

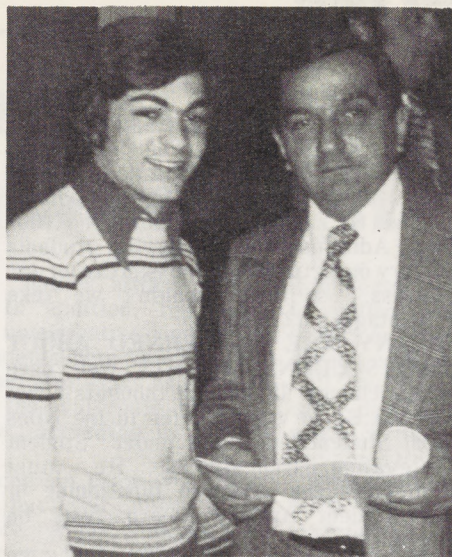
Gordon Hirsch runs for board

GORDON HIRSCH, former Easthi senate president, is running for a position on the District 219 Board. At 18, he is the youngest a candidate may be, under Illinois law.

From 1818 to 1975, no one under 21 could run for a public office. Hirsch wrote a bill that lowered the age requirement to 18, which was passed by the Illinois House Election Committee, and later, by the Senate with one vote. Former Governor Daniel Walker signed the bill August 16, 1975.

His accomplishments include working as "legislative assistant" to state representative Peter Peters, achieving recognition from the Little City Foundation, The Muscular Dystrophy Association, and The Illinois Association For Retarded Children. He now studies at the University of Illinois Chicago Circle campus.

HIRSCH PASSED A PRELIMINARY SCREENING. On February 20, the District 219 Caucus will propose two nominees for positions on the Board. "This would virtually assure my election," said Hirsch. If he isn't slated,



(Photo courtesy of Gordon Hirsch)
Gordon Hirsch, former Easthi student, poses with Rep. Peter P. Peters who proposed Age Requirement Bill.

the former Easthi student said he may run on an independent ticket.

The Board will hold the election on April 9.

Students wire bones

EIGHT EAST STUDENTS ARE CURRENTLY WIRING TOGETHER THE BONES OF A COW, according to biology teacher Mark Rostvold, director of the project.

The eight students include freshmen David Bart, Kurt Kessler, Larry Siegal, Jan Blok, Louis Bahrmassel, Richard Simmons, Kathy Jean, and sophomore Susan Kulovsky, all of whom are enrolled in honors biology.

WHEN THE SKELETON IS FINISHED, it will hang from the ceiling in back of room 314. The joints will move with the aid of pulleys, according to Rostvold.

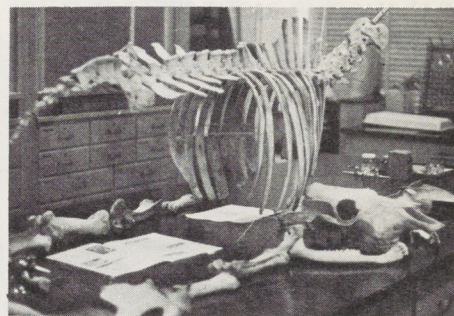
"The main goal of the project is to teach students bone structure, and muscle and tissue construction," said Rostvold.

The bones were donated by Robert Rubenstein '78 two years ago. Rubenstein, who found the skeleton on a relative's farm, donated only the torso and legs, as there was no head or tail with the bones when he found them. The head and tail were acquired by brain power. "I just went into a delicatessen and bought an oxtail for about 79 cents," said Larry Siegal.

Rostvold acquired the head from a local butcher and brought that to school also.

THE TOTAL COST OF THE PROJECT was about \$3 or \$4 according to Rostvold. To buy a prewired skeleton from a science supply company would cost \$1001.25.

"The students have been working on the skeleton for several weeks, and they hope to finish by the end of February," Rostvold said.



(Photo by Alan Schoen)
Reconstructed cow skeleton hangs from ceiling in room 314.

DECA wins recognition

THE EASTHI CHAPTER OF DECA (THE DISTRIBUTING EDUCATION CLUB OF AMERICA) UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF MR. BILL COULSON HAS BEEN LISTED BY WHO'S WHO AMONG AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN THE 1975-76 EDITION. Who's Who, a national publication recognizes high standards of excellence, community leadership, positive performance in schools, students and organizations.

DECA MEMBERS participated in the Second Annual Northern Illinois University Competitive Events program and workshops. The program informed students of the events to take place at the state DECA competition March 18 and 19.

EASTHI DECA STUDENTS were presented awards in the areas of Apparel and Accessories, Food Marketing, Food Services, and Petroleum Services.

AWARD WINNERS INCLUDE Sandy Garber, first place; Brian David, second place; and Diane Polin, third place, in the manager-owner level of Apparel and Accessories.

OTHER DECA AWARD WINNERS INCLUDE Julie Gold, first place in master-employee level of Apparel and Accessories; Kathy Schoen, first place, master-employee level of Petroleum Services; and Mark Barenbaum, second place, owner-manager level in Petroleum Services.

Other finalists include Reid Levin, Food Marketing; Devin Schreiber, Food Services; Lori Sachnoff, Apparel and Accessories; and Lynn Veit, Apparel and Accessories.

THE EASTHI DECA CHAPTER will defend its title as Chapter of the Year for Illinois, during the state competition March 18 and 19.

songs portraying the development of the district and the founding of the PTA.

The program is scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m. in the Niles North auditorium. Refreshments will be served.

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News in Brief

Colleges award scholarship grants

Several colleges are sponsoring scholarships for high school seniors.

NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY is offering \$1000 merit-based scholarships for seniors who plan to major in coatings chemistry. Completed applications must be submitted by February 18. **ROLLINS COLLEGE** in Florida is offering \$3000 renewable scholarships based on academic merit. Winners will be notified March 31. The National Scholarship program of American Veterans is offering grants up to \$1000 to seniors whose parent is a deceased or disabled veteran of World War II, the Korean conflict or Viet Nam. The applications must be completed by June 1. **ST. NORBERT COLLEGE** in Wisconsin, **MOUNT MARTY COLLEGE** in South

Dakota, and Clark College in Iowa are offering up to \$500 renewable scholarships. All materials must be submitted by March 1. **NATIONAL COLLEGE OF EDUCATION** in Illinois, **WESTERN COLLEGE** in Iowa and **WINONA STATE**

Senate elect chairpersons

THE STUDENT SENATE has formed four new committees to study school issues.

The committees and their chairpeople include Jerry Lavin, Homeroom-Study Hall; Eileen Sohn and Phil Rappoport, Library; Lauren Pitalis, Mulford; and Bob Greenwald, Weighted Grades. Each chairperson and committee will discuss the advantages and disadvantages of

UNIVERSITY in Minnesota are offering scholarships based on rank and additional factors. No deadlines are specified, but those interested should apply soon. Additional information is available in the guidance resource room.

these issues.

In other action, the Senate set the dates for the dance marathon for April 15 and 16. The Senate approved a \$50 donation to the Crusade of Mercy.

Music dept. presents show

Yesterday, the Niles East High School music department presented a concert featuring the talents of the band, concert and chamber choirs, and the dance company, entitled "George Gershwin: A Symphonic Portrait."

PTSA presents nostalgia show

THE NILES TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL'S PTSAs will present a tri-school founder's day program on Thursday, February 24, in commemoration of the 80th anniversary of the founding of the national PTA.

The Program, entitled "An Evening of Nostalgia," will feature original skits and

Dance company to perform

THE NILES EAST DANCE COMPANY, UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF MISS CATHI CALIENDO, is presenting its dance show "Glow" on Saturday, February 19, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, February 20, at 2 p.m. in East's auditorium.

"Among other things, the show will feature some of the latest in disco dancing," explained Miss Caliendo. Other dance forms, including ballet, jazz, modern, and tap will also be performed.

THE COMPANY CONSISTS OF 15

SENIOR AND 10 JUNIOR MEMBERS, who have been working since November choreographing and organizing the show.

President Paula Sugarman has been assisting Miss Caliendo in organizing the show, while Caryn Lason, treasurer, is responsible for ticket sales. The publicity chairpersons are Gail Norris and Cathy Lasowski.

Tickets cost \$1.50 and are being sold in the cafeteria, Feb. 14-18, during periods 5 through 11, at the door, or from any Dance Company member.



(Photo by Alan Schoen)
Elaine Cohn, Caryn Lason, and Karen Feldman in "Dancing through Time" from annual dance show presented on February 19 and 20.

coming attractions

- February 18—Boys' Basketball vs. Niles West—Niles East Gym—8:15 p.m.
- February 18—Boys' Wrestling—Sectional—West Leyden
- February 19—Boys' Wrestling—Sectional—West Leyden
- February 19—Boys' Swimming—District
- February 19—Boys' Gymnastics—District—Home
- February 19—Girls' Basketball vs. Niles West—Niles East Gym—8 p.m.
- February 19—Dance Show—"Glow"—Niles East Auditorium—8 p.m.
- February 20—Dance Show—"Glow"—Niles East Auditorium—8 p.m.
- February 21—Milton College Representative—Room 108—11:15 a.m.
- February 22—Girls' Basketball vs. Maine South—Maine South—4:30 p.m.
- February 22—Suomi College Representative—Room 108—9 a.m.
- February 23—Boys' Track vs. Glenbrook South—Niles East—4 p.m.
- February 23—Girls' Badminton vs. Waukegan West—Waukegan West—5 p.m.
- February 23—International Meditation Society—Lounge—Periods 5-9
- February 24—Boys' Gymnastics—Sectional—Evanston
- February 24—Girls' Basketball vs. Niles North—Niles North—4:30 p.m.
- February 25—Boys' Basketball vs. Maine West—Maine West—8:15 p.m.
- February 25—Boys' Wrestling—State—Champaign
- February 25—Boys' Swimming—State—Morton H.S.
- February 25—Girls' Badminton vs. Niles North—Niles East—6:00 p.m.
- February 26—Boys' Wrestling—State—Champaign
- February 26—Boys' Swimming—State—Morton H.S.
- February 26—Boys' Gymnastics—Sectional—Evanston
- February 28—Boys' Basketball—Regional—Evanston
- March 1—Niles West Concert Band—Auditorium—Periods 2/3 and 5
- March 2—Mr. Pont, the Northwestern Athletic Director—Lounge—Periods 5-8
- March 2—Boys' Basketball—Regional—Evanston
- March 2—Girls' Badminton vs. Maine East—Maine East—4:30 p.m.
- March 2—Girls' Basketball vs. Maine East—Niles East—7:30 p.m.
- March 3—Boys' Track vs. St. Ignatius—Home—4 p.m.
- March 3—De Paul University Representative—Room 108—9 a.m.
- March 3—George Williams College Representative—Room 108—10:30 a.m.
- March 4—Boys' Basketball—Regional—Evanston
- March 4—Boys' Track vs. Evanston—Evanston—6 p.m.
- March 4—Boys' Gymnastics—State—Mt. Prospect
- March 4—Girls' Badminton vs. Glenbrook South—Glenbrook South—4:30 p.m.
- March 5—Boys' Gymnastics—State—Mt. Prospect
- March 5—Girls' Basketball vs. Glenbrook South—Niles East—8 p.m.
- March 8—Math Contest—Lounge—8 a.m.
- March 8—Boys' Basketball—Sectional—Arlington
- March 8—Girls' Badminton vs. Maine West—Maine West—4:30 p.m.
- March 8—Girls' Basketball vs. Maine West—Niles East—7:30 p.m.
- March 9—Mr. Kenneth Cange of Shell Oil Company—Lounge—Periods 5-9
- March 9—Boys' Basketball—Sectional—Arlington
- March 10—Boys' Track—Township Meet—Home—4 p.m.
- March 11—All School Volleyball Tournament

Students still unaware of SAB

"My teacher gave me an unfair grade!" "I wasn't absent, so why was I sent this referral?"

These questions are asked very often; the student doesn't know what to do. He isn't even aware of the Student Appeals Board (S.A.B.).

EVERY STUDENT WHO IS SENT TO THE DEAN'S OFFICE ON A REFERRAL HAS THE RIGHT TO APPEAL HIS CASE TO THE S.A.B. Many students have probably heard something negative about the S.A.B., maybe because they have had only two cases this year. The S.A.B. is there to let the student speak up.

ACCORDING TO THE STUDENT GUIDEBOOK, the referred party has the right: 1) to have full knowledge of the

right to come before the S.A.B.; 2) to know the purpose(s) for being called to the meeting; 3) to answer all charges; 4) to bring witnesses to speak on his behalf; 5) to cross-examine witnesses; 6) to have a third party present case (provided that the third party is a student or employee of Niles East); 7) to appeal his Dean's decision to the S.A.B. in a case originally turned down by the Board.

ONCE THE S.A.B. HAS RENDERED A DECISION, they will not rehear the case. But if a student is unsatisfied, he can appeal to the principal, superintendent, the Niles Township Board of Education, and eventually to the civil courts.

It can be argued that if a student is seriously unsatisfied with a referral, then

he may take immediate action to the Student Appeals Board. The Constitution of the United States guarantees certain rights to all citizens of the U.S. Among these is the right to due process. The Niles East Administration allows its students "every opportunity for the exercise of due process," so why shouldn't we take advantage of it?

MANY ARE CONCERNED ABOUT EAST STUDENTS' RIGHTS. Well, here is the chance. If one has thoughts about the S.A.B., he should refer to the Niles East Student Guidebook under "Student Grievance Procedures." He must remember the effective functioning of the Student Appeals Board rests on student support.



Feedback

Student praises girls volleyball

Dear Editor,
I would like the Nilehilite to recognize an outstanding team that hasn't received the support it deserves.

The 1976-77 varsity volleyball team did an outstanding job this year placing second in the district tournament and in conference play. They were also unanimously seeded first in the district tournament.

The individuals on the team were highly skilled volleyball players, but their skill wasn't the key to their success. They were successful because they never gave up. The team won many matches because of come-from-behind efforts. These individuals were dedicated hard-working volleyball players who gave their best out on the court. Because of this, the spectators always watched exciting volleyball matches.

The lack of support the team received discouraged me, many of the players, and the hard-working coaches. Many of the spectators were parents and friends of the players. What about the rest of you, Niles East administration, faculty, and students?

Many of these players were scouted by college volleyball coaches and athletic directors, but their own school didn't even recognize them.

In my three years at Niles East, I've watched many varsity contests, both boys and girls, besides participating on teams and managing them, and I've never seen a

team that has shown more team effort and oneness as this year's varsity volleyball team did. A spectator could feel the team's oneness after watching the team play for only a few minutes; it was very visible. It was too bad that many people at East couldn't share it with them.

This tightly knit group included seniors Karen Behr, Jamie Borkovitz, Elaine Masover, Jody Coninx, Nan Odliwak, Kathy Ewing, and juniors Judy Lee, Jenise Vassilatos, Andi Slowik, and sophomores Bobbi Lewen and Natalie Doi. It also included a super coach, Jerry Richardson, who is also one helluva person and his two terrific assistant coaches, Cass Diamond and Jaci Boyle.

It's too late this season to show them your care, but how about next season? They'll be at the volleyball matches; will you?

Kathi Isserman
Manager of the 1976-77 volleyball team

Upset on bus pass

Dear Editor:

I am writing to you concerning the recent enforcement of the bus pass rule by bus drivers. This is fine since it allows only students who have paid the bus fee to ride on the bus. However, along with the bus pass rule there are other rules pertaining to buses such as "no standees" and primarily "no smoking." These signs are clearly posted in view of the bus driver but rarely are they ever enforced and it's simple to see why. It's easy for a bus driver to sit comfortably in his seat while students search frantically for their bus passes, but it's not so easy for him to stop the bus and possibly have a hassle with a student about putting out a cigarette. If a bus driver is going to enforce a rule, he should enforce all the rules, not just the convenient ones. It's about time bus drivers stopped thinking about what's convenient for themselves and started thinking about the safety and health of their passengers.

Name withheld upon request

Dear Editor:

I would like to make a comment concerning sophomore study hall. My idea probably makes more sense than any other idea. Instead of assigning students study hall and then reviewing their grades, check the students' grades and then assign them study hall. This arrangement would make many students happier and would allow them to go home earlier if they have open campus. I think the administration should consider this arrangement for second semester sophomores.

Name withheld upon request

Dear Editor:

I don't have many chances to go to the library, but when I do, I feel like I am in jail because guards are walking around. If a student says one word, the librarians get on his back. They tell him to be quiet and get into a booth or leave the library. I don't think they should be so strict, because the rooms are occupied much of the time. The least the librarians could do is to let students whisper a little, and when they talk too loudly, ask them nicely to be quiet, not like drill sergeants.

David Zaslowsky '79



(Photo by Alan Schoen)

Elaine Cohn, Sandy Brenner, and Karen Feldman rehearse "Surfin' Safari" in Dance Company show.

Counselor supervision unfair

RECENTLY THE COUNSELORS OF NILES EAST WERE ASSIGNED BY THE SCHOOL'S ADMINISTRATION TO SUPERVISE THE HALLS. Although this clause was included in the contract between the Board of Education and the NTFT, it is an inconvenience. Students, who have important matters to discuss with the counselors cannot, due to this assignment. It is not a bad idea to have supervisors; however, counselors should not assume the role of supervisors.

Many times a student will only have one free period, and this period might be taken up by a counselor who is on supervision duty. One suggestion is to have the student find the counselor in the hall, but this is unfair because of the lack of privacy not allowed to the counselor and student.

AN ALTERNATIVE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED by the teachers' union and the administration if at all possible.

Editor's Note: All letters to the editor do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Nilehilite staff. We encourage every student and faculty member to express their feelings and opinions with a letter to the editor. No profane, obscene, or personal accusations will be printed. All letters must be signed to be considered for publication; however, names will be withheld upon request.

Hotline

Who are the directors?

Q. HAVE THE DIRECTORS FOR NEXT YEAR'S "REFLECTIONS" BEEN SELECTED?

A. Yes. The director will be Carol Miller '78; Kathy Stukas '78, vocal director; Eileen Sohn '78, technical director; Phil Martini '79, choreographer; and Scott Breuckner '78, band director.

Q. WHEN IS THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR THIS YEAR?

A. The last day of school for 1976-1977 is tentatively set for June 9. The last day for seniors has been tentatively set two weeks earlier, May 27.

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Pearlman discusses radio broadcasting

Donn Pearlman, an anchorman for WBBM News Radio 78, spoke to Easthi students on February 2 about journalism and radio broadcasting.

While he was living in Kansas, he wrote news and features until he received a call from CBS in 1970. He was selected to cover the news and weekend activities on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

"Although I thought Kansas City was decent, it worked out well here," said Pearlman.

AT NILES WEST PEARLMAN WORKED on the **Westword** and in his senior year he had his own column. At Northern Illinois University, Pearlman majored in broadcast communications.

"Any job in this area requires 75 per cent luck and 25 per cent ability. However, for those planning to major in communications, high school journalism will carry you through any area if you learn the basics," explained Pearlman.

CONCERNING CHANGES that have occurred in journalism, Pearlman feels people tend to write more gossip and articles

because "names always make news." In addition, reporters aim for investigative reporting. More students were interested in journalism four years ago at the time of the Watergate conflict than now, according to Pearlman.

"You can get a job without a degree, but you must have experience. Apply yourself. A degree from a better school isn't a ticket to a good job. You'll learn the same things no matter where you go, but what you've actually done with yourself is the most important. You also should have a job off-campus," commented Pearlman.

FLOATERS AND DRIFTERS are industry-wide, station to station, city to city, because of the lack in security in broadcast journalism, Pearlman feels that

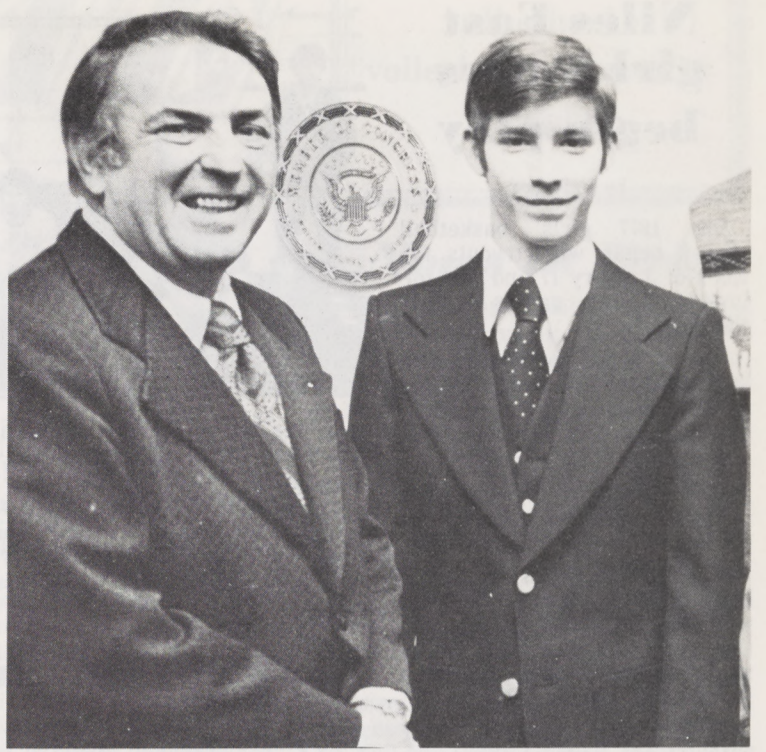
if a person wants to major in journalism he should also learn history or another field, even if it doesn't coincide with his major.

"I like broadcasting because every day is different. I just do news writing on the side," explained Pearlman.

FOR THREE DAYS PEARLMAN DID several in-person interviews. Then, he compacted the information into a five minute show about gold coins or Krugerrands.

He finds producing a difficult job. "From the beginning to end you're responsible for the show. I worked 10 months and 12 hours a day," discussed Pearlman.

Some words of advice for future journalists: "learn as much as you can, keep your eyes open, and don't give up," concluded Pearlman.



Congressman Abner J. Mikva with service academy nominee, senior George Curtiss.

Congressman Abner Mikva nominates George Curtiss to serve in academy

by Wendy Gerber

Senior George Curtiss was one of 24 Tenth District students who was nominated to a U.S. service academy by Congressman Abner Mikva.

"All the students who applied for service academy appointments were extremely capable,"

Mikva said. "The district has always had a reputation for sending excellent students to the academies and based on this year's applicants, the class of '77 won't be an exception."

MIKVA BASED THE NOMINATIONS on the recommenda-

tions of a seven member advisory council, headed by John Crawford of Glenview. Curtiss was nominated to the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, in mid-January.

"The council asked me questions from the application forms. Besides the interview, I also had to take a physical and then interest tests in addition to the Kuder Test," commented Curtiss.

ON THE KUDER INTEREST TEST, Curtiss scored high as a military cadet. Students are chosen based on their academic record, ACT and/or SAT scores, extracurricular activities, and recommendations. Curtiss has a grade point average of 3.84, a SAT score of 1370, and an ACT score of 33. He serves as secretary-treasurer of the Math Club and he was elected as an

Illinois State Scholar, and a Merit semi-finalist. He is enrolled in APP and honor classes.

"I HAVE LOOKED INTO OTHER COLLEGES and I have wondered how I would pay for it without getting money from my parents. At the Academy they pay you a salary. After you get your Bachelor of Science degree, they expect you to serve the Navy for five years," said Curtiss.

A student at the Academy must take some courses in engineering, political, and national science, English, and history.

"I was nominated, which is the first step after passing the examination, but it doesn't mean I'm accepted. I am confident, though, that I will be admitted," stated Curtiss.

Snowmobiling adds winter fun

by Mike Curtiss

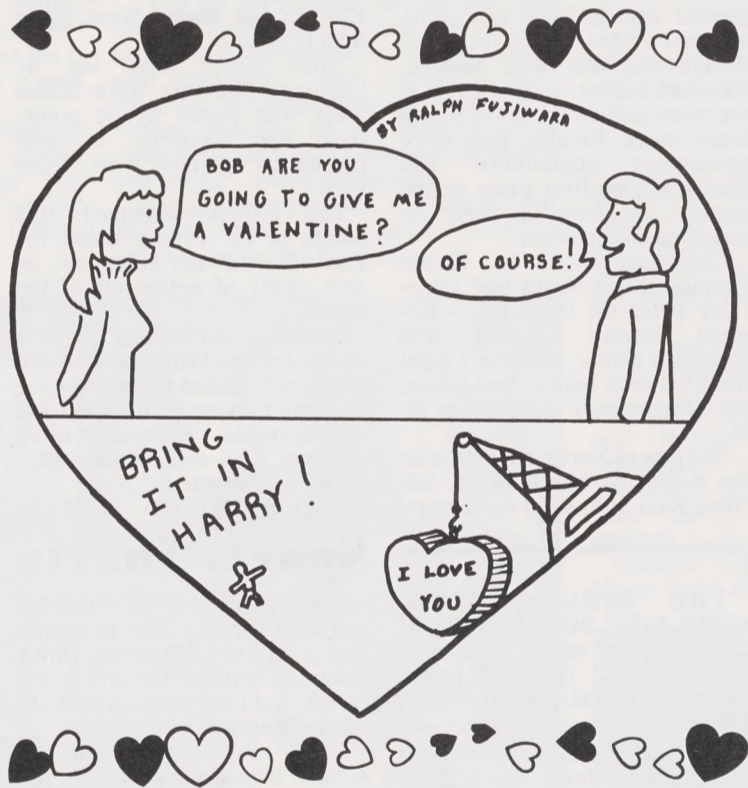
MANY FIND SNOWMOBILING an enjoyable winter sport which provides outdoor recreation during the winter months. Snowmobiling also adds a way to enjoy winter scenery away from populated areas.

Snowmobilers are encouraged to practice often and to employ common sense. Careful drivers seldom have accidents.

ALTHOUGH ILLINOIS HAS FEW TRAILS, Wisconsin and Michigan have many miles of trails winding through national forests and other scenic areas. In small towns in the Upper Peninsula, where it is not uncommon to have ten feet of snow, it is legal to ride a snowmobile through the town. In these areas, snowmobiling provides a method of transportation in addition to a form of recreation.

Some cross-country skiers find snowmobiling annoying, but other skiers take advantage of trails made by snowmobiles.

For those who haven't gone outside this winter, snowmobiling may afford a new, exciting form of outdoor winter recreation.



Persons, places, and things

SENIOR ELLEN BRIN has been named Niles East 1976-77 General Mills Family Leader of Tomorrow. She won this honor by scoring highest on a written exam in December. She now will compete in State Family Leader of Tomorrow Competition.

THE NEW OFFICERS OF HOMECOMING include Sari Gold '78, chairman; Andi Liss '78, co-chairman; Lori Schwartz '79, secretary; and Amy

Lashinsky '79, treasurer. The game and dance are scheduled for October 15 and a pep rally on October 14. Homecoming committee meets every Wednesday at 3 p.m. in the Coaches' Lounge, sponsored by Steve Poznansky.

THE SAT (STANDARD ACHIEVEMENT TEST) will be given at West on March 26 for \$7.25. Students should register by today. The ACT (American College Test) test center will be located at East on April 2 at a cost of \$7.50. Students must register by March 7. The spring test dates for the SAT are May 7 and the ACT, June 18. Juniors should take at least one of these tests, according to Judy Gilmore. The students who want to be considered as Illinois State Scholars must enter the code number 1047 on the answer sheet.

THE COLLEGE PLANNING/SEARCH BOOK is available to students at a cost of \$5. The book includes information about more than 2,550 institutions. For more details and an order form, check in the college resource center, room 108.

A GRADUATION CEREMONY for the 88 mid-year graduates was held on Sunday, February 6, in the East auditorium.

FORUMS WILL HOST an International Meditation Program in the student lounge on February 23, periods 5 through 9. Miss Suki Krane, a teacher at the Evanston World Plan Center, will answer questions in addition to showing a film and leading a discussion session.

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Niles East girl cagers begin play

by Judy Lee

The 1977 girls' basketball season began with tryouts the week of January 17 and was followed by two games shortly thereafter.

Out of about forty girls who tried out, fourteen were chosen for the varsity, and eighteen were chosen for the junior varsity.

Head coach for this year's team is Jean Wojdula. She is helped by assistant coach Jerry Oswald.

Wojdula has been the girls' basketball coach since the team was formed in 1972. Since then, the higher scores and better skills of the girls have made the game much more competitive.

"I LIKE TO WORK WITH THE TEAM, and see the young players improve their skills and technique as they play over the years," commented Wojdula. "It gives me a feeling of accomplishment." Nine members of last year's varsity team are returning this year.

Oswald is the girls' coach for the first time, after coaching boys' basketball for ten years. "Although their skill level is not as high as the boys, I enjoy coaching the girls," he said. "They are serious about the game and work very hard."

The girls played their first non-conference game against New Trier West on February 1. Having only had a few practices, both levels were defeated. Varsity lost by a score of 50-38, and the junior varsity lost a close one 34-33.

The teams had trouble working an effective offense against their opponents.

Because they have been working on new strategies, the varsity, in their second match, won 49-38 in a rough game against Waukegan East. The junior varsity won by forfeit.

IN THE VARSITY GAME, one of the reasons for Niles East's win was the great difference in the amount of fouls. Waukegan had 22 compared to 10 for the Trojans.

"The team showed much more confidence," according to Coach Oswald.

The girls' next home basketball game will be played against Maine East on March 2. The junior varsity game will begin at 6:00 p.m. with the varsity game following at 7:30 p.m.

Soph cagers lose center; Slowik moves to varsity

by Mike Bass

Tad Slowik, the Niles East sophomore basketball Trojan's super-center, found some interesting news on Feb. 3. He was no longer a member of the soph team.

The reason was simple — he was promoted to the varsity level.

THE TROJAN SOPHS HAD to play the very next day without their star center, and were beaten by Niles North, 46-44.

With Slowik, the sophomores defeated Maine West on the previous Tuesday, 56-47.

In the Maine West game, Slowik had 19 points and 14 rebounds, leading the team in both respects.

"THE MEASURE OF THIS TEAM'S character and personality will be how they react to losing their top pivot man," said Coach Bill Langston.

Although Tad had mixed emotions about leaving the soph team, he said, "I'm just happy to have the opportunity to play on the varsity."

When asked if his team was



The Niles East varsity wrestling team includes (back row from left to right) Coach Hinske, Coach S. Poznansky, Coach A. Poznansky, Dave Hinske, Steve Edidin, Bud Blumenthal, Coach Hartunian, Coach Richardi; (front row) Mike Doman, Daryl Ullberg, Mark Gothelf, Keith Potts, Stan Rosen, Mark Sonshine, and Dennis Lutz. (Not pictured) Dave Polin, Chuck Purcell, John Boigk, Vic Suarez, Bill Stein, Rick Yale, Lee Feldstein, Bruce Earl, Mark Pollack, Al Portnoy, Scott Norris, John Lamanna, Mike Newberger, and Ray Martinez.

Gymnasts triumph

The Niles East gymnastics team placed second in their conference meet, on February 9.

The only team to beat the Trojans was Niles North. North also was the only team that beat East during the dual meets held earlier in the season.

As a result of their second place finish, the East gymnasts finished the season in second place in the Central Suburban League.

IN THE CONFERENCE MEET, Brian Austin scored the highest of any individual for the Trojans. He took second place on the still rings.

Other top performances for Niles East included Chris Besser, who took third in all-around competition; Jim Burke, fourth on the side horse; Steve Borkan, fourth on trampoline; Dan



(Photo courtesy of Yearbook)

Brian Austin, holding an "Iron Cross," is ranked among the top three ringmen in the state.

Kessem, fourth on the high bar; and Jeff Moll, fourth on the still rings.

According to Coach Thomas Sokalski, "With a little more individual and team effort, we could have done a better job in the conference meet."

"Developing a team attitude is difficult in gymnastics," commented Sokalski. "We will try to stress that in both district and sectional competition."

North crushes East cagers

by Mike Bass

Niles East's varsity basketball team had a lot going for them entering their Feb. 4 game against Niles North.

First of all, they had performed well in their last game against Maine West, although they lost 67-56. Second, they had beaten North earlier in the season 54-53 on North's own home court. Finally, they were unleashing sophomore Tad Slowik for his first game on the varsity, to shore up their rebounding deficiencies.

Unfortunately for the Easthi Trojans, Niles North had something going for them too — forward Howard Lapping, who scored 25 points. Lapping's point total led both teams, and helped his Vikings beat the Trojans 80-57.

The loss to North, coupled with the defeat by Maine West, left Niles East with a 1-8 conference

Trojan grapplers make East history!

by Sanford Cherney

THE NILES EAST WRESTLING TEAMS ARE UNDEFEATED on all four levels for the first time in history. In their last meet of the season the freshman, sophomore, junior varsity, and varsity teams all clinched Central Suburban League titles.

As a result of winning the conference titles, Coach Fred Richardi is taking all of his wrestlers out for steak dinners. Richardi admitted that it would cost him over 1,000 dollars.

Leading wrestlers this year have been Mark Sonshine with a 26-1 record (including 13 pins), and Daryl Ullberg with a 23-3 record. Also having good seasons on the varsity level are Bud Blumenthal, Steve Edidin, Dave Hinske, Stan Rosen, Mike Doman, and Keith Potts. These wrestlers will all be in districts, along with Rick Yale (a two-time district champ), John Boigk, Chuck Purcell, and David Polin.

The JV team has some fine wrestlers in Mark Pollack, Jay Wilensky, Lee Feldstein, Mike

Newburger, Scott Norris, and John Lamanna. The sophomore team features such grapplers as George Kafkis, Dru Scarbrough, and Joe Broton. The freshman team consists of Dan Sarasin, Gary Orloff, and Tim O'Malley.

The varsity has won its fourth straight conference title, and the sophomore squad has won its sixth straight title.

WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE PHENOMENAL SUCCESS of the Niles East wrestling program, Coach Richardi replied, "It's all in the coaching. The coaches do a great job on the lower levels. Karlo Hartunian and Al and Steve Poznansky have a combined coaching record of 144-23."

In the total program, we have a record of 44-5. This will be our fourth consecutive year of at least 50 victories. We've taken home nine trophies."

The wrestling team ranks high, along with such powerhouses as East Leyden and Rockford Harlem.

record, and a 3-14 record overall.

ROBERT RUBENSTEIN WAS the leading Trojan scorer in the North game, with 13 points, while Marc Bercoon led Niles East in the Maine West game with 19 points.

Niles North was led by Lapping's 25 points, while Maine West was paced by 30 points from Bob Zuccarini, in their respective games with Niles East.

Tad Slowik managed five points in his varsity debut for East. He did not start, but he saw plenty of action off of the bench.

Slowik, who had been the star center for the Trojan sophomore team, was asked the difference between playing on the soph and varsity levels. "It was a lot more physical than sophomore ball," Slowik commented.

TAD ADMITTED THAT he

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series, Val Scheinplflug with a 427 and a 331 series. Cindy Kozoures with a 437 and a 509 series, Dawn Johanson with a 430 and a 393 series, and Lisa Frank with a 418 and a 470 series.

Lisa Frank finished with the second highest average in the league.

THE NILES EAST INDOOR TRACK team will have their work cut out for them this season, according to new head coach, John Herter.

Some difficulties in recruiting have left the team limited in size and potential.

Another problem is that the Trojans are scheduled against some of the top-rated track teams in the state.

The task of winning may seem difficult, but Coach Herter is not losing any hope or confidence in his team.

He'll be counting on such athletes as runners Ed Santacruz and Barry Finn, shot-putter Hal Pos, and sprinters Dave Sacks and Steve Lacasha.

The frosh-soph team led by Phil Waller and Jeff Pozen, are also bothered by a lack of turnout.

Coach Herter admitted that both the varsity and the frosh-soph teams need help in the field events, including high jump, long jump, shot put, and pole vault.

Coach Herter says that any

was a little nervous during his first varsity game. Slowik had been informed just one day before the North game that he was moved to varsity.

When asked how he adjusted to not getting the ball as much as he did on the soph level, he replied, "I concentrated more on getting better position."

The play of Marc Bercoon has been another plus lately for the Trojans. He came out of his year-long shooting slump to score a season high 19 points against Maine West. He also added 8 points against Niles North.

When asked the reason for the turnaround in his shooting success, Marc answered, "Earlier in the season, I wasn't looking for shots as much. Against Maine West, I made my first few shots, and it gave me confidence."

boy interested in track and field should contact him immediately in the indoor track.

REBUILDING HAS BEEN THE THEME for this year's Niles East swimming team. With only two seniors on the team, Coach Nick Oddivak is looking towards the future.

The two seniors are team captain Dan Projansky, and Brad Goldenberg. The juniors are Michael Borovik, Scott Kleiman, Kevin Klein, Alan Goldenberg, David Nygard, and Steven Matayoshi, a diver.

The sophomores are Mitchell Dosik, Michael Esses, Danny Gallagher, Kenny Heller (a diver), Jeffrey Johnson, Mark Landau, Leon Levin, Gary Wallberg, Steven Winer, Bruce Brownstein, and John Thumholm.

According to Coach Oddivak, the team's inexperience "makes it difficult to compete in possibly the toughest swimming conference in the state."

Although the swim team has yet to win a meet, Oddivak exclaimed, "A lot of kids have improved very well on their times."

Coach Oddivak feels that lower level Coaches Stempel and Petrzelka have done excellent jobs. They're really running the teams."