

'Happiness Is'... Happens Tonite

Prom '70 is here! The formals and tuxedos are bought and the excitement of Prom is in the air. This year Prom will be on Thursday, May 28 at 8:30 p.m. at the Orrington Hotel in Evanston.

Cindy Glickson, '71, who is on this year's Prom committee stated, "This is the first year East has ever had its prom at the Orrington. Last year we had it at the Highland Park Country Club and although it was very nice we felt we wanted a change."

This year's theme for Prom is "Happiness Is...," a saying taken from Charles Schultz's "Peanuts" cartoon. Cindy explained that there won't be many decorations in the Grand Ballroom of the hotel but that there would be flower centerpieces on the tables. The main color will be blue and the lighting will be blue also. Pastries and punch will be the refresh-

ments served at the dance.

This year's chairman of Prom Committee is Sheryl Stern, '70. Some other active members on the committee are Linda Boyer, '71; Gaile Grossman, '70; and Judy Tauber, '70. Cindy explained that there were many committee members but not everyone was as active on it. This year's sponsor for Prom is Mr. Leonard Sachs, math teacher.

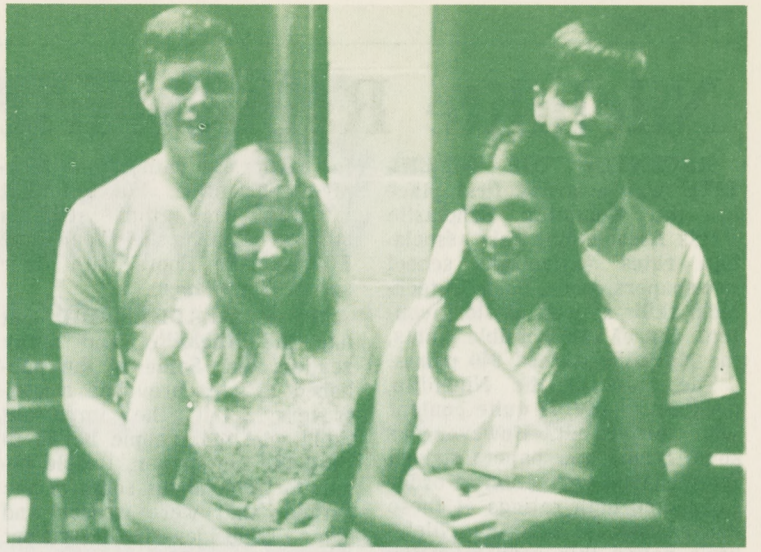
As in every Prom there must be some music for the dance. Dick Judson and his orchestra will be playing this year. It's an eight piece orchestra and they have played at the Civic Opera House. When asked what type of music they would be playing Cindy replied, "Anything and everything!"

There were twelve original couples running for Prom court. The Juniors and Seniors voted in homeroom last Wednesday,

May 13 for the three couples on Court. Seniors Terry Leavitt and Leslie Malfar, Donna Davis and Bruce Glickson, and Scott Farber and Beth Halper were elected to court. The winners will be announced on the evening of Prom; this is customary every year.

Prom is more than just a dance. It's an entire weekend. Usually most couples go out after the dance. This year there are a few specific places where different entertainers will be performing. Several couples will be going to the Camellia House in the Drake Hotel where Hines, Hines, & Dad are performing. At the Mill Run Playhouse on Friday, May 29 Alan King will be performing. The Empire Room where Dick Jensen is performing, is another place where kids may go.

Another school year has gone by and with its end, another Prom has come.



Prom Court winners await decision for the King and Queen. Pictured are Scott Farber and Beth Halper, and Bruce Glickson and Donna Davis. Not pictured are Terry Leavitt and Leslie Malfar.

News Hilites

Truck Strike Delays Yearbooks

Students may not get their yearbooks by the end of the 1969-1970 school year because of the truckers' strike. Presently, the books and covers are at two different locations. More than 1600 books must be shipped to the place where the covers and books are assembled.

Originally yearbooks were to be issued on Tuesday, May 26 so that seniors would have them before school was over.

Depending on the strike, books may arrive next week or could be delayed until July. Students will be notified upon their arrival. Unfortunately, students will not be able to enjoy autographing the yearbooks of their classmates.

Seniors Graduate In Stadium

This year Niles East graduation will be held in the stadium on Sunday, June 7, at 4 p.m. Each graduate will be issued five tickets for the outdoor ceremony. If it rains the graduation exercises will be held in the contest gym; only four tickets then will be accepted.

Caps and gowns will be issued on Wednesday, June 3, 11 to 1:15 p.m. in the auditorium foyer. This will enable graduates to have pictures taken in their caps and gowns should they choose to do so. No photographs will be taken during the graduation program on June 7, 1970.

The final day of school for freshmen, sophomores, and junior will be June 12, 1970.

Park District Day Camp Resumes

Devonshire Park in Skokie will hold summer day camp for the TMH, trainable mentally handicapped, children, six to twenty-five years of age.

Established as an experiment two years ago, Camp Kal-O-Way was such a great success that it continued the following summer. It is run similarly to a normal day camp, but there is an awareness of the children's handicaps and limitations.

The camp is open five days a week, from 10 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Child activities include arts and crafts, baseball, basketball, various games, and swimming in Devonshire pool. Throughout the summer approximately five field trips will be taken. In past years these have included visits to Brookfield Zoo, Shedd Aquarium, and the Field Museum.

Supervision of the children is by nearly all volunteers. These counselors may help as many days as they wish. Many return each summer, since they find the camp a very rewarding experience.

Those interested in being a counselor this summer may contact Iris Bernard, H.R. 220, or Alice Giles, Skokie Park District, who may be reached at OR 4-1500.

Forest Hospital Hosts Seminar

Last April 28, ten Niles East students were chosen to attend a Student Day Seminar at the Forest Hospital Professional Center.

Representatives from eight neighboring high schools participated in the program. The major objective was to promote insightful communication among the students and to encourage within them a sense of "caring" for themselves and others.

The day's activity consisted of informal inter-high school group discussions on self-selected issues of interest. Participating students were selected by their leadership of various factions within the high-school.

It was suggested that after the initial group had attended the Seminar, they would continue to meet under the direction of a counselor at their own high school. Mr. Fred Kral, social worker, is the sponsor for Niles East. The Niles East students have chosen to continue their group meetings. They are now planning for group expansion next fall.

The participants include Mike Salterelli, '71; Art Davidson, '70; Mike Iser, '71; Mark Burton, '72; Rocky Schlaes, '73; Rider Lusk, '71; Neil Hackman, '71; Pam Wallis, '71; Donna Brennan, '71; and Sue Anne Gershenzo, '71.



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Teacher Hearing Progresses

By Janet Migdow

"There is, initially, little doubt in my mind that you have instilled in the minds of many of your students a zest for self-discovery and an acute awareness of the potential that each of them has for creating a good life for himself. You have a fine ability to relate easily and naturally to young people; they know that you are frank, sincere, and well-informed," Mr. John Golata, head of the Niles East English Department wrote to Mr. John Palm on January 13, 1970.

On this same date Mr. Golata also summed up his opinion of Mrs. Judith Pildes in these words, "With your solid literary background, vibrant personality, and enjoyment of life, you are in a unique position to share this exciting world with your students."

Less than three months later on Monday night, March 30, 1970, both Mr. Palm's and Mrs. Pildes' contracts were terminated; in addition, they were suspended immediately from all further teaching in "the best interests of the district."

Since their dismissal all further proof as to the truth or falsity of the charges leveled against the teachers has been suspended until a legal hearing could be scheduled. This hearing began Tuesday evening, May 26 as an open hearing at Niles North.

The numerous charges which are the basis of the school board's case include allegations that both teachers failed to follow board policies on attendance, grading, and curriculum. The teachers also were charged with advocating and encouraging disruption of the educational program, insubordination, and encouraging students to disobey rules. In addition Mr. Palm was charged with "conduct unbecoming a professional

teacher" for a protest he lodged at a debate tournament at Eastern Illinois University.

The hearing has been scheduled to continue June 2, June 3, June 4 and if needed, time for final summations will be allowed all day June 6. Three evenings have been established for the prosecution to present its case and three evenings for the defense rebuttal to the charges.

Originally, the hearing was scheduled to begin two weeks prior to the night on which it did begin. "The hearing was delayed," according to Mr. Palm, "because the school board refused to give us information which we were entitled to under the law. It was only after the A.C.L.U. (American Civil Liberties Union) was requested by us to request the information from the board that we received the information." Mr. Palm noted.

(According to Mr. Marvin Glink, school board attorney, the Board never refused to give any information requested by the defendants. When Mr. Johnathan Smith, A.C.L.U. lawyer, further clarified what additional information was needed, the Board promptly complied.)

Now that the hearing has begun the Board is attempting to establish that despite repeated warnings Mr. Palm and Mrs. Pildes did not comply with school board policy, that they were issued letters of remedial ability with which they did not comply.

Mr. Palm and Mrs. Pildes are attempting to prove that they at no time violated school board policy; they claim the board's charges are "groundless, based upon political and social prejudice."

Both the prosecution and the defense are well represented by council. Mr. Marvin Glink school board attorney is responsible for the majority of the legal work prepared to substantiate the board's case. Mr. Palm and Mrs. Pildes are being represented by Mr. Dennis Cunningham of the People's Law Office, who is being assisted by Mr. Johnathan Smith, an A.C.L.U. lawyer.

Though the outcome of the hearing is unknown, if the board does decide not to reverse its original decision, the A.C.L.U. has stated that they will examine the record of the hearing, and if they feel there is sufficient cause the case will be taken to the federal courts on constitutional grounds.



Dr. R. E. Willford, Forest Hospital staff, chats with Niles East students and Mr. Fred Kral at the seminar.

Nilehilite Ranks First

RECENTLY THE NILEHILITE was awarded first place by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association. This association rates nationwide school newspapers on the basis of technical skills as well as story content. Out of 1000 possible points, the Nilehilite earned 940 points.

The staff of the Nilehilite, needless to say, is quite content with this result. However, as some school newspapers strived for technical perfection in order to receive high ratings at these conventions, it was the Nilehilite's policy this year to strive

Tradition Stained

PROM HIGHLIGHTS every school year. Formals, a fancy hotel, and reservations to a nightclub illuminate what would otherwise be a dull, boring school year.

The crowning of Prom king and queen has traditionally been a revered ceremony. They represent the ideal couple of the senior class.

This year, however, prom king and queen has turned into a farce. Many students seem to think that making fun and hurting others is their idea of fun. These immature people do not have the decency to respect a beautiful tradition that apparently the majority of the student body wished to retain.

So, like everything else, Prom is pulled down from its high esteem and run through the mud. If the students do not believe in Prom or in the Court elections, then there should be no Prom. But if only a few are ruining a memorable night for all the rest of the students, then it is time to stop these few.

for readership rather than technical perfection. We felt that it was time that students stopped covering their books and littering the floors with their school newspaper.

MANY READERS DID not like the Nilehilite, and many readers did. Some of the published articles provoked a controversy, but the important thing was that people began to read the newspaper. People began to think about some of the articles that were written and some of the ideas that were put across. It did not matter whether the reader agreed with the articles or not. What did matter was that people read the paper.

And people became involved. Never before has the school newspaper had so many letters to the editor. People other than the Nilehilite staff began to voice their opinions and for the first time realized where they could do so.

The Nilehilite greatly appreciates this readership and is deeply gratified for the many supporters of the newspaper. Our only concern was for the readers of our paper and we continually strove to inform, entertain, and enlighten the Niles East community.

WE WOULD LIKE TO know what your comments are on the newspaper. If you enjoyed reading it, we would be happy to hear this, and if you did not, we would appreciate constructive criticism and improvements.

Our newspaper is open to all, and the more the students become involved, the more will it truly be a student newspaper.



Enthusiasm is registered at the production of "The Tortoise and The Hare."

Play Acclaimed Raving Success

By Lisa Grossman

THREE CHEERS for the Niles East drama department! Their Children's Theater rendition of the "Hare and the Tortoise" was the most superb productions that Niles East has ever performed.

The acting was vivacious and charming. Particularly delightful were the actings of Juniors Sue Klein, (the Hare), Steve Berenson (the Tortoise), and Senior Harvey Kolner (the Dog). Their roles were so convincing that a senior in the audience whispered that she almost believed that the characters were really animals.

WHAT WAS THE MOST wonderful part of the play was the phenomenal audience participation. I have never seen little children more involved and concerned about anything. Many children screamed out "cheater" when the Hare pulled a dirty trick on the Tortoise and some physically attacked the Hare as she tried to pass through the aisles. The excitement mounted to a fantastic peak when both contestants were in the last stretch of the race with the Hare closing up from behind. Screams and shouts of encouragement and tension grew with the high school kids getting as worked up as the children.

Sue and Steve used remarkable improvisations when confronted by audience comments. They stopped to talk with the children many times and they seemed to attain quite an unusual rapport with the audience.

THE COSTUMES in general were very attractive, but Steve's tortoise outfit was definitely outstanding. The hard

shell back looked very authentic and his make-up was excellent.

The separation of animals and humans by use of two different languages was highly innovative as well as effective. The audience felt the separation between the animal and human

worlds.

The Children's Theater certainly achieved a high level of success this year with every indication of continuing next year to delight Niles East as well as the many children who come to see it.

Sound Off From the Beefstand

By Ace Reporter

DEAR BEEF,

Now that the sports year is over at Niles East, I think that there were some great plays by the Trojans this year that should be honored like Steve Rose scoring the winning touchdown at the homecoming game and Gerry Oher's flying dive into the Proviso East catcher.

NOSTALGE

DEAR NOSTALGE,

Certainly those were great highlights of a very colorful year for Niles East in sports. However, the one play that stands out in my mind was executed by the Chicago Bears this season. Remember Mike Pyle's touchdown pass to Larry Stallings in the Bear-Cardinal game? Pyle became the first center in football history to throw a touchdown pass, and get this, he threw the ball between his legs. That was some kind of a play.

DEAR BEEF,

Niles East has always been tabbed as a loser in sports, but if one looks at the record, he will find that Niles East has had state champs in tennis, gymnastics, and fencing the past few years and a baseball team that came in third in the state tourney in 1968. So there is something to be proud of at this school.

V.A.S.

DEAR V,

You're right, Niles East does have some good traditions, especially in gymnastics and fencing and lately in football. And all the other sports could have just as good records as these teams if there were enough participation. But you can hardly expect a team consisting of less than a dozen men to win when it needs at least twice that many men just to field a team. However, that is what happened with the track team this year and similar troubles hurt the wrestling team. I guess it takes a Jim Harkema to bring out the athletes and the spirit which is the essence of a winner.

Trojans Close Season

TODAY THE FINAL contest of a long sports year will be played as the Niles East baseball team travels to Waukegan for its last league game.

As of this writing, the Trojans had a 6-4 record in the Suburban League with two games each remaining against Evanston and Waukegan.

The Trojans were eliminated in districts by Evanston which made that doubleheader with the Kits very tough and crucial.

By defeating Proviso East for the second time this year on May 15, the Trojans went into a three way tie for first place in the Suburban League.

HOWEVER, that victory was followed by a very tough loss to Oak Park, 10-9, in 10 innings which gave the Trojans their fourth setback.

The games this week were very important to the Trojans' drive for the championship, but no matter where they finish, they did much better than most people expected them to do.

A double loss to New Trier started the season off badly for the Trojans, but Niles East came right back to win five in a row.

Juniors Stew Karge and Mike Korta bolstered the lineup with good hitting and solid defense and complimented the play of seniors Gerry Oher, Rich Rothstein, Steve Orloff, and Jim Tedeschi.

The Trojans also had a strong pitching core with Scott Farber, Reid Newman, and Steve Fine doing the hurling chores.

Tedeschi Wins Awards

JIM TEDESCHI won the Al Beck award for the best scholar-athlete at the spring sports awards banquet held at Niles East last Sunday.

Tedeschi also won the best senior athlete award. Gerry

Oher won the most valuable baseball player award, and other MVP's were, Mark Portman, track, and Steve Deutsch, golf. Chris Short won the timber topper award for best hurdler.



BARRY HESSING, '71, makes the play on a diving Highland Park baserunner.

Trojans Eliminated In State Finals

HOPES OF SENDING ANY TROJAN ATHLETE DOWNSTATE this spring were vanquished several weeks ago when the Trojan teams were all quickly eliminated from state competition.

The baseball team, hot as a firecracker in the Suburban League, was extinguished in the districts by Evanston in the first game of state competition.

The tennis team scored only two points in the Niles West district with Mike Gutman winning the only match for Troy. Two weeks ago the tennis team was completely shutout in the Suburban League meet at New

Trier and finished up the season with a 2-5 league record and sixth place in the standings.

Rob Roy's "tough" course kept the Trojan golf scores high in the district competition. Warren Elliot led the Trojans with 92, followed by Joel Levit at 93, which didn't come close to winning the district.

FINALLY, the Trojan track team kept its pace going, scoring no points whatsoever in districts and the Suburban League meet which was very surprising considering the great interest and participation in the sport.

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