

Administration, Faculty Members Assail Student Smoking, Vandalism

"TO CUT DOWN on vandalism and smoking in the school washrooms," the administration has asked "the staff to assist in spot checking these problem areas throughout the building," Assistant Principal Arthur Colver stated earlier this week.

"Our purpose is also to emphasize that washrooms are designed to serve students but not to function as loitering places."

Becoming more specific, he explained, "We don't feel that the school should encourage smoking. However, aside from this moral consideration, there is also the danger of fire."

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The vandalism problem, which was another factor in the adminis-

tration's decision, was described as mostly "writing on the wall."

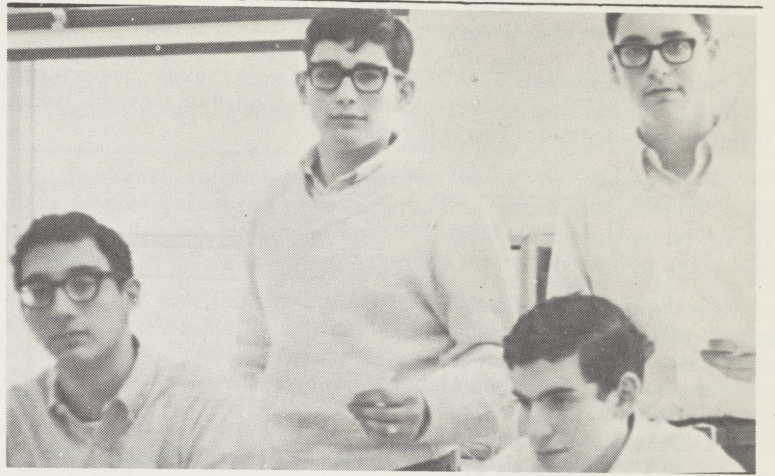
However, Principal Raymond G. Tyler pointed out that the suggestion of faculty supervision in the washrooms came from not only the administration but also the Student-Faculty Cooperative Committee and the Department Chairmen, with whom this problem was thoroughly discussed.

"THE CONTINUED cooperation of students and staff members in helping students to develop a greater awareness of their obligations as well as their freedoms is what is really needed in our school," Mr. Colver said. "It appears that the cooperation of teachers and students concerning this problem has improved the situation."

At present, he feels that no noticeable increase of vandalism has

resulted in other parts of the school. Yet until the problem is completely rectified, "spot checking" will be continued.

THIS ACTION is not to be interpreted as a "crash program," however, Mr. Colver warned. In the past, similar supervision has been used, although not to the extent it is now.



PLANNING their debate strategy are Hal Brody, '68, Norm Silber, '69, Brian Krasner, '68, and Joel Feldman, '70.

Debaters Finish Season

NILES EAST'S Varsity Debate Squad finished two points short of state finalist standing in the State Sectional meet at Arlington, March 9, according to Mr. John Palm, head debate coach.

Although the debaters entered the

meet as strong underdogs, they tied for fifth place at 6-2 after four rounds of regular competition. Since only the top five teams could go on to state finals competition, an extra elimination round was necessary. In this last round with four

other teams, East was narrowly defeated.

VARSITY competitors include Seniors Hal Brody and Brian Krasner, Junior Norm Silber, and Sophomore Joel Feldman. The varsity squad finished the 1967-68 tournament competition with a record of 14 wins and 14 losses.

Six sophomores and five juniors will return next season, including speaker-point trophy winners Jeff Factor '70 and Jackie Schaftner '70. According to Norm, next year's prospects look "very bright."

"Our team has done an outstanding job this year," Mr. Palm smiled. "They competed against many of the most excellent schools in this area."

East Boasts 101 Seniors As Ill. State Scholars

ONE HUNDRED ONE seniors have been selected Illinois State Scholarship winners, Mrs. Lorraine Rubin, scholarship chairman, has announced. "This figure represents a sizable increase from last year," she beamed, "when 61 students were awarded the scholarship."

The winners are Carolyn Anderson, Rochelle Apple, Teri Bentcover, Jo Ann Berick, Marty Block, Susan Bobrov, Steven Braver, Hal Brody, Laurence Brown, Gloria Calkins, Edward Cheszek, Debby Clayton, Bob Cooper, Wayne Daren, Earle Davis, Donna Donile, Nancy Dunn, Marc Ellenby, Gail Estrin, Vicky Fantus, Cary Fleischer, Scott Glickson, Alan Goldman, Judith Goldsholl, and Martha Goldstein.

Art Goodfriend, Robert Gottlieb, Roy Grossman, Larry Halperin, Tom Harrington, Gary Harris, Richard Harris, Douglas Hart, Carol Horvitz, Shelley Horwitz, Debby Irwin, Sue Isaacs, Donna Kasch, James Kaufman, Michael Kaye, Eileen Klehr, Barbara Koestner, David Kosh, Shelley Kramer, Brian Krasner, Barbara Kruglick, Judith Kuester, and Ellen Lee.

OTHER WINNERS include Phil Liebowitz, David Levin, Susan Lipner, Jeff Lisnek, Richard Loochman, Holly Lubow, Linda Luder, Linda Mandell, Robert Marks, Elaine Marmel, Jill Medintz, Don Mendelson, Michael Mogill, Leo Morton, Judith Myers, Steve Natenberg, Joyce Nicholas, Barry Nimon, and Tony Novak.

Ellen Panitch, Ken Paradise, Mike Pardys, Maria Rapoport, Paul Reisman, Mike Rich, Curt Rodin, Arlene Rosen, Joe Rosman, Debby Roth, Bob Roth, Arnold Rotkin, Leslie Ruckack, Lee Sandler, Trude Schaffner, Betty Schuber, Don Schubert, David Silverman, Toby Smith, Jeff Sonheim, Sam Stal, Richard Tittle, Lawrence Trainor, Scott Truubakoff, Stephen Vetzner, Renee Vlad, Cathy

Waller, Sam Warshawer, Sue Waxstein, Sue Waysdorf, Lynn Weinstein, Frank Woolman, and Jeff Zamansky.

WINNERS are selected on the basis of their American College Testing (ACT) scores and high school records. All juniors wishing to be considered for this scholarship must take the ACT exam administered May 11 or August 3.

Cabinet To Host Morp Dance; Finances Junior-Senior Prom

"THE MIXED NUTS" and "The Good Things" will be co-featured in Junior Cabinet's first annual 'Morp' Dance held March 22 at 8:00 p.m. in the Girls' Gym, stated Junior Mark Nemrovski, dance committee chairman.

"'Morp' is prom spelled backward," Mark explained. "The night will actually be a grub night, and everyone attending the dance should dress accordingly. A Morp King and Morp Queen will be selected on the basis of "grubbiness," and they will receive prizes. The King and Queen need not be a couple since the two will be chosen individually."

ACCORDING to Barry Hartstein, Junior Cabinet president, "The Morp is an excellent opportunity for students to release their inhibitions and forget a conformity with dress code rules. We have two

great groups and the dance will be fun for all."

Proceeds from the Morp will help finance this year's Junior-Senior Prom, to be held at the Highland Park Country Club, May 24.

Harris Resigns From Niles To Take S. Dakota Position

DR. JOHN HARRIS, assistant superintendent of District 219 and former assistant principal of Niles East, has resigned, effective June 30, to become superintendent of the Sioux Falls, South Dakota, school system.

As assistant superintendent in charge of curriculum and instruction, his job has been to outline and institute new courses at Niles. He has initiated such classes as Humanities, Modern Russia, and Data Processing.

"TO STIMULATE interest in curriculum development and to channel the development along these lines" is his goal. He added, "The school curriculum must keep in pace with the advancing technology of the age."

Reflecting on his years at East, Dr. Harris first cited the high morale of the student body, and the "dynamic Student Service Organization."

Dances To Glitter 'Fair Lady' Numbers

"ONE . . . TWO . . . THREE . . . one . . . two . . . three . . . keep waltzing," shouts Mrs. Mary Marshall, choreographer for "My Fair Lady."

The Lerner and Loewe musical features two production numbers, "The Embassy Waltz" and "Get Me to the Church on Time." Mrs.



DANCERS (from top) Arnold April '70, Donna Dowlin '69, Eileen Skatletsky '69, and Myron Sonkin '69, practice a number from the musical.

Marshall explained the waltz poses a few problems.

Imposes Careful Planning "This is a Viennese Waltz which is much faster than the American version. Consequently it is harder for the fellows to learn. In addition, the script imposes careful planning since it's specified that the dancers are constantly changing partners."

THE MODERN DANCE advisor described the second number as an "extremely fast, exhilarating, and fun dance. The number is actually an English can-can, which differs from the French version in that it's a little less formal."

Dance Embassy Waltz Dancers appearing in the "Embassy Waltz" are Linda Bandy, Sue Buckman, Bob Cooper, Kathy Griffin, Roy Grossman, Marlene Hartman, Dave Kosh, Sid Rabin, Elayne Schayer, and Bob Shuchman.

"GET ME to the Church on Time" features Arnold April, Karen Barach, Mitch Darrin, Donna Dowlin, Emil Dworianyn, Cyd Fields, Steve Fishman, Sherri Gavlin, Liz Harold, Sue Kempton, Steve Nathan, Eileen Skatletsky, and Randy Witt.

This is Mrs. Marshall's first musical assignment. "It's something I've always wanted to do. This is loads of fun and the variety is great!"

Winning Students Named In Annual Math Contest

SENIOR MIKE RICH and Juniors John Spies and Bill Page have been named the three top scorers in the annual math contest held Tuesday, March 12, Mr. Thomas Kiviluoma, math department chairman, has announced.

"In general, the purpose of the test is to seek out originality and ingenuity in the students, rather than to rehash material presented in the classroom," he explained.

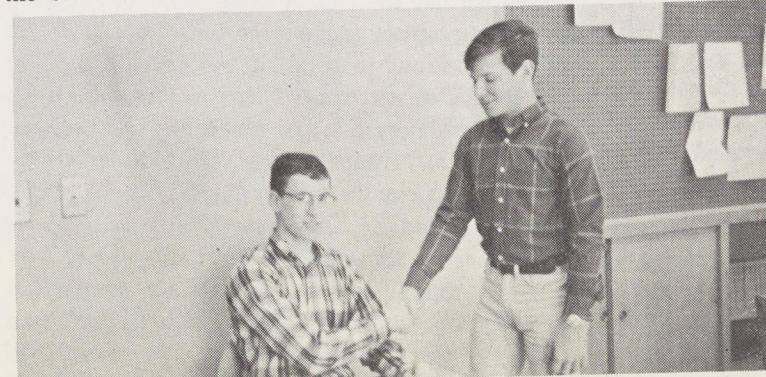
Purpose Explained The top three seniors, besides Mike, were Larry Weinstein and David Levin. The third highest junior was Scott Reynolds. Top sophomore winners include Stuart Leven, Paul Epton, and Richard Schu-

bert. The three high scorers among the freshmen were Stuart Oserman, Stephen Green, and Bill Spies.

Top Last Year Also Out of a possible 150 points, the three top marks in the contest were Mike, 88.50; John, 69.25; and Bill, 68.00. Mike will receive a pin for being top winner in this school and a second pin for having scored more than 80 points. He was the best scorer at East last year as well, Mr. Kiviluoma pointed out.

"THE CONTEST is based mainly upon the first three years of math, including beginning and advanced algebra, geometry, and trigonometry. "Although calculus and analytic geometry are not tested directly,"

he said, "some knowledge of these subjects would be of great help to the students."



SENIOR MIKE Rich and Junior Bill Page, top scorers in the math contest, congratulate each other.

Forum

Self-Respect Important

ALTHOUGH Illinois state law makes it illegal for people between the ages of seven and 17 to smoke, they do. This is a reality.

High school students at Niles East smoke, even though they are prohibited to do so. They smoke with the realization that they are risking a three day suspension. This is a reality.

In an attempt to prevent students from smoking in school, particularly in the washrooms, the administration has locked several washrooms throughout the building. The washrooms that are not locked are supervised by faculty members between periods and during lunch hours.

It is the opinion of the NILEHILITE editorial staff that locking washrooms will not keep students from smoking in school. Students who smoke in washrooms will find another place to smoke in school if the washrooms are locked. Unfortunately, however, they cannot find another place to perform their natural functions.

Therefore, it is not a question of whether or not students smoke in school. The administration became very concerned with the smoking problem along with the tremendous increase in vandalism. Students have maliciously marred the washrooms with cigarette burns, cigarette butts, overturned trash baskets, and they have caused numerous fires. Obviously, the vandalism is a direct result of the smoking.

WE URGE the administration to reopen the washrooms that have been closed, and to supervise these washrooms also if necessary, although there should be no need.

But more importantly, we ask the students why they have so little respect for their school. Why do they commit such nonsensical vandalistic acts? Why must they smoke during school hours? Why break the law, risk suspension, and make the washrooms filthy?

Students, we appeal to you through an editorial expressing the opinions of this newspaper. We urge you to respect yourselves and your school and to discontinue the meaningless smoking and vandalism in the washrooms. The supervision of the washrooms was brought on only by yourselves, and only you can exhibit the maturity and the responsibility in order to make amends for a situation that has gotten completely out of hand.

Liberal Attitude Needed

THE LAST issue of the NILEHILITE indicated that in a recent poll by the School Systems Committee of Student Council, it was found that 1,119 students of 1,252 polled were in favor of an early dismissal schedule in coming years.

The editorial staff seconds this overwhelming response and agrees with 89 per cent of the students polled. We also feel that it would be extremely advantageous for students who are enrolled in four majors and no minors to be scheduled so that they may be dismissed after fifth period.

More liberal attitudes are becoming increasingly important in modern education. This would certainly be a forward step in the right direction.

Your Write To Say It

'No Scuffling on the Grass'

by Renee Samelson, English 61

ON TUESDAY, March 5, the Niles East school day was made new and exciting in two ways. First, afternoon classes were shortened so that the pep assembly could take place. Second, students were able to hear the school song about 10 times. Remember the shock that first came over you when you walked out of your first period class? Remember saying "This can't be true. I must be hearing things"? But then you realized that it really was true. You barely had any time to think because as soon as the music stopped, second period had begun. And so we had "instant replays" every 40 minutes, except during the lunch periods when it was every hour. And then the day was climaxed with a pep assembly.

Now, don't get me wrong. I like our school song. But even "Love Is Blue" gets nauseating if you hear it enough. Many of the kids who usually do not care about what is happening were really disgusted. Two students were so upset that they remained seated during the entire pep assembly.

THEN LAST week, we experienced the first days of spring (even though it was still winter). Naturally, there were many kids outside. The courtyard was almost as full as it was during the days of the teachers' strike. And the kids were having fun, real fun. The girls had rediscovered the joys of "Red Rover." The boys were wrestling and chicken fight-

ing. Everyone had really enjoyed his lunch period.

But this fun was too good to last. The next day we were told on the Morning Show that "there will be no scuffling on the grass." The reason? The grass should not be torn up and ruined. The courtyard is not to be destroyed. But, as Toby Baren said so well in Council, "We'd rather have ugly grass to play on than pretty grass to look at." I can understand our being forbidden to play in the courtyard because we were disturbing the classes that were in session. But this was not the reason given to the students. If it is the reason we should be given a new era, like the field next to the football field, in which to play.

A PEP ASSEMBLY is good and it can be fun. I just do not like the idea of being turned on and off, as was our school song, at certain times and told "Now is the time to go shout and yell and to have fun." I also do not like the idea of "imposed fun." But the mandatory pep assemblies will still continue to take place. Perhaps our between class entertainment will end but the pep assembly will still come. Do we, the students, have fun at these pep assemblies? Have we all learned to "turn on" and scream at the appropriate time? Only you can answer the questions for yourself. Yet no one will play "Red Rover" in the courtyard any more. But we will be able to look at the beautiful grass. And we will still be able to have our fun at the pep assemblies.



Insomniac's Predicament: Carson or Commercials?

"THAT JUST means we're breaking away for a second," explained Johnny Carson. "We'll be right back after station identification."

And so, as what was to be a five-minute-long "second" began, Ed McMahon's smiling countenance filled the screen, and he said, "With a name like Smucker's it has to be good." Immediately following this memorable statement, the scene switched to a seven-year-old boy who was in the process of preparing a four-foot-high sandwich, utilizing every flavor and variety of Smucker's jam known to man.

While the network stations continued in their apparently futile attempt to identify themselves, the television tube was graced by the presence of lonesome George Gobel. Old lonesome George was singing the praises of a glass of milk which he held in his hand. He gave absolutely no notice to the fact that he was floating two feet above his breakfast table.

STILL TRYING to find out who they were, the stations continued

their entertaining line-up of briefs with an Australian koala bear that presented an open letter to Sigmund Freud. The poor animal complained that it was suffering from hostile and aggressive tendencies towards an airline called Qantas. He completed his heart-rending plea with the simple yet revealing line, "I hate Qantas."

Carson then reappeared, and he began the segment with a rousing, "We'll be back in a minute."

Continuing the cavalcade of commercials, the Lone Ranger and Tonto came galloping into a grand ballroom and inquired about the music that was being played. The particular number happened to be

the "William Tell Overture." Not waiting for an answer to the previous question, the loyal Indian companion of the masked man asked, "Have a Jenos Pizza Roll, kimo-save?" They then mounted their steeds and rode off toward the orchestra.

ALTHOUGH there was no way of knowing it at the time, the stations had finally discovered their true identities. After a pair of hands came out of nowhere and opened a jar of Sau-Sea Shrimp Cocktail, Johnny was back again. Both the panel and the audience were laughing hysterically, but the reason was not clear to the home viewers.

Letters to the Editor

Student Asks School's Support

DEAR EDITOR:

The last issue of the NILEHILITE contained two letters written by Junior Cabinet officers denouncing the lack of "school spirit" shown by the student body in the poor attendance at the concert. The paper also contained an editorial by the NILEHILITE staff which pointed out that the annual concert was not a mandatory function. As vice president of Junior Cabinet, I nevertheless feel that our concert was not an obligation.

School spirit is a difficult concept to define. It does, however, include more than attendance at school functions. Our failure to make a profit on the concert was not due to student apathy.

The concert was given to entertain the students and to raise needed funds. No one was obliged to attend. Because of the high price charged by the group, we, in turn, were forced to charge high prices for the tickets. It is understandable that an individual would be unwilling to pay \$3.50 to see a group that did not appeal to him. Unfortunately, the poll we took before signing the contract indicated that enough students were interested in attending.

OBVIOUSLY, we were interested in selling as many tickets as possible. That we failed to do so is no excuse to denounce the student body. Those students who said, "I don't like Tommy James and the Shondells" had the best reason of all for not attending.

At any rate, we are faced with a deficit which must be overcome. We tentatively have five events planned to help raise funds to finance prom. Obviously, we need

the support of anyone willing to give it.

It is easy to criticize the work of others; it is difficult to create a constructive program. Much work was put into the concert, and much work will be put into upcoming events. Instead of criticizing, we urge students to come up with some better ideas. Perhaps a more positive attitude is needed at Niles East.

We in Cabinet want to present an activity which will appeal to the student body. We are not in a position where we can afford to lose on any more functions. Therefore, because we are not sponsoring a "charity drive," we ask the students to tell us what they would be interested in attending.

Mark Levie '68

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MR. CHARLES SZUBERLA keeps abreast of the latest information in education, during a spare moment in his office.

Szuberla Pinpoints Plans

by Bob Shapiro

"HIGH SCHOOL is the stage of each person's life during which he really begins to strive to become a well-rounded person. It prepares him for what comes next," explained Mr. Charles Szuberla, new Superintendent of Niles Township High Schools.

Coming to Niles with a wide background, including a brief fling at hockey, which he jokingly remarked "Helped to further educate me," Mr. Szuberla has made a number of observations about the Niles schools.

"First, I am impressed with the quality and quantity of course offerings at the schools. Many courses offered at Niles are available at few other high schools throughout the nation. Secondly, there is much ability among the students, as evidenced by the recently announced winners of the Scholastic Art Awards, Westinghouse Talent Search Winners, and National Merit Finalists. Lastly, there is much interest by students in themselves, the school, and the community."

Mr. Szuberla hopes that one of the changes he can institute at

Niles is the idea of individualized instruction. "A student should be able to progress in relation to both his ability and his interests. No two students are alike, so there is no reason why they should be forced to learn at the same rate. He should be able to progress rapidly in areas where the interest and ability is great and spend more time in the areas where he would normally be unable to."

School All Year
One project Mr. Szuberla has

worked with in the past is having school for the entire year, which the new superintendent feels goes along with his concept of individualized instruction. "A century ago it was necessary for students to be dismissed during the summer to work on their farms. But now, there is no reason why a student cannot complete high school in three years. In addition, having school the entire year enables the student to take courses he normally would not have time for. It is part of this idea of creating a well-rounded individual."

Project Wingspread is also of great interest to Mr. Szuberla. He is delighted with the response from both participating schools and from sponsoring companies. "This too adds to the concept of enabling a student to know about many different areas."

Pressure Justified

The new superintendent is also interested in the subject of student rights. He feels that "rights and responsibilities cannot stand alone. A student cannot be given rights if he shows no ambition to be responsible at the same time. In the same sense, students cannot be granted responsibilities without any power to carry them out."

When asked if he thought there was increasing pressure on today's students, Mr. Szuberla admitted that there is much more than 10 or 20 years ago, but "with the increased progress in society, this increase in pressure is totally justified. A student must be able to accept pressures in high school if he is to be successful in later years."

'Beware the Ides of March'

by Eric Palles

"I COME to bury Caesar, not to praise him," Mark Antony announced on a fateful March 15, 2012 years ago.

Well, Caesar deserved a better fate. He was, after all, killed by a deranged group of lunatics, led by a real nut named Brutus.

Brutus undoubtedly was crazy. He was an honest senator, in other words, a freak.

Brutus, The Intellectual

In addition to that, Brutus was an intellectual. Everyone knows that intellectuals don't belong in politics. Look at Adlai Stevenson, for example. Brutus didn't tell jokes, though.

Intellectuals, it is common knowledge, belong instead in an ivory tower. They are, after all, idealistic, impractical, and uppity. They think they are better than everyone else. They don't know their place.

Caesar Has Good Domestic Policy

This is the kind of guy that Caesar had to deal with. Brutus was a malcontent. He had a long history of dissent, and it's surprising that Caesar's secret service didn't have a file on him.

Brutus didn't have anything to complain about either. Caesar's domestic program was really first rate. He was building aqueducts and helping fight poverty. With all the sports events and other entertainment, Rome was known as "Fun City." There were a large number of tourists, mostly firemen, who visited on weekends.

What Gried Brutus?

It's hard to tell what gried Brutus. He might have been against Caesar's war effort because Caesar

was dividing Gaul into three parts, or something like that. He might have been impatient for more reforms, although Caesar explained that Rome couldn't be built in a day.

What really got Brutus mad though was Caesar's ambition. It

really irked him that Caesar was aggressive and tried to get ahead. He didn't think that Rome should be led by one man. It should've been ruled by justice, freedom, and truth. Brutus was a hippie.

Luckily, there aren't too many man like Brutus to make it hard

for everybody. Some people say that there are still plenty of Caesars. Not in the United States, of course, a country ruled by justice, freedom and truth, but someone said that DeGaulle in France is a Caesar. Someone ought to tell him to watch out for his senators.

Champion Skater Swirls On Ice

"I'D BE LOST! I wouldn't know what to do if I stopped skating," exclaimed Senior Cyndy Watson. "Last year I thought I would quit, but I never could. I love it too much!"

Cyndy, who has been ice skating for 10 years, has won numerous awards and is presently training for a title in the Senior Division of the Midwest and National competitions to qualify for a place in the World competition.

In the past, Cyndy has won Gold Medals in the Juvenile, Novice, Junior, and Senior Titles of the Subsectional contest at ages 11, 12, 14, and 17 respectively. She also came in first place in the Juvenile and Novice awards of the Midwest competition and second place in the Junior Division.

"MY BIG GOAL is to qualify for the 1972 Olympics in Japan," she explained. "Afterwards, I would like very much to travel with a show and eventually to become a professional teacher."

"Skating takes a lot of time and hard work," she continued. "One has to discipline himself or he won't make it. I've had to give up a lot for not only myself but my parents

as well." During the summer she practices eight hours a day, six days a week.

"I get up at 6:30 and practice for the compulsory figures contest from 7:00-12:00. If I'm dieting, I skip lunch and practice another four hours." The compulsory figures, which are difficult variations of the basic figure eight, comprise 60 per cent of her score. The rest consists of free style skating.

"I BEGAN this sport when my aunt gave me a pair of ice skates for Christmas. My mother was afraid I would break my leg," Cyndy laughed, "so she made me take lessons. I've been skating ever since then."

She began training at Tower Cabana, Chicago. Presently, she practices at the Wagon Wheel under Coach Slava Kohout who also coached Janet Lynn, a 1968 Olympic Team member.

Cyndy also studied ballet for five years when she was younger and

on and off since then. "It definitely helps a lot by toning the muscles, improving grace, and increasing strength and stamina. Furthermore, many moves from ballet can be put on ice."

karoleidoscope

by Carol Horvitz

LOTS OF PEOPLE have it out for the "younger generation," especially the older generation. We're just kids, and what can high school kids do anyway?

PLENTY.

This is the story of how a group of high school kids (with a little financial support of a few benevolent adults and never-ending support of every kind from one 23-year-old girl) fought the Chicago Democratic machine, the 20th district Police Department, and the cynicism and doubts of parents and middle-aged teen-agers.

They fought for a place of their own and they won.

They came from Chicago, Skokie, and Evanston, and they wanted a place to meet other kids a place to perform, to hear performers; a place to speak, to listen; a place to be together.

ON OPENING NIGHT, the students were honored to have several members of Chicago's Police Department in attendance. These friendly men informed the kids that they would have to close because they did not have a "charter from the USA." This seemed rather absurd; however it was accompanied by a warning not to "argue the law with me kid. . . . Remember we closed the Pink Phynque. . . ."

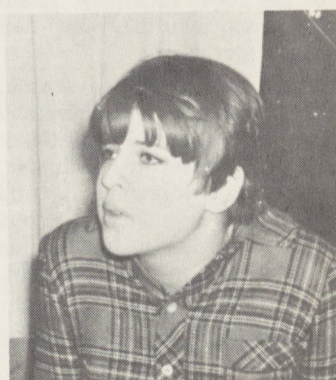
On opening night II the kids came equipped with a lawyer who did, in fact, argue the law with the various policemen, plainclothesmen, and firemen who turned up searching for something illegal. They could not find anything amiss.

MEANWHILE THE DEMOCRATIC ALDERMAN of the 49th Ward where the coffeehouse happened to be located) had been telling the local press that the students involved with the coffeehouse were being politically brainwashed by their 23 year old sponsor. She belongs to an independent political organization which had run a candidate against the Democratic alderman.

This evil organization, known as CIA (Citizens for Independent Political Action) had committed such crimes as allowing the high school students to meet in their office and supplying them with legal aid.

YET THE COFFEEHOUSE stayed open until December. This time the trouble came from the landlord who was careful to collect the month's rent before padlocking the door and threatening to sue because the place had been broken into and vandalized. The amiable man was willing to settle for 200 dollars.

SO, on opening night III . . . (which was last month) no one knew that the Poison Cookie Hole was still alive. It is.



NANCY Becker, '69, sings at the Poison Cookie Hole.



SENIOR CYNDY WATSON

poses between practice sessions at the Wagon Wheel.

Coming Up

Wednesday, March 20
Varsity Cheerleading
Tryouts

Tuesday, March 26
Winter Athletic
Awards Assembly

Friday, March 29
"N" Club-Faculty
Basketball Game
Next NILEHILITE

Prelims Key to Gymnast Success

RIGHT NOW Niles East's 1968 state ranking in gymnastics is being decided at Maine East. The preliminaries, which began at 2:00 pm, hold the key to Troy's success in tomorrow night's finals.

In each event of the preliminaries thirty contestants, ten from each district, compete. The top ten finishers advance to the finals. This is where the fate of East lies: in the number of Trojans that get to finals.

Seven Qualify for State

Seven Trojans qualified for ten state events at the Rich East dis-

trict battle last Saturday. If most of them do become finalists, the squad's chances of duplicating or bettering last year's fifth place finish are excellent. Some optimistic observers are even looking for a repeat of the 1963 team's second.

At Rich East, the gymnasts capped a very unpromising afternoon round with an evening performance that could go down as one of the greatest comebacks in IHSA history.

Through the first three events East had captured only five points and had placed only two men in

state. In the nightcap, though, the Trojans amassed 60 more points and sent eight additional contenders to state. This gave them second out of the 20 schools competing.

Rifkind Outstanding Performer

Seymour Rifkind was the outstanding performer of the contest. In qualifying for state in four events he managed to take firsts on parallel bars and in all-around, sixth on high bar, and seventh on rings.

Steve Kite and Jeff Levin completed a history-making P-bars trio. Out of 74 competitors, Steve

swung into second and Jeff was third. With Rifkind winning first, this marked what was probably the first time one school has grabbed 1-2-3 in a district event.

Lee Sandler's excellent performance on trampoline was duly rewarded with third place. Hector

Mandel threw his best routine of the season to bounce into fifth.

Rich Nagel reserved his state prelims spot by tying Rifkind for seventh on rings. The final qualifier was Bob Quintanales. He was ranked ninth best of the 24 all-around competitors.



WITH moves like his L-cross, Senior Rich Nagel hopes to score high in tomorrow night's state finals at Maine East.

Hawkins Places Third

Tanksters Finish Ninth

LED BY Junior Jim Hawkins, the Niles East Varsity tanksters climaxed a highly successful season by taking ninth in the state meet at Hinsdale South, March 1, 1968.

Hawkins, state district champion, was favored to become the 1968

breast-stroke champion. He qualified fifth in the preliminaries and came back to take third place in the finals with a time of 1:04.7.

In the preliminaries, Junior Paul Katz achieved the second best recorded time in the state in the 50-

yard freestyle. His 22:4 time qualified him for second. He placed sixth in the finals with a time of 23.1, although fourth, fifth, and sixth places were very close together. His preliminary time would have insured him a second place finish in state.

Katz and Hawkins teamed up with Juniors Wayne Thomas and Lee Bollow in the 200-yard medley relay. The relay team qualified fourth with a time of 1:43.7. Although they swam a little slower in the finals, the tanksters took fourth with a time of 1:44.9.

The Trojans totaled 43 points in the state finals, placing them ninth. Hinsdale Central was the 1968 prep champion. The East mermen also took third in the Districts and sixth in the Suburban League this year.



RACING to a sixth place state finish, Junior Paul Katz splashes towards home.

Tracksters Look to Improved Performances

TONIGHT at the Evanston Relays Niles East's trackmen will try to improve upon the team's dismal showing in last week's Suburban League meet in which Niles placed seventh.

Last Wednesday Niles finished

second against Arlington and Forest View with the only first place finishes being recorded by Mike Rich, '68, in the 50 yard dash and low hurdles and the mile relay team.

The Trojans were expected to do much better in the league meet but the performances were not up to par. Some of the performers expected to improve upon their showings are Rich, high-jumper Bryan Green, shot-putter Nate Stalhke.

The sophomores, on the other hand, did do quite well placing fifth. Jasper Tovalachi led the way for the sophs leading them toward a second place in the mile relay.

Diamondmen Feel They Can Win

AT THE FIRST baseball practice twenty-five boys reported. Why such a good turn out?

Because, this year, Niles East has one of the most promising group of young men, than they have had in the last four years.

The first meeting of the season, found the freshmen, sophomore and varsity baseball teams in attendance. Varsity baseball coach, Mr. Nick Odilivak, ran the meeting, and the first words he said to the boys were, "If there is one boy in this room today that feels that his team,

freshman, sophomore, and above all, varsity, cannot win the Suburban League title, on your respective levels, let him leave now."

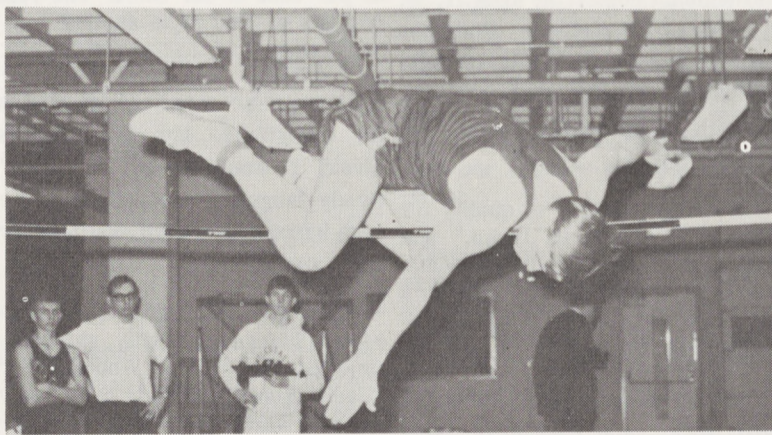
This was not just a pep talk, Coach Odilivak sincerely believes, that each level can win its SL title this year. The varsity should give their SL opponents a good run for the title.

Senior Don Seigel, who was named to the all-suburban team last year, is returning along with Dave Diamond, '68, who can throw the ball as fast as any college play-

er can, will make up the pitching staff. They will be helped out by juniors Theo Prousis and Al Mitchell.

Senior Phil Leibowitz, who was the only junior, last year, to start every game at first base, for the

varsity, and batted .367, will be back, along with power hitter Bob Gottlieb, '68. The catching department is all but in the lineup cards, as junior Rich Becker who, as a sophomore last year, led the varsity in hitting.



UP AND OVER goes Senior High Jumper Bryan Green as he prepares for tonight's meet.

Penetrations

Should East Stay in SL?

by Steve Vetzner

DOES NILES EAST belong in the Suburban League, and more importantly should it stay there?

Early in the basketball season Coach Jim Pooley expressed his opinion that perhaps it is better to play in an easier league and win more games than play in a harder league and not win a championship. He did not, however, come to a final conclusion on this matter.

With the end of fall and winter sports, Niles has fared relatively well. No championships were acquired, but the Trojans were not cellar dwellers.

Yet to some people this is not enough. They feel that since Niles is in the Suburban League it must be first, which is of course an erroneous assumption. There have been rumors of building more facilities and a great effort has been made to boost school spirit. In short, a great emphasis has been placed on winning.

WHAT SHOULD be realized is that Niles' relatively small enrollment hampers its ability to build a winner. At the present time only 2200 students attend East, while the enrollment at the other Suburban League schools is over 3000.

Another thing that should be made known is that of the eight championships crowned this year, six of them belong to Evanston, a school which has an enrollment of more than five thousand.

It is my belief that Niles should stay in the Suburban League. But what should be avoided is an overemphasis of sports.

Tennis Coach Envisions Exciting Year for Netmen

ALTHOUGH there are only three returning lettermen, the outlook for the '68 tennis team is a bright one, according to Coach Chuck Morrison.

Coach Morrison bases his optimism on a team which is led by Senior Mark Bishop, the #1 ranked player in the state of Illinois. Other members of the seven man squad are Seniors Scott Glickson, Steve Natenberg, and Bob Newlin. Junior members are Ernie Miller, and Dave Wiggins.

"The seventh position on the team will be highly competed among Juniors Mike Arenson, Ron Lavine, and Steve Melomed," Coach Morrison added.

Tournament play was stressed

this past summer for team members. Coach Morrison cites Bishop and Newlin as players who improved because of their participation in several tournaments.

"Bishop won the Des Plaines Men's Singles championship this summer, defeating Ed Thompson, the #1 player for the University of Illinois," according to Coach Morrison. "Mark also competed in the National City Tennis Tournament in Charleston, Virginia as the #1 singles player for the city of Chicago. In this tournament he defeated several Junior Davis Cup players."

The main competition for Bishop

will come from Evanston's Mike Madura and East St. Louis' Jimmy Connors. Coach Morrison expects the toughest team competition in the Suburban League to come from Evanston, New Triet East, and Oak Park.

"While our team is not as good all-around as last year, the quality of the league has also gone down," explained Coach Morrison. "Therefore our record should approach our 12-2 showing of last year."

This season's schedule includes seven home meets starting with Maine West, April 4th, and the Suburban League meet at East, May 25th.