

# Finals Abolished!

## Teachers Approve Measure

A NEW FINAL EXAMS PROCEDURE, effective this semester, has been approved by the faculty and administration. The proposal abolishes finals as a mandatory one-fourth of a student's semester grade. However, individual teachers may still administer cumulative exams at any time to evaluate students' progress. Ideally, the grades of the three marking periods will be weighed equally in determining the final grade. The semester exam schedule will be abbreviated to include periods 1-5 the first day, and 6-12 the second.

Acceptance of the finals proposal came two years after a problem sensing committee first suggested that revision of the semester exam structure was of over-riding concern to the school. At that time a committee was formed to specifically study the problem.

THE FINAL EXAMS COMMITTEE concluded that over-emphasis on the exam caused the students undue pressure and thus its structure should be drastically altered. The members agreed to study various proposals but only recommend for acceptance that which met the approval of both the faculty and student body.

Suggestions allowing the student option, then a joint student-teacher decision, and finally just class discussion on the matter

### 'Crucible' Coming January 19-20

Niles East's winter play this year will be Arthur Miller's drama "The Crucible," with production dates planned for January 19 and 20.

The play is set in Salem, Massachusetts. Twenty students will act in the story of the Puritan purge of witchcraft, portraying how small lies of children build and build, arousing an entire town. As a result, 19 men and women go to the gallows for being possessed of the Devil.

Auditions were held Wednesday and yesterday and will be held today, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the auditorium. Tryouts consist of recitation of a memorized one-minute passage from any other play. Students also should be familiar with "The Crucible," and will participate in several improvisational situations.

Rehearsals begin Monday and continue until January 18 from 3 to 5:45 p.m. on every school day. Additional rehearsals will be held Saturday, January 13, and Sunday, January 14.



Homecoming court (left to right) Bonnie Friedman, Cindy Brown, Sylvia Mandel, Queen Cindy Weiss, and Laurie Greiman appear at halftime show also featuring Niles East marching band.

were all enthusiastically received by the student body and defeated by the staff.

The primary objection was that students should have no hand in developing the educational policy. However, due to the committee's stick-to-itiveness, the idea of change finally started to gain support.

At the beginning of this year Mr. James Dougherty, biology teacher, submitted the present proposal, quite similar to previous ones, for recommendation by the committee. After much debate the measure was accepted by the faculty and now has been adopted as school policy.

Dr. Colver, principal, said of the policy, "At least we have achieved a change for the better in the exam system. It should reduce the artificial over-emphasis placed on exams."

It is hoped by the administration that teachers will follow the new procedure with a close evaluation of all grading techniques.



Near capacity audiences filled the Niles East auditorium November 9, 10, and 11, when "Journeys of the Mind . . . A Reflection on Fantasy" displayed the talents of 108 students, stage band, and crews. Above: Ten soloists and a background chorus express fantasy in their "California Dreamin'."



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## Government News

### STUDENT FILES OPENED

Countless hours of hard work and dedication by students, parents, and administrators came to fruition Monday night, when the Niles Board of Education unanimously approved the new policy which opens student files to inspection.

The policy includes the controversial "Right to Challenge" clause, whereby the student or parent could have certain portions of a file removed if proved to be a misrepresentation.

Still under consideration is the Board's position on suitable penalties for violation of confidentiality, should a breach of trust occur.

One board member remarked that any staff member who violates this policy of secrecy deserves immediate dismissal.

Last Monday's meeting was the first to be completely tape recorded. A representative of the PTA objected to this new procedure on the basis that recording might inhibit some citizens from expressing themselves.

The Board will reconvene 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 20 at 8800 Gross Point Rd.

### LEGISLATURE INCREASES MEMBERSHIP

Homeroom representatives meeting with the regular volunteers has greatly increased membership of the Student Legislature. Committees have been formed to write a "State of the Student" evaluation of the school system, and also a guidebook to Niles East courses and teachers.

Dr. Colver met with the Legislature last Monday to discuss grievances and suggestions for improvement with the members.

### CABINETS MEET TOGETHER

The four class level cabinets have been under attack in recent months for failing to properly meet their goal of class unity.

At the request of junior Robert Feder, Dr. Colver called an unprecedented conference of the cabinet presidents, sponsors, and Dr. Roth, activities director.

The meeting, held yesterday, centered on the current organizational structure and by-laws of the cabinets. It is hoped that further discussion can be initiated among other student organizations.

## Junior Achievers Learn Business Sense Early

Nearly 300 mini-corporations were established this fall by thousands of Chicagoland high school members of Junior Achievement.

"But it is not too late for other high school students to

join the student managers of the hundreds of companies operating in 24 Junior Achievement Business Centers located throughout the area," said Thomas M. Pendergast, executive vice-president of Junior Achievement of Chicago.

Students assemble in the Business Centers near their homes and organize their companies. They then decide what products they will manufacture. With the guidance of advisors from the sponsoring corporations, the new managers will sell stock to raise capital, purchase raw materials, manufacture products, and market them.

EMPHASIZING THAT Achievers develop and carry out their own ideas in the mini-corporations they establish, Pendergast invited interested high school students to contact JA immediately and "have fun while meeting new friends and learning how to run a successful business."

High school students who are interested in setting up and run-

Several college representatives are available each week in the Resource Center, Room 108, to inform students about various schools across the country.		
Nov. 17	NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY UNIVERSITY OF IOWA	9:00-10:00 2:30- 3:30
Nov. 20	MILWAUKEE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING	11:00-12:00
Nov. 21	MUNDELEIN COLLEGE KENDALL COLLEGE	10:00-11:00 11:00-12:00
Nov. 28	WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO KNOX COLLEGE	8:30- 9:30 10:00-11:00 11:00- 1:00
Nov. 30	NORTHWOOD INSTITUTE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ART	9:00-10:00 9:00-10:00
Dec. 4	UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, WHITEWATER	10:00-11:00
Dec. 6	ROBERT MORRIS COLLEGE	9:00-10:00
Dec. 8	BELOIT COLLEGE	8:30- 9:30
Interested students should sign up in the Guidance Office, Room 107.		

## Judge Discusses Issues; Students Invited

Interested in politics? Mr. Harold W. Sullivan, presiding judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County District 2 will speak on constitutional issues here at Niles East.

On November 29, Judge Sullivan will preside over Mrs. Betty Quinn's history and political science classes. Each period will include a five to ten minute lecture followed by questions, comments, or problems brought up by the students.

THE JUDGE WILL DISCUSS such subjects as the rights of arrested defendants (Miranda vs. Arizona, and the Escobedo case), and the separation of the church from the state as seen in the Tennessee election case. He will attempt to relate historically decisive cases to present day judicial practice and will give a brief explanation of the court system. Judge Sullivan will be drawing from his own practical experience as well as those cases which may be found in newspapers and texts.

Seven other judges preside over 18 suburbs of northern Cook County which serves 500,000 people. Judge Sullivan is the chief justice of this district. These eight judges rotate to various suburbs to hear the Circuit Court cases which deal with any violation of state law.

ning a corporation may write Junior Achievement headquarters at 5 North Wabash Avenue, Chicago 60602, or they may phone JA at 346-1350 for application forms.

The nearest center to Niles, the North Suburban Business Center, 823 Davis St., Evanston 60201, is open Monday through Thursday.

Each student participating will meet one day a week, 7 to 9 p.m., through this school year.

JUDGE SULLIVAN estimated that 50 per cent of the cases he hears are traffic violations while 30 per cent are mostly criminal felonies.

Judge Sullivan attended Loyola University and DePaul where he obtained his J. D. (doctor of laws), and B. A. degrees in 1952. In that year he became a public defender and in 1954 he began his own law practice. Eight years later Judge Sullivan was elected to city court which later consolidated into Circuit Court.

JUDGE SULLIVAN STATES that his actual job is raising his twelve children, the oldest of which is a college freshman and the youngest is one and a half years of age.

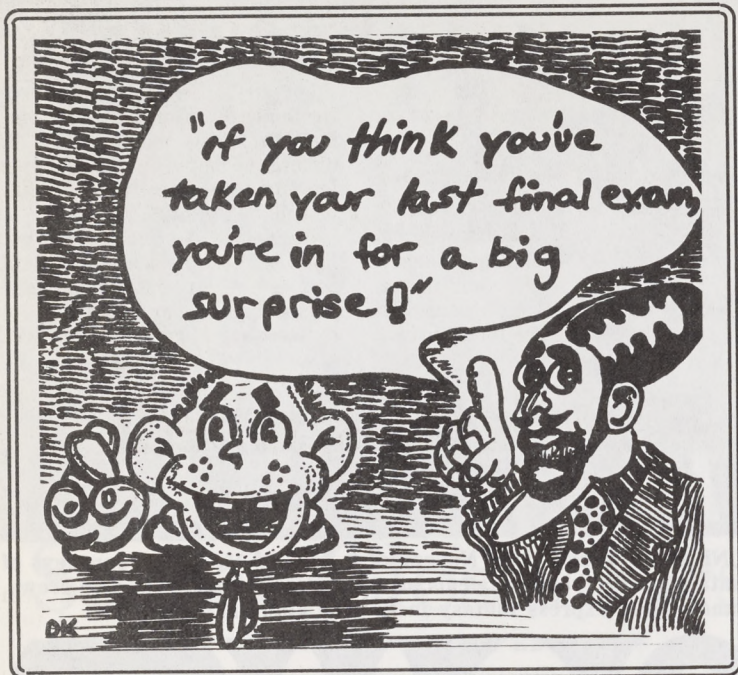
The judge has visited approximately one-third of the high schools within his district which includes all the high schools in Skokie. He believes that it is part of his job to help educate students on judicial procedure.

When asked what types of questions he was anticipating from the students, Judge Sullivan replied that most students are interested in their personal rights in court, justice in the court system, political philosophy such as the legalization of marijuana, and the students own personal experiences in court.

"IN COURT NOBODY may question the judge so here is an opportunity to talk back," said Judge Sullivan.

Students interested in attending rap sessions with the judge may come to the following rooms during their free time: Room 325, period 1; Room 231, periods 4, 5, 8, and 10-11.

"Come see the judge," is Mrs. Quinn's invitation to all students of Niles East.



## Legal Action Line

- Q. Who is responsible if a fan gets hurt at a sports event?  
— MAINE NORTH
- A. As long as the promoters of the event have taken reasonable precautions to provide a safe place for spectators each person is legally responsible for his own welfare.
- Q. What are the differences between the new marijuana law and the old one?  
— MAINE NORTH
- Q. What are the penalties for possession of marijuana by a minor?  
— TINLEY PARK
- A. The new marijuana law lessens the penalty for possession and makes it possible for those under 18 to have their cases moved to Juvenile Court. Current pot penalties depend on how much you are caught with. The scale is:
1. less than 2.5 grams = not more than 90 days.
  2. between 2.5 and 10 grams = not more than 180 days,
  3. between 10 and 30 grams (first offense) = not more than one year,
  4. between 10 and 30 grams (subsequent offenses) = one to two years,
  5. between 30 and 500 grams (first offense) = one to three years,
  6. between 30 and 500 grams (subsequent offenses) = two to six years,
  7. more than 500 grams (first offense) = one to five years,
  8. more than 500 grams (subsequent offenses) = two to seven years.
- Under the new law, first offenders caught with less than 2.5 grams are eligible for probation.
- Q. If you, while talking to a friend, refer to the police as "cops," "fuzz," or "pigs," and are overheard by an officer nearby, can he arrest you or threaten to do so?  
— OAK LAWN
- A. No. Courts have ruled that words such as these are political expressions and as such protected by Constitutional free speech guarantees, so long as there is no intent to provoke a breach of the peace.
- Q. Are employers liable for accidents that occur during work?  
— GLENBROOK SOUTH
- A. An employer would be liable for a work-related accident only if it could be proved that the accident was a result of his negligence or that the work was particularly dangerous in nature. Otherwise the worker is responsible for his own welfare.
- Q. If a student lies about his age in order to get a job, could there be legal problems?  
— GLENBROOK SOUTH
- A. The situation should never arise if the employer obeys the law. State law requires an employer to certify a minor's age before he can hire him. To get a certification form a student would have to present his birth certificate and get the form notarized making it difficult to lie about his age. Any employer who hired a minor without this form would be breaking the law and might be in very serious trouble in the event of an accident.
- Q. What are the hour limitations on work for students? What is the minimum wage required by law for students 15, 16, 17 and 18?  
— GLENBROOK SOUTH
- A. A minor may not work more than eight hours a day or more than 40 hours a week. State statutes do not set out a specific scale for minors but merely state that the wage must be in keeping with what is fair for the work being done. In most cases, this means that minors should receive at least the minimum wage set down by federal law presently \$1.60 an hour. Some jobs such as farm labor, are exempt from the law and may pay lower wages but these are exceptions.
- Q. What is the legal power of the Student Council in the school? That is their legislative power?  
— REAVIS H.S.
- A. Unfortunately, none. Student councils are not even mentioned in the Illinois school code and they certainly have no legal powers of any sort. In fact, the law does not even require that a school have a student council. There have been rare administrators who have taken advantage of this to abolish a student council that has annoyed them. Most student assemblies are advisory in nature and exist only on the tolerance of the school board and administration. It is very seldom that any student council is given a real voice in the running of the school. Most have only the powers granted them by their particular school; powers that can be quickly taken away if the administration disapproves of the way the students are using them.

One may submit questions for the Legal Action Line to the NILEHILITE.

## A Final Word On Finals

Just last year, the students of East were sweating out final exams. From the first day of school to the last, final exams were hanging over the students like a dark cloud. Knowing that these exams counted one-fourth of their grades, even the best students shuddered. Why, they asked, why should we have to go through this torture?

This year, things have changed. Several weeks ago, an announcement was made by teachers saying that final exams will no longer be mandatory. It will be up to the discretion of the teacher whether or not final exams will be given.

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Personal Essay

## Homecoming: A Change For The Worse?

by Scott Skaletsky

This year's homecoming was billed as a "new look," and "updated." It certainly was. The idea of a homecoming that is not restricted to couples or is not formal is a good one, and it showed that the committees were beginning to "change with the times." As this idea was made public, it was praised by staff and students alike, that finally homecoming will not just be another school event riddled with student uninterest.

THE NOTION OF A "new look" homecoming was quickly tarnished when homecoming night rolled around. The new idea, a group of professional players was not received well by students. Approximately 150 kids were in attendance, and by the time of the first intermission, which everyone thought was the end, about 70 and 80 people remained. This could be explained by the quality of the play, which was poor to terrible. But 150

proposed the idea and the proposal was passed along to the staff. The teachers voted overwhelmingly to make finals a decision of the teacher.

This decision made by the staff has advanced the educational process at East. It has removed unnecessary pressure on the student, and frees the student to actually learn the material, not just absorb it and spew it out again like a robot. And since the student knows that his or her teacher might give an exam, the right amount of motivation has not been forgotten.

WE APPLAUD THE DECISION of the staff and the administration and hope that the opponents of the idea realize the importance of the new policy.

people showing up to an "updated" homecoming? One thought by hearing the P.A. announcements that the entire school would come to a colossal revue. The poor showing can be explained by one thought: the committee, in its attempt to change homecoming completely forgot about the student.

IF HOMECOMING WERE NOT SUPPOSED to be the formal event it has grown to be, why couldn't the committee have hired a rock group? Surely, the majority of students at East would come to see a concert. A change such as this would be welcomed.

THE SPIRIT OF HOMECOMING starts with the game. Even though the team didn't do so well, the spirit was still there. The good feeling should not be obliterated by a bad homecoming night.

### From Our Readers

## Sound Off!

Dear Editor,

I FEEL THAT THE LIBRARY'S bookkeeping system leaves little to be desired. Many students, this year, have had their report cards withheld supposedly because of overdue books, when they had already returned these books. The parents of these students received notes from the library saying that these books must be returned if report cards were to be obtained. The note said that encouraging the child or children to act promptly would uplift their responsibility.

It seems of the most peculiar nature that the library has so very many missing books, when many students state that they don't have these books anymore. Maybe the library should recheck its filing system.

STUDENTS WHO BECOME afraid of unjustifiable accusations are less prone to take out books. This would be most unfortunate since the library has many fine books to choose from.

I'M SURE THAT THE library takes interest in knowing that students are gaining the added knowledge that only books give. The librarians on many occasions make students aware of their concern. They are quite adequate in seeing that the library is quiet, uncluttered, and containing only silent students. With this in mind I'm well-assured matters will be promptly looked into.

Lynn Moss '74

Dear Editor,

AS MEMBERS OF THE Cross Country team, which we are proud to be part of, we wish to address this letter to Mr. Heiniger through the Nilehilite. Cross Country is an underrated sport to say the least, so underrated that we bet that few peo-

ple know that this is the best season we have had in ten years on all three levels! On October 24 the Cross Country team participated in STATE DISTRICTS and on that day, it wasn't even mentioned in the announcements.

THIS IS NOT the only incident where we have been ignored. On October 7 was "Ike" What's-his-name Day and the ceremonies were to be held at 2. On October 7 the Trojan Invitational was held at 10. But Mr. Heiniger was not there. Maybe we should be thankful that Coach Ricardi and Mr. Winans came.

These two incidents are nothing compared to October 21 when we were virtually thrown out of the so-called Athletic Locker Room. We got back from a meet at about 2:30. As soon as we got into the so-called Athletic Locker Room, Mr. Castino says to be out in 5 minutes because the football has to have their halftime talk. The reason I call it the so-called Athletic Locker Room is because it seems more like the football locker room. Tell us. Is it the Athletic Locker Room or is it the Football Locker Room?

Scot Smith '73  
Jeff Burgess '75  
Bob Schuett '75  
Mark Scherfling '75  
Ron Rovner '74  
Terry Lee '74

Dear Editor,

I thought the student action at the homecoming celebration was terrible. Not only did they give little consideration to the committee for all of their hard work, but do the students have no feelings for the poor girl they elected queen, and the girls that wanted to be queen, and deserved it? The

student body treated homecoming as a joke, but the last laugh will be on them when there is no longer a homecoming at Niles East.

Dave Garlick '74

Dear Editor

In the last issue of the Nilehilite, I was more than surprised but also delighted to see the article concerning skiing.

MY HEART JUST SORT of quivered when I realized the season was well on its way, accompanied by frostbite, broken legs, pneumonia and all the rest of its goodies.

The subject matter was not what I expected for a school newspaper. Nevertheless, it was interesting, arousing, and definitely a joy to read. It started me off dreaming and anticipating the snow.

I MUST COMMEND both you and your staff on a fine paper this year.

Good Luck,  
—A Supporting Ski Freak,

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# Acting Classes: Learning Through Escape

by Mike Zucker

Educated from the neck up, most people would think it absurd in learning to feel their toes yell, their body explode, or their hands hear.

Probably only students in acting classes have experienced and understood these feelings, because acting classes are different. There are no desks in neat rows since everyone sits in a circle. There are no blackboards because words can't explain clearly what experiencing can. Creativity is encouraged, and no one is labeled a "good" or "bad" student.

**LEARNING ITSELF** is less important than learning how to develop creativity, share personal feelings with others, and overcome the fear of doing both. This type of learning is difficult to find. It cannot be found in Chapter Four of a Non-Western textbook, under a microscope in biology, or in a friend's notes on how to solve polynomials. It is not a forced learning. Referrals are unlikely because most look forward to class.

At first, students work without any script, and they might receive these directions while practicing in the auditorium: "Imagine a substance that you've never felt before. It can feel like molasses or water, or anything you make it. Let it be all around so you can walk through it slowly and feel it with your whole body. Feel it against your face ... your kneecaps ... your eyebrows. Make ripples in it with your hand. Walk backwards into it and really feel it. Try to enjoy it..."

**EXERCISES OF THIS KIND** help develop the basic senses, and enable someone to become more sensitive to the environment around him. "Most people never really see, or taste, or hear," Mr. Jerry Proffit, acting teacher, said referring to people too involved in their own world to realize a larger one.

Other exercises might consist of feeling a certain age with the entire body, tasting vividly an imaginary full course meal, or mimicking someone, attempting to be his mirror image. All

require much concentration if they're to have any meaning.

**ANYONE WITH A HUMAN MIND** can learn to develop his senses and find new ones if he wants to work at it. People gravely underestimate their capabilities, resulting in the fact that an average person only uses eight per cent of his brain.

The other 92 per cent is never touched.

Recognizing the fantastic creative potential already in people, acting courses simply encourage them to explore it more. Unfortunately, it's buried beneath layers of inhibitions, fancies, and a desire for approval

from peers. Removing or keeping inhibitions would mean the difference between really experiencing a new feeling, or faking it and being afraid to.

Permitted to leave the confines of their desks, students can use their entire bodies to learn, create, and develop potential that is rarely discovered.

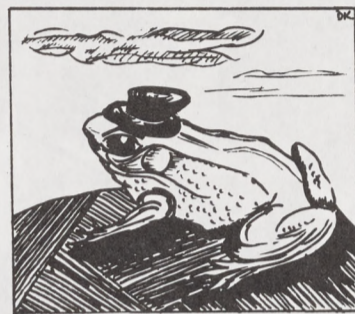
## College Boards Described: ACT, SAT, and PSAT - NMSQT

by Michele Freed

**THE TWO REQUIREMENTS** for taking the PSAT-NMSQT, ACT, and SAT, are to study the bulletin distributed with each, and get to sleep early the night before they are given.

The PSAT-NMSQT given to juniors in the fall, prepares

the student for the ACT and SAT counting only for the National Merit Scholarship. It consists of two sections: math



and verbal. The grading scale ranges from 20 to 80, 45 to 50 being average. Each section is scored separately, then made into a composite which shows the total of points.

The ACT and SAT given at a cost of \$6.50 to the student are both four hour tests with breaks in between. All colleges required the ACT, whereas the SAT is required only by some. The grading scale of the SAT is similar to that of the PSAT, with a zero added onto the score (200 to 800.)

**STUDENTS ASK**, "Should we guess on questions if we're not sure of the answer?" Scores are based on the number of questions answered correctly, minus a fraction of the number incorrect. Therefore, it is improbable that random or haphazard guessing will change your score significantly.

Questions on the SAT will concern antonyms (given a word, find the opposite), filling in the correct word omitted in a sentence, analogies (given a pair of words, find another that expresses a similar relationship), reading comprehension (reading a story consisting of a few paragraphs and answering questions afterward), standard multiple choice questions, and data sufficiency questions (deciding if the given data is sufficient for answering the question).

**THE ACT CONSISTS OF FOUR PARTS:** English, math, science, and history with a grading scale of 1 to 36.

The outcome of the ACT and in some cases the SAT along with the grade point average will determine what colleges are available to the individual.

The dates of the ACT this year are December 9, February 24, April 28, and July 1. The SAT will be given December 2, January 13, April 7, and July 14.

### Thoughts For Thanksgiving

*I never let my schooling interfere with my education . . .*

Mark Twain

*Happiness is like a kiss, you must share it to have it . . .*

Olivio Santoro

*We can always live on less when we have more to live for . . .*

S. Stephen McKenney

*I'd rather live in a cause that will one day win than win in a cause that will someday lose . . .*

Woodrow Wilson

*Worry is the interest you pay on trouble you borrow . . .*

*Even though one day may be a cloudy one, it is a day after all. For when the clouds move away, we can see the sun again . . .*

## We don't make promises. We make guarantees.

We have too many good things to offer you to make any up. (They're so good you may think we are making them up.) Read on.

We won't guarantee you anything we can't pay off. (If we guarantee you Hawaii, start waxing your surfboard. You'll need it.)

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Patrick J. Cunningham

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OR PHONE:  
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## Singer's Tune

BY MARTY SINGER  
An Election Fairytale

One day a tired old tree frog lay on a lily pad in the bustling little pond that he called home. Brodsky had lived through it all — the racial riots of the toads, the War between the Snakes, the Stock Market Splash, and attacks from those crazy biology students.

**LIFE WAS VERY SAD** for an old bachelor like Brodsky, so bleak that he had not moved from that soggy lived-in water lily for the past 20 years when the first race riots began. The old frog would snatch all his food and do all his worldly meditating from that same spot year after year. Nothing could make him move — nothing until that special election when the impossible happened.

The powerful Croakerville family always had dominated life in the pond. Shrewd and extremely wealthy, they governed as the only political party in existence. Sure there was a democracy in the pond, but no one was strong enough to pose any serious threat in an election.

The Croakervilles owned and collected rent on every water lily thus leaving every citizen of the pond dependent on them for survival.

**CRABBY OLD BRODSKY** slept on his pad that day and dreamed of the time when a fresh young candidate would boldly challenge a Croakerville and emerge in victory. But in all his pessimism, he knew his dream would never be fulfilled. Or would it?

In a very poor section of the pond, a big humble frog called Ribbits decided everyone has had enough of the Croakerville administration. So Mr. Ribbits dared to fight the system.

The new candidate possessed a certain charisma. When he croaked everyone listened! When he hopped, everyone paid close attention. The voters were absorbing his every word as he promised them a new life free of oppression from the cruel tyranny of another croakerville.

**TO EACH AND EVERY FROG**, Ribbits meant hope. He sparked the courage that lay restless in their hearts for so many years and brought the final downfall of the Croakerville family in the little pond.

While merry citizens rejoiced over their new president, old Brodsky was nowhere to be found. The next morning the ancient frog was discovered lying at the bottom of the pond. Brodsky never moved a muscle to leave the withered old lily pad; he was carried down by King Neptune as he died. His dream came true, but it was too late.

**I SINCERELY HOPE** time lets us see our dreams come true before we can no longer appreciate them. President Nixon has another four years to turn a dream into reality — to bring peace and prosperity to this nation. Let us pray he succeeds before it is too late.

**HOW TO GET TO EUROPE FREE.**

Once a student of modest means could venture to Europe for practically nothing by working on a tramp steamer. Unfortunately, those days are now gone. But there is still a way you can work your way to Europe! Just sell two of your relatives, neighbors or friends one of our first class tours to Europe and you catch a jet to Europe free! And we'll even throw in a Eurailpass to boot. Or, in lieu of travel, you can receive a generous cash commission. Interested? Then write: DeBry and Hilton Travel Services, Dept. HS, 2363 Foothill Drive, Salt Lake City, Utah 84109.

# Autumn Activities Bring Spirit To East

Compiled by Michele Freed and Michelle Kulwin. Photos by Jeff Lotz, Michael Fryer, Wally McCormack.



## Jose's Story: Life From Cuba to Skokie

**BY DAVE GARLICK**  
**"WE WAITED TWO YEARS** to leave Cuba, and then we could only go to Spain." These are the words of Jose Diaz, a junior at Niles East, telling how he, his family, and other relatives left Cuba in 1967. "We couldn't stay in Cuba any longer. The terrorism just got to be too bad. There were secret police everywhere, and they threw you in jail for nothing. I remember when I was smaller, a cousin of mine was thrown in jail and never heard from since."  
**IN 1965 JOSE'S PARENTS** and his uncle decided to move from Cuba. Jose's grandmother also decided she would follow her sons to the United States. But, the wait to come to America was four years, and then

the price was about \$400 (American) a person. "We just didn't have that kind of money, and we were afraid to wait that long. We heard from friends that the list to go to Spain was about a year and a half, costing about \$250."  
 Jose's uncle and his family left Cuba in June, 1967, for Spain. It took Jose's family a little longer to be approved for the trip. Meanwhile, his uncle was in Spain trying to raise money to go to America to start a new life when his brother arrived. When Jose arrived in Spain in October of '67, the two families left almost immediately for the United States.  
**IT DIDN'T TAKE JOSE LONG** to adjust to living in Chicago. He lived on the north side, not far from Wrigley

Field, with other Spanish speaking families. "I learned some English in school in Cuba, in Chicago I picked it up real fast. I could talk good to anyone in almost a month."  
 Right after they came to Chicago, Jose's dad and uncle opened an auto repair shop and gas station. They had some luck and ran into good times. The families were able to move out of the one old apartment into two new houses in Skokie, near Oakton Park.  
 But now Jose was worried. What would happen, would they tease me?"  
**BUT NOW, JOSE IS HAPPY.** He did well in school his sophomore year at East, while also making the soccer and baseball teams. He has many

friends at Easthi. "I like it at Niles East, and I hope my friends like me as much as I like them."

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# Gridders End Disappointing Season

by Harold Cooper

The Niles East Trojans ended their football season on the up-beat, with a 0-0 tie on Saturday, November 4, against the Maine South Hawks. However, the season was a long and tough one for the Trojans and Head coach Ed Pugliese. After a 3-4-1 season in 1971, the Trojans fell to an 0-7-1 record, with an 0-4-1 mark in their first regular Central Suburban League competition. This earned them a last place finish in the South division of the league.

Even though it was a tough season, there were two performers who really played well in every game. Senior Jeff Johnson was a standout in the defensive secondary. He made

five touchdown interceptions, two of them in the Trojans' tie against Maine South. He also deflected many passes headed for opposing receivers that were wide open in the end zone. On offense, Johnson caught several passes for long gains, including one of only six Trojan touchdowns for the year.

**THE STANDOUT PERFORMER** on offense was running back Ron Hagen. Hagen carried the ball well in nearly every game, especially early in the season, when he often broke away for large gains. Hagen, playing both ways, was also a hard-hitter and a consistently good defensive player.

Other standouts for the Tro-

jans include Nick Rollick, a strong halfback and a punter who had at least two boots for more than 70 yards; Bill Wirth and Bruce Chancellor, a pair of touch defensive players; Ross Pollack, a rugged offensive and defensive lineman; and Rick Short, a runner who teamed up with Hagen and Rollick in the backfield.

**NEXT YEAR**, it looks as if junior Leo Kelly and sophomore Ken Hornisch, who led his team to a 3-5 record, will be battling for the quarterbacking job. Other sophomores who look as if they might help the varsity next season are running back Henry Rollick and end Mike Lis.

# Trojans' Future Bright

by David Mayer

Summarizing the cross country season, it is evident that this year was the most productive in Niles East history. Finishing up their last season on the squad, seniors Steve Sussman, Tom Kropf, and Scott Smith led the Trojans to victory in the Township Quad. The meet included Notre Dame as well as sister schools Niles West and Niles North which determined the best team in Skokie. The harriers edged out Niles West who beat East three times earlier. Finishing with one of his best times, Sussman came in first with a clocking of 14:03. A big surprise in the meet was junior Marty Golub who finished an impressive fifth behind Kropf at third.

**MOST OF THE TEAM** members will be on the indoor track squad as well as outdoor competition in the spring. For new Head coach Tom Ristow it was a good beginning with the best dual meet record in years and a city championship. Next year the Harriers can look forward to sophomores Bob Schuett and Mark Scherfling along with the already proven juniors, Monty

Matlock, Terry Lee, Omar Hernandez, and Marty Golub, and freshmen Mark Lichtenstein and Larry Bower to fill in for graduating seniors.

# Cook's Become Grid Champions

by Scott Jacobson

Trophies were awarded on Tuesday, October 31, not to the cross-country, soccer or football teams, but to the Niles East intramural football champions.

The Cook's, captained by junior Jim Cohn, won the honor by beating the Polaski's headed by juniors, Bruce Braverman and Mark Zolt, in a best-of-three game playoff series. In their first encounter, the Polaski's were able to claim the victory 13-6, as a touchdown pass in the closing minutes of the game from Bruce Braverman to Mark Zolt proved to be the winning margin.

**THE SCORE** was the same in the second game, but this time the Cook's were victors, with the deciding touchdown being a screen pass from Jim Cohn to Brad Lerman, who then sprinted half the field into the endzone. With the series tied 1-1, the third and decisive battle turned out to be a high scoring game, despite the weather conditions, as the Cook's compiled four touchdowns to win the championship 26-13.

**TEAMS SOON WILL** be forming for junior-senior basketball intramurals. Anyone interested should contact Mr. Fred Richardi in the IM office.

# Trojan Wars

Good luck to Coaches Tom Sokalski, Fred Richardi, Donald Larson, Gary Cook, and Robert Keen, in their 1972 winter seasons.

**CONGRATULATIONS** are in order to the 1972 intramural football champions, the Cook's. Team members include Jim Cohn, captain; Len Weinstein, Kurt Kiesel, Brad Lerman, Corey Levens, Don Diamond, Dave Garlick, and Jeff Milstein.

**DON'T FORGET** about the all-school volleyball tournament tonight in the contest gym at 7:15. All players must pay 75 cents to enter the tournament. After the competition, a free swim will be open to anyone who paid the entry fee. Only students from Niles East are eligible.



The 1972 'N' Club officers include, top row from left to right, John Hasmonak, secretary; Bill Osness, treasurer; bottom row, Pete Stearns, president; Dave Gronski, vice-president.

# 'N' Club Revises Rules

by Dennis Kaplan

A major movement has been underway to reorganize the "N" Club into the most effective organization in Niles East. In order to fulfill all of the aspirations of the present members, and sponsor Mr. James Huskey, it will be necessary for the number of club members to increase until a majority of the eligible athletes are participating.

**MR. HUSKEY SEEMS** extremely willing to dedicate himself to the club and see that it becomes a success, in his first year as sponsor. With the proper guidance and increased manpower, the "N" Club could be of greater benefit to the school and its members than it has been in previous years. The club's old image, which was a bunch of "jocks" running around the school with decorated sweaters, will be changed this year, with many old club rules and traditions being reformed.

For example, standings with the club will be determined by participation in specific activities, as opposed to the old 300 student signatures plus a dollar annual dues. Thus, membership will consist of athletes concerned about helping themselves while aiding their school through participation.

**STUDENTS ARE URGED** to support their school's athletes and teams, by helping the "N" Club. The best way to do this would be to buy the items offered by the club. All profits go toward the school.

# Niles East Hockey?

It's only a matter of time before hockey comes to Niles East, but nobody seems to realize it. Frowned upon as a minor sport with little importance, somebody finally will discover that hockey as a major sport has been booming with popularity.

**THERE MIGHT BE** arguments that a hockey team will be too expensive and cannot be self-sufficient, which might be true for the first few years, but in the long run it would become as profitable as football. The Chicago Metropolitan League is proof of the great rise in interest of hockey these last few years. Strictly a high school league started last year, 24 schools have teams enrolled this season, compared to eight last year, with many other teams being turned down until next season. The teams in the league are not school supported, so the players and parents are absorbing the cost.

**WHY CAN'T NILES EAST** take an interest in this great sport? There was a half-hearted attempt last year to start a program which ended up in mid-air. The school would have no transportation costs since all games are played on Saturday mornings, while the parents meet expenses, at least for now. Maybe the athletic department thinks that all this is a flash in the pan. Minnesota, Michigan, and Massachusetts hold successful high school tournaments played in National Hockey League rinks, with standing room only turn-away crowds, with some of the revenue returning to the schools participating.

Come on all you action fans, UNITE; let's try to start a hockey team at Niles East.

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Gymnast Bill Bro executes a loop with a half dismount on the pommel horse.

## Gymnasts Reveal Optimism

by Dave Mayer

With the beginning of the 1972-73 winter sports season the Niles East gymnasts should open strong in their first dual meet December 8, against Maine West. A major reason for Head coach Tom Sokalski's optimism lies in senior all-around man Rick Robbin who placed high in last year's state meet for that event. Contributing also to this year's team will be last season's Sophomore Suburban League Championship squad. Individual conference champs Bill Bro and Barry Scher will add strength to the side horse, while Gary Siegal who placed third on horizontal bar will contribute also on parallel bars and rings. Of

the six gymnastic events, top performers include Scott Harrison on free exercise; Rick Powers, side horse; Rick Robbin, high bar; Steve Levitt, trampoline; Nat Lawrence, parallel bars; and Keith Kreitman and Steve Kozub on still rings.

"THIS YEAR'S TEAM has an unusual depth and spirit. I'm confident the Niles East gymnastic tradition will carry on to possible championships," remarked Coach Sokalski.

The Sophomores, last year's freshman conference champions, are led by Neil Scher who in addition to capturing freshman all-around honors, succeeded in leading the soph-

omores to their second consecutive championship. Along with Barry Grotzky, Fred Rosenthal, and Brian Abrams, the sophomores should win the Central Suburban League championship. This year's Freshman team shows excellent quality and potential. While Jon Staviv will fill the all-around spot, Ed Borg and Craig Gordon will compete on the side horse. Jeff Beard should do well on rings as should Rick Irsay on trampoline.

SEEKING A CONFERENCE championship, the Trojans will encounter strong opposition from sister schools Niles West and Niles North.

## Trojans Seek Change

by Scott Jacobson

Expecting to start a new era in Niles East basketball, making winning a tradition, the Trojan cagers begin their first Central Suburban League season hosting Lake Forest on Wednesday, November 22, at 8:30 in the contest gym.

Although the CSL seems relatively easier than the Suburban League schools such as, Niles West, Maine West, and Highland Park present a difficult obstacle toward the road to victory.

"A NEW BREED of players who believe in winning and are willing to make sacrifices are sure to help us to the victory column this season," remarked Head coach Gary Cook. However, winning will not be a simple task for the Trojans with a team mainly composed of juniors. The cagers will have to compete against experienced varsity teams, which could cost the Trojans any hope of victory for the upcoming season.

"We might be a year away, but who knows, we may come around sooner than some people think," commented Coach Cook.

CLOUDING THE OPENING of the season will be the ineligibility of five junior cagers, Jim Cohn, Corey Levens, Ross Pollack, Len Weinstein, and Kurt Kiesel. Due to high school eligibility rules the cagers have been suspended for the first four games of the season, for participating in a non-high school league during last year's spring season. Coach Cook believes the loss of these players will have a definite effect upon the team's performance.

ON THE FRESHMAN level, Coach Bernie Greene could possess the best class of basketball players Niles East has ever had. However, the cagers will have to prove they want to work with a desire to win, according to Coach Cook.

## 'Bite the Squeenie!'

THE SQUEENIES are coming, and along with them, a new and exciting cheer titled, "It's bite the Squeenie time!" The Squeenies, are a group of twenty boys who have gotten together to form a cheering club for all basketball games.

Mark Zinman, president and originator of the club, gave his reason for why the Squeenies got together, "The basketball

team needs support behind them at both home and away games, so we organized the Squeenies. We will use our own original cheers along with those of the cheerleaders."

SO DON'T BE surprised by the sight of a blue and gold Squeenie walking down the hall singing, "It's bite the Squeenie time!"

## Wrestlers Aim For CSL Title

by Ed Jacobs

With numerous returning lettermen and last year's Suburban League Sophomore Champions, the Niles East wrestler's title hopes for this season are very high.

UNDER THE TUTELAGE of Head coach Fred Richardi, prospects are bright for an excellent initial season in the Central Suburban League. Practice for the '72-'73 season began Monday, November 6, as the matmen aim for their opener tomorrow against Grant High School, in the contest gym at 7:30.

Some fine seniors to look forward to this year include Rick Angell, who last season captured first place in both the districts and the Trojan Invitational; Kip Weissman, Steve Soler, Mike Ament, and Harold Frolkis. These men along with able bodied juniors such as Larry Yale and Larry Cohen, who both compiled over 20 wins last season; Phil Cech, who as a sophomore took second in the district meet and Trojan Invitational; and Lenard Upin and Dennis Rock, two of the most consistent men on the squad.

WITH THESE ATHLETES and a freshman team which took third place in the SL last year, will combine to form a very successful wrestling program. The sophs will be led by Mike Stone, Paul Kostyniuk, Harold Gordon, Jeff Rock, George Christopoulos, and Bill Hall.

## Personal Essay

# Injustice to Cagers

by Jim Cohn and Corey Levens

### Editor's Note:

The following account was written by two of the basketball players suspended who were found in violation of a IHSA bylaw. Anyone wishing to reply to this story should send their comments to Scott Jacobson, Room 124, during 6-7 periods.

The Niles East basketball team will enter the 1972-73 season with five players forced to sit on the bench. These five players, Jim Cohn, Kurt Kiesel, Corey Levens, Ross Pollack, and Len Weinstein, were found in violation of an Illinois High School Association bylaw and were thus ruled ineligible to participate in the first four games of the season.

THE FIVE CAGERS were participating in a Chicago Park District basketball league last spring. According to the rule, any basketball member playing in an officiated game after the basketball season has ended, shall be subjected to ineligibility.

### Other Schools Unnoticed

The interesting part about this bylaw, is that it is broken by high school basketball teams throughout the area. Niles West, Evanston, and even the state champions, Thornridge, were but a few of the schools in violation of the rule.

SO WHY IS IT that these other schools went unnoticed while Niles East did not? In lieu of this fact, the events leading up to the suspension of these five athletes seems even more interesting than the rule itself. As it is well known by now, there is widespread dissension among many of the coaches in the P.E. department. This fact is supported by arguments that have occurred between coaches and witnessed by many students. It is this type of dissension that led to the suspension of the five players.

Last spring, Mr. Gary Cook,

head basketball coach, suggested that his varsity and sophomore players enter the Chicago Park League in an effort to build a stronger basketball team for the upcoming season.

HOWEVER, THE PLAYERS were informed that their first responsibility was to the spring sport in which they were involved. They were to participate in only those basketball games which did not conflict with their sports schedule.

### Basketball or Baseball?

The players who were using their free time to play basketball and were also on the baseball team were told to choose between baseball or basketball. When one player chose to play basketball, Mr. Richardson and Mr. Odlik removed the three boys from competition and turned them in along with two others who competed in different sports. Because of this, all baseball games, tennis matches, and track events that these boys had participated in, were forfeited.

IT IS POSSIBLE that certain coaches felt that the baseball program was being threatened by Mr. Cook's eagerness to build up a winning team, but when one of them was asked why he did not first discuss the matter with Coach Cook, as the track and tennis coaches had, he indicated that he felt a coach must operate strictly within the rules and that winning didn't mean a thing to him if he had to be dishonest.

### Dissension Hurts Victory Hopes

No matter what the genuine motives were behind the turning in of these five boys, the fact remains that they will be sitting out the first four games of the year. It is dissension between the coaches such as this which will continue to separate many of our major sports from winning seasons.

## Foilers Seem Ready

by Marlin Brinsky

The Niles East fencing season starts Friday, December 1, against Niles West, in the indoor track at 4:30, and with the quality of fencers being developed by the Trojans, it should be an interesting season.

Experience is the key to this year's fencing squad, and if everybody returns this year it could produce a promising future, according to Head coach Robert Keen. Mr. Keen looks for senior Phil Spitz to lead the team with juniors Ron Rovner, Reid Sigman, and Kurt Leipold to be strong backups. Completing the squad are

Bill Osness, Paul Schultz, Dennis Abeles, Jeff Nelson, and Larry Brittan. Spitz seems to be the key to the whole season since he has the ability to be one of the best fencers around, but he needs to be more consistent than in the past.

IT SEEMS VERY difficult to determine how well the fencers will fair this season since fencing is a sport of individuals, and it depends on how well each individual wants to do. Also, it's difficult to determine their feelings before a match and one can never tell what could happen.

## Sophs Need Defense

by Scott Skaletsky

Hoping for a better season than last year, winning only one game, the sophomore basketball team opens their season on Wednesday, November 22, against Lake Forest at 6:45, in the contest gym.

ACCORDING TO HEAD COACH Emil Capitani, the league change should have a positive effect on his team. However, he stresses that the CSL will not be an "easy" league.

Mr. Capitani feels that the strong point of the team will be an aggressive defense. If

the cagers can learn to use a pressure type of defense, it will help their chances to become varsity players. Since there are not enough good offensive players, Mr. Capitani will try to build up the defense.

COMMENTING ON THE year's outcome, Mr. Capitani predicts that last year's record will be improved upon. The team doesn't have many talented individuals, but Coach Capitani feels they will show more desire and outthrust their opponents.