

East theatre department presents *The Matchmaker*

The Matchmaker, a comedy by Thornton Wilder, will be presented by the Theatre department on January 24, 25, and 26 in the East Auditorium.

The Matchmaker, the original version of the musical comedy "Hello, Dolly!" is about a certain old merchant of Yonkers who is now so rich that he decides to take a wife. To this end he employs a matchmaker, a woman who subsequently becomes involved with two of his menial clerks, assorted young and lovely ladies, and the head waiter at an expensive restaurant where this swift farce runs headlong into a hilarious climax of complications.

"I THINK it's coming along really well. We still need some work but I'm sure it'll be a great show," commented

Kathleen Barry.

"The play has the potential to be extremely good. Elly is the perfect Dolly Levi as is Arthur as Vanderghelder," remarked Brad Dorfman.

Members of the cast include Kathleen Barry, Greg Bart, Steve Charous, Brad Dorfman, Eleah Horwitz, Barry Leb, Mindy Levin, Hal Meltzer, Helen Moshak, Tim Ortmann, Arthur Rosenson, Barbara Shedroff, Julie Stone, Jeff Sumner, and Scott Tauber.

TICKETS MAY be purchased in advance or at the door for \$2. All seats are general admission. Performances begin at 8 p.m. For information, call 673-6822 Ext. 1157.



Barry Leb and Arthur Rosenson rehearse for their roles of Joe Scanlon and Horace Vandergelder, respectively, in "The Matchmaker." (photo by Jeff Silver)

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Teachers receive assignments for 1980-1981 school year

East teacher assignments for next year at either West or North have been decided. These decisions were based on teacher preference and projected enrollment at both schools.

Ninety-six percent of the staff were placed at the school they requested. Principal Galen Hosler commented, "Most are happy. Those we couldn't place where they had requested understood and there are no problems."

"I am pleased to be going to North and I expect no real changes," remarked Miss Mildred Hall.

I EXPECT no change though we might feel a little crowded. I hope we'll be able to offer the same kind of curriculum. We'll try to incorporate courses from East that aren't at North," explained Mrs. Mary Scherb.

"I'd prefer to stay at East because

there are a bunch of nice people here, but there won't be any East. I have no real preference for either North or West but I chose North because it's closer to home," commented George Yursky.

Leaving East is like leaving home and all that's familiar and comfortable," said Mrs. Jeanne Derichs.

TEACHERS PLACED at North include Kenneth Anderson, Jane Burnham, John Cooper, William Coulson, Karl DeJonge, James Dorsey, James Dougherty, Gerald Ferguson, Dennis Grabowski, Tom Grossman, Mildred Hall, Ronald Henrici, William Henry, John Herbst, Dorann Klein, Bettie Ladd, Richard Livingston, Wayne Lueck, Verneil Lundquist, Gordon Malone, Frank Mayfield, Richard Miya.

Jerry Oswald, Angie Panos, Charles Plock, Steven Poznanski, Jerry Proffit,

Edward Pugliese, Richard Requarth, Seymour Rifkind, Judy Rochette, Mark Rostvold, Hollister Sandstead, Mary Scherb, Lee Sellers, Tom Sokalski, Dee Whyman, and George Yursky.

TEACHERS PLACED at West are Bill Bloom, Emil Capitani, Joan Coon, Ed Degenhardt, Jeanne Derichs, Irwin Drobney, Dennis Duffy, Todd Dvorak, Ed Ernst, George Galla, John Golata, Ronald Gralewski, Barbara Handler, Adele Higgins, Glenn Jurek, Robert Keen, and Anthony Kort.

Don Larson, Herminia Lopez, Andy Maggio, Lenore Marti, Pat Matlak, Dave McCarrell, Alex Miron, John Moshak, Nick Odlovak, Mel Pirok, Kay Powell, Fred Richardi, Barbara Scarbrough, Marilyn Schiffman, Jerome Slattery, Dorothy Taylor, Bernard Welch, Len Winans, and Jean Wojdula.

Illinois names state scholars

Fifty-nine East students were named Illinois State Scholars by the Illinois State Scholarship Commission.

THE STUDENTS INCLUDE David Bart, Daniel Bartfield, William Bauta, Barbara Bieniek, Jan Blok, Judith Brazen, Claudia Brisk, Kathleen Brooks, Timothy Chin, Edward Cohen, Matt Donath, Jeffrey Dubin, Scott Elesh, David Ellison, Steven Fishman, Alan Friedman, David Gassel, Henry Goldstein, Charles Gollay, Joyce Gothelf, Pamela Herbach, Theodore Hill, David Hoffman, Kathy Jean, William Keller, Kurt Kessler, Karen Konior, Barry Leb, Tina Lee, Steven Lisco.

David Lorig, Wayne Matayoshi, Katherine Matz, Roger Merel, Steven Meyers, Joanne Mikos, Peter Miscinski, Michael Moy, Shelly Mozin, Richard Nikchevich, Marci Parkinson, Dan Patlak, Steve Precht, Stuart Rappaport, Scott Reicin, Arthur Rosenson, Jeffrey Ross, Robert Rotche, Richard Rudy, Elizabeth Samelson, Karen Sawislak, Steven Schreiter, Cynthia Shapiro, Richard Simmons, Linda Sohn, William Stein, Brian Sullivan, Allan Weiner, and Debbie Winston.

Weinberger visits East; airs views

Congressional candidate Robert Weinberger appeared at East Wednesday December 19 in the Student Lounge. There, the Democrat aired his views on a variety of subjects, including inflation, oil prices, nuclear power, SALT II, and the practice of receiving special interest money as campaign contributions.

"The 10th Congressional District is traditionally a hard-fought race," Weinberger said, "and in 1978, my opponent spent \$500,000 as compared to former Congressman Abner Mikva's \$200,000, and also led the country in receiving contributions from the special

interest groups."

A state debate champ from New Trier High School, the Glencoe attorney has spent the last six years in Washington, D.C., drafting legislation, preparing Congressional testimony, and advised the Secretaries of Commerce and Transportation. He also helped coordinate urban policy legislation for the White House.

After serving as a college intern to U.S. Senator Paul Douglas, Weinberger also interned with the Illinois State Senate. "We bring to politics energy, time and commitment," he stated. "When I was growing up John F. Kennedy was saying, 'Ask not what your country can do for you, but rather what you can do for your country,' and

so my friends joined the Peace Corps and got involved."

Weinberger favors a moratorium on the building of nuclear power plants until stricter safeguards can be developed; opposes decontrol of oil prices; believes in a tough windfall profits tax, and desires a greater development of alternate fuel sources.

He also favors SALT II, feeling that "without it, the arms race is more expensive, unpredictable, and harder to monitor. Backing the Mikva Handgun Control Bill, solid U.S. support of Israel, and a ceiling on the amount special interest money that can be accepted during one campaign are all issues Weinberger would fight for.



Democrat Robert Weinberger is running for the Congressional seat recently vacated by Abner Mikva in the January 22 special election.

Nilehi residents sue Board

Ten residents of Nilehi District 219 have filed suit to force the School Board to make up the twelve days students missed due to the September teacher's strike. Four days of the contingency school may also be counted toward that total, depending on a ruling of the state school board after it reviews the situation. State law requires that 180 days be held per year.

Those listed as plaintiffs in the suit include former Nilehi Board member Ben Lipin; Sharon and Harold Firfir; Mary Hennesy; Sandford Hollander; Anthony Irpino; Mary Lachman; Harry Melnick; and Judy and Barry Sigale. Irpino's brother Joseph ran for the Nilehi board with Diane Steele as independents in the 1978 elections but

were unsuccessful in their quest.

BOARD ATTORNEY Marvin Glink said he would seek to have the suit dismissed due to what he termed as questionable legal technicalities, such as the question if the specific type of order the plaintiffs sought was necessary for this type of case.

After the September teacher's strike ended, officials of the Niles Township Federation of Teachers stated that they would not insist upon making up the lost days since community residents already planned to take the Board to court.

This is the first court challenge of this type in Cook County, according to the County School Superintendent's office.

Board plans to sell East

The controversy over what to do with the East building after the school closes in 1980 will be decided in the next few months as the School Board makes final plans for its sale.

At one time there had been plans to keep the building and use it as a fine arts center. But according to Principal Galen Hosler, those plans are now completely diminished. "The possibility of having a CentreEast cultural center is practically impossible," he explained. "It's just too costly."

INSTEAD, PLANS are now being

made to sell the building to an outside realtor or contractor within the next few months. "Its uses will then be decided by the new buyers," said Hosler. "It could be made into apartments or condominiums."

However, the building is not quite ready for sale. First, the Board must formally declare the building for sale and then buyers can begin to make their offers. "I don't know who will buy it," commented Hosler, "but I do know that it will be sold within a few more months."

Board moves toward sale of East grounds

The District 219 Board has mandated Supt. Wesley Gibbs to compile all the legal documentation necessary to allow for the sale of East. A formal resolution to be passed on by the Board is expected in February, according to East Principal Galen Hosler.

With the alternative of converting East into a cultural arts center eliminated because of cost, two major options remain open to the Board as to the future of the East building and property. The Board may sell East to private developers, or it may sell or rent East to Oakton Community College.

ALTHOUGH THE OCC lease seems unlikely now, there are good reasons to believe that OCC will eventually occupy some space at East come 1980. It's granted that East is not centrally located in OCC's district but neither is their new permanent campus in Des

Plaines. East is clearly accessible by both public and private transportation. It is within three blocks of five major bus routes including the Glenview/Loop 210, and it is one-half mile from the Touhy entrance of the Edens Expressway.

Two significant faults OCC finds with East include the lack of parking space and the absence of air-conditioning. But these are relatively minor when examined closely. East's lack of parking space could be remedied by converting the football field into a parking lot. East's lack of air-conditioning really isn't a problem due to a fine ventilation system.

Whatever alternative the Board decides upon it should not allow the East building to remain vacant in 1980. This would cost the taxpayers \$500,000 a year in maintenance besides being an obvious eyesore.

Counterpoint

The Nilehilite reported in its December 7 issue that the entire sophomore basketball team was sent home prematurely from the St. Bede Tournament, Nov. 21-23, for rowdy behavior. Since then, a "small group of East students" have submitted Letters to the Editor accusing the Nilehilite editor and advisor of distorting the facts in the story, and deliberately losing one of the group's letters. These accusations are simply not true.

According to the group, the "falsehood" centered around the addition of the word soft by the advisor.

IN THE ORIGINAL story, the word soft was omitted. The Nilehilite's advisor Mrs. Angie Panos added the word soft to clarify the sentence's meaning and to avoid speculation that the players were sent home for drinking

alcoholic beverages. According to East Athletic Director James Swanson and all the coaches that were there, the players were sent home for being loud and breaking curfews. It should be noted that most of the "small group of East students" were not even present at the tournament.

The Nilehilite does not print student hearsay. It prints the facts and relies on responsible sources. The "small group of East students" is welcome to talk to Swanson and the coaches and get the facts straight for themselves.

The Nilehilite did not print the group's first letter because it was unsigned, and its content was unclear. The Nilehilite has never reneged on its journalistic responsibility to print those letters critical of its staff and policies.

David Eingorn
Editor-in-Chief

Commentary

Pageant should retain Bert Parks

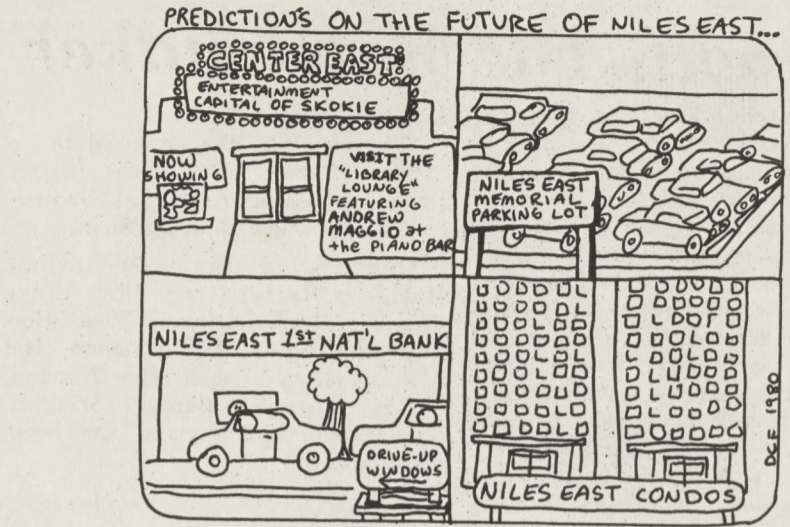
by Dee Dee Vlay

There has been quite a stir about Bert Parks being fired from his position as MC of the Miss America Pageant. Most persons would react by saying "Who cares?" Considering all that has happened in the world recently with Iran, the Soviet Union, and Afghanistan, the Bert Parks "controversy" seems quite trivial and unimportant.

Many persons couldn't care less about the Miss America Pageant. They find it demeaning to women. The pageant does, however, sponsor an

ample number of women's scholarships. Also, most persons do not burst into tears when Bert Parks bellows, "Here she comes, Miss America" (except, of course, Miss America.) There is however, a very important issue concerning Bert Parks and the pageant, and this is why many persons are supporting Johnny Carson's campaign "We want Bert!"

THE ISSUE HERE is age. Bert Parks turned 65 and was promptly fired. Is 65 the magical number when a person all of a sudden can not do what



Guest Editorial

Homeroom policies need reconsideration

by Helaine Silver

The time has come once again for all of us to question the validity of homeroom.

Once upon a time the administration saw no need to spend ten minutes of each day sitting in a homeroom. There was simply an extra five minutes added onto fifth period for PA announcements. Students were out of school at 2:45 instead of 2:55. On days when it was necessary to have homeroom (approximately once a month), it would be announced, and the present schedule would be followed.

THEN IT WAS deemed necessary to have a daily homeroom for "important communications." So the administration set aside ten minutes each day for three minutes of communication and seven minutes of chaos. The administration is under the delusion that these seven minutes are spent talking with the homeroom teachers about, to quote one administrator, "things."

Senior gives grade tips

by Steve Goldenberg

Have you ever received a grade that you thought was unfair? If so, then this

is for you. After talking to many teachers, it has been discovered that Mr. Hosler created homeroom to enable him to contact a student without fear of the student having a free period at that time. But couldn't a student be contacted during a class? This has been done before, and, even though there is a daily homeroom, it is done now.

Since December, PA announcements have been shortened to Monday's and Friday's only. This is because, according to Building Manager Rita Stewart, it just wasn't necessary. The administration has obviously realized that its "important communications" aren't really so important. Now that they have seen their folly, how long will it take for them to completely correct their mistake?

I AM ASKING every student who reads this article to please speak out. If you agree with what you've read, talk to Mr. Hosler and let him know how you feel.

There are many things a student can do when they have been graded unfairly:

- 1-WALK INTO CLASS and demand the grade you want with a 45 automatic pistol. This is very effective.
- 2-You can put tacks on everybody's seats until the teacher gets mad.
- 3-Bring a radio to class and blast the Loop! This will usually get the teacher mad.

THE TEACHERS can do the following:

- 1-Get the new-teachers-model sub-machine gun which can be easily mounted on the side of a teachers desk. The gun comes complete with enough ammunition for a full day of classes.
- 2-Give five tests every class day.

The truth of the matter is that once grades come out, they are difficult if not impossible to change. Unless you think you have really been short-changed, you have no one to blame except yourself, or the teacher in rare cases.

To the Editor

Group attacks Nilehilite policy

Dear Editor:

We are a small group of students at East, and we are all disappointed in the school newspaper.

In school, we have to learn about the Constitution which includes freedom of the press. Yet we have heard from more than one member of the Nilehilite staff that the adult in charge took the liberty to remove a word which changed the meaning of a sentence.

WE RECENTLY WROTE a letter expressing our anger on the falsehood

of the article. The letter, we are told, was not printed because it was not signed. When we wanted to sign it, we discovered that through the irresponsibility of the newspaper this letter was "lost." The letter included criticisms of the newspaper's advisor. We were told the newspaper doesn't need negative criticism. We think that one of the main reasons why there are "Letters to the Editor" are for criticism good or bad.

If the newspaper loses letters, doesn't take criticism, and one person can change everything, you only have a one-sided view.

SO WHY DOESN'T somebody just sit alone in the alley and write the whole newspaper himself?

Michael Schaffner '81
Norman N. Fox '81
Marc Small '82
Fran Alperstein '81
Steven Suslick '80

Student disclaims validity of studyhalls

Dear Editor:

I think study halls are a waste of time for a number of students. There are students I know that have study halls right after they have had three majors in a row. These students would

be better off going to the cafeteria to rest or eat something, instead of studying for an extra forty minutes. Plus, some students have study hall first period and have nothing to study or do.

I think study hall could be improved by letting some students go to the library or to have some magazines in the study area. Then students with no homework will have something to do.

Tom Judd '83

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WXRT provides variety

by Erich Massat

The Best F.M. Station in the Nation Award for 1978 went to WXRT, Chicago's "fine rock" station. WXRT is different from most radio stations because it plays an extraordinary variety of music, from rock to a touch of classical.

A former East student, Karyn Esken, who is presently WXRT's public relations person explains WXRT's success: "WE DO not wait for a song or record to become a hit. We

play it before it becomes a hit. We treat music as something worth listening to."

Esken emphasized WXRT's location as another facet of its success. "We're not located in the Loop," Esken continues, "and we're not caught up with the daily hustle and bustle. Things are relaxed here."

Although things may be relaxed at the station, they have managed to keep their ratings consistently high.

"WE'RE NOT going to change a good thing in order to get most people to listen to us," says Esken in regard to the station's format. "We are individual and don't borrow

any ideas from anyone else."

Their format is innovative in many ways. Last month, they devoted ten days, each to a different year in the seventies, as a tribute to that decade. On Wednesdays, WXRT plays new releases. One can hear the latest cut, or sometimes a whole new album. "Soundstage" features live performances of well-known artists and is broadcasted on Thursday and Sunday nights on WXRT.

OTHER THAN music, WXRT also broadcasts an entertainment guide to Chicago, a daily astrological report, and film reviews.



Bob Gelms broadcasts at WXRT.

D.J. discusses views

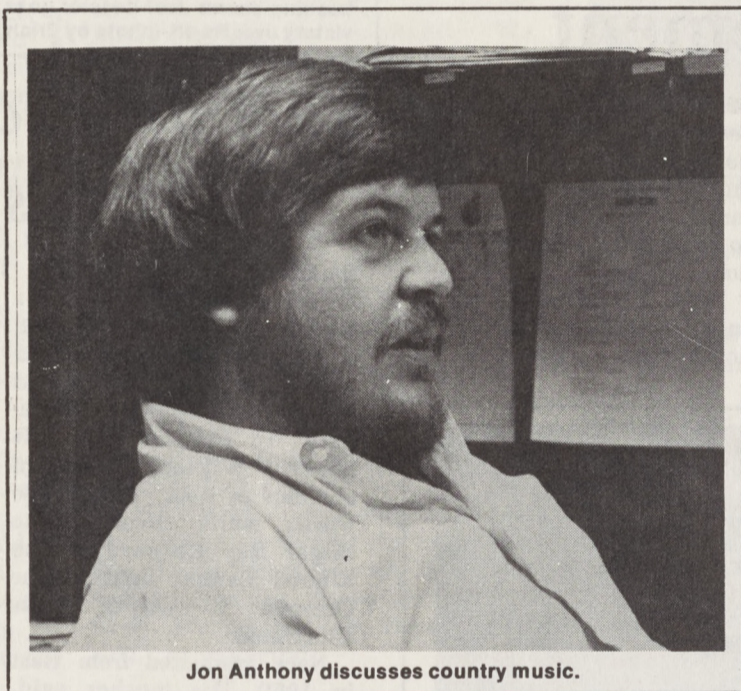
"Disco will eventually fade and melt into some category of music. After all, country music is the only music America can call its own." This is the opinion of WJEZ program manager Jon Anthony, better known as Big Jon. WJEZ is a country music station, located on 104 FM which has increased its listening audience

greatly in the past few years.

"COUNTRY MUSIC has a down to earth quality that people appreciate," stated Big Jon. He also noted that many country recording stars have broadened their horizons by combining country and pop, although "rock has no influence on country music." This blend has resulted in a smooth

flowing sound which has gained mass appeal.

Big Jon has confidence in country, a long lasting form of music, and isn't worried about competition. He is on the air every morning from 6 a.m. until 10 a.m. So, if you would like to hear more of the goings on of country music, be sure to listen to him then.



Jon Anthony discusses country music.

Minus snow, winter is fun

With winter here minus the usual snow which can keep us snowbound for days, there is no excuse for staying home and becoming lethargic.

Man-made snow is being produced at near-by skiing spots such as Wilmot and Alpine Valley.

FOR THOSE of us who hate the cold, there is a variety of indoor sports such as tennis, racketball, basketball or swimming.

"The Black Hole"

Climax fails movie

Mickey Mouse in outer space? Hollywood came very close this winter with the Walt Disney science-fiction epic, "The Black Hole." "The Black Hole," aside from being the most expensive and first PG rated Disney film, is expected to help bring Disney Productions back into the big box-office money.

The movie takes place on a large ship situated on the edge of the largest known black hole. (You scientists out there are expected to know that the black hole is a burnt-out star that becomes a vacuum, sucking up whole stars and planets.)

The large ship is occupied by robots and a mad scientist, Maximilian Schell. Schell has one goal; to take his ship down the black hole on a suicidal feat to gain fame.

THE CREW of the little ship (Anthony Perkins, Robert Forster, Joseph Bottoms, Yvette Mimieux, and Ernest

Borgnine), however, find out Schell's scheme, and realize their own goal; to get out of there!

This part of the film is filled with action packed fight scenes, chases, and races against time. It is the best part of a poor movie. The action leads to an ending that not only makes no sense, but also ruins the whole movie.

THE SPECIAL effects are fantastic and the robots are comical. But even the presence of Schell and several other big names does not compensate for the senseless climax of this story.

The Planet Pluto may have been named after the cartoon dog, but at least, until they can improve their science-fiction writing, Walt Disney productions should stay with down to earth stories about comical ducks and sincere mice. *

Skater increases skill

By Sue Portmann

"I used to ice-skate on a frozen pond near my grandparent's house. One day I wanted to learn to skate backwards and decided to take lessons."

Therese Lankford '82, has come a long way from skating on that pond in the last four years. On November 24, 1979, Lankford won her latest medal at the All American competition held at the Skokie Skatium. She came in second place.

"LAST YEAR I came in third, and next year I hope to come in first," Lankford said.

Lankford has entered only

two competitions. She says, "I want to enter more when I have the time."

She says, "I like skating because the music allows me to express myself. But sometimes I'm still scared to land a jump."

Right now Lankford fills her time with East's gymnastics team. She's a varsity member who devotes her talents to the beam.

She sometimes wishes to skate couples, and always looks forward to the winter so she can get on the ice and show her skating ability.

Utopia blends well

Todd Rundgren and Utopia's new album "Adventures in Utopia," is one of those rare albums that have a good mixture of everything. The words are smooth and pleasant, the guitar work is free and easy, the keyboards blend nicely and at times are electrifyingly spectacular.

This album is for those who

appreciate a balance of good instrumentation, and smart lyrics, bound together to produce some smooth flowing music that is easy to listen to.

The songs are unified throughout the disc and it only drags once. According to many, this is the band's last album. But what a way to go!

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Coaches reminisce about former athletes

By Barb Reich

Even though East is closing this year, the memories of outstanding athletes and athletic achievements linger on for the coaches who taught here during the '70s.

For wrestling coach Fred Richardi, '76-'77 was "a year to remember." It was the first time in East history that the Trojans won conference competition on all four levels. Their overall record was 50-7-1 that year, with a conference total of 26-1-1.

THE FOLLOWING year the Trojans kept going strong. With contributions from all four levels, East wrestlers won 14 tournament trophies.

Reflecting on successes in the early '70s, Richardi points to senior Jeff Rock of '75. "He came in second as a state contender, and after high school he went on to work for a bus company."

Richardi also followed the

post high school career of some of his other conference champs. "Gary Castino (who was the team captain and most valuable player in 1972) became a liquor salesman." Castino's big year in '72 was also a sterling one for the Trojan team, which achieved a 39-17 record. "Kip Weismann ('73) became a lawyer, and Paul Kostyniuk ('75) became an engineer," continued Richardi.

REMEMBERING LAST year's triumphs, Richardi points out that "my top performers of '79 were John LaManna and Mark Pollack. LaManna not only came in fourth in state competition, but earned the titles as East's Invitational champ, Central Suburban League champ, and National Greco champ. LaManna went on to Illinois State University, where he continues his wrestling activities as a physical

education major.

Richardi has no qualms about the '80s. "We're aiming for seven varsity titles." And that is well in reach since they've already won six.

Basketball coach Emil Capitani declares, "We've come a long way since the early '70s. We've gained respect and aren't just doormats for the other schools to step on." That statement is verified by the prowess of past basketball stars. Forward Neil Schreiber took all-conference in '74-'75, and Mike Brines (a six foot guard) received honorable mention the same year.

"MARK BERCOON was our outstanding guard and playmaker in '76-'77," said Capitani.

The Trojan Basketball players finished off a sparkling decade with the contributions of Tad Slowik. The '79 outstanding senior athlete

gained 1200 points, making him Chicago Tribune Athlete of the Week, and East's highest scorer in basketball history.

For baseball coach George Galla, "Slowik made this past season especially rewarding." He pitched 70 innings, had 65 strikeouts, and 19 walks.

GYMNASTICS COACH Tom Sokalski looks upon the '80's as "hopefully a time of renewed interest. Student enthusiasm came to a low ebb at

the end of the year." However, Sokalski commemorates some of his former athletes. Mike Burke ('74-'75) is a two-time national pommel horse man, "who still wins with 9.9 scores at Northern." Brian Austin ('76-'78) was a conference ring champ, who came in 3rd in state competition. And Steve Borkan ('77-'78) worked at Great America as a teeterboard specialist, and is now in California trying to become a stuntman.

Trojans' recent play stirs basketball excitement

By Barb Reich

It's mid-season for the Trojan basketball players, and head coach Emil Capitani states, "They play very well."

In the holiday Rockford Boylan tournament, the Trojans beat Rockford Oburn 71-54. "It was a great team effort," said Capitani. David Lorig had 14 rebounds, Joel Kessler scored 26 points, and Bill Witry got off the bench and scored 10 points.

However, the Trojans lost to Chicago Fenger. Capitani cites their advantage to the fact that "they outscored us 12 points when Kessler was out on the bench for foul trouble." Kessler played all-tournament at Rockford, and Matt Donath, who Capitani compliments for "an excellent floor game," received an honorable mention.

THE OUTCOME of the New Trier East game on January 11 turned out to be a 80-30 loss for the Trojans. "We just didn't rebound well, and let them intimidate us," commented Kessler. "We weren't aggressive enough," empha-

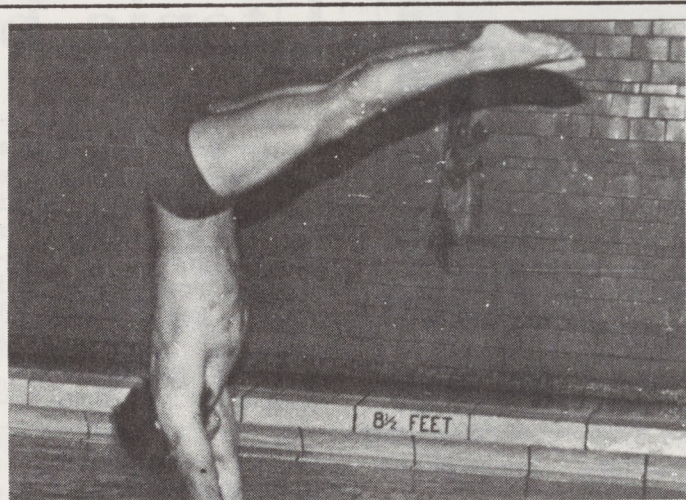
sized the team's leading scorer.

The very next night the Trojans did gain aggressiveness, but lost to Waukegan West 48-47. "It went back and forth until they ended up on top in the last quarter," Kessler said.

Another frustrating experience for the Trojans was a

42-40 upset by West in the last second of the game. "The team has no love loss for West," smiles Capitani. So the Trojans should be looking forward to January 25, when they have another chance against West.

NOW THE Trojans conference record is 0-5, while their nonconference record is 5-5.



Senior Joseph Gaffen is shown practicing his dives. Other award winning teammates include seniors Brad Swerdlow and Steve Lisco.

Girls look toward bright future

By Sue Portmann

East girls' basketball team opened its season by defeating Evanston.

"We hope to be in third place or better at the end of the season," stated head coach Jerry Oswald. "We've got a very good team. They're the hardest working bunch I've ever been with."

Although they were in last place in 1979, Oswald said, "This year they're stronger and are better shooters. They go out and play the game with the idea that they're going to win." Oswald has confidence in the starting line-up to do the job.

The starters are Cindy Michals, Linda Becker, Nancy Kusek, Julie Maggio, Chris Porter, Julie Cristanti, Jenny

Moshak, and Lisa Cohen.

THE BOWLING team, led by Dee Whyman, is aiming for first place in the district. "What we need is a few more girls that bowl 150 point games," stated Whyman. The three top scorers are Cindy Kouzoures, with a 151 average, Ruth Paul with a 145 average, and Chris Pittas with a 140 average.

As for their low attendance, Whyman said, "If more people came to our meets and cheered us on and if they didn't distract our players and ruin their concentration, it would definitely be beneficial."

The team is hosting the League Invitational meet at Oakton Bowl on January 25 and the State District on February 2. According to

Whyman, "We have an advantage because we're hosting and it's on our home alleys."

THE GYMNASTICS team has been trying to move up from their next-to-last place standings. "The floor exercise routines need the most improvements," explained head coach Seymour Rifkind. "Their dance moves lack choreography. They're better than last year. They know what I expect from them and during meets they go for both points and improvement on each girl's part."

Their main goal this year, as in others is "to see how many girls we can get downstate." This goal is led by varsity members Sue Besser, Alisan Mann, and Mary Pankiw.

Alumnus becomes writer for Sports Illustrated

By DeeDee Vlay

"Looking like a sculptor putting on the last touches on a bust, Bob Fermain stood over Sugar Ray Leonard and gently applied a dab of greasepaint to the fighter's left cheek." William Nack, an alumnus of East, wrote these words while covering the Sugar Ray Leonard versus Wilfred Benitez fight in the December 10 issue of Sports Illustrated.

Nack graduated from East in 1959. His mother said, "William liked East because he participated in many sports, including track and basketball. William loved

words. His high school friends thought he was weird because he liked to read the dictionary."

His love of words led him to become editor of the Illini, (University of Illinois paper).

While serving in Vietnam, Nack wrote for the Army newspaper, and then wrote 10 years for News Day, a prominent paper in Long Island, New York. This was when Sports Illustrated noticed his talents and hired him.

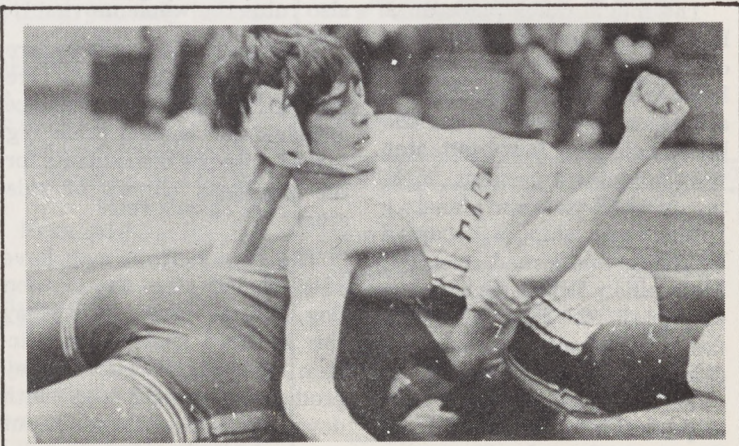
Nack basically covers fights, and horse racing. However, he took a year off to write a book entitled "Secretariat: The Making of a Champion."

Wrestlers win praise

The Trojan wrestlers won two meets over winter vacation. In the Glenbrook South tournament, first-place was taken by Kelly Walls. Second places were taken by Captains Howie Walovitch and Dan Sarasin. Paul Kahan, Steve McMannoman and Captain Bill Stein wrestled to a third place finish.

In the Thornwood tournament, first-place was achieved by Howie Walovitch, and second places were taken by Bill Stein, Dan Sarasin, and Kelly Walls.

Renalto Nepomuceno, Steve Sylvan, Mike Pechter, Mark Demar, Steve McMannoman, and Steve Cooley took third places.



Wrestler Frank Mooradian grapples with opponent in the New Trier East meet on January 11. The wrestlers are now sixth in state.