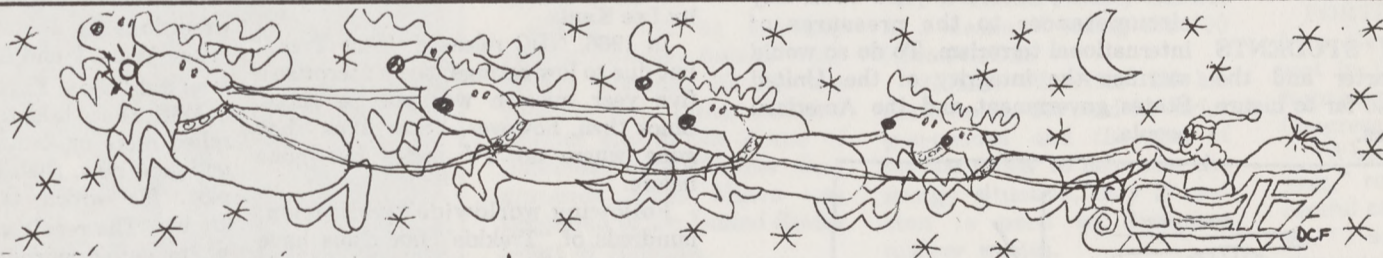


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Happy
Holidays

by Daniel Finn

As the days become shorter and the nights become colder, the spirit of the holiday season is once again here. Skokians, as in years past, will be celebrating the holidays of Christmas and Chanukah.

In Skokie one can observe various yuletide decorations, such as the wreaths that line Oakton Street. At the Old Orchard shopping center, one will find displays depicting warm and friendly themes of Christmas and Chanukah. Piped-in music adds to the effect and proves to be very entertaining.

ANOTHER HIGHLY decorated spot in Skokie is the Lincolnwood Towers area. Located just south of Skokie between Devon and Pratt west of the Edens Espressway, this area offers colorful and decorative displays.

In-car sightseers are attracted to this area in great numbers, resulting in occasional traffic jams.

Some students won't even be spending their Christmas' near Skokie. They will be skiing, traveling to warmer climates, or visiting distant relatives or friends.

Aside from the forthcoming two-week vacation, students should also stop and realize the meaning involved in this holiday season. Christmas honors the birth of Christ, and Chanukah commemorates the war between the Jews and the Syrian-Greeks, and the miracle of the Jerusalem temple's menorah (candelabra), burning eight days, instead of one.

The Nilehilite would like to wish the students, staff, and administrators a very fulfilling and happy holiday, and the best of luck in the coming year.

Commercialism obscures Christmas' true meaning

Lamp posts draped with boughs of holly, store windows arrayed with magical scenes, and trees donned in bright, colored lights — these decorative sights are all obscured by the rush holiday shoppers. Even the yuletide carols don't drown out the sputtering of exhaust pipes, the constant rumble of the El, and the beeping horns of impatient drivers.

Millions of prospective buyers go to the downtown shopping area so they can avoid the hassle of going to different stores that are far apart. Most return home with brilliant buys, but also with tired, aching feet and a pounding headache.

THE COUNTDOWN of shopping days until Christmas turn many hairs gray and set many people into frantic shopping sprees. Buyers must wonder whether all the pushing and shoving is worth it. It probably would not be unusual to see two ladies bickering over the last pair of the \$1.99 sale gloves in a department store. Even worse than the constant elbowing are the long lines at the cash registers that test one's patience tremendously.

Profits rocket sky high for store owners during this happy holiday season. (They probably have the merriest Christmases of all). Christmas sales spring up everywhere and shoppers are vulnerable to even the slightest markdowns. Although many people can be seen carrying Saks Fifth Avenue and Lord and Taylor packages, they suddenly are transformed into modern day Scrooges at the sight of a Red Salvation Army bucket. Hardly a thought is given to those who barely own a warm coat or boots for the winter.

Whatever happened to "peace on earth, good will towards men?"

QUIET NIGHTS spent before crackling fireplaces, popping popcorn, telling Christmas stories, and singing carols that reflect the joy of this holiday season should be restored. Gifts should be exchanged with an attitude of "giving," not "receiving in return". The true meaning of Christmas, the birth of Jesus Christ, is being forgotten amidst the growing commercialization of this holiday.

President Carter merits support in Iranian crisis

by Paul Toback

On November 4th a group of Iranian students invaded the United States Embassy in Iran. This group of students then proceeded to take hostage all of the workers and officials who were inside the embassy.

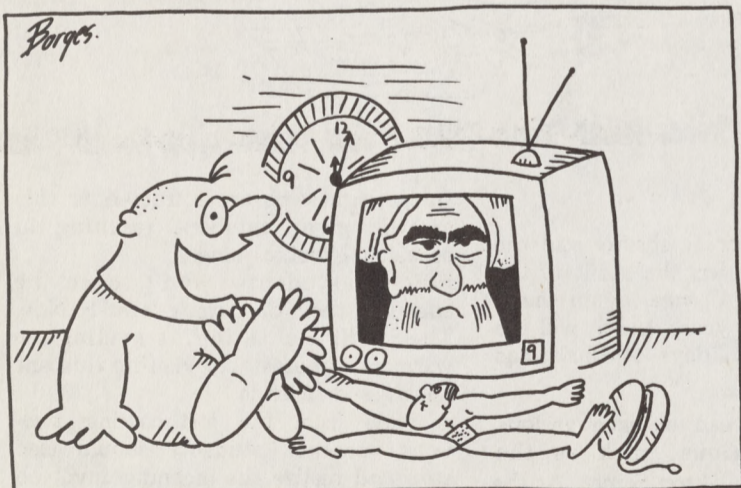
In response, programs to demonstrate American feelings on the Iranian situation have been started across the country.

Here in Niles Township, students from all three high schools, wrote down their opinions on the Iranian situation. These papers were collected and were later made public in a news conference by the three student government presidents. Half of the letters were then sent to the Iranian Consulate in Chicago while the other half were sent out to Iran.

GENERALLY, THE STUDENTS supported President Carter and the steps that he has taken so far to insure the safety of the hostages.

It is important to note that these letters were not intended to result in the release of the hostages, although it would be nice if it were that easy to free them. This program was meant as a way for students, being the future leaders of the world, to make their feelings on important world issues be known. Hopefully, the practice of students voicing their own opinions will continue in the future.

The President of the United States, should be supported in all he is doing to free the hostages. All peaceful alternatives should be tried before military action is used. However, there will come a point after which U.S. government can no longer allow the current stalemate to continue, and military intervention will be necessary. This country must not yield under any circumstances to the pressures of international terrorism. To do so would sacrifice the integrity of the United States government and the American people.



Look mom, I think they got a new clown to replace Bozo.

To the Editor Teacher criticizes gun control story

Dear Editor:

I feel I must take exception to the article in the 12-7-79 issue of the Nilehilite entitled "Guns Pose Hazards". I question the judgement of the editors in allowing such a highly opinionated viewpoint to be presented

without at least a byline. To present the facts concerning gun control, espoused by Abner Mikva as anything but opinion is highly irresponsible. Anyone that is even vaguely familiar with the issue realizes that Mikva represents only one side of a

many faceted issue.

I must also question the picture that was printed with the article. What was the connection between a photograph of rifles and shotguns and an article on handguns?

Glenn Jurek
Industrial Arts Teacher



observer

Editor views '80's

—david eingorn—

January 1, 1980, will mark the beginning of a new decade. In the 80's present East students will leave the sheltered world of education to enter the adult world, or the "rat race." After they complete the famed "Paper Chase," what type of world will be waiting for them?

Most sooths agree that there will be significantly less waste since there will be so little to go around. This is because, as Walter Conkite puts it so tersely on the CBS Evening News, the age of abundant cheap fuels is over. Higher priced fuels not only mean higher priced unleaded gasoline for our Buick LaSabre but higher priced everything, from television sets to tooth brushes.

UNFORTUNATELY, THE only two things Americans listen to are television sports commentators and their checkbooks. Americans be prepared to live less "luxuriously." Translated into real terms, no more driving to the mailbox to mail a letter and no more prime rib for the pet cat Samantha.

Economic shortages will result in escalated social tensions. We already

see the repercussions of this trend in the Bakke Supreme Court Decision. A white vying for an ultracompetitive seat at a California medical school uses all tactics open to him to insure that seat for himself whether or not it comes at the expense of a minority student. As economic pressures increase, so will racial prejudices, simply because of competitive explosion to make it and to succeed.

The ultimate threat to us is nuclear war. With the build up in United States and Soviet arms, the increased hostilities between the United States and the Third World, and increased competition for limited world resources may result in a nuclear war. A crisis like Iran might erupt into a world conflict if foreign policy practitioners like Jimmy Carter and Cy Vance should make a serious mistake.

ALTHOUGH THIS column may indicate to the contrary, I am not a pessimist. I am not an optimist either. Actually, I believe earth will still be around come December 31, 1989. However, I can't say if there will be any humans left on it.

Movie Reviews

Star Trek series embarks on new movie mission

by Lee Kantz

In 1966, NBC released "Star Trek," but due to low ratings, the Enterprise's five year mission was cut to three. Since then, however, "Star Trek" has gone where no TV series has gone before.

Following worldwide syndication, hundreds of "Trekkie" fan clubs have sprung up. Also the mania has included yearly conventions, more than 50 books, and "Star Trek" has become the only series to have an episode preserved in the Smithsonian.

IN LIGHT of this, Paramount Pictures has invested \$42 million to bring back the original crew of the Enterprise. The movie takes place two and one-half years after the Enterprise's historic mission.

In the latest mission a reconstructed first Enterprise is rushed out of dock to stop an unknown alien force headed for Earth.

In trying to re-create "Star Trek," producer Gene Roddenberry has ripped-off "Star Wars." The special effects

were done by John Dykstra, who did "Star Wars," and Douglas Trumbull, who did "Close Encounters."

With these talents, Roddenberry has relied more on fantastic special effects and sets now, than hard science-fiction plot, for which the TV series was known. The result was wasted footage of the ship's journey which could have been cut to save money and develop the plot.

"Star Trek-The Motion Picture" is entertaining and allows one to reminisce about television's "Star Trek." Unfortunately, the TV show and the film are difficult to compare, leaving much doubt in the viewer's mind about which "Star Trek" is the final frontier.

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Presidential candidate, Kennedy delivers speech to council

by Jeff Leeb

Presidential candidate, Senator Edward Kennedy, spoke before the Chicago Foreign Relations Council on December 10 at the Pick Congress Hotel as part of a "meet the candidate series".

Kennedy's "American Security" address began as he tripped and fell in the likeness of Gerald Ford coming up several stairs to the stage. The stumble was symbolic of Kennedy's recent faltering campaign.

AFTER A LONG introduction, Kennedy came to the podium and commented on future foreign relations proposals of other candidates. "I understand that Ronald Reagan who speaks to the council proposes that the U.S. recognize the 'Holy Roman Empire', and Jerry Brown will propose that the U.S. recognize the planet Jupiter, and President Carter will announce a new era

of Detente between Washington and Chicago."

Kennedy then spoke briefly about Iran. "Whatever the grievances against the Shah and his regime, there is no justification for terrorist actions and outlaw conduct." He went on to say that we must be determined to protect our diplomats and never to submit to blackmail.

In general, Kennedy avoided talking and answering questions about Iran because of recent criticism of his statements about the Shah.

KENNEDY STRESSED that defense is the "cornerstone of foreign policy," and that we will be weak as long as our economy is weak and as long as others such as OPEC dictate the terms of our energy supply.

Much of his speech centered around the Soviet-American confrontation in the field of

arms. He said he favored the new MX missile system, and warned of a heavy Soviet military buildup. He explained that he was in favor of Salt II, and said we should update our weapons.

In addition to this, he feels that we must train our forces better. "Many pilots fire one live missile at a target every two years." Along with this he explained that we are not ready for attack. "On any given day, one-third to one half of our ships and planes are not ready for battle."

Kennedy's opinion is that we need quantity in arms instead of tremendous quality by not "gold plating every tank, plane, and ship." He proposed more incentives so more men and women will enlist in the armed forces.

HE WENT ON to express his support for Israel, and said that the security of Israel is "indispensable to the security of the U.S." He also added that U.S. should not openly or secretly deal with the P.L.O.

For the first time, Kennedy proposed an energy alliance that would be like that of NATO, and would "assure that never again will America and its allies become victims." The alliance would help 44 developing, energy potential nations.

Kennedy gave strong support for the immediate aid of



Presidential candidate Edward Kennedy speaks to the Chicago Foreign Relations Council. (photo by Jeff Leeb)

starving peoples of the world. "Today, one-third of the planet is ill housed, ill clothed, and ill fed... Surely a nation that could deliver bombs to Cambodian rice fields in a matter of hours can deliver rice to starving Cambodian children without a delay of months."

AFTER FINAL COMMENTS, a question and answer period was held where submitted questions were selectively asked by the president of the council.

Kennedy answered that he was in favor of a Federal Chrysler bailout plan. When asked if he was in favor of the draft, he bluntly answered, "No." This was met with applause.

On energy, he feels we should expand alternate resources and give an incentive to homeowners for conserva-

tion, and to the commercial sector to expand energy efficiency and productivity.

When asked what would be the biggest difference between his administration and President Carter's, he replied that there would be one voice making the decisions and policies, and the policies would not change. He said he would concentrate on youth unemployment and the rights and unemployment of women.

WHEN DICK KAY and Peter Nolan of Channel 5 News were asked, "Were you impressed with Kennedy's address?" Kay replied, "They threw him a few softballs," referring to the easy questions that were selected among the questions, mainly avoiding Iran. Hugh Hill, the political reporter of Channel 7 replied, "Oh yeah, sure."

Student leaders address current Iranian crisis

Student council officers plus newspaper editors from all three Niles Township High Schools spent Monday, December 10, at the Iranian Consulate in Downtown Chicago in part to deliver letters from students from all three high schools demanding the release of American hostages, and to probe into the issues surrounding the crisis. At the Consulate, students met with Consulate spokesperson Mohammad Ziani.

"The meeting with Ziani wasn't intended to automatically result in the release of

American hostages in Iran, but to serve as an outlet for the students to voice their opinions," said Paul Toback, East Student Senate President.

THE DESIRE OF the Iranian people to try the Shah for the alleged crimes he has committed and the alleged illegal use of the United States Embassy as a spy center was the justification Ziani gave for the embassy takeover. The Niles Township representative countered these contentions by saying that it was illegal for the Iranian students to take the embassy.



Student Senate President, Paul Toback, talks to Rosemary Guley of Channel 7 News at the Iranian Consulate in Chicago. (photo courtesy of "North Star")

Santa visits Skokie

Santa Claus is more than just a mythical, jolly, old man who brings gifts and fantasy to children on Christmas Eve. He is also a department store promoter at Marshall Field's in Old Orchard.

As usual this has been a busy year for the Santa. "Not quite as busy as years in the past but that's because there are more malls and more Santas," revealed the jolly Santa.

Many children still believe that Santa flies through the air in a sleigh pulled by eight reindeer, and slides down the chimney.

SANTA RECEIVES many

requests for Christmas presents. Most children ask for toys but there are unusual requests, such as asking for a brother, sister, and sometimes even a parent. The most touching request Santa has received was from a fifteen year old blind girl. Santa asked her what she wanted for Christmas and she answered by saying, "Sight." Santa's reply was that the Lord works in mysterious ways and that she should try to understand these ways.

Santa's Christmas wish this year is for good health and peace on earth. Santa would also like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas.

Porter airs his views

by Mark Arbus

"I love my country," said John Porter, the winner of a primary election held Tuesday, December 11 to determine the Republican candidate for representative of the 10th Congressional District, at a December 5 forum.

Porter will be running against attorney Robert Weinberger January 22 for the vacant 10th Congressional District seat in the House of Representatives. Former Congressman Abner Mikva was appointed to the United States Court of Appeals.

THE SILVER-HAIRED candidate appeared tall and confident as he faced questions put to him by students who gathered to hear him speak on a wide range of subjects.

"It is a travesty that we are so dependent on foreign oil," claimed Porter. He also agrees with President Carter's plan to use less Proganization Petroleum Exporting Countries

Club forms

The Cooperative Work Training class (C.W.T.) has formed a Cooperative Vocational Education Club (C.V.E.) under the direction of Dr. Ronald Henrici, to raise money for the employer appreciation banquet at the end of the year.

Scott Turner, president of the club, explained, "It was decided that this would be a good leadership experience for the class."

(OPEC) oil than a year ago. Stressing the fact that the government should stop regulating the oil companies, he is in favor of more competition between them.

But Porter's main platform is the economy. He cited the use of stricter money control as a means of easing the 300 billion deficit.

OTHER PLANKS IN his platform are the need for strict gun-control and the use of nuclear power to help ease the energy situation, only if caution is used in dumping nuclear wastes.

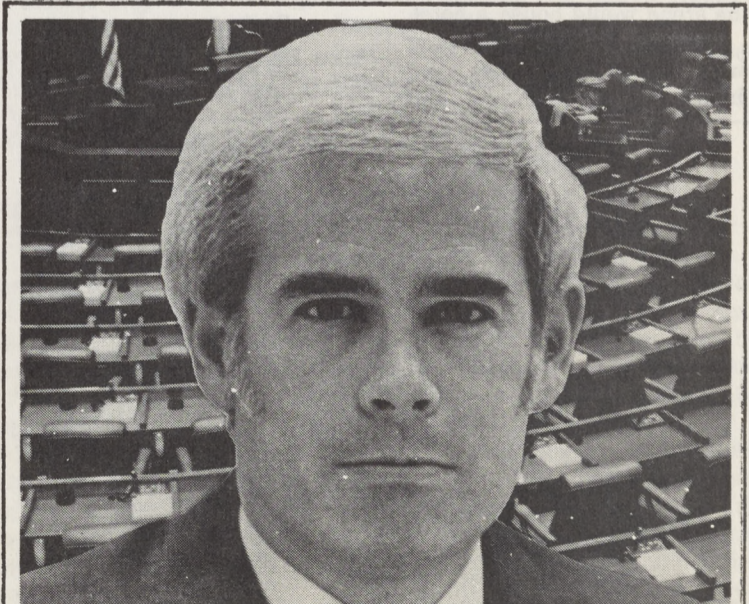
Commenting on world affairs, he is strongly against talks with the Palestine Liberation Organization. He also

denied that Israel is slowly losing support from the United States.

Porter also commented on foreign imports saying, "The United States cannot afford to build walls around itself with high tariffs. We must compete with other countries."

PORTER, AN ATTORNEY from Evanston, gave up his seat in the Illinois House of Representatives to run for Congress.

"When I was here last year," referring to his unsuccessful campaign against Mikva, "I saw that some of you supported Mikva, some supported me, but that's not what is important." He added, "It's that you took interest and supported somebody."



Republication candidate John Porter will run against Robert Weinberger for the vacant 10th Congressional District seat in the House

Coaches leave East with mixed emotions

by Barb Reich

When East closes in June, the head coaches and their athletic teams will part company. Some of the coaches will be going to North, others to West, but they all have thoughts and reflections about leaving.

Fred Richardi, who will coach wrestling at West next year has mixed feelings about the 1980 closing. "Why are they closing East? We have the best teachers, the best administrators, the best principal, and the best everything."

RICHARDI ALSO EXPRESSED disappointment that his assistant coach Steve Poznansky will be going to North as head wrestling coach. "With Poznansky's seven years of coaching we won 23 out of 28 conference titles," said Richardi, who's been training Trojan wrestlers for ten seasons.

Poznansky, who in past years developed the skills of East's football players, wrestlers, and baseball players, has conflicting emotions. "I'm looking forward to being in charge of my own program,

but being pulled apart from our fantastic athletes and coaches here puts everything in the groove."

George Galla will be moving to West to begin his eighth year as a baseball coach. "I'm happy," says the jovial health teacher. "The outdoor facilities at West are great. You don't have to keep switching playing fields."

NORTH WILL also be receiving a new head baseball coach, and his name is Ron Henrici. Henrici assisted in football and baseball during his ten years at East as a Cooperative Vocational Educational instructor.

Both of East's current gymnastics coaches will go to North, and they share a common outlook about the move. "Coaching is coaching no matter where," said girls coach Seymour Rifkind. "I'll do as good a job as I've tried to do here," agreed boys coach Tom Sokalski.

Swimming coach Don Larson, who's been with East since 1958, expressed strong sentiments about leaving for

West. "East has the nicest looking building especially with the ivy growing in warmer months," said Larson, who's a former East student himself.

TO THE GOLF COACH Jerry Oswald however, the change of scenery won't make much difference. "I haven't really given the move much thought, but I'm optimistic because junior Mark McCracken will be coming with me to North."

As for football, basketball, and soccer, Trojan athletes will no longer be working under East coaches. In football, Frank Houlihan will continue to coach at North, and Don Huff will stay at West. Basketball coaches Pete Christie and Robert Murphy will remain at North and West respectively. And the soccer coaches next year will be Rory Weber at North, and Peter Zorn at West.

Mrs. Dee Whyman, presently sports co-ordinator at East, will resume that position at North. Likewise, Miss Pat Matlak will become head tennis coach at West, her current position here. "I've been with East 17 years, and it's a part of my life I'll never forget," concluded Matlak on a sad note.



Sophomore Rick Van Royan attempts reversal on Conant wrestler in the December 15 meet.

Trojans scalp Indians

As wrestling coach Fred Richardi predicted, the Trojans squashed West Indians. Varsity wrestlers blanked the opponents 62-0, junior varsity won 52-12, sophomores clinched them 48-6, and the freshmen defeated West 54-20.

"We only have 14 freshmen out for wrestling," says Richardi, "and their beating teams with more players." Richardi believes, "It's tradition. They feel they have to win, and they do. There is also a magic to Steve Poznansky's coaching."

THE WRESTLERS HAD three dual meets on Saturday, Dec. 8. They lost the first meet to number three ranked Grant 32-18. "We probably would

have lost the first meet to anyone that day," explained Richardi. "We just weren't ready."

But, the Trojans went on to beat number one ranked Addison Trail 34-15, and number six ranked Proviso East 24-20. Kelly Walls and Mark Demar each won all three of their matches.

The wrestlers beat Maine West, Conant, and Fenton, and now hold a 10-2 record. They will also participate in an eight team tournament with South Holland, and a 16 team tournament with Glenbrook South.

"If the guys listen to what I say, they win," warns Richardi.

New stadium can provide super playground

by Ken Van Der Haegen

Chicago, it's a windy city and now a sports city too... maybe.

Right now the stadium plans aren't any further than a drawing board. However, a new movement in Chicago wants a 35-story all-weather stadium built here. The new stadium would house a mini city within its walls, and would cover 500 acres costing an estimated 700 million.

THIS NEW STADIUM would take five years to build, and would be considered the largest one in the world. Plans now feature 1,200 condominiums inside the stadium, with each having a picture window looking onto the field.

Condominiums would sell for approximately \$150,000 to \$200,000 a piece. This project would be financed by the new residents.

Besides the condominiums, the arena would house a hotel, a rooftop restaurant, shopping mall, racquetball courts, and finally sports, medicine, and

training facilities.

THE STADIUM WOULD be built to hold 103,000 football fans, and 93,000 baseball buffs. Though the most likely location is a suburb, Chicago is said not to be ruled out.

Those who have tipped their hats to this project are Bear's George Halas, Sting's Lee Stern, and White Sox vice president Roland Hemond. The only person to show no interest or support, is Cub's general manager Bob Kennedy.

Trojans smash Vikings

by Brad Dorfman

In the December 11 basketball meet against Niles North, the Trojans smashed the Vikings 52-26. High scorers were Rick Nikchevich and Matt Donath, both gaining 12 points. Joel Kessler also scored

11 big ones.

"Powerful rebounding and superb defense were accomplished by Dave Lorig," commented head coach Emil Capitani. Although this was only the Trojans' second seasonal win, Capitani asserted, "They've been playing good ball all year."

CURRENTLY THE TEAM holds a 2-6 record, but Capitani feels, "We should win our next three games against Senn, Schurz, and Waukegan West. Our goal," continued Capitani, "is to have at least a 500 score to finish the season in the top half of our division."

Capitani believes, "Our roughest game will be the Rockford Boylan Tournament." And he concludes, "The toughest teams in our division are Evanston and New Trier East."



Steve McManamon struggles for the ball with a North teacher. The Niles East faculty — Brian Katzman, Seymour Rifkind, and Tom Sokalski — won the donkey basketball game against North faculty.

Bowling and gymnastics teams seek improvement

East gymnasts opened their season with a meet against Maine South, but were defeated. "The competition was too much," stated head coach Seymour Rifkind. "Not only are we in one of the toughest conferences in the whole state, but this area is a hotbed of good gymnasts."

However, Rifkind complimented varsity members Sue Besser, Alison Mann, and Mary Pankiw, "who gave strong performances."

The bowling team was also defeated in their first seasonal meet against Maine East. According to head coach Dee Whyman that's because, "we started out against our roughest competitors." However,

the junior varsity bowlers gained strength by winning the next meet against Niles North. The third seasonal meet was successful, when both the varsity and junior varsity teams beat Niles West.

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