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The Skokie Fine Arts Commission is sponsoring the Second Annual Student Art Exhibition December 1 through the 31st at the Skokie Public Library. Twenty Nilehi East students have artwork on display. Stop by and view fellow students' art work.

## News Hilites

### Socialist Youth Convention Stirs In Texas

"Which Way for Radical Youth in '72?" is the theme of the Eleventh National Young Socialist Convention which will meet in Houston's Music Hall December 28 - January 1. Two thousand young people from cities and campuses across the country are expected to attend the open conference. The major question up for debate will be the '72 Presidential elections.

**THE YOUNG SOCIALIST ALLIANCE**, the largest revolutionary youth group in the country, is sponsoring the convention in conjunction with the Youth Socialists for Jenness and Pulley. Discussions will be based on resolutions relating the '72 elections to Nixon's wage freeze, the antiwar movement, women's liberation, Black, Chicano, and high school movements.

The highlight of the convention will be a rally featuring Linda Jenness and Andrew Pulley, Socialist Workers Party candidates for President and Vice-president. An international panel featuring revolutionary leaders from Europe, Asia, and Australia will also be held during the five-day convention.

### Students Enjoy Christmas Party

December is a month for parties and celebrations all over the world, in honor of the holidays and new year.

**THE ANNUAL SPANISH CHRISTMAS PARTY** was held yesterday afternoon in the Student Lounge. Everyone was encouraged to attend the reproduction of a fiesta. The students enjoyed mingling with their fellow classmates and friends while drinking cubanade (the hottest cold drink since tequila), eating tacos and tortillas, and listening to the music of Nile East students Howard Pfeifer, Mike Robbins, Ed Schlaeger, Bill Stelter, Mike Rosenbaum, Ron Miller, and Mark Hirshman.

The festivities included a contest to break the pinata and a camera and radio raffle.

### Niles East Singer Finds Success

Karla Rosenzweig, '73, was chosen for the "Up With People" musical group, members of which performed at Nile East last September. She was one of about 60 students from the Nile Township High Schools who applied for interviews when the group performed in Skokie.

**"UP WITH PEOPLE" IS A TRAVELING** musical organization which consists of about 350 performers ranging in age from 16 to 25. The members are citizens of many countries, although most are United States citizens.

Karla will begin a month of training for "Up With People" in August, 1972 at the central headquarters in Tucson, Arizona. She will then travel and perform for one year in various countries and parts of the United States.

### N-Club Sponsors Basketball Tournament

In an effort to raise funds for their activities, the N-club will sponsor an all-school basketball tournament on Saturday evening, January 8.

**TWO SEPARATE TOURNAMENTS** will be held, one for the boys and one for the girls. Any Nile East student is eligible except for varsity basketball players.

After the tournament, awards will be given and the pool will be open for recreational swim. Applications for this upcoming event can be obtained in the Athletic Director's Office.

### Augustana Sponsors Summer Exchange

Augustana College's eighth Summer School in Spain will be held at Ciudad Universitaria, Madrid, from June 30 to August 8, 1972.

This program provides an excellent opportunity to learn Spanish, to see the country, and to enjoy warm hospitality of this friendly nation. Students will spend six weeks of intensive study in the Spanish language as well as in the culture and civilization of Spain.

### Devonshire Center to Show Marx Movie

Devonshire Center, 4400 Grove, Skokie, will feature the full-length Marx Brothers movie, "Go West" tonight at 7:30 p.m. The film is open to all high school students for 50 cents.

# Basketeers Weave Two Wins

**WHEN ONE CONSIDERS** that the Nile East Trojans had only won eight basketball games in the span of two and a half years, and so far this season have victored in 2 (or one quarter of their previous victories) real progress has certainly been made. Though both wins were of the non-conference variety, this has little importance on Coach Gary Cook and his varsity.

By defeating Nile North 55-45, on November 27 and Glenbrook North 68-51, the Trojans proved two things. One, they can win at home and on the road, and that on any given night against practically any team, (there are a few exceptions) Nile East will come off the court winning.

## Government News

### STUDENT LEGISLATURE:

A Young Socialist representative attended one of the meetings to explain to the legislature the basic aims of the Socialist Party, and gain support. At present their representatives are trying to gain support eventually leading up to the election of socialist leaders in the national and local governments.

New people are being chosen for the Student Appeals Board which has successfully completed two months of service.

Student Legislature voted to contribute \$100 to the Crusade of Mercy collection sponsored by the Freshman Cabinet.

Recently the student government voted to give \$56 to the Student Mobilization Committee. The vote was followed by a debate which Mr. Karl DeJonge instituted by explaining to the students that according to the student legislature constitution, donating to the SMC was a mistake. A decision to change the constitution was then made because many of the rules are being ignored.

Any student interested in painting the cafeteria over the vacation should sign up right away on the legislature bulletin board.

### FRESHMAN CABINET:

Freshman Cabinet canned for the Crusade of Mercy. They received \$55 from the entire student body and \$100 from the Student Legislature. The total of \$155 was presented to Crusade of Mercy by the freshman treasurer Lori Greenberg, also chairman of the campaign.

### SOPHOMORE CABINET:

At recent meetings, plans for both charitable and fund-raising projects have been discussed. All students are encouraged to deposit new or used toys in good condition in any of the many collection areas in Skokie. Various deposit boxes are to be found at fire stations, Kentucky Fried Chicken Restaurants, and Montgomery Wards. Meetings are held on Thursdays at 3 p.m. in Room 151. All sophomores are urged to attend.

### JUNIOR CABINET:

Juniors are presently making plans for this year's prom. The dance will be held at the Sherman House in Chicago on May 26. A group is now being decided upon. Meanwhile buy your basketball buttons from any Junior Cabinet member to support the prom.

### SENIOR CABINET:

To raise money for the senior class gift, Nile East pennants are being sold in the cafeteria for 50 cents from any Senior Cabinet member.

Prior to the game with North, East had not won a home game since February 14, 1969!

**FROM THE OPENING** center jump, it was evident that this was not just another ball game. After the Trojans had acquired an 8-3 lead early in the first quarter, Coach Jim Lund's Vikings came back. Senior guard Joel Chernoff, (who led North with 14 points) tied up the affair at 10-10 with 2:28 remaining in the first stanza. Each team followed with a field goal to conclude quarter scoring.

The shooting of Louis Angelopoulos and Don Diamond was an asset through the contest, with each scoring 16 points. Diamond and Jeff Netznik captured the rebounds — with 12 and 15 respectively.

**FOLLOWING A NIP** and tuck second quarter, East extended its lead to five points late in the third quarter when Mike Lindahl hit a fielder to make it 37-32. Nonetheless, the Vikings struck right back when Chernoff sunk

one. Several turnovers and fouls hindered North's chances during the fourth frame.

Against Glenbrook North in Northbrook, Nile performed in a very steady manner. The Trojans were directed for the most part by Cecil Harrold, who revealed some excellent ball handling and aggressive play defensively. Scoring wise, the Trojans were held up by Netznik and Diamond, with 26 and 22 points each.

After the Spartans took an early lead at 4-2, East tied the game at 11-11 moments later. Trailing 16-13 at the conclusion of the period, Diamond sunk a 2-pointer at the second stanza's outset. At the intermission, the score rested deadlocked 31-31. The Trojans proceeded to hit 38 points in the second half to Glenbrook's 20 for the win.

**CONGRATULATIONS IS** extended to the entire team for achieving these long destined marks — may good fortune continue through the SL season.

## Debates Fly At Town Meeting

Nilehi East's first of three "town meetings" last week brought home to the casual outsider, that things have really changed, if "things" can acceptably be translated to mean "attitudes."

The gathering of students, parents, teachers, administrators, and school board members resulted in these conclusions: interscholastic team sports should be abandoned, the students present had no confidence in the new managerial program instituted by the administration this fall, the high school, at least East, is not the focal point of the student's life, nor even his day, and that morale in general and school spirit in particular is at an all-time low.

**HOW STUDENTS "RELATE" TO THEIR TEACHERS** became apparent a few minutes later when the discussion moved on to the new administrative format, under which department chairmen have been returned to the classrooms as fulltime teachers and fulltime program directors have replaced them.

Each of the directors handle two or more programs, math and science for instance and one youthful participant stated the case very succinctly, "It's impossible for one person to be handling two programs, let alone four or five as other directors do."

While the students and teachers at the town meeting, along with some of the parents, acknowledged that giant strides had been made in some areas, open campus is but one, that had twisted the reasons why these advances had been made, insisting that it was only "belated recognition of their "constitutional rights."

**PERSONS POSSESSED WITH SUCH WARPED** opinions will never understand such phrases as "evolutionary change" nor will they ever accept the fact that improvements can be made which make yesterday's ways as outmoded as the DC-3.

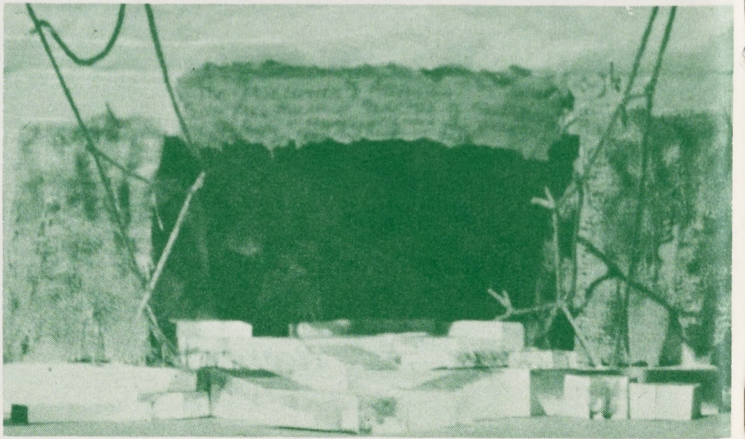
Editor's note: This article was submitted and written by Mr. Rollo Moore, publisher of the Skokie News who attended the meeting and relates his opinions.

## Students Present Marat/Sade

Nile East's drama department will present a different type of drama for this year's winter play, to be held on January 14 and 15. The production is "Marat/Sade," which takes place in an insane asylum with the inmates staging the French Revolution.

**MARAT/SADE IS BEING DIRECTED** by Mr. Jerry Proffit with Danny Malfar as the student director. The cast which recently was selected includes Brad Bentcover as Marat, Jeff Ortmann as Sade, Betsy Rest, Simone; Cheryl Palles, Cor-

day; Jef Block, Herald; Rocky Shlaes, Roux; Bruce Koestner, Cucurucu; Randy Paradise, Kokol; Andy Rosenson, Polpoch; Robert Feder, Coulmier; Barry Goldman, Duperret; Robin Bezark, Sheri Lee, Sharin Zaphiris, and Ferne Wolf, nuns; Marc Issacson, Chuck Lutz, and Marc Schwartz male nurses; and Cindy Weiser, Brad Wagner, Clare Ashley, Fran Friedman, Noah Gilson, Bob Klein, Glenna Hecht, Jeff Langer, Diane Latala, Bob Satoloe, David Shapiro, Darcy Spitz, Steve Sussman, and Tom Wasserberg, as the patients.



Temporary Stage Model designed by Mr. Jerry Proffit depicting the scenery for Nile East's winter play, "Marat/Sade", to be given January 14 and 15.

(Photo by Steve Lavine)

From Our Readers

Sound Off!

Dear Editor, I WOULD LIKE TO CRITICIZE some aspects of the article entitled "REFLECTIONS—OF THE STUDENT BODY?" This show is not a talent show anymore. A few years ago it was a competitive show like "Ted Mack's Amateur Hour." Apparently people thought it was unfair to place certain acts first, second, and third. This takes all the fun out of being in a school show. You say that 150 students it not representative of the talent in the whole student body. There never used to be that many people involved in the old format. It is not the fault of the directors if more good talent was not in the show. If 150 or even 1,500 students thought they had something to contribute, they should have tried out.

IT SEEMS TO ME that you degrade the professionalism of the show. I'm sure the audience was impressed with it. They would have been disappointed if they saw anything less. Recently I went to see one of our sister school's variety show. They had a cast of 50 to represent the student body. Their stage band did not come dressed uniformly or in tuxedos. In fact, they appeared so casual that the student conductor was chewing his gum as a cow chews on his cud. The audience does not respect this too highly. We wanted to put on the best variety show possible. I know we did just that. I agree with you that some students had too many solo parts. Most students, though, didn't feel that badly about not getting a main part. They were satisfied just being on the stage performing before a live audience who gave them

a standing ovation each night. I WILL CONCLUDE by saying that the NILEHILITE is not representative of the whole student body. I have never seen 2,400 articles written by each Niles East student. Just think what it would be like to direct 2,400 students each day for two and a half months.

Gary Cain '72

Dear Editor and Students, AS THIS IS MY LAST YEAR at Nilehi East, I feel qualified to bring up something which never ceases to amaze me. That is, the attitude of the student body about the school and about members of the student body. I have seen really sweet kids turn into self-centered vicious monsters. These people seem to think that because they are members of some sort of important group that they have become "Demi-Gods." God save the innocent, unsuspecting student who walks up to an acquaintance of last year and greets him warmly only to be snubbed.

There are certain possessions and honors it seems that one must have in order to join the "Demi-Gods." One is that the student must be an outstanding member of an outstanding group, such as the cheerleaders, choir, football team, N-Club and pom-poms, to name a few. Of course, to be a true "Demi-God" you must automatically believe that you are outstanding. I'm not trying to put down these groups, I myself am a member of one. But, it makes me sick to see how shabbily some of the "lesser" people are treated.

I WONDER WHAT it is about

these people that makes them feel superior to others. Why does being in an important group, and possibly possessing a skill which many others don't have make one person better than another in all areas? Don't these people feel they have anything else to offer? Why does such snobbery exist? If anybody would care to explain in rebuttal, I would be very interested. Fed Up

Dear Editor and Students, I AM VERY UNHAPPY about the attitudes of many people in our Music Department. Many people quit the department for various reasons; usually they just don't like it, feel they are not getting anything out of it, are bitter about not making Choir, not being pampered and not being treated like prima donnas. If you, the student body, don't like this department, or any other, why don't you speak up and offer constructive criticism and try to help instead of quitting I happen to know for a fact that many of the teachers and administrators are more than willing to listen and seriously consider your ideas. In some cases, the departments want a change as much as the students. But, how can the department change and try to better itself for your sake, if you will not support it and try to make suggestions to better it. It astounds me that so many of you complain so much, and yet when it comes down to doing a bit about your unhappiness, all you do is complain and put down the school. For it is you that makes the school what it is, and if you're unhappy with the school, it is a reflection on you. Son of Fed Up

The Nilehilite Staff extends

their warmest wishes for a Happy Holiday Season!



The Last Cheer

by Davida Shapiro '72

THERE ARE A FEW THINGS I would like to say about a few people at Niles East before I graduate. They are by no means referred to in order of preference, for that would be impossible to do. Basically, they are in the order that I met them.

First, there is Mr. Len Winans, my first friend at East. If I could tell all the binds he has gotten me out of and the very important decisions he has helped me make, you'd never believe that one man could do so much. When I was afraid or unhappy or confused or excited, I would go to Mr. Winans and he'd share whatever I'd brought. To you, Mr. Winans, I say an inadequate thank you.

Then there is Mrs. Hermina Lopez. She, by being one of the most understanding people I know, quickly ranked highly among people I respect. She has become like a second mother to me. With her gentle firmness, I learned Spanish. (And believe me, when you finish her class, you know Spanish!)

WHEN I WAS A SOPHOMORE and began Driver's Ed., I had Dr. Bill Warner for classroom. His quick way and witty manner encouraged me to learn all that I was being taught. I was only fifteen months old when my own father died, so I have no memory of him at all. Dr. Warner was much of what I had hoped my own father would have been like and I told him how I felt. From that day forward I was proud and privileged to have him as my "adopted daddy."

Mr. Dennis Duffy and Mr. Ray Kittredge are two men who have to be THE most real people I know. They care, and in my books, that's number one in importance. They care about their students in an unusual way. They care about their work and do a tremendous job of getting across their material in a fun, relaxed atmosphere. They are by no means easy or push-overs. They are merely

teachers in the truest sense of the word.

The last, but by no means the least, is someone whose name I can never seem to spell right, Mr. Jerry Proffit. It took him two years to learn my name! He became my security and my "big leader." In his strong and determined manner, he taught me about the stage. I'm very grateful to him for "caring for me" these past four years. At times I even thought he liked me and remembered my name, until I'd ask him if I could go on stage and he'd hand me the broom!!!

WELL, I'VE AIRED my feelings about some people whom I feel deserve special recognition. I am honored to say that they are all my friends, and I'm crazy about every last one of them. I hope I haven't offended any of my other teachers or acquaintances in the school. I have a great deal of respect for many people, but these stick out in my mind the most. Thank you all for my wondrous, even if sometimes frustrating, stay at East. I love this school and I always will.

The Nilehilite Staff extends their deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Mrs. Rochelle Spitz, who died of cancer on November 30, 1971.



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Brian Piccolo: Short Stature, Big Man

by Arona Arbus

"If you can dream, and not make dreams your master, If you can think, and not make thoughts your aim, If you can meet with triumph and disaster, And treat those two imposters just the same. . ."

He was born in Massachusetts and raised in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. At Wake Forest he made All American running back, and was big academically, too. He was never drafted by any pro team because he didn't have much size, but the Bears took him on as a free agent. He was a long shot to make it, but he hung in there with determination, and turned into one helluva football player, and a great guy, whose life will remain in the memory of many for a long time. His name was Brian Piccolo. . .

THE STORY OF HIS SHORT, but very meaningful life, which was viewed a few weeks ago, was a moving documentary on a man who is perhaps immortalized in Rudyard Kipling's "If." As a football player, he always felt that he was playing in the shadow of a man much better than he, but he never let that destroy his enthusiasm and vigor for the game he loved so. Even when he became ill, he still gave his all. During one game he played with a hacking cough, he scored a touchdown.

"If you can make one heap of all your winnings,

and risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss, and lose, and start again at your beginnings, and never breathe a word about your loss. . ."

THEN THE INEVITABLE HAPPENED. Almost like Love Story was Brian's story. He had fallen in love with the game, and then so mercilessly, it was all going to be taken away from him. It seemed that everyone was pulling for Brian. There was no room for tears or pity, maybe because Brian shed no tears, and had no self-pity.

But cancer shows no mercy. It tears away at tissues and soul. . . it tore away at Brian's body, but his spirits remained high. After his first operation, he refused to let his disease get him down. His attitude was why bother to get solemn and serious, it didn't change things. (Gale Sayers later commented that Brian was using the philosophy, "God is first, my friends are second, and I am third.")

ONE OPERATION WAS NOT SUFFICIENT. Another was needed. This time, although he was healthy mentally, his physical condition had weakened quite a bit. As much as they cut into that man, his spirit was not destroyed. That was the beautiful nature of Brian Piccolo.

"If you can force your nerve and sinew

To serve your turn long after they are gone, And so hold on when there is nothing in you Except the will which says to them: Hold On!"

His courage was paid tribute to by Gale Sayers, when Sayers received the George S. Halas award as the most courageous player in pro football:

"HE HAS THE HEART OF A GIANT. . . and that rare form of courage that allows him to kid himself about his opponent — cancer. He has a mental attitude that makes me proud to have a friend that spells out courage twenty-four hours a day of his life. You flatter me by giving me this award, but I tell you that I will accept it for Brian Piccolo. It is mine tonight, it is Brian's tomorrow. . . I love Brian Piccolo, and I'd like all of you to love him, too. Tonight when you hit your knees ask God to love him, too. . ."

But this was one battle that could not be won by courage alone. Yes, Brian lost to cancer, but he won the admiration of millions of individuals around the world.

"With sixty seconds worth of distance run, Yours is the earth and everything that's in it, And what is more — you'll be a man, my son!"

Note: quotation by Gale Sayers from Look Magazine, August 25, 1970. "The Short Courageous Life of Brian Piccolo" by Gale Sayers.

# Santa Tells All

by Debbie Alfredo

## An Interview with Santa!

Though customs change, the tradition of Santa Claus continues on. It is the time of the season when thousands of Santa Claus's will be out in department stores and parades, on almost every corner in the Loop, bringing in the holiday cheer. These men in their bright red apparel and white beards are preparing children as well as adults for the festive days ahead. With last minute shopping and getting things together before the "big" day rolls around, one rarely stops to think about these men who brighten the season with their colorful clothes and jolly disposition and wonder what their jobs are like.

In a recent interview with one of the Marshall Field's Santas, I got an inside look at "Santa's life."

**IT WAS A BUSY** Monday with school and work to think about, plus the added attraction of interviewing Santa and seeing him for the first time this year. As I look back now, it is funny when I think of all the children who wait anxiously to see him and here I was a bit nervous, anticipating the job ahead.

One of Santa's helpers, a young boy named Mark led the way to Santa. As I followed, I mumbled something to the effect that this was a weird experience, but later I found it to be a pleasant one. When I got to see Santa, Sheryl, another of his helpers, greeted me by asking me if I wasn't a little too old to see him. She was only joking for it became clear in the interview that the idea of Santa wasn't just for the young.

Santa Claus told me that about 800 children of different creeds came to see Santa at Field's

everyday. Though some people believe in Santa as a Christian symbol connected with Christmas, he explained that he takes care of the good girls and boys no matter what their creed. He went on to describe how excited the children become just to see Saint Nick. One could see just by watching their faces how they related to this mystical, magical man behind the snow-white beard.

**THEY WERE HELD IN AWE** of this man and it became evident how much faith these children had and how one man could hold such a captive audience. He told me a story of a blind girl that came to him and when he asked her what she wanted for Christmas she said that all she wanted was her sight. What faith these children have!

When asked what the qualifications for such a unique job were, he told me that a person must like children and understand them. Each child, he explained, is different and must be treated according to his individual needs. Through Santa, the youth are taught responsibility. In their visit to Santa they promise to do certain things that good children do and in return are told that good children are rewarded.

He said that some of his work was volunteer while some was not. These Santas visit with the children of the Bell School of deaf and dumb children.

**SANTA SAID THAT ADULTS** have come up to speak with him and he has received letters. Though many people believe there is no Santa Claus, I found evidence to the contrary. The idea of Santa Claus still lives on in the joyous spirit of Christmas.



A warm glance from Santa Claus welcomes all, young and old, to visit him.

## Living Christmas Every Day

Christmas is more than a day

at the end of the year,

More than a season of job and good cheer,

Christmas is really

God's pattern for living

To be followed all year by unselfish giving . . .

For the holiday season awakens good cheer

And draws us closer to those we hold dear,

And we open our hearts and find it is GOOD

To live among men AS WE ALWAYS SHOULD . . .

But as soon as the tinsel is stripped from the tree — The spirit of Christmas fades silently

Into the background of daily routine

And is lost in the whirl

Of life's busy scene,

And all unawares we miss and forego

The greatest blessing that mankind can know . . .

For if we lived Christmas each day,

as we should,

And made it our aim to always do good,

We'd find the lost key to meaningful living

That comes not from GETTING,

but from unselfish GIVING.

## Words from Abroad

by Clodane Chauvet, AFS '71, France

Dear Friends of Niles East,

I want to apologize for not having written sooner, but I think you will understand that time flies too fast!

I've been back in France for four months now. And, as you will see it in that letter, my English is getting worse and worse — but my French is about o.k. now!

**I WANT TO GIVE YOU SOME NEWS** about what I've been doing for those few months!

The first days in France have been hard, because I had to readjust to French ways of living — for instance, to shake hands with people you meet instead of saying "Hi!"

I was still thinking in English, and every time I woke-up, I was talking English to people who didn't understand a word of it!

**ON THE SECOND WEEK OF AUGUST,** I went to a singing camp. It was just wonderful (I love singing in choirs). We were about 4,000 chorists from all of France, and also from England, Canada, Spain, etc. . . , and for a week, we have been singing together. It was in VAISON la ROMAINE, a small city in the south of France where there are a lot of Roman ruins . . . and a lot of sun.

After that, I received all my stuff from the U.S., and I was very pleased to listen again to my records of Simon and Garfunkel, and to show my friends all the memories and nice gifts I got in the U.S.

The beginning of the scholar year at the university was only on October 18, so I just re-

laxed played with my nephews, met some friends, and other holiday activities in September. I am now going to the University near Toulon, so I'm still living at home. I have registered in "Economic sciences," that means that I have courses in mathematics, law, economics . . . I'm not taking English, but I still read the "Time" every week, because my brother (who was an AFS in '65, and who is now an English teacher) gets it regularly.

**THE COURSES** I'm taking are very interesting. The first tests will start at the end of November and we'll have an exam at the end of the year. The university is nice; there are not too many students, we can get to know a lot of them.

My extra-curricular activities are mainly choir-singing. I belong to a choir in TOULON and we have rehearsals about four hours a week. Besides, I'm conducting a choir of little kids (about 4 to 13 years old). I have about 30 of them and I make them sing 2 or 3 voice songs — it's a truly enriching experience. We just care enough for the righteousness of the notes; we want to see the children happy though they're singing.

So here is what I'm doing; It's hard to realize that already a year has passed since I was celebrating Halloween and almost Christmas, now! (I guess Christmas will be a day without snow for me, this year, because the south of France usually doesn't get snow).

**BUT I WANT TO WISH** you a Merry Christmas (white or

plain) and a Happy New Year.

For my Niles East friends, I want also to say thank you — thank you to the members of the administration, Dr. Colver, the librarians, Mrs. Bowersox and the counselors, the teachers and all the students that helped to make this year '70-71 in Niles East an unforgettable experience.

I especially want to wish a Merry Christmas and Happy Hannuka who worked on Camelot last year with me, because it was one of the most marvelous events for a French student — among many others, like Homecoming, Reflections, and the basketball games.

**I JUST HOPE THAT NILES EAST** in '71-'72 will be as nice to Pat Stanley — your AFS student now — as it was to me. . . Best wishes from France — JOYEUX NOEL et PAIX SUR TERRE!

# Trying to Find a Job?

by Debbie Alfredo

Are you sixteen or older? Are you bored? Would you like to be making your own money? If the answer to these questions is yes, what you need is something to keep you busy and to get paid for. What you need is a job!

There are several sources where one can look for a job, but maybe your approach to it is all wrong. The following are three helpful ways in which a student may obtain a job.

First, a student should apply at several different establishments. To be persistent, one cannot just apply at one place. The further he looks, the better his chances of getting a job are. With the Christmas season just around the corner, some stores are hiring extra help just for the holidays.

**THIS TYPE OF JOB** provides a person with spending money and the experience of associating with people which will be useful in future jobs.

This job may only be temporary and last just the length of the holidays. If you were thinking more of working a steady job, a good program is the office program, work study pro-

sary for certain fields of work. The program provides the student with a job. He earns money as well as credit toward his graduation requirements, and is supported by the program.

**IT NOT ONLY GIVES** a program, or one of the other career related job programs. This program helps find a job in the field the student is interested.

If the student is interested in one of these programs, he must sign up for it (right now in Dr. Ray's office for next semester.) He fills out an application which is processed by one of the work-study teachers. Certain prerequisites for classes are necessary the opportunity to earn money, but it also provides practical experience which can be advantageous to one's future vocation.

Maybe you are too late to sign up for the O.O. program or a similar one and you still need a job. That is where your counselor can help you. He may be able to find a job for you based on your skills and experience.

Though jobs are hard to find, it is not totally impossible. Keep plugging!!

## Graffiti

Love is the answer . . . what is the question?

Eat, drink, and be merry, God grades on a curve.

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas. Signed, George Wallace.

"Free the Indianapolis 500!"

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# And Santa Does Answer

by Sue Zelvin

Yes Virginia, Santa Claus does answer your letters...in Evanston.

For the past ten years, Santa Claus has kept one of his mail boxes in the middle of Fountain Square in Evanston. Every letter that Santa has received through the mailbox has been answered.

**SANTA, NOT UNLIKE ANN LANDERS**, receives so much mail that he can't possibly answer it all himself. So, during the pre-Christmas rush, when all the elves are working in the mail order department, the Evanston Junior Chamber of Commerce helps Santa with his correspondence.

The 12-foot green and red "Letters to Santa Mailbox" is part of the Jaycees annual Christmas program. The letters are collected and distributed to Jaycees, whose wives read and answer them under the assumed name of Santa Claus.

**LAST YEAR APPROXIMATELY 800 LETTERS** slid down the slot of the mailbox. Although the box stands 12 feet

high, the mail slot is strategically placed three feet from the bottom for easy deposit for the majority of the letter writers.

"It's a great project and actually fun to do," smiled Mr. Stanley J. Strebig, chairman of the project. "It makes kids happy for such a nominal amount of work."

The letters are answered within four days after they're received by a form letter written in script and signed Santa Claus. Santa's stationery is red with a North Pole letter-head printed in green. The letter is a full page and contains Christmas greetings from Santa and a complete bill of health for the reindeer. Santa also explains to the child that he doesn't have everything they asked for and might have to make some substitutions.

**APPROXIMATELY ONE-HALF** of the letters received mention that something is being left for Santa and the reindeer to eat on Christmas Eve. "What surprises me about

these letters," noted Mr. Strebig, "was that when I was in the Santa Claus writing stage I wasn't as concerned with Santa and the reindeer as these kids are."

Of course, not all children are as concerned with Santa as they are with the presents. One child skipped all the formalities and just sent Santa a list of Sears Catalogue numbers. At least he was concerned with saving Santa time.

But, the Jaycees do receive letters that they don't enjoy reading. Some children ask Santa for shoes and lunch money. These letters are given to the Jaycees Big Brother program where everything is done to give these children their wishes.

Last year the mailbox was accidentally left standing until the end of February. When it was finally taken apart, it was completely empty. It's a shame that none of those 800 kids thanked Santa.

Maybe they will, next November, when they can remind him that it is Christmas time again.



The true Christmas spirit!

## No Meaning for Yule

by Arona Arbus

Christmas shows itself on the condominiums on Sheridan Road. Lights and trees seem to dominate the area of nouveau-riche apartments only a few feet from the lake. Just a few blocks west of Sheridan Road, Christmas isn't all holly wreaths and tinsel...for many, Christmas is just another day.

Jesse Morales is broke, unemployed, sick and on welfare. It would be fine with him if Christmas would just go away and leave him alone.

**MORALES AND HIS 41-YEAR-OLD WIFE SLEEP** on bare mattresses at night. The few blankets they do own are used by their five children. The seven of them are cramped into a four room, third floor walk-up apartment at 5111 Winthrop, where the approach of the Yuletide season is only reflected by the lights visible from the apartments only minutes away.

For the Morales children, and 325,000 others, the Cook County Department of Public Aid looks to its Neediest Children's Christmas Fund, and the fund looks to the more fortunate for help. The Fund, which was started 25 years ago by the administrators of the Department of Public Aid, began in the hope that it could make Christmas a little brighter for some of the neediest families, who would otherwise be left out. Until a few years ago, the growth of the Fund was rather slow, but with a greater awareness of the needs of the poor by those in more fortunate circumstances, its growth has been significant.

**IN 1970, THE FUND RAISED \$140,878** and reached about one child in 100. This year, the Fund hopes to exceed last year's earnings, because as the population of the county rises, so does the number of needy.

The welfare department cannot give the needy any assistance beyond the normal budget. If there is to be a bonus to provide for a toy for a child, or a

festive meal, then it must come from those who care.

Jesse Jr. sleeps with his sister Ramona at night, on a couch that opens up. Katherine occupies a similar one with Robert. Their brother Ruben sleeps on a single cot.

The family has no radio, washing machine, or telephone, but Mr. Morales splurged last year for a television, which he got second hand.

Little Jesse hopes that perhaps with the help of Santa Claus he will get a pair of bell-bottoms and a tie. Ramona



wants a skirt and Katherine would like an organ "like the one I saw someone play on TV"

**MRS. MORALES HAD SEEN SO MANY** desolate Christmases, she has no illusions about this year.

"If the check comes on time, there will be a ham for Christmas, if not then we will have beans."

For anyone who would like the Morales' to have a ham on the table, on Christmas day, the mailing address is the "Neediest Children's Christmas Fund," 318 West Adams, Chicago, Illinois 60606.

Without help, Christmas for the Morales' and many other families like them—may just be another day.

## Giving Help to Others

by Janet Coclanis

Ten years ago the Peace Corps sent its first volunteers abroad. More than 800 volunteers were serving in nine countries, mainly teaching or working in community development.

Today, 9,000 volunteers and trainees in 60 countries are helping in every field of development from agriculture and teacher training to engine repair and city planning.

**DEVELOPING NATIONS ARE SEEKING** to build national pride and self-reliance. They know what is needed to overcome their problems and their requests for volunteers have become far more explicit.

Today, there is a demand for people who care and have a

strong desire to help. The Peace Corps now offers an opportunity to serve to a greater number of Americans. Families, retired people, skilled workers, minority groups, non-college graduates, as well as the highly trained can become volunteers. The Peace Corps knows no age group, color, or occupation.

**POVERTY — PARTICULARLY THE POVERTY** of the spirit that comes from a lack of opportunity — is a universal problem. These volunteers are joining in a universal struggle for human dignity.

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# Rapping It Up



## Stuffing the Stocking

"You'd better watch out, you'd better not cry, you'd better not pout, I'm tellin' you why, Santa Claus is comin' to Niles East..." Yes, that's right, Santa has been to East and has left the following gifts in many faculty members stockings; Oh, by the way, Merry Christmas!

**MR. LERMAN**—Santa left a case of Coke — it's the real thing!

**MRS. SCHERB**—a personal copyreader and layout man, are at your disposal.

**MR. DVORAK**—the well known author of "Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Math But We're Afraid to Ask" has autographed a copy for you.

**LIBRARIANS**—a tape recording which plays "Sssssssh" for eight hours has been sent to you from the RCA Company.

**MR. SACHS**—the National Association of Brains and Geniuses had sent three boys to beat the

record of last years "It's Academic" team!

**SCHOOL NURSES**—a tape recording of "lie down and I'm sure you'll feel better" that is triggered off whenever a student enters the office, from the IBM Corporation.

**LAY SUPERVISORS**—a dozen pairs of roller skates have been donated by an anonymous source so that it will be easier to run around the building and tell students going to their lockers not to loiter!

**SCHOOL COOKS**—autographed copies of Peg Bracken's "I Hate to Cook Book" are on their way!

**MR. HERBST**—a Bozo Bucket is being sent to you from WGN, so that your overflowing kindness won't flood Niles East.

And last, but of course not least, to **MR. PUFF**—Brookfield Zoo is sending you a companion, a magic dragon



Lights and trees, together with the warm spirit of the holiday season, are depicted by a display in the center of the Old Orchard mall.

## The Garden of Verses

You say you always loved me	When I gave you that diamond ring
You say you always will	You said you'd always keep it.
You're dating six other guys this month	So why upon your dresser Do I see a grey pawn ticket?
But you say you love me still.	Jefferson Stephens



The wonderful fairyland of Christmas is brought to life at the Old Orchard shopping center.

## Shadows of the Past

Christmas time: a time of the year for remembering. Was it any different ten years ago? Maybe on Christmas morning, 1961, the television in the den was turned on to Miss Frances' Ding Dong School...or if it was later in the afternoon, maybe the Mickey Mouse theme song was blaring from the black and white TV set. Bring back some memories; nostalgia is what it is called.

The point of nostalgia is simple: overwhelmed by the complexity of life today, people are now looking at what seems to be more peaceful, pleasant yesteryears. Old memories, old songs, old fads and old styles are a picture of the past that, although may not be totally accurate, are nice to look at.

**BE NOSTALGIC!** These 25 items have been dug up from the years that high-school students may fondly remember as the "formative years."

Remember: the first topless bathing suits...the Brownie Pledge...cookies and milk at school...lemonade stands... Pig Latin...Dick and Jane...Tinkerbelle of Never-Never-Land...taking the training wheels off your bike...Petula Clark, singing "Downtown"...tent dresses... Dobie Gillis, Maynard G. Krebs, and Zelda...playing a

piano duet of Chopsticks...Red Rover, Red Rover...Dino, Desi and Billy...Crayolas...Beaver Cleaver...Dr. Seuss...Hula Hoops...Knock-knock jokes. Captain Kangaroo and Mr. Greenjeans... Go-go boots...learning to blow bubbles with gum, and monkey bars.

**NOSTALGIA: ONE GIRL ACCURATELY DESCRIBED IT:** "I remember the days when I was younger and I didn't have to worry about algebra, biology, or french. I worried about important things like when Popeye was on, or what I'd do if Romper Room was cancelled!

## Personal-a-grams

C.G.—Have a Nice Trip. I'll Miss You.

Love forever, K.C.

L.B.—Roses are red, the Rose Bowl is too, Will he be in California, alone, without you?

Bestest Friend

S.E.E. — Happy New Year? We can always make candles!

Your lab Partner

M.B. — Congratulations

on being accepted at U. of I. An Admirer

Southern belle or token gent—We should get together for coffee during vacation. Token Reporter

T.M.—Hope that you do fantastic on your first set of final exams. Remember that god helps those who help themselves. Shaft

Lessil Sidney — Have a fantastic time on your vacation, and don't be too

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## Dear Santa

by Susan Zelvin

Dear Mr. Claus,

How are you and all the kids? I never got around to tell you about how much I loved all the gifts I didn't want for Christmas. It was so thoughtful for you to send me all the marvelous books on algebra and calculus but I really prefer all the picture books that you sent daddy.

**I REALLY DOUBTED IF YOU CAME** last year because we had a fire going in our fireplace, but I was assured of your journey when I cleaned off the roof. Please, Santa, will you please toilet-train your horsepowers for this Christmas?

It must be pretty bad being cooped up all year in your tiny Mattel work-shop. But I imagine it isn't all that bad because of all your mini-skirt clad helpers. Santa, how come all your helpers are named 362, 436?

**I ALWAYS HAVE WONDERED** how you manage to fit down our chimney. I guess you just have to keep your belly from shaking like jelly and you'll be able to fit. Have you ever thought of trying a "Playtex Living . . ."; it worked wonders for the Easter Bunny.

So, have a merry Christmas, Santa, and try to bring me something that I won't have to share with anyone.

Ho, Ho, Ho,

Poindexter Crump

# SL Foes Rank High

By Harvey Berns

WHAT DOES the future hold for our varsity cagers? Will this year in the Suburban League be any different from the previous ones? As the league season comes about, a change of pace seems to be in the making. The sweet smell of victory is in the air, evident by our early season surge. The teams that Coach Gary Cook and his players will be facing should provide stiff competition.

There are several teams in particular that should prove to be quite formidable foes:

**WAUKEGAN:** Pre-season favorites for the league championship. Coach Bob Joor has all five starters returning from last year's team. With a front line of All-State Candidate 6' 10" Bill Rucks, 6'6" Don Demkiw, 6'5 Dave Bitterman, the Bulldogs easily have a strong height advantage over their rivals. An early season victory over Proviso East showed the caliber of play Waukegan is capable of.

**PROVISO EAST:** Defending league champions, should once again be in contention for the title. Coach Glenn Whittenberg has two returning starters: 6' 4" Ellis Funchess and floor

general Tom Fowlkes. As in recent years, speed will be a basic factor in the Pirates game plan.

**EVANSTON:** Without any lettermen returning, Coach Jack Burmaster will be conducting a season of development. All positions are in an experimental stage. As the season opened a starting five of Charles Starling and Joe Wharton at guards. Herb Stephens, Harold Loman, and Emery Moorehead comprising the front line, surprised another contender, New Trier East 43-42, in their first league game.

**NEW TRIER EAST:** With 6' 10" Bill Kosick and 6'8" Bill Hattis dominating play the past few years, the unfamiliar surroundings of lack of height could hurt the Indians chances. With only two lettermen, Richard Danstrom and Steve Naderhny, back this season, a lack of experience could be a problem. Coach John Schneider will stress quickness and defense as his game plan.

A season of surprises could possibly present itself — as Niles East closes out action in the SL.

# Lifters Extend Muscles

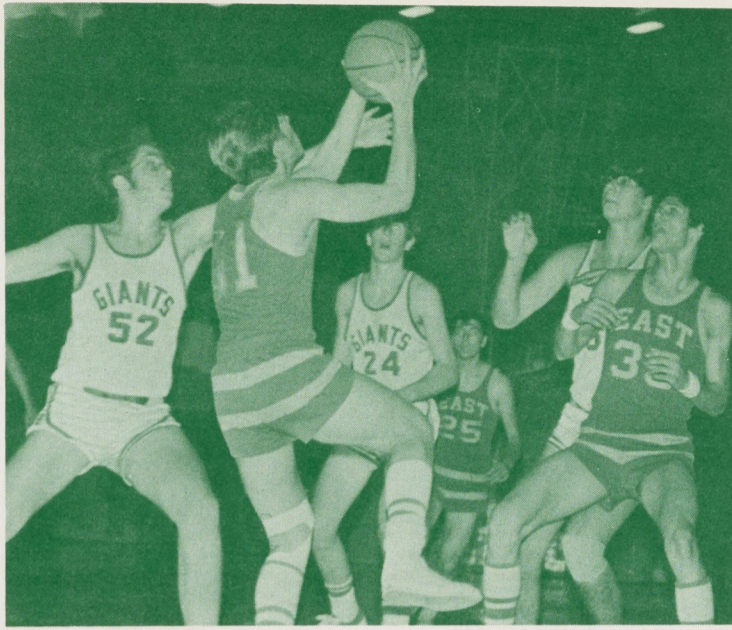
By Jeff Lee

Many people seem to feel that weightlifting is simply a test of strength and endurance. Here are some facts that they probably never considered. Barbell training both benefits and improves the entire physical being. Those who have lifted in the past know that weightlifting can be a very rewarding experience. Increased poise and confidence comes from a sound mind in a sound body, obtained through exercise. Lifting not only develops the size, strength, and endurance of muscles, but also benefits the circulatory and nervous systems. The increased stimulation of these systems improves eating and sleeping habits and adds physical strength and mental efficiency. Improvement of the muscular coordination and performance of athletes also can be obtained through a proper weightlifting program.

IN THE PAST two years efforts have been made to form

a weightlifting team at Niles East. Growing interest was proved in the sport when 70 boys from 16 schools attended an East meet last year. This year our school plans to host this same event in March. Other contests include the Illinois YMCA meet tomorrow and the Illinois State meet at Northwestern University on January 16. In both, East will compete against college teams, YMCA squads, and various Men's Clubs. All lifts are performed under strict rules and are approved by judges.

The East squad is led by Dave Cypin in the 123-pound weight class, Jerry Look, Paul Karabush, and Eric Nagel in the 132-pound class, captain Al Kulwin in the 148-pound class, Jeff Hartstein and Tom Christopoulos in the 181-pound class, Mark Wilkans and Jeff Netznik in the 198-pound class, and Jeff Hass in the 242-pound class.



(Photo by Steve Weil)

Sophomore Paul Mandell (31) makes a deceptive move around a Highland Park defender, as Len Weinstein (35) looks on.

# Soph's Sight Strategy

By Jim Cohn

AN AGGRESSIVE MAN-TO-MAN defense coupled with fine team balance has been the key to the sophomore basketball team's success thus far this year. In each of their first five games, ten to twelve boys have seen action and it seems as though the strategy has paid off; for the sophs have recorded an impressive 5-0 record. As for the offense, head coach Emil Capitani and Jerry Oswald have been trying to take advantage of the speed on the team by employing a running attack.

Thus far, the sophomores have faced four schools from the Central-Suburban League while playing one regular conference game. In their first contest, the sophs faced Glenbrook South and came out on top, 51-42. Leading all scorers was Corey Levens who netted 12 points for the Trojans while guard, Jim Cohn played a fine defensive game.

Their second victory was a 61-40 trouncing of our cross-town rivals, Niles West. The game was an all-around effort as 15 boys played and 12 scored.

THE SOPHOMORES were out

to avenge a one point loss suffered last year on the freshmen level when they faced Niles North in their third game of the season. Quickly, the Trojans turned the game into a one-sided affair. Jim Cohn and Corey Levens led a blistering fast break attack that gave way to a resounding 70-45 victory.

In their first Suburban League game of the season, the sophs met a tough Highland Park ballclub. But the fine play of Paul Mandell, Corey Levens and Jim Cohn gave the Trojans a 46-41 triumph.

On the following night, the sophomores chalked up their fifth win in a row by defeating Glenbrook North by a score of 46-41. But it took a last minute scoring attack by Len Weinstein, Mark Zinman, and Paul Mandell to salvage the victory.

OTHER MEMBERS of the sophomore team are Seth Gold, Ron Kleinschmidt, Tom Paus-tek, Brad Lerman, Kurt Kiesel, Mark Zolt, Ross Pollack, Leo Kelly, John Cascino, Glenn Fydrich, Dave Garlick, Jeff Kray, Howard Stekloff, Howie Weiss, Rich Ruben, and Bob Sklamberg.

# Tankmen Splash Ahead

THE TROJAN SWIM team is splashing into its 1971-72 season with a new coach and some high hopes. In his first as varsity coach, Mr. Romayne Baker anticipates great improvement over last season, when the tanksters floundered with a 2-12 record. (Baker is joined in the coaching ranks by Mr. Ed Ernst and Mr. Glenn Jurek).

Already the swimmers have displayed fine depth as well as strength in defeating Maine

North in their home opener, 51-44.

JOHN PETERSON, one of two seniors on the varsity, paved the way as he captured first place honors in both the 200 and 400-yard freestyles.

Mark Pollack, acquired a first and second place finish in the 100 yard butterfly and medley relay.

Yet the future of the team lies in its sophomore and junior performers. This year's squad is rich in both departments. Bill Witt is swimming in both individual and team medley, as well as the 100 yard backstroke. Neal Gold, also on the medley team ranks high in the 100 yard breaststroke. Terry Katz swims the 50 and 100 yard freestyles and medley relay. Against Maine North, all three swimmers took a first place berth.

SWIMMING THE 200 and 400 freestyle events is Rick Williams. Harry Borovik takes the 200-yard individual medley for the Trojans. These swimmers all placed high in the opener. Junior Howard Alpert is diving for the cods.

Of course, much credit must go to the two sophomores on the varsity. Andy Ruttenberg obtained his position on the

# Matmen Come Of Age

By Norwin Merens

Since taking to the mat on November 24, in the Niles Township Quadrangular, Coach Fred Richardi's wrestlers have come of age.

FINISHING SECOND in the quad with 78 points, (Niles North won for the fourth time with 84½ points) East possessed three varsity winners, Phil Cech, Kip Weissman, and Gary Castino.

On the sophomore scene, Niles East landed on top with a score of 104. In winning 16 matches, it is worth noting that 15 were decided by pin. Individual winners (all with two pins) were Fred Mueller, Len Upin, and Larry Yale.

Perhaps the most satisfying meet thus far, was against Maine North on December 3. For in defeating the Norsemen, the East varsity won its first meet in 4½ years, or after 52 straight losses! Individual winners in the 24-21 upheaval were Randy Blair, Gary Castino, Dave Alexander, Rick Angel, and Fred Erb. It was Angel and Erb who decided the outcome. With Niles trailing by three points 21-18, Angel won on points tying the score at 21-21. Like the township encounter, the decision was determined on the efforts of the heavyweight class.

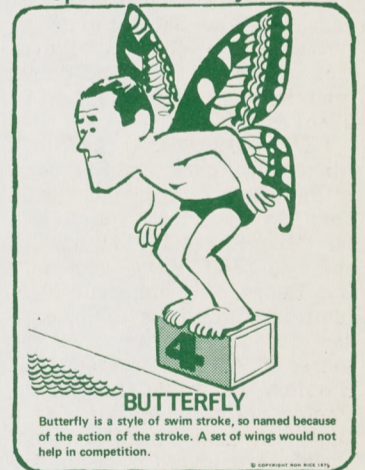
ERB WAS UP to the challenge and edged his Maine opponent on points despite a last minute effort by his rival trying for a take-down.

Other scores were East JV's 54, Maine O; East sophs 48, Maine 15, and East freshman 42, Maine 21.

The following night Niles hosted the first of six tournaments this year and placed fourth in a 10 team field. The tournament crown was won by Glenbrook South with Wheeling second, Evanston third, St. Vitors fifth, and New Trier West sixth.

TONIGHT, RICHARDI'S grapplers will seek home wins against New Trier's East Indians. In case you're wondering, all take-downs begin at 6:30.

## Sports Dictionary



team swimming in the 50 yard freestyle. Against Maine, Ruttenberg placed second with a time of 26.0. Jeff Milstein placed first in the diving event.

On the sophomore level each swimmer took a first place. They are Claude Sadovsky, Keith Baker, Tom Demeulenaere, and Ira Alexander. Also taking a first was Barb Sapoznik, the lone girl on the team.

Of freshmen swimmers, first places were taken by Ed Naudes and Danny Bagleman.

THIS EVENING, Niles will host New Trier East in a meet beginning at 6:15.

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18\* Saturday - vs. Niles West-1:30 p.m.

JANUARY  
7 Friday - vs. Morton East-6:15 p.m.  
14 Friday - at Evanston-6:15 p.m.  
19\* Wednesday - vs. Maine East - Frosh-5:00 p.m.  
21 Friday - at Proviso East-6:15 p.m.  
22\* Saturday - at East Leyden-2:00 p.m.  
28 Friday - at Highland Park-6:15 p.m.  
29\* Saturday - vs. West Leyden-2:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY  
3 Thursday - vs. Waukegan - Frosh-4:30 p.m.  
4 Friday - vs. Waukegan-7:45 p.m.  
5 Saturday - Suburban League - Frosh - here-1:00 p.m.  
5\* Saturday - at Lake Forest-1:00 p.m.  
11 Friday - Suburban League - Sophomore - at Evanston-4:30 p.m.  
12 Saturday - Suburban League - Varsity - at Evanston-4:30 p.m.  
18-19 STATE DISTRICT  
25-26 STATE FINALS  
\* Non-League

# OPRF Gets By Trojans, 68-54

By Norwin Merens

You had to see it to believe it, and a slim Nilehi East crowd did as the Trojans fell to the Oak Park-River Forest Huskies 68-54 last Friday night.

NEITHER SIDE played exceptionally well, however the Huskies performed in such a fashion as to get credit for the win. Whatever, it was not the Trojan's night; they most certainly have played better in nearly a month of hoop competition.

With a starting lineup of Cecil Harrold and Mike Lindahl at the guard posts, Don Diamond and Jeff Levin shared forward roles and Jeff Netznik manned center. The East squad started quite slow, scoring only a free throw by Netznik and a Levin field goal in almost five minutes of action. (For the first quarter, Niles only totaled six points). Leading 15-3, with 1:55 remaining in the period Oak Park played fairly well. Their

problem like East's seemed to be holding onto the ball for sustained periods of time.

As the second quarter commenced, the Trojans came around somewhat, however experienced frustration in their efforts. Though East had three individuals in double figures — Netznik 16, Steve Glink 12, and Levin 10, the numbers were simply not large enough.

OAK PARK was directed for the most part by Jerry Perkins, who had 18 points and Dan McLaren, with 13. Leading 36-22, at the half, the Parkers could have been ahead by a larger amount had their own play been better.

Don Diamond opened second half scoring hitting for his field goal on the night. The Huskies built up a 41-24 edge with five minutes remaining in the period and it expanded it to 54-33 at the quarter's conclusion.

Though East outscored OPRF

21-14 in the final period, the Parkers coasted on earlier leads as the margin for victory.

THIS EVENING, Coach Gary Cook takes his squad to New Trier East in what most certainly will be a good ball game.

Just to keep the record straight here are the results of earlier games:

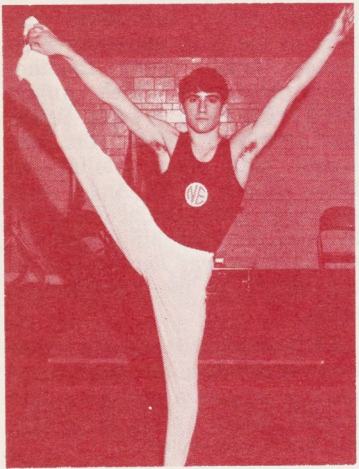
Friday, November 19, Glenbrook South 51, Niles East 50  
Wednesday, November 24, Niles West 68, Niles East 44  
Saturday, November 27, Niles East 55, Niles North 45  
Friday, December 3, Highland Park 73, Niles East 55  
Saturday, December 4, Niles East 68, Glenbrook North 51  
Suburban League Scores from last Friday.

Oak Park 68, Niles East 54  
Waukegan 77, Highland Park 45

Proviso East 80, Evanston 65  
Morton East 61, New Trier East 55



(Photo by Steve Weil)  
Trojan Don Diamond (34) goes up for glory against Huskies Ned Carney (24) and (30) Jerry Perkins, while Steve Glink (14) and Jeff Levin (40) observe.



Varsity gymnast Dave Apple demonstrates free exercise "Y scale".

## Gymnasts Reveal Power

By Jim Cohn

THE NILES EAST GYMNASTS proved beyond a shadow of a doubt that they are indeed a powerful team. Led by Dave Apple, the Trojans crushed both Fremd and Glenbrook North High Schools in a triangular meet held on December 3 at Glenbrook North. Apple's 7.8 routine on free exercise and his 7.2 performance on parallel bars supplemented by 7.0-plus routines by Dave Cypin on parallel bars and Rick Robbin on the high bar, was too much for either team. Furthermore, our freshmen and sophomores were also triumphant.

However, the "big news" of the weekend came when Niles East, West and North clashed at Niles North on the following night. West suffering from injuries and team dropouts, presented very little resistance for the Trojans. North was a dif-

ferent story. With nearly their entire team returning from last season, they proved to be a tough opponent.

From the very beginning it was either teams' meet. Both stayed within 1 point of each other through the first 4 events. On parallel bars, Apple, Cypin, Robbin, and Joel Sher coupled up to score 21.30 points to North's 18.5. On rings, Robbin, Cypin, Mike Bielinski, and Clay Porter recorded a whopping 22.0 point total which was to great a feat for North. After a fine 6.0 all around by Robbin, the final score stood Niles East 113.02, North 110.59, and West 81.45, thus giving East the right to call itself the finest gymnastic team in the township.

THIS EVENING, the Trojan acrobats meet New Trier East in their first SL counter. All the action begins at 6:45 p.m.

## Trackmen Are Confident

By Harvey Berns

GOING INTO the season with all, but two returning members from last year's team, (which finished with an indoor reading of 9-9 and an outdoor record of 4-7), Coach Dean Slavens and his tracksters are confident that a successful season lies ahead.

Though losing Jerry Look, considered to be the most outstanding varsity performer last year, and Mike Short, top discus thrower, Coach Slavens believes that with hard work and determination these vacancies can be filled.

THE FOLLOWING LETTER winners will once again be competing: Bob Tepp in the hurdle Tom Christopoulos, sprints and 440, Mike Sternfeld, low hurdles and 440, Jeff Hass, shot put, Bob Henry, long-jump and high-jump in which he established a new school mark when he soared 6'3/4" last season, Jeff Harstein, polevault and sprints, Paul Karabush, sprints, and Dave Gronski, hurdles and sprints, considered to be the top trackman at the frosh-soph level last year. Lending their talents also will be Mark Wilkans, Mark Pollack, and Mike Bielinski.

Other's besides Gronski moving up from the frosh-soph class are Steve Sussman, Tom Kropf, and Scot Smith.

Coaches Tom Ristow, Jerry Ferguson, and Ken Polaski will be handling JV, sophomore, and freshmen respectively.

Practice for indoor track will begin on Monday, January 3, with a team meeting in Room 161.

Their is little doubt in anyone's mind, that this track team is perhaps the finest in many years.

## A Sporting Look

By Norwin Merens

According to scientists and the general public, "what goes up must come down." Well if this is true, (and who's denying it) perhaps they should discuss the issue further with Mrs. Sharon Callaghan, a teacher in East's English department.

LAST SUMMER, Mrs. Callaghan joined her husband and friends in what she describes as "skydiving" or parachute jumping. In her first attempt, Mrs. Callaghan leaped from an airplane, with a chute geared for the test and landed 2 1/2 minutes later—right or nearly on target.

Of course this is not recommended for everyone, with proper instruction a must. Under

intensive training, she was constantly reminded of all the things which might go wrong.

JUMPING FROM an elevation of 2800 feet, just outside of Milwaukee, Mrs. Callaghan traveled 120 feet per second. (It takes nearly 3-5 seconds for the chute to open). Hopefully, one likes to land on target, yet the prime concern is that the parachute opens at the proper time, or in 18 seconds it's all over. After one is in mid air, he must perform the various experiments and adjustments which will result in a safe landing.

Perhaps the preparation for such an endeavor is more difficult than the actual jump itself. Equipped with 65 pounds of parachute, along with the jump suit, boots and helmet, Mrs. Callaghan described this part of the adventure the most cumbersome. Following the landing, she unhinged the chute, packed and wrapped it and returned to the point of origination. The fatality rate is quite low because of the precautions taken, yet Mrs. Callaghan adds, "once in a while someone gets caught in telephone wires or the like — and he has to be patient until the phone company comes."

FINALLY, MRS. CALLAGHAN described it as a beautiful, quiet, exhilarating experience. The only problem is — you can't go up!

## Sport Rap

Dear Sport Rap,

If being a football player makes Jeff Hartstein prejudiced against Norwin Merens (as reported in the November 19 issue) then what may I ask makes him prejudiced against me? I'm only telling my views, my personal opinions. You Jeff Hartstein, can take it or leave it, but I can't understand why you rip up the Nilehilite every time you read one of my letters.

Now "student body," this is for you! Remember when I asked for another look at the real value of sports in our school? That was before Marco Cervantes died, and Frank Rameriz was critically hurt. Football competition still does little if anything to build character, and very little for a players' health.

Mr. Heiniger, says our athletic equipment "is in the best possible condition," but even with pro equipment injuries take place! Are the Trojans covered adequately by insurance to take care of injury? Should a hospitalization and life insurance policy be extended to our players? Strange as it may seem I'm looking out for the athletes.

S.R.L. '72

Dear Sport Rap,

This letter is addressed to Miss Boom Boom Betty '74. In the last issue you criticized the school for not letting females participate in cross-country or

football. Well let me get this straight. Our cross-country team, coached by Mr. Dean Slavens would more than welcome any girl who would want to come out. All I know is that there were only two brave girls on the other teams that went out. If you do come out, there is one stipulation which the coaches are against. You can't use our locker room facilities.

Chuck Lutz '73

Dear Sport Rap,

As everyone should know by now, Niles East has won its first home basketball game since February, 1969. By defeating Niles North on Saturday, November 27, Niles East has finally, in my opinion broken the ice. Those who are concerned with East basketball will now view it with greater enjoyment. As of this year, the Trojans will begin in the long process of improving themselves.

With Mr. Gary Cook coaching, Niles East can be assured of future winning teams. He has taken prospects and built them into an explosive machine. The players themselves have picked up the winning spirit through his great leadership.

Personally, I would like to congratulate the members of our 1971-72 basketball team for starting out the campaign with a victory.

Howard Meltzer '72

## Foilers Await Marshall

By Scott Jacobson

Nilehi East's varsity fencing team will host Marshall's fencers today at 4 p.m. in the indoor track.

In their first meet of the season, the Trojans fell to New Trier East 70-60.

It was a disappointing loss because Niles tied New Trier in bouts 9-9, but since a tie occurred, points were totaled, 70 touches against East and 60 against New Trier.

Junior Mike Winter and senior Lonny Fleischer led the Trojan fencers with a combined record of 5-1. (Fleischer winning two of three bouts and

Winter foiling for an undefeated 3-0).

On the frosh-soph level, sophomore Reid Sigman and freshman Brian Diamond, (neither who had fenced before), were victorious in each of their bouts to lead the squad.

Since fencing is not a very widespread sport, the explanation of a few rules follow.

On the high school level a round-robin tournament consisting of three fencers from each school is used. The object of each duel is to score five touches on the opponent. Each touch results in a point against the team. The school winning the most bouts, wins the meet. When a tie in bouts occurs points are totaled. Like golf and cross-country, the team with the fewest points receives the victory.