

Talent Show Reflects Protest

"Reflections," Niles East's annual variety talent show will be presented tonight, and tomorrow night in the Niles East auditorium at 8 p.m.

The title of this year's show is "A Handful of Us (A Chronicle of Concern.)" The theme centers around the history of protest in American society. With the help of music, song, dance, and drama, 250 students will present their comments on American life from 1910 to Unrecorded time. This spoof of society is traced through 21 musical acts. The entire cast will participate in the finale, which summarizes the theme of the show.

"Reflections" sponsors include Mr. Jerry Proffit, techni-

cal; Miss Sue Cohan, scenery; Mr. Leo Provost, band; and Miss Virginia Stemp, head of production.

Members of the cast include Jonathan Rest, Steve Schneider, Gary Rushakoff, Judy Fields, Sue Ann Gershenzon, Sandy Abeles, Laurie Sucherman, Sue Cypkin, Bonnie Siegel, Faye Estrin, Larry Saltzman, Gayle Kamen, Karen Beth, Katie Klehr, Marika Theodore, Kathy Abelson, Randi Simon, Sue Rosenberg, Vicki Zucker, Joan Goldberg, Linda Boyer, Gale Goldstick, Roz Berick, Pam Wallis, Marnie Bishop, Barbara Levin, Nancy Oken, Claire Ashley, Caryn Golbin, Nora Winsberg, Darcy Spitz, Maria Sobel, Judy Munn, Denise Vlad, Pat Brennan, Barb Isenberg, Blossom Oakey, Randi Ricci, Shelley Jaffe, Joanne Kaye, Karen Van Cleave, Laura Black, Julian Solway, Leon Natker, B a b e t t e

Black, Cary Hart, Cheryl Frazes, Preston Gould, Mike Balter, John Fish, Marcy Kipnis, Robin Gerber, Debbie Halperin, Harvey Pollack, Ellen Rest, Howard Golub, Steve Friedman, Steve Berenson, Harvey Koelner, Karen Kuppig, Holly Kaplan, Rhea Davis, Janine Cohen, Elysa Barack, Cheryl Palles, Charlene Kantor, Terry Langhaus, Al Witt, Sharon Mittelman, Cary Weintraub, Rom Stoller, Berdine Wishne, Leroy Meyer, Gail Mendelssohn, Barb Kupper, Jeff Nemetz, Chris Elliott, Karin Berg, Judy Tauber, Laura Krichevsky, Gary Covitt, Marsha Goldstein, Jeff Cook, Beth Fingerman, Carol Pepon, Bob Moss, Leslie Pliskin, Jerry Oher, Scott Farber, Bob Sibulkin, Rich Flower, Steven Lavine, Gary Fenchel, Joy Silver, Davida Shapiro, Karen Wachovsky, Chuck Kantro, Andrew Rosenson, Marc Schwartz, Larry Bress, and Marc Farchill.



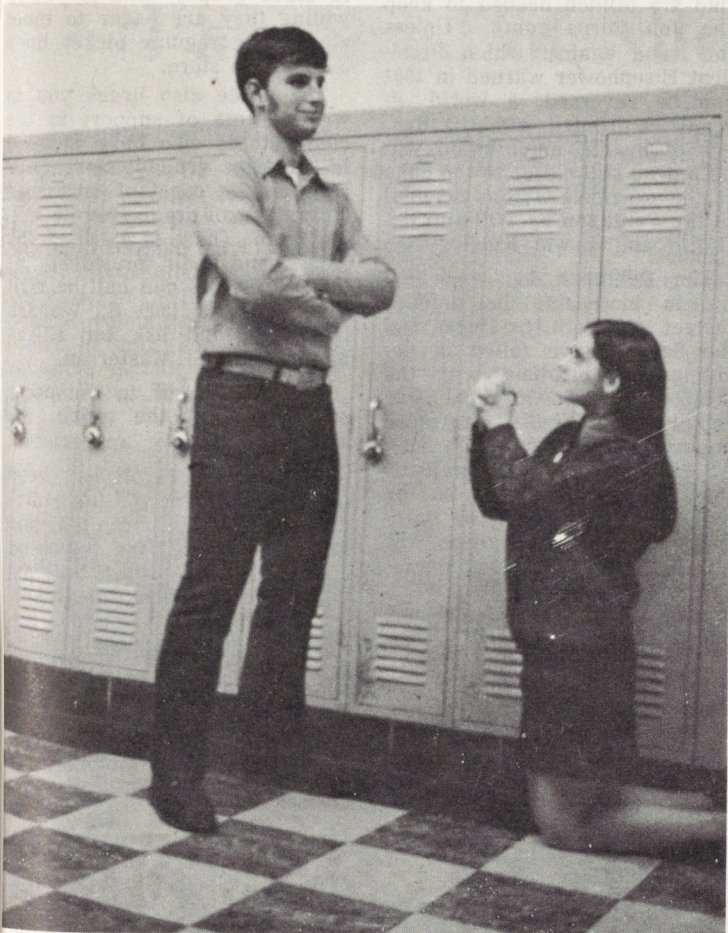
Taking time out from Reflections practice to smile for the photographer are members of the act Shipooi: Cary Weintraub, Lenny Meyer, Al Witt, Berdine Wishne, Sharon Mittelman, and Charlene Kantor.



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Girls Ask Guys To Valentine Dance

February 14, the Social House of Niles East will sponsor a Valentine's Day turnabout dance in the girls' gymnasium. The



The tables are turned when the girls will be asking the boys for dates for the up-coming Turn About Dance.

dance will begin at 8 p.m. and will be over at approximately 11 p.m.

Girls will buy tickets for the dance and ask guys, who must wear jackets and ties to the dance.

Before purchasing tickets for the dance, students will be asked to guess the number of candy hearts in a jar. The people who are closest to the correct number will be awarded free tickets.

At the dance a king and queen of hearts will be chosen by selecting names at random from those submitted by each couple upon entering. The king and queen will be given robes and crowns.

A photographer will take pictures of couples posing behind cardboard hearts. In addition, refreshments will be served, and a music group will perform. Any group that wishes to audition to play at the Valentine's dance should contact Judy Fields in Homeroom 229.

The committee in charge of the Valentine's Day dance includes Judy Fields, chairman, '72; Donna Epton, '71; Elaine Lake, '72; Rita Brumlich, '72; Marla Tater, '72; and Marla Baygood, '72.

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Students Audition For It's Academic

Fifteen students from Niles East will go to the WMAQ studio in the Merchandise Mart to audition for the "It's Academic Team", tomorrow, January 17.

Officials at the studio will question auditioning students in math, science, English, history and general information. The six top scoring students will constitute the team, three as regulars and three as alternates.

The chosen team will then have time to practice before competition with other schools.

Auditioning students are Art Davidson, 70; Jeff Factor, 70; Alan Gilman, 70; Stephen Green, 71; Michael Gilson, 70; David Levens, 70; Larry Levine, 71; Marylee Melvin, 73; Laura Lillien, 73; Andrew Rosenson, 72; Ira Shucker, 71; Frank Siemsen, 70; Stuart Osserman, 71; Alan Spitz, 70; Mike Shefsky, 71; Jeff Toback, 71; and Doug Wolfe, 72.

Dancers, Gymnasts Present Annual Show

On February 13 and 14, Friday and Saturday nights, Orchesis (the Niles East dance club) and the Girl's Gymnastics Team will present Fusion II, their annual show.

The program will consist of a series of student choreographed dances, apparatus, and free exercise routines performed to music. Rehearsals have already begun for the show to be given in the Niles East Auditorium.

Junior Orchesis and Junior Gymnastics, preparatory groups for the senior clubs, will each participate in one show number.

Tickets for Fusion II will go on sale shortly and may be purchased from any member of Orchesis or Gymnastics.

Niles Students Visit Mexico

Again this year Mr. Gentil Da Rosa, Spanish teacher, will sponsor a student trip to Mexico over spring vacation.

The nine day tour will include visits to Mexico City, Taxco, and Acapulco. Students interested in going on the trip need not be studying Spanish.

Mr. Da Rosa has arranged 250 available spaces to be shared between the Niles schools, Evanston, and Maine Township High Schools.

More information is available from Mr. Da Rosa in Room 248.

Student Union Hosts Coffee House

The Student Union is sponsoring a Coffee House on Friday, January 23 in the student lounge. The doors will be open at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$1 for students and \$1.50 for couples.

A professional singing group entitled Midge, Mike and Tim will perform. Students from East will also be entertaining. All kinds of refreshments will be served including coffee, peanuts, and snacks.

Students Study Urban Living

Project Wingspread, a voluntary instructional program in urban living, will begin during the second semester. Sixty students from the three Niles High Schools and sixty students from Austin High School will spend one-half of the second semester at the opposite school.

Niles East will house the program in District 219. Students will take regular classes in the morning and will participate in an "urban studies" course in the afternoon. Four teachers from District 219 and four from Austin will be assigned to the program.

Dates To Remember

Jan. 16, 17—Reflections: "A Handful of Us"	Jan. 20—Final Exams Periods: 2, 4, 8	Jan. 23—No School
Jan. 19—Deadline for pass-fail changes	Jan. 21—Final Exams Periods: 1, 3, 7	Feb. 14—National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test — East, West, North
	Jan. 22—Final Exams Periods: 9, 6, 5	

Don't Eat Scab Grapes for your own good

by Betty Rossen

(Editors Note: Betty Rossen is a student at Roosevelt University and a member of the Roosevelt Torch, the school newspaper.)

California grapes, now on sale at some stores, have been found, in a recent survey by an independent testing laboratory, to contain 180 times the amount of pesticide deemed "safe for human consumption" by Federal agencies. The uncontrolled use of these pesticides is not only a major issue in the United Farm Workers strike, but also, a matter which must be brought to the attention of consumers. The two major pesticides currently in use, are DDT and Parathion. The use of DDT has been banned by many states and federal agencies as a suspect cause in certain forms of cancer including leukemia and skin discoloration.

POISON!

Rachel Carson, in "Silent Spring" tells of a New Zealander, who when treated for obesity, developed symptoms of poisoning. His fat was found to contain poisonous pesticides which were being released into his bloodstream as he lost weight. Our bodies tend to store

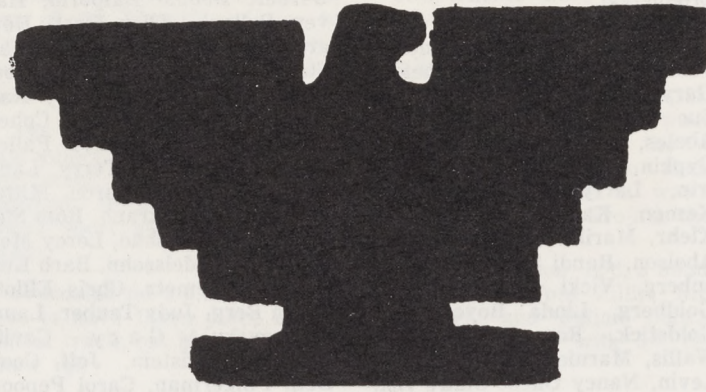
these toxic materials in the fatty tissue and no one really knows what the human tolerance to these pesticides really is, not the exact point at which they can cause disease or death. DDT has even shown up in studies done on mother's milk.

Parathion, originally developed as a World War II nerve gas in Germany, is also highly dangerous. It has been proven that the cumulative effects of this poison can cause severe liver damage, convulsions, loss of memory, insomnia, and severe brain damage.

ALCOHOL ACTIVATES

Tranquilizers or alcohol consumed by anyone with a high pesticide content in their body, activate the poisons and cause severe illness or death. A chemist, doing research on Parathion swallowed a small amount—approximately .00434 ounce; paralysis set in quickly. Unable to reach the antidote in time, he died.

These pesticides cannot be washed off by tap water. Many of them are oil-soluble and not affected by water. Officials of the Food and Drug Administration and the Department of Agriculture have admitted that they are not doing their job, and while many states and farm



Symbol of the grape boycott

industries are restricting their use of pesticides, the California grape growers are doubling the use of DDT. As the insects build up immunity to the pesticides this is what happens to the farm laborers: (Death rates of farm workers as a percentage of national rates.) Infant mortality, 125 per cent higher; Material mortality, 125 per cent higher; Tuberculosis, 260 per cent higher.

The average life expectancy

among the farm workers is 49 years.

The growers refuse to negotiate on this issue, because the use of lethal pesticides is in the interests of their net profit. Effective pesticides have been developed which aren't harmful to human beings, but which cost more. The big chemical companies, like Dow, also have a financial stake in the issue, for they produce and peddle the poisons.

Military-Industrial Complex Distorts American Priorities

by Steve Diamond

It has become increasingly, and to a few despairingly evident, that the military-industrial complex in this country has been allowed to grow to vast and largely unwarranted proportions. Eight years ago, President Eisenhower said in his farewell speech that, "In the councils of Government we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military-industrial complex." The American people have been caught sleeping, only today beginning to awake to find President Eisenhower's warning coming true.

One very evident result of this is the increasing national paranoia of "Red attack." Since the end of World War II, America has spent about \$1,250,000,000,000 in defense funds. These defense funds were procured for "national security," yet far from making this country more secure, it has led us to further appropriate billions of dollars for the proposed ABM system. It is the paradox of American society that we can spend "25 billion to send a man to the moon, and at the same time appropriate only \$124 million to fight the pollution of the planet we live on. This twisted sense of priorities has led us to spend

\$350 million on chemical warfare research while failing to find \$75 million needed to keep the Job Corps going. "Unless the trend against which President Eisenhower warned in 1961 can be reversed, a world already confronted with the danger of instant annihilation will be moved still closer to the edge of the precipice. (from *Scandal in the Pentagon* by William McGaffin and Erwin Knoll)."

The Pentagon has gone too far in increasing its defense budget, and both the House and the Senate have failed in deciding appropriations with the people's interests in mind. Our country is in need of far more important projects than the ABM or the Apollo projects. Our society's ideals are in the midst of change, and the paranoia that our generations are growing up and living under has consequences that are reflected in the racial tensions, moral differences, and varied philosophies of our divided society. The fact that one out of every nine jobs in this country is in some form of defense work is foreshadowing of the recession predicted for this decade. And the recession will come all the sooner if the American people fail to check the Pentagon's defense spending now. The war machine must be stopped. Now.

Let Nixon hit the front pages eating poisonous grapes with a smug smile in support of free enterprise. But be aware that by buying and eating California grapes, you are not only hurting the strike, you are harming your body.

The boycott has been 35 per cent effective nationwide, in removing grapes from the large chain stores. The growers are hard-put to find outlets for their tons of scab grapes. Next time you open a can of fruit cocktail, check it out. It's almost half grapes. They are also being forced to use many of the table grapes for wine, a costly procedure, since table grapes take much more care in growing than wine grapes.

One of the biggest outlets for scab grapes has been the U.S. army. Uncle Sam is unloading eight pounds of grapes per G.I. in Viet Nam, per month.

To learn more about the Farm Worker's union, their origins, their grievances with the growers and what you can do about it write to: United Farm Workers Organizing Committee, P.O. Box 130, Delano, California.

In Chicago, the boycott is now 75 per cent effective. There was a long hard fight with A & P and with Jewel but they have removed the grapes from their stores. Kroger is the last hold-out of the big chain stores. The boycott committee in Chicago asks that you don't shop at Kroger as long as they continue to stock grapes. And if you're willing they are eager to meet you at the regular picket lines outside the store.

The office also urges you to write letters of support to the chain stores who have stopped in stocking grapes, since they are under constant pressure from the growers to resume selling them. There is a list of the stores and their presidents at the office. You can call or visit the office at 1300 S. Wabash (427-7078), and ask for Eliseo Medina or Bill Masterson.

You may want to volunteer some time at the office. All kinds of help are appreciated.

The Grape Boycott has been endorsed by over 200 top political and religious figures and groups including: the Reverend Jesse Jackson, the National Council of Churches, the Illinois Farmers Union, Senator Edward Kennedy, Senator McGovern, Adlai Stevenson III, Mayor John Lindsay. For they know it is their right as American citizens and human beings, not to be poisoned in the interests of big business.

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Scream of Consciousness

by Deborah Ann Stavin

THE WORLD IN which we live is rapidly approaching total stagnation. It is our fault; our environment is only as polluted as we have allowed it to become, and it has come this far:

Lake Michigan is the source of drinking water for the Chicago area. If we continue to allow it to be contaminated at the present rate, it will be totally useless within nine years. Our fate may soon match that of the alewife unless something is done NOW.

The Chicago River is already dead. Its only possible use is transportation.

IN ONE DAY, the average Chicagoan breathes the equivalent of thirty cigarettes a day.

Within thirty years, the air will not be fit for human consumption unless we act NOW to have strong anti-pollution laws passed and enforced.

Petitions demanding such laws are being circulated throughout the neighborhood. One must be over eighteen years of age to sign, so urge your parents and neighbors to do so. (Do the officials of the city of Chicago think that our poisoned air affects only the voters?)

THERE ARE things that WE can do:

WMAQ-TV is compiling letters concerning pollution. They will be counted, and the number of signatures will be used in a statement calling for immediate action. The statement is to be presented to Mayor Daley, various city officials, and major pollutant corporations in the Chicago area. Any response (or lack of response) to the statement will be reported on WMAQ-TV (channel 5). Letters should be addressed to:

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According to David Jones of the Chicago Council of Foreign Relations, Skokie is Illinois' worst pollutant. If you observe any instance of pollution, you can report it by calling: 793-2562.

We are in grave danger. Don't wait until you are actually choking on every word . . . it will be too late.

Fight For Women's Liberation

by Barbara Schechtman and Deborah Stavin

There are serious doubts in the minds of many people as to the extent of women's freedom. Thus, the Women's Liberation Movement was founded. Although there is a basic lack of unity in the groups, they all agree that today's woman still suffers under forms of oppressions.

One of these is a subtle, social oppression. This consists of the various roles that women are expected to play in society. The major ones are sexpot, wife, mother, and secretary.

Women's Liberation Movement groups object to women being bred, like animals, to accept and fit perfectly into these roles. Men, too, are expected to accept their roles as family supporter, husband, and protector. In accepting his role in society, man is unconsciously keeping woman "in her place."

Women's Liberation Movement groups do not condemn man as the enemy of woman; they condemn society as the enemy of both.

We would like to discuss the role of sexpot because we feel

that it is the most significant role at our age.

The training toward fulfilling this role begins in early childhood, ("What are you going to be when you grow up, Tommy?" WHO'S YOUR BOY-FRIEND, SUZI?"), and continues through adolescence, when girls are intimidated by the fashion and beauty industries.

Sex sells everything. Most advertisements use the female body or the idea of it to sell their products. Women are being treated as objects. Did you ever stop to think about why a woman is called "doll", an

inanimate object to be played with; or "baby", a fragile, helpless creature? The makeup industry is booming because women are expected to be beautiful and if they aren't naturally breathtaking, they had better do their best to compensate with cosmetics. Women end up seducing their way to happiness, wealth and success. (Consider the classic picture of the mini-skirted, tight-sweatered, scatterbrained secretary.) The image of the dumb blonde permeates our culture. The image of the American woman can be summed up in this advice: Use your body, baby, not your mind.

Every day since the beginning of school this year 30 to 40 students have faithfully filed in to the auditorium for 6A student legislature meetings. Four and a half months and 12 committees later, what has legislature accomplished?

The process of investigating problems and devising solutions has been slow. The final results of most committee projects will not be seen for at least another month or two. In the meantime, the committees have outlined the work they have done.

Probably the oldest committee formed by legislature is the Open Campus Committee. They began their work in September with a group of students, teachers, and administrators. Recently, Dr. Colver and Mr. Van Cleave visited a Rockford high school that has adopted an open campus policy. This school was picked for its similarities to East in size, function, and community. On February 2, ten more committee members will visit the Rockford high school. A favorable reaction to Rockford's system indicates the possibility that East may eventually adopt a similar system.

To further enhance the educational system at East, Shelly Kagan is heading a committee in the attempt to expand the present pass-fail system. "Gym

should definitely be pass-fail," Shelly commented. All further suggestions will be presented in a report at the end of the month.

As an off-shoot of student legislature, a group to deal with controversial issues has been formed. This group composed of students, teachers, and Dr. Colver planned the November teach-in.

Several more day-long teaching programs are planned for this year. Pollution problems will probably be the focal point

Committees Activate Legislature

of the next program. Further programs have been suggested to investigate urban problems, political theory, and population explosion.

'Education can be what we want it to be,' seems to be the philosophy behind the Curriculum Committee headed by Mike Feldman. A great amount of the work done for Project Apex has been done by these students. Project Apex is only a beginning for this committee. The members hope to improve every de-

partment by formulating constructive programs for change.

No curriculum programs will be of any help unless the students have an efficient means to get to school. Joel Nathan is leading a busing committee to improve the system and provide maximum convenience for the students. The committee has proposed more buses on overcrowded routes, early dismissal and late arrival buses, and extra buses at more departure times after school.

For those who drive to school the parking committee headed by Rich Marcus '70 is trying to establish a student parking lot. To further increase parking facilities the committee is attempting to remove the 90-minute parking signs from the streets near the school.

Until an Open Campus policy is instituted at East the majority of students will eat in the cafeteria. Mike Gilson '70 has been working with his committee to improve the cafeteria. If an expanded budget is approved the cafeteria may be redecorated (possibly the student lounge also).

All possibilities for change at East are being discussed in legislature. The action initiated by committee reports will be visible soon. We can only wait and see.

Why Not?

by Ray Scofield

Ed. note: The following poem was written in 1968 at a Language Arts Workshop in Eugene, Oregon. I have reprinted it here because it expresses my personal opinion of our educational system much better than I could express it myself.

- Why not say that school is for kids rather than teachers or janitors or secretaries or cooks or architects or even principals?
- Why not say it and believe it.
- Why not abandon required homework and put a few kids on the streets or reading books or watching tv or talking with a friend or waiting for a sunset or picking pimples or just sitting?
- Why not throw out mandatory homework and find another way to intimidate kids?
- Why not bite your tongue hard and justify all the busy work you've pawned off on kids under the guise of "excellence in education."
- Why not eliminate homework and find a better way to teach cooperative cheating?
- And if all else fails
- Why not try to excite, stimulate, energize, or inflame a kid and let the homework take care of itself?
- Why not build a humanities cafeteria with an a la carte line loaded with goodies.
- Perhaps a student will learn to serve himself occasionally without always waiting sheep-patiently for the waitress to push the well-cooked curriculum du jour into his hands and into his head into his heart the leftovers into his intellectual garbage can.
- Why not advertise the delectable and diverse dishes from language and lit and composition and LIFE and maybe just maybe MR will be known as Motivational Research rather than Mentally Retarded.
- Why not stop drawing and re-drawing the floor plans of our homemade curriculum prisons with every fetter in place anchored securely with the cement of whatever's current from the past?
- Why not (indeed) stop drawing fresh plans of old prisons and start tunneling or scaling or vaulting or even scratching a little.
- Why not try to find relevance between what goes on in class and something else anything else?
- Why not ask a parent for help or a teacher or a curriculum consultant or the United States Commissioner of Education?
- Why not ask a life guard or a truckdriver or a poet?
- Why not retire the miniature federal reserve board in every school that controls the banking practices in classrooms?
- A kid earns a credit and puts it into the bank and once it is safely deposited he throws away all of his notes and admits original ignorance just another virgin brain with thirteen credits in the bank.
- Earn another credit and put it in the bank earn still another credit and put IT in the bank earn them, bank them, forget them earn'em, bank'em, forget'em findem, earnem, bankem, forgetem.
- Why not claim language as our rightful stock-in-trade our raw material and also our finished product
- Why not help a kid take pride in the power of language personal and social
- Why not help a kid use language to communicate with an editor a draft board a girl or to discover the nobility of man?
- Why not dissolve the red ink communion (the grades that DEgrade)
- Why produce self-satisfied grade mongers judging their worth by OUR standards that make credit bankers out of philosophers that make us teach multiple choice knowledge and that convince kids that the dung beetle who collects the biggest cognitive ball is best.
- Why not try to evaluate kids honestly individually
- Why not try to find what a kid learns from you rather than what he hasn't learned from his past teachers.
- The difference between a student and a teacher should be something more than a grade book or an answer book.
- Why not make attendance optional?
- If the multi-mediaed McLuhan is right and going to school interrupts education
- Why not entice with connections to life not plague with demands for inconsequence
- Why not take your eyes off the rear-view mirror long enough to think September 6, 1999
- What will IT be? pain? vitamin-enriched soma? darkness??
- Why not look into a crystal book or ball and find out and at the same time find out how your classes can let a student want to learn throughout life or make him mankind-sensitive or let him see his choices and decide or show him how to love himself or prepare him for more leisure time AND for cybernation one cybernation under IBM indivisible with conformity and structure for all. Maybe.

Personal Essay

I am tired of Niles East!

by Rona Bass

This month, twenty-three seniors are graduating from Niles East. This special early graduation is offered for students who have fulfilled all the graduation requirements, with the exception of eighth semester physical education, by the end of the seventh semester. The graduates include Cheryl Alexander, Rona Bass, Janet Bonem, Steve Diamond, Roberta

Fedz-Rojo, Bernard Gottlieb, Debra Halperin, Steve Kaminsky, Ivy Katz, Jackie Kohn, Kenneth Kravitz, Larry Lance, Mike Madnick, Mark Miller, Debra Mizock, Julie Neider, Carol Nigut, Edal Petroski, Jan Rubin, Ron Schiff, Robin Stein, and Gary Trendler.

The difference between this year and previous years is that there are four times as many

January graduations as usual. Last year, five students graduated early.

A chief reason for the higher number of graduates centers on boredom with school. High school fails to fulfill the needs of a sixteen, seventeen, or eighteen-year-olds. No reason exists to stay in school. For the students who have already been accepted by a college, high school just becomes a waste of time. We have better things to do than come to school.

Many of the early graduates are going to work full-time to earn college money. Some kids are moving away from home; some are going to travel. Some are just going to take it easy for a while.

I am graduating mid-year because I'm tired of school. School is a terrible mill to keep grinding in for 13 years. I decided a nine-month vacation would be the best preparation for college.

I was also unhappy at Niles East. School is a bore — I am beyond most of the trivial irritation they call "educational process." The only way a person can truly escape school is to quit or graduate. I was tired of grades, curricula, schedules, screaming teachers, demerits, detentions, referrals, p.a. announcements, lay supervisors, security guards, locked bathrooms, censorship, dress codes, the cafeteria, the ivy, venetian blinds, dirty halls, . . . in short, I was tired of Niles East.

I have been here three and a half years. That's too long. I am bored, sickened, and tired. I would rather work a forty-hour week in an office. At least I have chosen to be there and I'm getting paid for my effort.

Even though I'm leaving this school, I will be back for graduation; I wouldn't miss that final farewell for anything.



Several of East's early graduates clown for the cameraman.

Injuries Hamper Gymnasts Effort

by Jerry Kupfer

The Niles East gymnastics team, although plagued by injuries, has been sparked by fine individual performances during the last few meets.

Senior Al Weiner has been a consistent winner, scoring in the high sevens and eights on the trampoline.

But many injuries have put the team in a bad spot, forcing Coach Sokalski to fill those positions with inexperienced men.

When all-around man, Dave Cech, injured his back prior to the Niles North Invitational, Bruce Epstein and Ken Schiffman had to fill in for him.

However, Epstein and Schiffman came through for the Trojans very well with Epstein taking a fifth place in the all-around competition.

Al Weiner once again proved his own by taking first place honors on the trampoline and third place in the free exercise event in the North Invite.

Gary Michaels also chipped in for the Trojan cause by taking fifth on the trampoline and junior Al Weinberg took seventh on the sidehorse.

On January 3, Niles East hosted Niles North in a dual meet which the Vikings won although the Trojans came up with good individual efforts again.

Dave Cech, recovering from his back injury, came through for the Trojans by leading the

team to a clean sweep of the parallel bar event.

Cech took first place on the p-bars with a good 8.05 average with Ken Schiffman and Bruce Epstein following him up in second and third places respectively.

On trampoline, Niles took a first and third with Al Weiner and Gary Michael putting in fine performances.

Throwing his new double-back somersault dismount, Sandy Gallai and his teammate, Larry Krause, tied for first place honors on the still rings event.

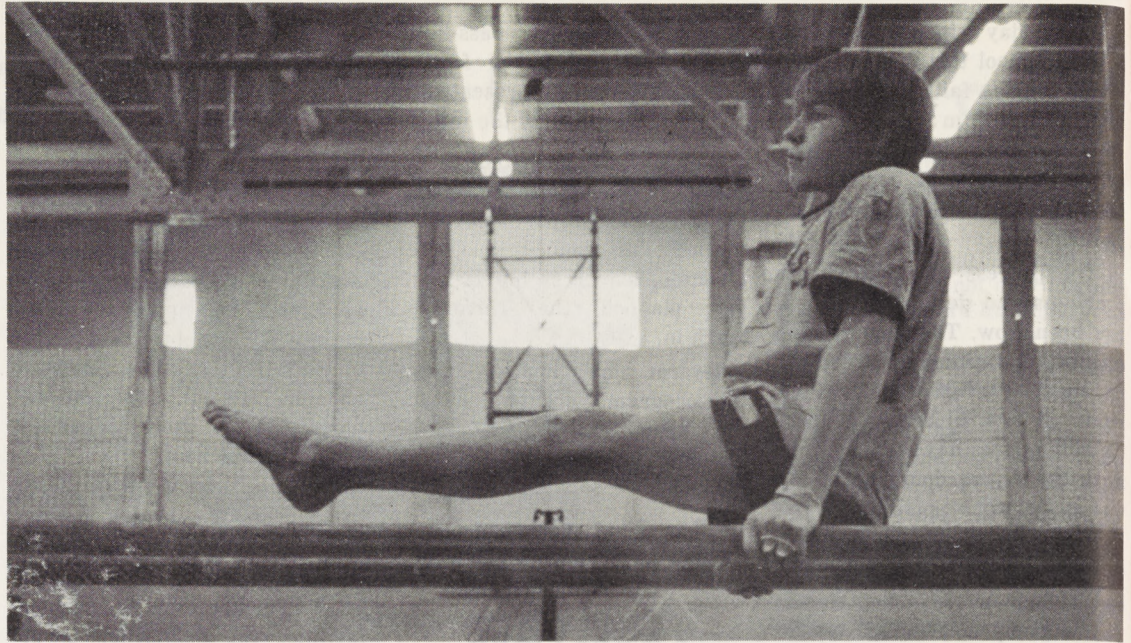
In their next meet, the Trojans travelled to Oak Park for their first Suburban League contest.

Although the Trojans took four out of six events, they lacked depth and fell victims to the Huskies, 114-96.

Once again, Dave Cech was out with a sprained wrist and some sophomores had to be moved up to fill in, thus sacrificing valuable points.

However, the Trojans did do well individually with Larry Krause taking first on the rings and Ken Schiffman taking first on the parallel bars.

Pleasantly surprising was David Apple, a sophomore, who took first place in the free exercise event with a 7.8 average. Al Weiner took second in that event.



ROBERT LARSON, a freshman, practices his parallel bar routine. In a couple of years his practice could pay off. Right Seymour?

Cagers Lose 11th Game

Pity Coach Sheldon Bassett. Pity his players. Most of all, pity the poor die-hard Trojan basketball fan.

Why? Because the Trojans have now lost eleven straight games, and their latest defeat was the worst to hit them.

New Trier East murdered the Trojans, 100-38, last Friday night, and by now, the coach, players, and fans should be immune to any pain resulting from such a defeat.

But on the brighter side, there

are only 45 days left until the basketball season is over, that is, unless the Trojans go on to win the state championships.

Meanwhile, the Trojans will have to put up with more days like the one against New Trier starting off with a game at Morton East tonight.

Against New Trier, the Trojans were swamped largely due to the play of Bill Kosick who scored 39 points.

Trojans' center Mike Dooley had the dubious honor of cover-

ing Kosick which proved to be a mission impossible.

The loss to New Trier put the Trojan Suburban League record at 0-4 which doesn't include seven other games the Trojans have lost this year.

Three of those losses came during the Niles North tournament over winter vacation. The Trojans lost to Warren, Niles North, and Grant which placed them eighth in the eight team tourney.

But the Trojans did have their chances in the tourney, especially against Warren, whom they led with six minutes to play in the game.

In a neck and neck battle, the Trojans surged ahead, 50-47, with six minutes left to play.

But Warren came back due to several Trojan errors to win the game, 65-58.

In their other two games in the tourney, the Trojans lost to Niles North, 93-73, and to Grant, 68-54.

The loss to New Trier made it eleven in a row for Troy and now the Trojans have eleven more to sweat through.

Cods Collapse Against League Opponents

When the Niles East Cods (swimmers) face non-conference teams, they do fairly well. Last year, for instance, they won the Aqua Pentathlon, beating out four other teams.

But when it comes to swimming against the Suburban League teams, it's another story for the Cods.

It's not their fault. It's just that the other teams in the league are so much stronger than they.

The Cods started off the season by beating Niles North and Elmwood Park. Then the Suburban League schedule began, and the team began to sink.

Highland Park, Oak Park, and

New Trier East have beaten the Trojans big.

Last Friday, it was New Trier's turn to win, and they did so in style, 76-19.

Rick Schubert and Bruce Herman came away with the only Trojan honors in that meet, winning the 100 yard fly and the 100 yard breaststroke respec-

tively.

And, of course, John Peterson, the workhorse of the team, swam sophomore and won the 200 yard freestyle event. He's the Cods' superstar of the future.

Tonight, the Trojans float over to Evanston, and if they're smart they'll bring life preservers along with them. The Kits are destined to drown them.

Fencers, Wrestlers, Edged Out

While the basketball and swimming teams have spent their time lately getting mauled by their opponents, the Trojan fencing and wrestling teams have lost a couple of close ones.

The fencers, who beat last year's state champs, Marshall, lost to highly ranked Maine South, 10-8, on December 18.

The wrestlers, usually big losers, came awfully close to beating New Trier East, but lost, 29-19.

For the fencers, the loss to Maine South put them back in what seems to be a three way fight for the state championship with Maine and Marshall.

After losing to Maine, the fencers came back to whip New Trier West, 14-4.

Al Acker and Tom Phillip went 3-0, and Rich Waysdorf, fencing on A-strip for the first time, went 2-1. Then at the Notre Dame meet, the fencers beat out Maine South for first place.

All the varsity fencers have averages of .500 or better, which means the team is strong on both the A and B strips.

The fencers have the depth they need to carry them to at least third in state, but the wrestlers are very weak in

depth and their record shows it.

In his second year as wrestling coach, Mr. Ron Hutcherson has yet to see his team win in a dual meet. The day that the Trojans do win one, the coach will probably do cartwheels.

The wrestlers seriously lack experience. They have freshmen and sophomores filling the places where experienced juniors and mostly seniors should be.

Against New Trier last Friday, the depth problem cost the Trojans a victory as they were in the meet throughout its entirety.

Jeff Patt, a sophomore, beat his opponent, and Ralph Sataloe and Craig Yale pinned their opponents.

Ken Kravitz and Mike Ross also won their matches, but it wasn't enough.

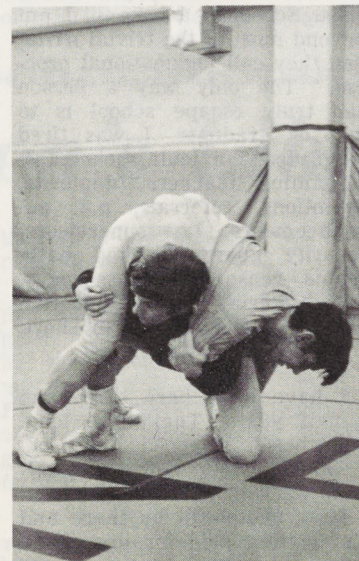
The meet could have swayed either way because some of the Trojan losses were just by a point or two.

If there were any semblance of depth on the team, which Coach Hutcherson has been searching in vain for the past two years, the meet could have been a rout in the Trojans' favor.

The loss to New Trier made the wrestlers' Suburban League record, 0-3, with the other defeats coming against Oak Park and Proviso East.

In the New Trier meet, the wrestlers used the videotape machine to see their mistakes later in practice.

But the main problem still remains in the lack of depth. On the bright side, though, the sophomores beat New Trier, 41-6, which may mean a better future.



MIKE ROSS AND RALPH SATALOE (top) demonstrate the expert balance a good wrestler must have.

Playoff

Bear on Draft

by Bruce Wolf

ONE WEEK FROM MONDAY all Chicago Bears fans will focus their attention on the college draft in which their team will pick a player that will supposedly help lift the Bears out of their present drastic state.

The Bears, of course, earned the right to the number two pick for their brilliant action which included such displays as 12 men on the field, an intercepted snap, blocked field goal efforts, and chicken bleep.

Now who will the Bears pick? Some people have said that since the management has been so dumb this year, they'll probably pick a middle linebacker. After all, what more do they need than a good, solid substitute for Dick Butkus?

The trouble is, though, that Dick might get so mad at the Bears for having so little faith in him, he might bite off one of George Halas' fingers.

SO FOR THE SAFETY of the Bears' front office, it would be wise for them to confine their pick to some other kind of a player than a middle linebacker.

And the Bears could use a player in just about every other position.

Among the top picks will be Mike Phipps, Mike McCoy, Terry Bradshaw, and Steve Owens.

Whether or not the Bears will take one of these players is difficult to believe for the Bear fan.

AFTER ALL, a team that is made up of so many free agents who don't get paid too much and a team that has traded away or let go of players like Roosevelt Taylor, Bill Brown, Jim Nance, Erich Barnes, Richie Pettibone, and Doug Atkins, can't possibly make a good pick. Can they?

Even if the Bears made a good pick, let's say, and took Steve Owens, just how much could he help a team that completely fell apart this year?

What the Bears will probably do is trade their right to the second draft choice for an experienced player. This would most likely take the headache of a big fat paycheck for a rookie away from George Halas. After all, Halas is no Sonny Werblin. He's not about to shell out \$400,000 on a prospective rookie.

My belief is that the Bears should trade George Halas, Jim Dooley, Sid Luckman, and Abe Gibron for Coach Harkema and his crew. But I doubt Niles East would make the deal.