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Marching Band Launches 'Music Man' Ticket Sales

SEVENTY-SIX Trombones and a Hundred and Ten Cornets, or, at least some of them, led the Big Parade through East's cafeteria last Thursday as tickets for "The Music Man" went on sale.

About 20 members of the band marched in the cafeteria during the four lunch periods led by The Music Man himself, Senior Phil Brushhaber. Publicity Chairman Randy Wasserman explained that "we just wanted to let the school know that there is a musical, and what it's all about.

ACCORDING to Senior Gail Shandler, chairman of ticket sales, more than half of the tickets have been sold for both nights. "Many good seats are still available, however," Gail said. Tickets are \$1.50 for adults and \$.75 for children under twelve.

Dance numbers for the musical are being choreographed under the direction of Mrs. St. Angel. The dancers, recently selected, include Linda Bandy, Karen Barach, Betty Beer, Ann Benzeev, Helene Brak-

man, Barbara Brauch, Donna Dowlin, Gail Estrin, Myra Flicht, Sherri Gavlin, Merle Greenberg, and Marlene Hartman.

ALSO DANCING will be Nora Kariolich, Cindy Melas, Mirtha Quintanale, Debbie Rebhand, Linda Ruben, Elaine Shayer, Sandy Silverstone, Eileen Skaletsky, Chris Spores, Jan Sweda, Sue

Tarantur, Karen Weinberg, and Linda Zabore.

Thirteen male dancers will also be featured in "The Music Man." They include Bob Aronson, Mike Averbach, Steve Boren, Bob Cooper, Lee Covitt, Joel Duhl, Roy Grossman, David Kalin, Jeff Kaplan, Glenn Kruse, Barry Lempert, Ernie Miller, and Sid Rabin.

'RIVER CITY'S got to have a boys band' shouts Senior Phil Brushhaber as he prepares the band members for their march through the cafeteria.

13 Receive Art Awards In Scholastic Competition

THIRTEEN NILES EAST students have been awarded gold keys in the regional Scholastic Art Awards Exhibition, according to Mrs. Hazel Loew, Art Department head. Six of these students also won the top blue ribbon prize.

Blue ribbon winners include Linda Brown, Brian Humphrey, Lynne Manpearl, Louise Marcy, Linda Rabin, and Ina Sadin. Others who won gold keys are Shelia Bernstein, Lydia Bilton, Susan Gats, Jeffrey Kaplan, Suzan Kreger, Barb Ohlson, and Dorothy Lahna.

BLUE RIBBON winners will be allowed to compete in the national contest in New York where they may win either a monetary prize or a medalist award. Gold key winners will receive a gold pin.

"This year, we were allowed to enter only one piece for every four art students in the school," explained Mrs. Loew. In all, 87 pieces were submitted from East, and 40 of these entrees were shown. "This is an unusually high percentage, and we are exceptionally proud of the students." Approximately 200 pieces were displayed in the exhibit at Wieboldt's in Evanston, which represents the entire North Shore area.

Sue Tarantur Receives DAR Award; Jr. Women's Club Cites Natalie

TWO NILES EAST students, Senior Sue Tarantur and Junior Natalie Iglitz recently received honors from local chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Junior Women's Club of Skokie, respectively, according to Mrs. Lorraine Rubin, chairman of the Scholarship Committee at Niles East.

Sue Tarantur, who was awarded the Good Citizenship Certificate from the local DAR Society, was

selected by the Senior Cabinet with two other seniors as nominees for the award based upon their qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism. The three nominees were submitted to the Scholarship Committee who then chose Sue to represent the school in one of the seven state DAR divisions. The winner in each of these seven divisions will receive a \$25 bond.

AFTER SUE receives her pin

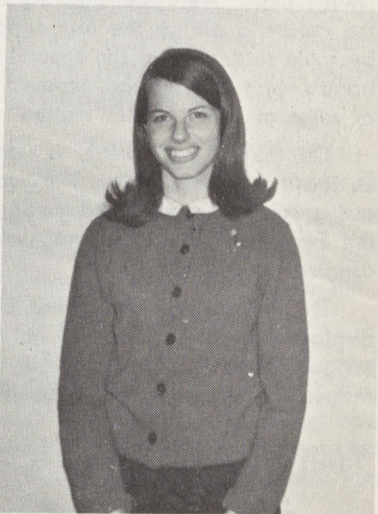
and certificate from the local chapter, she will attend a state conference at which she will compete for the Illinois Good Citizen, who will be chosen from the seven local divisions. The winner from the state will receive a \$100 bond or a \$75 scholarship, and the national winner will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

NATALIE IGLITZ received a music scholarship from the Skokie Junior Women's Club for a three-week summer institute program at Northwestern University from July 9 to July 28.

Natalie was selected from a group of applicants by a committee from the Women's club, who based their decision on her musical ability and interest. If she is unable to attend the program, Junior Debbie Munn, the alternate, will attend.

AS FINALISTS, the nine are now eligible to compete with about 14,000 other finalists throughout the country for scholarships awarded by the National Merit Corporation, universities, and many private corporations.

Mr. Botthof stated that "Niles East is once again extremely proud of its fine showing in the National Merit Program. The nine finalists are indeed worthy representatives of our school."



SUE TARANTUR

Rich, Steve, Gary Chosen For 'It's Academic' Team

SIX STUDENTS have been selected to represent Niles East on Channel 5 It's Academic program, announced Miss Bonnie Benjamin, team sponsor.

The regular team consists of Seniors Rich Galen, Steve Kite, and Gary Kurc. The alternate team includes Junior Mike Kaye and Seniors Gail Seeskin and Gary Skalatsky.

Tryouts Held

The team and alternates were chosen after try-outs last Sunday at the NBC studios in the Merchandise Mart. Sixteen juniors and seniors attended the try-outs. A member of the NBC staff read questions of the type used on the It's Academic program. The questions were arranged into five categories including history, science, English, math, and general knowledge. A point was given to the first person to raise his hand and answer the question correctly. The team and alternates were then chosen on the basis of point totals.

GARY WAS on the team which won one round last year, and Rich

was an alternate. The other team members are new.

First Round Set

The team will tape its first round on Sunday, March 12, at the Merchandise Mart. All students and faculty are invited to attend, announced Miss Benjamin. Ticket information will be released at a later date.

MISS BENJAMIN explained that

the team and alternates have been meeting after school to hold practice "quiz sessions." "The practices are not designed to increase knowledge," she added, "but primarily to get the team used to answering questions within a few seconds. So far, the team has shown remarkable knowledge and speed, and I feel we should do as well if not better than last year's team."



IT'S ACADEMIC team members (front row) and alternates (back row) gather for a practice quiz-session.

Council Hosts Four Students From Palatine High School

JIM HEINSIMER '67, Steve Plotkin '67, Tony Novak '68, and Ellen Arkin '69 were hosts to four Palatine Township High School students who recently visited Niles in an effort to bolster student relations.

The visitors, representatives of Palatine's Student Human Relations Council, were President Mark Powell '67, First Vice President Doug Spruance '67, Second Vice President Jim Ebert '68, and Cheerleader Cathy McCartney '69.

THE STUDENTS particularly enjoyed Niles' student lounge. "Palatine does not have a lounge at present," they explained, "but we are expecting to have one built by next year. Furniture will be given to the school by the Senior Class. We do have, however, a letterman's club lounge."

In general, they were greatly impressed by the spaciousness of Niles, which is twice as big as Pal-

atine High School. Both Niles' library and auditorium as well as the cafeteria, are much larger than those at Palatine.

PALATINE operates on a nine period day. In addition, they are allowed two study halls. Although their mathematics courses are offered on three levels — regular, basic, and honors — Palatine has no Advanced Placement Program. Students, moreover, do not receive extra grade points for honors courses.

Forum

AFS Merits Attention

IN PAST YEARS, Niles East has successfully taken part in an extensive foreign exchange program. Under the auspices of the American Field Service, our school has opened the educational opportunities available here to several foreign students. Foreign countries have reciprocated. This year, however, we are faced with the problem of homes for our foreign students and an important question has been posed: Will the tradition be broken?

A pamphlet entitled "The Americans Abroad Programs 1967-1968" states that "... schools taking part in the program are secondary schools and represent a diversity of philosophies of education, methods of teaching and student-teacher relationships. In each school, the curriculum is demanding." Niles East is such a school; our school is a charter member of the American Field Service.

The AFS program includes academic work and foreign experience. The importance of the family is explained in the pamphlet: "... family experience is the core. Becoming part of a family involves sharing its day-to-day existence: its relationships, its spirit, its emotions, its chores, its active moments and quiet times."

DURING OUR extensive association with his profitable program, we have sent students to France, Italy, Norway, and Denmark, and have hosted students from Brazil, Indonesia, Italy, Finland, and Uruguay. Through the profits from our annual United Fund Drives we have been fortunate to raise enough money to finance these exchange students.

However, there is a definite housing problem for these exchange students in the Niles Township school district. Unfortunately, there are not enough families willing to open their homes to these students. Many communities have long waiting lists of families with a desire to house an exchange student, but we have the opposite problem.

If the housing requirements are not met, we will be asked to forfeit our opportunity to have an East student participate in the AFS program for next year. The NILEHILITE sincerely hopes that Niles East students and parents alike will seek to provide the necessary facilities to keep our school active in this truly rewarding exchange program.

M. J. E.

An Indication of Maturity

MOST NILES EAST High School students, living in a prosperous suburb, consider themselves sophisticated, mature, and even worldly-wise. They constantly demand more privileges and independence, maintaining that they are adults now — or so they think.

However, two occurrences within the past week have revealed that too many of the Niles East students are not mature adults, not even mature young adults, but mere uncultivated children.

ON THURSDAY, February 16, ticket sales for the spring musical, "Music Man," were launched by a march of the school band through the cafeteria during the four lunch periods. The snide remarks made by some students and the food thrown at the band did not daunt the band's spirit, but instead exposed the utter disrespect and uncouthness of some of Niles East's "mature" students.

On the following day, a television personality visited Niles East as the guest of a senior. The rudeness — phony screaming, fainting, autograph requesting, and cutting remarks — displayed by many of the East students to this unassuming guest was enough to make one ashamed of Niles East.

THE NILEHILITE hopes that in the future the provincial rudeness displayed this past week will not be repeated. Also, we would like to suggest to the East students that if they wish to be treated as mature individuals, why not try acting like mature individuals?

Your Write To Say It

Explaining The Pickle

by Barry Kite, English 82

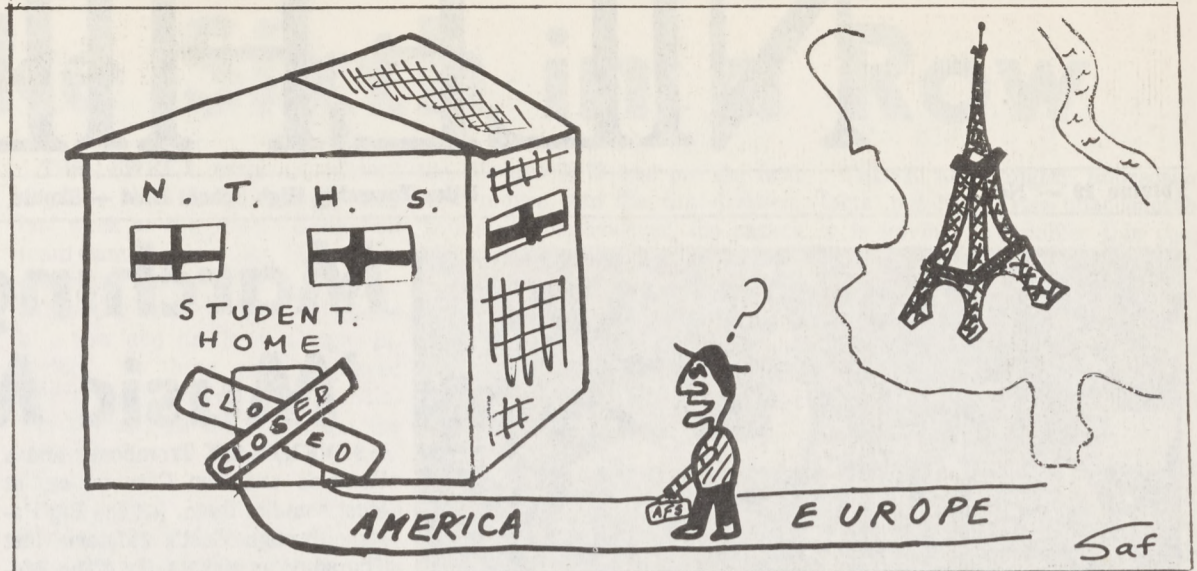
ONLY WHEN OUR thoughts are allowed to take the course they may, are they pure and untainted by the rules and traditions which have led us down the sewage canal of free thought to where our boats of conformity are now moored. The only true thoughts have no direction, no beginning, and no end. Tears shed in cellophane soon turn to papaya juice. We must stop talking in straight lines and juice. We must stop talking in straight lines and

Waldo Pembroke once, in a dream, came to me with some words that have since influenced the course of my life. He said, "Dig deeply into the sands of injustice without waiting to be called into the cavity of warm milk and morning mouth." Having digested these prolific thoughts, the course of my existence spewed forth into a tiny pile on the floor. Scooping my life's work into a paper bag, which I still carry in my pocket, I climbed from my bedroom window and fractured my elbow. He who lights the candle of knowledge with a band-aid will find the great nasal passage.

Too often we are confused about the true meaning of life. This need not be so; life is a pitted olive. It is shameful how much value we put in social position; we should all be barley farmers—then there would be only barley and farmers; integration is a slow process, but not hopeless. All the secrets of

life may be found in the cashew nut, if we would only bother to look (the peanut never really had any secrets). Happiness is dead; God is a warm puppy. The truth of this is revealed in the following story:

ONCE UPON A LONG time ago in a bluish-green forest, there lived a tiny little old man who lived all alone and was known as... well, nobody knew him. Anyway, this little old man would tramp through the woods all day looking for felchberries, little tiny orange things that looked like felchnuts. Well, one day the little old man came upon a feasel chewing on a whole bunch of felchberries. As can be imagined, the little old man's eyes flared up and his nostrils dilated at the sight of this feasel chewing up the felchberries. The feasel grabbed the little old man and split his head open on a rock. The feasel, seeing the little old man's head split open with all kinds of blood oozing out, got so sick that he ran away and was never seen again. The felchberries, seeing the feasel run away and the little old man lying quite defunct with his head split open, all got up, danced around the bloody mess, and changed into all the squirrels and rabbits and chipmunks that inhabit the forest. And that is why there are no more feasels or felchberries. There are still little old men, but that is why scientists believe in God.



Students' Identity Probed In Humanities Course

"THERE IS A TENDENCY to see separate courses in isolation. The humanities course is an attempt to correlate the English social studies, art, and music fields," asserted Mr. John Golata, English Department head.

The new humanities course will be offered next year at East for juniors and seniors. "Generally speaking, humanities is the record of man's ideas, thoughts, accomplishments, and philosophies of life," explained Mr. Golata. Being flexible in nature, the course will make use of guest speakers, faculty members, and visual aids, and will carry English or history credits for students.

Commenting on the reasons for the course's establishment, Mr. Richard Miya, Social Studies Department head, believes that "there has been a tremendous interest in science, engineering, and technology in the past few years since the first sputnik. However, people have begun to feel that something of essence is being ignored—something more important — something that is a better mark of man than his ability to annihilate or to build machines.

Identity Is Questioned

"Man is perceiving himself in a new and sensitive light," continued Mr. Miya. Trying to discover his relationship to the world, man asks himself "Who am I?" and "What am I?" and "What does it all mean?"

The ultimate aim of the humanities is to have students question their identity with these questions and to discover themselves in relation to the world.

INTERRELATIONSHIP is the key word to the humanities. Mrs. Hazel Loew, Art Department head, suggests that rather than each de-

partment offering its own independent study, a horizontal tie-in will be created showing a civilization, its causes, its concepts, and its works.

Four Areas Bound

Study of the humanities will be conducted on an open-door basis, according to Mr. Golata. For example, a period of history could be studied by probing a political thinker and a literary artist of the time. Interwoven would be the musical and artistic expressions of the period as they represent man's expressions of himself. All four areas then could be bound together for study. Another approach would be to take a concept war, for example, and study its place in history, and the literature, art, and

music reactions surrounding it.

"STUDENTS TODAY are much more conscious of and sensitive to other people, their needs and aspirations," believes Mr. Miya. "They are more sensitive about the important questions than they are about the abstract quality of science. Their present course of studies does not seem to give them adequate answers to their questions."

Preparation for Life

However, the humanities course will be beneficial to students by breaking the bounds of the isolated subject approach. Mrs. Loew sees the new two-semester course as the gathering of man's "little pinnacles of knowledge" into an inter-related study.

Finally, Mr. Golata maintains that "when students leave school they do not live in an English course atmosphere, but in a world. It is our hope that the humanities course will help bring them into this world."

College-Finder, Films Provide More Aid

AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS have attained major importance in all areas of teaching during the past few years.

Keeping in step with the current trend, the Guidance Department has designed two new projects to aid all segments of the student population. The two undertakings inaugurated this year are the "college finder" and a formal sound slide series.

Machines Aid College Choice

The "college-finder" is used in selecting the college best suited for an individual student's needs and requirements for the type of school he wants. Each subject, such as "Small Colleges," "Schools with a Pre-Law Course," is on a punched card. Each hole represents a college which meets that requirement.

The cards are then overlaid on an illuminated panel and the holes remaining lit represent the schools in which that student would most likely be interested.

MR. THOMAS Grossman, head of the guidance audio-visual program, emphasized that the importance of the machine lies in the fact that it "forces the student to think about the kind of college he wants to attend."

An experimental program for presentation of the school's library of sound slides has also been established this year, says Mr. Grossman. In the past, these films have been used only for small groups by individual counselors. Now, the films, which involve many facets of teen and high school life, will be shown to large discussion groups during lunch periods.

Discussion Follows Film

In order for the films to be most effective, they are shown in what the Guidance Department hopes is a meaningful and orderly chrono-

logical method." After each film, the group discusses its content and value. Each student then completes a questionnaire which is referred to his individual counselor.

Through the aid of the film series, Mr. Grossman hopes students can "establish realistic goals and make realistic decisions." The "college-finder" is also designed to help the student make decisions; and by continued use of audio-visual techniques, the Guidance Department will provide more effective assistance to all students.

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Niles, Parker Frosh Exchange Classes, Ideas



FRESHMEN FROM Parker High School and Niles East join together at the end of their day of exchange.

"PARKER HIGH SCHOOL and Niles East have much in common," declared members of Mr. Colton's honor's NWC class. "The students at Parker are the same as those at East—they have the same gripes, take the same subjects, and must push through the same crowds in the halls between classes. Yet some differences exist between the two schools."

In a program originated by Mr. Colton and Mrs. Shubart, Parker teacher, the 15 students in Mr. Colton's class participated in an exchange with the all-Negro high school.

Exchange Explained

"Mrs. Shubart first suggested the idea," explained Mr. Colton, "and I thought it offered a wonderful opportunity. Besides giving both groups of students a chance to exchange ideas and to meet their potential competitors for college, the exchange gave all of us a chance to visit an inner-city school."

The visit to Parker was the second phase of the program which

began with last month's visit of the Parker students to East. On both occasions the students spent a typical day at their host school, attending classes with their student hosts.

Size An Asset

"The first thing that he me about Parker was the smallness of the school," said Joel Nitti. "As my host and I went through the day, I noticed that he knew almost everyone he passed in the halls. The school seemed much less impersonal than East." The 700 freshmen at Parker are located at a junior high, separate from the upper classmen. While most of the East students liked the friendly atmosphere, they stated that they enjoyed the advantages of a four-year high school located in one building.

"THE ACTIVITIES offered at Parker were more limited than ours," explained Carol Winston. "They have their own student council, and newspaper, music, and drama clubs, but all meet only one day a week, before school. Also, we can work with other grade levels in activities."

Classes Compared

Classes were basically the same as at East, students agreed. "The kids seemed to be studying the same things as we are. In English and algebra the methods of teaching are the same, but less homework was assigned than we usually get," agreed Alan Witt and Harvey Koelner. "The only class that was very different was music, a class that is not required here," said Harvey.

Looking back on the exchange, the students voiced their approval of the program. "We not only met different students, but discovered how our school compared with another."

Red-Faced Month Shows Unusual History

FEBRUARY MAY BE almost over, but all the facts about the year's shortest month are not yet known. To the modern teen, February brings to mind romance, birthdays of famous men, and days off from school. However, there are some hitherto unrevealed secrets in February's past.

Originally the 12th month in the early Roman calendar, February was primarily devoted to purification rites and the cult of the dead. The last day of the year was celebrated as a festival called "Terminalia" on February 23, and the leap year day was also inserted after the 23rd, adding an extra day for festivities.

St. Val Martyred

Valentine's Day, an apparently innocent holiday celebrated today by the exchange of cards and candy, and the consumption of Dixie cups and sugary candy in grade school classrooms, actually commemorates the martyrdom of St. Valentine, who was locked in a dungeon and later burned alive during the Middle Ages.

A MORE RECENT occurrence which rather lacked the sweetness and light associated with this holiday is the infamous Valentine's Day Massacre, which took place during Chicago's Roaring Twenties. Al Capone and some henchmen lined up a number of other gangsters behind a garage and gunned them down. However, our celebration of Valentine's Day is not completely unrelated to the original ancient February holidays. The lovers' festival is derived from the pagan Roman festival, the Lupercalia, which celebrated spring fertility rites.

George Changes Day

February has great significance to Americans because it is the month during which two of our

greatest presidents were born. Unknown to many is the fact that Washington's birthday was originally the day before Lincoln's. When the Gregorian calendar was adopted in America, the dates had to be moved ahead 11 days. Washington, then about 21, moved the celebration of his birthday to the 22nd. Had he left it unchanged, he would have shared his birthday with another famous American, Thomas Edison.

Hence, February, which "hath but 28" has had its share of excitement.

Coming Up

- February 25, Saturday
NMSQT 8:00 a.m.
- March 1, Wednesday
1967-68 Final Registration
- March 4, Saturday
SAT, 8:15 West
- March 10, Friday
Fourth Marking Period Ends
- March 17, Friday
"Music Man"
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IT WAS A COLD December 1, 1958 in Chicago. Linda Pace, now a Niles East senior, was a mere fourth grader then. As she sat in class, a fire alarm sounded. Nothing to worry about . . . School fire drills are common. But then there was smoke. Someone saw flames. The supposed fire drill turned out to be a great tragedy as 96 young children and three nuns were killed in the Our Lady of Angels School fire.

Linda and her younger brother Jack, now an East junior, were on the same floor the fire broke out on—in the basement.

"At first nobody in my class thought it was a fire," explained Linda. "We just lined up thinking there could never be a real fire — just like the kids here at East do. But when we saw the smoke pouring from the windows, then we knew it was real."

Search Begins

Once outside the building, Linda's eyes surveyed the grounds for her brother's face. Along the window ledges faces could be seen. Screaming, smoke-blurred faces. Some jumped. Linda turned her head. She did not want to see any more. Where was Jack?

HER FACE UNTIGHTENED. There along the curb sat her brother.

er. He was frightened, shaken. But he was safe. Linda's first thought was that she must call home. Her mother was probably hysterical.

Those who did escape found even the bitter outside cold relieving. All the homes in the vicinity opened their doors and children were led into these homes for protection. They were given hot chocolate, milk, and the chance to call home. Linda got her mother on the phone. Luckily, the news was too new. Linda's mother hadn't heard yet.

MEANWHILE the school blazed. Ambulance after ambulance came and pulled away, carrying their

human cargo. Nervous, crying relatives filled the streets. Firemen fought the flames, police fought the hysterical crowd. Now and then a frantic parent raced up a ladder, attempting rescue.

Tragedy Materializes

The young survivors inside the homes were sheltered from the ugly picture. All they could hear were the city's fire engines and a few muffled shouts.

With morning came the news of the fire's drastic results. The entire school which had stood open for classes the day before was gutted. The building was a total loss.

Linda and Jack lost some of their friends, and the neighborhood parents lost their children. The intensity of the previous day's flames was forgotten.

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Complaint Department

by Linda Lorence

FOR THE PAST several years, I've been bombarded with the "easy open," the "new and improved," and the "bigger and better." Zip-open cans of kumquats have been added to the market for the housewife's convenience, and even Doggy has gotten in on the act with easy-to-serve dried-moist dog food. But in the rush to improve general consumer market goods, the more prosaic needs of the student market have been ignored.

The quality of the paperback book is a case in point. After carrying the book around for a couple of hours, the cover is already half torn off and the title page ripped. If the student eventually begins to read the book before it disintegrates, the binding is broken on the first reading, and the sure-smear black ink has left him looking as if he has just emerged from a week in the grease pit of the local gas station.

WITH ALL THE technological advancements of the past 2,500 years of recorded history, it would

seem that someone should be able to come up with a decent ink eraser. The usual blob of sedimentary paleolithic grit found at the end of 49 cent pens not only erases the errors, but grinds through the next five pages of a spiral notebook.

While I'm on the topic of pens, why does the spring in the retractable ballpoint variety always decide to spring in the middle of an exam, shooting the insides all over the floor?

NOTEBOOK PAPER with blue lines that rub off is another complaint of suffering students. After writing in the usual position, with the heel of the hand resting on the surface of the sheet, one's hand takes on the appearance of a blue and white striped zebra with chillblains.

Improved items have entered almost every field of life, but up until the present the common complaints of students have been ignored. After all, not many students can afford a quick zip-top jar of caviar.



BROKEN BINDINGS and clogged pens anger Sue Pector '69 and Gail Esrin '68.

Cech, Mittelberg to State Finals

TROJAN SENIORS Tim Cech, 120 pounds, and Victor Mittelberg, heavyweight, have advanced to the IHSA wrestling finals after taking first places in the state sectionals.

Mittelberg and Cech, both undefeated so far this year, have excellent chances to achieve first place state honors in the finals to be held tonight and tomorrow at Champaign-Urbana.

16 Pins

Adding to Mittelberg's 16 regular season pins in 23 matches, he has picked up two more in the districts and one in the sectionals. Cech also won more than half of his matches with pins; he had 12 during the regular season and two in the districts.

SENIOR Barry Kite, 133 pounds, and Sophomore Andy Bolnick, 95 pounds, placed second in the districts and also advanced to the sectionals. But Bolnick became ill and could not continue in the state tourney. His season record is 12-8-0.

Kite was eliminated in his first sectional match in a real heart-breaker. His opponent, from Grant High School, who was undefeated and seeded number one, was losing the match with only ten seconds remaining in the final period. However, he got a last-second takedown and Kite lost the match 8-7. Kite's season record is 18-3-1.

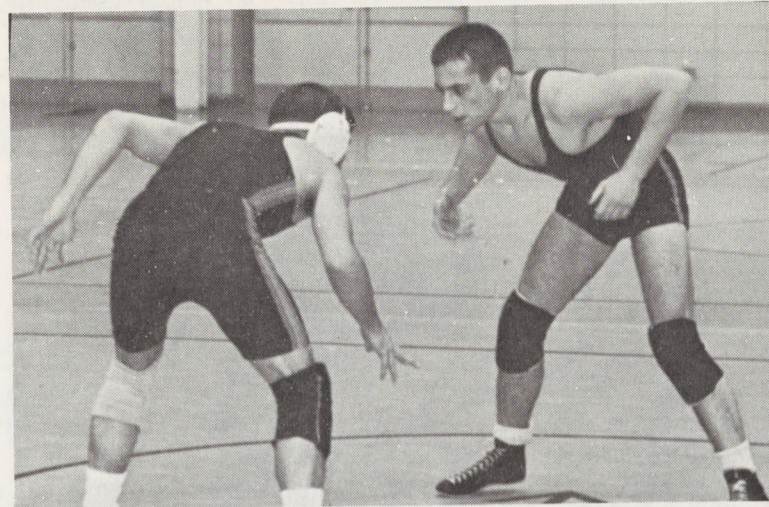
Mittelberg Undefeated

In the sectionals, Mittelberg, who boasts a 22-0-1 season slate, de-

feated his adversary from North Chicago, 5-0; and a Wauconda opponent, 6-0. He also pinned his Mundeline opponent in a quick 1:02. Cech, 23-0-0, was victorious over Waukegan, 4-0; Deerfield, 14-1; and Highland Park, 7-1.

The Trojans as a team placed fifth in the Suburban League, dropping one place from last year's effort. However, they placed third in the 8-team districts and fifth in the 17-team sectionals.

According to Mittelberg, "Niles East has consistently excellent teams under the guidance of such a fine coach as Mr. Byram. They can always be counted on at a state meet."



BARRY KITE '68, who barely missed state qualifications gets ready to make his move in a recent match.

Cagers Roll to Third Straight; Shoot for First Division Tonight

AFTER taking their third straight Suburban League win over the weekend, the cagers tonight will try for a .500 SL record against Morton East.

The win will enable East to capture a spot in the first-division, a feat that they have not been able to achieve for the last several years. In their previous game with Morton, Niles lost in just the last few seconds by a slim margin.

Win Sixth

Last weekend, Niles won its fifth and sixth league games against Oak Park and New Trier. On Friday, the Trojans battered the Huskies 70-50. Leading scorer for Troy was Scott Glickson with 14 points. Center Steve Plotkin added 12. Mike Averbach did a good defensive job on Oak Park's Pete Wonais, second leading scorer in the circuit, holding him to only five points.

The next night, a free throw by Mark Bishop with 34 seconds left

proved to be the winning margin as East squeaked past the New Trier Indians 60-59. Niles was led by Mark Solock who put in 16 points.

12-8 Overall

Niles' overall record at the present is 12-8, one of the best in the region. Its Suburban League mark is 6-7 but easily could be well above the .500 mark. The Trojans have lost four games this year by five points or less. Three of these were Suburban League contests.

ON MONDAY, the Trojans will try to improve that record in the State Regional Basketball Tournament at Niles North. East is seed-

ed third in the tourney while Evanston and St. Patrick are ranked one and two.

To Face Vikings

Niles' first game will be against Niles North, a foe the Trojans have defeated twice before this year. If East wins that contest, the team will probably meet Evanston. Although the Wildkits are picked as the top team in the tourney, four of its five starters were kicked off the team indefinitely after the rankings had been determined.

Therefore it is quite conceivable that East will make it to the final game, probably meeting St. Patrick, and that should be quite a ball game.

Inbounds and Out

by Steve Vetzner
Sports Editor

BECAUSE OF the great success of the basketball team this year, another sport at Niles has been overlooked until now.

This is wrestling, which under the fine coaching of Mr. Howard Byram more than holds its own in state competition every year.

Two Undefeated Wrestlers

This year Niles has two undefeated wrestlers, Tim Cech, and Vic Mittelberg, to represent it in the state finals to be held today and tomorrow in Champaign-Urbana.

WRESTLING is not a particularly easy sport, and "flakes" are not usually found competing in it. The sport is probably the best one for conditioning all parts of the body. For in a match a wrestler must have strength in his legs, arms, neck, and be durable. After a match very rarely is their any question as to which one of the competitors is the better wrestler.

Niles a Good Wrestling School

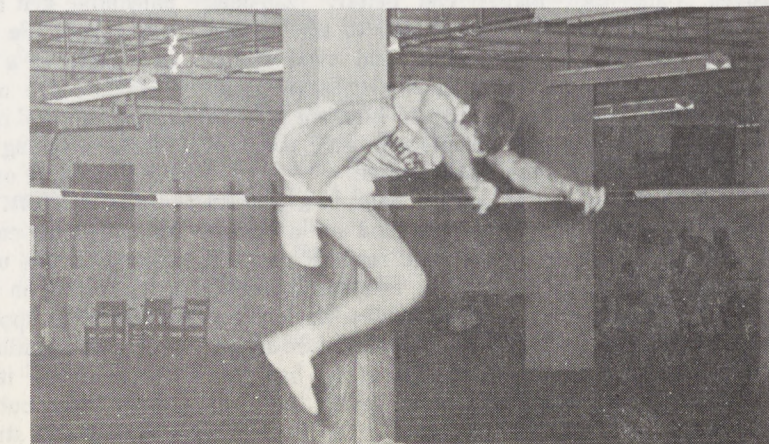
Under Mr. Byram, wrestling has become one of the most consistent sports at Niles, and the school has become regarded as a respected and excellent wrestling school.

By tomorrow night, East will probably have two more champion wrestlers to its credit.

WHEN IT was announced a few weeks ago that Niles would have to buy its tickets in advance to attend the New Trier-Niles Basketball game, Niles fans became angered.

Why New Trier is the only school that does this was not explained. It must be that New Trier is such a tourist attraction that they have to keep its visitors at a limit.

However it ended up that very few made the trek to the school. The only way to retaliate is to take the tickets to New Trier and have someone from Niles sell tickets there.



LEAPING OVER the bar is a Niles high jumper practicing before a recent meet.



SENIOR Mark Solock arches the ball over the outstretched hand of a Proviso East player.

Niles Box Score

NILES EAST		OAK PARK	
Solock	5 0 0	Wonais	2 1 1
Averbach	4 1 2	Lehnhard	8 1 1
Glickson	4 6 0	Jackson	1 0 3
Plotkin	6 0 0	Todd	3 0 4
Bishop	4 3 3	Miedema	1 2 0
Krause	4 0 1	Jewel	2 0 0
Sheade	0 0 2	Bourne	2 0 1
Minkus	1 0 0	Aine	0 3 2
Shane	1 0 2	Miller	1 1 0
Jacobson	0 0 1	Masar	0 2 1
Schelber	1 0 0		
Stal	1 0 1		
Lelbowitz	0 0 0		

Suburban League Basketball Standings

SUBURBAN LEAGUE

Team	W	L
Waukegan	13	0
Proviso East	11	2
Evanston	8	5
Morton East	7	6
NILEHI EAST	6	7
New Trier East	3	10
Oak Park	2	11
Highland Park	2	11

Tracksters Successful In First Three Meets

AFTER THE first three indoor track meets, it looks as though Niles East's cindermen are going to have a fine season.

So far, the Trojans have easily defeated Glenbrook North and Waukegan in their first two dual meets, and they have become the Township champions by defeating Niles

North and Niles West in the Township Triangular.

Edge North

Led by Senior Neal Kamin, pole vaulter and high jumper, and Junior Mike Rich, sprinter, the Trojans edged out North in the 47½-46-32½ Niles Township contest. Kamin's 13'0" vault and Rich's 5.7

50-yard dash received first places in the meet.

EAST'S 4-lap relay team, made up of Rich, Seniors Seymour Bachman and Larry Acker, and Junior Mario Corona, beat West and North with a 1:09.4 time. The 12-lap relay team, consisting of Juniors Mike Mogell, Roy Settler, Bill Gardiner, and Senior Phil Bishaf, also won with a 4:02.5.

Beat Bulldogs

Second places went to Seniors Jeff Levens, 440; Don Graylis, pole vault; Bachman, long jump; and Rich, 60 low hurdles.

THE Waukegan Bulldogs, East's first SL opponents, were no match for the Trojans as East won 54.5 to 45.5. Niles won 8 out of 12 events in the meet.

East's winners included Junior Don Schubert in the 880, Senior Bob Schabillion in the mile, Senior Rich Berg in the shot-put, Rich in the 50, Bishaf in the 440, Kamin in the pole vault, and East's 4-lap and 12-lap relay teams.

Niles also won 9 out of 12 events in a non-Suburban League 64-36 trouncing over the Glenbrook North Spartans. The next dual meet will be against Conant tomorrow at home.

Gymnasts Look to SL Meet; Chances Painted as Bright

ASSISTANT Varsity gymnastics Coach Kenneth Polaski has expressed high hopes concerning the team's chances in tomorrow's All Suburban League meet at Waukegan and the state competition, which begins March 4 at Niles West.

With a 3-3 SL record during the regular season, tomorrow's meet could be just the thing the varsity squad needs to boost them well into the top of the standing. According to Coach Polaski, the team has a very good chance of taking a second place finish in the meet.

IN MAKING his predictions for state, Coach Polaski painted an even brighter picture. He sees five East gymnasts finishing among the top 20 in state in their respective events.

Those who should place extremely high this year are Sophomore Seymour Rifkind on the parallel bars, Junior Lee Sandler on the tramp, Junior ringman Mike Zizz-

man, and Senior Marc Randall on the tramp and in tumbling.

Senior Barry Slotten, defending state champion in tumbling, should recapture the number one spot again this year, and has an undefeated record to back his claim to the title. Coach Polaski also added that, with some work on his routine, Slotten could take the top rank in state on the trampoline too.