

Debaters Snatch Trophy

by Janet Migdow

MAYBE SOMEONE whispered a blessing or removed a curse or spiked the punch to make Niles East a winner. The possibility of winning began to haunt the minds of East students soon after the 1967 basketball game in which Niles defeated Evanston, 84-68.

The following year, East bore a half dozen state champions among dozens of victories in games and meets. The year was climaxed by a baseball game that drew 1,100 Trojans, while capturing a third in state competition.

If it is possible to catch a win-

ning spirit, the debate team has caught it this year. This is the first year Niles East has ever been accepted in the Illinois Debate Union; this is the first year East has ever taken first at an Invitational Debate Tournament; therefore, this is the first year Niles East has qualified for the Tournament of Champions.

East Scores Shutout

In its recent Invitational Tournament at Evanston, the debate team took first from a range of 24 teams, each team debating eight rounds. The varsity team, which won the Tournament with a score of 8-0, consists of Juniors Joel Feldman and Jeff Factor debating negative and Seniors Norm Silber and Jerry Rosen debating affirmative. Joel and Norm are co-captains of the team.

Debating on junior-varsity level, the team at Evanston scored 5-3. Steve Deutsch and Stuart Levin, debating affirmative, scored 2-2. Dave Levinson and Al Dorn, debating negative, scored 3-1.

Junior-Varsity Winners Also

East's debate team has been in three meets this year. The first meet was at Elk Grove, the second at Thornton, and the third at Evanston. At Thornton the second junior-varsity team debated four other schools, winning the meet with a score 7-1. Jackie Schaffner and Ken Fleischer debated affirmative. Alan Dorn and Dave Levinson debated negative.

Because of their victory at Evanston, the varsity players have qualified for several other meets. The Tournament of Champions will take place soon at one of the New Trier schools. In January, East will compete for the first time in the NFL meet.



WITH THE SOLEMNITY of all star debaters, Varsity team members Norm Silber, '69, Jeff Factor, '70, Joel Feldman, '70, and Jerry Rosen, '69, display their first place trophy.

Television Show Features Teacher, Student from East

MAKING THEIR television debuts, Social Studies Teacher Mel Pirok and Senior Carol Ponoroff recently appeared on an NBC television network program concerning "what it takes to be a creative teacher."

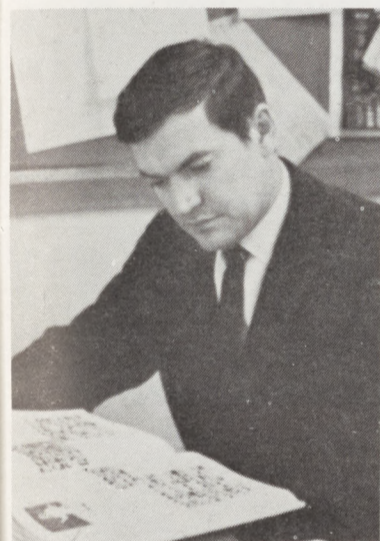
The program included a conversation among Carol, Mr. Pirok,

and several Maine Township High School students. Mr. Pirok explained that his major idea was that "the teacher must emerge as a human being. He should be sensitive to the feelings of his students and be aware of the students' ideas. Although a teacher may disagree with his students' thoughts, he should respect them."

This program is part of a television series "Education Exchange," featuring a 10-part series on "Social Studies—the Challenge of Change." These programs were written by Mr. Jack Spatafora, Curriculum Coordinator for social studies at the New Trier Township Schools. Mr. Spatafora formerly was Student Activities Director and social studies department chairman at Niles East from 1959 until 1966.

According to Mr. Spatafora, the "broadcasts attempt to examine some of the latest ideas and programs throughout the country." The series is being shown from November 11-22 at 6 a.m.

Tentatively, NBC plans to rebroadcast the shows and to make them available at the forthcoming NCSS Conference in Washington, D.C.



GLANCING through a yearbook, Mr. Mel Pirok discusses his recent appearance on TV. Besides being a social studies teacher, Mr. Pirok is yearbook advisor.

Council Crusades for United Fund

STUDENT COUNCIL'S United Fund Drive, which was held from November 18 to 22, collected \$325. "We feel it has been fairly successful," stated Liane Stone, fund

drive co-chairman. The United Fund Drive helps support human care and service organizations. It helps troubled people and people in trouble, in-

cluding children, youth, grown-ups and families.

"We chose the United Fund Drive, which is also known as the Crusade of Mercy, because it affects people in this particular area," Liane remarked. "We also chose it because this crusade concerns not only one organization, but many organizations, such as a Mental Health Association, and a Girl Scout Council. That is why it is called "United Fund."

THE MONEY was collected by student contributions in home-rooms and in the cafeteria at lunch time. There were four large jars for the contributions, one for each class level, in order for the class levels to compete with each other to gain the most money.

The Student Council also collected money by having a Student Council Breakfast last Wednesday. Doughnuts and milk were served for a nominal fee.

"Although this drive was the only charity crusade for Student Council this year," Liane stated, "we feel that the students have responded greatly to our efforts and that much praise and thanks should be given to them."

Denise Cohen Fund Raises Money through Button Sale

"LIFE THROUGH Love" is the goal of the Denise Jill Cohen Memorial Foundation. By exploiting many fund-raising projects, DJCMF has donated much needed money to research on kidney disease, the ailment that killed Denise Cohen, a sophomore at East, during the summer of 1967.

ship dues are not charged, members are urgently needed to collect money. Students interested in our 'life through love' motto," she added, "are encouraged to contact me in homeroom 335."

In addition to the button sales, a folk-singing concert was sponsored by DJCMF on Sunday night, November 24, at the Northern Illinois University Campus. Also on Sunday night, the members distributed buttons and collected money at the Lincolnwood Congregation. Future projects planned include a car wash in the spring and a bake sale.

In the past year, DJCMF has sponsored many successful activities including a theater presentation of "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?" in May and a show at the teenage night-club "It's Here." During the summer the foundation earned more than \$150 selling candy.

The group's current project has been selling 25 cent DJCMF buttons, according to Publicity Chairman Liz Neidorf, '69. "The purpose of the button is not to give the donor something worth his money but is merely a token of our appreciation," commented Liz. "The results of the sales so far have been excellent."

THIS SALE is not only for a fund-raising device but also a membership drive, explained Liz. "Because many of last year's members were graduating seniors, our enrollment has dropped considerably, and although member-

Computer Math Now Credited; Satisfies Contemporary Needs

KEEPING IN step with the growing importance of computers to modern living, Niles East is offering "Computer Math" to all interested students.

Being its first year offered for credit, the one-semester course is open to all juniors and seniors who have completed a year of geometry. The purpose of the course is to acquaint students with the use of the computer and to use it to solve problems.

A NEW KEYPUNCH has been

installed in the math office for the use of students and faculty alike. Besides the keypunch in the math office, a machine is also available for use in the business education department. Programs are punched, mailed to West division, where the Niles Township terminal has been installed, run, and returned one or two days later. The West terminal is hooked by telephone lines to the master computer located in Chicago. Niles buys computer time during which it runs both student and school programs.

CONTENTS of the course includes basic computer concepts, logic, flowcharting, Univac assembly language, keypunch operation, and Fortran and Quicktran coding. Typical problems dealt with include computer volleyball, determining the percentage of the earth's surface one can see from a satellite, and various mathematical functions and series.

Mr. Bernard Greene is the instructor, replacing Mr. Anthonie Kort, who taught the course for non-credit last year. Mr. Greene is a part-time computer programmer for Harris Trust and Savings Bank in Chicago. For recreation, he plays semi-pro baseball and basketball.

'Academic' Team Selected at Tryout

"IT'S ACADEMIC" preliminary tryouts were held Sunday, November 24, at the NBC television network studio in the Chicago Merchandise Mart. Three contestants and three alternates were selected on the basis of their ability to answer questions about math, Science, history, and English.

Seventeen students attended the tryout Sunday. Although all interested juniors and seniors were eligible, Mr. Larry Sachs, "It's Academic" sponsor, commented that all 17 students had "fairly high grade point averages."



SENIOR JOHN Spies shows Foreign Exchange Student Diane Mortimer how to use the keypunch machine. Both students are enrolled in the computer math course.

Editorial

Expand Dismissal Plan

One of the programs proposed at recent cooperative forums and meetings that could be the easiest to enact is an expansion of the early dismissal program.

Currently, a student may apply for early dismissal only if he is in the work-study program, must work in order to support his family, is psychologically or physically handicapped, or is attending school for more than eight semesters. However, the student who has study periods at the end of the day and does not meet any of these requirements must stay at school for the entire day.

Early dismissal has already been expanded to a certain extent, with about 100 more students on the program this year than in past years. Many more students could be involved if those with study periods at the end of the day could be released.

The NILEHILITE recognizes a number of potential problems resulting from the initiation of such a program, but feels these could be easily solved.

First, the question of releasing the school from legal responsibility could be solved by having the parent sign a legal document acknowledging this release.

The next two problems must be solved by cooperation alone. Providing transportation should be a factor considered by the prospective applicant. Also, the possibility of having many students trouble the guidance office to adjust schedules to incorporate late afternoon free periods will have to be resolved by the cooperation of the students. The success of the program will also depend upon the students' conducting themselves maturely after they leave school.

The Citizen's Advisory Board is considering possible ways for students to use their free time. The NILEHILITE hopes that the Board's plan, together with the current efforts of the administrators, will develop an effective early dismissal program, one which could possibly lead to the initiation of a program such as late arrival.

Groups Need Unity

With the prospects in sight for improvement of student conditions at Niles East, many diverse student groups have been organized. Such groups include the Student Council, Students for a Democratic School, class cabinets, and various open forum ad hoc committees. It is noteworthy, however, that the purposes and goals of these organizations are as diverse as the students who join them.

The NILEHILITE believes that such a situation does not further the goals for which these organizations were set up. Rather, a lack of unity among these groups serves only to cloud the issues. We suggest that these various groups hold a serious meeting to determine common goals and to plan positive, unified action to further them.

We wish to further emphasize that Student Council need not maintain a position of absolute leadership in the eyes of the administration. Council must consciously work with other groups of students and relinquish some of its organizational powers to a union of such groups. With unified student support, many important and necessary improvements can be achieved at East.



L(et) S(tudents) D(ecide)

Peace Efforts Weighed

by Mark Levie

CONTROVERSY HAS been a primary factor surrounding the Vietnam war, but to the students of Niles East the question of peace efforts is anything but controversial. Without exception, all students questioned agreed that the peace efforts were desirable, and most hoped for a quick end to the war.

Awareness of the issues on the part of the students appears to have increased. Few students were unaware of the current strides for peace in Vietnam. Senior boys, perhaps looking to the draft, were most eager to discuss the issues.

"The initial step has been taken — the bombing halt," said Steve Melamed, '69. "Now I'd like to see all sides represented at a peace conference."

"The military says we must win by any means necessary," he added. "I'd want peace achieved in the same way."

MANY STUDENTS pointed out the effects of politics on the Vietnam peace efforts. President Johnson's withdrawal from the election race seems to have cleared him of any political motives, but the next administration will soon have to prove itself.

"I'd like to see how Nixon's being elected affects the talks," said

Bill Page, '69, "and whether any changes are made in our position."

Leon Lipshitz, '71, said, "I hope that both parties in the talks will deal sincerely, instead of politically, now that the U.S. elections are over."

SOME STUDENTS believe the delay in beginning peace efforts may also have been due to politics. "I think the talks are worthwhile although they were started much too late," said Gordon Derman, '69. "The presidential election has had a great effect on the talks, and American politics is playing too great a role."

Discontent with political bargaining may stem from a desire for peace at all costs. "I think we should make whatever concessions are necessary to rectify a situation we should never have gotten into in the first place," said Bar-

bara Heinsimer, '69. "I don't feel that Vietnam is a particularly strategic location as far as our defense goes," she added. "We are not helping the Communists by pulling out; we are saving our own resources."

NOT A SINGLE student seemed concerned about America's image abroad if we should leave Vietnam. Jim Levie, '70, feels that "we are damaging our image by fighting where we do not belong."

One student with a more personal interest in the war is Scott Solberg, '69. Scott's brother is currently stationed in Vietnam. "I think the bombing halt was a major step toward peace," he said, but he cautioned that the enemy might use the time to build up their forces for a major attack.

"I hope that the talks will conclude soon and an end to the war will be found," he added.

Modern Russia Class Studies Soviet People, Politics, Culture

STUDENTS WHO wish to study and understand a powerful and vital country in the world today may now enroll in Niles' new course, "Modern Russia."

Through the efforts of the social studies department and the marked interest of the students, the one-semester course was approved last summer by the board of education.

According to Mr. John Moshak, a Russian teacher and the class's instructor, the course "awakens a student to the many centuries of history in Russia that he is unaware of."

Culture Also Studied

The course deals not only with the history, but also with the culture of Russia. A comprehensive textbook which studies the period from 800 A.D. to the Khrushchev era is used. A Russian novel is among the supplementary readings. Students also have a chance to be exposed to Russian music and art.

Each of the three Niles schools is offering this new course to any junior or senior. Twenty-nine students from East are enrolled this semester.

MR. MOSHAK, who has spent two years in the Soviet Union, feels that the new course is very beneficial to the students. "It is more than worthwhile," he stated. "Any course that makes you a bigger person and takes you out of your shell is worthwhile."

Students "Motivated"

There are many reasons why students wish to study "Modern Russia." Many want to learn about historical events that were important to the Russian people. Other

students wish to learn more about Communism. One student remarked that she wished to study "Modern Russia" so that she could draw parallels between United States history and the Soviet Union's history. Junior Larry Futterman enrolled in the course because he felt that Russian history provides a good background for studying the politics of today. "We read Russian novels to learn how Russian philosophers felt about the conditions of their day," he said. "It is the best course I have taken, because it attracts my interest and motivates my mind."



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Your Write To Say It

Are Grades Necessary?

In Favor

by Mark Gordon '69

The pass-fail system has long been studied and analyzed for usage in the secondary school system. It can be initiated at Niles East without becoming detrimental or hindering to students who wish to continue their education at higher levels. Realistically, no high school can adopt a complete system of pass-fail, since universities and colleges have not, as yet, adopted this system.

Pass-fail could be initiated in physical education classes with little harm to participating students. If a student were carrying five majors, he could be able to have one taken for credit, but on pass-fail. This credit can only be awarded if the course were not a graduation requirement and if it were, more likely, an elective. Once a student has completed 32 graded, credited hours and all his graduation requirements have been fulfilled, he could choose to take his courses on a pass-fail system.

These concepts are basic ideas for the rudimentary foundation of a system that not only would eliminate much of the daily pressure of grades, but also would show to many other schools on both the university and secondary levels that pass-fail courses do have a place in the educational system. With the initiation of the ideas I have stated, a student would have a well-founded grade point average, sufficient graded credits (32), and graded graduation and entrance requirements; furthermore, he would be allowed to expand his education by his own choice, without destroying, hindering, or in the least way harming his present or future in terms of educational progress.

Against

by Robert Chemers '69

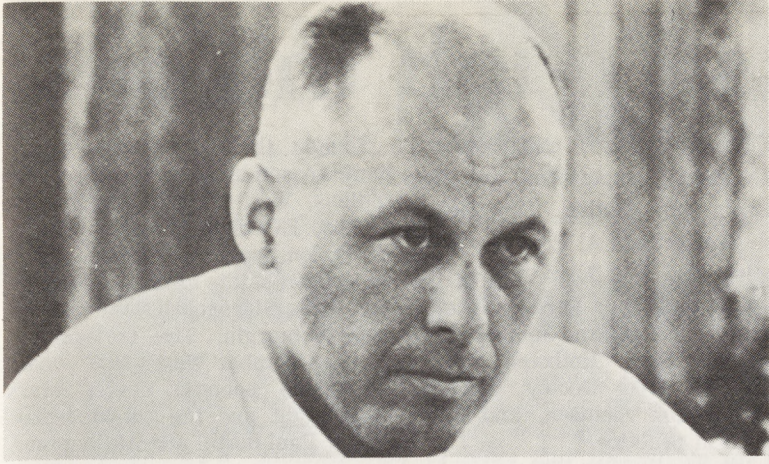
Students are all different. They differ in intelligence, goals, needs, and desire to learn. In attitude, they range from the eager beaver to the student who enters the class and says, "Here I am, Mr. —, I dare you to try to learn me something."

Thus, I feel that a pass-fail system cannot include every student. There would be much self-selection as to which students elect the pass-fail system. It is likely that good students presently select elective courses on the basis of interest — regardless of the grading system. I also feel that poor students are apt to follow this regiment as a way of beating the establishment.

How might a pass-fail system influence classroom learning? I maintain that individual study will be replaced by reliance on the other guy. In a system such as that employed at our school, the fear of failure can be thought of as a stimulus which produces a high degree of anxiety concerning testing and grades. After all, our marking system has specific purposes: grades provide a basis for information on individual progress and standing, a basis for promotion and graduation, recommendations to colleges, and pride in accomplishment.

Competition is a necessary part of life. One faces competition in the business world and on the athletic field. But there is no competition in a pass-fail system.

Indeed, the pass-fail system is a bold, free-wheeling challenge to everything traditional. I don't know if there is any facet of life in which a person is not graded in one way or another.



MR. WESLEY MARX, author of "The Frail Ocean," graduated from here in 1952.

East Alum Publishes Book

FAME HAS COME to a Nilehi graduate! Mr. Wesley Marx, '52, has recently completed his first novel, "The Frail Ocean," which has become renown for its criticism of man's misuse of the world's natural water supply.

As a student at Niles, Mr. Marx edited the sports page of the NILEHILITE and the athletics section of the yearbook. He still remembers his journalism instructor, Paul Eberhardt, recently retired after 23 years of teaching, who "tolerated the misspelling and bad handwriting and who was so encouraging." Mr. Marx also wrote stories for several area newspapers, including the Skokie News, Skokie Life, Chicago Tribune, City News Bureau, and the Lincolnwood Life. He was first monetarily awarded for his writing when the Skokie News started paying him by the column inch of print.

Active Career at Niles

Among his other achievements at Niles, Mr. Marx was a member of the National Honor Society and was elected the Most Valuable Player on the school's first tennis team.

AFTER GRADUATION in 1952, Mr. Marx attended Stanford University in California, where he received a B.A. in political science. He became a member of the national political science honor fraternity, Pi Sigma Alpha, and served as a Marine Corps officer from 1956 to 1959. Since college, Mr. Marx has worked as a lecturer, editorial consultant for technology firms, conservationist, and free lance writer, having contributed to such magazines as Atlantic Monthly, The Reporter, National Wildlife, American Heritage, Venture, and the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists.

Vast Amount of Research

Through his varied research, he accumulated enough material to write his first book, "The Frail Ocean." The basic theme of the critical study, according to Mr. Marx, is that man has slowly been destroying the seas and oceans through pollution and misuse. He went on to explain that man in the

past has assumed that the seas are uncontrollably vast, omnipotent, and indestructible.

MR. MARX, IN the course of his novel, quotes a 19th century Lord Byron poem: "Roll on, though deep and dark blue ocean — roll! Ten thousand fleets sweep over thee in vain. Man marks the earth with ruin — his control. Stops with the shore." He then explains how wrong Byron was by citing examples of man's inhuman treatment of the seas including the sewage disposal in California and red tide outbreaks of the coast of Florida. Mr. Marx named Chicago as the best example of marine conservation in the nation.

Book Reaps Honors

"The Frail Ocean" has already won the \$1,000 James Phelan non-fiction award, received by California authors, and Mr. Marx anticipates that the book will have much impact on urban officials, legislators, and "anyone else who has an interest in the preservation of the natural beauty and power of the oceans."

Students, Parents Discuss Issues

AN AD HOC COMMITTEE to propose changes at Niles East conducted an open forum for parents last Tuesday. While the number of parents was considerably smaller, the forum was as well received as that on Election Day.

Senior Brad Kaiz served as moderator for the discussion, which included reports on problems in student council by Shelly Freedman and Liane Stone, curriculum by Merle Wolff, parking by Carol Ponoroff, and suspensions by Mark Gordon, all seniors.

Student Council Criticized

The committee criticized Student Council for having too many representatives and spending too much time on triviality and recommended that the present Student Council be re-evaluated and formed into a Student Union or Open Forum-type organization.

The suspension system was termed "partial and unjust," and a parking lot at Lincoln and Niles Avenues was proposed. Miss Wolff, in the curriculum report, brought to question the fairness of the track system. She advocated an expansion of the pass-fail system, the institution of an Afro-American history seminar, and the bargaining of free time.

MERLE EXPLAINED the purpose of the meeting was "to acquaint the parents with the issues we think important and to get suggestions from them."

Parents Offer Suggestions . . .

The suggestions were many and the attitude positive. Mr. George Gordon called for "recognition" of the group by the school board. Others thought the group should combine with Student Council.

Joel Feldman, Council's vice president, said, "the meeting proved that Council is not working in opposite directions with this group. Working together, we can achieve common goals."

COOPERATION WAS THE keynote of the evening. Pleas for co-

operation were voiced by Mr. Colver and School Board President Meyer Kamin, as well as by members of the committee. Mr. Kamin noted, "It's healthy to have dialogue because many times you find people are not as far apart in their views as they think they are."

. . . And Questions

Many parents questioned whether the group was representative of the student body. Senior Renee Samelson, who resigned from Student Council because she felt it was not doing its job, found the forum "amazing and entertaining." It should also be pointed out that there were only 34 parents in attendance, many of whom were parents of committee members. Senior Ernie Miller stated, "The forum was a success, but only on a small scale."

The group planned to present itself, with the support of parents, at the next School Board Meeting on November 26.

ESP

Cool Hand Colver

by Eric S. Palles

THERE IS A menace to dissent existing at Niles East. It is a menace that is so insidious as to be invisible. And as it exists, it will kill all forms of student protest and frustrate any poison-penned columnists (do you know any?). That threat is personified by Niles East's principal, Mr. Arthur Colver.

Dissenters have learned that you can't bug the establishment if the establishment refuses to be bugged. And it's not easy to bug Mr. Colver. In fact, he shatters a lot of stereotypes that students attach to principals.

No Failure to Communicate

Mr. Colver never fails to communicate. He has ideas on education that the majority of the students would probably consider too progressive. He'll hear complaints from all kinds of students, and what's more, he'll listen. No student can, in good conscience, characterize the establishment, as it exists at Niles East, as being insensitive to the needs and desires of the student body.

THE PROBLEM IS that there aren't enough Mr. Colvers in secondary education. There aren't enough in the Niles Township school district. There aren't even enough open-minded faculty members at Niles East.

Student Council Is No Help

The fact that most school personnel aren't as sympathetic to students as is Mr. Colver is only part of the problem. The real problem is the way the students self-impose their own restrictions far beyond what could be called "responsibility." Student council has for years contended that they could not accomplish anything because of student apathy. They may have a point. But did they ever consider that students are apathetic about Student Council because it does not accomplish anything? Last year, for example, when a student union was proposed to meet the demands of all the students, a self-interested Student Council rejected it in order to maintain their separate identity.

BUT ENOUGH ABOUT Student Council, at least for this issue. I come not to bury it, but to praise Mr. Colver. He has, I believe, an earnestness and dedication that has won him if not in all cases adulation, at least respect. One thing is certain: even those who complain about the school find little fault in Mr. Colver. It's distressing not to be able to find a scapegoat for our problems or a target for our criticism in Mr. Colver. It has caused ardent anti-establishmentarians and fledgling cynics (like myself) to plead, "I wish you'd stop being so good to me, cap'n."



ADDRESSING PARENTS at the recent forum is Senior Brad Kaiz.

Mrs. Kantor Leaves for London

"TWO YEARS AGO, my husband and I took a group of 15 high school students from this area to spend the summer in England and France," revealed Mrs. Patricia Kantor, a French teacher at East for the past five years.

Mrs. Kantor and her husband will be leaving for Europe again, this time by themselves, on November 30. "We're going because my husband is doing research work for his Ph.D. dissertation at the University of Chicago on British politics," Mrs. Kantor explained.

Mr. and Mrs. Kantor will spend one year abroad, spending part of the time in London and travelling through Europe the rest of the time. Because of the duration of the trip, Mrs. Kantor will return to teach French at East once she is back in America. "I would ultimately like to teach French or English at a university," she said.

MRS. KANTOR'S primary role while on the trip will be that of a research assistant to her husband. "But I have several projects of my own," she added. "I will continue to collect recipes for a recipe book I'm compiling on international foods."

Gathering recipes is only one of Mrs. Kantor's hobbies, however. "I'm also interested in art and architecture," she continued. "I plan to take brass rubbings of monuments in the area." Brass rubbings are impressions lifted off of monuments onto paper with ink. "They can be very pretty," she added.

PHOTOGRAPHY IS ANOTHER hobby Mrs. Kantor will occupy herself with. "I'm going to take a lot of pictures and compile a portrait of London. I'll just take my camera and run around the city,

taking art shots of everything," she concluded.



MRS. KANTOR prepares for many a foggy day in London town.

Coming Up

Thursday, Nov. 28

Thanksgiving: Enjoy your bird.

Friday, Nov. 29

Hangover Day—No School

Saturday, Dec. 7

SAT, Achievement Test — East, West

Good Luck!

Saturday, Dec. 14

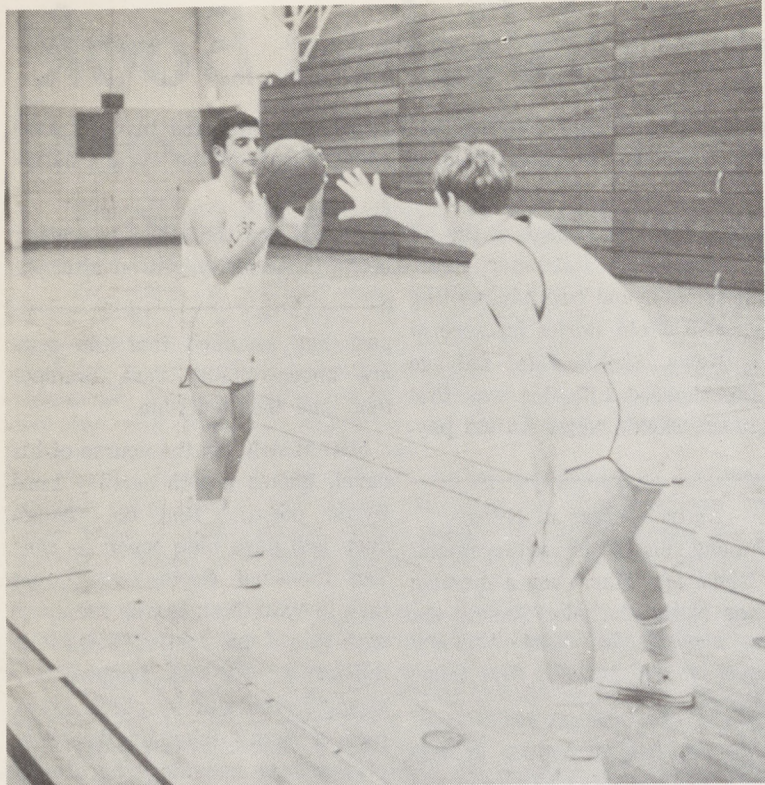
ACT Test held at West

Sunday, Dec. 15

Winter Music Festival
"Deck the halls . . ."

Friday, Dec. 20

NILEHILITE Christmas Issue



VARSIETY NETMEN Tim Melas and Bob Bresler run through a drill in preparation for tonight's clash with West.

Troy Hosts Tough Indians

NILES EAST'S Varsity Basketball team traveled to Glenbrook South last Friday night for their season opener. After trailing by only six points at the end of three quarters, the roof fell in and the Trojans wound up on the short end of a 69-45 score.

After sending his varsity through a practice scrimmage, Basketball Coach Jim Pooley said, "I hope that we can improve on our record of 12-10 over the past two years." According to Coach Pooley, the squad will try to make up for its lack of height and shooting ability with desire and enthusiasm.

He also said that the team will emphasize defense and use the full-court press more extensively than they have in past seasons. Captain Rick Shapiro, '69, pointed out that the "men of Troy" have no returning lettermen and feels that this should be an added incentive for the team.

Besides Shapiro, other seniors with varsity experience are Bob Vossel, John Hutter, Tim Melas, Bob Bresler, and Al Pollack. Coach Pooley also said he has been impressed with the performance of Senior Tom Ryan and Juniors Norm McCray, Rich Rothstein, Steve Goldsholl, Mike Dooley, Jeff Nemetz, Frank Siemsen, and Keith Bauer in practice.

Tonight the Trojans open their home season against the Niles West Indians. West already has a victory against Evanston, defending state champion, under their belts. Their superior height allowed them to pull down 51 rebounds and win by a 59-48 margin. The Trojans will have to combat West's 6'8" bean-pole (155 pounds) center Mark Cartwright and the outside shooting of Paul Sortal and Al Chapman.

Hutcherson Works On Basics

FROM THE outset of practice, problems have confronted new Varsity Wrestling Coach Ron Hutcherson and his wrestling team.

The major trouble for Coach Hutcherson has been the lack of depth on the team. Strangely enough, not one letterman has re-

turned to the team. No reason has been given for this odd occurrence, but it is not apparent that the team will have to rely upon fresh new talent to pull up the slack from the loss of the lettermen.

Young Team

"Our outlook is pretty dim right now due to the lack of experience on the team. But the team is progressing, and when the boys have a few meets under their belts, they'll begin to be a threat in the Suburban League," said Coach Hutcherson.

Sophomore Coach Patterson and Freshman Coach Furlan may have to lose some of their wrestlers to make up for the gap in each squad.

Practice Counts

With this inexperience, practice sessions become of great importance in building the team. "Fundamentals is the main concern because it's fundamentals that enables a boy to develop a technique in wrestling," says Coach Hutcherson.

The two-hour-a-day practice consists of running, weightlifting, fundamentals, drilling, and wrestling.

According to Coach Hutcherson, Junior Jack Kandel has looked "tough" in practice and shows considerable promise for the season. Kandel is slated to wrestle at the 95 pound weight level and could be the nucleus of a strong squad in the future.

Gymnasts Bounce On A Tightrope

TROY'S GYMNASTS will be leading a tightrope existence this year, with a state trophy at the end of the long, long rope but with impending disaster waiting all along the way.

The Trojans will be starting a powerful roster headed by Seniors Seymour Rifkind, Bob Quintanales, and Ernie Miller. Should anything happen to any of these three key men, though, the bottom could fall out. As Head Varsity Coach Tom Sokalski expressed it, "We do lack depth."

Shades of '62

Without injuries, East's gymnasts could very well bounce through their season with an excellent record and top it off with their first state trophy since the '62 squad brought back the second place title.

LEADING THE TROJAN threat, of course, will be Rifkind. Since his sophomore year, Seymour has placed fourth and third in state on parallel bars and eighth in state all-around. Add to this innumerable meet, invitational, league, and state district awards on parallel bars, high bar, and still rings, and Seymour finds himself the holder of the title "The Man to Beat."

Strong Trio

Coach Sokalski explained that both Quintanales and Miller have been very underrated in the past due to the number of outstanding

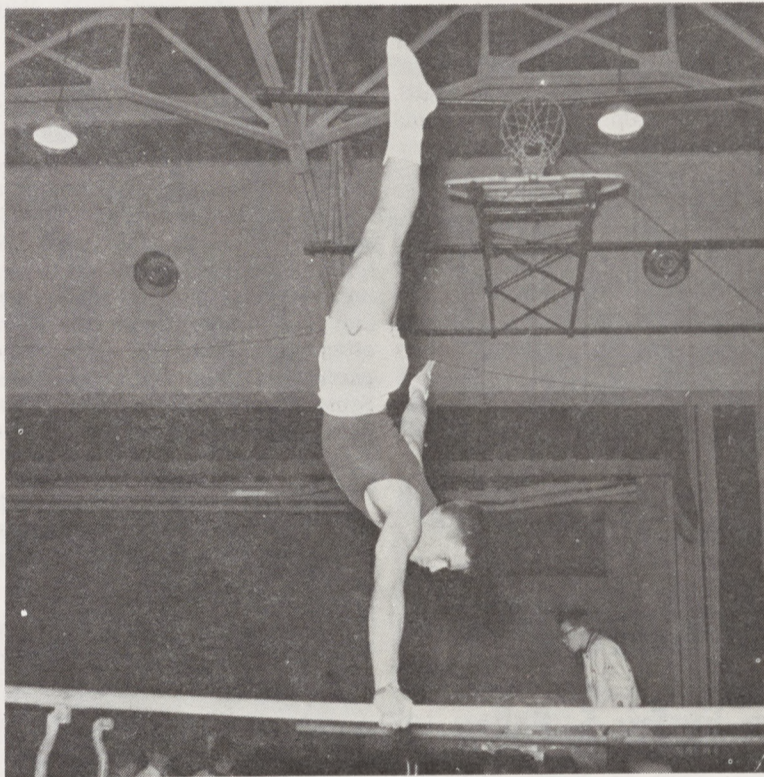
upperclassmen who attracted all the attention. He feels that this year "Quintanales teamed with Rifkind and Miller on high bar and parallel bars will be a threesome that will be hard to beat."

ROUNDING OUT the varsity starting roster will be Seniors Gary Deutsch and John Look, and Juniors Al Weiner, Gary Michael, and Dave Simon. Weiner, in particular, "is looking very good," said Coach Sokalski.

Major Rule Changes

Two other factors that should have a major effect on high school gymnastics are the changes in the rules. First, tumbling has been replaced on the varsity level by the free exercise.

Secondly, the scoring system has been revamped. This year, rather than a given team's point total being assigned for each place in each event, the boys' individual average scores will be added together, thus directly reflecting a team's strength.



BOB QUINTANALES practices his one-arm handstand for one of his parallel bar routines.

All-Americans Pace Swimmers, Hawkins Waits

WORKOUTS ARE now being held in preparation for this year's Niles East swimming season, which gets under way December 6 with a meet against Elmwood.

"We're short on people, but the people we have are good," says Coach Larson.

Returning to the Varsity squad in their senior year are All-American rated Paul Katz, Lee Bollow, and Wayne Thomas. Katz poses East's main threat in freestyle competition. Bollow is the key man at the backstroke, and Thomas is the team's strength in the butterfly.

Jim Hawkins, Most Valuable

Player for the swimming team last year, will be out of action at least until January because of the broken neck he suffered last July. He finished third in state in the breaststroke last year and his loss to the team will hurt.

THE SOPHOMORES' hopes lie in freestylers Larry Hoke, Don Gockenbach, and Tom Savage. Backstroker Bruce Darin and breaststroker Mike Rafayko bolster the sophomore strength.

Coach Larson is very optimistic about the freshman team. He believes that if they continue the pace they're maintaining now, they'll all be swimming varsity next year.

Workouts are held Monday through Saturday throughout the swimming season. On the week days, the boys swim from three to five thousand yards, while on Saturdays they swim nearly six thousand yards.

Fencers Point High

MANY SPORTS critics have put professional football "to the torch" this year because of its supposedly excessive violence. However, everyday life has hit the Niles East fencers as hard as playing injuries have hit the Chicago Bears.

Coach Robert Keen is currently resting at home, recovering from a hernia operation at Skokie Valley Hospital while varsity member Marty Fraeman, '69, will be out at least until January with a broken foot. Captain Neal White, '69, said that Mr. Keen will probably be back with the team during the second week in December.

Even with these injuries, the squad is looking for a great season. According to Varsity Member Sid Milstein, '69, "The state crown is within our reach."

PLEASANT PLAINES, winner of the state fencing crown the last two years, and Marshall High School of Chicago will give East its toughest competition, according to Milstein. Besides Fraeman, Milstein, and White, other returning lettermen are Senior Ken Fleischer and Juniors Al Acker and Tom Fillipp.

Niles East has placed fifth in state competition during the past two seasons. Troy is the only team in the state with six returning lettermen, adding to the team's confidence.

White and Milstein pointed out that there are only 17 teams in the state. Chicago area competition includes Marshall, Notre Dame, Niles West, New Trier East, Foreman, and Maine South.

'68-'69 Winter Sports Schedule

Basketball SL Home Schedule	Gymnastics SL Home Schedule	Swimming SL Home Schedule
Starting Time: 8:30 P.M.		Starting Time: 7:45 P.M.
Fri., Dec. 6 Waukegan	Sat., Jan. 18 Oak Park	Fri., Jan. 10 Oak Park
Fri., Dec. 20 Highland Park	Fri., Feb. 7 Waukegan	Fri., Jan. 24 Evanston
Sat., Jan. 11 New Trier East	Sat., Feb. 22 Morton East	Fri., Jan. 31 Waukegan
Fri., Jan. 17 Morton East	Sat., March 1 Morton East hosts Suburban League meet	
Sat., Feb. 1 Proviso East		
Fri., Feb. 14 Oak Park		
Fri., Feb. 28 Evanston		
Niles West Tonight		
	Wrestling SL Home Schedule	Fencing Home Schedule
	Starting Time: 6:30 P.M.	Thurs., Dec. 5 Foreman
	Fri., Jan. 10 Oak Park	Fri., Dec. 13 Marshall
	Fri., Jan. 24 Evanston	Fri., Jan. 3 Niles West
	Wed., Feb. 5 Foreman	Wed., Jan. 8 Maine South
	Fri., Jan. 31 Waukegan	Fri., Jan. 31 Notre Dame