

Argentineans visit East

On January 5, three students from the University of Buenos Aires left their city in a 2-cylinder 1976 Citroen. Two months and 18,000 miles later, they arrived in Chicago. On March 23, Ino and Marcelo Iaccarino and their friend, Esteban Sassaroli, spoke to the Spanish classes at Niles East High School.

AFTER CROSSING MUCH of South America and all of Central America and Mexico, they entered the States through Nuevo Lared. They have visited Los Angeles, Las Vegas, ("where everyone is crazy"), the Grand Canyon, New Orleans, Miami, and Chicago. "The most interesting city for us, so far, was New Orleans," Ino said, "but we still have Montreal, Quebec, Boston and New York to go."

Asked why they had made the trip, Marcelo explained, "We wanted to get to know all of South America, Central America and the U.S. Since the university climate in Buenos Aires is not very good now, due to a recent change of government, we decided to take six months off to make the trip." They are students of

engineering, economics, and veterinary medicine, respectively.

WHEN ASKED THEIR OPINION of schools like Niles East, they all agreed that they would like to go to such a school, but in Argentina. "We like the United States very much to visit, but we miss the life and customs of our country."

Many other questions about the life of the youth in Argentina were asked by students in Spanish classes. Is there obligatory military service? Is marijuana legal? What do you do during your free time? What beer do you like? Is there a minimum drinking age? What about T.V. and music? It delighted our students that they watch "Kojak" and "SWAT" and listen to Pink Floyd and Emerson, Lake and Palmer.

KNOWLEDGE OF THE UNITED STATES and our life style is taken for granted in Argentina. The boys were concerned that our students seemed to know so little about life in Argentina, but delighted that some of the classes have invited them to return and speak again when they come back to Chicago in May.



(Photo courtesy of Steve Rosenzweig)

Argentinean students pose with their Citroen.

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N-Clubs meet

THE NILES EAST N-CLUB sponsored an all conference Lettermen meeting on Thursday, March 17, in the Student Lounge.

The purpose of the meeting was to exchange ideas, gain an understanding about other Lettermen clubs, and talk about sports in general.

"I was very surprised that Glenbrook North didn't show up considering that they claim to attend all Lettermen meetings" said N-Club sponsor Al Poznansky.

N-CLUBS THAT did attend were from Niles West, Niles North, Maine East, New Trier East, and New Trier West.

Easthi Letterman Chuck Thiry '78, concluded "The meeting was a big success and everyone present had a great time."



(Photo by Steve Sustick)

Pictured during the recent N-Club meeting are N-Club officers and members, Booster Club officers and members, and some parents.

Two Israeli students visit East

EITANA MEDAN AND AVISHAY MARGALIT, members of an Israeli youth delegation to the United States, spoke to Easthi classes on March 21.

Eitana, 17, and Avishay, 18, spoke about many topics in the Hebrew and Non-Western classes they visited. Religion, politics, and the difference between American and Israeli youth were the most discussed topics.

"There is a major misconception about religion in Israel," stated Eitana. "Many people believe Israelis are very religious, but, actually most Israelis are not."

"Israeli students go to school six days of

the week," remarked Avishay. "We start school at eight o'clock in the morning and finish in the early afternoon."

ACCORDING TO THE YOUTHS, they both major in biology. "I give private chemistry lessons after school. In the summer I get a job without any problem since Israel has an over abundance of jobs," said Eitana. "I play basketball for my school team," said Avishay. "Basketball and soccer are the most popular sports in Israel."

"When I return to Israel I will enter the Israeli Army," stated Avishay. "In a few months I, too, will enter the Israeli Armed

Forces," added Eitana.

"We have no curfew in Israel," described Eitana. "You can walk down Israeli streets at any time of the night without fear of being murdered, raped, or mugged."

"Everything you have here in the United States we have in Israel, but at a much greater cost," stated Avishay.

"We have been in the United States for six weeks," concluded Avishay. "We have visited six states, and after departing from Chicago, we will tour Washington D.C. before our return trip home to Israel."

Henrici runs for mayor

Ronald Henrici, 13 year teacher of Niles Township and present Morton Grove Trustee is running for mayor of the Village of Morton Grove.

Dr. Henrici is 37 years old and married. He has lived in Morton Grove for 17 years and in Niles Township for his entire life. After entering the political scene in 1975 he decided to run for mayor when questionable activities were brought out about the acting mayor. According to Henrici, these allegations were true, so he could not support this man.

DR. HENRICI FEELS that he is a hard worker, and that he will devote much time and effort to duties. The citizens of Morton Grove will be voting April 19, 1977; the new mayor will be sworn in May 1st. The mayor's job is a part time duty. This is so in most local political officers. Because of this, East will not be losing a most valuable teacher.

Easthi students get radio show

TEN EASTHI STUDENTS have been selected to appear on WCLR Radio, 102 FM in a program entitled "Niles East Perspective." The show airs every Sunday morning at 9 a.m.

The first "Niles East Perspective" was aired on March 13 and included Brian David '77, Marc Hartzman '79, and Steve Kessler '78.

Other students selected to appear on the show are David Weinstein '77, Steve Shayman '79, Sue Kulovsky '79, David Pevsner '77, Phil Rappoport '79, Ted Hill '80, and Phil Martini '79. Three students appear in each show, which is half an hour long and taped at the WCLR Radio studio at 4849 Golf in Skokie.

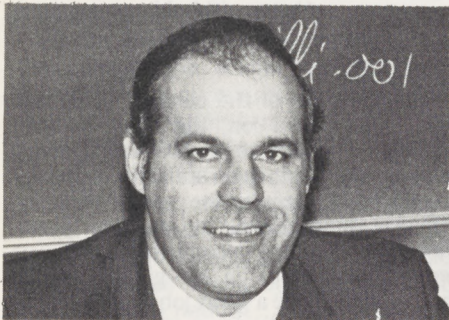
THE STUDENTS DISCUSS many different topics, and they must do in-depth

research on each topic they are to discuss.

The idea for a radio show originated when Mrs. Sucherman, assistant to Easthi building manager Ken Reiter, called WCLR Radio Program Director Jack Kelly. "I just wanted to get Kelly to come to East as a guest speaker," said Sucherman, "and before I knew it, we were discussing the idea for a radio show featuring Easthi students."

"TO BE SELECTED, the students had to be screened through Reiter, and he chose the kids he thought could best handle it," added Sucherman.

WHEN ASKED HOW long the program would run, Kelly said, "If all goes as planned and the program is well received by the public, I would like to have this program every Sunday, forever."



(Photo by Gary Kantz)

Dr. Ronald Henrici will be running for mayor of Morton Grove in the April 19th election.

News in brief

GLORIA PRICE '77, and Irwin Zeidman '77, have been chosen by the Easthi Scholarship Committee to compete for a scholarship sponsored by the Memco Charitable and Scholarship Foundation. The seniors have achieved finalist status.

The competition consists of an open discussion before a panel of judges on the topic "Amendments to the U.S. Constitution," and their effects on current political, social, and moral issues. Students must also be able to discuss capital punishment, violence and sex on television, integration, desegregation, the Electoral College, and the ERA.

NILES EAST DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) has won the title of "Chapter of the Year," in Illinois on March 18 and 19, for the second consecutive year.

coming attractions

Vacation cancelled

April fool

Student Senate library survey yields important results

In past issues of the Nilehilitite, students have written letters to the editor concerning the school library. They explained their problems and offered suggestions; still, nothing happened. An important student body organization recently discussed the situation. Its findings comprise the body of this editorial.

The Niles East Student Senate distributed a library survey to 530 students throughout the school in order to determine the problems with the library. The following are approximated percentages: 21 per cent of all students surveyed spend no time daily in the school library. About 73 per cent of all students surveyed are familiar with the library's quiet study policy; of those familiar with it, 59 per cent thought that the policy was unfair in relation to the entire student body. Of those who spend at least 20 minutes to two or more periods daily, 70 per cent felt that the library staff members have been unfair with them in enforcing the quiet study policy. About 78 per cent of those students who spend some time in the library felt that the library staff members have not been fair in their treatment of others concerning the quiet study policy. But in another question, 69 per cent thought the library atmosphere does lend itself to study.

Of all students surveyed, 22 per cent listed the lack of available books as one of the library's problems. According to 19 per cent of all students surveyed, the reference service available from the professional staff and the facility itself (furniture, room arrangement) are problems. Also, 12 per cent repented concerning the periodical collection as a problem. Finally, 37 per cent of all students surveyed listed another problem with the facility and were free to write their comments. Eighty per cent of those students who had comments wrote simply "the librarians" or "the supervisors" or

something of that nature. One even wrote "the SWAT team."

The Nilehilitite doesn't want to bore readers with all these numbers, but these are facts. These percentages actually can prove what one-fourth of the student body feels about the library.

One might determine by these facts that something is wrong with the library. The major overall response was "the librarians." It could be that students have a grudge against the staff, but a person must go deeper into the minds of the students to see why there is a grudge. These deep-minded thoughts were found in past letters and the present surveys.

Many students have referred to the librarians as "drill sergeants" and having military attitudes. It's hard to imagine the Board of Education hiring "prison-oriented" supervisors, though these

"prison-oriented" employees seem to show up in the East library. Isn't it ironic?

Besides the comments concerning the library staff, many other students listed some facility problems such as the study booths are not soundproof, not well-ventilated, and not enough of them; not many appealing science fiction books; a hope for a better paperback section; not enough music books; more copies of one book or "specific interest" magazines; and the copy machine being a failure.

Most students probably have been to the Skokie Public Library at one time or another. It is interesting to note that to study at the East library is more convenient than the Skokie Public Library — it saves time and transportation worries. "But the Skokie Library," says one junior, "has no one going around yelling at everybody, and people are able

to whisper. I don't even bother going there (East library) anymore. I might as well not get my homework done, than go to the library and get flustered and frustrated." It is hard to believe by some that the East library would have more problems than a larger-sized library, such as the Skokie Public Library.

The reader by now can truly deduct that there are problems in the school library. A solution must be found soon or the library's reputation might decrease and that would be a shame. Students, administrators, and librarians alike are the only ones to solve these misfortunes. First, students and librarians must respect one another, and a committee composed of students, librarians, and administrators should be formed in order to review and possibly revise the quiet study policy. It should also discuss the problems mentioned in the Senate survey.

Maybe by East's final year, 1980, the library will be a pleasant place to study. Unfortunately, a solution might even take four years, but by then it might be too late.

Curfew corrected

If a Skokie policeman pulls a teen-ager over to the side of the street at late hours of the night, he may arrest the person for violation of curfew.

THE ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT ruled the curfew law constitutional in the state of Illinois on November 16. Youths who are under the age of 17 must be inside their houses between the hours of midnight and 6 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday mornings. Weekday curfew hours are between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m.

A phone call was made to a sergeant of the Skokie Police Department to clear up the misunderstanding of a curfew. The phone call that was reported in the previous Nilehilitite was misinterpreted by an employee at the Skokie Police Department.

Study hall questioned

At the present, study halls seem to be reserved for sophomores who have low grades and all freshmen. Last year's freshmen were promised that study halls would be required for one year so they could get used to East. This year study hall requirements were extended to include sophomores with less than five majors for the first six weeks, and every grading period thereafter until proof of decent grades could be submitted to the supervisor.

Some believe study halls should be places where students can work voluntarily in absolute silence. Unfortunately, study hall and detention are synonymous at East. In fact, one often finds students serving detentions inside study halls. Some people who would like to get assignments done in school find it more difficult to work in a study hall than any other place in the building. Study halls are too crowded and too prison-like to be conducive to concentrating on school work.

Our school is confusing the purposes of detention and study hall. The detentions should be punishment-oriented (like our present study halls). The detentions should provide a place for students who need to but will not voluntarily work.

Study halls should be voluntary. They should be absolutely quiet so anyone who wants to can concentrate. But the atmosphere should be friendly and helpful.

It's obviously time for the administration to reconsider what it feels to be the proper use of study halls and detentions.



BY RALPH FUJIWARA

Feedback

Reiter responds to previous letter

Dear Editor,

Cary Claver's letter which appeared in the March 11, 1977 issue of the Nilehilitite overlooked the extent and success of East's Student Activities. Cary harks back to the "good old days" during the past three years. Comparing the items which Cary mentions to this year's events, we find: that we didn't have Mitch Miller, — we had Woody Herman; we didn't have "Jane Addam's Hull House," — we had "Up with People;" — we didn't have John Landecker — we had Don Pearlman; we didn't have an "All School Carnival" — we had an Activities Fair larger than ever held at East before; we didn't have an Orchard Center Telethon — we're going to have a Dance Marathon to fight cancer. The list goes on, but the point is that activities are better now than in past years at East. These are the "good old days."

Howard Steirman and the efforts of the Student Senate are not to be overlooked. Their work and research on weighted grades, library, homeroom, study hall, and Mulford Street are significant and will benefit the entire student body.

We must not confuse student entertainment at East with student activities. Simply stated, the more vigorously our students are personally engaged in an activity, the more beneficial that activity will be — the "L. A. Thunderbirds" don't constitute an East student activity. Looking back over the past seven months, some of the East activity highlights have been: the "Student Activities Fair," the Key Club dances, the indoor "Marching Band Concert," "Up With People," the "Winter Choral and Orchestra Festival," the "Winter Band Festival," the "All School Volleyball Tournament," the "Pops Concert," the "Dance Marathon," the Environmental Club's plantings in the courtyard, the newly formed Radio Station, and one of our best years in athletics for some time — not to mention the Niles East Orchestra and Bands which are by far the best I've heard in five years at East. This year, we are also planning the Golden Galleon "Teacher Auction," and "International Day" (sponsored by the French, Russian, German, Spanish, Photo Arts and Students for Israel Clubs), a "Spring

Plating," a "Derby Day," Uri Geller, and the annual "Balloon Launch."

New this year are the Forums enrichment programs. More than sixteen programs have already been presented; as a result, a new radio program on WCLR features only Niles East students. Forums programs have included a Self-Defense program by the Skokie Police Department; the President for the Center of UFO Studies; a lecture on civil rights from Roosevelt University's Paul Johnson; a



(Photo by Steve Suslick)

Kenneth Reiter

Bicentennial history of Skokie and Niles; WBBM's Don Pearlman; Common Cause Illinois; the "Peace Corps Partnership Program"; an est program with Mr. Lamb; a program from the Transcendental Meditation Society; Mr. John Pont from Northwestern University; Mr. Kenneth Cange from Shell Oil; Mr. William Omay, Director of Northern Illinois Industrial Association; and Mr. Howard Lisit from the Cook County Public Defender's Office have already appeared at East. Niles East's new Activity Guide lists 33 clubs — not to count a more than 50 athletic teams at East. In the final analysis, I can't imagine that Mr. Claver could ignore the new bulletin boards outside the main office which are filled with newspaper articles regarding the activities at East, the "Persons, Places and Things" section of the Nilehilitite, the Student Bulletin, the Forums Programs,

the "News at East" section in each Skokie News, and the work of the Student Activity Board.

Sincerely,
Kenneth Reiter

Dear Editor,

Recently I was eating in the cafeteria with my friends, and all of a sudden one of the workers came up to one friend and asked her (not politely) to clean up her plate. She was still eating, and not even bothering anybody. But the worker asked her again to clean up. She didn't, and it almost turned into a brawl. This is ridiculous. I have never seen anything like that before. What is the matter with our cafeteria workers? Don't they respect the rights of others?

Name withheld upon request

Dear Editor,

As a member of the cast of "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," I would like to personally extend my thanks to the students, faculty members, administration, and parents for showing their interest by coming to our show. By the many compliments we have received, many of us are glad to admit that we have done a good job. I really hope that in the years to come, people will still support the theater and music departments, their directors, and the faculty members. I was thrilled to be a part of "Forum."

A "Forum" cast member

Dear Editor,

I have a letter concerning the bus situation. Almost every time I step on the bus, the smell of marijuana comes to my nose. My only inclination to who it might be is the bus driver, because frequently I am the first person on the bus. Then I always wonder if the bus driver is sane and if I'll make it home in one piece. Other problems I've encountered are either the buses never showing up or the drivers not letting a kid off at his stop on purpose. Can anything be done by the school about these problems?

Name withheld upon request

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'A Funny Thing Happened on the way to the Forum'



Miles Gloriosus (Phil Heftel) and soldiers mourn the death of his bride (Phil Martini) at the funeral. (Photos by Steven Suslick)



Hysterium (Phil Martini) reassures himself, "I'm Calm."



Hero (David Pevsner), Philia (Gail Norris), and Pseudolus (Barry Kramer) imagine a "Pretty Little Picture."

The madcap comedy, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," was presented last weekend by the Niles East Theatre Department in the auditorium.

THE PLAY, BASED ON SITUATIONS from the comedies of Plautus, an early Roman writer, was directed by Jerry Proffit. The musical director was Frank Winkler; technical director, George Mayfield; assistant director, Susan Rothschild; costume coordinator, Bettie Ladd; scenery designer, Hazel Larsen; choreographer, Paula Sugarman; and student director, Howard Steirman.

The production was situated on a street in Rome two hundred years before the Christian era. The show, a mad blend of zany nonsense, confusion, and gags from Roman comedy and burlesque, centers on the connivings of the slave Pseudolus to achieve his freedom. His young master, Hero, promises Pseudolus his freedom. His young master, Hero, promises Pseudolus his freedom if he can obtain for Hero the beautiful girl Phelia.

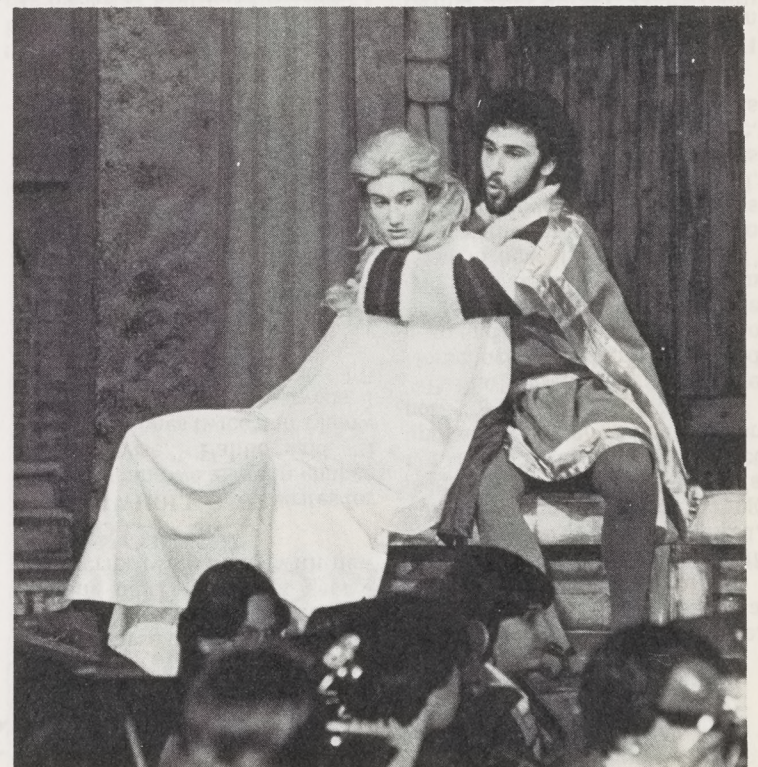
THE FAST-MOVING PLAY involved 31 East students. The main cast members in order of appearance included Barry Kramer, Jerry Lavin, Lori Schwartz, David Pevsner, Gail Norris, Phil Martini, Bill Elliott, Phil Rappoport, and Phil Heftel.



Marcus Lycus (Bill Elliot) introduces Panacea (Kathy Stukas) in order to earn money from selling his courtesans.



Barry Kramer thinks about being a free person instead of a slave.



Barry Kramer tells Phil Martini that he's lovely.

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'Horschack' speaks to students



(Photo by David Ryweck)

Ron Palillo discussing his career with area high school students.

"My mother wanted me to be a pharmacist so I could fill prescriptions," said Ron Palillo at a March 5 press conference at the Arlington Park Theatre in Arlington Heights.

Palillo, otherwise known as "Horschack" on TV's "Welcome Back, Kotter," is now appearing in the Theater's production of "Room Service" with Shelly Berman and Alan Sues. Palillo responded to questions by area high school students regarding his sudden burst to fame.

"THE PRESSURE IS UNBELIEVABLE," Palillo explained. "You must give all your energy throughout the whole week of taping. We get about a week off after three straight shows, and then we start grinding away again."

In a given week, Palillo and his counterparts tape one show every five days. They start each show on a Wednesday morning,

by Phil Rappoport and Alan Schoen

and rehearse the show every day until the next Tuesday, which is "taping day." The cast gets a new script twice a day with new changes.

"THE WHOLE CAST writes for the show, and we all get a chance to improvise," Palillo said. "I look at the lines twice and I know them. Also, if I'm not nervous, I won't do a good performance. I'll make myself nervous."

Much discussion was spent on Palillo's personal life, including his years at the University of Connecticut, where he met his mentor, a drama professor named Dr. Nafe Katter. Ironically, Horschack's teacher is Kotter on the TV show. Palillo was also skeptical about the success of the TV show. "I never thought it was going to make it," he said, "and that nobody was going to watch it. After the first 13 weeks of continued success, I still thought I might be going

back home to do something else. The show's rise to success was a complete surprise to all of us.

"The one thing I really get off on is acting," Palillo admitted, "anybody who thinks that acting is all that glamour and tinsel, it's not. But it's rewarding; you get applause whether you're good or not."

Palillo said he is trying to give Horschack more dignity. "Arnold is an under-achiever. He wants to be liked, and that is one of the tragedies of high school." In Palillo's new pilot, "Horschack," he tries to show why Arnold is an under-achiever and also shows his home life. Palillo explained, "Arnold's family is what makes him act the way he does in public. I kind of think of the new show as 'Urban Waltons.'"

EVEN THOUGH TELEVISION has made Ron Palillo what he is today, he still would like to do other kinds of acting. "My real ambition is to be on the Broadway stage more than anything. 'Room Service' is the first play I've done in two years." After a two-hour question and answer session, Palillo summed up his thoughts and stated, "I'm in this business to entertain, not for the money."

April fool survey

This April Fool's day survey is not intended to hurt anyone's feelings. It should be taken as a joke.

THE TEACHER WHO LOOKS MOST LIKE ... (UNSCRAMBLE)

- Farrah Fawcett-Majors — Raicma Kerbe (physical education)
- Robert Redford — Tenkhen Tیرهer (administration)
- Mickey Mouse — Liliwam Moblo (science)
- Minnie Mouse — Carptia Lamakt (physical education)
- Paul Newman — Nad Hirneck (special education)
- Liz Taylor — Yatkehrn Rocpah (English)
- Telly Savalas — Wohrda Ambry (physical education)
- Elvis Presley — Elda Pselemt (driver education)
- Phyllis Diller — Vasliy Comazuh (social studies)

STUDENTS

1. shortest — Bill Saputo, Lisa Geiser
2. tallest — Andy Slowik, Chuck Wisniewski
3. twins (look alike) — Sharon and Cheryl Lee
4. skinniest — Linda Weintraub
5. curliest hair — David Klein
6. strangest name — Krikor Lopuzian
7. funniest voice — Carolyn Ulbert, Steve Albert
8. gossips most — Joy Wagner
9. worst humor — Mike Doman, Cathy Bolon
10. strangest dresser — Lori Piper

TEACHERS (see above)

1. Miss Betty Quinn, Seymour Rifkind
2. Edwin Ernst
3. Steve and Al Pozansky
4. Miss Betty Quinn, Robert Anderson
5. Mrs. Nona Piorkowski, John Golata
6. Mrs. Mary McElfresh, Skip Petrazelka
7. Miss Ruth Belser, Fred Richardi
8. Mrs. Judy Miller, Romayne Baker
9. Miss Jean Wojdula, Jerry Oswald
10. Mrs. Kay Powell, Everett Colton

Communication class to discuss reactions

Speech Communication students attempt to express their feelings, reactions, goals, and values by class and small group discussions, activities, and projects.

"We talk a lot and I expect students to open their minds to more types of concepts, not to be programmed, and to have confidence," explained Miss Virginia Stemp.

THE DIFFERENT AREAS of communication that the students study consist of verbal, non-verbal (body language), intra-personal, and inter-personal. The topics intention is to inspire deeper perception, insights, self-motivation, and sensitivity, according to Miss Stemp.

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Principal requests visitations

Many students are discovering that room 114A is not off limits. Room 114A is East principal Galen Hosler's office, and he encourages students to "drop by."

HOSLER IS INTERESTED in what East students have to say. Whether it's about one's schedule, an unfair policy, or just to chat, Hosler is willing to listen.

"I hope students aren't afraid to come in. I want to know just what the students think about East. As long as I don't have a meeting or an appointment I'll talk to a student," Hosler explained.

Hosler also said that if a teacher and a student are both in his office to see him, he'll talk to the student right away. He can always get back to the teacher, but he doesn't always know the student.

HOSLER FREQUENTLY ATTENDS meetings especially about the future closing of East. He also must observe every teacher and administrator. After an evaluation of the staff he writes complete reports on each one. "I usually do most of the paper work at home so I can spend more time talking to students and faculty," Hosler stated.

Often Hosler will go to the student cafeteria to see what is occurring there. Sporadically, he likes to check into the student lounge to see what students do during free time.

A high school principal doesn't end each day at 2:56 p.m. Hosler usually arrives at school by 7:15 a.m. and he doesn't leave until about 5 p.m. In the morning, he checks to see if enough substitutes are available for any absent teachers. Sometimes at night, he will go to meetings or he tries to attend basketball games, music events, and theater productions.

"MY MAIN JOB is to resolve problems," Hosler concluded. "If no meetings or appointments are scheduled for me, all I have to do is sit in my office and something is sure to come to me."



(Photo by Steve Suslick)

Alan Sutton proves you can come back.

Cub, Sox previewed

Cubs field new faces in '77

by Mike Bass

The Chicago Cubs will soon be starting their 101st year in professional baseball, and in the '77 season, there will be a lot of new faces on the North Side.

FIRST BASE. Bill Buckner is one of those new faces for the Cubs. He was acquired in the off-season for Rick Monday. Buckner is an exceptional all-around ball player, but he has been hampered by injuries during the pre-season. The Cubs need a healthy Bill Buckner if they are to have a good season.

SECOND BASE. Manny Trillo is one of the best second basemen in the league, especially defensively. He doesn't hit for a high average, but his hits usually come in the clutch.

THIRD BASE. With the trade of Bill Madlock to the Giants, the third base position went up for grabs. Madlock led the N.L. in hitting the last two years and will be hard to replace. Steve Ontiveros, who came to the Cubs in the Madlock trade, has the inside shot at the job. He was a utility player for the Giants last

year, and hit under .200. If he can't do the job, Gene Clines, a converted outfielder, may get a chance.

SHORTSTOP. This could be a big question mark for the Cubs. Ivan DeJesus will probably be the opening day starter, but he is an unknown quantity. Mick Kelleher will back him up. Mick carries a good glove, but is weak at the plate.

CATCHER. Steve Swisher is probably one of the most underrated catchers in baseball. Last year he was bothered by nagging injuries that lowered his final batting average. Before those injuries, he was doing so well, he was named to the N.L. All-Star team.

OUTFIELD. The Cubs have tremendous depth in the outfield with players like Bobby Murcer, Jose Cardenal, Jerry Morales, Greg Gross, and Joe Wallis. These players are all quality outfielders, and one or two of them may be used as trade bait.

STARTING PITCHERS. This is the Cub's biggest deficiency. Ray Burris was their only reliable starter last year. Rick

Reuschel has been inconsistent, but he has shown signs of becoming a good pitcher. Bill Bonham has been a real puzzle the past few years. He is generally considered to have one of the best arms in the league, but he has never reached his potential. Steve Renko is another inconsistent pitcher. Rookie, Mike Krukow may be a pleasant surprise. Krukow has had an excellent spring, and may get a crack at the starting rotation.

RELIEF PITCHER. The bullpen is very strong for the Cubs. Bruce Sutter is the top relief man. He was only a rookie last year, but he quickly asserted himself as the bullpen stopper. Jim Todd was reacquired from the Oakland A's for Joe Coleman, during the spring. Since being traded by the Cubs after '74, he became one of the finest relievers in the A.L. With Sutter and Paul Reuschel rounding out the bullpen, the Cubs will be very strong in relief.

THE CUBS' BIGGEST problem is going to be pitching. Perhaps the solution would be to trade one of their outfielders for a starting, left-handed pitcher. If the Cubs do manage to get some pitching, they may be a real contender in '77. If not, it will be another second division finish for the Cubs.

Bass' Brain Teasers

by Mike Bass

1. What N.F.L. quarterback formerly attended Niles East?
2. What former Nilehilite sports editor is now working for the Chicago Tribune?
3. Who is the president of this year's Niles East "N" Club?
4. Name the last team that was beaten by the Niles East football team.
5. Name the former Niles East basketball coach who now coaches at Barrington High School.
6. Who was the former football coach at Niles East, who made the word "HIT" a prophecy?
7. When was the last season that the Trojan football team finished with at least a .500 conference record? (Hint: Their record that year was 3-3-1)
8. Name the team that won this season's Niles East Invitational Basketball Tournament?
9. Who was the MVP of that tournament?
10. What Niles East basketball player had the top scoring game of this season?

If a student wants to answer these questions, he should submit his answer sheet to Mrs. Panos' mailbox. If the answers are correct, your name will be printed in the next issue of the NILEHILITE. The correct answers will be printed in that next issue.

Alan Sutton, former Nilehilite sports editor, returns to Niles East

by Mike Bass

Alan Sutton, former sports editor of the Nilehilite, came back to his former high school recently to talk about his career, and his days here.

AT THE PRESENT TIME, he works in the sports editing department of the Chicago Tribune. Previously, he worked on such newspapers as the Boston Globe and the Miami Herald.

Before he worked on those newspapers, Mr. Sutton attended

Indiana University. He went there after graduating from Niles East.

Alan Sutton went to Niles East from 1962-1966. He recalled some of the things he most remembered about the school.

"Losing" is what he said he remembered most. "Niles East had a bad reputation in sports. It made it that much better when we won though."

"I remember one year when the basketball team went 0-19. The next year, when we won a game, the people stormed on the court."

Sutton recalled the time that Niles North started play in sports. "The first game North played in football, they beat us. They beat us in their first basketball game with us too."

Mr. Sutton talked about some of the differences between Niles East as he remembered it, and how it is today. "There is little difference physically, but there is more latitude given to students now."

"Students now have open campus, and are able to walk

around freely in the halls. When I went there, there was a lack of freedom. We had no free periods, we had to eat in the cafeteria, and periods were 55 minutes long."

"The students aren't that much different," said Sutton, "Their intellectual level is similar."

Something that is not similar from his days at Niles East is writing for a big newspaper. "At the Nilehilite you can get away with more things. You can be biased for the school. You have to be unbiased on a larger paper."

The closing of East was also discussed by Sutton. "I'm sad East is going to be closed. I want to come back here. I enjoyed coming back this time. It is important to retain your roots."

Alan Sutton has already become a success at the Chicago Tribune. In the short time he has been there, he has already advanced from working at the copy desk to working in the sports editing department. Things are really looking up for Mr. Sutton who started out at Niles East.

John Pont visits East

by Mike Bass

John Pont, athletic director and head football coach at Northwestern University, talked to students at Niles East in the student lounge on March 2.

Mr. Pont's coaching job at Northwestern is not his first. Previously he coached at Miami of Ohio, Yale, and Indiana universities.

It was while he was at Indiana that Pont said he had his biggest thrill. In 1968, he coached the Hoosiers of Indiana to the Rose Bowl. "It was a thrill," stated Pont. "It is hard to imagine 104,000 people in one place."

THE TEAM that Indiana played in the Rose Bowl, U.S.C., featured a running back by the name of O. J. Simpson.

For the past few years, the Big 10 representative to the Rose Bowl has been either Michigan or Ohio State. Pont was asked the reason for their domination. "They have too much strength in the skill positions (receivers and backs). Also, their offensive and defensive lines are tremendously big."

Despite dominating the Big 10, Michigan and Ohio State have had trouble in the Rose Bowl because the Pac 8 teams they play "have as many skill people as Michigan and Ohio State. They

stop Michigan and Ohio State's ground game, so Michigan and Ohio State have to throw. Ohio State and Michigan are not very good passing teams."

PONT HAS DONE SOMETHING to try to stop the domination of the "Big Two" (Michigan and Ohio State). "In the last two years, we've recruited 37 linemen. This year we've recruited skill people."

NORTHWESTERN HAS very high academic standards. Mr. Pont was asked how this affects the school in recruiting. "Each year, approximately 250-300 high school students sign tenders in the Big 10. Forty per cent of those are turned down, because of grades by Northwestern." He added that at times, some of those players who were turned down came back to haunt Northwestern.

Something else that has haunted Northwestern, is something that is plaguing other schools too, the problem of some player representatives.

Player representatives have been under a lot of scrutiny lately for their ways and means of getting clients.

According to Mr. Pont, the litigations that have been made against the player representatives are "true more than 50 per cent of the time."

Sox hope for rise

by Howard Shapiro

The Chicago White Sox will open their 1977 season on April 7 in Toronto, hoping for a better finish than their last place standing of a year ago. Here is a preview of this year's team.

FIRST BASE. Jim Spencer and Lamar Johnson will again share the chores. Spencer was the American League's top fielding first baseman with a .998 fielding percentage. He was also a clutch hitter, driving in 70 runs. Johnson hit .320, and can be counted on as a designated hitter when needed.

SECOND BASE. Jack Brohamer played a steady second base last year for the Sox and figures to do so again this year, unless he is beaten out by Alan Bannister. Bannister was the Sox' journeyman in the field, playing every infield position at one time or another. Second base is his best position though, and his base running potential could be an added factor.

THIRD BASE. Kevin Bell and Eric Soderholm are expected to battle it out here. Bell, in his rookie season last year, is ready to improve his statistics (.248, 5 HR's) and take over as the regular Sox third baseman. Soderholm, injured last year, provides right handed power, and is seen as insurance behind Bell.

SHORTSTOP. Bucky Dent will fill the shortstop position for the Sox barring a major trade in the upcoming weeks. If Dent goes, Tim Nordbrook, obtained in the free agent draft, may get a shot at the starting assignment. Bannister could also fill in ably.

CATCHER. Brian Downing, last year's main receiver, is

expected to handle the pitchers again this time around. Downing batted .256 in 1976, but injured his throwing arm and was not as effective as expected. He will be backed up by Jim Essian, and Dave Duncan. Duncan was obtained in the off-season.

LEFT FIELD. Richie Zisk, acquired from Pittsburgh for Rich Gossage and Terry Forster, is counted on to supply the power last year's team was lacking. Slow afoot, the Sox are hoping Zisk can improve his defensive ability.

CENTER FIELD. This will be the second year for Chet Lemon, and the Sox are hoping he can improve his hitting (.246). Nyls Nyman and Bob Coluccio are good-field, no-hit candidates to back up Lemon. Wayne Nordhagen may also be in the running for a place on the team.

PITCHER. The hope for a successful season will lie with the pitchers this year. Wilbur Wood must come back after suffering a shattered knee cap to lead the Sox staff. Ken Brett, Bart Johnson, Francisco Barrios, and Steve Stone will round out the rotation, with Ken Kravec and Chris Knapp also possibilities. Dave Hamilton and Jack Kucek will head the bullpen staff.

SOX FANS CAN be assured that they will see a more exciting brand of baseball this year, but the Sox are still not strong enough to challenge for a division title. Right now, the Sox are building a team for the future, full of young, prospective stars. Look for the Chicago White Sox to finish fourth in 1977.

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The Niles East varsity gymnastics team included (back row from left to right) Coach Sokalski, Arthur Mandell, Jay Gold, Lee Grodsky, Greg Blix, Jim Burke, John Lopez, Dave Harris, Jeremy Willens, Brian Austin, Coach Rifkind; (front row) Leo Abramson, Dan Kessem, Bill Saputo, Steve Borkan, Steve Seplowin, Chris Besser, Ron Wienert, and Jeff Moll.

Galla optimistic about baseball

by Mike Bass

Baseball starts again today for the Niles East Trojans, and varsity coach George Galla is predicting "a very successful year."

Defense is what Galla feels is the team's strongest point. "We have a fine defensive club. We are strong up the middle."

"OUR PITCHING can be pretty good. With (John) O'Malley and (David) Uhle throwing for us, we have two good left handers. We brought up Tad Slowik from the sophomore team. He might be our number three man (pitcher).

"We are very strong behind the plate," added Galla. "We have one of the best catchers in the conference if not THE best catcher in Wayne Braverman."

Galla also pointed to the speed of his team as one of their assets.

One of the Trojan's assets is not hitting, according to Coach Galla. "My main concern is our overall hitting. "We are going to have to

rely on our bunting and on the hit-and-run."

"We will only get about five or six hits a game, so they will have to be clutch ones."

"Scott Sachnoff got some clutch hits for us during the summer," said Galla. "We are counting on Braverman to get a lot of clutch hits for us."

Galla feels that some of the players to watch for East will be Braverman, O'Malley, Uhle, Sachnoff, Neal Sherman (CF), and Dan Gottlieb (SS).

Another player that has to be watched very closely is Slowik. If he can become the third pitcher that Galla is hoping for, the Trojans will have a right hander to go with O'Malley and Uhle, who are lefties.

"Tad is big and strong, he throws real hard, and he is very coachable," stated Galla. "If Tad does not become our number three pitcher, then we will use either Randy Woolf or Mike

Delmonico, but they don't throw as hard."

"If Slowik does not play that much, we will move him back to the sophomore team."

Coach Galla was asked if his team had any problems with retaining seniors, like some of the other sports at Niles East do. "I don't think that's a problem with us. The problem is that some kids work as sophomores and juniors, and then try to come out as seniors. They need more time to work on baseball."

For the Trojans to have a successful season this year, Galla feels, "We must play every game one at a time. We do have ability."

"The kids must believe in themselves. It is hard to fight the tradition of losing at this school."

The Trojans will try out on a winning note, when they open the season at Ridgewood. The game starts at 4:15.

Gymnasts end year

by Howard Shapiro

Brian Austin finished eighth in the rings competition in the Illinois State Gymnastics finals to cap a successful season for the Trojan gymnastic team, according to Coach Tom Sokalski.

Austin, along with four other Niles East gymnasts, advanced to the state meet by virtue of their finish in the sectional meet. Brian scored an 8.50 on his routine in the state finals to merit his eighth place ranking.

"I WAS HAPPY with the way things went this year," commented Coach Sokalski. "In general, we maintained our winning tradition. We finished second in conference, first in district, third in sectional, and tenth in state."

"I was especially pleased with the rally the team made after a poor conference showing," said the coach. "We developed a 'New

Niles East' team attitude. Coach Rifkind was a crucial factor in helping to shape this new team spirit. The efforts made by each and every team member to develop this attitude will remain as a long lasting memory of 1977."

"There are always times when a coach could look back in retrospect and say, 'We could have done better,' but I am happy with the results of this year," concluded the coach.

According to Coach Sokalski, the nucleus of next year's team will consist of juniors Chris Besser, Bill Saputo, John Lopez, Randy Hertel, and Jim Burke. They will be joined by sophomores Jeremy Willens, Mike Epstein, Brian Sanchez, Dennis Pucher, David Nisson, Steve Bunes, and Ron Nagel.



(Photo by Howard Shapiro)

Brian Austin finished eighth in state with moves like this.

Tennis team is optimistic

by Barry Schwartz

The Niles East tennis team is high on morale and is looking good as the season approaches, according to head Coach Leonard Winans.

COACH WINANS FEELS the team has shown 1,000 per cent effort with an unbelievable amount of team spirit and cohesiveness.

The seven man varsity squad will include three returning lettermen from last year's district champion team, and four members from last year's sophomore league champions.

These players are seniors Mike Lemick, Eric Robin, and Mike

Regidor; and juniors Jeff Adler, Jeff Cohen, Keith Jaffe, and Bruce Pales.

Coach Winans admits that there are no great stars on this year's team, but he thinks the team as a whole is pushing towards another championship.

"THE STRONG EVENNESS and consistency of the players will help our team to be a contender," said the coach.

Aside from the regular league schedule, the Trojans will face three non-conference teams, Highland Park, New Trier West, and Waukegan West. They are teams which Coach Winans

classifies as tough to beat.

In high school tennis, however, team victories are not as important as the total amount of points accumulated. Coach Winans believes that the Trojans can pick up some points from these three teams.

MR. WINANS CONCLUDED about his team, "We'll take some lumps, but we'll be a very respectable team."

On the sophomore level, the team will include freshman Marty Henshman, who qualified for starting singles. Coach Winans said the overall picture looks favorable for the sophomores this year.

Sport shorts

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER awards were recently announced at Niles East for the winter sports.

The most valuable players in boys' sports were Marc Bercoon in basketball, Mark Sonshine in wrestling, Chris Besser in gymnastics, Al Tish in fencing, and Daniel Projansky in swimming.

In girls' sports, MVP honors went to Vivian Maniates in bowling, and Jane Nisbett in girls' gymnastics.

THE GIRLS' BADMINTON team, under the guidance of Miss Patricia Matlack, is approaching the end of its season.

Soph baseball looks strong

by Mike Bass

"I'm not predicting a championship, but if the kids want it, it's there."

Sophomore baseball coach, Bill Bulthuis had these and other words to say about the Niles East sophomore baseball team for '77.

COACH BULTHUIS IS VERY optimistic about the team. "We have no glaring weakness at any position. We've got hitting, we've got defense, and we've got pitching. Our main strength would have to be our desire.

"The kids have a tremendous desire for one particular goal. They all know what that goal is — a championship."

Their chances for a championship may have been dimmed a bit by the loss of Tad Slowik, who was moved up to the varsity. "That definitely hurt us," exclaimed Bulthuis. "He would have been our number one or number two pitcher."

Niles East's team consists of 23 girls, with two teams, varsity and junior varsity. Each team has 10 girls.

The season, which began February 1, will end in mid-April. The State District meet will be on April 16.

Miss Matlack says, "This is the first time girls' badminton will have a state meet." The state meet is scheduled to take place at New Trier East and New Trier West.

When asked about the team's prospects for this season, Miss Matlack commented, "The team looks good. We have some experienced and inexperienced players. I think we have as good a chance as anyone else in the league. Anything can happen."

Bulthuis feels that the Trojan soph's pitching staff is still in good shape. David Sproat, Rick Spada, and Jay Wilensky are the team's top pitchers. "Any one of them could be our number one pitcher," said Bulthuis. Jeff Brin will be their fourth man.

The Trojans plan to complement their pitching staff with a running, aggressive offense. "We will do a lot of running, a lot of bunting, and a lot of bunt-and-slapping," stated Bulthuis.

Versatility and depth were two of the other strong points pointed out by the Trojan coach.

One of their strong points which might be hampered by the rotten weather is their fundamental soundness. Bulthuis said that with the weather being so bad outside during the pre-season, this team could not practice some important fundamentals.

The Niles East varsity indoor track team ended their season last Saturday, March 21, with a strong performance in the conference meet, according to Coach John Herter.

"We had a number of boys who placed high in the conference," stated Herter. "The season was fairly successful."

THE VARSITY TEAM, which ended with an even 5-5 record, had many standout performers according to Herter.

"Ed Santacruz was a steady performer all year long and took first or second place in almost

every meet," related Herter.

Santacruz, a junior, took second place in the conference meet with a new school record 9:41 in the two mile race.

"Bill Prect, also a junior, was another solid performer all year," stated Herter.

Prect took first place at the Evanston Relays in the high jump with 6'4", and second in the conference with a 6'2" jump.

Another conference placer was Chuck Thiry, who took sixth place in the shot put.

On the freshman-sophomore level, the team finished first in

Track team finishes strong

by Alan Friedman

Girl cagers finish with 4-3 mark

by Chris Kot

The Niles East girls' basketball team ended their season with a 4-3 record. The team did manage to win the first game of their regional competition, but were eliminated in the second.

This year marked the first year

that the girls' basketball team has been coached by Jerry Oswald. He coached the junior varsity team for the girls, after ten years of coaching boys' basketball.

The girls' basketball team will

be losing four seniors due to graduation Captain Karen Behr, Elaine Massover, Ellen Schwartz, and Pam Schell.

Juniors who will return next year, will include, Judy Lee, Andi Slowik, Jill Chavin, Jan Blitt, and Jenise Vassalatos.