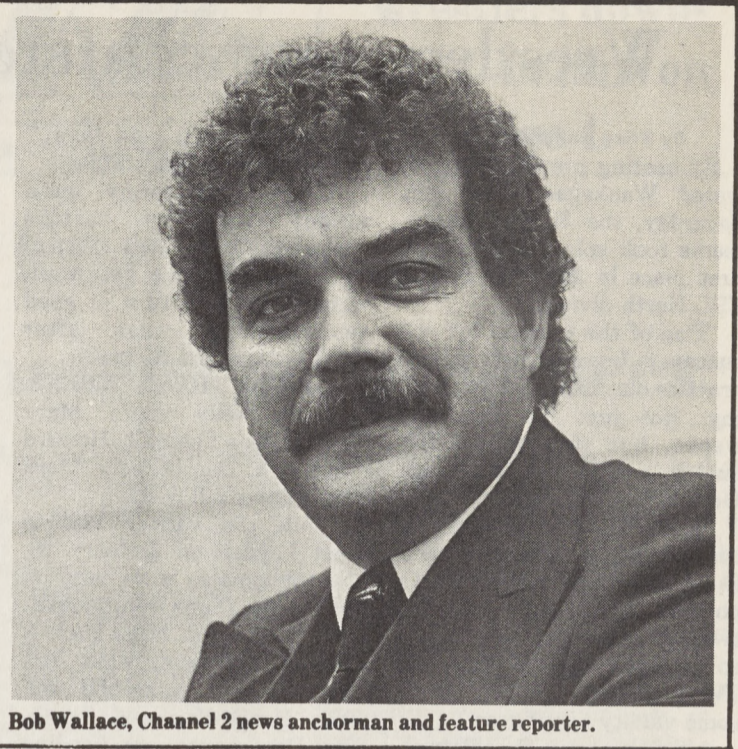
That hard cover that saves the pages of the yearbook from being ruined from spilled punch was not drawn by Picasso nor were the pages set by a professional printer. The yearbook's art staff, George Levin and Dan Finn, are responsible for setting the headlines to be sent to the company, and designing the division pages and cover for the book.

GRABOWSKI NOTED that one problem is when 24 kids have to depend on one another for help and cooperation to produce a "beautiful quality yearbook. It's hard for some students to completely accept the responsibility. This lets down not only the staff, but the entire student body."

According to Hill, Grabowski is "exactly what an advisor should be — he advises and lets us do what we like."

Although this is Grabowski's first year as advisor, he has been assistant advisor for the past three years. He believes that "if the problems are carefully worked out so it can be solved, everything will work out fine."

KARRAS CONCLUDED, "The yearbook is going to be the best ever this year. People are committing themselves to creating an artistic as well as journalistic product. People will really love it."



Bob Wallace, Channel 2 news anchorman and feature reporter.

## Cross country skiing provides exercise and transportation

by Linda Burstyn

Winter pounds piling up? Here's a sure fire solution that not only burns off a whopping 625 calories per hour, but also tones up leg and arm muscles and can even clear up pimples. Is it a pill? a gas? a new gadget? No, it's... cross country skiing.

This sport is relatively inexpensive. The cost of cross country ski rental is minimal and no money is wasted for gas because it can be done anywhere where snow exists. There are no crowds or lines or lift tickets to worry about.

NOW ONE MAY wonder, "Will it really cure my acne?" Well, maybe not cure it, but, doctors agree that the fresh outdoor air that inevitable comes in contact with the while skiing produces a healthy glow and helps clear the face.

With the over sixty inches of snow that has fallen this winter, one doesn't have to search far to locate a suitable skiing area. Not only is skiing a great recreational sport, but

a practical one as well in these days of being snowbound. The skier will find himself the envy of all his immobilized friends when he casually skis to the movies or does his shopping.

A few rental shops nearby include: Tack-L-Tyers which is located at 939 Chicago Ave-

nue, Evanston, and 1016 Davis Street, Evanston and Spoke N' Ski located at 4650 Oakton, Skokie.

SO INSTEAD OF waiting for warmer days that are certain to come, strap on a pair of cross country skis and enjoy the winter wonderland that seems to be here to stay.



Two Glenview residents ski cross country in the snow that remains from Blizzard '79 at Harms Woods.

## New food invention may solve the problem of sloppy eating

by Paula Kasper

Darwin Hiddleston, who retired from the restaurant business after 37 years, has a new idea which he believes will "solve the problem of sloppy eating."

Hiddleston has developed a donut-shaped hot dog. The hot dog fits on a hamburger bun and has a hole in the middle for all of the trimmings.

"WHEN I WAS younger my mother did not believe that it was necessary to buy both hot dog and hamburger buns," explained Hiddleston.

"She bought hamburger buns because it was much easier to put a hot dog on a hamburger bun than to put a hamburger on a hot dog bun."

"I did not care for the idea of cutting up the hot dog to make it fit," reminisced Hiddleston, "I remember that every time that I would take a bite of the bun, a piece of the hot dog would fall out."

Now after many years in the food industry, Hiddleston has developed and is ready to promote the round hot dog.

The problem is that patent lawyers are not. The lawyers do not believe "the time for round hot dogs has come."

WHEN ASKED HOW the hot dog is made, Hiddleston replied, "That is my secret and until I get the patent, it will remain my secret and only mine."

HIDDLESTON HAS ALREADY brought the world perfumed horse manure and fiberglass burial vaults. He believes that "now what the world needs is the round hot dog."



Karen Sawislak '80 works to meet deadline for East yearbook.

## Wrestlers near conference titles

by Brian Kamajian

By beating previously undefeated Waukegan West last Saturday, the East wrestling teams took sole possession of first place in all levels of the CSL North division.

"One of the reasons for our success is from the first day of practice our kids keep improving. Not just the first few weeks, but throughout the entire season," commented Head Coach Fred Richardi.

"ANOTHER REASON IS that we give as many wrestlers as much varsity experience as possible. Some days we have two different meets scheduled, so we bring up sophomore and JV wrestlers to give them some varsity experience."

After beating St. Patrick 35-6 on January 5, all four levels swept previously undefeated Highland Park, in this annual school rivalry. "They thought that they could psych us out because we were wrestling in their gym, but we

just went in and beat them," declared senior Mark Pollack.

"We've got many good steady wrestlers besides (John) LaManna and (Victor) Suarez, that don't get much notice, but they turn in good performances week after week," remarked Richardi.

AMONG THESE WRESTLERS are Kelly Walls, Mark Pollack, Don Schmidt, Howard Wallovich, Dan Sarasin, Mark DeMar and Bill Stein.

While the varsity lost to East Leyden on January 20, the sophomores were busy in the Notre Dame tournament. Pete Rollick and Mike Pechter both placed first, while Art Zygmunt took a second and Troy Henikoff placed fourth. The East sops are heading towards their eighth straight conference title.

The freshman team has an undefeated conference record so far, with several of the wrestlers sporting strong records.

"THESE FRESHMEN learn and apply new moves better than any group of freshmen have for the last four or five years, commented freshmen coach Steve Poznansky.

According to Poznansky the following wrestlers are sporting outstanding records, Chris Mamaril (10-3), Troy Henikoff (13-1), Rick Van Royen (8-1), Steve Potts (11-1), Dave Carlson (13-4), Tim Christopoulos (8-0), Rick Kane (8-0), and Art Zygmunt (16-0).

The squad will take on Deerfield this weekend in a dual meet. The district meet will be held next Saturday at Glenbrook South.



Alan Andrea sets up a play in the January 12 contest against Waukegan West. In the fourth quarter of this game Andrea reinjured his ankle and has been sidelined for two weeks. (Photo by Silver)

## Basketball seeks victories

The East basketball team will try to get back the winning track tonight when they face the New Trier East Indians at home at 8:00.

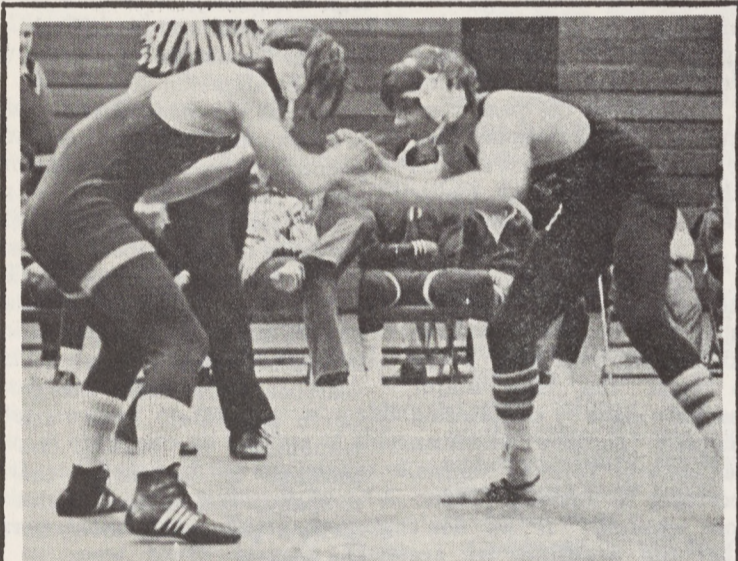
After playing well in an overtime loss to Waukegan West on Jan. 12, the Trojans suffered a setback in losing 81-61 to Niles North on January 19.

"IT WAS HARD losing to North, but I hope we'll get another shot at them in the

regional," commented Head Coach Emil Capitani after the game.

Coming home the next Friday night against Evanston, the Trojans played well for three quarters, and trailed the Wildkits by only four at the end of the third quarter. The Trojans were rattled by the Evanston running game in the fourth quarter, eventually losing by a score of 90-67.

Last Saturday night the Trojans travelled to Maine South to take on the highly ranked Hawks. Although the Trojans lost the game by a score of 93-67, the game was highlighted early in the first quarter when East forward Tad Slowik scored his 1000th point of his two and a half year varsity career. Slowik will be honored in a ceremony prior to tonight's game.



Mark Pollack, Trojan varsity wrestler, grapples with his Waukegan West opponent. The wrestlers swept the Raiders on all four levels and are heading towards another conference title. (Photo by Silver)

## Bowlers victorious

## Girls' basketball tries to untrack

by Barbara Reich

### GIRLS' BASKETBALL

As girls' basketball coach Jerry Oswald drills and instructs his team, the group practices long hours in an effort to break their four game losing streak.

"We're going through a development period right now," stated Oswald. "We have to get organized and improve."

HIGH SCORERS for the Trojans are Nancy Kusek, Cindy Michals and Julie Maggio. "These girls all had good scoring games in our first four contests," pointed out Oswald.

Another challenge facing the team is the loss of five original varsity players. The players are replaced by sophomores Mindy Fischhoff, Lisa Levy,

Chris Sproat, and Cindy Wu.

"We're a young team without much experience — we need time," concluded Chris Porter.

### GIRLS' BOWLING

Despite tough competition and an active bowling schedule, the East varsity team remains first in the conference.

The team's final seasonal challenge in Maine East tomorrow afternoon. "It will be a tough match. They're strong competitors," declared Coach Dee Whyman.

Barb Bieniek, Lori Jenson, Cindy Kauzoreres, Kathy Matz, Ellen Mendelson, Chris Pittas, Val Scheinflug, Virginia Ulloa, Jackie Ungar and Sue Yates will represent East in the district tournament against St. Benedict, Providence-St. Mel, Luther North, and Niles North. All of these competitors are averaging over 143 points per game.

commentary

## Trojan Talk

alan friedman

When school resumes next fall, several sports, including boys' gymnastics, will find themselves in new seasons. The changes are the result of an IHSA referendum which changes the times of five sports.

The season changes include boys' gymnastics from winter to spring; girls' gymnastics from spring to winter; boys' swimming from spring to winter; girls' swimming from winter to fall; and girls' archery from fall to spring.

"CHANGES SUCH as the ones made were originally proposed five years ago by the Central Suburban League," said James Swanson, East athletic director. "We felt that the changes were necessary to avoid the scheduling conflicts that we have every year."

The conflicts that Swanson was referring to occur mainly during the month of February when East has five teams sharing the limited gym space. With the new alignment there will still be a conflict among boys' and girls' basketball and girls' badminton, but the problem of an overlapping

season between boys' and girls' gymnastics should be ended.

While the changes found much approval among Illinois' athletic directors, many boys' gymnastics coaches don't like the new changes.

"WINTER TIME JUST seems to be the best time to conduct gymnastic activity," commented East gymnastic coach Tom Sokalski. "The biggest problem, however, will be the inability to work out consistently throughout the year. We may not be able to practice during the winter."

Although Sokalski is generally in disapproval of the change, he does see a possible advantage. "With the season changing it will now give athletes involved in wrestling, basketball, and swimming the chance to get involved with gymnastics."

Because of the new alignment, two East coaches will now have season conflicts with the sports they coach.

Don Larson will have to choose between soccer and girls' swimming, both of which are now scheduled in the fall.

Jean Wojdula will have a conflict between softball and archery, both scheduled in the spring. "These two coaches will be placed where we feel they are needed the most," explained Swanson.

## Gymnasts finish fourth

The East gymnastics team competed in District competition last Wednesday after finishing fourth in the conference.

"We were really hurt by the snow. We had to cancel several meets and our practice schedule was cut down, commented Coach Tom Sokalski.

THE SQUAD finished fourth in the conference while several individuals placed well. Dave Nisson took second in the side horse event. Mike Lankford took third on the parallel bars, fifth in the all-around, and sixth in the side horse. Other gymnasts who placed well include Dennis Pucher, fifth in side horse, and Brian Sanchez who took fifth

in the rings.

"Besides the snow hurting us, we lost one of our best gymnasts," said Sokalski. Sokalski was referring to horizontal bar performer Steve Korn who sustained a broken arm in practice. "Without him we lost about four or five points."

BEFORE THE conference meet, the Trojans faced the eventual conference champion New Trier East in a dual meet.

"Both teams didn't meet their normal range, but New Trier was able to hit better," explained Sokalski. The gymnasts fell to the Indians by a score of 111-96.

THE TROJANS' next opponent was Highland Park.

"The Highland Park meet was our best meet of the season. If a few better routines would have been turned in, we could have won the meet," stated Sokalski. The Trojans lost this heartbreaker by a narrow margin of 114-112.

The sophomore team ended a very successful season by taking the conference title on the sophomore level.

The squad, coached by former East gymnast Seymour Rifkind, went undefeated throughout the entire season. Steve Malitz, a freshman competing on the sophomore level, took first place in conference on every event but the pommel horse and floor exercise. Fred Iles took a first in the pommel horse event.