

# NILEHILITE

## Give honors at assembly

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## Students discover joys of reading

Many Easthi students who entered school with reading problems are now able to read at their own level, and also have discovered that reading can be enjoyable.

**THE INCREASE IN** reading skills are due to the efforts of Ms. Barbara Theobald, Reading Instructor, and the 107 students who volunteered to work during their free time in the Reading Center.

Students who took courses in the center first semester had an average reading score gain of 1.2 years, as measured by the Nelson-Denney Reading Test, according to Ms. Theobald and Dr. James Richter, Student Services Director. This is a large increase because during the first semester, students only are expected to rise an average of four months in their reading skills.

"I think the main reason the students are showing improvement is that their attitudes are changing. I try to deal with each student individually, and gear

their reading program to their interests and abilities," Ms. Theobald commented.

**THE STUDENTS WHO WORK** in the Reading Center don't receive credit; the work is voluntary. All students are invited to use the center, including those with reading problems, and those who simply want to increase their reading speed and comprehension.

In addition the center is equipped with "books on tape" and speed reading ma-

chines which help both the remedial reading and those trying to increase their reading speed. Students insert a tape in a speed reading machine, which projects a book, line by line, on a wall or screen. Students can adjust the speed of the machine, and can easily measure their progress. "Books on tape" allows students to listen to a tape recording of a book while they follow along in their own copy.

## Music events to be presented

Several music events have occurred and more programs will be presented. The combined East and Triton Junior College guest artist percussion ensemble was held on February 23.

**EASTHI ALUMNUS** Shelly Elias, a faculty member of Triton Junior College, performed in the concert, which also fea-

tured popular and modern music.

Four vocal soloists and trumpet soloist were featured at a special orchestra and choir concert on February 29. They presented music written by Johann Sebastian Bach and Carl Philip Emmanuel Bach.

Easthi students hosted the Illinois High School Association ensemble and solo contest on March 6. Twenty-seven schools

The Academy Awards Assembly of Easthi was held at the end of the semester.

**BEST FILM AND BEST DIRECTOR** awards were given to Norm Christopherson and Carol Greenspahn for *Guilty Conscience*. Carol Greenspahn, who acted as the victim and corpse in *Guilty Conscience*, also received the Best Actress award for '75.

Ralph DiBenedetto, for his performance as a drug pusher, won the honors of Best Actor. David Dichman and David Hyman earned the award for the Special Effects category. The Best Story award was given to Ralph DiBenedetto and Nick Lake.

**HONORABLE MENTIONS** for filmstrips also were awarded to Cory Glaberson, Mike Meyer, Curt Uritz, Howard Terines, and Harry Steindler.

participated in the event with over 1,000 students performing.

**THE TROJAN MALE** Chorus will participate in the New Lenox High School Men's Invitational on March 24.

Enrollment in Orchestra has tripled, and enrollment in the choruses, Chamber Choir, and Trojan Chorus also has increased, according to Frank Winkler, Music Director.



(Photo by Barry Schmetter)

Seven students practice an act in "Fiorello," the spring musical which has a cast of 53 students.



(Photo by Barry Schmetter)

Jerry Lavin '78, Donna Kulwin '76, and Barry Kramer '77, are pictured rehearsing for the spring musical, *Fiorello*, which will be presented April 1-3.

### News in brief

## Residents to elect board candidates

Residents in Niles Township District 219 will be asked to vote for candidates to fill the two vacancies on the high school Board of Education.

**VOTING WILL TAKE** place on April 10 from 12 noon — 8 p.m., at one of the 23 locations. George Hanus and Evelyn Rosenzweig, Board members, are running for their second three year term. Philip Sloane, first on the ballot, will challenge them for his first three year term. At least one more candidate is expected to file for elections. The last day for filing is on March 19.

East PTSA is participating in the Niles Township Community High School District 219 Caucus. Their responsibility to the community is to nominate the best qualified candidates to serve on the Niles Township Board of Education.

## Sessions to be held

Three day leadership workshops will be held in the summer at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston for sophomores and juniors.

During each of the three workshops an introductory session will be conducted about the necessary skills for effective leadership, listening, communicating, or creativity and simplified procedures. Although any student interested in leadership can attend, each workshop will be limited to 50 participants.

**A FEE OF \$45** will include meals, lodging, and materials. The workshops will be held on June 4-6, July 9-11, and August 6-8. Entry blanks are available in the Guidance Office, Room 108. No deadline was set because of the 50 applicant limit.

## Reflections '77 directors selected

The student directors for 'Reflections,' were selected at the end of the first semester.

**STUDENTS SELECTED INCLUDE** Gail Norris '77, and David Pevsner '77, directors; Lawrence Cohn '77, music director; David Fleisher '77, assistant vocal director; Paula Jeremias '78, and Mary Postel '77, choreographers; Howard Steirman '77, technical director; and Diane Ament '78, and Carol Miller '78, as set designers.

The show is expected to be performed in December.

## Coming attractions

March 12 End of fourth marking period  
March 13 Dance and Music Recital,  
Classes from Devonshire  
Center Park District 2:30 p.m.  
March 14 Booster Club Award Night  
March 15 Counselor meetings with  
junior homeroom teachers Homeroom  
March 16 Junior Registration  
March 16-24 All School Registration  
March 17 PTSA General Meeting  
March 17 Choral/Orchestra Concert Niles North  
March 17-20 Musical Niles West  
March 18 Junior Parents Night  
March 20 Concert of Jewish  
Music Kaplan JCC 8 p.m.  
March 21 Young People's Concert,  
Wind Instruments Kaplan JCC 3 p.m.

March 22-26 Bicentennial Film Festival  
Niles West Auditorium 7:30 p.m.  
March 22 Board of Education Meeting  
7700 Gross Point Road  
March 22 NTFT meeting  
March 24 Special homeroom for all levels  
to complete registration  
March 26 All school volleyball tournament  
March 28 Skokie Valley Symphony  
Orchestra Concert, featuring  
Symphony Number 1,  
by Mahler Niles West 7:30 p.m.

A performing arts showcase will show work of talented students from all Niles Township High Schools, at the Skokie Public Library in the Petty Auditorium. Watch for the date and other details.



## Feedback

## Administrators ignore play

Dear Editor,

Recently, the Niles East theater department put on its annual production of "Reflections."

In the program for "Reflections," the department was obligated to acknowledge four members of our administration, specifically; Dr. Wesley Gibbs, Superintendent; Galen Hosler, Principal; Robert Lamb, Director of Fine Arts; and Dr. Lee Hawkins, Director of Language Arts. Also, it was obligated to acknowledge the members of the Board of Education. These people were acknowledged for their title.

I suppose that, in and of itself, the simple fact that those people allow us to perform and use their facility merits an acknowledgement in our program. However, this high school is an educational institution and in order to fulfill its obligation to each student it should give each student the opportunity to develop himself educationally as much as possible. Participating in any aspect of the theater is very much a part of any student's education. Therefore, it is my belief that even though having a theater department is a privilege, it also is the school's responsibility.

Above and beyond that, and more towards the purpose of this letter, is the fact that the administration and Board of Education should consider it a privilege to see a creation by "their" students in its final stage. They should consider it an honor that "their" students care enough to do their best, to work their hardest in order to entertain their community, and learn something in the process.

Yet Hosler was the only administrator who came to see "Reflections." Lamb was quoted as saying, "I didn't have time." We worked six weeks yet he didn't have one night. And the President of our Board of Education left during the intermission without so much as a congratulatory remark to the directors, whom she was sitting next to.

I realize that asking for an explanation or an apology would be futile, but it is my hope that bringing this into the open will prevent this lack of respect for the students from ever happening again.

Roy G. Biv

## Independent study unfair

Dear Editor,

I have just discovered that the administration at this school gives no consideration to students who go ahead and work independently in their classes. They will not allow a student, such as myself, to take a class Independent Study in order to get credit for work already completed. They will not let a student come to class simply to take the exams, because she has already finished the classroom work, and again gain credit for work already completed. Yet they "encourage the student not to drop the class."

What kind of fool do they think I am? It would be stupid for me to totally waste my time, to sit in a class an entire semester and do absolutely nothing. Yet that is what Mr. Hosler and Dr. Ray want me to do.

Mr. Hosler suggests that I be given the advanced course, yet I would be taking a class and getting no credit or recognition on my transcript that I ever took the class. Why should I bother?

For the educational value, right? Wrong. I don't need the course, I wanted to take it. I also don't need the hassle that this school is giving me.

Well, Mr. Hosler, you won this round. But it only shows that you don't care how your views or policies hurt the students.

Nancy Angell '76

## Homerooms too noisy?

Dear Editor,

Don't you think it is necessary to hear announcements of school activities so one can show up at the right time and place? Didn't Mr. Galen Hosler initiate daily homeroom so announcements could be read and listened to, and hopefully the students would increase their interest in the school? Well, I personally find listening to the announcements everyday is harder than my chemistry

class. My teacher cannot keep the students quiet for long, and obnoxious guys throw spitballs across the room. I always miss things which are announced. Just last week an important meeting for Project SAGE was held and I was not there because I never heard the announcement. I wonder how long this will continue. One day I got so mad at my homeroom I yelled, "Shut up!" and one guy just looked at me and laughed. The solution? I don't really know. I am expressing my feelings through this letter hoping someone will understand and maybe one day some action will be taken. If Hosler put huge amplifiers in every homeroom so announcements would sound something like a rock star screaming at the audience, maybe some of the constant talking would stop. Or maybe homeroom teachers should stand in front of the class with a hand grenade and say, "One word and I'll blow your head off!"

Name Withheld Upon Request

## History class views movie

Dear Editor,

Recently our history class had the privilege of viewing an outstanding movie. "1776" was an inspirational, as well as educational, way to spend class time. We wish that more of this type of experience were offered at Niles East. The need for well made movies in our school is great. Many students can better appreciate history when it is taught in such an entertaining, painless way. We commend all of the people who were involved in the presentation of this film, and we hope that more movies of this caliber will be shown in the future. Perhaps an all-school assembly could be arranged in order that such films could be seen in their entirety, rather than over a period of several days, an approach which detracts from the continuity of the plot and minimizes enjoyment of the movie.

Karen Chamerlik '77  
Gloria Price '77

## USA's struggle for independence celebrated in Bicentennial year

Wait! Don't stop reading because you think this is just another Bicentennial story. This one is different.

Instead of discussing all the reasons why the Bicentennial has become a commercial, money making, inflation raising, profiteering business, this article will relate some important reasons for celebrating America's 200th birthday.

**THE GOOD OLD U.S.A.** will never have another 200th anniversary. Cynical students must remember that the reason for this glorious Bicentennial celebration is to celebrate our country's struggle for independence, and our forefather's final victory in 1776. Most citizens will never see another centennial celebration.

America is one of the youngest countries dominating the world today. The U.S.A. has gained world influence and power in a few relatively short years and has control and understanding with many other powerful nations. America, as a young country, has blossomed quickly into a nation which demands the respect and admiration of others.

**IN ADDITION TO THE BICENTENNIAL** celebration, which will come to a peak July 4, 1976, Presidential elections will be held in November of this year. Although many citizens are apathetic about this election because of past governmental problems, voters of all ages should exercise their voting privilege. Remember, citizens will never have two chances to elect a President during a Bicentennial year.

Yes, the Bicentennial has become a commercialized gimmick. However, the true meaning behind the celebration can still bring pride and enjoyment to citizens if they can keep themselves from being overcome by visions of red, white, and blue hats, coats, gym shoes, underwear, notebooks, and automobiles.

## Nilehilite staff fights losing battle

Students, for the most part, and a few faculty members, are more than willing to criticize things here at East when they disagree with them, but few if any are willing to support a losing battle.

When the East football team began to lose games, the attendance decreased to almost nothing. The same procedure followed for most of the Trojan teams. However, the athletes are finally beginning to get the recognition they deserve.

**WE, THE NILEHILITE STAFF**, although most students and teachers are unaware of it, also need support. The six members of the staff are having a lot of difficulty publishing a paper to

meet the approval of the readers. Sometimes the whole production seems useless because the task appears impossible. Staff members are ready to quit because of the seemingly total disapproval or apathy of the school.

It seems that many students would not care if there were no Nilehilite, or would even prefer to have the lack of a paper as one more thing to complain about.

In addition, the Nilehilite is experiencing many financial difficulties, and, therefore, does not have the money to print a larger more extensive paper, with more coverage more often, as readers

wish. The paper barely is able to meet with the requirements demanded by many local and statewide newspaper contests.

**THE STAFF STRONGLY REGRETS** its lack of ability to please some students and faculty, and feel that they are doing the best they can considering the size and inexperience of the staff, financial difficulties, and reader apathy. If students would like to see a paper which would truly cover school and community activities of interest to the readers, the staff would appreciate suggestions and ideas which would help to make the Nilehilite a paper which would truly serve the school as best it can.

## Honors point elimination affects students

Four years ago the Administration made a move which most likely has affected the futures of many students.

**WITH THE ELIMINATION** of the honors point, many students lost their incentive for taking honors courses. One of the primary complaints when the honors point was first dropped was that students who should take honors courses would no longer bother to do more work for no more credit. Therefore, these students would take regular courses, raising the level of intellect in these classes and forcing average students to enroll in basic classes to keep up their grade point averages. Finally, basic students were left with nowhere to go, and faced more difficulty in their school work, as a result of the students with average intelligence enrolled in their basic class.

However, many ambitious students still do take honors courses for the sake of higher learning. Freshmen and sophomores, who have not yet learned how to be apathetic about their classes, generally take the most honors courses, along with many seniors who take Advanced Placement courses for college credit.

**THE LOSS OF THE HONORS** point has affected the grade point average of students who were ambitious enough to take honors courses. Class ranks for more intelligent students are lower than they would have been four years ago because those students do not receive the benefit of the honors point. Basic students, or average students in basic classes, may have higher class ranks than students in honors courses because they may have received better grades in easier classes. These lower class ranks often keep deserving students from attending the better or more diffi-

cult colleges.

The reinstatement of the honors point could only benefit the students of Niles East. Basic students would not suffer and honors students would benefit greatly. The Administration should review these facts and decide where their priorities belong. Should basic students and honors students grades bear the same weight on student records and possibly affect their entire future by lowering their class rank? Students should be graded on the amount of work they do; it is a known fact that honors students are given more, or more difficult work.

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## Persons, places, and things

The students in Mr. Ploch's accounting classes are getting "two for the price of one" this year. Besides learning the basic bookkeeping skills, they are learning how to use a keypunch machine.

The keypunch machine is a large typewriter with some modifications. It punches data onto IBM cards, while operated by the students. These cards are sent to a master computer

where the data is analyzed, and a printout is made. This printout is used to answer problems in the student's computer oriented Accounting workbook.

Although the student learns only very basic computer skills, the experience of working a keypunch machine is believed to be a valuable asset for the student's future.

JANIS COHN, '76, Sue Feld-



Sue Shelley, former student of Niles East, daughter of actor Dave Shelley.

### Presidents remembered in many different ways

By Sandee Morrison

Some highlights on a visit to Washington D.C. may be the different Presidential memorials, but are these monuments the only things commemorating the existence of important American figures?

In February, Americans remembered the birthdays of two of the most important presidents of the United States. These men are Abraham Lincoln and George Washington.

**ABRAHAM LINCOLN**, born February 12, 1809, was the 16th president of the United States. Among his many accomplishments he helped free the slaves in the South. While he was alive many people knew he was a great man, but no one knew how great until after he died.

The Lincoln memorial, located in Washington D.C., is the most famous commemorative monument honoring Lincoln; however, this monument is by no means the only memorial.

Many Niles East students attended Lincoln Jr. High School, or they might have a Lincoln Continental in their garage. When leaving or entering Niles East, student and faculty members use Lincoln Avenue. What child hasn't visited Lincoln Park Zoo? Many homes are carpeted by Lincoln Carpets, and Skokie's neighboring community of Lincolnwood has over 20 businesses using the name Lincolnwood which is in actuality named for Lincoln.

Lincoln's Pump, Lincoln Storage and Moving Company, Lincoln Paper Company, Lincoln Men's Wear and Tailoring, Lincoln Medical Lab, Lincoln Contract and Design, and the Lincoln Club all have the same incentive; by using the name Lincoln, sales will grow. An exception might occur if the pro-

prietor's name is coincidental to Lincoln.

**GEORGE WASHINGTON** was born on February 22, 1732. He fought for American independence and was the first President of the United States. Although the Washington Monument was built to honor the first president, the city that it towers over, Washington D.C., is an even bigger memorial. Washington State is also a memorial to the first president.

Niles East students once again may be commemorating another president and be unaware of it at the same time. The Niles East boundary contains Washington Avenue, on which some students live. Included in lunch bags may be Washington apples, and on the dinner table Washington asparagus may be served with the meal. For dessert, what other than Washington pie, a layer cake with cream or fruit jam filling.

The Washington Elm, a famous tree in Cambridge, Massachusetts under which Washington took command of the Continental Army, the Washington Lily, mostly found on the Pacific Coast of the United States, and the Washington Palm are three of nature's memorials for Washington.

**ONE OF THE MOST** famous bridges in the U.S. is named for Washington, as is Mount Washington, in New Hampshire.

The memorial list for these two great men is virtually endless, but perhaps by pointing to a few of them people will be more aware, in this Bicentennial year, and they will think about the great accomplishments that Abraham Lincoln and George Washington fought for.

man, '76, and Patti Sucherman, '76, will be directing one act skits which will be presented on February 19, 20, and 21, at 8 p.m. in the auditorium. Admission for the production is \$1.

**FOUR BOOKS WERE** donated to the Niles East Library in memory of Terry MacDonald, '78, who died in a car accident last April.

The books were purchased with money collected last year by Terry's friends.

The novels donated include *The Horse, The White Stallions of Vienna, Encyclopedia of the Horse, and A History of Horsemanship*. These books are presently on display in the showcase outside the library and may be checked out by any interested student.

**THE NILES EAST KEY CLUB** has been very busy this school year. They started with a Peanut Day, which involved the efforts of 50 students and netted over \$2,000. Lately the club has been busy planning and effecting eight major activities. A Christmas party was held for the handicapped children at Fairview South. Sixteen Key Club Members, a magician, a ventriloquist, Santa Claus, a

clown, and a three-piece band all were on hand to help make the festivities more enjoyable.

Pending administrative approval, the club is planning many more exciting activities including a three-man basketball team tournament, a fifties day and dance, a telethon, similar to the one that took place last year, to benefit spastic paralysis research, a dance marathon for muscular dystrophy, an Up With People assembly to be held in May, and possibly a benefit concert for leukemia by folk singer Steve Goodman. Any interested student is invited to attend the next Key club meeting in the Coaches' Lounge. Energetic manpower is required if these plans can be brought to life.

**THREE PEOPLE** joined the faculty and staff of Niles East at the start of second semester.

Tim Wolfram, band director, is replacing Mr. Jerry Berger, who resigned at the end of first semester. Wolfram taught at Niles West part time last year, while working on a master music program at Northwestern University.

Al Becker taught at Easthi last year. He is back again this semester to teach John Madi-

son's drafting and metals classes. Becker is a graduate of Northern Michigan University at Marquette.

Sidney Bernell will be helping students in the business Education and C.V.E. Resource rooms. Bernell is a retired senior citizen, who was hired under the CETA program, which is designed to provide jobs in the school system for the retired or under-employed.

**SIX EASTHI STUDENTS** won individual awards, and Niles East placed second in overall school points at the Northwest Suburban DECA, a distributive education conference held February 5.

Pat Schoenwolf won first prize in the advertising competition, Rick Hazen placed first in job interviewing, Gordon Liametz won second prize and Mike Ireving placed fifth in sales demonstration, Diane Polin won third prize and Sue Glick placed fourth for display.

The Easthi DECA students also participated in statewide DECA competition early in March. Last year, Easthi placed second in the State.

### Shelley: a familiar Hollywood face

By Sue Feldman

Actor Dave Shelley, father of former student Susan Shelley, '76, has become a familiar face to Hollywood directors and television viewers.

Shelley, who moved his family including his wife, son Alan, and daughter Susan, to California last summer, has recently appeared on *The Rookies, Doc, Police Woman, Starsky and Hutch, The Waltons, Rhoda, and Movie of the Week; Murder on Flight 502*. He can also be seen on a future episode of *SWAT*, entitled, "The Soldier on the Hill."

**SHELLEY, WHO WAS** born and raised in Chicago, graduated from Roosevelt High School. Although he was interested in theater at the time, he never received a part in

school productions.

After high school he attended Roosevelt College to study dentistry. "That lasted for one year, then my father discovered that a career in mouths wasn't for him," commented Susan.

**GOODMAN THEATER** became the next school in Shelley's life where he spent three years and received his Bachelor's degree. After extensive training in classic theater, he furthered his career in Burlesque as a straight man, singer, and comic for three years. A moderate degree of success in this area encouraged him to pursue a career in theater. After spending the next two years doing theater stock he decided "A person couldn't act and eat at the same time," and

retired from the stage to move to a conventional life in sales. He eventually worked in the photographic sales field, and with a wife and two small children, he decided to go back to his first love; professional theater. He spent the next 13 years in Chicago doing commercials, industrial training films, educational films, musical comedy, and live industrial theater.

"An industrial show is compiled of songs and sketches used at a convention or mass meeting of a company to introduce a new product," explained Susan. "Actors like the money but they might become artistically frustrated from singing love ballads to a tractor or washing machine. In one show that my dad appeared in, American Standard Plumbing Fixtures was the star. Can you imagine an entire show revolving around toilets, sinks, and showerheads?"

Shelley decided to move to California to further his career as an actor. "He got tired of always playing second banana to a product in a commercial or industrial show," explained Susan.

**SHELLEY RECENTLY FINISHED** filming a pilot for a new daytime series entitled "The Marriage Counselor." The producer is presently in New York trying to sell this pilot to one of the three major networks which seem to be interested. In this show, which would air five times a week, Shelley will star in the title role. "We have not received the final word yet but the chances look very good," revealed Susan.

Dave Shelley has recovered from the temporary disappointment that was caused when he did not make his high school productions, and has advanced from singing to toilets to a star role in a possible serial.



Dave Shelley, actor in such shows as *The Rookies, Doc, and The Waltons*.

Attention seniors: If you have not completed your senior surveys, please finish them by March 26, and deposit them in the box in the main office. In addition, please include the name, city, and state of the college you plan to attend.



## Cagers on radio; 1st time in Illinois

By Kathi Isserman

The girls varsity basketball team lost to Waukegan West 51-48. This was the first high school girls basketball game in Illinois broadcasted on the radio.

The high scorers for the Trojans were Karen Behr with 17 points and Andi Slowik with 10.

According to Coach Jean Wojdula, the team's free throws were weak.

"THIS WAS A TOUGH game, comparable to that of the Evanston game. We never gave up. Our press and teamwork was good, and everyone helped in the scoring."

The JV beat Waukegan 34-31. The high scorers for the JV were Jan Blitt with 14 points and Debbie Precht with seven points.

With less than one minute to go, the score was 30-31 with the Trojans behind, and Jill Chavin stole the ball and drove in for the layup putting the Trojans ahead. Val Scheinflug then contributed two points to put the game out of reach.

"THE JV PLAYED like a team. Their defense was good, and their shooting has improved greatly," Coach Wojdula said.

The JV lost to Deerfield on Friday, February 20, 32-24. According to Coach Wojdula, their passing was inaccurate, rebounding poor, and they traveled too much.

The varsity beat Deerfield 55-32. According to Coach Wojdula, the teams' strengths were shooting, rebounding, and defense. "Our ball handling needs work."

Both the varsity and JV lost to Evanston on Thursday, February 19. The varsity was defeated 51-49, and the JV lost 25-19.

"I WAS PLEASED and proud of both teams. I was impressed by our sportsmanship. We displayed what a first class team we are," Coach Wojdula said.

They compete against Glenbrook South away, today at 4:30 p.m. Next Friday, they play Glenbrook North at home at 4:30 p.m.



(Photo by Lisa Frank)

Andi Dubow warms up with her opponent during a recent meet.

## Varsity gymnasts win district meet

By Bruce Goldberg

Easthi's varsity gymnastics team captured first place in the District meet held here on February 20.

Four other teams participated including Evanston, Lane Tech., Maine South, and West. The Trojans scored 133.71, followed by West with 122.73.

MATT ROSENBERG earned a second place medal in free exercise with a 7.4, and Chris Besser, scoring 6.9, took fifth. Steve Smith captured second place on pommel horse with a score of 8.1, while Craig Gordon took sixth.

High bar was next, and Dan Kessem earned a 7.35, and a second place medal. Three of Easthi's gymnasts placed in the top five on Trampoline, including John Carlson who took first with an 8.45. Randy Hertel (7.55) gained fourth, and Steve Borkan (7.50), placed fifth.

Carl Taibl tied for third on parallel bars with Gregg Spitz of West, while Steve Seplowin scored a 6.8. Dave Abrahamson scoring 8.35 took second in rings. Brian Austin placed fourth with 7.70, and Ron Weiert took fifth.

"DISTRICTS WAS THE highlight of the season . . . they outdid what I expected," commented Coach Tom Sokalski.

Rosenberg had an all-around average of 5.31, and captured fourth, while Bill Saputo took sixth. Craig Martin of Maine South placed first with an 8.28.

In the sectional meet on February 28, East placed third (130.23), behind Elk Grove (142.36), and North (141.64).

Two gymnasts advanced for the Trojans, John Carlson, and Randy Hertel. They both scored 8.0 on trampoline.

"They did very well in light

of the youth of the team. They worked hard, showed enthusiasm, and maintained the good attitude of past teams," concluded the coach.

THE SOPHOMORE SQUAD FINISHED their season undefeated with 12 victories, and gained first place in the Central Suburban League meet.

The Trojans set a new Illinois state record for sophomores by scoring 106.23 in the CSL meet.

Chris Besser scored 7.70 in tumbling, and placed first, while Bill Saputo took third with 5.90. John Lopez captured second place on the high bar (6.25), followed by Saputo who placed third.

Scott London scoring 6.75, earned second place on horse. Jim Burke took third (6.40), and Saputo fourth (4.60). Randy Hertel placed first on trampoline, with Besser second, and Saputo fifth. Besser tied for fifth on rings with a score of 4.40.

Saputo captured first in all-around with a 5.33 average. Besser took third averaging 5.09.

"The team worked super hard, they were dedicated and had a winning attitude. They learned their basics well, and were able to advance to more difficult skills," said Coach Seymour Rifkind.

EASTHI'S THREE all-arounds (Besser, Lopez, and Saputo) averaged over 5.0 this season, and will compete in the junior olympics local competition on May 15.

Coach Rifkind feels the varsity team will have a good chance, along with North and two or three other teams, to be top contenders for the state title next year.

## Cagers end season; lose to Evanston

By Howard Simon

The varsity basketball team ended their season with a 54-50 loss to Evanston in the first round of districts.

Terry Greenberg led the Trojans in scoring with 15 points; Larry Fine had 14 points and grabbed eight rebounds.

The Wildkits led 14-8 after the first quarter and could have won the game easily if not for

the second quarter play by Mark Brines. Brines accounted for 11 of East's 15 points, scoring nine and adding one assist.

EVANSTON LED by a range of eight to twelve point throughout the game until East surged forward late in the game.

The Trojans scored six consecutive points on two free

throws by Art Issacs and two baskets by Fine. Fine played an aggressive fourth quarter scoring eight points and making a steal and basket down the stretch.

East cut the lead to 53-50 but could not come any closer as a missed technical and missed layups cost the Trojans a chance for victory.

## Birdie girls compete tonight

By Kathi Isserman

The girls' interscholastic badminton team will compete against Glenbrook South tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the contest gym.

THE TEAM DEFEATED Waukegan West and lost to New Trier West and Maine South. "They have improved. They still need work on the basics," Coach Pat Matlak said, "I'm pleased with the way they are playing. They're doing well and working hard on the skills."

In the New Trier West Invitational, Lauren Johnson

placed first in the D consolation flight, and Jamie Borkovitz finished fourth in the D winners flight.

Miss Chris Woodard is now coaching the doubles team. "It's easier to have two coaches, because the strategy is different in doubles," Coach Woodard said.

According to Coach Woodard, the team is working hard on the basics, but they lack experience. Their net game has improved.

"Nan Oddivak and Jody Co-

nix are doing well as first doubles. Jody's net game is really improving."

"Every other doubles team is new, and they are working hard to learn how to play as a team," Coach Woodard said.

"BADMINTON IS BASICALLY an individual sport, but everyone is cheering each other on, especially in meets, and it makes us feel like a team," Coach Woodard Concluded.

## Track team places sixth

By Kathi Isserman

The varsity indoor track team placed sixth in the conference meet held on February 28.

MARK LICHTENSTEIN PLACED FIRST in the mile with a time of 4:28. Larry Bower finished third in the half mile, and Sal Parenti placed third in the high hurdles and sixth in the low hurdles.

On the sophomore level, Chuck Thiry finished third in the shotput; Ed Santacruz, fourth in the two mile and sixth in the mile; Steve Taibl, fourth in the half mile; and Mark Stone, seventh in the two mile and ninth in the mile. Freshman Jeff Pozen was the conference champion in the two mile.

The varsity record is 1-7 while the Frosh-Soph team is 4-4. According to Coach Bill Madsen, the season has gone almost as expected. Illnesses have caused them to forfeit meets.

"The sophomores are doing pretty well. Their only weakness is sprints. The varsity's weaknesses are high jumping, pole vaulting, and the quarter mile."

OUTSTANDING VARSITY members, according to Coach Madsen, are Mark Lichtenstein, Sal Parenti, Dave Greenberg, and Larry Bower. "Larry, Sal, and Mark should be conference champs and compete in the state meet," Coach Madsen said.

On the sophomore level, Santacruz has not been defeated in the mile and two mile in dual meets, and Thiry has never been defeated in the shot put.

The team will compete in the NE Township Meet next Thursday at 4 p.m. at home.

## Wrestlers finish 7-0

By Howard Simon

Pete Christopoulos finished seventh in his bid for the state wrestling title.

Pete was beaten 6-4 by the eventual state champion. "If Pete had been in the other bracket, he could have been the runnerup," said Coach Richardi. The runnerup was pinned by Pete's victor.

PETE'S RECORD was an impressive 21-2. He will participate in the National Free Style Championship in Iowa City in June. He is the defending National free style champion.

The varsity wrestlers came in second to Glenbrook South in the district tournament.

Coach Richardi expected his wrestlers to do better, but Fishman and Dave Polin wrestled with 102 degree temperatures.

Joe Colucci and Steve Edidin advanced to the sectionals but could go no farther.

THE VARSITY WON their third straight division championship, and the sophomores their fifth. Each had 7-0 records.

Every wrestler on the varsity level had a winning record.

Only Pete Christopoulos, Joe Colucci, and Cory Fishman are graduating. The outlook for the wrestlers is bright as 10 of the twelve weights will have varsity experience next season.

## Bowlers place 13th in the state finals

By Kathi Isserman

The girls' varsity bowling team placed thirteenth in the state meet.

The team was eliminated in the quarter final round. Abingdon High School and Forest View high school finished first and second respectively in the meet.

"We bowled very well. Many

bowlers were ill with the flu so we didn't bowl our potential," Coach Dee Whyman said.

According to Coach Whyman, the competition was tough. The top teams had excellent bowlers.

THE TEAM PLACED FIRST in the districts out of a total of six teams. The total of the two rounds decided the winner. St. Benedicts and St. Gregorys were eliminated because of low scores after the first round.

"The team bowled very strongly. We were able to continue bowling well in the sixth game while most teams were tired during the fifth. Our endurance gave us our win," Coach Whyman explained.

THE VARSITY ALSO WON the Niles West Invitational. The JV tied for second with Maine East and placed second in the league.