

Faculty Member Runs For OCC Trustee

Concerned with the "quality of the educational program" at Oakton Community College, Mr. Stanley C. Weitzenfeld has become a candidate for the Board of Trustees of the junior college.

A MATH TEACHER at Niles East, Mr. Weitzenfeld's qualifications for trustee are numerous. He has taught all levels of high school in Chicago and adult evening classes. He has been a consultant for gifted elementary children, as well as teaching at Niles East and West. Mr. Weitzenfeld feels that his more traditional outlook seasoned by his experiences in education offer to OCC much "needed experience and a more conservative voice."

One of his major concerns is the recent report by the North Central Association,

a national college accrediting association. In the report on OCC, Professor Norman Harris thought that there was "considerable room for improvement in classroom instruction." Other criticisms included the lack of academic standards in many of the transfer courses, inadequate counseling and preparation of students, lack of expansion of career programs, and an "overemphasis on permissiveness in the classroom."

IN ANSWER to these remarks Mr. Weitzenfeld said, "Oakton College has been severely criticized by the North Central Association for its lack of standards and quality. I stand for a more traditional regard for achievement and standards than that currently in vogue.

The direction of the college in these early years is extremely important. The present liberal course must be balanced by those who think that the traditional standards and values should not be totally discarded."

Another major issue is the problem of campus development and site selection. Improvement is needed on noise levels, space limitations, library location, parking facilities, and traffic congestion. Mr. Weitzenfeld feels that the question of site selection should involve the community. "This community college does not seem much interested in the will of the community. That is intolerable, and there must be a change." Solutions for the various problems are suggested by Mr. Weitzenfeld. Proposing more

method and organization of instruction to boost the quality of academic standards is necessary as well as expanding the foreign language program.

NEITHER the administration's attitude nor their plans are satisfactory. There are many courses on paper to be started over many years. The implementation dates should be moved up. In addition, there is little cooperation with other junior colleges. A charge-back system is not enough. Cooperative programs should be arranged, at least until Oakton grows to support all of its own," Mr. Weitzenfeld concluded. "To accomplish all this, some change in leadership is needed. I know if the voters care enough to get out and vote, that I will be a part of that change."

News Hilites

'It's Academic' Faces NTW, Evanston Sunday

The Niles East 'It's Academic' team faces Evanston and New Trier West in a semi-final round, Sunday April 8. If the team is victorious there, they will be back the next night for the final round.

Mr. Dick Miya, sponsor of the team, feels his team is ready. "Our team is in high spirits," he commented. "Evanston and New Trier West are pretty tough teams. It will be a rough contest."

Siegel-Gottreich Debate

Tuesday's victory of the Skokie Caucus Party was based in part on the issues discussed before Niles East students last Friday.

In a 40-minute debate, Village Clerk William Siegel of the Skokie Caucus Party faced Coalition '73 trustee-hopeful James Gottreich.

Both men discussed their parties' positions on drug abuse, flood control, housing, and campaign ethics.

In general, Mr. Siegel emphasized the Caucus administration's eight-year record of achievement, noting its motto, "Progress with People."

Mr. Gottreich was especially critical of present village officials, saying "they're not responsive to the needs of the community. When you complain about something, they don't take action; they just appoint you to a commission."

Mr. Gottreich also called for "new faces and fresh ideas" in a village that had become "stagnant with old age."

Mr. Siegel took particular offense at that comment and responded, "Just because I'm in my sixties doesn't mean I should be thrown away. If Mr. Gottreich's people had their way, I'd be cast out like an old dishrag."

Both candidates were former high school teachers. Mr. Siegel has been Village Clerk for the past 12 years, and Mr. Gottreich is Director of Cook County Youth Services and is a Niles Board of Education member.

AFS Day - Today!

Today is International Day at Niles East — the day AFS has been waiting for. There will be various activities going on all day in the student lounge. The highlight of the day will be the international lunch, with different foods representing several countries from around the world.

In addition to the lunch, fourteen foreign exchange students will be spending the day at East. They represent countries from around the world: Argentina, Germany, Spain, Norway, and others.

AFS is still looking for a home for a foreign exchange student during the next school year. Any interested student (except seniors) should contact Miss Rochotte.



Mame Dennis (Laura Black) gets a lift from friends at one of her many parties. (Both photos by Michael Fryer)

'Mame' Continues Tonight

Flappers, bootleggers, and an eccentric aunt have taken over the Niles East auditorium inviting everyone to join the party. If you didn't make it Thursday, you can still see "Mame" tonight or tomorrow at 8 p.m. for an unforgettable experience.

"MAME" is a musical romp through life led by Mame Dennis and her orphaned nephew, Patrick, who matures from a lovable 10-year-old enjoying the glamorous surroundings of pre-Depression frivolity to a happily married 29-year-old delivering his own son to the

loving care of Mame.

Technically, this is one of the most difficult shows ever produced by the combined drama, music, and dance departments. The many sets include Mame's entire living room which is re-decorated six times. The 300 costumes were designed and sewn by the crews. Even the music is exceptionally complicated.

SO DON'T miss the last two performances of the musical extravaganza "Mame." Tickets are available at the door for \$2.00 or \$1.50.



Mame enjoys the southern hospitality displayed by her host and husband-to-be, Beauregard Burnside (Stew Figa), his uncle Jeff (Bob Klein), and friend Sally Cato (Hillary Kramer).

Cabinet News

Sophomore Cabinet

The Sophomore Cabinet has spring fever...and they are giving it to everyone. Monday, April 9, during lunch periods the cabinet is sponsoring a balloon launch. Helium balloons with attached postcards will be sent from the confines of the Niles East courtyard, to far ends of the earth, where they will be received by some unsuspecting soul, who in turn will place the attached postcard in the nearest mail box. All postcards that return to Niles East within three weeks of the launch will be charted on a world map. The owner of the postcard with the furthest return address will win \$5. Balloon launch tickets can be purchased today during the lunch periods, and Monday at the launching pad, for 25 cents.

If spring brings beautiful weather and flowers to mind, Cabinet is bringing them closer by selling daisies in living color on Spring Fever Day. The daisies will sell for 10 cents apiece.

Should bad weather interfere on April 9, a rain date has been set for the first pleasant day of the week.

Junior Cabinet

The Junior Cabinet of Niles East is holding a jamboree sponsored by the merchants of Skokie on April 10, in the auditorium foyer. Several prizes have been donated by the merchants in the Skokie area and will be given to the winning ticket holders.

Tickets are 25 cents and may be purchased in the cafeteria periods five through nine, or from any Junior Cabinet representative.

The proceeds from the jamboree will go towards the junior-senior prom to be held on May 26. The prom is also sponsored by the cabinet.

Prizes include a portable AM radio, courtesy of Allen Lee TV and Appliance; a desk set donated by That Paper Place; and a camera from Skokie Camera.

April Art Fair

Local artists are invited to show their work at the second annual Arts and Crafts Fair at Oakton Community College on April 28 and 29, according to Jay Wollin, director of the project.

"THE OCC Arts and Crafts Fair is a community-oriented project and we are hopeful that artists and craftsmen in the Maine-Niles area will join us in making it a huge success," said Wollin.

ALL ARTS, sculpture and hand-crafted items of a non-hobby nature are eligible to apply for space. A maximum of 150 artists will be invited.

For information and application forms, interested artists should contact Jay C. Wollin, Oakton Community College, (967-5120), Oakton and Nagle in Morton Grove.

It's Greek to Me—and Delicious!

By Karyn Esken

This story is the second of the series, "A Guide for the Brave Seekers of the Cheap and Delicious."

Pastitsio, Moussaka, Saganaki, and shouts of "Opa!" were all "Greek to me" when I first entered the Psisteria one night when my deflated spirits should have kept me at home. However, I astounded myself as well as my companions when, upon my exit, some four hours later, I discovered that I'd overcome my mournful countenance and added Greek restaurants to my ever-growing list of foreign favorites.

PSISTERIA SEEMS TO CATER ONLY to happy people, all bouncing and bubbling above the constant roar of live music and laughter. The restaurant is simply a long crowded room where parties from two to twenty are seated pleasantly (if not always comfortably) behind long wooden tables. A costumed guitar quartet plays Greek folk music all night long on both Friday and Saturday nights, adding a little more spice to the already highly seasoned atmosphere. The waiters all possessed beautifully intriguing Grecian accents and were inclined to lay down their food-laden trays and join in the dancing taking place in the center of the room. They did some very fancy foot work and were more than willing to aid innocent novices like me (little did they know how novice I was!) in learning the intricate traditional steps.

With each clap of the dancer's hands or stamps of his feet, the cheering crowd would shriek, "Opa!" Occasionally, an extremely satisfied customer would throw a dollar bill out on to the floor to show his de-

light. I happened to spy one not-so-delighted patron nonchalantly stuffing a few of the bills into his pocket. I gave him a disapproving stare as he melted back into the crowd.

I WAS SITTING THERE DUMBFOUNDED, trying to soak up all the smells, sights and tastes of this fabulous extravaganza. I was not too transfixed, however, to lose my appetite. Somehow my tongue always snaps back into gear when my senses perceive an approaching waiter. Psisteria was the place for me because the "thing" to do was to order many different dishes and taste everything (pure ecstasy for a food fanatic like me).

ALTHOUGH THE GREEKS SPECIALIZE IN LAMB DISHES (in fact an entire lamb smiled at me from his roasting skewer as I entered that evening) I will list here a sort of American dictionary of some of the more interesting fare offered.

"Pastitsio" — The best way to describe this dish is by calling it Greek lasagna: Noodle, mild and very good. "Moussaka" — This is a mountain made up of layers of eggplant, ground meat, tomato sauce, and cheese. It's really delicious, especially if you try to forget that there's eggplant in it. "Saganaki" — Now this was an experience. The waiter brought us a platter upon which was a slab of seemingly innocent white cheese. Over this he poured some wine and the juice of a lemon. He then ignited a match and with the cry of "Opa" the whole thing burst into flames lighting up the room. The fire was carefully extinguished and the now melted cheese was divided up among our flabbergasted table as an appetizer. There were also fabulous Greek salads with Feta cheese for the lettuce lovers. Our meal was brought to a grand finale with little honey and walnut pastries called

"Baklava." These flakey cakes were so sweet and rich that they appeal only to those with an insatiable sweet tooth. Naturally I devoured every morsel.

The Psisteria, located on Lawrence near Western, is open until 5 a.m. every weekend and wine flows quite freely. People have been known to linger around the tables singing and dancing till dawn. They are never rushed, rather encouraged to remain and enjoy the festivities. We enjoyed, and enjoyed, and enjoyed. In fact, we ate, danced and enjoyed so much that my feet felt like two slabs of flaming cheese and my stomach hollered "Opa" for at least two weeks to come.



Congressman Samuel H. Young

Our Man in Washington: Sam Young

Representative Young was interviewed last month in his Skokie office by Laura Miller and Ron Miller of the Nitehilité.

Samuel H. Young was unknown to the voters of the new tenth district in the Congressional campaign last year, although he had served in several high state offices in previous years. Young nevertheless won the November election by a paper-thin margin over popular Abner Mikva.

BEING MAINLY INTERESTED in the economic aspects of government, Young was appointed to the House Interstate & Foreign Commerce Committee and the Commerce and Finance Subcommittee. There he has been considering bills to set standards for product warranties, to regulate toxic chemicals used by industry, and to provide guidelines for no-fault insurance — including programs for states that fail to enact their own. Young is co-sponsor of a bill which would change several rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission, by coordinating all the major stock exchanges in America and open-

ing the exchanges to non-members. For his work on the committees, Young was chosen as Republican "Freshman Congressman of the Month" in March from among forty-three first-term GOP representatives.

MR. YOUNG COMMENDED the committee system, pointing out that it enables Congressmen to utilize their own abilities and interests in designing laws. Committees prepare explanatory reports with recommendations on their bills before the House votes on them. The developing knowledge and complexity of our society demand the constant passage and revision of laws, Young explained when asked if government isn't infringing on the rights and responsibilities of the individual. "The trend will continue," he predicted.

The Congressman expressed concern about many problems in the world today. But he seemed aware that solutions are difficult to find. He feels that the primary concern for the United States is to achieve a peaceful world, which, he cautioned, is not easily attainable.

More world trade would promote cooperation and help underdeveloped nations. He sees the international monetary crisis as a major roadblock, and hopes we can secure a stable international medium of exchange. He would like to see expanded health care programs and environmental protection laws, and the transfer of responsibility for social programs to local governments. He believes we need better education, especially vocational training and more protection for the rights of the individual.

CONGRESS HAS ACTED IRRESPONSIBLY by appropriating more money than we can soundly spend, and thus President Nixon was forced to limit spending to avoid further inflation or higher taxes, claims Young. He would rather see Congress control the budget itself, sparing the need for the President to tempt the precarious balance of power.

Young represents a diverse region which includes Evanston and Wilmette, Skokie and Winnetka, workers, housewives, businessmen, and many students.

Student Activities Survive Despite Loss of Interest

Are the once-thriving student organizations at Niles East disappearing? If it is a lack of publicity that keeps students from getting involved, perhaps the Nitehilité can stir up some interest. Here is the second in a series of reports on Niles East's clubs.

Investment Club

This group explores the many facets of the stock market. Activities include a contest, in which each member buys imaginative stock of his choice; a field trip to the Board of Trade, Mercantile Exchange, and brokerage offices; and a collective investment. Advised by Mr. Charles Plock, the club meets every other Thursday in Room 322. Membership has dwindled to about fifteen active members, so interested students are urged to join. The meetings are educational, interesting, and enjoyable.

Medical Careers Club

Apparently only ten or eleven Niles East students are considering careers in medicine. If there are others, they are missing a tremendous opportunity to become informed on the trends and opportunities in medical professions. Dr. Louis Eyerman, the sponsor, provides films and speakers at the weekly meetings held on Tuesdays in Room 323. The club is now planning

field trips to Skokie Valley and Lutheran General hospitals.

Future Teachers of America

Club secretary Leonard Mayer states the FTA's goal is to "introduce and stimulate the interest in the field of education." The fifteen member club plans a visit to the National College of Education in Evanston, a teachers' college, on April 12. Sponsor Mrs. Sylvia Mazouch would like to see more members at the meetings, held every other Tuesday in Room 229.

Russian Club

The Russian Club, sponsored by Mr. John Moshak, is composed of the 45 students in Mr. Moshak's three Russian classes. Since that number is so small, every student taking Russian automatically becomes a member of the club. These students feel that two main reasons so few students decide to learn Russian are: 1) Most freshmen continue the pursuit of the language they had begun in junior high school, usually French or Spanish; and 2) the widespread myth, circulated in part by the counselors, that Russian may be too hard for incoming freshmen to handle. According to the majority of Russian students, this couldn't be farther from the truth.

The club, doing its best to dispel these myths, has organized members to go to the jun-

ior high schools to talk to eighth graders about studying Russian. The club's upcoming project, a Russian dinner, will be held in late April, and was planned to correlate with the Russian Easter. For more information about the Russian Club, contact Mr. Moshak.

French Club

The French Club, despite its relatively small membership, has some interesting projects planned for the spring. The club's February 14 bake sale, said Miss Dorann Klein, sponsor, was a huge success; and the members are holding a lollipop sale before spring vacation.

For International Day today, the club is making crepes, a French dessert, to be served at the luncheon.

Any student interested in French is welcome to attend the club's meetings, held on alternate Wednesdays. Please contact Miss Klein for further information.

Spanish Club

After building a homecoming float and presenting its annual Christmas party, the membership of the Spanish Club began to evaporate. When the total number of active members reached three, it was decided to change the goals of the club or suspend operation. It turned out that both methods were used. Next year, the club may be re-

organized to more seriously explore Spanish culture. Mr. Gentil DaRosa is sponsor.

German Club

This group was recently revived under the sponsorship of Miss Kay Beck. After two meet-

ings, the ten members had made plans for today's AFS International Day, and prepared to organize for next year. This energetic young club could trigger a reawakening of the foreign culture clubs.

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Editorials

Nilehite Challenges EPDC Funding Report

Because the Board of Education has abolished the mandatory student fee as a means of financing the Nilehite beginning with the 73-74 school year, the Educational Policy Development Committee (EPDC) has recommended that the district subsidize the paper at a cut of more than 25 percent from this year's available funds.

This proposal was formulated without sufficient understanding of the needs of the Niles East student newspaper.

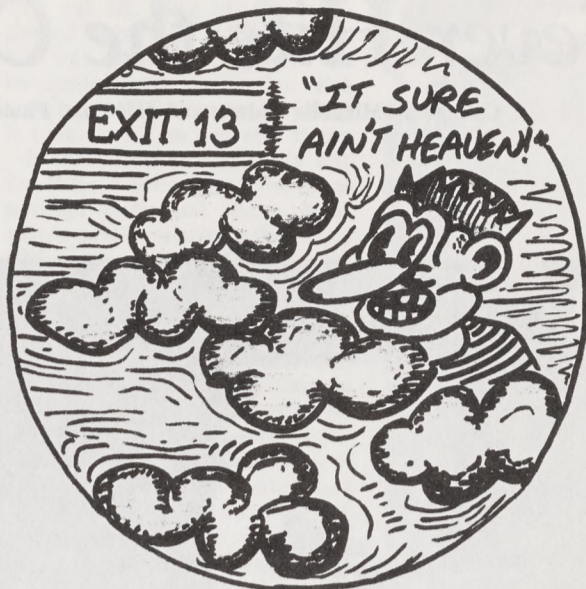
THOUGH THE EPDC has been studying alternatives for the past six months, the Nilehite staff, and sponsor were never invited to the EPDC meetings to present first-hand expertise for the committee's use. Yet District Public Relations Manager Mick Herzog commented that he had heard nothing from the students involved.

Figures for publication cost and advertising revenues cited in the EPDC report do not accurately reflect the present expenses of the Nilehite.

THE PROPOSED \$2.40 subsidy per pupil is a cut of \$.35 from the funds presently received through fees. There will be little money left over from this year as was the case in previous years due to the expanded format of the paper. To print the usual number of issues, a maximum of only four pages per issue will be possible.

The EPDC expects the Nilehite to compensate for the decrease through increased advertising. However, the present structure of the journalism and news production courses does not include training in advertising, sales, or business management, nor is there provisions for a business advisor. As it now stands, the monetary loss would reduce the opportunity for laboratory experience, one objective of subsidizing the paper, as cited in the EPDC report.

BUT MORE IMPORTANT even than the loss of funds is the responsibility of the administration and School Board to seek out expertise and opinions from all parties involved.



Show for Senior Citizens Bridges Generation Gap

The Nilehite staff wishes to commend the Niles East dance, drama, and music departments for their continued efforts to reach the senior citizens of this community, and provide superb entertainment at no cost for their benefit.

FREE PERFORMANCES of the Mitch Miller Concert and the musical hit "Mame" have drawn large and enthusiastic audiences by the busload. Ushers to assist the visitors, and coffee served during intermission have added a special touch.

It is our hope that this practice will be extended to include programs presented by both Niles West and North in the near future.

Board Watching

By Robert Feder

Love does not belong in the Nilehi schools. Thus sayeth the Board of Education.

One of the most potentially meaningful and well-planned proposed courses in years, "Human Relationships" was rejected by the Nilehi Board last week because some of the members "weren't sure it was appropriate."

HAD IT BEEN approved, the course would have been taught on a trial basis during summer school 1973. And what a beautiful course it could have been. It sought to examine "expressions of love — caring, friendship, brotherhood, and interpersonal relationships."

A three-to-three vote failed to muster a majority approval.

For a system which is often insensitive to the emotional needs of the student, this course would have provided a unique study of self-awareness, self-respect, and self-acceptance.

IT WAS A TYPICAL course which modern educators applaud, students desire, and our board rejects.

Whether it was out of fear for the boldness of this endeavor, or out of ignorance for the value of "Human Relationships," (probably both) the three board members who rejected it, Dr. I. Ginsburgh, Mr. James Moore, and Mr. A. Poulakidas, showed an hypocrisy of great magnitude.

They insist that all school personnel and students be held accountable for their actions. Yet they explained their rationale to no one.

They expect highly trained staff members, like Counselor Pat Sanborn, to seek new directions in education. Yet they insult her efforts without so much as an explanation.

THEY EXPECT THE Educational Policy Development Committee to function with a sense of purpose and responsibility. Yet they demoralize EPDC's integrity by sloughing off their initiatives.

And they expect students to realize their identities and mature emotionally during their high school careers. Yet they refuse to approve, on a trial basis only, a course which would have provided students the best opportunity to develop their emotional awareness.

THESE THREE MEN, who serve on the Board because of their "love" for students and education, decided that Nilehi students should not be afforded the opportunity to study the most basic human experience — love itself.

And that is the greatest hypocrisy of all.

School Board Candidates Vie for Seats

On Saturday, April 14, voters will elect three citizens to serve on the Niles Township Board of Education, filling two three-year terms which expired this spring, and replacing the two-year term caused by the death of Mr. Paul Black. Any resident at least 18 years of age who has registered more than 30 days in advance may vote in the election.

This is a opportunity for many students to actively participate in deciding the trend of district policy for the next few years. Programs and courses rejected by the present Board might meet a different fate if the Board's complexion is changed.

Though the Nilehite staff has decided not to openly endorse any particular candidates, we believe several qualifications are mandatory for every member of the Board.

Above all else, Board of Education members must display an overriding concern for the student even when dealing with "strictly financial matters." They should seek opinions from teachers and students as well as administrators before making decisions, even when following the recommendation of the EPDC.

Participating on the Board requires much more than attendance at bi-weekly meetings. Members ought to visit the schools to discover where the real decisions are needed, a trip some present Board members have never made. To have a true sense of the problems confronting today's high school student, much more than just a knowledge of law or accounting is needed. The student must be taken into full consideration.

Following is a brief, and hopefully unbiased, description by Robert Seder of each candidate named on the ballot. Polls are open from noon until 8 p.m.

—Laura Miller
Editor

Readers' Express

Student Finds Good in School

To the Special Education and Guidance Departments:

I just wanted to thank you in writing for helping me this past school year. I have been sick this past year and the school has been wonderful in sending me my work. I have been able to keep up all my credits and won't have to go to summer school for anything.

I would especially like to thank Mrs. Handler and Mrs. Strassberg. (I hope that doesn't sound too much like the Academy Awards.)

To the students — know you have a lot of gripes against Niles East but believe me, there are, in my view, many good points.

Thank you.

G. J. '75

Three-year Term

Vying for the two three-year terms on the Board are Skokie residents Mr. George Hanus, Mrs. Evelyn Rosenzweig, and Mr. Harold Liss.

Mr. Hanus is a 25-year-old attorney who runs with the enthusiastic support of the Nilehi Caucus. He has been noted for his particularly good rapport with students, and an understanding of the present state of the schools as viewed by students. In recent months he has spent time in the Nilehi schools talking with student groups.

PTA Representatives

Mrs. Rosenzweig received Caucus approval after a stormy floor fight. She believes she understands the Nilehi schools because her children were Easthi students and she is a former PTA president. She is currently the PTA representative to the Board from East, and she allies herself with the "open-minded" faction of the Board.

Mr. Liss is a late-comer to the Board race, who filed his nominating petitions just before the deadline. He is North's PTA representative to the Board, and has said on occasion, "I think Dr. Gibbs is doing a tremendous job as superintendent."

Easthi Student

Easthi student Stuart Nelson, who sought a place on the ballot for one of the three-year terms was not allowed to run because he is only 18 years old,

and by state law, the minimum age to serve on a school board is 21.

Running head-on for the two-year term which would fill the unexpired tenure of the late Mr. Paul Black, are Skokians Mr. John Carlson and Mr. Ben Lipin.

Two-year Term

Mr. Carlson is an incumbent board member who is seeking a second term with Caucus backing. He had previously served on the District 73½ School Board, and is currently the secretary of the Nilehi board. He has been cited for his skillful business background and his understanding of business affairs. Throughout his term, Mr. Carlson has virtually always supported the administration's position on school matters.

Mr. Lipin has been an advocate of students' rights and welfare for more than ten years. In his capacity as a private citizen and as PTA board representative, Mr. Lipin has been largely responsible for making all Board of Education meetings public, and it was his efforts that brought public attention to the need for open student files for the first time. He has sought a board seat several times previously.

Teachers' Federation

The Nilehi Teachers' Federation has endorsed and is working for the candidacy of Mr. Hanus, Mrs. Rosenzweig, and Mr. Lipin.



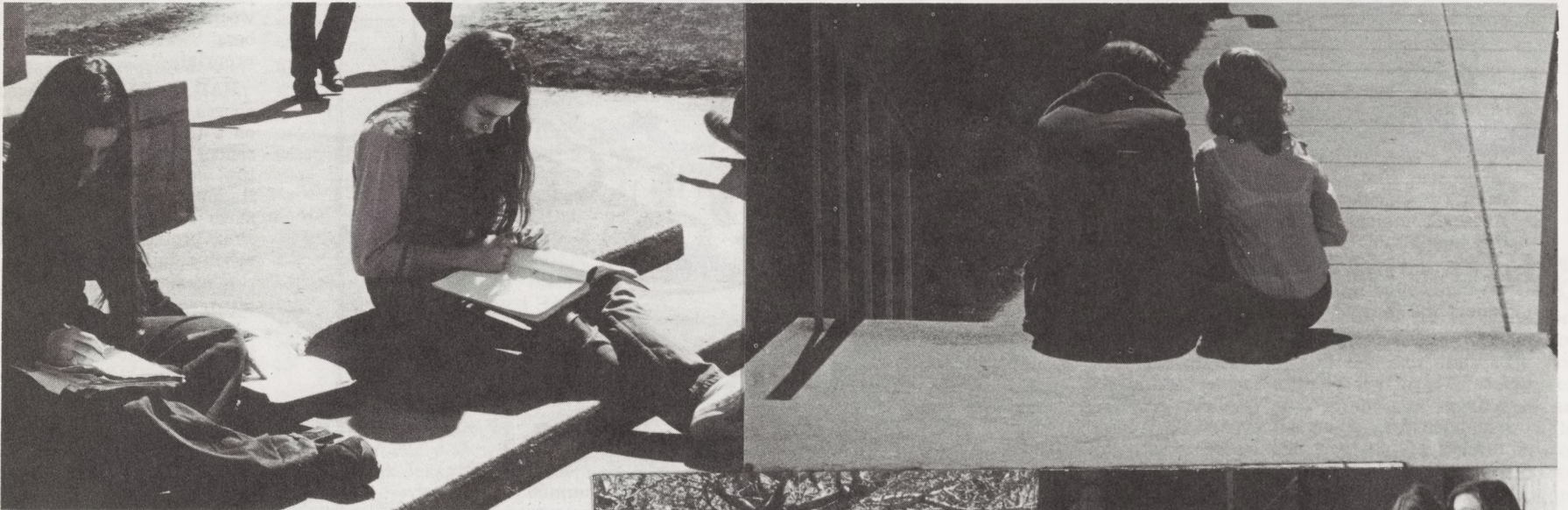
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Spring Fever Hits the Campus at East

Collage by Michelle Kulwin and Jeff Lotz. Photos by Jeff Lotz.



Fun in the Spring: Ideas for Getting Around

By Michele Freed

Spring has sprung; and accompanying the sunshine, soft breezes, sprouting green leaves, and allergies, excitement can be found. As the days grow longer, students' attention spans in the classroom quickly dissolve. Their interests turn to throwing frisbees in the courtyard or simply lying in the warm sun.

NOW IS THE TIME TO GO OUTSIDE AND ENJOY NATURE. Say goodbye to evenings spent in the library, and shed your winter clothes.

Take your bicycle out of the shed and go adventuring. Begin by riding to the beach, then follow the bike path along the Outer Drive. You can pedal over to Skokie Lagoons and have a picnic or rent a canoe. Ride as long as your legs hold out. Besides being an enjoyable way to exercise, bicycling is great for discovering new places. Races are even held in Northbrook for confident pedalers. If you don't want to participate, they are always fun to watch.

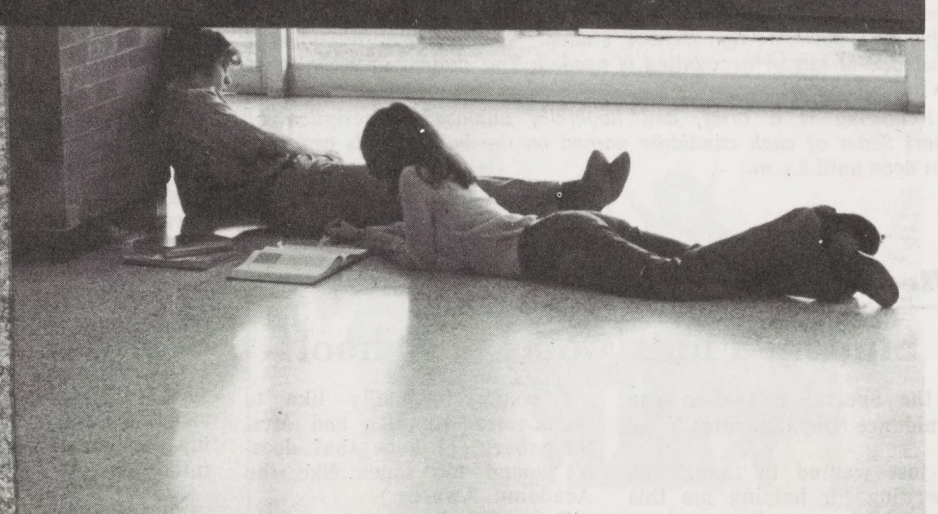
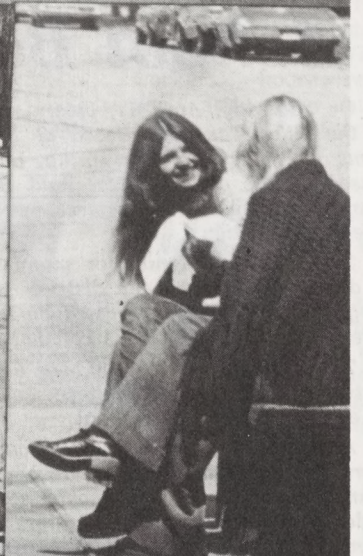
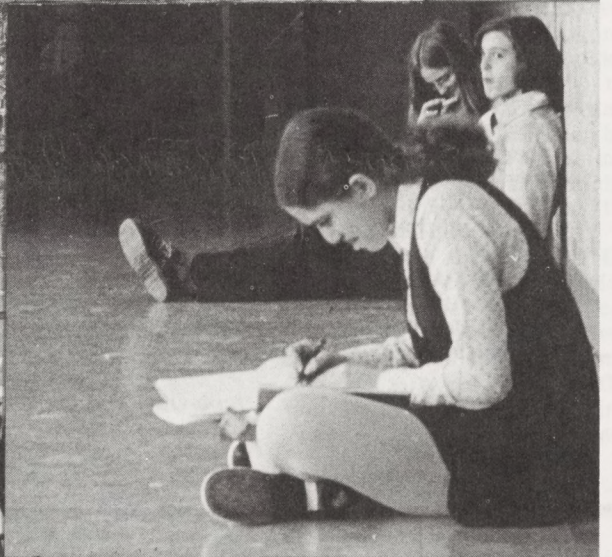
For the exotic person who enjoys new experiences, New Town boasts some fantastic out-of-the-way restaurants.

ANOTHER GREAT WAY TO WELCOME WARM WEATHER is to visit the zoo. Both Lincoln Park and Brookfield are fun and fascinating. Indian Boundary Park offers a smaller variety of animals amidst a playground setting complete with swings and a sandbox.

Baseball season has begun. Take a trip out to Wrigley Field or Comiskey Park and support your favorite team. Closer to home, local leagues begin organizing soon. Spend your spring days practicing in the park.

WITH A CAR, THERE ARE MANY ADDITIONAL PLACES TO SEE. Drive out to Honey Bear Farm only 60 miles from Chicago. Spend a few hours shopping, gazing at the animals, or playing the pinball machines. You can visit Farrell's at the Woodfield Shopping Center, or the Buffalo at Pulaski and Irving Park Road in Chicago, for a cool spring treat in a real old-fashioned ice cream parlor.

On the way home, pick up a Ravinia schedule, and start saving money to see some really great concerts. Before you know it, summer will be here.



Gymnasts Place 12th in State

The Niles East gymnastic team completed the 1972-73 season by finishing twelfth in the state meet Saturday, March 17, held at Mount Prospect High School. The Trojans did not finish as well as they had hoped to but still enjoyed a winning dual meet season. Niles East was ranked third in the state according to team scores compiled by the Illinois High School Association (I.H.S.A.). Overall the gymnasts had a 33-5 win-loss record. Senior Rick Robbin qualified on three events to the preliminaries held on the preceding Friday. Rick finished seventh in state in the five event all-around, fifteenth on horizon-

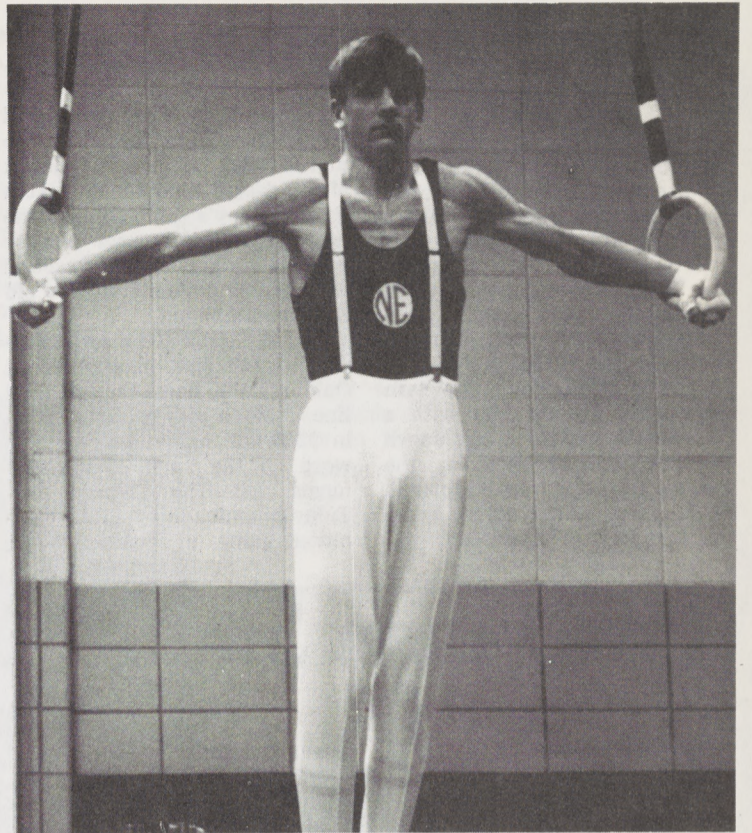
tal bar and eighteenth on parallel bars. Robbin earned 23 of East's total 45 points. Rick Powers placing nineteenth on pommel horse received 2 points, and sophomore phenomenon Steve Pollice scored 5 points for his sixteenth place finish on the trampoline.

KEITH KREITMAN was East's sole representative in the finals and he finished eighth out of ten qualifiers scoring 8.35 and receiving 13 team points. It has become increasingly more difficult to get into the prestigious State Finals. Illinois is considered by most college coaches to be the finest state in the country for high school gymnastics

and the qualifying scores have proved it. In order to qualify for the state meet in free-exercise, a score of 8.45 was required. The cut off point on the pommel horse was 7.95 while an 8.0 was needed to get in on horizontal bar. Trampoline was an 8.1, parallel bars an 8.0 while it took an 8.4 on the still rings.

Scores were as high as a 9.10 for Niles West's Bart Conner on parallel bars and Steve Sossman's performance on the rings. Elk Grove's Bob Sieminowski received a 9.0 for his winning routine on the side horse while York's Curt Austin was rewarded a 9.05 for his free-exercise set. Three of the current state champions finished only one-tenth of a point above the runner-up. Chuck Walter of Hinsdale Central scored 8.9 to place second on the horse behind Sieminowski, while his teammate Doug Wood finished second to Sossman on the rings with a 9.0. Mark Ford, a Titan from Glenbrook South was one tenth down on York's Dave Daniel who captured trampoline with an 8.85.

WITH THE LOSS of seniors Keith Kreitman, Rick Robbin, Eric Nagel, Ken Golden, Howie Deutsch, and Steve Levit through graduation this year, the Trojans will still have a better team next season. Scott Harrison will be one of the top performers on free-exercise for the 73-74 season; Bill Bro, Mike Burke, and Barry Liametz will work the pommel horse; Lori Lichtenstein, Steve Pollice and Brian Borkin will be among the working trampolinists; Barry Scher will stand out on the parallel bars along with Nat "the Dude" Lawrence, while Steve Kozub will be among top state contenders for next year's still rings title.



Junior Steve Kozub will be one of the leading factors on next year's gymnastic team. Kozub was one of the top ranked ring performers in the state this season.

Golfers Aim High

By Marlin Brinsky

Spring is here, and this is the time when golfers swing out to the golf courses to play a round any chance they get. At East, this time of season is when the golfers start practicing inside in preparation for their first meet. This year's initial meet is being held at Riverside-Brookfield April 9. First home meet is at East's home course, Arlington Heights Golf Course, April 16 at 3 p.m.

MR. JERRY Oswald, varsity coach is very high on this year's squad. Mr. Oswald is looking to returning lettermen, junior Andy Ruttenberg and sophomore Ken Kramer, along with junior Phil Cech to head the team throughout the season. Mr. Oswald hopes these three boys could make it down state this season. He adds that they have a good chance along with the talent necessary to do it.

MR. OSWALD has the team working on their short iron game for the upcoming season, explaining that this is where the most shots are gained and loss on the course, and where meets are won and lost. The system of scoring golf on the high school level is unique. East, competing in the Central Suburban League plays each of the other schools in the league one time. For each win, the team receives two points. After finishing this schedule the league holds a meet with the first team collecting 12 points, second 11, and so on. First place is determined by the combined scores of the league schedule and meet. There is only one division in golf, unlike football, or baseball which has two. Thus, the team with the highest total score is league champ.

In dual match competition the team with the lowest points wins.

Netters Predict Winning Season

By Scott Skaletsky

"I think that this is the best that we've had in four years. We should take third in league this year." So were the comments of senior Pete Stearns, on the 1973 tennis season. This year four seniors and five juniors are on the team. Besides these players, two sophomores, Eugene Guerrero and Steve Pales were placed on the varsity. Gene, who was seeded last year and Steve add an extra punch to the lineup, because both are rapidly improving. Scott Skaletsky, a junior should add strength this year since he was also seeded for singles in the Suburban League, and advanced to the semi-finals of the Suburban League tournament for sophomores last year.

JIM COHN, another junior, didn't play all of last year because of ineligibility, but as a freshman and part of his sophomore year, showed great hustle, and is showing it again this year. The other juniors, Claude Sadovsky, Randy Sable, and Steve Ohlhausen give good depth to the varsity. Dave Daitchman, a senior will help the team's record because in his sophomore year he had one of the best records himself. Dale Plotkin, '73 had a good record in his sophomore year also which will benefit the netters. Pete Stearns has been improving every year and this should be his best at number one singles.

As reported earlier, the tennis team faces some tough compe-

tition this year, against Deerfield and Highland Park. The toughest meet of the year will be the Maine South Invitational, April 12. Some of the teams in this meet are Arlington, New Trier East, Deerfield, and Evanston. These are the best teams from all suburban conferences.

A SCHEDULE REVISION has been made and the first meet has been scheduled for April 9, against Proviso East at home, and April 10 will be the first home conference meet of the year. Niles East tennis is fast and exciting. At every meet there is always a match on every court. Come out and watch the Trojans in action this year. The bleachers are out and admission is free.

Intramurals Expands

By Norberto Kogan

The populace of Niles East has been blessed with an immense and quality-possessed intramural program. The devoted sponsor, Mr. Fred Richardi plans to have organized 14 different intramural activities by the end of the school term. Some of the activities which have already occurred include swimming, touch football, cross country, and basketball. Chess and table tennis are now beginning and volleyball, badminton, weightlifting, floor hockey, and a new innovative idea, intramural bombardment are planned.

RECEIVING THE ASSISTANCE of colleagues, Mr. Richardi has outlined a fantastic program for all students who do not compete in interscholastic sports. (Students may not participate in an activity if they are on the school's team in that activity. The program is organized to promote student participation and to provide an atmosphere in which students may enjoy themselves.

Intramurals under u n d e r Richardi is now in its second year. He believes that with greater ease of communications to the student body, more people could be taking advantage of the program. As of late, participation has increased but not to the point where Mr. Richardi is satisfied.

AN EXAMPLE of student apathy was displayed when Mr.

Richardi organized a track meet and only four students participating.

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Seniors Pete Stearns and Dale Poltkin prepare for the upcoming season. Stearn's will be the Trojans top competitor for a State title. (Photo by Wally McCormack)

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Baseball Season Underway

By Dave Garlick

The Niles East Baseball team was delayed in opening their 1973 season last Tuesday against the Waukegan Bulldogs because of inclement weather, in a game that would have been played at the Trojan's home field Oakton Park.

THE TROJANS will open the season without the services of shortstop Mark Zolt, who tore tendons in his shoulder with a fall during practice on March 26. Zolt will be out for the season. Surgery was performed on Monday April 2, at St. Francis Hospital, in Evanston.

The men of Troy will send junior Ron Klienschmidt to the mound this afternoon against Maine North at 4:30 at Oakton Park. Today's game marks the first Central Suburban League game for the Trojan Baseball team since moving from the old Suburban League.

TEAM NOTES: A new bullpen mound has been built at Oakton Park, down the left field line. . . Each player has chipped in \$2.50 for name plates to be worn on the back of the uniforms. . . The Trojans beat Tuley of Chicago 1-0 in an exhibition game at Oakton Park,

March 22. Craig Ricci, Jeff Johnson, and Dennis Desilla combined for the shutout. There were no umpires and free substitution was allowed. . . The JV team opens its schedule tomorrow at Oakton Park, at 10:30 a.m. . . The Nilehilite staff's apologies to catchers Jim George and Paul Dones, who were omitted from the team profile in the March 23 issue, and Ed Calvo, whose name was omitted from the team roster the same issue. . . The team was invited to a brunch at the Pickle Barrel Restaurant at 12 last Sunday.



Trojans practice at Oakton Park for CSL opener against Maine North today. (Photo by Mike Fryer)

Trackmen Smash 17 Records

By Ron Miller

The 1973 Indoor Track season provided Trojan fans the brand of excitement and hope that seems to be returning at Niles East athletics. Breaking practically every previous record, the freshmen set the pace for a successful season. The varsity followed suit, with Dave Gronski achieving national recognition (his time of 6.1 seconds in the 50-yard low hurdles was listed among top high school performances in "Track and Field News"), Steve Sussman setting a new record every time he ran the two mile race, and many juniors showing promise,

poise, and pride.

IN THEIR FINAL meet, against Notre Dame and Hubbard, the frosh-soph squad won by half a point, while the varsity took second. Freshman star Sal Parenti again won the low and high hurdles and long jump. Al Lebovitz was fourth in the low hurdles, while Fred Rosenthal took second in the long jump and first in the pole vault. Steve Meister and Mark Lichtenstein continued to excel in distance events, taking first and second in the two mile run. Lichtenstein and Larry Bower finished second and third in the

mile. Mike Uhle and Barry Rubin took second and fourth in the 440, while Joel Sher finished fourth in the fifty yard dash. Neil Schreiber won the high jump, and Mike Donlon and Joe Colucci scored again in the shot put, winning second and third.

Steve Sussman, though sick all day with a fever, claimed victory in the two mile run. Dave Gronski won both hurdle events; this is monotonous to track fans, but it is welcome monotony. Tom Kropf was second in the mile. Bruce Mandel won the 880, with Rick Berlow finishing fourth. Terry Lee and Bob Somerman finished second and third in the 440. As seniors next year they should be exciting to watch. They'll have competition in this key event from Glenn Davidson, Ron Seplow, and Barry Rubin. Larry King and Corey Stricker were first and third in the fifty yard dash, and Stricker was third in the long jump. Mike Wolfensohn won the pole vault. The Trojans took second in the other field events, as Ross Pollack in the shot put and sophomore Craig Wagner in the high jump continued to succeed in their pursuit of new records.

THE OUTDOOR season should give fans more cause for optimism as it gives the team more experience for next year. Head Coach Jim Huskey and staff are hoping the team continues to demonstrate the pride and determination that have carried them so far. Winners of the Trojan Track Pride trophy two weeks ago were Bob Somerman on varsity, and Craig Wagner, a sophomore who has high jumped tremendously on the varsity level. All the track team needs now is a little student enthusiasm.

Varsity Records Broken

60-yd high hurdles, Gronski—7.6
50-yd low hurdles, Gronski—6.1
880-yd run, Mandel—2:09
2-mile run, Sussman—9:44.8
Shot Put, Pollack—48'10"

Instant Replay

Zolt Breaks Attendance Marks

by Scott Jacobson

As a close and personal friend of Niles East's shortstop Mark Zolt, I think it's great the amount of support and encouragement the Niles East Baseball team and all of Mark's friends have given him by visiting Mark this past week at St. Francis Hospital, in Evanston.

MARK WAS running in the indoor track with the rest of the baseball squad on Wednesday, March 28, when he accidentally tripped and landed on his right

shoulder causing some tendons to tear loose. Mark was then rushed to St. Francis Hospital by teammate Jeff Johnson, where surgery was performed during the week to repair the damage to the tendons.

Visiting Mark is a unique experience. When I went to see Mark last Friday night, with a friend, we found ourselves waiting in line. Luckily, we did not go the previous night where at one point that evening 15 team-

days are over and only painful memories of wasted opportunities remain.

Some 70 miles to the east of Lockport however, tournament underdog Hirsch is all smiles because they have just robbed Lockport and cinderella team New Trier East of the state title. And probably 6 foot, all-state guard Ricky Greene, is grinning the widest. He engineered his team to three upsets in a row — 47-40 over Moline in which he made 4 late game thefts to rally his team from behind, 83-67 over Lockport in which he scored 25 points and twice swatted away Ellis Files' hook shots, and 65-51 for the championship over New Trier East in which he scored 16 points and three times blocked jump shots by East's 6'8" center Chris Wall.

BUT IF GREENE was the scoring and defensive ace for Hirsch, then certainly John Robinson and Joshua Smith were their rebounding kings. Only against New Trier did Hirsch lose the backboard battle.

PERHAPS THE real story of the tournament doesn't lie in the score of the games or the individual statistics, but, rather lies in that intangible quantity coaches so often speak of — desire. The two teams who played eventually for the state title, New Trier and Hirsch, were rated next to last and last respectively among the tourney teams.

PERHAPS ERNEST THAYER, when he wrote "Casey at the Bat", was familiar with the Ellis Files of the world. Possibly the title of this article should read: "With Apologies to Lockport—signed Ellis Files".



Corey Stricker (right) completes his leg of the 4-lap relay as he hands the baton to Mike Wolfensohn. (Photo by Neil Motin)



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