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Happy
Holidays

The celebration of Christmas in Skokie usually begins in November, shortly after Thanksgiving. Department stores, filled with Christmas decorations, display various gifts for people of all ages.

The Old Orchard Shopping Center has several holiday displays. They represent Chanukah and Christmas around the world.

DOWNTOWN SKOKIE prepares for the season by decorating the street posts with "boughs of holly". Children can visit Santa Claus at his "home" on Oakton and Lincoln Streets.

The citizens of Skokie usually celebrate Christmas by decorating their houses, attending church services, and inviting friends and relatives for a big meal on Christmas Day. It's also customary to sing carols and open presents which are placed beneath a decorative tree on Christmas Eve.

SEVERAL OTHER HOLIDAYS are celebrated during this season. The African celebration of Kwanzaa is a reflection on the activities of the past year. The Jewish celebration of Chanukah commemorates the war between the Jews and the Syrians. The traditional lighting of candles represent the eight days in which light burned in the temple. This year Chanukah, the festival of lights, began sundown on December 4 and ended at sundown on December 11.

People who are interested in seeing Christmas decorations should take a drive through the Lincolnwood Towers and Sauganash area, located just outside of Skokie between Devon and Pratt, West of the Edens Expressway.

ONE HOME HAS a display of a choir on the front lawn singing Christmas carols, which can be heard for two blocks. The area is congested with sightseers during the period between Christmas Eve and New Years, but it seems worth the wait.



Feedback

Student asks Lopez to resign

Dear Editor,

I would like to congratulate John Lopez and Ronald Lamb for driving the last nail into the coffin of the Student Senate. Whereas the Senate was once a voice of student opinion, the Senate has now gone the way of a social group. It has gone from a respected voice to a meaningless organization, staying afloat only because it has been around so long.

JOHN WAS ELECTED under the old constitution, and then he and Lamb proceeded to write a new one without the consent of the Senate. It's almost the equivalent of President Carter scrapping the United States Constitution and writing one that he liked better.

Lamb said that it was his executive privilege to change the constitution. John followed whatever Lamb said. Well, for one thing, there is no executive privilege in either constitution, no implied powers to be used by the president, and especially not by the sponsor.

So, the way that the new constitution was written was illegal, but the way in which it was ratified was totally ridiculous. First of all, from past experience I can say that 97 per cent of the voting students never read the constitution or saw the changes it would make. I'll wager that 50 per cent of the voting students don't even know where the constitution was displayed, or for that matter cared. So, in effect, the Student Senate is not legally in operation and has not been since last May.

JOHN SHOULD HAVE SPENT at least part of the summer learning how the Senate works. Instead, he did nothing. He and Lamb then wasted the first three months of this year writing an illegal constitution, putting controls on membership that were erased years ago when the old constitution was amended to include all school clubs and organizations.

Through the "Meetings" held to date, John Lopez has not concerned himself with the problems of students, the questions of board policy, or any ways of making the school a better place. No, instead John has concerned himself with a dance (which due to poor planning will probably never be held) and an award to be given to Niles East's best fan. This stuff is fine for Jr. High, or the Booster Club, but not for a high school student government.

AT EACH "MEETING" John has shown more and more that he does not know what he is doing, and that he can't handle the job. Now that Lamb is gone, there is nobody to protect John from himself and his politically self-destructive tendencies.

A group of concerned students has asked John to resign for the good of the school. John has stubbornly refused. He will not

be impeached because the majority of students "elected" to the Senate are new inexperienced members (just like John) who haven't the slightest idea what the Senate could be, and what it once was.

I am a member of the Senate, and I ran because I thought that I could change things better from the inside, rather than the outside.

So, once again, I ask John Lopez to resign for the good of the school and the Senate. If John doesn't resign soon, we can all kiss the student government of Niles East GOOD-BYE.

Chuck Heftman '78
Student Senate Representative

1978 resolutions made

In a recent survey, students and teachers were asked what New Year Resolutions they are going to make for 1978.

Here are the responses:

I am going to become state champion in the 220 yard dash.
—Steve Locasha '78

To get my name in the Nilehilite.
—Chris Quinones '78

To add a little excitement to my homeroom.
—Karyn Wilner '80

I want to get and stay healthy because I've been sick since May.
—Sheryl Pearlman '78

To get an A in math even if it kills me.
—Elly Horwitz '81

I'm going to try to get better grades.
—Caroline Eberle '79

I am going to weigh less than David Williams.
—Carol Miller '78

I am going to remain 10 pounds less than Carol Miller.
—David Williams '79

I'm so proud for keeping my last year's resolution that I'm just going to rest my lungs.
—Mrs. Joan Macala

I resolve to get straight A's in my next year of high school.
—Mitch Greenberg '78

I resolve to play ahead of Keith Jaffe on the tennis team.
—Bruce Pales '78

I am going to go to gym for four straight weeks.
—Bill Elliott '79

Rappoport reports

Easthi to definitely close

RUMORS are always occurring in District 219, and the latest rumor is connected with the East closing in 1980.

There were reports that the Board of Education had second thoughts on the closing of East, and were thinking of closing North or West instead. The supposed reason is that so far nobody has made an offer to buy or rent East, and that North appeared to be a more interesting piece of property than East.

Well, we decided to go all the way to the top and ask District 219 Superintendent Wesley Gibbs to comment on the situation. His response was that the East closing was definite, no second thoughts. The Board of Education is "dead set" on closing the doors in 1980, and have already made many plans to insure the vacation of the building.

Gibbs also stated that if the Board

Telephone rates rise

In looking through a recent issue of Dimensions, the report to the community from the Nilehi Board of Education, an interesting statement was spotted.

"DISTRICT TELEPHONE EXPENSE for 1976-77 was \$134,200. Despite an administrative move to reduce the number of phones and service by 10 per cent this year, it is projected that a rate increase by the telephone company will boost our costs to approximately \$165,000."

Isn't that hard to believe? The Niles Township Board of Education is spending \$165,000 alone on telephones — telephones to be used to call the teacher in the next room, or to call an old buddy in California. After the Nilehilite looked into this matter last year, we got the impression that after careful planning, the cost would be reduced more than 10 per cent.

Ten per cent is not enough; the District should even go further to reduce spending. One hundred and sixty-five thousand dollars is a lot of money to spend on telephones.

were to change its mind and decide on another school, "It would be a one-in-50 chance."

Gibbs added that Oakton Community College (OCC), thought by many to be a possible buyer, has never made contact with District 219, concerning a purchase and has not indicated interest in any definite manner.

Concerning the closing, Board President Shirley Garland also said, "The usage for East is undetermined, but we are actively exploring ideas." Concerning the release of some teachers in 1980 due to an overabundance of staff, Garland said, "We have not had to let go tenured teachers (so far), and we may not have to."

The latest rumor heard in the newsroom: watch for the closing of North in 1985.

Too many administrators?

According to a recent newsletter from the Niles Township Federation of Teachers (NTFT), there are much too many administrators in the district.

This is the gist of the article: In 1970 there were 7,963 students in District 219. There were 529.8 teachers and approximately 20 administrators. In 1977 there are 6,379 students, 410 teachers, and 36 administrators. The student-teacher ratio has remained rather constant, increasing slightly in this period.

VERY FEW TEACHERS who retired, resigned, or took leaves of absence have been replaced, but the number of administrators has risen 80 per cent, due to the hiring of deans (whose duties lay with the assistant principal) and the change in the management structure.

With few exceptions, every administrator who retired, resigned, or took leaves of absence has been replaced. If the NTFT is accurate with their statistics, then one must wonder why more administrators are needed to supervise less students and teachers.

On the cover . . .

Howard Simon '78 recently took the cover picture at Lee Beach in Evanston. Before the winter months, the beach was usually congested. Since it snowed, the area is almost always deserted. It has been a tradition of the NILEHILITE to print a winter scene for the annual holiday issue since the early 1970's.

Power of press

When a doctor makes a mistake, he buries it.

When a garage man makes a mistake, he adds it on your bill.

When a carpenter makes a mistake, it's just what he expected.

When a lawyer makes a mistake, it was just what he wanted, because he has a chance to try the case all over again.

When a judge makes a mistake, it becomes the law of the land.

When a preacher makes a mistake, nobody knows it.

But when an editor makes a mistake—trouble starts.

Tid Bits, London

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VICA student takes first on test

Bill Brock, vice president of VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America), took first place at East, in a semi-finals test for Greer Tech, to qualify him to take the final test.

Brock will compete in April with first place winners from other high schools for six \$2,600 scholarships. Brock is a B plus student in industrial and practical arts and in the past three years has taken two years of autos, one year of printing, two years of metals and chef's course.

VICA'S MAIN PURPOSE is to establish the same kind of recognition for excellence in the skilled trades as is given to those who excel in sports, music, or academic areas.

This work study program, where

Thespians to participate in festival

Forty-five Easthi students will travel to the Illinois High School Theater Festival on January 5-7 at Illinois State University, at Normal.

THE FESTIVAL which is co-sponsored by the Illinois Office of Education, Illinois State University and the Illinois Theater Association will feature five full-length productions. It also will offer approximately 100 workshops for both teachers and high school students on improvisation, set design, costume design, make-up acting techniques, and theater-related topics.

Illinois colleges and universities will present displays about their theater departments, scholarship offerings, and will hold auditions. The festival also will present performances by a Chicago professor, theater groups, and a major theatrical star will perform. Illinois Governor James Thompson is also scheduled to speak.

Students who will perform at the festival applied at the beginning of the school year and were interviewed by teams of college/university evaluators. The five productions were not chosen on a competitive basis but to insure variety, according to Ms. Mina Halliday, an educational consultant with the Illinois Office of Education.

PAST FESTIVALS have presented A Midsummers Night's Dream, Our Town, Plaza Suite, The Miracle Worker, and a musical, The Boys from Syracuse. Last year, about 2,000 people attended the festival.

East was selected this month to present "Story Theatre," which was presented in September. Sponsor Jerry Proffit, who is Director Emeritus for the festival, directed the play. Cast members include Ellyn Acker, Bill Elliott, Norman Fox, Layne Friedman, Julie Geiser, Jami Lieder, Ed Nemmers, Kris Quinones, David Williams, and Alison Wohl. Assistant director Lisa Cohn and four musicians will also accompany the cast.

students have class in the morning and work in the afternoons, has been part of East's course offerings for only two years. "VICA is very big everywhere, but in Niles Township it's just getting started," said Joe Heinz, VICA president. "Neither West nor North division have VICA though they do have work study."

The twenty-three students who are members of VICA consist of all boys. However, the class and club allow girls to join.

To be a member of VICA, the student must be a junior or senior, enrolled in work study, must have taken or be taking an industrial arts course, must complete a written application, and must have a personal interview with Don Test, coordinator. But, the most important requirement is to have the desire to succeed.

THIS YEAR THE CLUB WON first place in its region's recyclable collage contest. It also took second place in GAA's

'Earn as you learn'

Sunshine helps dropouts earn diplomas

Sunshine 25, "Nilehi's new earn as you learn program," is now helping high school dropouts earn their diplomas.

The program which was developed by Mick Herzog and Jim Hickey, CETA's Field Office Coordinators, will also enable students to gain an employable skill and earn wages at the same time.

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT funds Sunshine through the Comprehensive Education and Training Act. Dick Yanz, coordinator of the program, said that the government's main concern, in funding this program, is to lessen the unemployment rate by teaching job skills to dropouts.

In order to be eligible to participate in the program, students must be 17-21 years old, no longer attending school, unemployed, only need 10 or less credits to graduate, and have the initiative to pursue his academic credits.

Yanz and his staff all interview the candidates and ask them questions in order to determine "how much they want the degree and how much they want the job skills." They quickly exclude students who feel Sunshine is "another summer school."

STUDENTS IN SUNSHINE spend two to three hours in school and two to three hours on the job each day. From 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. all 25 students attend a values class, taught by Yanz and Mrs. Judy Elserman, counselor. This course combines group counseling techniques and consumer education/job preparation curricula. The students also are provided with interest testing (Ohio Vocational Interest Scale) and aptitude testing (General Aptitude Test Battery).

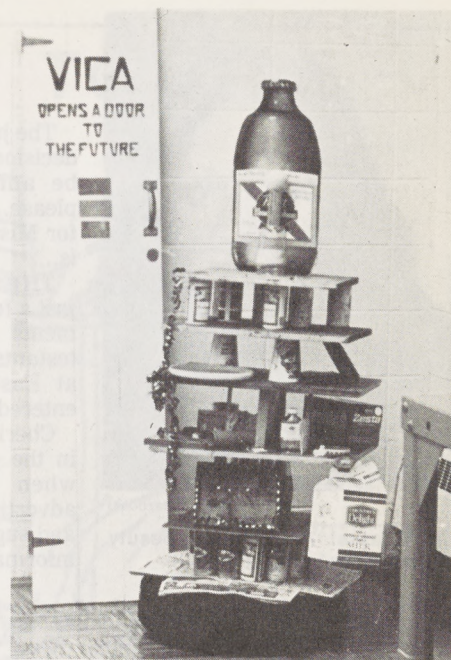
The student must earn his final credits by working at a non-profit agency within the community. Yanz stresses that the students are not involved in "make-work types of jobs," but in positions that will

benefit the community. One student, for example, served as an aid to Morton Grove Mayor Richard Flickinger. After graduating, the Sunshine students seek full time employment or further their education.

However, the club's main goal for the year is the state contest, April 22-23, in Springfield. VICA members throughout the state take a written qualifying test and a practical skills test in areas such as photography, auto mechanics, electronics, construction, welding, graphic arts, and dental technicians. In the state contest students compete for benefits like scholarships.

BY TAKING WORK STUDY AND VICA, many advantages are available. Students receive one credit per semester for class, one credit per semester for holding a job besides work pay, and VICA may be used as a reference when applying for new jobs.

"Work study is more organized with VICA, and it makes it more fun," concluded Heinz. "You learn while on the job, but you also have the state contest to look forward to and that makes you want to do better."



VICA, a work study program, earned first place for its region's recyclable collage.

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YANZ ALSO EXPLAINS that a good number of students in Sunshine are what the federal government calls emancipated youth, students that are independent of their parents. The students are more "on their own."

Sunshine began July 5 of this year and is funded until January 27, with a budget of \$82,000. Long-range plans are difficult to

assume because the program relies exclusively on federal funds, according to Yanz. However, the program will be judged on an evaluation of how well the staff works with the students during the sessions and how successful the graduates are in seeking and maintaining meaningful employment. Seven Niles Township students graduated from the program on September 29, six of whom are employed.

ONLY 25 STUDENTS can participate in each 12 week, one semester session. For more information Yanz can be contacted at 966-3800, ext. 444 or 445.

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Dance company to perform show

"Circus," the annual dance show, will be performed by the Niles East Dance Company January 13-14 in the East auditorium.

THE COMPANY which is comprised of 30 members, two males (Phil Martini and Ed Nemmers), will present 17 dances including jazz, ballet, and disco mainly pertaining to different aspects of a circus. The members have been preparing for the show since September and are now practicing at least three times a week.

The show, sponsored by Miss Cathy Caliendo, will include three duets. Elaine Cohn and Ed Nemmers will perform a jazz dance "On the Right Track." A "Doll on a Music Box," a ballet toe dance, will be presented by Karen Feldman and Dana Soble. The third duet, a jazz dance about "Street Life" will be danced by Cheryl and Sharon Lee.

THE "CIRCUS" will also include the dances, "Love Makes the World go Round," "Morning Glow," and "Tijuana Taxi." A full company dance is titled "Baby Face." The company may perform the show at the Skokie grammar schools. They also plan to see the musical "Chorus Line."

Reserved seating, which will also be sold at the door, costs \$1.25. Show time will begin at 8 p.m.

SAGE gives students assistance

SAGE (Strengthening Academic Growth Effectively), offers 20 students from each of the three Niles Township High Schools special assistance with reading and other Language Arts problems.

LESSONS ARE HELD three times a week; the students, who are chosen for the program by their counselors and after an interview with Mrs. Lorraine Rubin, are then responsible to attend each lesson which is federally subsidized.

Lessons are based on reading and group discussions. Students set a goal to obtain a higher grade in one of their classes; if they achieve their goal the parents receive a letter of recommendation and the counselor receives a certificate which can be used as proof of the student's efforts and responsibilities for colleges.

"Students can not be forced to join the program," said Mrs. Rubin, "But, once a student makes a commitment to join the program, then he or she must attend each lesson."

SAGE also tries to help the student achieve a positive attitude about life.

Oakton Ski Club plans outings

Oakton Ski Club, sponsored by the Skokie Park District, have planned several ski outings for students attending the three Nilehi schools.

TO JOIN THE CLUB, students must pay membership dues of \$5 which includes a monthly newsletter on ski information and winter trips, and meetings with films, speakers, and workshops.

On December 30, the club will ski at Alpine Valley (\$9.50, bus and lift; \$4.50, rental) and on January 6 they will go to Wilmot Mountain (\$8, bus and lift; \$5.50, rental). On January 7, the park district will hold a workshop for Cross Country Skiing for \$10.

Friday night outings to Wilmot and Alpine will leave from school locations on January 13, 20, 27; and February 3 and 10.

On January 26-29 the ski club will travel to Ski Boyne Mountain in Michigan for \$113. The trip will include three nights of lodging, meals, and lift tickets. A deposit of \$25 is due before December 29.

THE CLUB WILL MEET at North, January 16, 3:15 p.m.; at West, January 19, 3:30 p.m.; and at East, January 17, 3 p.m. For further information call Debbie Holmstrom at 674-1500, ext. 40, or see Bill Weiss at East, Room 252.



DECA members, surrounded by snow, attend Central Region Conference in Bismark, North Dakota, to develop leadership. From left to right, John Lutz, Scott Nathanson, Cindy Trilling, Julie Gold, Jim Coen, Sharon Hill, Marc Shuman, Miss Mary Luckew (student teacher), Debbie Kagan, and Bari Ellis.



(photo courtesy of yearbook)

Cheri Gassel '78 has been a beauty contestant in four pageants.

Easthi student enters beauty pageants

by Wendy Gerber

The judges have made the final decision. The results are soon to be announced. The envelope please...and the first runner-up for Miss Northshore Junior Miss is...

THESE STATEMENTS are just a few of the many announcements that keep beauty contestants in suspense. One student at East, Cheri Gassel '78, has entered four pageants.

Cheri first became interested in the contests sophomore year when her mother saw an advertisement in the newspaper and suggested she call for more information. Cheri then decided

to enter Miss Teenage Chicago '76.

THIS PAGEANT REQUIRED the 100 contestants to take a written examination on general information. The top 25 scorers were then interviewed, and continued to compete at Old Chicago Amusement Park for a day.

Each girl was required to perform. For talent, Cheri sang "Adelaide's Lament," from Guys and Dolls. Cheri was selected as one of the eight finalists and these girls had to repeat their talent performance for the judges.

THE NEXT PAGEANT Cheri entered was Miss Illinois Teenager '78 which was held in Aurora, Illinois. Cheri, who was sponsored by The First National Bank of Skokie, competed against about 160 other girls. The pageant did not include any written test or talent show. Annette Wilson '78 also participated in this pageant.

Another contest that Cheri entered was Miss Teenage America '78, through the mail. Cheri was required to complete an information form and send a photograph. She received a blue ribbon for outstanding achievement.

On November 21, Cheri participated in the Miss Northshore Junior Miss '78 with five other girls. The contest, which was held in Old Orchard and sponsored by Montgomery Wards, was more casual than the other pageants she entered.

CHERI WAS REQUIRED to speak to the coordinator and judges to learn about the operation of the pageant. Each of the girls had to model an evening gown. Caryn Glickson '78 also participated in this pageant.

"In the smaller pageants, it's easier to know who would win. In the larger contests, you may not even know the winner," said Cheri. She also explained that in

the larger pageants the contestants are required to learn routines and do more work.

Finally, Cheri entered a contest for goers and doers sponsored by Teen Magazine. She completed a form describing her activities. Five students were selected as top winners. Cheri was one of 95 semi-finalists who earned a certificate of achievement.

"THE CONTESTS I ENTERED aren't so glamorous as they're made out to be. Often the contestants will be pushed and shoved around," commented Cheri. "However, they're pretty fun, exciting, and fair.

"You meet new people; you have chances to win nice prizes; it's good experience; and you learn how to handle yourself around new people.

"The scariest part of the contest was the interviews. A whole panel of judges talk to you separately."

CHERI EXPLAINED that any student who plans to enter pageants should look for contests that require a talent and a transcript of your grades so it will not only be based on beauty and it will be more worthwhile.

Cheri does not think she will enter any more teen contests, because she will be too old for them.

Much to see and do

Holiday festivities already underway

Holiday festivities are already underway and will continue throughout the season.

by Sue Kulovsky

Star of Bethlehem

Historical Society, includes vintage decorations, antique toys, and a Victorian-ornamented evergreen tree, in the former home of Vice President Charles Dawes, 225 W. Greenwood Street, Evanston. Displays continue throughout December from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., except on Wednesday and Sunday.

ADLER PLANETARIUM Special Christmas sky show explores the appearance of the star seen by the three wise men. Adults will be charged \$1.50; children under 18, 75 cents. The presentation will be shown 2 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Friday; 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m., and 4 p.m., Saturday, Sunday, and holidays.

Round the World

THE MUSEUM of Science and Industry presents 30 decorated trees which represent different nationalities. The display will be shown during museum hours, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., daily; and 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Nutcracker Suite

THIS CHRISTMAS DANCE will be presented by the Chicago Ballet Company at McCormick Place Arie Crown Theater throughout December. Tickets cost \$3.50 to \$8.50. For reservations, call 791-6500.

Carolers

MUSIC WILL BE SUNG at the Daley Center from noon to 12:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Chicago Temple Choir also will sing Christmas music from 10 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the Chicago Temple, 77 W. Washington Street. A Candlelight service will be held at 11 p.m. to midnight. For more information, call 236-4558.

19th Century Celebration

THE CELEBRATION, sponsored by the Evanston

Saturday Night Live, Soap, Woody Allen, and Bob Hope all have something in common. They offer entertainment in the comedy field.

"Comedy shows dominate prime time television, and the reason may be that it makes us forget our own problem," said one junior. "I enjoy Saturday Night Live because it takes the most serious situations and turns them into comedy situations. The cast isn't afraid to say anything or make fun of anyone. They've insulted everyone from Barbara Walters to Gerald Ford."

SOAP, A POPULAR comedy, almost never became a show because certain religious groups didn't approve and they tried to have it banned. Soap deals with homosexuality, transsexuals, an affair between a tennis player and an older woman, and one between the tennis player and the woman's daughter. "Soap is unrealistic, but funny," commented one senior. "It

makes fun of soap operas, but not the way Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman did."

Another controversial show, Three's Company, is about two girls who share an apartment with one guy. "It's like a realistic situation where instead of having one girl and one guy living together, there are two girls and one guy. One would expect a lot of romantic involvement, but instead they are three very close friends who provide a comedy plot," explained Rochelle Herman '80.

FOR THOSE WHO enjoy hearing about the 1950's, Happy Days and Laverne and Shirley provide amusing story lines. Barney Miller and Fish offer comic relief for those who enjoy police shows. For family shows, viewers can watch All In The Family, One Day at a Time, Maude, and the Jeffersons.

A comedy is aired for almost everyone, just check the weekly television guide.

These ten favorite comedy shows were chosen by East students.

- 1) Saturday Night Live
- 2) Soap
- 3) Three's Company
- 4) Happy Days
- 5) Welcome Back Kotter
- 6) MASH
- 7) Laverne and Shirley
- 8) Carol Burnett
- 9) What's Happening
- 10) Barney Miller

Just as there is a comedy show for almost everyone, there is also a comedian for almost everyone.

"MANY COMEDIANS spend their time insulting someone or something. The 'king of insults' has to be Don Rickles. His whole routine involves insults. I don't think I'd want to see him in person," said one freshman girl.

"I'm surprised that Chevy Chase hasn't been sued yet," added another freshman. "I think he's really funny, but when

I put myself in Gerald Ford's place, I feel insulted."

REDD FOX is another insulting comedian. "My parents saw him two years ago in Vegas and said he was very vulgar," stated one freshman. They said he was different from his role as Fred Sanford. They would not pay to see him again."

Steve Martin recently became a star, and his famous lines "Well excuse me," and "I'm a crazy kind of guy" can be heard in the halls of East.

Lily Tomlin has created her own characters which she portrays. Edith Ann, her first character became famous when Tomlin was on Laugh In.

ANOTHER COMEDIAN, George Carlin, was very popular in the survey. "He mostly attracts kids," stated one junior.

Some comedians have become famous from their television roles such as Esther Rolle, Jimmy Walker, Bea Arthur, Bonnie Franklin, and Gabe Kaplan.

JIMMY WALKER'S ROUTINE centers around people who live in the ghetto. Two students commented that it may be his way of trying to forget the painful memories.

According to the student survey, old time comedians such as Bob Hope, the Marx Brothers, Milton Berle, and the late Jack Benny are still popular.

"Comedians are the best to watch for depression," stated a senior. "They make me forget my problems. Everyone has to have some comedy in their lives. It's the best thing that ever happened to me."

These top 10 favorite comedians were chosen by East students.

- 1) Dick Van Dyke
- 2) Steve Martin
- 3) Woody Allen
- 4) Bob Hope
- 5) George Carlin
- 6) Chevy Chase
- 7) Carol Burnett
- 8) Jimmy Walker
- 9) Lily Tomlin
- 10) Tim Conway

Faulkner to Football?

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Collectors gain money

by Alan Friedman

BASEBALL CARDS...these two words will bring back memories of a not so distant childhood to many East students. Baseball cards bring back something else to certain people...money.

These people are collectors of baseball cards that have been packaged in everything from Old Judge cigarettes (the first cards ever made) in 1886 to the bottom of Hostess Twinkie boxes in 1977 as well as the familiar Topps Chewing Gum cards. Some collectors can sell cards for as much as \$4,000 a piece, like a 1910 Honus Wagner.

HONUS WAGNER was an all-star shortstop for the Pittsburgh Pirates in the early 1900's. Wagner did not think very much of smoking cigarettes and when Sweet Caporal cigarettes issued a primitive card baring his photograph, Wagner became enraged and threatened to sue the makers of Sweet Caporal cigarettes. Therefore, the cigarette makers quickly pulled all the Wagner cards off the market and destroyed them. Approximately two dozen cards exist and if they are in good condition, they will each sell for \$4,000.

A situation such as this one, could not happen today because Topps Chewing Gum, Inc., the major manufacturer of cards, pays each player \$250 for the use of his picture. Topps, which also produces baseball cards in Canada, prints 250 million cards each year. The cards individually form the largest set ever of 660 cards for the 1977 set.

Besides the elusive Honus Wagner card, other cards also bring in big money.

A 1910 **EDDIE PLANK** card made by Sweet Caporal

cigarettes could sell for as much as \$1,900. Plank, an above average pitcher for the Philadelphia Athletics, has achieved immortality through baseball cards because of a broken printing plate. The production of cards bearing his image was stopped.

An average person who had a normal childhood, probably still has baseball cards in a box somewhere in his house. If anyone is interested in selling them or restarting a collection, many collector/dealer outfits exist.

Some of the more prominent ones include The Card Collectors Company, Box 293, Franklin Square, New York, N.Y. 11010; Gar Miller, 400 W. Cherry St. Wenonah, N.J. 08090; and Glen Lewis, 3535 DeKalb Ave., Bronx, N.Y. 10467. There could be a market for some card collectors, but don't expect anything for a 1971 Art Shamsky or for that matter a 1970 Sonny Siebart.

Jim Piersall



A 1957 Jimmy Piersall baseball card.

Frosh gymnast leads club to first place victory

by Marci Greenberg

Mary Ann Kostyniuk '81 recently helped lead the Mid-America Twisters gymnastics club to a first place finish at the Junior Midwest Open gymnastics

championship.

The Twisters, a gymnastics club based in Northbrook, finished first with a team total of 104.7 points.

KOSTYNIUK PLACED FIRST in the floor exercises with a 9.7. In this event two judges gave Mary Ann perfect scores of 10. Kostyniuk also took a second on the balance beam with a 9.5 score, third on the uneven parallel bars scoring 9.4 and a 9.275 score earned her a fourth place finish in vaulting. In the all-around competition Mary Ann placed third.

Kostyniuk, who is only four feet eleven inches tall, started her gymnastics career at a young age. She became interested in gymnastics as the result of both her sisters who were active in gymnastics. Mary Ann practices more than 25 hours a week.

Kostyniuk also has participated in the Elite competition. In this meet only the gymnasts with a 9.0 average on all eight all-around events (72.0 total points) qualify.

Mary Ann finished her work at the Elite competition with a total of 71.65 points, less than one half of a point short of qualifying for the national meet.

THIS WAS MARY ANN'S first attempt to qualify for the nationals.

Sports quiz answers

by Brian Sullivan

1. They all were members of the original Chicago Fire WFL football team in 1974.

5. Phil Regan, the infamous relief pitcher.

2. In 1971 Danny and Hal Breeden were the last set of brothers to play for the Cubs until Rick and Paul Reuschel came to the Cubs.

6. All four players were members of the same team, the 1966 California Angels.

3. Indiana Pacers, New Jersey Nets (then known as the New Jersey Americans), San Antonio Spurs (then the Dallas Chaparals) and the Denver Nuggets (known then as the Denver Rockets).

7. Felipe, Matty and Jesus Alou all played for the San Francisco Giants between 1963 and 1965.

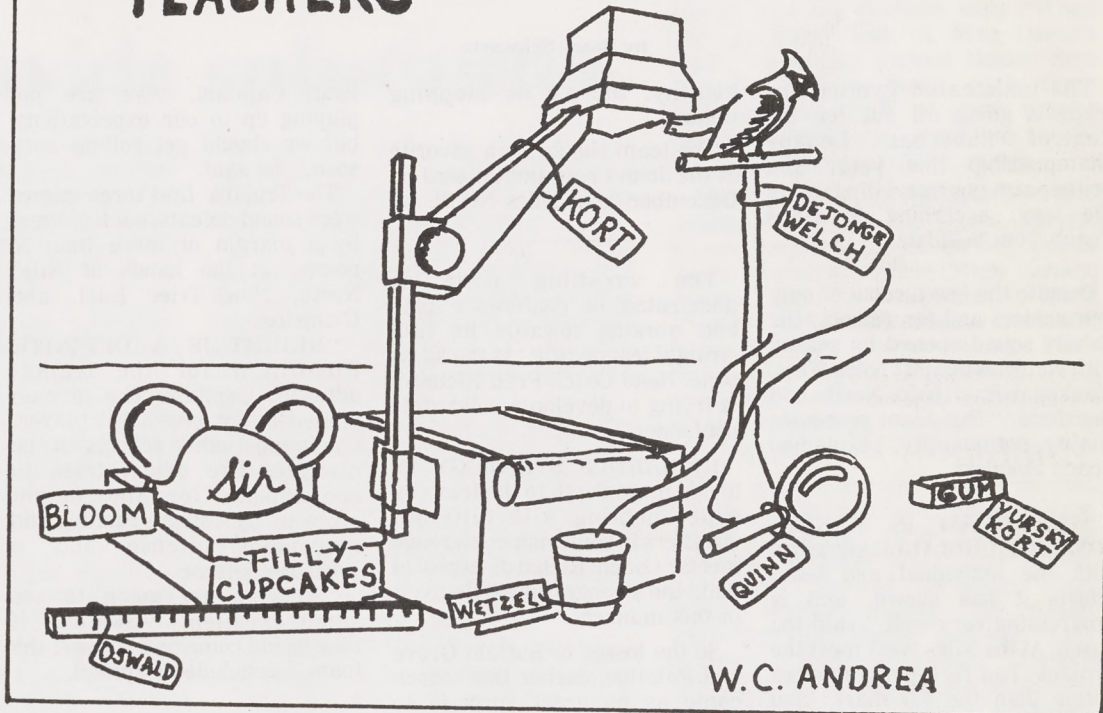
8. The Cleveland Browns are the only NFL team with plain helmets.

9. Shula was the head coach of the Baltimore Colts before coming to Miami.

4. Hubie Brown, coach of the Detroit Pistons and Larry Brown, the coach of the Denver Nuggets.

10. Vince Lombardi finished his coaching career with the Washington Redskins.

SANTA'S GIFTS TO THE TEACHERS



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Teacher, a film buff

Drobny acts as gangster

by Richard Kane

Irwin Drobny not only teaches social studies but has an unusual hobby — a film fanatic.

During the month of November, instead of seeing 10-12 movies, he viewed 31 films. Fourteen were shown at the three-week Chicago Film Festival which Drobny has been a member of for about six years. He attends many different theaters, universities, and film societies; prices range from 60 cents to \$3.50 to see a film.

IN HIS CHILDHOOD YEARS, he went to theaters with his friends. "I became more interested than most young people," commented Drobny.

Since then, he has become a film buff.

"Films are more than watching actors and actresses," stated Drobny. "Each movie has a special meaning." He judges each movie with different standards. When he watches a comedy film he looks for its entertainment value. "I'm interested in what the actors and actresses say and the methods the director uses to get the meaning across," explained Drobny.

DROBNY ACTED in a film made by a friend.

Filmed in a factory area on the south side of the city, Drobny

acted as a gangster that the Mafia was looking to kill. Most of Drobny's part was a chasing scene and he had to run a lot.

ONE TROUBLESOME SPOT was a running scene down a long stairway. "The cameraman was in an elevator and we had to time my running with the elevator to create the scene of my running down the staircase. We shot that scene many times before we had it correct," reminisced Drobny.

The cameraman also had difficulty filming him when he was killed at the end. He could not help from blinking so they focused on his hand and falling body.

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Gymnasts, wrestlers have success; basketball team having problems

by Barry Schwartz

The undefeated gymnastics team is going all out for the Central Suburban League championship this year, and neither size nor age will stand in the way, according to Head Coach Tom Sokalski.

Despite the low turnout of only four seniors and ten juniors, the varsity squad opened its season with victories against Niles West, Waukegan East, Niles North, and Deerfield. "This team possesses quality, not quantity," explained Coach Sokalski.

"THE TEAM IS MAKING SOME REMARKABLE showings with the individual and team efforts it has shown, and is progressing very well," said the coach. At the Niles West meet the Trojans had five performances better than the 7.5 mark, and senior Bill Saputo won three events. At the Niles North meet the side-horse competitors of John Lopez, Jim Burke, and Dave Nisson scored a combined total of more than 20 points which helped the team defeat the Vikings, another conference contender, 121.65-116.5.

Evanston and New Trier East should give the Trojans the most trouble for a conference title, but Coach Sokalski believes that if the team members remain

healthy, there's no stopping them.

The team should be a favorite at the John Cress Invitational on December 30 at Niles North.

The wrestling team is undefeated in conference play and working towards its fifth straight league title. At the same time, Head Coach Fred Richardi is trying to develop a solid state contender.

RICHARDI'S STRATEGY IS to add more depth to the team by experimenting with different wrestlers in some non-conference meets. Coach Richardi hopes to build the strongest possible team in this manner.

So the losses to Buffalo Grove and Palatine, earlier this season came as no great surprise to Richardi. In those meets the Trojans used only a couple of their regular starters and lost only by small margins in both. "These defeats have hurt the team's ranking in the state, but have made the team realize that they can lose," said Richardi.

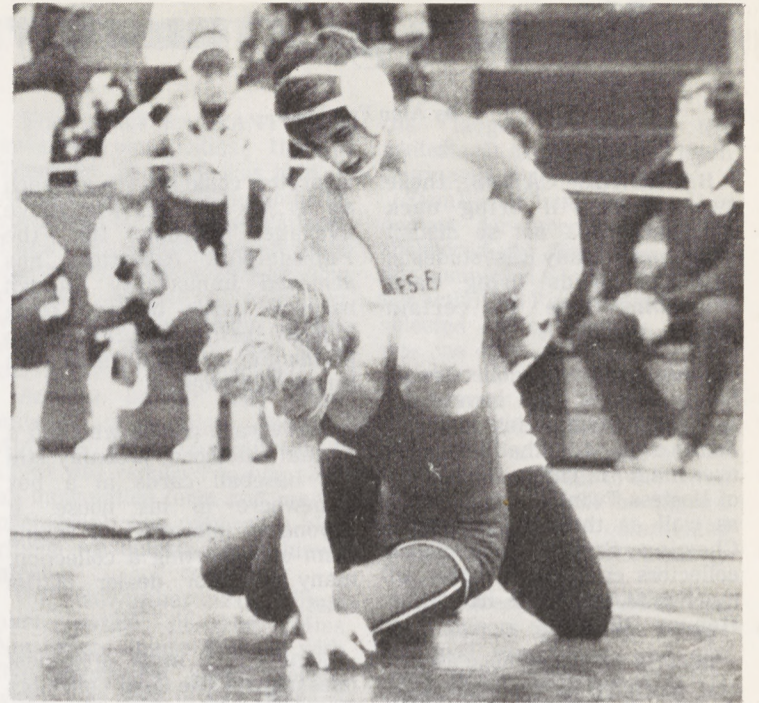
After a slow 0-3 start, the basketball team is trying to get out of the conference cellar and make a respectable showing this season, according to Head Coach

Emil Capitani. "We are not playing up to our expectations, but we should get rolling very soon," he said.

The Trojans' first three games were sound defeats, each of them by a margin of more than 20 points, at the hands of Niles North, New Trier East, and Evanston.

"HEIGHT IS A DEFINITE PROBLEM for the team," admitted Capitani. The 16 man team does not have a 6'6" player, unlike most other schools in the district. The coach tries to compensate for the height problem by using a running and movement offense and a pressure defense.

"Students are going to see some excellent basketball if they would come and support the team," concluded Capitani.



(photo by Brad Swerdlow)

Bill Stein shown here wrestling his way to a first place finish in the recent Niles East sophomore tournament. Other first place finishes for the Trojans were Dan Sarasin and Kelly Walls.

Skiing an exciting winter sport

by Leslie Doi

"After you start you fall down a lot, but then you get used to it and it's a lot of fun," commented Terri Richard, '81.

The time for skiing down a snow covered slope has approached. Once used as a method of transportation in regions with heavy snowfall, skiing is now a world-wide sport of enjoyment. It has been gaining increasing popularity in the U.S.

WHEN BUYING SKIS, an expert should be present to help the skier select the right pair. The general rule is that it's about a foot longer than the skier is tall.

Good long skies help a skier to be more stable as he goes downhill.

Poles are needed to help the skier keep balance going downhill and are also used as walking sticks on flat land or when climbing.

One of the most important parts of a skier's equipment is ski boots. They should have a roomy, square toe, a straight sturdy sole, and a grooved heel. The skier should be sure to bring two pairs of woolen socks when buying boots so he will get a snug fit.

A problem with skiing is that the skier needs some good snow covered slopes and these are seldom found in the backyards of Skokie residents. There are many ski resorts available in and near Illinois.

VILLA OLIVIA IN BARTLETT, Illinois, is Chicago's closest and only ski area with quad chairlift. It is located one half mile west of Rt. 59 on Rt. 20 (Lake Street) Villa Olivia is open during the Christmas holidays through January 2, 9 a.m. to 11 p.m., Christmas and New Year's Eve, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Christmas and New Year's Day, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Equipment, school rates, season pass rates, and ski lessons are also available. For snow conditions, call 695-SNOW(7669). For more information telephone 742-5200.

If one is looking to spend a weekend away skiing, one trip could be to Powderhorn Mountain which is located between Ironwood and Bessemer, Michigan. Call 906-932-4838 for general information. There is skiing from November through April with 18 varied runs, five double chairlifts, ski school, plus ski and rental shops. Week ski packages are available. For reservations and information call 906-932-3100.

Sports trivia quiz

by Brian Sullivan

It's trivia time again. Here are ten more questions to test your knowledge of sports. The answers are on the other side of this page.

1. What do these three NFL players have in common? a) Jack Dolbin, Denver Broncos b) James Scott, Chicago Bears c) Mark Kellar, Minnesota Vikings.

2. Besides Paul and Rick Reuschel, name one other set of brothers to play for the Cubs in the same season.

3. Name the four NBA teams that were members of the ABA in its first year of existence. (The year was 1967)

4. Who were the only brothers in the history of the NBA to coach teams at the same time? (The event occurred last year)

5. Who was the former Cub and Sox pitcher who was nicknamed "the vulture" and was often accused of throwing a greaseball?

6. What do ex-Cub Jose Cardenal, Sox broadcaster Jimmy Piersall, Sox coach Bobby Knopp and ex-Sox player Rick Reichardt have in common?

7. Two brothers playing for the same team is a common occurrence (question number 2), but in the mid-60's baseball history was made when three brothers played for the San

Francisco Giants at the same time. Name these three brothers.

8. Name the only NFL team that has no emblem on its helmets?

9. Which team did Don Shula coach before his present day job at Miami?

10. Sticking with NFL coaches, Vince Lombardi coached most of his career with the Green Bay Packers, but which team did he finish his coaching career with?

Booster club presents awards

by Alan Friedman

Although the fall sports season is over, the Niles East Booster Club gave awards to players at the Fall Sports Assembly on December 11.

The awards night is held to present numerals, letters, and pins to the athletes who have competed in fall sports. The most valuable players and athletes who made all conference teams were also announced.

IN FOOTBALL, JIM MURPHY was voted by his teammates as the team's most valuable player. Murphy, Chuck Thiry, and Norm Dellheim were named on the all conference team.

John Boigk was voted as the soccer team's MVP; Mitch Ginsburg and Bill Andrea were selected as all conference performers. Andrea was also

named to the all sectional team.

The golf team voted Roger Jaklin as their MVP, while Ed Santacruz was voted the cross country MVP for the second consecutive year.

THE GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL team had three all conference players. Jenise Vassilatos, Judy Lee and Andi Slowik were voted to the all conference team. Slowik was the only player selected by unanimous vote and was also named to the Suburban Trib's all-star volleyball team. The team includes the top 20 volleyball players in the state.

The tennis team voted both Mindee Epstein and Claudia Brisk as their MVPs. Both girls were named to the all conference tennis team. Beryl Schwartz was voted as the archery team's most valuable player.



(photo by Glenn Ramdas)

Chris Besser, Jim Burke, John Lopez and Bill Saputo are the only four senior gymnasts competing for Tom Sokalski's gymnastic team this year. The team has had victories on all four levels in their first four meets.

Volleyball ends season

by Judy Lee

The varsity volleyball team won the IHSA District Championship by defeating New Trier East 20-12, 21-19 in the finals held on December 2.

LAST YEAR THE TEAM also faced New Trier East in the finals but lost a three game battle to the Indians. This year, the team came back, placing first in

their conference as well as in their district. The team reached the district finals by defeating Evanston 20-10, 20-10.

After defeating New Trier the Trojans advanced to sectional play where they faced Maine West and lost 12-20, 20-8, and 16-20. The volleyball team finished the season with an overall record of 16-4.