

Class designs equipment shed

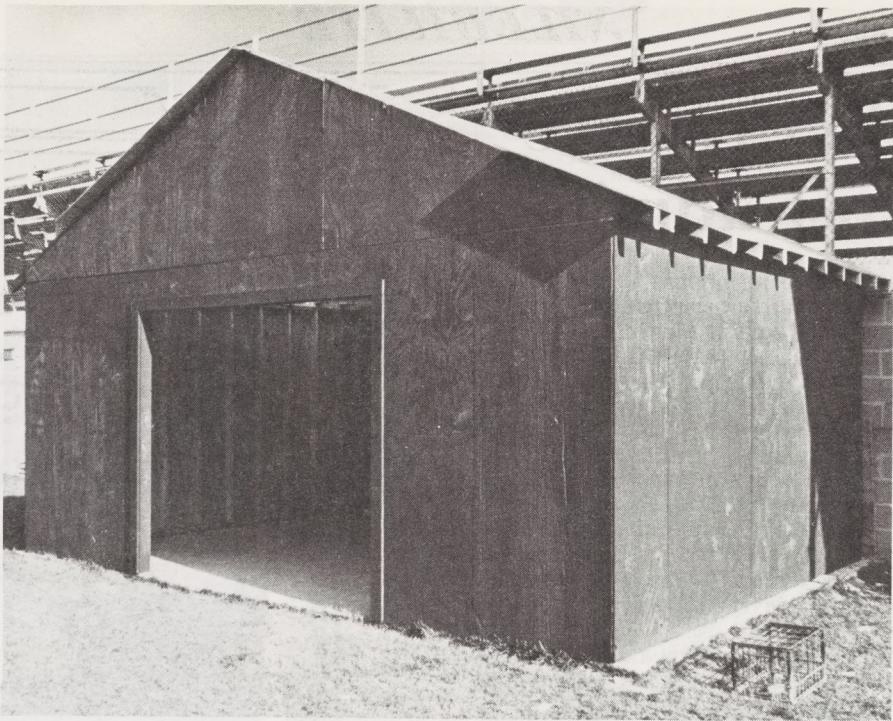
The second year woodshop class students, taught by Robert Keen, are building a shed for athletic equipment behind the football stands.

THE WOODSHOP CLASS offered to build a sturdy shed for the athletic department. Last year the two aluminum sheds that were by the football stands were blown down in a strong wind storm. So the class decided to accept the challenge by first thinking of the design and then constructing the shed.

"Each boy had his own job," said Keen. The woodshop teacher felt this will be beneficial for his students because it will give them an actual experience in carpentry.

"**WHEN THEY STARTED** to design the inside, they realized they couldn't use ordinary type of rafters, so they created a special kind of rafter," added Keen.

This project, which was started on October 1, costs \$1089 and should be completed in the spring.



Newly constructed shed is located behind the football stands. (photo by Gary Kantz)

DECA elects president

Scott Nathanson '78 was elected president of the Illinois Chapter of Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) at the Illinois State Executive Conference held in Springfield, November 4-5.

To qualify for the office Scott was elected president of the Niles East DECA chapter. He was also elected president of Area 15, which includes schools from the north suburban area.

TO ENLIGHTEN THE PUBLIC about the many benefits of distributive education is one of Scott's main goals this year as president. Scott will do this by developing a state-wide newsletter to be distributed to all the state DECA chapters.

Scott also wants to increase communication between DECA chapters by having area socials and meetings that will bring students from different high schools closer together in order to share ideas and thoughts about DECA.

AS PRESIDENT, Scott will have many responsibilities such as to preside over all meetings and to develop programs that will benefit and promote DECA. Another duty as state president is to make personal appearances on weekends. "It is a lot of hard work, but I enjoy doing it," said Scott.

Scott and 10 DECA Members attended the Central Region Conference in Bismark, North Dakota, on November 17-20 to develop leadership. DECA also sponsored a can food drive for Thanksgiving baskets. They are planning the annual DECA auction this month offering more than 100 pieces of donated merchandise.

THE OTHER OFFICERS in DECA, coordinated by Bill Coulson, include Julie Gold, vice president; Devin Schreiber, secretary; Debbie Kagan, reporter; and Mark Schuman, parliamentary.

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Proposal boosts credits to 34

On December 19, the Board of Education will receive a proposal from the Niles Township High Schools Curriculum Council which changes the graduation requirement from 32 credits to 34 credits.

The new graduation requirement, starting with the class of 1981, would allow the two added credits to be used as elective subjects. It would also make the ratio 18 required subjects and 16 elective subjects instead of 18 and 14 respectively.

THE REASON for this change was brought on by the new policy changes that have occurred in District 219 during the past 15 years. Some of the changes made in recent years have been concerned with independent study, the dropping of the normal load requirement, the change from the seven to the nine period day, and the

consumer education and health education requirements.

The Curriculum Council has felt that with the many policy changes during the years, it is easier for students to meet the requirements for graduation. The Council termed its recommendation to add two credits as "simply a means of recovering lost educational experience for Nilehi students which resulted from the changes in the policy."

AT THE NOVEMBER 10 meeting, the Educational Policy Advisory Committee (EPAC), an advisory committee to the Board of Education, reviewed the Curriculum Council's proposal. After a two hour discussion, the EPAC passed the proposal almost unanimously.

Compared with neighboring suburban school districts, Niles Township presently rates the lowest in graduation requirements. In Niles Township 32 credits are needed to graduate; Glenbrook 34; Evanston, 37; Deerfield-Highland Park, 33; New Trier, 34; and Maine 35.

Forums provide education

Forum programs such as Fife and Drum Army Marching Band, Psycho-Drama, Effects of Nuclear Weapons, and Self-Protection were presented in November. Five events are scheduled for this month; one of them was held yesterday.

Michael Dessimoz, assistant Director of Admissions and Records at Oakton Community College, spoke about career education and job opportunities after high school. He discussed occupations such as commercial and industrial art, typing, steno, accounting, data processing, business management, home economics, and industrial occupations.

ON DECEMBER 6 an all-school assembly will be held in the contest gym, fourth period and homeroom to present a national assembly program. General Motors "Previews of Progress" uses showmanship to make science "come alive" with its program about solar energy, space navigation, pollution abatement techniques, and other scientific advancements.

On December 7 the topic for discussion is "Shoplifting: The Effects on Business and on Individuals." Carson, Pirie, Scott and Company's chief security agent, James Finnely, will speak second through seventh periods, in the student lounge. He will present a film entitled "Caught" and discuss the precautions taken to prevent shoplifting, and the consequences of an offender being caught and prosecuted. This is a necessary program for students due to the approaching shopping season for the holidays, according to Mrs. Muriel Sucherman, sponsor.

ABNER MIKA, Illinois Congressman from the 10th district, will come to East's student lounge fourth and fifth periods on December 13. This will give students, parents, and teachers an opportunity to ask him questions.

On December 14 handwriting and graphology will be discussed by William McCabe, Jr., in the student lounge, fourth through seventh periods. McCabe was engaged in personnel placement and worked with a European-trained psychologist who demonstrated the validity of handwriting analysis as a predictor of vocational success.

ALL STUDENTS SHOULD TRY to

attend Forums during their free periods for educational enrichment and enjoyment. Teachers also may bring their classes to the programs if they pertain to their course.

Student Senate selects officers

Officers for the 1977-78 Student Senate have been announced as John Lopez '78, president; Phil Rappoport '79, vice president; Lisa Samuelson '80, secretary.

SENATE is also in the process of electing representatives to various committees including the Educational Policy Advisory Committee, Board of Education, Committee of School Affairs, Student Appeals Board, and several village commissions.

One of the future programs for Senate includes a tri-school computer match-up dance between East, West, and North. The representatives of the three schools have been notified of the computer-dance and a committee is now being formed, according to Lopez.

ANOTHER PROGRAM consists of sending a representative to a presidential classroom in Washington, D.C. The program, "to promote a better understanding of American democracy and a deeper feeling of citizen responsibility," will be held in six separate sessions from January to March. Student Senate is planning to send at least one representative to the final session on February 25-March 4.

The following students have successfully petitioned for seats and now comprise the '77-'78 Senate body: senior class representatives include Mario DeRango, Martin Ellenby, Chuck Heftman, David Larson, Sheri Marshak, Kenny Miller; junior class representatives include April Alpiner, Marc Hartzman, Julie Millman, Lloyd Pilchen; sophomore class representatives are Steve Bartlestein, Laurie Dubin, Sue Isserman, Cindy Photos, Karen Sawislak; and freshman class representatives are Laura Elman, Lisa Engleberg, Andi Levin, and Cari Segal.

Students to present opera

"Amahl and the Night Visitors," a one act opera, written by Gino-Carlo Menotti, will be performed for the first time at East, December 8-9, in the auditorium at 8 p.m.

THE OPERA, which was written in 1951 for TV, is about a crippled boy. The performance will include the East concert and chamber choirs. The concert orchestra, directed by Frank Winkler, and the Chicago Chamber Wind Ensemble will play the orchestral accompaniment, according to Robert Anderson, vocal director.

"Amahl is a seasonal opera. It is so written that the students in the music department must perform it with hard work," replied Anderson.

"**WINKLER AND I** looked at the student

personnel and decided there was enough talent to produce an opera. Through conversations, we found that we both liked Amahl. We didn't consider any other operas.

"We have been working on the opera since the first week of school. The second week we held auditions for the lead parts. The choices were difficult, and we had to have call backs," said Anderson.

Amahl, the crippled boy, will be acted by Michael Brody, a sixth grader at Old Orchard Junior High School. "At least 25 boys auditioned for the part of Amahl," added Anderson.

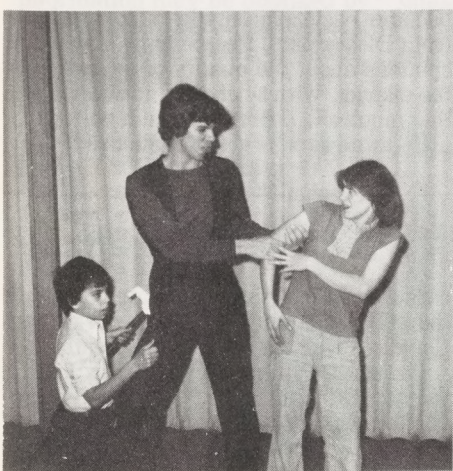
THE OTHER LEADS include Kathy Stukas, Amahl's mother; Ed Nemmers, the page; Bill Elliot, King Balthazar; Ted Hill, King Kasper; and Phil Martini, King Melchoir. Fifty-five other students participate in the choir.

The teachers, who are involved in the production include Winkler, music director; George Mayfield, sets; Jerry Proffit, staging; Ms. Hazel Larsen, set designer; and Mrs. Bettie Ladd costume designer.

"Only students in the music department can participate in the opera, but anyone can be on crews," commented Anderson. Tickets will be sold for \$2.

DECEMBER 15 at 8 p.m., the music department will also present the Winter Festival featuring the concert band, orchestra, and all choral groups. The music to be performed at this concert will be a variety of holiday tunes and medleys.

When asked if he thought there would be any problems with the two programs so close together, Anderson replied, "No, everything is under control."



Michael Brody, Ed Nemmers, and Kathy Stukas take part in a scene from "Amahl and the Night Visitors."

Students shouldn't receive detentions for lost admits

Any student who loses his admit, whether it is truant or excused will receive a 40 minute detention for every new admit that is issued, according to a new policy.

BEFORE THE CHANGE, the secretaries in the attendance office were overwhelmed each day with students requesting duplicate admits. They have had less problems concerning admits since the policy went into effect.

First, the policy makes it easier for the attendance office personnel. Second, it saves time for both students and secretaries which would have been spent finding the student's schedules and redoing admits. Finally, it should reduce carelessness.

However, another side to the argument remains. Many students may have a legitimate excuse for losing their admit. A teacher may take it and fail to return it to them. A student may accidentally misplace it or drop it. These accidents, while they may be called carelessness by some people sometimes can't be helped.

TO THE ATTENDANCE OFFICE it seems like a very simple solution to a small problem, but to some of the students it seems ridiculous and impossible. "There's really no reason for it, you'd think we lose our admits on purpose," said Tracy Gorchoff '80.

"I think it's bad because sometimes people are forgetful. What's the purpose of having an admit if you're going to be marked unexcused anyways. I think they

should have an offense system for the people who are constantly losing admits," commented Andrea Slowik '78.

"I THINK IT'S AWFUL for those who don't need duplicates often. They should keep records of the students who are always needing them," added Andy Snow '79.

"I don't see why you should have to serve a detention. They should go back to the way it was," said Barbara Carver '81.

"Speaking as a Student Senate member, we think it's one of the stupidest rules. We're going to try to change it," explained Steve Bartelstein '80.

"IT'S NOT FAIR to get a detention. They should save the duplicate admits (yellow copies) so they wouldn't have to do the extra work," suggested Julie Kane '80.

Another student, Joy Fullet '80, felt that students should be allowed to receive a duplicate admit because "If they are trying to save paper, why are they issuing detentions?" Joy, however, had another suggestion. "If a student has a legitimate reason for losing his admit, he should be charged a small fee because it is unfair to have to serve a detention for losing a piece of paper."

THESE STUDENTS REFLECT the views of a majority of East students. While the attendance office is still attempting to save work and paper, the issue should be reconsidered; and if students have a legitimate excuse, they shouldn't be punished for it.

'Hassles' bring supervision

After several complaints from English and foreign language teachers about class disturbances, Miss Rita Stewart, building manager, initiated a new policy.

"The teachers complained and said the noise level is intolerable," commented Miss Stewart.

HALL SUPERVISION has been in effect throughout the school for many years, with teachers in charge. However, this year in addition to supervision, teachers prohibit students from going into the halls, in the new section, the last ten minutes of each period.

The purpose of hall supervisors is to keep the halls quiet but with the heavy traffic from the P.E. classes in the new wing, this policy had to be added, according to Miss Stewart.

"I'm not trying to hassle the students. I am only trying to make it possible for the teachers to be able to teach for 40 minutes, not 30 minutes," explained Miss Stewart. "I want students to try to spend their time

in one area during a period. They should remain in areas like the resource centers, the cafeteria, or the student lounge so they don't disturb the classes."

The Nilehilite staff feels students who complain that they can't walk through the halls because of the hall supervisors should realize they are causing trouble and bringing the administration "hassels" upon themselves.

"STUDENTS SHOULD TAKE a look at the situation objectively," said Miss Stewart. "There are about eight gym classes each period, with approximately 40 students in each class. So you see what I mean about an excess amount of students in the new wing."

Miss Stewart also feels that there must be "certain rules for the good of everybody." The Nilehilite agrees that regulations are needed to maintain order throughout the school, and one must remember that everyone cannot be satisfied all the time.

Feedback

Sophomore dislikes admit policy

Dear Editor,

I feel that the new policy the Dean's Office has employed is not a good one.

The rule I am referring to states that if a student loses an admit and has to obtain a new one he receives a detention. My main reason for feeling this way is that often my teachers don't hand me back my admits.

I also would like to know what brought this rule about? I think the Dean's Office

should revise this regulation because it really is a poor punishment.

Steven Suslick '80

Dear Editor,

I don't think it's fair that students are allowed to take courses that are below their achievement and capability level. It's not fair to their peers who take harder courses and receive lower grades.

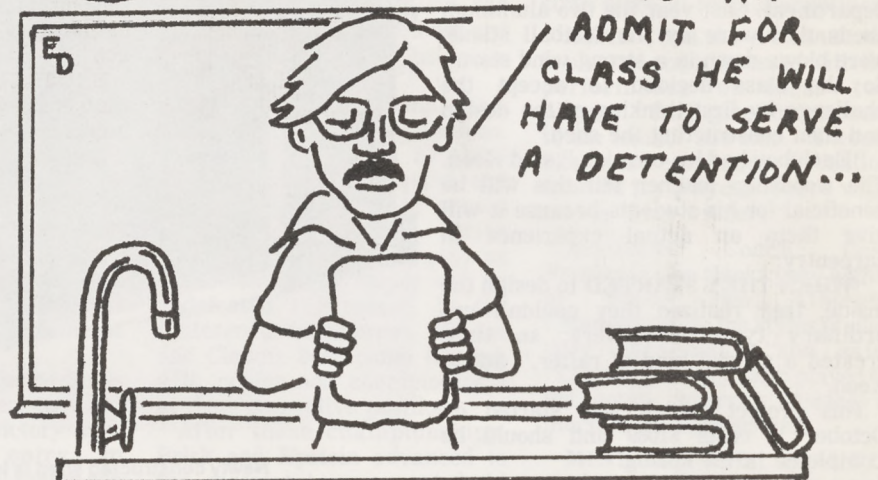
It should be the policy of the administration not to let students flounder their education with sub-par courses, but to make students work to their ability. This way all students will have an education, on their level, and grades will be more indicative of a student's ability.

David Eingorn '81

Editors Note: The NILEHILITE will print letters from faculty, administration, and students. All letters should be signed; if requested, names will be withheld. The next issue will be distributed December 23. The deadline for letters is December 12. The views expressed in Letters to the Editor do not necessarily reflect the views of the NILEHILITE staff.



...AND STARTING THIS WEEK, IF A STUDENT LOSES AN ADMIT FOR CLASS HE WILL HAVE TO SERVE A DETENTION...



W.C. ANDREA
-NILES EAST'S SOLUTION TO THE PAPER SHORTAGE? -

Murders attract fear by Phil Rappoport

Rappoport reports

Since May of this year, Skokie has turned into a suburban dump for murder victims. Five females have been found, two of them high school girls.

On August 29, the body of Susan Clarke, a student at St. Scholastica, was found in a Skokie Park District garden near Edens Expressway (Old Orchard). Supposedly, she was abducted as she was walking down a street. Her killer or killers have not been found.

THE OTHER TEEN MURDER, of course, was Andrea Sax, a West junior, who was stabbed November 6 and discovered at Madison School. Her killer is alleged to be Randall Kraman, also a West junior. Andrea was considered a 'straight A' student and a nice girl. The night of her murder was also the night she received her new car. The recent murder has really scared the daylights out of some people, girls and boys alike.

Some people have said it won't change their attitude about going out at night, but

others have said they are really afraid. Many of the students' parents have restricted their child's activities, for example, driving alone after dark.

It is not only the negative image that Skokie has received that is important, but rather the emotions of teenagers and the relationships between each other. Andrea Sax and Randall Kraman supposedly were very good friends, and no one yet knows why he may have killed her. We have all heard of problems between boyfriends and girlfriends, but this one seems like a new concept — possible murdering one of your friends because of an argument.

ADDED NOTE: We talk about TV violence and its effect on youngsters, but never department stores. The weekend of November 19-20, Montgomery Ward in Old Orchard sponsored a "Turkey Shoot" contest. They gave out BB Guns to the seven to 10 year old winners. What a great way to get children into the world of crime

Students, teachers acquire gifts for attending school regularly

In Dade County, Florida, outside of Miami, school officials started an experiment some time ago which consists of "luring" truants to school with gifts. Yes, gifts.

THE SCHOOL has handed out frisbees, t-shirts, yo-yos, and hamburgers in a plan to get the kids to school. Teachers have also benefited for having the best attendance records. They receive free gasoline, dinners, record albums, and other goodies.

The reason for the program is that school officials believe this will solve their problem of much needed funds. In other

words, all school districts across the country receive subsidies from the state. If more kids show up, the school will get more money. This program, they believe, will benefit them in the long-run.

HOWEVER, SCHOOL OFFICIALS HERE stated that it wouldn't really be necessary to have this program because this district does not need as much subsidies as the Dade County district. District 219 also has a higher "assessed" value than most school districts.

But it's a nice thought, isn't it? One used to come to school to learn or teach; now he receives prizes.

New requirement should pass

The new graduation requirement is really a plus for the school district. The Board of Education will receive the proposal on December 19. The proposal (see page one) will increase the credits for graduation from 32 to 34.

It has been said that over the years it has

become easier for students to graduate from District 219. People have also made opinions about the quality of education in the district. With 34 credits, it won't make that much of a difference, but it will give a little more challenge to students.

Athletics deserve praise

Finally, I must truly say that East sports teams have come alive. In the past, East hasn't been considered a sports threat in the Central Suburban League. After three months, the school has accomplished quite a few records.

FIRST, THE FOOTBALL TEAM snapped its "forever" losing streak, and won two games. The players deserve much credit for the work they did.

Unseeded Mindee Epstein '78 also

captured fourth place in singles tennis in the state at Arlington a few weeks ago. Claudia Brisk '80 came in sixteenth.

The cross country team has also posed a threat. Ed Santacruz '78 won the all-conference title last year. Mitch Ginsburg and Bill Andrea were chosen all-conference in soccer.

THE GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL TEAM placed first in our League division, and the wrestling team is now defending its league title.

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Brutzkus promotes club

by Howard Simon

Mark Brutzkus '78, president of Key Club, promoted Key Club Week, November 13-20 to inform the community and student body of the club's achievements and goals.

BRUTZKUS STATED that Key Club is a service organization for high school students. "Key Club is unique because it is sponsored by a liberal Kiwanis Club, composed of the leading business and professional men of the community," said Brutzkus.

He also feels that through this association, the members will learn more about the community and how it functions. Brutzkus emphasizes that members will have the opportunity to gain knowledge of various businesses and professions.

The president feels that the club is also unique, for its aim, which is the development of initiative, leadership ability, and

good citizenship practices.

"These qualities," he said, "are encouraged by each member accepting responsibilities in the administration and participation of activities of the club and by allowing each member to use his own initiative in completing the project selected."

BRUTZKUS EMPHASIZED the variety of the Key Club's service program. "Not only has the club provided the school with many services, but it also undertakes various projects for the community's benefit," explained Brutzkus. "It provides a chance to use all of your talents constructively in building a better community."

Key Club is a popular club at East, with more than 60 members attending the weekly meetings. The president attributes this to many factors.

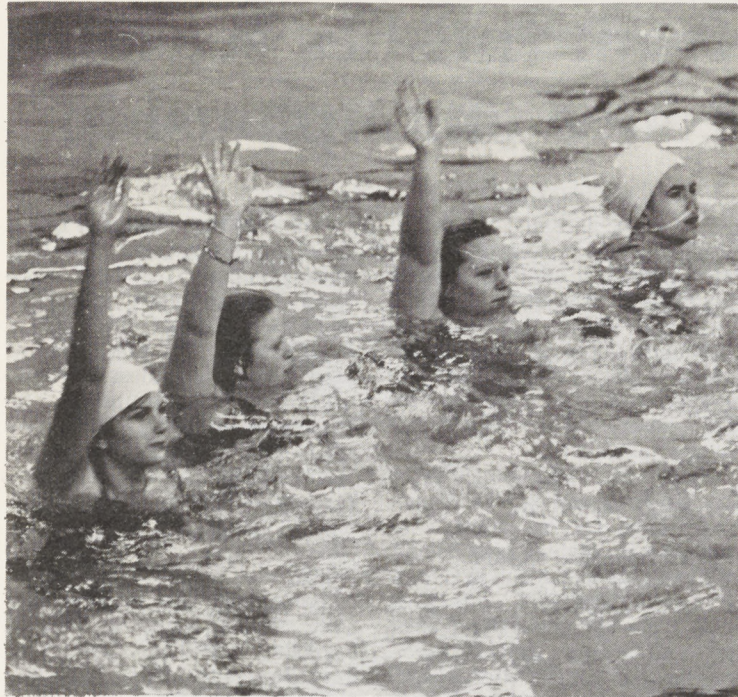
This year the girls have a greater responsibility than other years because they are now able to become official members. As a result, more of them become involved in the club.

ANOTHER FACTOR, that Brutzkus relates to the number of enrollments, is that members draw their friends into the club because they are interested in the activities.

All-school volleyball tournaments, three-men basketball tournaments, car washes, Christmas parties at Malloy School for mentally retarded children, peanut day, and annual dances are all activities which Key Club sponsors.

Despite the abundance of participants, Brutzkus still encourages new members. He feels that the initiation might be preventing new members from joining the club.

"JUST BECAUSE you may get eggs cracked over your head, or flour thrown in your face, or required to dress as a Walt Disney character," Brutzkus concluded that, "you should not be discouraged from joining the club because all in all we have a great time in Key Club and I think that the entire student body should participate in these activities."



(photo by Brad Swerdlow)

The Ripplettes practice for their upcoming annual swim show on December 15-17.

Palm reading may reveal future

by Sue Kulovsky

Palmistry, a combination of astrology and handreading, has been the practice of analyzing character and personal futures from the lines, sizes, and shape of the hand for many centuries.

ANCIENT RECORDS SHOW palmistry was first practiced in India. Palmistry then grew and flourished with the Greek civilization, and has continued to develop to the present day.

"People really became interested in palmistry when the occult started to become popular about 10 years ago," said Ms. Jacqui Lewis, a noted lecturer, writer, and teacher of palm reading.

"The palm is the map of a person's brain. Certain thought patterns and attitudes are reflected in a person's hand. If a person's attitudes or way of life changes, the lines in his hand will change. Palmistry is not a see all, know all. It reveals a person's personality and future to a

certain extent."

MS. LEWIS EXPLAINED that she has no typical readings. "Readings depend on each individual palm but I usually begin to analyze the major lines and take it from there. Many people inquire about the life lines.

"The life line depends on a person's health. If a person has a short life line this usually indicates a loss of energy in that period of his life. This person should take better care of himself so he will live longer.

"Ninety-nine per cent of the time a palmist can't tell the exact year of a person's death. But even if we could, we would not tell the person," said Ms. Lewis.

"A PALMIST can tell a person's artistic abilities. They also can tell if a person will be successful, rich, and famous," added Ms. Lewis.

A palmist never stops learning about palmistry. "To learn

everything there is to know about palmistry would require a life time. I began reading books on it, and practiced readings on my friends," said Ms. Lewis.

AN AMATEUR PALMIST at East is Lalitha Rao '78. She

started to learn about palmistry when she was 10. In India, by her school bus stop there was a fortune teller who read palms. Lalitha became friendly with him and he taught her how to read palms.

Ripplettes prepare for show

by Richard Kane

Traveling from coast to coast on Interstate 80 will be the Ripplettes' theme for their annual swim show on December 15-17 at 8 p.m. in the Niles West Pool.

THE SYNCHRONIZED swim club will perform sixteen numbers with each one pertaining to a certain region of the United States such as "New York City Rhythm."

"The girls work three of four nights per week at both East's and West's pools because East's pool has been occupied, said Mrs.

Marcia Berke, club sponsor. Mrs. Berke also states that the girls make their own costumes and scenery as well as solicit their own publicity.

The production features two solos and two duets. Caryn Glickson performs a number that relates to Massachusetts and Brooke Caplin performs another solo pertaining to Vermont.

Laura Finn and Mary Kinnaman do a duet entitled, "North and South Carolina," Sisters Kathy and Donna Thiry

perform the other duet, "Pinquins from Alaska."

In addition, the club will perform the traditional twelve man dolphin as well as a precision number, "New Orleans." The show also features "California Girls" with the performers using surf boards.

MRS. BERKE concluded that each number is costumed differently, the show is narrated, and it also includes special lighting effects. Tickets may be purchased for \$1.50.

News-in-Brief

JACK BENDER, '77 East graduate, has returned from Army Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training at Ft. McClellan, Alabama, to serve as a recruiting aid at the U.S. Army Station, in Chicago, with Dennis Russo. When his assignment is completed, he is scheduled to report to Ft. Hood, Texas, as a military policeman.

The Army accepts 200,000 high school seniors, after they graduate, into the Army's Entry Program. Opportunities for technical skills, training, advance education, adventure, travel, and good starting pay with security are some of the incentives. More detailed information may be obtained by visiting the Recruiting Station, 2043 W. Howard Street, or calling 549-1535.

MRS. BETH HELMERS spoke to the U.S. Colonial History Class on November 7 about colonial flowers and decorations. She showed her work which won first place in a state-wide contest.

THE CHAMBER CHOIR, directed by Frank Winkler, entertained senior citizens as a service to the community on November 22 at B'nai Emunah.

THE NEXT NILES TOWNSHIP Board of Education meeting will be held on December 19 at 7:30 p.m., in the

District Office, 7700 Gross Point Road.

THE SKOKIE PUBLIC LIBRARY will show the films "The Red Shoes," December 8; "The Yearling," December 15; and the "African Queen," December 22 at 8 p.m.

SEVEN STUDENTS have been selected as guests of the Rotary Club, an organization consisting of businessmen and important community members, for this school year. The East representatives who will attend a Rotary Club meeting at Club El Bianco restaurant include John Lopez, Wendy Gerber, Robert Silverman, Robert Greenwald, Judith Lee, Robert Rubenstein, and Jerry Lavin.

A HOBBY AND CRAFT FAIR will be presented by the Skokie Park District at the Devonshire Center on December 10-11 from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. A Holiday Ice Show will be performed on December 17 at the Skatium at 8:15 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. for \$1.

THE SPOTLIGHT is on teens Tuesday night, when Center Stage comes alive at the JCC. Stage features classes in jewelry making, woodwork, ceramics and leatherwork. Also included in their pre-entertainment schedule are co-ed gym activities in volleyball and basketball.

The main feature of Center

Stage is the Coffeehouse where high school students can come and dance or just listen to a variety of live entertainment, including bands playing today's music: jazz, blues, and the ever popular rock 'n roll. Other live entertainment also includes a comedy revue or "Teen Talent Night". The newest addition to Center Stage will be the disco class, starting November 29.

For more information as to how to get involved in Center Stage or information on times and special events, contact Mike Rosenberg at 675-2200, ext. 228 or Renee Rosen 675-2200, ext. 232.

Rostvold sings with symphony

by Leslie Doi

Teacher Mark Rostvold maintains two professions. He is a science teacher at East and is also a member of the Chicago Symphony Choir.

ROSTVOLD FIRST started singing at the age of five when his mother sent him to church to sing in the choir. Since then, he has sung in his high school choir, Navy choir, many other church choirs, and now in the Chicago Symphony Choir.

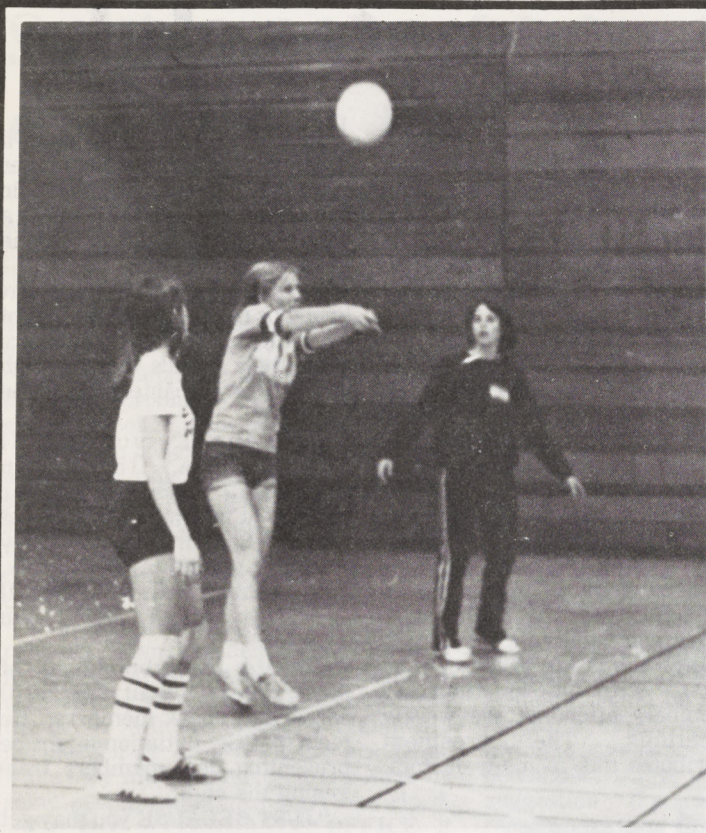
With his first tenor voice, Rostvold has been with the choir

for ten years and still auditions every year.

WHEN ASKED if it has been difficult keeping up with both teaching and singing, Rostvold replied, "It's a full schedule. I have to plan every minute." He added that it has been hard to keep up with all the schoolwork.

On October 31, Rostvold performed with the Chicago Symphony Choir in a semi-annual "Choral Thing" at Carnegie Hall in New York City.





(photo by Glenn Ramdas)

The volleyball team finished their season with a 6-1 record and a first place finish in the Central Suburban League North Division.

Volleyball team finishes season; wins conference championship

by Judy Lee

The Niles East varsity volleyball team finished their 1977 conference season with a 6-1 record; good enough to earn them a first place finish in the north division of the Central Suburban League.

This is the first conference championship to be won by any girls' team at East. "The team worked hard and refused to be intimidated by other teams. They played like champs, in every sense of the word," commented Jerry Richardson.

The team ended with an overall record of 14-3 and although a match consists of the best of three games, they won more than 60 per cent of their matches in only two games.

One reason for the success was

a six week summer volleyball program, conducted by Coach Richardson. In addition, four of the starters attended a five day volleyball camp instructed by Northern Illinois' volleyball coach. Five non-conference games were also scheduled for the team before beginning regular season play.

MUCH OF THE SUCCESS of the team should go to Coach Richardson for his success in changing the style of play from a basically defensive one to that of a more aggressive, attacking team. "We win about 70 per cent of our points offensively," commented Coach Richardson. "What makes us strong, though, is that we are able to handle other team's attacks as well as set up our own."

One weakness the team has is the size of the players. With only one player over 5 feet 6 inches the team has difficulty using an effective block. The team compensates for this lack of height with quickness and the ability to anticipate the opponents' offensive attack. "We play like a team," stated Richardson. "Together the players work as a very close-knit unit."

THE VARSITY TEAM consists of ten players with seniors Judy Lee, captain; Andrea Slowik, captain; Jenise Vassilatos, captain; and Sue Zelasko; juniors Natalie Doi, Sue Gockenbach, Julie Hanson, Mary Kinnaman, and Bobbi Lewen; and sophomore Chris Billits.

Can wrestlers repeat?

by Barry Schwartz

The Niles East wrestling team opens their season ranked fourth in the state out of 535 schools. They are the defending Central Suburban League champions on all four levels and are unbeaten in 21 straight meets.

Head Coach Fred Richardi does not know exactly what makes a team excel so much in the sport of wrestling, but he presumes it lies somewhere within the team's spirit. "Our team is extremely enthusiastic and looking forward to the season ahead," stated Richardi. Additional championship characteristics that Coach Richardi sees on the team include aggressiveness, depth and discipline.

ABOUT 130 STUDENTS came out for the wrestling team this year and Richardi is finding much difficulty in elimination. "Most of the boys are sticking with us so far and this creates better competition within ourselves," commented the coach.

It is the competition from outside, however, that the Trojans must contend with. They will have to defeat other top contenders like Highland Park and Waukegan West before even thinking about a state title.

The 45 man varsity squad will include three time all-conference champion Rick Yale and last year's all-conference performers John Boigk, Victor Suarez, Dave Polin and Scott Norris. Other expected standouts on the team according to Richardi are Bruce Earl, Mark Pollack, Lee Feldstein, John Lamanna and sophomore Bill Stein. The team members selected John Boigk, Rich Yale and Lee Feldstein as captains.

THE ONLY SETBACK to the team is the loss of heavyweight wrestler Chuck Purcell due to a football injury. Chuck is expected to return by the holidays, according to Richardi.

"The junior varsity team should turn in another excellent performance this year," said Coach Richardi. "If they were competing on the varsity level they would probably finish second to our varsity team."

THE SOPHOMORE TEAM will try to uphold their seven year undefeated streak and Richardi feels that they can do it. He primarily attributes the impressive record to the

freshman coach Steve Poznansky. "Poznansky is not concerned that much about freshman victories as he is in developing the boys into better wrestlers," stated Richardi.

Tomorrow, the varsity and junior varsity teams will challenge Buffalo Grove High School at home, and the sophomore team will host the Niles East Sophomore Invitational.

Trojan Talk

by Alan Friedman

The 1977 Varsity football season came to a close a month ago with the Trojans fighting surprisingly tough against state contender Deerfield. Even though they lost the game 41-20, it was a fitting end to a surprising season for football at East.

The game was a fitting end not because they lost, but because they played tough and surprised one of the better schools in our area.

THE SEASON BEGAN back on September 10 with a game against Niles West. As the crowd settled back expecting to see the usual Niles East football game they were surprised as the Trojans took an early 7-0 lead and held it to defeat West 7-6. The victory was the first one at East in almost two years.

The Trojans next opponent was Maine East, a team that was ranked high in the state. The Trojans came out and gave Maine East a scare, with the Demons winning by a slim 13-8 score.

The next three games were losses for the Trojans, but this string was broken on Homecoming Day when the team defeated the Highland Park Giants 18-12. During this game it was apparent that some school spirit had returned to East. The student body had completely filled the stands and were cheering and encouraging the team.

THE TROJANS REMAINED pepped up and in their next game against a strong New Trier West team they came close to an upset victory, but fell short in their efforts and lost, 14-12.

In the eyes of most students and most faculty the football

Coach Emil Capitani is optimistic about this year's varsity basketball team. To what does he attribute this optimism? "We're an experienced ball club this year, and we are going to play some exciting ball," proclaimed the coach.

Capitani describes the team as "a fast-break ball club with a pressure defense. Most of our games will be decided in the last few minutes of play."

"WE LACK HEIGHT, but

we're aggressive. Our biggest advantage this year is our depth. We have eight or nine players to depend upon to support the team without hurting the ball club," added Capitani.

East has changed conference this year from the south division to the north division. Capitani comments on how this will hinder the team. "Last year the south division was composed of seniors who were outstanding players, but because of their graduation, the south division is weaker this year. In our division it's quite the opposite, where the juniors last year will be the tough seniors this year. In addition, three of our division teams, New Trier East, New Trier West, and Evanston will be rated which will make it even more competitive."

But Capitani says that East will be "a dark horse contender" and to pull out the crucial wins, they will need the support of everyone. He hopes that the band will continue to play, the pom pon girls and cheerleaders will continue to cheer, and most of all, he hopes that the student body will continue to show their enthusiasm by attending the games as they have done in the past.

THIS YEAR'S SEASON opened with a tournament downstate followed by the battle against North on the road December 2, and the Trojans play their first home game Tuesday, December

season was successful. Granted the team did have a losing record, but instead of being 0-9 like the previous year, they ended the season 2-7. The entire varsity football team and their coaches should be congratulated for the work they put into the season, a surprise season for Niles East football.

Editorial

Gymnasts look strong

by Marci Greenberg

East's gymnastics team has a right to feel optimistic this year with returning lettermen Bill Saputo, Chris Besser, John Lopez and Jim Burke.

Juniors that will help supplement this strong nucleus include Brian Sanchez, Mike Epstein, Dave Nisson, Ronny Nagel, Dennis Pucher, and Mike and Mark Seplowin.

SIDE HORSE SEEMS to be East's strongest and deepest event. Jim Burke has one of the most difficult routines in the state coupled with the strength of returning side horse man Scott London and all arounders Besser, Saputo, and Lopez. The event could score a state high total.

If no injuries are incurred at the varsity level a conference title is more than a mere possibility.

The sophomore gymnasts are also in a position to do well this year. They are supplemented by a strong frosh gymnast, Mike Langford. The frosh led by Joe O'Malley and Dave Schwartz should also do well.

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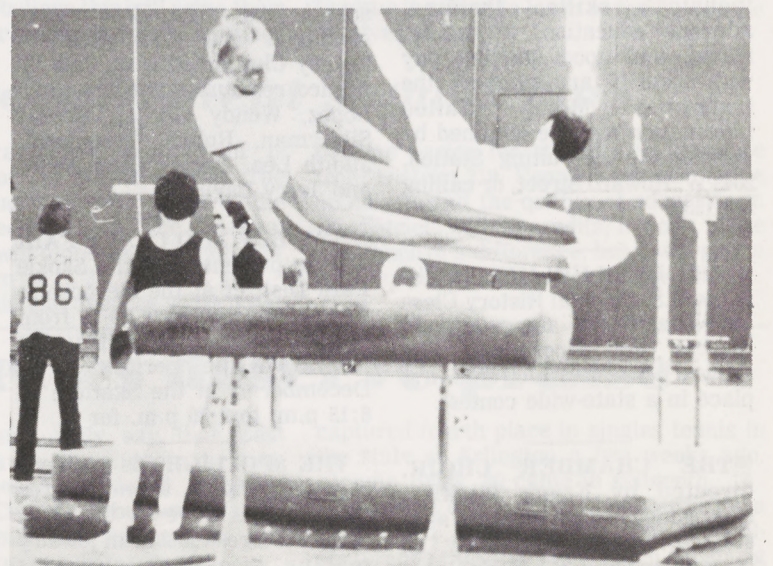
How does Capitani respond to his preparation for the season? He resents an implication that the basketball players are not a hard working group. In addition to playing after school during April and May, the coach supports this with their involvement in the spring league at Loyola Park.

During the summer the team practiced from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. three days a week and played in a league two nights a week during June and July. He also encourages his players to attend basketball camps and feels that these extra involvements portray the dedication and hard work of the group.

"I RESENT ANY criticism to the contrary and I am looking forward to a successful season," concluded Capitani.

The sophomore basketball team is looking forward to the upcoming season which begins for them tonight at 6:30 p.m. with a contest against the Niles North Vikings. The game will be the debut of the sophomores' new coach Frank Bostic. Bostic comes to East with a 15 year background in coaching the game of basketball.

THE FRESHMEN will be directed by Steve Pappas and Richard Howard for the second straight year.



(photo by Glenn Ramdas)

Jim Burke is shown practicing his side horse routine. The gymnastics team should remain strong on all levels as they have done in the previous seasons. The team under the direction of Head Coach Tom Sokalski will travel to Waukegan West tonight for a meet at 6:30 p.m. Next Friday night the Trojans will host the Niles North Vikings. The action begins at 6:30 p.m. in the girl's gym.