

Spring fever day leads to balloon lift

Hundreds of students gathered in the courtyard last week to launch balloons which were sold by the Homecoming Committee to promote school spirit.

BALLOONS SOLD for 30c each, or two for 50c. Each balloon carried a card with the purchaser's name. In order to be eligible for a prize, the purchaser's card must be returned to the school before noon on May 29.

A \$10 discount on a prom ticket is offered as first prize, with two free tickets to the Homecoming Dance as second prize. Third prize winner will receive a free meal at "Coaches' Place" (\$2.50 maximum); one single album will be given to the fourth place winner, and a box of Heath bars will be awarded to the fifth place winner.

(Photo by Michele Soltan)



Students perform 'Brodie'

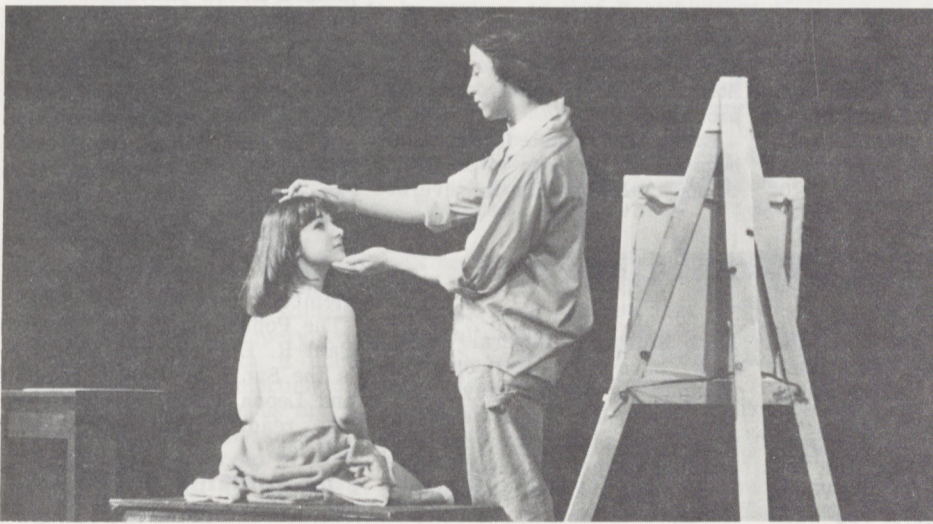
"The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie," this year's dramatic production, will be presented May 22, 23, and 24 in the auditorium.

"**THE PLAY IS** completely double cast, marking a Niles East first," commented director Jerry Proffit. Each cast will perform twice, one staging Thursday and Friday nights, the other staging Friday afternoon and Saturday evening.

Proffit, Randi Jo Gensler, student from Northwestern, and Mark Blackman '76, student director, have been working with the casts at both night and day rehearsals.

THE ACTION OCCURS during the 1900's in an English girls' school. The play deals with Jean Brodie (School teacher) and the way she influences and uses the "Brodie Girls," four students, and the men in her life throughout her prime.

Tickets are available from cast members and in the cafeteria. All seats cost \$1.50. The matinee Friday, May 23, at 1 p.m. is free for senior citizens.



(Photo by Michele Soltan)

Teddy Lloyd (David Barack '75) displays his love for his mistress Sandy (Susan Shelley '76) as she proudly poses for his portrait.

Three released from hospital

One remains in intensive care

Kathy Bollow '78, one of the seven students involved in the April 19 auto accident was removed from intensive care on May 9 and transferred to the pediatric wing of Skokie Valley Hospital. "Kathy is improving considerably," said Nurse Barbara Scarbrough, who has been receiving hospital reports on all of the students regularly. Hospital officials requested that Kathy have no visitors immediately because her trachea was repaired and the doctors do not want it ruptured. Kathy has been spending part of her day in a wheel chair.

Candy Kane '78 remains in intensive care. She underwent stomach surgery last week and was reported to be in stable condition as of May 12. She will have to remain in the hospital indefinitely, according to hospital reports.

Alan Shore '77, driver of the car, will remain in the hospital two to three months, according to Mrs. Scarbrough. He began the home study program in Skokie Valley Hospital with David Solovy, social studies instructor.

Cori Smith '78 was released from the hospital on May 8. "I'm feeling good, but it sometimes hurts," commented Cori. She has been outdoors somewhat, but does not expect to return to school this year. She also will be included in the home study program.

Sue Tripp '78 was expected to return to school sometime this week. She was released from the hospital on April 30. "I'm feeling pretty good," she said.

Marcia Hartman '78, returned to school May 6. "She is still recuperating from her injuries," explained Nurse Scarbrough.

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NILEHILITE

Honor society chooses 54

Students receive annual awards

Community and departmental awards, summer institutes, special scholarships, and scholarship pins were given to more than 600 students with outstanding academic achievements at the eleventh annual academic awards assembly held May 7.

PAUL SALTZMAN '75 was awarded a college-sponsored Merit Scholarship to Macalester College by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. The eight other National Merit finalists include Martin Fisher, Robert Hotton, Debra Plotkin, Warren Silver, Mark Snyderman, Toni Tumonis, James VanderKloot, and William Weinman.

Community awards were given to seniors Howard Balikov, Gail Jacobson, Toni Tumoio, Judy Veis, Mary Unruh, and

Howard Chabner.

SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIPS were received by juniors Debbie Bernard and Suzie Soltan for American Field Service; E. R. Moore Company to Nikki Oddivak '75; Northwestern University to Scott Pector '75; "Up with People" to Terri Diamond '75, Sandy Klein '75, and Steve Schwartz '76.

Summer institute scholarships were awarded to Nancy Angel, Lewis Blond, Donna Kulwin, Pam Mohr, and Judy Veis.

DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS were given to students selected by the teachers in each category. The business education and cooperative vocational outstanding awards were given to Denis Perry and Barbara Heche. The outstanding girl in English was Debra Plotkin.

The recipients of the Nilehilite Quill and Scroll awards include Rochelle Goode, Cynthia Payne, Paul Saltzman, Michele Soltan, and Jeff Weinstein. Yearbook Quill and Scroll members include Felicia Belon, Howard Chabner, Shereen Cohen, Judy Greiman, Mary Krier, Paula Lashinsky, Marla Levie, Tami Lothan, and Michele Soltan.

IN THE FOREIGN LANGUAGE department, the National Spanish contest first place winner was Yaneth Cafarzuza, while Denise Perea received an honorary mention. Valerie Krammen won the

Betty Crocker Test and outstanding girl award in the Home Economics Department.

Steve Kornick won the Women's American Organization for Rehabilitation through Training, Northern Illinois Region awards, and also was the outstanding boy in the Industrial Arts department. Alan Ellenby took fifteenth place in the state as the national math contest winner.

HOWARD BALIKOV was named outstanding musician from the music department. The physical education awards were given to Nikki Oddivak, Arlene Merz, Linda Krysl, Ellen Schwartz, Mary Krier, Beth McCloud, Vivian Maniates, and Lynne Ciskoski.

In addition, the National Honor Society announced new and second year members.

Seniors who were elected this year include David Barack, Richard Berkowitz, Cheryl Cohan, Terri Diamond, Marla Levie, Steve Levy, Felice Lewin, Robert Miller, Paul Milstein, Mitchell Newman, Kirk Pamper, Cynthia Payne, Ellen Pollack, Marc Rush, Lisa Saber, Paul Saltzman, Elizabeth Smart, Michele Soltan, and William Weinman.

The elected juniors include Suzanne Arnpolin, Joan Bercoon, Debra Bernard, Kenneth Bloom, Richard Bodenheimer, Manfred Borges, Martha Brzozowski, Richard Cope, Robin Eskoz, Sherry Flanzer, Marla Goldsmith, Carol Greenspahn, Judy Greiman, Michael Guerrero, Deborah Gutman, Russel Heiman, Steve Houdek, Sheila Jacobson, William Kasper, Robin Klein, Donna Kulwin, Lisa Lecker, Karen Lee, Taryn Levin, Sandra Lopez, Tamar Lothan, Anne Matsumoto, Pamela Mohr, Jill Schoenbrod, Amy Schwartz, Susan Shelley, Mary Short, Karen Shrifter, Suzanne Soltan, and Judy Veis.

Voluntary study center recommended by Senate

A voluntary study center for freshman rather than a mandatory study hall would be preferable according to the committee report of Student Senate.

WARREN SILVER '75, Richard Cope '76, Sue Shrifter '78, and Kathy Stukas '78, members of the Senate committee, interviewed teachers and counselors at East, in addition to counselors, administrators, and social workers at the feeder schools. Most interviewed disapproved of the freshman study hall proposal requiring freshmen to attend one period of supervised study each day.

The committee felt that students of each grade level need and want a place to study. However, resource centers would serve the need by locating them in the same rooms as the teachers' offices. The centers can then be supervised by teachers, while doing office work. "At the same time, a teacher in a given field would be available," suggested the committee.

The committee also added that a non-graded six-week information program should be required of all freshmen, which would cover the library, student activities, and other free time options. The

reactions to such an orientation program were more enthusiastic than to the proposed supervised study.

HOWEVER, GRADE SCHOOL personnel indicated that some overlap in curriculum, especially in the "how to study" unit may occur, since students learn outlining, notetaking, and study techniques in grade school.

Only a few people felt that a "strictly structured program" would benefit freshmen. "Freshmen in general require more structure and supervision," commented Galen Hosler, principal. "There are too many freshmen underachievers, particularly during the first semester," explained one counselor who is in favor of six weeks of orientation, six weeks of study, and six weeks free.

Difficulty studying in a crowded room or in a forced situation, the interference of freshman participation in student activities like the yearbook, the Nilehilite, and the Student Senate may create problems. Finally, all of those interviewed regardless of their position on the proposal, were doubtful as to whether the program would have a lasting positive effect on the freshmen, the committee explained.

News in brief

Seniors to graduate June 8

Graduation for the class of '75 will be held on the football field Sunday, June 8 at 1 p.m.

APPROXIMATELY 608 students will graduate, including mid-term and Alternative Learning Center students. Assistant Superintendent Anthony Gregorc will guest speak, and a representative of the Board of Education will award diplomas. The choir will sing.

Each student may bring an unlimited number of guests, but in the event of poor weather the ceremony will be held in the boys' gym, allowing graduates only four tickets.

Students show art

Art work by students from all levels of the department will be exhibited at the annual Art show May 19-22 in the student lounge.

THE EXHIBIT INCLUDES sculptures, paintings, and print-work.

Explanation of the problems will be posted "so when people see the work they can get an idea of what goes on in the class," said Mrs. Hazel Loew, art teacher.

THE STUDENT LOUNGE will house the art show to promote "a more gallery-like atmosphere," as opposed to the girls' gym.

According to Mrs. Loew, three of the four teachers must agree on the art work because, "We are trying to show our best work."

Dancers chosen

Dance company, once called Orchesis, has not only changed its name, but also its format. In the past, any girl making Senior Orchesis became a permanent member. Now, any person, male as well as female, must be in Senior Dance Company for two years before becoming a permanent member.

Previously six girls fell into that category: Heide Kogan, Sharyl Miller, Sue Ortmann, Sally Saber, Jill Schoenbrod, and Suzie Soltan. These girls, along with sponsor Ms. Shari Kouba judged the Dance Company's first annual spring try-outs held May 1.

These auditions were for making the Senior Company only. "The spring try-outs, as opposed to fall, are more difficult, so students not making the club now shouldn't be discouraged," explained Secretary-Treasurer Sally Saber.

The auditions consisted of executing three exercises: saddle stretches, leg lifts, and the ballet walk to show technique. The girls also were required to perform one minute modern jazz and ballet dances which were taught at the clinics held April 23, 25, and 30. They also performed an original one minute dance choreographed by themselves.

"All the girls displayed fine talent, but five excelled above the others," commented Sally.

Joan Bercoon, Jodi Friedman, Carmen Lomboy, Mary Postel, and Paula Sugarman became the five new permanent dance company members.

Balloons launched

A balloon launch was held by Homecoming committee during the 40 minute student break in the gold schedule May 7.

Homecoming committee is also planning a bowling marathon for June 16, from noon to 10 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for the two highest total scores of all games. The participants must be sponsored for a minimum of \$1 per game. Non-members of Homecoming committee may enter if a member co-signs for them. Additional information may be obtained from faculty sponsor Steven Poznansky.

THE COMMITTEE IS STILL selling candy, and according to Poznansky, half of the money is collected.

Frosh show talent

More than half the auditorium was filled on May 6 when the "Freshmen Talent Revue," was performed periods 9-11.

"I FEEL THE SHOW proved that the freshmen can carry out a successful program during their first year at high school," commented Freshmen Cabinet vice-president Sue Shrifter. The

talent show had assistance also from the Stage Band. Bob Hottton directed the 14 members in the songs, "Top of the World," and "Misty."

This first freshman show, sponsored by Miss Adele Higgins, included seven main acts. Freshman Cabinet President Bob Silverman and Sue Shrifter hosted the first half of the program, while treasurer Bobbi Levin, and secretary Vicki Wexler announced the last half.

THE SHOW BEGAN with Gary Glochowski singing "I've Got a Name," by Jim Croce, assisted by his brother Marty '75. Following the first act came Scott Gotthelf reciting a monologue.

The first piano solo piece (Beatles Medley) was played by Jill Kozak. Karen Andre and Alison Wohl acted in a Laurel and Hardy skit. A flute duet, "Opus 10" was performed by Sheryl Pearlman and Kathy Smart.

STAGE BAND MEMBERS Scott Bruckner and Paul Silver played a trombone duet. The program also included a comedy game show with contestants Jan Blitt, Everett Colton, faculty, Sheri Marshak and rip-off artist Bob Silverman. Bruce Winkler also performed two piano solos, "Maple Leaf Rag," and "Bridge Over Troubled Water."

Prom ticket sales

The Junior-Senior formal prom, based on the theme "Days of the Future Past," will be held on Thursday, May 29 at the Sheraton O'Hare North.

TICKETS COSTING \$25 per couple will be sold in the cafeteria during periods 6-11 through May 23.

The election for king and queen will be held next Thursday and Friday with the court being announced on May 27.

THE SIX-MAN BAND "Chapter 4" will provide the music. The reception beginning at 7 p.m. will be followed by dinner including a chilled fruit cup, chef's salad, roast sirloin of beef, vegetable, potato, rolls and butter, and ice cream cake roll for dessert.

Pinball: popular sport among students

by Rochelle Goode

Shining silver balls, flashing lights, and loud ringing bells are common sounds to pinball fanatics around the country.

PINBALL HAS RECENTLY become one of the most popular sports among young and old alike. Many students frequent bowling alleys, arcades, and other youth-oriented areas for the pinball machines alone.

Anita Simkovich, '76, a reg-

ular pinball player, explained, "I play because I like to try to beat the odds." Others play because, "it's exciting," "it presents a challenge," or merely because, "it's fun to try to win a free game."

"BOWLING ALLEYS have always had pinball machines," stated Dave Sebastian, manager of Oakton Bowling alley. "We only get a share of the profit."

The alley does not own the machines, but rents them from another company which takes care of maintenance work. Profit is shared by the company and the bowling alley. But Sebastian added jokingly, "We're in it for the money if you want to know the truth."

Pinball machines come in a variety of colors, sounds, and gimmicks to attract attention. Even the names give the impression of action and excitement, such as "Superflite," "Skylab," and "Flicker." The point of the game is winning another game, or to see how long one can keep playing on a quarter. Pinball experts often play a machine on one quarter until they get bored, then sell the leftover games, thereby playing for free.

THE PEAK OF THE PINBALL attraction came when the rock musical "Tommy" gave it glamour. Terms like "pinball wizard," "crazy flipper fingers," and "bally table," became popular, and are used now as common pinball slang.

"Pins" can become an addiction, a release of tension, a challenge to perception, or just plain fun. For many college students it is a diversion from con-



Mark Flitman practices balancing 47 dimes on his arm in preparation for his acceptance to the "Guinness Book of World Records."

Mark Flitman challenges Book of World Records

The Guinness Book of World Records may soon include Mark Flitman '75, as he is competing for the title of coin catcher.

"I SAW THE BOOK at Gordon's Drugstore and after reading it I tried balancing coins on my arm until I mastered 47 dimes (witnessed by Richard Kahn '76 and Jerry Proffitt, drama director). The previous champion can balance 39 coins. "The basic problem is balancing

because it takes a great deal of concentration to achieve success," according to Mark.

"I practice at home and at work, but I try not to do it in front of people. It took me about two weeks to be able to balance 39 quarters, 32 nickels, and 47 dimes, each separately of course. I can honestly say that dimes are the easiest to catch. Once you get going, you find yourself constantly practicing and trying to beat your record," Mark said.

Ecology class

Lab course planned

by Rochelle Goode

Since 1969, when the ecology movement was booming, students have had the opportunity to enroll in an environmental science class.

THE ONE SEMESTER class presently consists of readings, lectures, field trips, and computer simulations, but Ed Ernst, the only faculty member who teaches it, hopes to develop it into a full year lab course of a more traditional nature. He feels that the course presently deals more with environmental literature than environmental problems.

Ernst first created the class because of his own interest in ecology. He belongs to several

ecologically-minded organizations, such as the Sierra Club and Friends of the Earth. He enjoys teaching the class, "because I enjoy the subject matter."

THE FIRST THREE YEARS the class was offered were its most prosperous. "Kids were really involved. Now generally two-thirds need the credit," explained Ernst. Enrollment from one semester to another has varied from 65 in the early years to 15 more recently. "Apathy toward environmental problems has changed the class atmosphere. When ecology was fashionable, the enrollment was considerably higher, and the kids were more interested in the material," said Ernst.

During the semester, class members read two full books: "The Population Bomb," by Dr. Paul R. Ehrlich, and "Moment in the Sun," by Robert Rienow and Leona Train Rienow. They also read several essays and articles.

IN ADDITION TO the readings, the class will visit the water sewage treatment plant on Howard. "A trip to the dunes would be nice, but it's difficult to arrange," Ernst said.

Computer simulations are being used this year for the first time. The computer arranges an ecological problem, the student gives it the variables, and receives the results. In this way, students can learn the effects of tampering with the environment without committing the actual destruction or waiting for the answers of a long term experiment.

THE AMERICAN ECONOMY is geared toward population growth and the exploitation of ours and other countries' resources. The environmental science class is part of an effort to convince the "younger generation" that the country will destroy itself if it continues in this way. Ernst tries to teach his students to live in harmony with their environment, instead of working to conquer it.



(Photo by Eric Polley)

A Niles East student demonstrates his pinball skill at Oakton Bowl on 4833 Oakton.



'I DIDN'T MIND HAVING A HOMEROOM-I DIDN'T MIND SUPERVISING HALLS-BUT THIS CEREMONY BIT IS TOO MUCH'

Hosler makes changes; students lose freedoms

Since the arrival of Galen Hosler, principal, homeroom and after school detention have been implemented, mandatory freshman study halls and a change in pass-fail will go into effect, and the problems of noise and vandalism in the hall and the non-existence of a dress code have been challenged.

IN THE PAST FEW YEARS, Student Senate has tried to achieve more voice in the operation of the school by having input regarding policies and changes before any decisions are made.

Hosler, realizing that they were justified in their request, scheduled a meeting with Senate representatives. He had been "brainstorming" over several problems he felt needed consideration. Noise in the hallways and subsequent disruption of classes, and vandalism were discussed with three solutions being offered.

FIRST THE 10-20-10 PLAN whereby students may travel through the halls during the first and last 10 minutes of the period with the other 20 minutes spent in some authorized location. The implementation of this plan would obviously cause more hassle than it's worth. Students found in the hall would be issued detentions thus creating more unnecessary paperwork for the dean's office.

Another suggested plan would be to close certain parts of the building, yet still give access to the cafeteria, student lounge, and library. However, students wanting to use the English, foreign language, social studies, and math offices would not be allowed to use the halls leading to them. Therefore, the second plan would prove ineffective.

THE DECISION WAS REACHED to increase supervision, thereby controlling noise and vandalism. Supervision occupies one period of a teacher's day and reduces the amount of time he can spend with students who need additional help. Since money is provided for teacher supervision, it could be allocated for additional security officers, who obviously have been trained for this purpose.

With warm weather approaching, student dress will change with the seasons, thus the lack of a dress code becomes a problem. "I'm not a prude, but when something is not in good taste, let's not be afraid to challenge it. I feel shoes should be worn in school and that bizarre costumes and beach attire should not. I want the student guide book to be revised so that it establishes a 'statement of good taste,'" said Hosler.

TEACHERS AND STUDENTS are affected directly by a dress code. Students want to be comfortable, but should look appropriate. "If your parents wouldn't be embarrassed being with you, then it should be safe to say you are dressed correctly," Hosler continued.

Two new policies will be implemented next year. First, the date for declaring pass-fail will be one week sooner because of the delay in sending seventh semester transcripts to respective colleges. This new change should not cause any inconvenience to students or faculty.

IN ADDITION, FRESHMEN will be required to attend a one-period mandatory study hall. Hosler feels that freshmen are far too young "to be turned loose like the older more mature students;" therefore, he proposes that freshmen be provided with a one-period supervised study hall. The question of maturity arises here. According to experts, a mental growth spurt occurs during freshman year, but chronological age unfortunately does not parallel maturation age.

Hosler also believes that at a teacher's recommendation sophomores who have study and discipline problems should be placed in study halls. Although some people must be forced to study, it is an injustice to apply the rule to all.

ACCORDING TO HOSLER, after-school detention has always been authorized by the School Board, but never before has anyone used it. Students who receive referrals for truancy and tardiness must attend after school study. The punishment is meant to be reasonable and inconvenient according to Hosler. But like all rules, this one, made for the excessively tardy and truant student, also punishes the average student.

EAST IS A SEPARATE and different school from the other two in the district, yet East policies are made to conform to West and North. It would be refreshing if Hosler truly understood the needs of both students and teachers and implemented a progressive and forward-looking program, instead of a regressive one.

Hotline

Q. Does school profit on yearbook?

A. No. The money received from the Reflections Yearbook pays for the publishing costs. For the last ten years the price has been \$5.50; however, the price has increased one dollar "so that it could cover the cost of the yearbook," commented Mel Pirok, yearbook advisor. If any extra money is obtained it is saved for the next year's book.

Q. Why did Jack Lerman go to North?

A. After many years at East, Jack Lerman, art teacher, accepted a job at Niles North. Although he liked the students at East very much, Lerman decided to get a sampling of another school. "I believe in change," Lerman said, "and since I had an opportunity to teach at North I couldn't say no."

Q. How much money does the cafeteria make on the food?

A. "The cafeteria system is designed to break even," explained Miss Jeanne Madeus, Director of Food Services. "By the time we finish paying the workers, replacing lost and broken silverware, and purchasing the food, there is no profit." Approximately six per cent of the food taken out of the cafeteria is not paid for. These thefts lead to the increase in the cost of food.

Q. Why don't girls have any team sports in fall?

A. "Until this spring, no interest in forming a team was expressed," Mrs. Deanna Whyman, said. "The only fall girls field sport available is field hockey." A proposal is being considered. Boys' football and hockey use all the fields in fall, which would make it difficult for the girls. Presently, the girls participate in tennis, archery, and swimming, which are not team sports.

Feedback

Double casting a first

Dear Editor,

I believe because of the strong potential of many students, the **Prime of Miss Jean Brodie**, has been completely double cast, marking a Niles East first.

This "breakthrough" has enabled many more students interested in drama to participate in the play.

It not only gives the younger students a chance to prove their acting ability, but it enables those graduating one last opportunity to create a character.

Renee Render

Test cheating simple

Dear Editor,

The cheating which occurs in school is unbelievable. Many students cheat before or after a test, and the teachers have little ability to stop it.

Before a test one can get the answers from someone else and then end up with a high grade. After a test I've seen students change answers to make them correct and then tell the teacher he made a mistake in grading their paper.

Prom tradition ignored?

Has student apathy struck again, by eliminating the excitement that Prom once inspired?

ONE STUDENT ASKED "What is Prom?" "Just a dance," answered another.

The blame for the deterioration of Prom should not be placed on one person or an entire group, but the whole student body should feel some responsibility. Just as the students abandon a losing team, they also ignore the tradition of Prom.

"It's so much money for one dance," added one student. Ten years ago, the price was expensive for Prom goes too; but with changing times and rising prices, allowances have increased also.

THE BIGGEST PROBLEM last year was the location. Many students were opposed to having Prom at, what they considered an "old people's hotel," the North Shore Hotel, in Evanston. But for most who attended Prom, it was successful and "fun."

For these reasons, the teacher should grade papers carefully, checking for any errors on their part, and should have separate tests for each class they teach.

One might feel that it cannot hurt to cheat, but it adds up, and the students will suffer when taking the ACT and SAT exams for colleges. Sooner or later both the cheater and his helper will get caught — and they will deserve it.

Name withheld upon request

Pool unsatisfactory

Dear Editor,

Having been on the girls' swim team for two years now, I have had the opportunity at meets to go to other schools and swim. Their pools are well-kept, clean, and most important, are safe for diving and competitive swimming. Unlike our pool, we cannot host meets, but instead, must hold meets and practices at West. It seems a shame that money must be spent on carpeting and other furnishings, while we swim in such unsatisfactory conditions.

Carol Michals



PROM: WHO WILL FILL THE SHOES?

Commercialism invades 200th

The United States of America will celebrate its 200 year anniversary of independence on July 4, 1976.

THE FOREFATHERS of this country signed a declaration of independence proclaiming the 13 colonies' freedom from Britain on July 4, 1776; however, what would John Hancock, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and Benjamin Franklin think about the commercialism of this significant date?

It appears as though almost everyone is "out to make a buck" on the bi-centennial. Booklets, bumper stickers, and special magazines are already being

sold. On CBS TV, channel two, during bi-centennial minutes, this country's history is being advertised as frequently as Kentucky Fried Chicken.

PERHAPS THE AMERICANS of today should follow the example set by their forefathers and fight to maintain the dignity and importance of this significant event by putting commercialism back where it belongs.

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Her heart belongs to theater**PE instructor works in two fields**

by Michele Soltan

Ms. Shari Kouba, girls' PE instructor, would rather be "on-stage" than in the side lines. Like many other teachers, she has earned two degrees: but unlike many teachers, her degrees are in completely unrelated fields: a bachelor's in physical education, and a master's in communications and theater.

HER INTEREST IN theater became evident in high school. "I knew I could teach PE after working as a leader in gym class, but I thought of theater as an extracurricular activity, so when I went to school I majored in PE," Miss Kouba explained.

While attending the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, she majored in PE and minored in theater. Even at school, Ms. Kouba participated in theater activities rather than PE. She performed in "Little Me" (singer); "Anything Goes" (dance lead, Virtue); "Pajama Game" (Poopsi); and in University Stunt Shows as a danc-

er. She also had a taste of backstage work, learning about lighting, make-up, and participating as house manager and business manager of the university theater.

AFTER GRADUATION, she spent one year at Schaumburg Jr. High School teaching gym classes. She then transferred to Niles West where she taught PE for three years.

"I suddenly felt that my heart was in theater. So during the summer of '71 I returned for some theater background courses at the University of Illinois."

MS. KOUBA THEN went to the University of Colorado to work for a master's degree in theater. It was here that she actually began directing and working more extensively in children's theater. She directed "Abraham and Isaac," assisted "Devil's Disciple," stagemanaged "Life is a Dream," was publicity director for the Colorado Shakespeare Festival, and

directed "Land of the Dragon," which she used instead of writing a master's thesis.

Since working at Niles East, Ms. Kouba has been involved with the Orchestis Show (director), Niles East Dance Company (director), "Ring Round the Moon" (staging assistant), "King and I" and "Two Gentlemen of Verona" (choreographer), and Children's Theater — "Magic Lantern" (director). "I truly enjoy working with dance company, and I hope once again to have the chance to work on the musical and with children's theater."

SHE ALSO PARTICIPATES in jazz dance classes and community theater groups and plans to learn the art of puppetry at Northwestern University this summer. "If I could find a job teaching drama, I would like it to be in a high school, but if not, I'm happy working with community theater," said Ms. Kouba.



(Photo by Scott Wexler)

Ms. Shari Kouba gazes at the reflection in mirror of her students during class in the dance studio.

Non-smokers have rights: Piorkowski

by Kathi Isserman

Non-smokers have the right to speak out, the right to act, and the right to breathe clean air, according to Mrs. Nona Piorkowski, health instructor.

"THEY SHOULDN'T HAVE to breathe many pollutants when they don't choose to smoke, and they should not be afraid to ask someone politely to extinguish his cigarette or blow the smoke in a different direction," she commented.

Clubs of non-smokers are being started around the country, and Mrs. Piorkowski would like to work in a local one. She also would like to start a group that would use audio-visual aids to educate other young people. "I feel an extensive publicity campaign, to especially warn young people about the harmful effects of smoking, should be established," she commented. Mrs. Piorkowski wants to teach an adult education class about drugs, smoking, and general health. She also thinks that parents should become aware of how their children feel about smoking.

MRS. PIORKOWSKI'S interests are not limited to educating the students and public about smoking; she also likes to play folk, pop, and classical Spanish guitar music. She wrote and performed many songs while she was in high school, though she seldom composes now. She knits, sews, and has started to collect antiques. Her interest began when she bought an old "beat-up" rocker, removed the paint and varnish, and discovered it was an 1896 chair. As another project, she refinished an old washstand. Mrs. Piorkowski now would like to renovate an inexpensive antique table and chair set. She collects antique dishes, crystal glasses that were found in oatmeal boxes during the depression, and coal-oil lamps from the late 1920's and early 1930's.

Mrs. Piorkowski also paints and decorates white plaster lamps, cookie jars, and figurines. "I'm not very artistic, and this gives me a chance to express myself."

Special Ed teacher exchanges talents**Self-taught seamstress designs costumes**

by Sharon Veis

Miss Rita Stewart, prevocational coordinator of work placement for students with learning problems, shares her sewing talent with sister school West. She transferred from West in 1970.

THE IDEA OF exchanging the costume designer developed from the transferring of coaches and teachers. "When I left, West still needed a designer and I was available, so Bob Johnson, theater department head, and I, decided to raise the idea of exchange costuming director," Miss Stewart said. "This arrangement did not destroy the relationships which we had developed after many years. After all, it does take time to know what each expects and is capable of doing. The budget also is very generous which makes the situation of choosing fabric easier."

Miss Stewart, a self-taught seamstress with a minor in art, designs and alters most of the patterns. She also cuts the ma-

terial herself. "The home economics department at West cooperates with us very well, and we receive many good hard-working girls from them," she said.

"EVERYONE NEEDS an outlet, and sewing is my way of leaving the frustration and worries of work behind. When someone works in any specialized area, he needs contact with other kids as well," said Miss Stewart. Although busy with the drama shows, she does find time to sew for her family and friends. "During vacations when I visit my family, I sew an article of clothing for each member."

"The hardest costumes I made were for my first show 'Funny Girl.' They weren't structurally complicated, but the physical and mental aspects of designing and constructing made them difficult," she said. The finale of "Hello, Dolly" brought much frustration to Miss Stewart. She broke 18 sewing machine nee-

dles attaching sequins on the dresses. "The thrill of seeing the dresses sparkle on stage was worth the frustration."

"FIDDLER ON THE ROOF" also contained memories. "In Tevya's dream, grandmother Fruma-Sarah rises from the dead to haunt Golda. We dressed Fruma-Sarah in 50 cent a yard white material with many holes in it. For a fluttering effect while dancing, white strips of fabric were sewn to the sleeves. The result was very eerie."

In the summer Miss Stewart takes charge of the costuming for the summer Community Theater. She designs most of the clothes, sews, and works behind the scenes.

THE COSTUME SHE IS most excited about for this summer's production of "George M" will contain many ostrich feathers. A blue satin dress and cloak for the character Faye Templeton will be redesigned from a costume in the play "Sweet Charity." "I would like to match

the fabric and feathers perfectly, but both have faded a bit so I have doubts about perfect coordination," she said. "Since 'George M' is being presented in honor of America's Bicentennial, I am trying to keep the

red, white, and blue color scheme in mind, especially for the finale. Anyone, young and old, can help. It's quite an experience, and I hope I see many new faces this summer," she concluded.



(Photo by Michele Soltan)

Miss Rita Stewart works diligently at her sewing machine as she prepares several garments for fittings. Miss Stewart will be designing costumes for "The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie."

Persons, places, and things

Steve Poznansky and Todd Dvorak, math teachers, attended a mathematics convention in Denver, Colorado, April 23-26. Workshops in problem solving, lectures, and textbook and computer exhibits were included in all math areas.

James Swanson, physical education director, made a proposal for stress testing equipment, including a treadmill and electrocardiogram. The plan was not accepted by the school board and was cancelled. Stress testing will remain in the gym program without the complex apparatus.

The **Cadet, Concert, and Stage Bands** will play tonight at 8 p.m. in the auditorium. Selections include "Blue and Gray," "Royal Celebration," "Let it Go," "Alone Again Naturally," "Carpenters Melody," and "Colossus of Columbia." The choral groups and orchestra will perform tomorrow at 8 p.m. Orchestral numbers include Brahms and the Symphony of Hertel. Admission costs \$1 for each concert.

The **Walk with Israel**, sponsored by the Chicago Jewish Youth Council, will be held Sunday, May 25. The route begins and concludes at the Bernard Horwich Jewish Community Center, and continues through the north side. Walk cards may be obtained at any Jewish Community Center.

Mrs. Hazel Loew, art teacher, conducted a workshop on four learning styles at the National Art Education Convention in Miami, Fla. April 4-8. "It was very exciting especially when the secondary and higher education teachers said they would experiment with their own classes."

A music department banquet will be held Tuesday, May 27, for all members of the bands and choruses at the Lincolnwood Hyatt House. The Stage band will perform and awards will be presented.

Auditions for "George M," this summer's Community Theater production, will be held at Niles West June 2-5 at 7 p.m. Scripts for study are available from Director Bob Johnson at Niles West. All residents can participate in the performing or production aspects of the play to be held July 26, 27, 28, August 2, and 3. For further information, contact Johnson at 966-3800 extension 287.

The Niles East Stage Band donated one hour of playing time to the WTTW auction. The Himalayan Institute in Glenview, the highest bidder, will hear them perform on May 31.

A 1975 Book Award was presented to the library by the Mothers' Association of the University of Illinois in the name of Debra Fillinson, Robyn Gill, Gary Pineless, and Julia Rath. These alumni (all from the class of '74) received a straight "A" average for their first semester at the University of Illinois.

Any student interested in housing next year's foreign exchange student should contact Miss Judy Rochotte in the foreign language office. Homes need to be found by June in order for East to participate in the foreign exchange program.

Writers boost self-confidence

Journalism prepares students

by Sandee Morrison

"Journalism, one of the many English courses offered at East, prepares you for writing all types of compositions and helps on essay tests," commented Michele Soltan, '75.

PEOPLE WITH AN interest in writing, or perhaps just improving their present writing ability should take journalism. This writing course helps with grammar, structure, wordiness, and organization, while teaching many fundamentals of newspaper writing including headlines, features, news stories, editorials, copyreading, and the Nilehilite writing style.

"I wanted to take a writing

course, but not just a standard composition class," remarked Sharon Veis '77. Sharon, one of the many students who took journalism first semester, continued through second. Although a student may schedule this class for only one semester, Mrs. Mary Scherb, journalism teacher and Nilehilite advisor, recommends the course for both semesters to be followed by Newspaper Production.

"IT'S TIMELY," commented Wendy Gerber, one of the few freshmen taking this course. Freshmen are now permitted to take journalism as long as they take "Backgrounds of English"

concurrently. For an incoming freshman to schedule journalism, it is recommended that he have a strong interest in the subject, according to the student coursebook.

"I can more easily approach adults and ask them questions," said Sharon. "It appears as though journalism helps improve more than writing ability. It boosts self-confidence," commented Kathi Isserman '78.

THIS CLASS ALSO helps the students learn more about their school and community. These journalists "run around" in order to get news tips and information for stories. Part of the final examination, in December, included a map of the school. Each student was told to determine what subjects are taught and who occupies every room. The purpose of this assignment was to help the students learn more about East and make the job of finding information easier.

Every student chooses at least four "beats" — faculty, administrative, or community service members, whom they contact approximately every four weeks. The student reporters interview these beats and for the following Friday write a story on the information they've obtained.

BESIDES BEAT STORIES, once a month each student is required to write an in-depth feature story. This story, approximately 500 words in length, may deal with any subject the writer chooses. Recent feature



(Photo by Scott Wexler)

Students design layout for apprentice issue as Mrs. Mary Scherb, journalism teacher, supervises.



(Photo by Scott Wexler)

Larry Bower and Dean Frankel select pictures for the sports page of this apprentice issue.

story topics included Hang Gliding, an interview with Susan Anderson, Jeff Bazell's trip to see Funny Lady, and a speech communication exercise.

In addition to writing stories, the students take occasional opinion polls. For these polls the reporters each must interview one student from each grade level and one faculty member.

THE HOMEWORK LOAD appears to be much more difficult second semester, "but we grin and bear it," confided Rochelle Goode '76.

Besides writing for class assignments, these newly found reporters have many articles published in the Nilehilite. When a reporter has 200 inches of print and 100 points, he is eligible for the Quill and Scroll International Honorary Society for High School Journalists.

Points may be earned for each story copyread, headline written, and story typed. Additional points may be given for special services at the discretion of the advisor.

TOWARD THE END of second semester when journalism students have learned the essentials of newspaper publishing, they publish an apprentice issue of the Nilehilite. (This issue is the apprentice issue for this year's journalism class.)

These students wrote all of the copy, designed the layouts, copyread all articles, and prepared all of the headlines. They selected among themselves, co-editors-in-chief, and section editors for this issue.

WHAT BETTER REWARD can be given for a story well-written, than to have it published in the newspaper for everyone to read.

Golf course open for play

Park District offers sports

by Sharon Veis

Golfing, swimming, tennis, and ice skating will be taught when the Skokie Park District offers its wide range of sporting facilities to high school students this summer.

The Weber Park Golf Course, 9300 Bronx (west of Gross Point Road on Church Street), now is open for play. The course, 1,165 yards, includes a large irrigation system, large elevated grass tees and greens, and a practice putting green. Golfers 13 through 15 years old must pass a golf orientation and proficiency course to play without adult supervision. Students over 16 may golf without adult supervision.

Tuesday through Sunday, the course is open from 7:30 a.m. to dusk. One round—9 holes—costs \$1.75 Tuesday through Friday and \$2.25 on Saturday, Sunday, and holidays. Golfers 13-15 years old may play for \$1 before 3:30 p.m. on weekdays. Carts may be rented for 50 cents and golf clubs for \$1.

Students 13-15 can enroll in the golf orientation course at either Devonshire center or Weber Park. The two-hour session, 3:30-5:30 p.m., is offered on May 28, June 11, 25, July 9, August 6 and 20 at Weber Park. Instructional classes for those teens who have completed proficiency tests are held for eight weeks beginning June 17 at 11:30 a.m. Nine holes of golf and two mini-lessons per session cost \$14. Beginning and intermediate golfers 16 or older may register for six-week classes at Devonshire Center.

Swimmers should delight when Oakton and Devonshire pools open June 14. Daily hours include 1-5 p.m. and 6:30-9 p.m. Senior lifesaving classes for anyone over the age of 15 are

offered in two sessions—June 23—July 12 or July 21—August 8 at a cost of \$10. This Wednesday-Friday-Saturday class is held at Oakton Pool from 9-11 a.m. Girls of any age may enjoy the water ballet class held Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, June 25 to August 17 at 10 a.m. Stunts and group routines in beginner and intermediate levels are emphasized.

Tennis courts for park district residents are located at various sites in Skokie. One may reserve or "rack up" courts to play. Reservations are taken only at Central, Oakton, and Devonshire parks during specific times. Teens 16 or older may reserve courts after purchasing a non-transferable identification card. Fees for reserving courts are paid at the time of play.

Lessons are offered the beginner to advanced player at many locations. Session 1, eight lessons, begins June 23 and continues through July 18. The second session is held from July 28—August 22. High school students are charged a \$5 fee for lessons.

The Skatium, 9300 Bronx (west of Gross Point Road north of Church Street), provides indoor ice skating all year. June through August on days where the temperature reaches 80 degrees or more skating will cost only 50 cents instead of \$1. Skate rental remains at \$1.

Instructional ice skating programs "are designed to meet the interests and abilities of all ice skaters."

Alumni Corner

After leaving Niles East, students disperse themselves around the country and become involved in various areas of education.

RON MILLER '74 is attending Rice University in Houston, Texas, where he is majoring in government. He returned recently to show his New Orleans roommate around Chicago. Ron was Nilehilite editor during his senior year.

Jill Aronovitz '74 is studying at Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota. She enjoys it, although there is "a lot of pressured work." She had the lead in "Bus Stop" a play which was presented at Carleton in April. While she was at East, Jill was involved with the theater department, was a National Merit semi-finalist, yearbook section editor, a member of the National Honor Society, and of

Quill and Scroll.

CHERIE SOLTAN '72 is a junior at the University of Illinois majoring in communications and speech. She, Rob Fisher '71, also from East, and two students from Poland spoke at a forum on March 12 about "The role of students in the governing of universities."

Charles Levin '73 recently fathered twins Michael Jason and Jennifer Susan. He is president of the Rodeo subdivision of Keystone fishing products. While at East he was involved in track, wrestling, and Spanish club.

Marc Schwartz, '72, a junior at Drake University, School of Theater Arts, in Des Moines, Iowa, soon will tour Iowa in one of the leads in Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night." Marc, very active in theater, attends Drake on a talent scholarship.

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Nature lovers ride trails

Local stables offer classes

by Rochelle Goode

The back-to-nature fad swept the country and then faded quickly. However, some still remain who enjoy the scenery of a trail ride on horseback.

THREE STABLES LOCATED in this area are frequented by high school students who ride. Harmswood and Peebles can be found on the corner of Golf and Harms Road and Northwestern stables can be found at the dead end of Austin (9500).

Harmswood is favored by most students who wish to take lessons, because of their reasonable prices and horses ranging from well-mannered to extremely challenging. Some of the classes at Harmswood are sponsored by the park district, and offered to anyone over the age of eight. These classes teach the basic fundamentals of riding, beginning with how to hold the reins, and leg position.

MORE ADVANCED CLASSES than those available through the park district are offered by the stables, and usually are entered through private lessons. After the rider learns about reins, how to post (moving with the horse through the trot), signals for different gaits (walk, trot, and canter, which is similar to a slow gallop), different breeds, and various other basics, he advances to classes. Classes are labeled beginner, intermediate, advanced, pre-equitation, and equitation. The higher the class, the more difficult-to-handle the horses become. Pre-equitation and equitation deal with figures, "solo" work-outs, and perfection of form. Many riders from the advanced-equitation stage help teach park district classes, earning a free hour ride at the same time.

Northwestern stables has lessons for both flat (ordinary) riding, and jumping. These lessons cost more than Harmswood's, but for those who wish to jump, they are more educational.

Two basic styles of riding are available to all: English, which consists of a flat saddle and usually involves the use of double reins, and western, which has a larger, more comfortable saddle and teaches neck reining. English riding has two separate branches: saddle seat and hunt seat. Saddle seat, the major type of riding seen in horse shows, is taught at Harmswood and Peebles. Hunt seat is taught at Northwestern, and is used for jumping.

PEEBLES OFFERS lessons to the beginner — advanced rider, but is not as popular as the other two stables. They do not have as many horses or as large a ring, because they deal mainly with boarders (horse owners).

Many Harmswood riders come early on weekend mornings for their lessons and stay as late as 6 p.m. When no help is needed for park district classes, they groom horses, help bridle and saddle for private lessons, or just lounge in the office playing with the numerous cats. Some come every day they can, just to be with the horses. Anita Simkovich '76, explained, "Ever since I was small, I've had a fascination for horses. I love to ride and take care of them."

Most of the riders at Harmswood are animal and nature lovers. They don't know why they love horses so much, but don't stop to question it. Judy Barry '76, concluded, "It's refreshing," and Carol Sopkin '78 likes "the horses and the challenge."

Valerie Loos '76, rides at her sister's farm near Decatur. "I enjoy the scenery when I ride in the country," she said. "It's nice to trot along the streets and watch the little animals."

MOST RIDERS HAVE no explanation for their obsession with horses, merely defining it as partly a love for animals, and at times, a challenge of wits. "Horses can be sly animals. Sometimes they'll do anything to get you off," stated Anita. "Part of the excitement is seeing if they succeed."

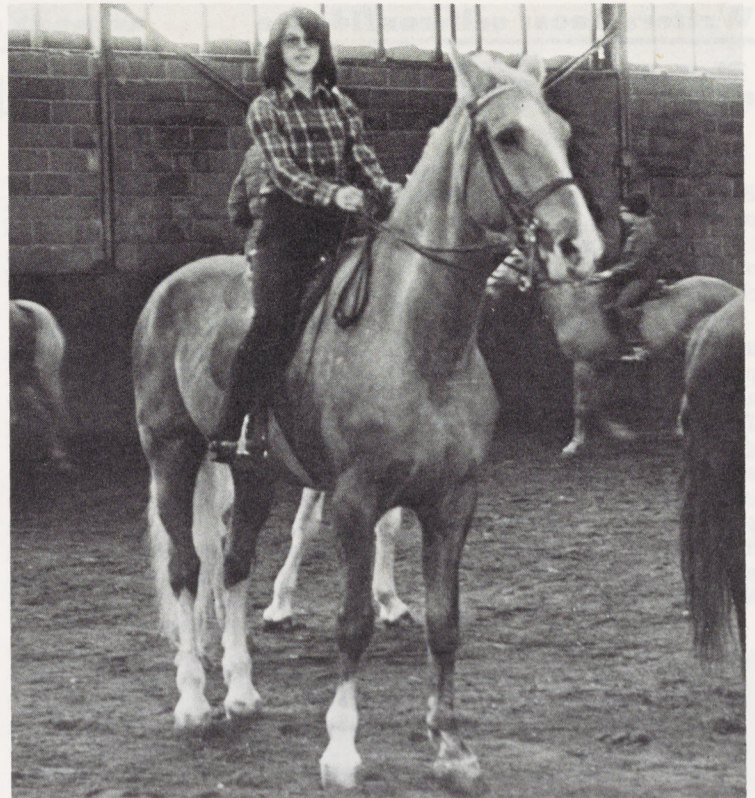
Carol Sopkin, an advanced rider, has fallen off many times, but doesn't feel degraded. "It's just one of those things that goes along with riding," she said.

The goal for most riders is doing well in shows or tournaments. Harmswood and Northwestern stables have two shows a year — one in the spring, and one in late fall. Northwestern shows have only students

on one day and boarders the next, while Harmswood shows are grouped by age.

TOURNAMENTS ARE HELD at Blue Ribbon Stables in Northbrook which has the largest indoor ring of all the stables in the Chicago area. These very important shows are attended by horse lovers, breeders, and trainers across the state, and advanced riders participate in them including teachers and boarders. To win the title of "high point," "champion," or "reserve champion," at the Blue Ribbon tournaments is a great honor for which many skilled riders train for years.

The natural surroundings of a forest trail can be as worthwhile as the shows to nature loving riders. "One of the most exhilarating back-to-nature experiences is riding down a leafy trail in spring or fall with my favorite horse and the sun shining through the trees," Carol explained.



(Photo by Rochelle Goode)

Anita Simkovich, '76, a Harmswood rider, poses here on Topaz, her favorite horse. Anita is one of many riders who comes as often as she can, and stays until the stables close.

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Poor hitting plagues Trojans

"We're leaving too many men on base because we're not getting hits when we need them," said George Galla, coach of the varsity baseball team.

THE TROJANS HAVE a conference record of 1-7. They defeated Niles North for their only victory. Coach Galla feels the fielding and pitching have been good, but the offense needs improvement. Easthi lost a number of their games because they failed to get the clutch hits. Against Maine West they left nine runners on base, and lost the game 3-1. Galla has been disappointed with the

team's attitude. "They seem to fall down mentally," he said.

Coach Galla feels Mark Brine has been doing an exceptional job as catcher, while John Gentile and Mike Hansen are strong at bat.

ON THE SOPHOMORE level, the Trojans have a winning record of 7-2. It appears the sophomores should be among the top teams in their division as they defeated Maine South. At the beginning of the season coach Hollister Sandstead predicted Maine South and Niles West to be the toughest teams

for East to beat. The Trojans beat Maine 7-6, but lost to West 7-0.

Coach Sandstead expressed the need for good pitching, and he is getting it from David Uhle and John O'Mally. Although the team has a winning record, Sandstead is not entirely satisfied with the way they're playing. "They're making too many mental and physical errors," he said. The sophomore infield, comprised of Dave Meister (1b), Danny Gotlieb (2b), Van Nomikos (SS) and Neil Sherman (3b) have been strong through the season.



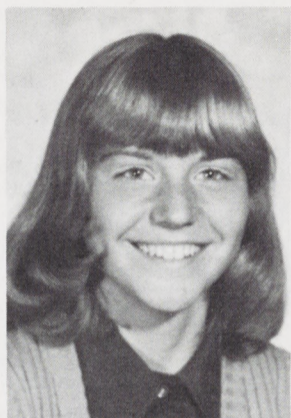
(Photo by Michele Soltan)

Senior Lee Wisniewski displays his power in a recent 3-1 loss to Maine West.

Varsity uses freshman starter

Judy Lee achieves success

by Michele Soltan



Judy Lee

Young talent sprang to the court, as Judy Lee, the first freshman starter on the Girls' Varsity Basketball team in three years, achieved success as the second high scorer for the season.

"ALTHOUGH THE TEAM had a seasonal record of 3 and 2, the members performed outstandingly well in their efforts," said Coach Jean Wojdula.

She assigned her to the varsity team after seeing her shoot-

ing ability. "Judy is a fine person and very cooperative. She is an accurate, long ball shooter. But, when she plays poorly, she gets very disappointed in herself. Generally though, she is a good spirited member. I believe she has natural ability for the sports," said Miss Wojdula.

JUDY HAS BEEN playing basketball since sixth grade and was probably inspired into learning the game from her two older brothers. "I really love sports and I've given thought to becoming a PE teacher. I played on the tennis team this year and now I'm participating in intramural softball," she said.

Judy is able to maintain a 4.0 grade point average despite her extracurricular sports activities, and is extremely modest. "She has a real understanding for the game and can teach anybody just about any sport," said Laura Howard '78.

ANYONE WATCHING HER on the court can spot her as she easily drops baskets. She is

the youngest member (of 14) on the team. "This year has given me a chance to learn more techniques of team play. The other kids on the team are very friendly and have never made me feel uncomfortable," said Judy.

Two girls to attend GAA camp

Linda Krysl, '76 and Ellen Schwartz, '77 will attend the Northern GAA Leadership Camp from June 15-21 as representatives from Niles East.

GIRLS THROUGHOUT Illinois will discuss improvement of the GAA and its board, and how to become officers. The girls also learn how to officiate and conduct a track meet. "It's worthwhile, because it gives a better insight to the mechanics of learning how to run events. It's also a lot of fun, and the GAA benefits from it," commented Miss Jean Wojdula, GAA sponsor.

The girls also learn new ways of making money for their

school's GAA, as each school's service projects differ. They keep a notebook and report to their GAA board in September.

Martha Brzozowski, '76, representative of East last year, "loved it. The counselors were very nice. I wish I could go back," she commented.

THE GIRLS DO NOT discuss GAA all the time; they also compete in tournament games like flickerball, deck and volley tennis, and cage ball. The groups that finish first receive awards. Every night one group entertains the campers; one group may have a campfire, one performs a skit, while another

publishes a newspaper. The girls also are given a certain amount of free time during each day when they may go swimming, boating, or visit their friends.

The 300 girls who attend the camp in Williams Bay, Wisconsin, live in cabins while the counselors, volunteer PE teachers from different schools, live in separate cabins. The executive GAA board and Miss Wojdula select two girls each year for the camp.

ELLEN SCHWARTZ is "anxiously awaiting," this summer. "I'll get to meet many new girls, and it sounds like fun," she concluded.

Sports Shorts

Head football coach chosen

JERRY FERGUSON, PE INSTRUCTOR, was appointed head football coach of the varsity team, effective next fall.

Before coming to Easthi 12 years ago, Ferguson was physical education instructor at Mattoon, Illinois. During his stay at Mattoon he coached football, golf, and wrestling. At East, Ferguson has been involved in football, wrestling, and track. In the fall he coached the Niles North sophomore football team along with Ed Pugliese and Gerry Richardson. The Vikings had a record of six wins, one loss, and a tie.

Although Ferguson would not comment on the Trojan's problems in the past seasons, he did express the need for greater discipline among the players. "There's potential to win and I'm going to do all I can," stated the coach.

Ferguson was the all-state tackle in 1947 when he attended Mattoon High School. He continued his education and played football at Northwestern University, and transferred to Eastern after his freshman year. He applied for the position of football coach and was recommended by athletic director James Swanson.

Galen Hosler, principal, made the final decision in selecting Ferguson. "He's a very mature, experienced PE man. He's proved to be a good coach while he's been at Niles," said Hosler.

EASTHI'S ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT is beginning to

make some changes for the coming year in both the PE classes and after school activities.

A number of female students expressed their feelings on the girls' PE program. The girls are required to take written tests; they receive letter grades at the end of each six weeks, and have a stricter overall program. According to James Swanson, Easthi's athletic director, the boys are not required to take written tests, but are judged on their performance in class. The boys are graded on a pass-fail basis. Next year Swanson is going to make an attempt to equalize the grading requiring both the boys and girls PE classes to be given letter grades. The grades will not count on student grade point averages.

Sixty per cent of the six week grades will be based on participation, with the remaining 40 per cent determined by testing.

In an effort to equalize the two sexes, the co-ed gym program for juniors and seniors will be continued. "The co-ed classes are a success," said Swanson.

MEMBERS OF EASTHI'S outdoor track team have been hard at work as Sal Parenti '76 gained first place in the Mt. Prospect Track Invitational on April 25. Sal was competing against a field of 28. Ed Santacruz set a frosh school record in the two-mile run, with a 10:14 first place finish.

FRESHMAN NORMAN RIFKIND earned a first place trophy in the Skokie Park District ping pong tournament on April 5 held at the Devonshire recreation center. Rifkind competed against four other boys in his age group, 13-17. Norman defeated the first three of his opponents and then advanced into the finals against Dennis Lutz, a sophomore from East, who placed second.

EASTHI IS SPONSORING the fifth annual state wide free style wrestling tournament on May 24.

Any student weighing between 85 lbs. and 192 may enter. The entry fee of \$1 and a United States wrestling federation card is required. Medals will be awarded to the top three winners in both the beginners and the junior-senior divisions. For more information, contact Coach Fred Richardi.

GAA WILL HOLD its annual awards assembly May 22 at 3 p.m. in the girls' large gym. girls earn 30 points by participating in Ripplettes, Dance Company, interscholastic sports, and two points for each intramural activity they attend. Patch awards are given for girls who have earned 24, 75, 150, 225, or 300 or more points. In addition, one senior, who plans to major or minor in health, PE, or recreation in college, will be selected for a \$400 scholarship (\$100 each year).

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CSL meet today

Netmen take district finals

Easthi's varsity tennis team earned 13 points in the state district meet last week, and captured a first place victory.

JUNIOR JEFF EPSTEIN beat four other competitors and took first place in the singles competition. Epstein advanced into the finals after he defeated Bruce Berman of Evanston 6-2, 6-0. In the finals, Epstein played against Keith Rudman of Francis Parker. According to Coach Len Winans, Rudman is ranked second in Illinois in the 16 and under bracket. Epstein

won the first set 7-6 and went on to win the second set 6-2.

The netters number one doubles team, comprised of Gene Guerrero and Tim Besser, advanced into the finals, but had to settle for second place as they were defeated by Larry Lubin and David Shanks of Evanston. "It was a fine team effort," said Winans.

BOTH TODAY AND tomorrow, the Trojans will participate in the Central Suburban League meet at Maine East. "We're shooting to take second

in the league, but the boys know they have to earn it," said Winans. Following the league meet, the netters will compete in the state finals. The Trojans seem to be improving as two years ago they placed twelfth in state, while last year they finished seventh. This season Winans hopes they will place in the top ten.

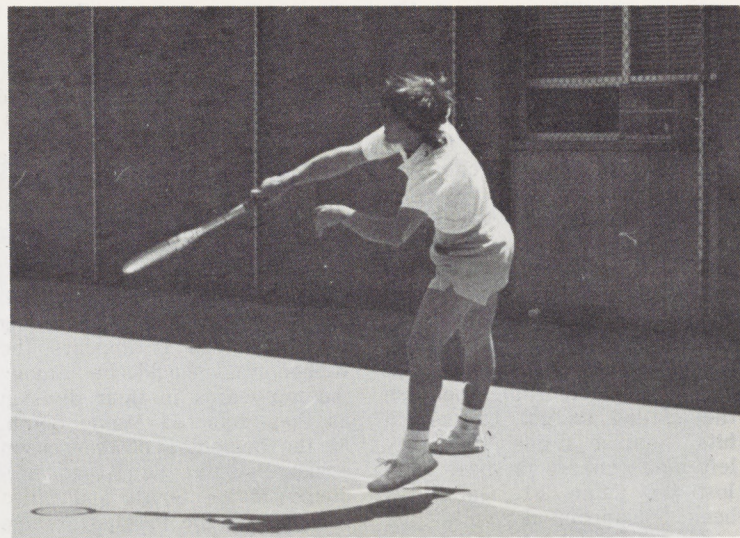
The netters completed their regular schedule with a record of 8-2. Highland Park, Deerfield, and New Trier West were Easthi's toughest competitors this year. The Trojans defeated Highland Park 3-2, but lost to both Deerfield and New Trier.

NEXT YEAR EASTHI will lose three senior tennis stars, including Gene Guerrero, Marty Avers, and Scott Pales.

The sophomore tennis team has not been doing as well as expected, and as of now have a 7-6 record. "Some of the freshmen are playing sophomore and not concentrating on playing tennis," said Coach Romayne Baker.

Chris Besser has been playing well, even though he has a 5-6 record. Coach Baker feels, "It's hard for Chris because he's in a tough spot playing number one singles." In their most recent meet, the sophs lost to Deerfield 4-1, the only highlight being that the second doubles team of Paul Whitmore and Jeff Cohn won their match. Mike Lemick also played well in defeat.

COACH BAKER is extremely pleased with the frosh team as they upset Deerfield 4-1, with a current 11-1 record.



Jeff Epstein serves to his opponent from Francis Parker in the district meet, in which he took first place in the singles competition.

Besser wins first in championships

Chris Besser '78 earned a first place medal in the National Open Tumbling championships on April 26.

THE CONTEST was held at Homewood Flossmoor High School where Chris competed in the 13-14 year old bracket. Besser's score of 6.2 defeated 18 other tumblers. His routine consisted of mostly "C" moves, which are considered to be the most difficult in gymnastics. A full twisting back flip, a front flip to a hand spring and a front flip followed by two back flips were all included.



Chris Besser

Chris, a short, thin gymnast, has been practicing since November.

During the season his main event was tumbling, in which he placed second in the Waukegan Frosh Invitational. Next season Chris expects to work All-Around, which includes rings, parallel bars, horizontal bar, side horse, and tumbling. "It's people like Chris who make coaching not a job, but a way of life. He is a pleasure to coach and a mature person with a big heart," explained coach Seymour Rifkind.

BESSER NOT ONLY is on the gymnastic team, but also competes on the sophomore tennis team, as the number one singles player. Chris has played tennis with his family since he was nine, but still considers gymnastics his favorite sport. "If it wasn't for coach Rifkind, I wouldn't be anywhere today," said Besser.

It appears East could have another gymnastic state champion, Chris Besser.

Softball team faces Glenbrook

Girls' interscholastic softball team will compete against Glenbrook North next Wednesday at 4:15 p.m. at Kostner Park.

THE VARSITY TEAM beat Maine South 7-5, May 8. A beautiful double play by Rose Maggione (shortstop) who picked up a grounder and tossed it to Judy Lee (second base), who fired it to Jill Greenberg (first base), displayed the good form of the infield. "Two attempted steals also were stopped by the great arm of Ellen Schwartz (catcher) and the quick reflexes of Judy," Suzanne Arnoplin, team captain, commented.

BESIDES HAVING GOOD de-

fense, the team played excellent offense with Suzanne Arnoplin hitting good solid hits and batting four for four. The JV and Varsity teams both have a record of 1-2.

IN ADDITION, the girls' track team will compete against Maine South next Tuesday at 4 p.m. at the outdoor track. The team lost against New Trier West in a close hard-fought contest May 7 with a score of 66-65.

IN RUNNING, Laura Gundersen placed first in the 220-yard dash with her best time, 28.1. Dawn Flakne placed second in the two-mile; she had never run

long distance in a meet before.

In field events, Jamie Borkovitz placed first in discus breaking her own school record, while Karen Behr placed first in shotput also breaking her previous school record.

"**I THINK WE** have fantastic, enthusiastic coaches that really know their business," one team member concluded.

PE teacher works on doctorate

Miss Kay enjoys motorcycling

When Miss Judy Kay, PE instructor at East and West, is not teaching, coaching, or working toward her doctorate in physical education (PED), she is driving her motorcycle.

SHE HAS BEEN riding a red Kawasaki 90 for three years, but she now would like to buy a used 200. With a two-gallon tank, the cycle gets 90 miles to the gallon.

Miss Kay drives her cycle strictly for enjoyment; she doesn't consider it a sport. When she began graduate school at Indiana University, she discovered that many girls rode motorcycles. A girl in her dormitory had one and taught her how to ride. She rode the bike in hilly areas of Indiana where many back roads and lakes are secluded by forests. "With the wind blowing in my face and nothing around but the air, it gives me a feeling of freedom," Miss Kay commented.

SHE DRIVES HER CYCLE defensively, because cars tend to forget motorcycles operate on the road. "Motorcycle driv-



Sophomore Steve Apollo runs towards the finish line in the outdoor district track meet, held here last week.

Teacher places in Open

MISS CHRIS WOODARD, Girls' PE instructor, competed in the Burdick Open at Northern Illinois University last month. She and her partner, Karen Chaderjian, journalism major at Northern, lost the second round doubles against two female teachers from New Trier West. She also lost the semifinal singles to a player from the University of Wisconsin.

"I started playing badminton my senior year at Barrington High School when girls' sports were just beginning." She continued playing first singles while in college at Northern.

MISS WOODARD COMPETES in many contests, including her most recent ones, the Illinois Open, at Illinois State University, where she came in first in the consolation series, and the Evanston Open, at Evanston High School, where she finished second in the flight C

singles.

She doesn't have many opportunities to practice because she serves as assistant badminton coach, assistant softball coach, volleyball coach, and swimming and diving coach here at East, but when she has time, she trains at the Badminton Club at New Trier.

IN ADDITION TO playing badminton, Miss Woodard officiated for girls' basketball and softball. She referees at many local high schools. "I took a class in officiating in college, but all you have to do, is pass a test and attend a meeting on the rules and receive your striped shirt," she explained.

Miss Woodard is interested in many sports besides badminton, including field hockey, softball, basketball, and volleyball. This summer she will be teaching junior high and high school physical education at East.

Parenti places 2nd in league meet

Juniors Sal Parenti and Larry Bower, paced the track team last week in the divisional and Central Suburban League meets.

PARENTI WON THE 120-yard high hurdles in divisional record time of 14.7 seconds May 6. In the CSL meet May 10, he placed second with a 14.9.

Bower won the divisional half-mile race in record time of 1:58.9. He placed fifth in the CSL meet in 1:59.2.

OTHERS WHO QUALIFIED for the conference final were Mark Lichtenstein, fourth in the

mile run (4:28.3), and Mark Scherfling, sixth in the half-mile (2:09).

On the sophomore level, Easthi qualified seven competitors and one relay team: Ed Santacruz in the two mile, Ken Golum in the mile and half-mile, Ron Stein in the mile, Steve Apollo and Dan Projansky in the 220 and, with Pete Cherniavsky and Norm Delheim, in the 880-yd. relay, Cherniavsky in the long jump and triple jump, and Joe Heinz in the shot put.

She teaches PE here at East and West, and also coaches the girls' interscholastic badminton and JV softball teams at West.