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All school
volleyball tournament
tonight



T-shirt chosen

WENDY JACKSON, '79, is the winner of the Spanish Club's t-shirt contest, according to Steve Rosenzweig, Easthi Spanish teacher.

"The winning t-shirt pictures a little man wearing a sombrero," described Eileen Saltzman '77, president of the Spanish Club. "Below the picture of the man it says in Spanish, Spanish makes me happy."

"Six Spanish Club members submitted designs for the t-shirt during the contest period which ran from February 9 thru February 16," stated Rosenzweig. "Wendy's design was chosen by the members of the Spanish Club."

"THE IDEA FOR a t-shirt contest originated after Christmas vacation," explained Rosenzweig. "The idea of the t-shirt is to publicize that Spanish is a good language."

"The Spanish Club is planning a Spanish t-shirt day sometime after spring vacation," announced Rosenzweig. "On this day all five spanish teachers and all students possessing Spanish Club t-shirts will wear them to school."

National Honor Society names applicants

DAWN FLAKNE '77 and Murray Cohn '77 have been named scholarship applicants by the National Honor Society for grants in the 1977 competition. The NHS will award 225 scholarships of \$1000 to the winners.

Each NHS chapter in the country could nominate two of its members who have demonstrated outstanding leadership, character, scholarship, and service. The Easthi Honor Society members were allotted three votes in a secret ballot. The results were tabulated by faculty sponsor Antone Kort; the winners were notified in mid February.

THE NOMINEES had to fill out standardized applications which included information about their ranks, in-school and extra curricular activities, and work experience. In addition, the applicants were required to write an essay on America's position in relation to the other nations of the world, as America enters its third century.

Trojan seal gains new look

THE EASTHI N-CLUB donated new protective ropes and standards on February 22, to box the Trojan emblem in Trojan Hall, according to N-Club sponsor Al Poznansky.

"The N-Club thought that the old ropes and standards were getting shabby, and we felt it our responsibility to upgrade it," said Poznansky. "Our motivation came when Mr. Swanson solemnly promised to request benches for the athletic locker room if N-Club would donate the standards and ropes," added Poznansky.

The approximate cost was 400 dollars, and the money was raised by selling concessions in Trojan Hall.

"I feel really shocked because I didn't expect it at all," said Dawne Flakne, referring to her nomination. Her achievements include a top ten percentile rank, a four year membership on the girls swim team (in which she was elected most valuable player), a four year membership in Riplettes (she is their Student Activity Board representative), a four year membership on the girls' basketball team, and a four year membership on the track team. "My only free season is volleyball," commented Flakne.

She worked as a junior counselor at camp Kal-O-Way for the mentally handicapped, and as a life guard at the Lincolnwood Park District swimming pool. Regarding her college plans, Dawn said, "I don't know for sure where I'm going...possibly Augustana College in Rock Island, perhaps majoring in engineering."

"I WAS VERY GLAD to be nominated," said senior Murray Cohn. His accomplishments include memberships in the National Thespian Society, Math Club, Golden Galleon, Student Senate, and the positions of secretary-treasurer to the Spanish Club and editor of the Nilehilite.

Cohn has achieved the status of Illinois State Scholar and National Merit Scholarship Finalist. He plans to major in Physics at M.I.T., Cal Tech, or I.I.T.

In other action the National Honor Society will elect new members to Easthi's chapter by the decision of the faculty selection committee. Students with a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.0 and haven't failed a course were invited to apply. The applicants must complete a form describing activities, honors courses and other recognition. Last year, 34 juniors were elected. Students presently in the NHS need not apply again. Those seniors who applied last year but were not admitted, and juniors must apply by today.

News in Brief

NILES EAST DECA will defend its First Place state ranking at the Distributive Education Clubs of Illinois State Leadership Conference on March 18 and 19. N. E. DECA is going into this competition, at the Mart Plaza Holiday Inn (Chicago), after placing first at the Northwest Suburban Distributive Education Contests February 3. Twenty Niles East students will be participating.

GOLDEN YAM AWARDS have been presented this year in Dennis Duffy's film study classes.

Award winners include: Mike Greenfield, Best Actor; Diane Johnson and Janet Torstensson, who tied for Best Actress; Cris Noll and Debra Glienke, Best Special Effects; Rich Gorden, Best Cinematography; and Barry Craven, who received awards for Best Film and Best Sound.

TWO SILVER YAMS also were presented. These Yams were awarded to Carlos Levy and Mitch Dosik for Promising Young Film Makers.

The Yam Awards are Easthi's version of the Academy Awards, according to Duffy. The students each produce their homemade films, show them in class, then vote for the best film maker in each category.

DECA IS IN THE MIDST of a campaign to combat shoplifting. Recently, surveys have been conducted at four junior high schools to determine the students' feelings, attitudes, and active participation in the recent wave of shoplifting. Similar surveys are now being conducted at Niles East and Niles North.

Currently, DECA also is surveying retail shop owners in an effort to see who is doing the shoplifting, and the protective measures that stores are now using to apprehend the thieves. A film, produced by DECA, will be shown to local business organizations in an attempt to enlighten them on how to defend themselves against various shoplifting techniques.

Office education awards given

DEBBIE SCHULTZ '77, Lisa Kuntz '77 and Randee Losoff '77 achieved recognition in the Office Education Association Contest held January 14 in Zion, Illinois. The three seniors were students in the office occupations class. Students from Evanston, Maine North, Maine South and Maine West high schools

competed with one another for recognition in several categories.

Lisa Kuntz won first place in Accounting and related areas; Debbie Schultz won third place in Job Interviews; Randee Losoff was a runner-up in Records Management.



(Photo by Alan Cohn)

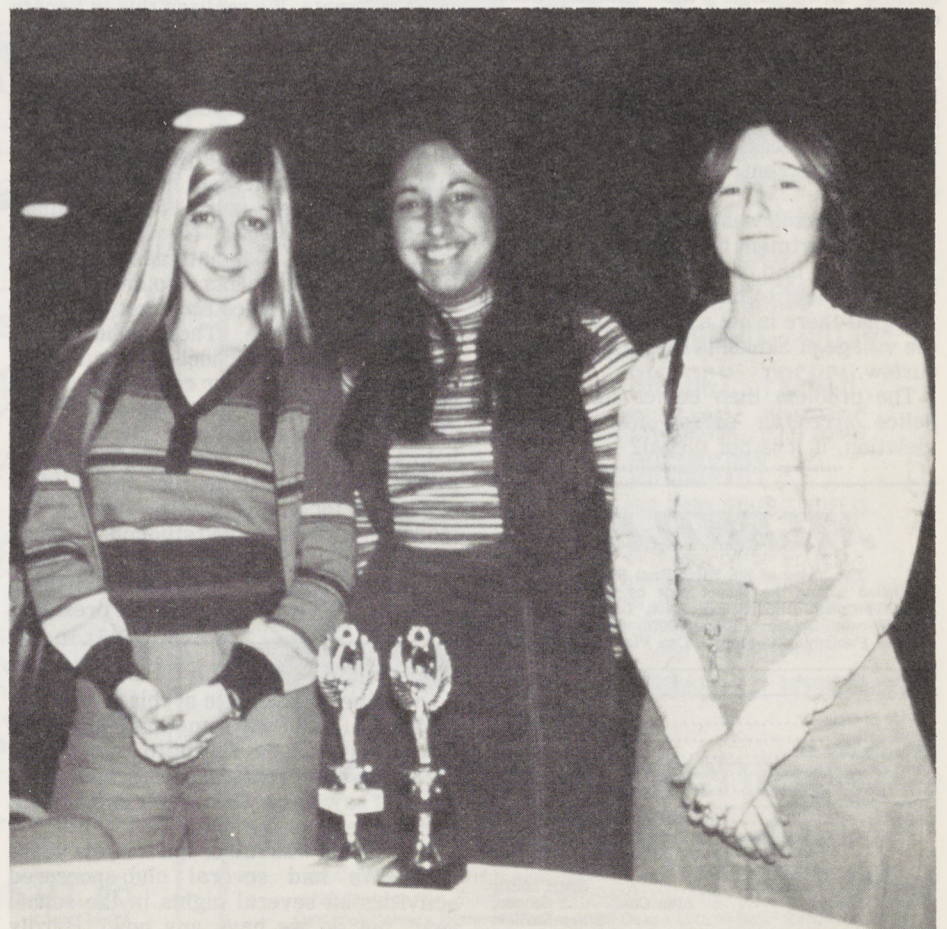
Donating new ropes and standards are, from left: Galen Hosler, Chuck Thiry, Rick Yale, Hal Pos, and Mr. Swanson.

coming attractions

- March 11 — end of fourth marking period
- March 13 — Booster Club Awards Night
- March 15 — Mr. William O'May-Director of Northern Illinois Industrial Association- Capitalism and Free Enterprise
- March 17 — all school carnival
- March 22 — Mr. Howard Lisit-Cook County Defenders Office
- March 24 — A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum
- March 25 — A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum
- "Under New Management" — Musical group
- March 26 — A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum
- March 29 — Mr. Eugene Bertog-Hotel-Motel management



Barry Kramer and David Pevsner rehearse "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum".



Winning students pose with their trophies.

Student praises morality

DIRTY NAPKINS strewn about the floor; overturned chocolate flavored drink cartons dripping in sticky, slippery pools onto tables, chairs, and eventually, the floor; occasional smoke bombs exploding nearby flavoring the food; exhausted lunch line cashiers — such are some impressions from the appetite-stimulating Easthi cafeteria.

The only place students may talk as loudly as they wish without the restrictions of librarians or of resource center ladies, the cafeteria somehow releases the hostilities accumulated during the day of many students.

THIS CREATIVE ATMOSPHERE encourages the growing moral spirit of

Easthi students which one may observe by standing near the food lines during the lunch hours. Friendly faces dart among weary supervisors and deftly load the pockets of their expensive drab-blue coats, thus saving themselves and their impoverished parents the exorbitant five cent milk fee. After all, the savings of four years can buy a two weeks supply of the finest Columbian.

THESE STUDENTS' ECONOMIC GENIUS betrays their shrewd ability to waste public funds, since milk would be 15 cents were it not for public support money. One must be proud of these students, for they have made the Easthi cafeteria what it is today.

Guest editorial

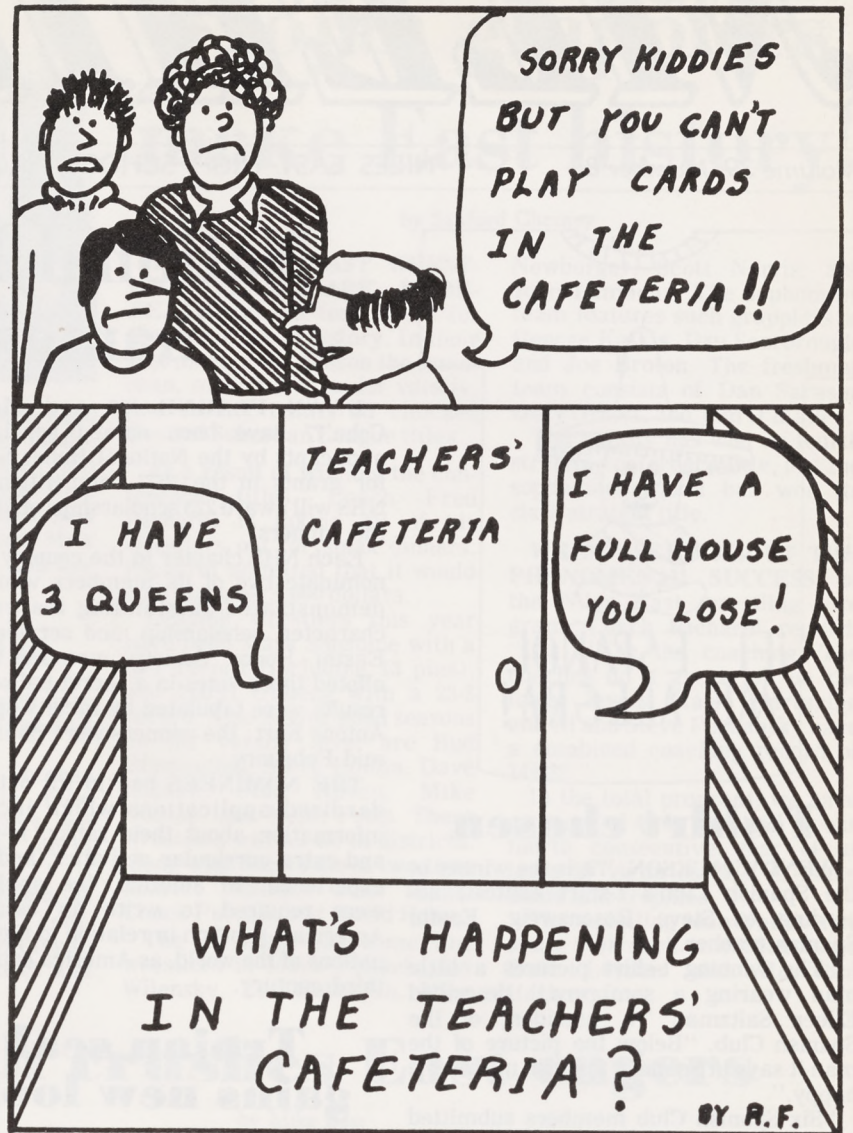
Acknowledges assets of US

People have much too many complaints. They complain about everything from the price of food to the government. Not to expel the virtues of high priced food or crooked politicians one should, however, acknowledge the advantages of living in this country.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA has a free market, free enterprise system of economics. Of all free nations, this is the most prosperous in these days of economic worries. Our free enterprise system means that everyone can work where and when he chooses, doing what he wants. There is no one to tell him where to work. No one but the consumer chooses what products survive competition. The consumer is the life-blood of the free enterprise system.

This country, with its free enterprise system, produces the best quality products in the world. This is an effect of the intense competition within the free enterprise system. Only the highest quality products will survive the scrutiny of the consumer.

PEOPLE MAY SAY this is merely flag waving, but it is more than that. Although many things have happened in this and other countries both in the past and the present to endanger the free enterprise system, it yet endures. It can and will survive even longer. People must have faith and trust in their free enterprise system. People, not governments comprise this free system. Their free enterprise system continues because of constant support from free-minded people.



Feedback

Steirman looks for a quick solution

Dear Editor,

Work. This is one word that many people are allergic to, but to achieve anything, people must work.

I, as the president of this student body, am writing this letter to tell the students in this school what is going on in YOUR student legislature. The Niles East Student Senate, as it is called, has not been super active this year, and some might even say that it has been pretty dormant. But rather than trying to put the blame on anyone, or even taking it off myself, I am searching for a solution — one with immediate effects.

Curfew or not?

The controversy of having a curfew has now blown into a big problem in Skokie. This past summer Skokie dropped its curfew laws after the Illinois State Congress ruled it unconstitutional.

In an effort to stop trouble by juveniles, Skokie supposedly readopted a curfew of 11 p.m. for weeknights and midnight on Saturdays. Flyers were sent to the schools informing students of the new curfew, and letters were sent to every resident of Skokie.

A phone call was made to the Skokie Police Department by a reporter from the Nihilite to find out if there was a curfew in Skokie, and to his surprise the answer was that there is not a curfew by law, but the village of Skokie is trying to enforce a curfew.

The problem then comes in. Can the police arrest a person for a curfew violation, if it is not illegal?

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We started this school year very optimistically, with quite a few energetic and spirited kids. Very early in the year we were hit by the most important issue we will probably see all year — the work stoppage — but without even having a Senate meeting, many students from East got together and worked very diligently, hours and hours a day on the work stoppage even going so far as to collaborate with our joint schools, resulting in a mass student walkout. How fantastic it was! We elected officers, doled out responsibilities and then nothing. Yes, we still met, and still are meeting but something happened, perhaps a lack of leadership — which I really hope not — or perhaps just a change in the general student body. In past years the Student Senate has been a body which has been quite radical, trying to change the administration's policies and such. But this year something changed — the entire spirit of Senate. We realized this in Senate and started to discuss a change in the format and goals of Senate, but we went along without any major changes. The executives met numerous first semester and decided on four priority committees: Mulford Street, Weighted Grades, Library, and Homeroom and Studyhall. We had interviews with Senate members and picked chairpeople. Now this is where the work comes in. Senate needs students with problems, students who aren't happy with any area of Niles East, not only with those listed above. Those who aren't satisfied with their school life are begged to please verbalize your complaints in the Senate which meets Mondays and Thursdays, 12th period in Room 216 and then help solve them. We need your help if we are to help you. Remember the Student Senate is for the students, and by the students, so we need you students to work. Thank you.

Howard Steirman,
Student Senate president

Dear Editor,

I've never made noise at this school and I think I ought to say something now since I'm leaving in June. I want to know where the enjoyable events at this school went to? You say there were never any? Well, that's where you're wrong.

This school was full of spirit a few years back. We had several club-sponsored activities on several nights in the school year, but do we have any now? Hardly any. Sure we have a few — Key club, Homecoming dance, theatre productions,

band, and chorus concerts. But that's it. A few years back we had special events that were something to remember. Like what? Well, here's a few: all-school carnival, faculty basketball games, Christmas, Valentine's Day and other dances, all school volleyball tournaments, rock concerts by different groups like Styx; Mitch Miller, the Jane Adams Hull House players, a game between the Harlem Globetrotters and Boston Shamrocks, a special telethon to raise money for Orchard Center with former Cub Kenny Rudolph and disc jockey John Landecker helping out, an actual roller derby game between the L.A. Thunderbirds and Midwest Pioneers, a donkey basketball game where students would play a basketball game while riding donkeys, and this list can go on. You say events like these cost too much to have now? But we could manage if we had some school spirit in clubs.

When the School Board announced that Niles East will be closed in 1980, they said that the school won't change in any way in education or social activities; well, that's where they are wrong. We hardly have that many social activities. We need activities like the ones mentioned. We haven't had them in three years. But as of now, all we have are basketball games to watch, which aren't bad, but we should have more. Surely, some clubs can raise money somehow other than having those blank-o-grams. The purpose of those activities is to raise money, and the money you clubs make from those blank-o-grams — what do you do with them?

Also some clubs are lacking participation. Some clubs have less than 10 people in them, because all they do is announce meetings. I never hear about what clubs are doing what. For example, how many students know who the Student Senate president is? It would be interesting to see. What has the Student Senate done for us this year? How many homerooms and organizations have a representative in the Senate? Gordon Hirsch (former student and president of Niles East Senate) was constantly on the P.A. system informing students what ideas and plans the Senate was doing. Thus the Senate had a large participation because of this. Our president gets on to read the announcements but that's it. Despite getting only 200-some votes and winning the election last May out of three candidates, you're still our president, so let's hear what's going on now!

So, all you clubs and other organizations, let's get going. Let's hear from you and what you've done and what you're doing. We can get some all school, all township affairs. And it's everybody's cooperation we need — parents, teachers, students, the administration and the School Board. In the student guidebook it states, "The students of Niles East are traditionally students with a sense of pride. They are glad to attend East to maintain its past traditions and school spirit." Well, how do we maintain our school spirit when students aren't participating, teachers are being fired (our sponsors) and the school is run like a sealed tunnel, open at one end, closed at the other?

Cary Claver '77

Homeroom unpleasant

Dear Editor:

I would like to know what is so important about homeroom. If someone wants to know the announcements, he should read them from the bulletins posted everywhere. Even if there were homeroom, it should be changed; they should re-institute the old system — Monday, freshmen; Tuesday, sophomores; Wednesday, juniors; and Thursday, seniors. It was much better and didn't make people as bored. Couldn't there be something done; couldn't it be changed? If it were changed, more people would think better of it and wouldn't hesitate to go once a week.

Name withheld upon request

Dear Editor,

With regard to the article in the last issue of the Nihilite on counselor supervision there is much agreement that this is unfair to the students. However, this can be changed if the teachers and the union want it changed. Supt. Gibbs will give permission to suspend counselor supervision at the union's request. However, the union position is "no exceptions." The administration is agreeable, but the union teachers are holding firm to supervision for all pupil personnel including social workers and psychologist.

Name withheld upon request

DJ's operate club

by Mari Ivener

In the student lounge and in the cafeteria, East's own closed circuit radio station can be heard throughout the day.

THE NILES EAST RADIO CLUB, sponsored by Steve Rosenzweig, currently controls the radio station. The students in the club are interested in having a radio career and keeping the station running.

Last year the Student Senate regulated the station, but after the first semester most students involved lost interest and broadcasting was discontinued. Those who remained concerned helped form the current radio club.

MEMBERS OF THE RADIO CLUB include seniors Sue Meyers, Ralph Salas, and Reid Michaels; juniors, Nick Psychogios and Steve Ziven; and freshmen Mark Gitterle, Jon Schwartz, Dave Furer, and Cary Miller.

ELO holds performance

by Lori Piper

Green laser lights spread across the stage of the Uptown Theater, February 26, as Electric Light Orchestra prepared to begin their concert.

THE BEAMS OF GREEN were defracted while the violinist, two cellists, two guitarists, drummer, and pegboard player sounded a song from their newest album. Two of their hits include "Strange Magic" and "Evil Woman."

Some of the individual group members exhibited their talents when the lights dimmed, and the laser made circular patterns above the strings of the white cello. The cellist played rock music from his classical instrument, and the other stringists (violin, lead and bass guitars) joined to play together again.

By adding more of a classical rock sound, the drummer became prominent in several songs. With a tamborine and violin in the background, ELO held the attention of the audience, as many fans kept time with the music.

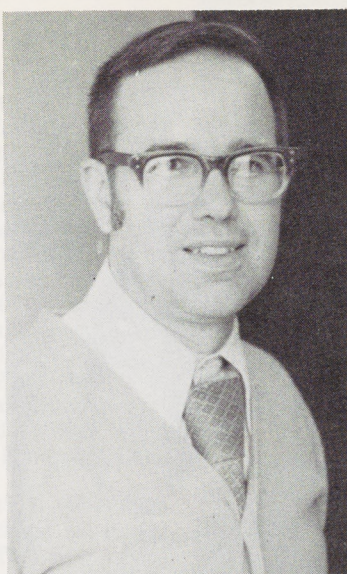
TOWARDS THE END of their concert, most of the group was playing their songs with instruments above their heads. For an encore, ELO concluded their performance with "Roll Over Beethoven."

"Our goal is to gain a third class radio license which would allow us to operate a 250 watt station," Rosenzweig explained.

THE CLUB cannot decide upon some call letters for the station. They can't use the letter "N" (for Niles) because the letter represents a prefix in Netherlands. Many of the call letters are already used by various stations in the U.S.

"The system at East is old and the amplifier is not adaptable to our needs," Rosenzweig commented. "We'd also like to add another turntable to the present system, so we could save time in changing records."

The club meets once a week in room 245, and welcomes newcomers.



(Photo by Alan Cohn)

Ham radio operator John Cooper will try for his General Class License soon.

Teacher runs radio

by Ken Greisman

Easthi physics teacher John Cooper is one of approximately 300,000 ham radio operators in the U.S.

COOPER'S INTEREST in two way radios began with Citizen's Band (CB's) in June of 1976. In mid-August, Stuart Osserman, a former East student, introduced Cooper into the world of ham radios.

Cooper received his novice class license by the end of October. To obtain the license, Cooper had to pass a simple test on the theory of electronics and a five word per minute Morse Code test.

"The code is a real challenge," Cooper said, "but I don't have too much trouble with the theory."

COOPER RECENTLY PASSED his Technician Class

license test, which consisted of a more difficult theory test.

By summer, Cooper hopes to take the General Class test, which he must send and receive 13 words per minute. After that, he plans to take the Advanced Class license test which consists of a harder test on theory. "I think the Extra Class license test may be too difficult, as a 20 word per minute code test, and a hard theory test are the requirements," commented Cooper.

With a novice class, Cooper could transmit only code. Since he received his Technician Class license, Cooper is permitted to send voice. However, he does not yet have the necessary equipment for voice transmission.

EACH SUCCEEDING LICENSE that Cooper receives will allow him to transmit on more frequencies than the previous class. "It's the main reason to try for a higher class license," Cooper said.

With a Technician Class license Cooper can only communicate about 100 miles because of the frequencies he is permitted to use. Once he earns his General Class license he will be permitted to use frequencies which would enable him to transmit throughout the world.

Presently, Cooper has been able to transmit as far as Lubbock, Texas.

Aerospace course to offer students flying experiences

by Dan Sawislak

Seated in the cockpit at the controls of an airplane and roaring through the clouds might be an experience that an aerospace student may have.

Aerospace, a full year industrial arts course, is taught by Lee Sellers. The student obtains an overview on aircraft, flight, and the aviation industry. "It is the course to take if you plan to get into the aviation industry," said sophomore Steve Urow.

THE AEROSPACE STUDENTS study the history and theory of flight and navigation. They learn how to read the flight instruments, and to steer and control the aircraft. The class also discusses hang gliding, sky diving, and career information.

In the spring, the aerospace students take a flight in a dual-controlled plane. "The flight is similar to an actual flying lesson a starting pilot might take," said Sellers. "A certified instructor sits in the co-pilot's seat while the student is in the pilot's seat."

"**THE LESSON COSTS** each student about \$10," added Sellers. "Everyone gets a chance to fly." The flight is over three legs from Palwaukee Airport in Wheeling to Kenosha, Wisconsin; from Kenosha to Galt Airport near Hebron, Illinois; and back to Palwaukee.

Last year an instrument simulator was added to the aerospace program which each

student may try. The device simulates conditions where the pilot can't see the ground, and thus must use his instruments to fly.

In addition, according to Sellers, on March 25 the Air Force will bring an instrument simulator of a B-52 bomber to East. The students then will be

able to see the airport where they are "landing." Students must sign-up to use the simulator.

AEROSPACE COVERS much that is taught in a ground school to people trying to earn their pilot's license, according to Sellers. However, aerospace isn't a certified ground school because technical methods are omitted.



Aerospace students can learn how to fly this dual-controlled plane, in the spring, for about \$10.

Persons, places, and things

THE MUSICAL COMEDY, "A Funny Thing Happened on the way to the Forum," will be presented March 24-26 at 8 p.m. in the auditorium. Tickets can be purchased for \$2.75, \$2.25, and \$1.50.

WAYNE LUECK and his earth science classes visited the Adler Planetarium on February 18.

CAMPUS LIFE is sponsoring a bicycle trip during spring vacation. Students will take a bus to Florida and back. Contact Todd Dvorak for more information.

SUE SHRIFTER will serve as the Junior Cabinet president after the resignation of Danny Santow. Bob Silverman was elected vice president, replacing Sue. All juniors are encouraged to help plan Junior-Senior Prom. Meetings are held every Tuesday.

SENIOR SURVEYS for the last issue of the Nilehilite will be distributed in homeroom the week of April 11. The surveys

must be returned to the main office at the end of April. Future college plans should be submitted by May 6.

NICK ODLIVAK, Boy's Physical Education Teacher, was selected for induction into the Aliquippa, Pa., Sports Hall of Fame. The awards were given March 5-6 in Aliquippa.

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Trojan Talk

by Mike Bass

The Trojan varsity basketball team went through this season trying to rebuild. As a result, they finished with a 5-21 record.

East started the season with only three seniors on the team. They ended it with only one. With the rest of the squad being all juniors, except for one sophomore, the Trojans had very little experience in varsity play.

All of the other clubs in the conference played almost all seniors, with few exceptions, so East could not have expected too good a season. "To be honest, our record was about what I thought it would be," stated Trojan Coach Emil Capitani.

ONE OF EAST'S problems over the past few years in sports has been their failure to keep their seniors. "That's not going to happen again. From now on, in Niles East basketball, the seniors will play, unless of course, there is an outstanding junior like Tad Slowik (who will be a junior next year)."

Slowik was one of the real bright spots for the Trojans this year. He came up from the sophomore team at mid-season and helped lessen the Trojan's scoring and rebounding deficiencies.

Robert Rubenstein was another strong player all year long for East. Marc Bercoon and Bill Andrea also developed very well during the season. Jeff Frankel led the team in scoring during the year, but more importantly, his defensive play started to improve in the last two or three games.

DEPTH WAS ANOTHER asset for the Trojans. Capitani feels that he will have 8-10 players he can count on to play a lot next year.

East had their weak points too. Of those weaknesses, defense, rebounding, and impatience on offense were the most glaring.

Perhaps the Trojan's biggest problem is having to look forward to switching conferences next year. They are leaving a conference that was filled this year

with mainly seniors. They are moving to a conference that has a lot of underclassmen and features such powerhouses as Evanston, New Trier East, and New Trier West.

"WE GOT A RAW DEAL there," commented Capitani. "Last year our kids won the sophomore crown in this division. This year, every team in our division started seniors." The Trojans are switching next year from the Central Suburban League's South division to the North division.

John O'Malley, the lone senior on this year's club, gave these words of advice for next year's team. "They've got to work more as a team. There is too much conflict between themselves."

Looking towards next year, Capitani feels that in the division they will be joining, "They will have to scrap to get near .500."

ON THE SOPHOMORE LEVEL, the Trojans had an up-again, down-again year. But one thing that stayed up all year was their attitude and hustle.

Sophomore Coach Bill Langston said, "This team had the best personality of any team I've ever coached. I've never worked with a bunch of kids who have worked so hard. They never quit."

The Trojans who did most of the scoring were Alan Andrea, Dave Sproat, and David Klein. But they were led in hustle by Jim Krysl and Brian Kamajian.

Paul Stone, Stu Flanzler, Bob Fisch, and Ken Houdek, tried to take up some of the slack for the loss of Slowik. It's hard to replace your top scorer and rebounder, though.

The soph's main strength was defense. Their weaknesses included shooting and inconsistency.

Despite losing their center, and losing some heart-breaking games, the sophs managed to end up 6-8 in conference.



(Photo by Steve Suslick)

Tad Slowik scored 18 in loss against Gordon Tech.

Cagers beat Luther N. in quadruple overtime

by Mike Bass

FOUR OVERTIMES was what it took the Trojan varsity basketball team to defeat Luther North in the first round of regional competition.

The final score of that contest was 68-63. However, the victory kept the Trojans alive for only one night, as Gordon Tech beat East, 76-43, to end the season for the Trojans.

Against Luther North, Niles East had to count on some last-second heroics, to keep the game going into extra periods.

First it was two free throws in the second overtime by Bill Andrea of East with one second left, that tied the score at 53. In the third OT, it was Dave Larson who hit a shot at the buzzer to send the game into the fourth and final OT.

Chuck Wisniewski also hit on some clutch foul shots to help the Trojans escape defeat. It was his free throws with 42 seconds left in the first OT that were needed to equalize Luther's free throws with 20 seconds left.

It was free throws that were mainly responsible for East winning in the fourth OT. After Tad Slowik of East scored the first basket of that OT, with a field goal, the Trojans scored the rest of their points on free throws.

Jeff Frankel made one free throw and Marc Bercoon, the last four for the Trojans, as East pulled out a five point victory.

THE VICTORY OVER North moved the Trojans into the next bracket against Gordon Tech,

who had only lost four times during the entire season. East did not change that total.

The game had been close after the first quarter, at 14-12 in favor of Tech, but Gordon blew the contest open in the last three quarters.

Gordon Tech's lead extended to 30-18 at the half, then 56-28 after three, and finally 76-43 at the game's end.

Tad Slowik was the top Trojan scorer against Gordon Tech with 18 points. The only East player near him was Robert Rubenstein who had eight.

In the Luther North game, Jeff Frankel paced Niles East with 18 points off the bench. He was followed by Andrea with 15, Wisniewski with 14, and Slowik with 7.

TROJAN COACH EMIL Capitani commented on the Luther North game. "It was a great win. But then again, any win we had this year we enjoyed." East had only five wins all year long.

"We should have won the game in regulation. But, they should have won the game in the third overtime." The Trojans lost an eight point fourth quarter lead. Luther, on the other hand, saw a five point lead dissolve in the third overtime.

On the Gordon Tech game, Capitani said, "They just had too much power for us. They had a little more physical talent than us." He also pointed to turnovers by the Trojans as one of the key reasons for East's defeat.

Sport shorts

THE NILES EAST girls' basketball team defeated arch-rival Niles North 49-27 on February 24.

Andi Slowik was high scorer with 19 points. Karen Behr followed with 16, and Judy Lee added 14.

THE GIRLS' BADMINTON team is off to a "smashing" start with a recent 7-0 victory against Waukegan East.

Jody Connix, first singles; Jean Russel, second singles; and Beth Spitz, third singles; compose the strong varsity singles team.

The varsity doubles team includes Bev Miller and Jo Martinez in first doubles, Chris Kot and Cathy Leaven second doubles, and Nora Laos and Andi Dubow third doubles.

"Both singles and varsity teams are strong and willing to work hard," say Coaches Patricia Matlak and Cass Diamond.

Wrestlers end record season

by Sanford Cherney

The wrestling program enjoyed great success this year under the leadership of Coach Fred Richardi. The wrestlers won the

conference title on all four levels for the first time in history. It was the sixth consecutive title for the sophomores and the fourth consecutive title for the varsity.

It was also the third straight year of at least fifty meet victories for the Trojans. The varsity had a record of 16-2-1. The JV was 13-1. Both the sophomores and the freshmen were 13-2.

The grapplers also won the districts for the first time since 1961. First place finishers were Mark Sonshine at 119 lbs., Daryl Ulberg at 167 lbs., and Rick Yale at 126 lbs.

NILES EAST FINISHED fourth in the sectionals at West Leyden on Feb. 18. East Leyden came in first, with Arlington and Fenton following.

In the sectionals, David Polin of the Trojans did manage to qualify to go downstate by

team lost a very close match to Glenbrook South 60-58.

In the half-mile run of this meet, there appeared to be a four-way tie at the finish between two Trojan runners and two Glenbrook runners. After some discussion, the officials awarded the two Trojan runners, Steve Urow and John Thunholm, first and third place respectively. If the officials would have given them first and second place in the race, the Trojans could have won the meet.

There was another incident that might have swayed the outcome of the meet — the twelve lap relay. In that race, the Trojans finished less than one-tenth of a second behind Glenbrook South.

THE WHOLE FROSH-SOPH meet finally came down to the last event of the day, the triple jump. Niles East had to finish in first, second, and third place to win. The team could only take first and second place.

Five East gymnasts advance downstate

by Howard Shapiro

Steve Borkan, Brian Austin, Jim Burke, Dan Kessem and Randy Hertel advanced to the Illinois State Gymnastic finals in the sectional meet held at Evanston, February 24 and 25.

Borkan (trampoline) and Austin (still rings) led the way as the Trojans finished third (129.58), behind Niles North (143.50) and Elk Grove (135.07). Glenbrook South finished last (129.17).

Borkan earned first place with a score of 8.70. Recently, Borkan was honored as a "Prep Athlete of the Week" by the Chicago Tribune for his 8.2 total in the Niles East district meet. "Right now, Steve has to be rated number one in the state," commented Coach Tom Sokalski.

"He is the first trampolinist in the state to do a triple-back since 1969," added Coach Seymour Rifkind.

Austin placed second in the rings competition with an 8.55 behind Barry Cook of North who won the event with an 8.65. "With his form and execution of his routine, Brian has to be considered a strong contender for the state title," said Coach Sokalski.

Jim Burke qualified on pommel horse scoring 7.15 for fourth place. "Jim has as good a chance as anyone, especially if he hits his routine," the coach explained.

"He has the potential to do very well."

Dan Kessem captured sixth place on high bar with an 8.00. "Dan has been a team leader all year and I think he can finish in the top ten with a little luck," remarked Sokalski.

OTHER STRONG performances by East were by Randy Hertel, who took fifth in trampoline (8.20); Chris Besser, in free exercise (7.80); and Bill Saputo on high bar (7.75). "They far outdid all my expectations, especially the trampolinists," concluded Coach Sokalski. "I can't say enough about the whole team effort or about the amount of hard work Coach Rifkind has put in this year."

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