

Board ok's Spirit committee, school

by Dennis Kaplan and Robert Feder

Despite their earlier reluctance, the Nilehi Board of Education on November 26 approved both the School Spirit Committee at Easthi and the district's new alternative learning program.

Conflict arose

The board had postponed its decision on the Spirit committee when it first was presented for approval on October 22. Some board members and students present at the meeting objected to the group's original constitution, which they felt conflicted with that of East's Student Senate.

UPON REQUEST OF board president Shirley Garland, Spirit committee chairman Gary Elkins agreed to revise his constitution, deleting those parts the board found objectionable.

Administration support

Elkins re-wrote the constitution, which was accompanied on its second try before the board with a letter from East principal Arthur Colver noting the changes and urging its acceptance.

Superintendent Wesley Gibbs also indicated that the committee had the support of the district as well as building administrators.

IN A RELATED development, one hundred Easthi students objected to the Spirit committee in a letter to the Nilehilite (see page three). In it, the students claimed that "Elkins derives more support from the administration than from students."

Gottreich dissents

Following more discussion (during which Mrs. Garland referred to East's Student Senate as "their student council or whatever the kids are calling it these days"), the board approved the committee.

BOARD SECRETARY James Gottreich was the only dissenting member, reiterating his earlier concerns that "there doesn't seem to be much difference between the School Spirit Committee and the Student Senate." He questioned the necessity of having a second group when the Senate is "already doing a good job."

Alternative accepted

Approving what is essentially a fourth

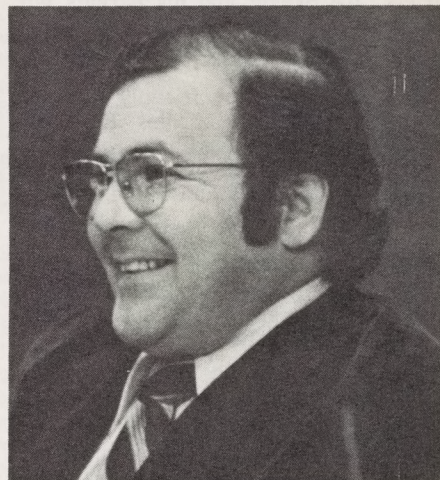
division of the Nilehi schools, the board unanimously accepted the plan of two teachers to form an "alternative learning program" for students who feel "turned off" by the present school structure.

TEACHERS ROBERT FIZZELL and Joan Macala clarified certain aspects of their program such as the determination of failures, college preparation, and integration of other courses for the board.

The program, which carries the unanimous approval of the district's Educational Policy Development Committee as well, is scheduled to begin at once.

Next session

The board is scheduled to meet again Monday, December 17, 8 p.m., at 7700 Gross Point Road, Skokie.



Board member James Gottreich voted against approving Easthi's School Spirit Committee on November 26.

Senate progressing well

Despite occasional clashes over parliamentary procedure and insufficient time to complete each meeting's full agenda, Niles East's Student Senate has issued influential statements of opinion with regularity, has become a forum for many groups in the school community, and has sought to serve the students of East as a diligent spokesman and problem solver.

PRAISE FOR THE SENATE'S work thus far has come even from students at North division, where an editorial in the newspaper, the North Star, commended "East's working Senate of 40 members."

At a meeting last month, East principal Arthur Colver told the Senate, "you've become really involved in some crucial issues that pertain to the educational program. That's the way it should be."

RESPONDING TO THE SENATE'S October 29 resolution condemning teacher supervision of hallways and cafeterias, Dr. Colver called certain contentions "disputable," though he said the conclusions "were certainly valid."

He said that the spirit in which the resolution was adopted was accepted well

by both administrators and teachers. "It's the kind of thing you ought to be doing," he said.

DR. COLVER CHARACTERIZED recent administration-faculty troubles as "the first serious problem that I can recall at a building level."

While accepting some of the responsibility for the hostilities caused by the implementation of supervision, he defended the philosophy of such assignments. "The teacher's purpose in school is to relate to students in as many ways as possible," he said.

The current program is solving many of the problems caused by excessive hallway noise, which he called, "the most consistent complaint of the staff over the past five or six years." Dr. Colver did emphasize that supervision of any kind would be unnecessary if students would "demonstrate more responsibility."

STUDENT SENATE REGULARLY meets during 12th period (2:15 p.m.) on Mondays and Thursdays in Room 222. All students and staff may attend. Agendas for each meeting are posted on the bulletin board outside the main office.



Key Club officials (from left) Richard Short, Robert Sommerman, and James Cohn recently presented a \$300 check to Bernie Salzman, director of the Orchard Center for the handicapped. (Photo by Michael Fryer)

Susan Petz body found

Upper New York state police Saturday found the body of 1970 Easthi graduate Susan Petz, who had been missing in the Adirondack Mountains since July 14.

MISS PETZ, 21, was a Boston University senior who would have graduated with a bachelor's degree in journalism last August.

Her father, Earl Petz of 5132 Jerome, Skokie, said she had gone on an overnight camping trip with a friend, Danny Porter, of Concord, Massachusetts.

POLICE FOUND Porter's car on July

19 in Wevertown, New York. The following day, Porter's body was found in a nearby wooded area.

Miss Petz's parents told Nilehilite reporter Ed Jacobs recently that they had given up hope that their daughter would be found alive. Saturday night the father said, "We thought we were prepared for this because this is what we expected; but it still comes as a shock."

DURING HER YEARS at Easthi, Miss Petz was involved in many activities, including cheerleading, Junior Cabinet, and French Club.

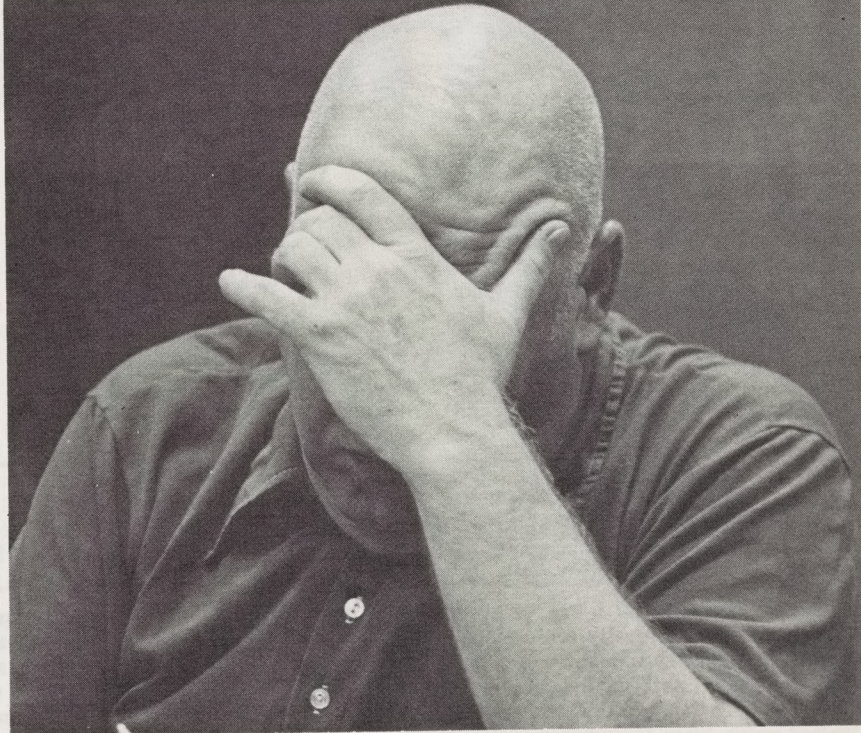
Rock concert here Saturday night

Redwood Landing and T.S. Henry Webb, two local rock bans, will be featured at a concert sponsored by Niles East's Special Education Club tomorrow night at 7 p.m. in the contest gym. WLS radio disc jockey John Landecker is scheduled to be master of ceremonies at the charity concert.

ALL PROCEEDS from the concert will be sent to the Jewish Vocational Service

and the Jeanine Schultz Memorial School, two organizations which serve as workshops for mentally retarded and emotionally disturbed high school students who cannot function effectively in a closed school environment.

Tickets are available in advance in the cafeteria for \$3 or at the door for \$3.25. Student Senate last week officially urged students to support this function.



A student at Niles East in the 1940's and the giant of Skokie journalism, Roland R. Moore, Jr. has reportedly sold his family's two-generation ownership of the Skokie News. Leader Newspapers publisher Hubie Masse told the Nilehilite he made a deal to buy the News, though Moore will still be retained as a "contributing editor." Earlier last month, Moore sought endorsement from the Republican Central Committee to run for Cook County Assessor, but he was rejected by the slatemakers. Moore is an older brother of James Moore, who recently resigned from the Nilehi Board of Education.

Russian Jew in U.S.

Joe Skevin: 'I didn't listen to all that propaganda'

by Ron Miller

In increasing numbers, the Jews of the Soviet Union are fleeing to Israel and America to seek the freedom of choice in religion and opinion and the opportunity to improve their standing in society that are denied them by the Soviets. Joe Skevin and his parents left their home in Riga (a city of 800,000 in Latvian U.S.S.R.) in 1971 and settled in Skokie last spring.

JOE, A QUIET but friendly student, is an active junior at Niles East. He converses in English with no apparent difficulty, having studied it for four years in the U.S.S.R. and having undergone intensive training before he arrived here. Eager to discuss his education there, Joe pointed out some striking contrasts in American and Russian life. While many Americans accept exaggerated notions of the strictness of the Soviet government, it is true that the average Russian does not possess the liberty to question its policies. Since the press and all segments of the economy are owned by the government, they present no interference. Because it is extremely difficult to leave the country, to learn the truth about the U.S. and other nations, the Soviet citizen must tune in to the Voice of America, BBC (Britain), or Israeli radio. Because he

listened to foreign broadcasts, Joe was not surprised that the America that greeted him was not the America described by the Soviets. "I didn't listen to all that propaganda anyway," he said.

THERE ARE FACTS about Soviet life that most of us do not realize. Unemployment and hunger are almost unheard of. Crime and poor housing also affect few people. The average citizen, therefore, does not become involved in social movements or political affairs outside those encouraged by the government. Even the younger generation, which Joe sees as less religious, tradition-bound or passive as its predecessors, is not out to change the world. Young Russians enjoy foreign (there is little native) rock music and are perhaps more serious about school than American students. In order to graduate high school, which they must do, the students must score high on four tests of math, Russian history and other subjects. To get into a university — there is not as great a variety in schools as in the U.S., but they are all excellent — the applicant must pass more tough exams. The graduate can also go to trade school, get a job or join the army. College training is paid for by the State. However, every student determines his own edu-

cation and career, contrary to a popular myth among Americans.

Joe's family travelled through Austria and Italy before flying to Chicago via New York. They chose this area over Israel because his grandparents live here. Residing for a time in Chicago, Joe attended Lane Tech for a year and a half and worked daily in his grandparents' store.

AT EASTHI JOE HAS BECOME involved in sports (soccer, and he's considering fencing), the Russian club, and he has joined the youth group at Congregation B'nai Emunah. He has made some interesting observations on his new environment. He commented on Americans' fondness for television. Russians spend their evenings shopping or attending cultural events. Joe was baffled by the welfare system. "People don't work and they get money from the government. Why should we work?" he wonders.

On the situation with the Soviet Jews, Joe confirmed the hardships they face in trying to emigrate. Since many Jews are engineers (like Joe's father), doctors and other professionals, the Soviets do not want to lose large numbers of them to western nations. But the Jews want to leave, believing, as Joe asserted, that



Joe Skevin (Photo by Scott Wexler)

"Russia is not a bad place, but Communism makes it bad."

Club news

Employers favor D.E. students

Distributive Education is a program of instruction which teaches marketing, merchandising, and management. At East it is a Work Study group for students interested in the business field.

Mr. William Coulson, sponsor of the Distributive Education Club of America at East (DECA) states that DECA is the pinnacle of work study groups. D.E. gets better quality students, who get more out of the program. DECA does more travelling than any other work study group, going to places like Lincoln, Nebraska. Atlantic City, New Jersey; and Springfield, Illinois for state and national competition, and meet other future businessmen to learn such business techniques as sales, advertising, and marketing.

MANY BUSINESSES FAVOR employing D.E. students because of their interest and related school study in that particular field of business. Mr. Coulson has all the students employed — this is part of the program. Local businessmen have come to Mr. Coulson year after year looking for employees, specifically from the D.E. program for their knowledge of the business field.

GOLDEN GALLEON

The Golden Galleon, Niles East's literary and art magazine, is composed of original manuscripts, poems, quotes, and artwork. It is published once a year and portrays the students' ambitions and talents.

Club sponsor, Ms. Jeanne Derichs, and the club members to share their ideas through writing.

HERE'S AN EXCELLENT chance to show your inspirations. Any students is welcome to contribute his work to the club and/or attend meetings. Meetings are held every Thursday at 3 in Room 143.

If you wish to contribute your work, cover sheets are available in the English office (Room 140) during any period of the day. Please write your name on the cover sheet only, in order to keep each piece anonymous during the time it's graded.

Unique learning center enrolls 77

by Michele Freed and Ed Jacobs

"Unique," "the only one of its kind," and "the finest program of its kind in the state," are all words used to describe Nilehi's innovative Off Campus Learning Center.

It is generally known that the administration has its offices at 7700 Gross Point road but, what is not so readily known is that tucked away from the offices, in an informal atmosphere, there presently stands a school for 77 students coming from all three Niles schools.

Coordinator of this special school, Michael Schack, explained that the school has students who have some amount of difficulty with a standard high school program and are guided to the school by their respective high school counselors, social workers, and Deans. All these people refer those students of above average intelligence to a review board, to evaluate the need for the school.

THE STAFF OF THE learning center is expertly trained in the fields of special education as well as standard courses like history and math. Included on the specialized staff is a full time social worker who has the opportunity to work with everyone, unlike at a conventional high school where he is literally swamped with students and hasn't sufficient time for all.

At the off-campus learning center, pre-vocational skills teacher Rick Selan told of the basic goals they are trying to gain at the school: the self realization of the students' strengths and weaknesses, social awareness and academic and vocational skills.

Attending this special school, the students also attend their regular high schools where the primary, objective is to fully insert them into a full high school schedule.

THE LEARNING CENTER has quite a few programs set up to encourage the students to keep coming to school and

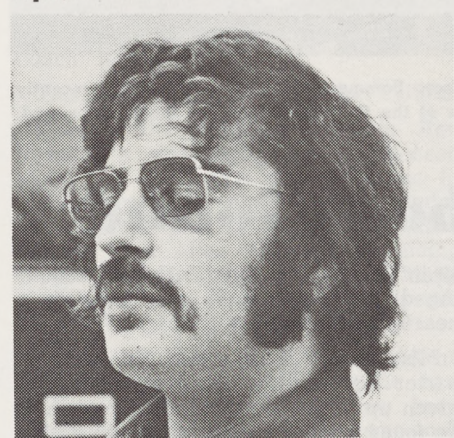
eventually graduate. This is shown in their Monday night program with the parents (which shows the schools concern for the students complete life.) Many problems a student may have at school might be attributed to a problem at home. Another added feature of the school is the program of having speakers such as, policemen and disc-jockeys who come in to talk to the student's. A major plus of the school is the small class size of seven, thereby assuring

good teacher-student contact.

The off-campus learning center has thus far been effective in its goals, and as a student at the school noted "People here are much more student oriented than subject oriented."



Michael Schack, coordinator of Nilehi's Off Campus Learning Center. (Photo by Michael Fryer)



Richard Selan, pre-vocational skills teacher. (Photo by Michael Fryer)

A new catechism

by Allan Glattorn

Who is the pupil?

A child of God, not a tool of the state.

Who is the teacher?

A guide, not a guard.

What is the faculty?

A community of scholars, not a union of mechanics.

Who is a principal?

A master of teaching, not a master of teachers.

What is learning?

A journey, not a destination.

What is discovery?

Questioning the answers, not answering the questions.

What is the process?

Discovering ideas, not covering content.

What is the goal?

Opened minds, not closed issues.

What is the test?

Being and becoming, not remembering and reviewing.

What is a school?

Whatever we choose to make it.

College notes

Washington and Lee—two of Virginia's great statesmen? Yes, but also the name of a small, proud University for men in rural Lexington, Virginia. A strong athletic and student activity program, 11-1 student-faculty ratio and the quality of the staff make this school noteworthy. (College notes is designed to provide obscure or interesting information to the many Easthi students planning their higher educations. We select notes from the several schools which send us information. The guidance resource room, 108, is the place to go for complete college information.)

Knox CollegeGalesburg, Ill.Tues. Dec. 11.....11 a.m.
Mundelein CollegeChicago, Ill.Tues. Dec. 11.....12:45 p.m.
Art InstituteChicago, Ill.Fri. Dec. 14.....1 p.m.

All representatives will speak to interested students in the guidance resource center, room 108. Those interested in attending should sign up at least a day in advance.

Suburban scene

The movie, "The Wackiest Ship in the Army" will be shown at the Skokie Public Library on Sunday, December 9 at 2:30 p.m. in the Petty Auditorium. The program will be open to adults, high school and college students and admission will be by ticket. Students must show a school I.D. for each ticket needed, and these may be picked up free of charge at the Reader's Advisers' desk in the library as long as they last. This is the second film in a three film series held at the library for adults and students. "The Graduate" will be featured on Saturday, December 15 at 2 p.m.

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Feedback

One hundred students rap pep assembly

Criticize Elkins

Dear Editor,

We the undersigned one hundred students of Niles East would like to call attention to Gary Elkins' handling of the Winter Sports pep assembly held in November. Elkins and his School Spirit Committee, of which he is chairman, did not give equal representation to the wrestling, fencing, gymnastic, and swimming teams.

We think that a member of the student body should not be allowed to organize a pep assembly supposedly representative of winter sports teams without the advice of coaches and student athletes.

It is apparent that Elkins' title for his organization is a misleading fabrication. It is an unprincipled organization, since Elkins derives more support from the administration than from students.

We have no complaints against Niles East having a School Spirit Committee. We recommend an organization more representative of the student body however. Let Gary Elkins run for his office in the same fashion that candidates for Student Senate president are elected — by a majority vote by the students.

DAVE MAYER, BILL BRO, STEVE FRITZ, SHALL, RICH BERLOW, JON STAVIN, MIKE BURKE, SCOTT SCHUCART, GARRY COHEN, HAROLD GORDON, JEFF ROCK, NEAL SHER, HOWARD NUSSBAUM, RON HAGEN, JEFF JAYE, GREG SALTERELLI, ED CALVO, PAUL DONES, MARK WILCOX, LARRY KING, PAUL MILSTEIN, ALLEN SAMUELSON, SUE KOZUB, LISA SABER, RICH IRSAY, ED BORG, STEVE POLICE, BARRY LIAMETZ, STEVE LIVING, MARLENE BRASLAW-SKY, KIM GOLDSTEIN, MAURICE STEIN, IRA NITZKIN, MICHAEL WOLFINSON, JIM KOLKO, CHIP AUERBACH, DAVID LACHMAN, DAN SMULSON, PHIL ADELMAN, AMY ROSENBERG, DEB-BIE ZOLT, MATT ROSENBERG, STEVE IRSAY,

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V. B. blues

Dear Editor,

We are writing this letter regarding the obvious mistake printed in the last issue of the Nilehile. The article concerned the recent volleyball tournament in which the Volleyball Jones won by playing teams of mediocre quality. We were on the Squeenies II and we accept our defeat like men.

However, the mistake was made by stating that the Volleyball Jones were the best team ever in the tournament's history. It should be pointed out that last year's original Squeenies not only were undefeated in the tournament, but shutout four teams and beat all the others including the faculty All-Stars by a humiliating margin.

If the V.B.J. think they are so good, let them challenge the original Squeen-ies to see who the real volleyball champs at Niles East are.

Ross "Spike" Pollack
Bruce "Set me up" Brantman
Jimmy "Jumper" Cohn
Don "Dunk" Diamond
Brad "The rocket" Lerman
Seth "Krishna" Gold
Leo "The net" Kelly
Mark "The digger" Zinman
Gary "The slam" Meyers

More on rank

Dear Editor,

I thank you for making my letter on class rank a guest editorial, but the most important point of the article was left out. I'm speaking of the fact that 77 per cent out of 3600 colleges polled no longer require class rank or grades as part of their admissions. 14 per cent still require rank and grades while nine per cent have no policy on this matter.

Julia Rath '74

Positive approach

Dear Editor,

There are three items with which we take issue in the November 9 Nilehile.

First, an apology is due to Bruce Brantman (62) and John Barnstein (72) for being incorrectly identified in the news photo as Maine West defenders. Obviously, a little more pride in your school and your team would prevent the opposition from getting the credit that belongs to Niles East. In fact, sections of the accompanying article read as though you were a 'plant' at Niles East from Maine West. You do yourself and

the school a disservice with this attitude. It should be the position of the school newspaper to build spirit and pride rather than tear it down. Realizing the power of the printed word should make the newspaper take a more positive approach — especially at East where, too often, the negative is the positive.

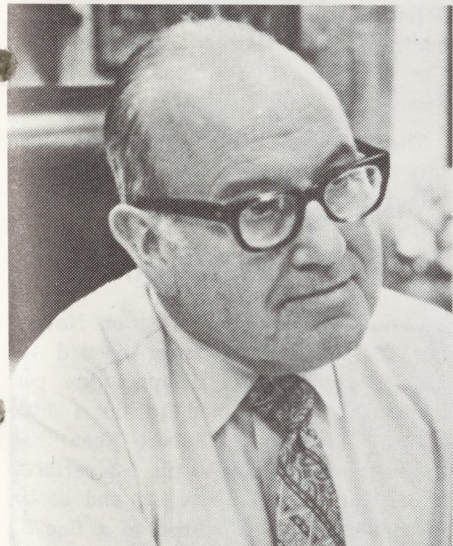
The second issue is the headline which, in the opinion of a few, is in bad taste. There is no need to use this kind of sensationalism at the expense of a fellow student. To capitalize on the problem of a single student smacks of commercialism. An inside column would have been more appropriate for this news.

The third item concerns the letter by S, M, D, L, etc. '74. While I cannot speak, personally, for all the judges. I would like to explain the choice of the judges. Those parents chosen to judge the floats are people who have taken an active interest in school activities and had no vested interest in any one float or group. The rules of float construction were clearly printed on the scoring sheets. Many of us have also had floats built at our homes and are aware of the work which goes into the construction of same. I do not know how others measured the criteria provided for scoring or why you feel 'chumped'. I do know that the float which I thought was best, visually, was not the float which received the most points on my sheet according to the requirements of the committee. This, I feel, is fair judging. I am sure that the others were as fair. I am sorry that you felt slighted. Care to talk about it?!

Mrs. Geralline Sommerman
Robert Sommerman '74

Hotline special

Where were they on December 7, 1941?



Mayor Albert J. Smith

Albert J. Smith was driving to a cemetery in Des Plaines to visit his father's grave with his wife, mother, and daughter. He was listening to the Chicago Bears game on the car radio when he heard the first news of the Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbor.

Wesley F. Gibbs was working in a supermarket on Irving Park Road in Chicago when he heard the news. Then in his early teens, his first reaction was positive. "At last the Americans could enter the war and end it," he thought.

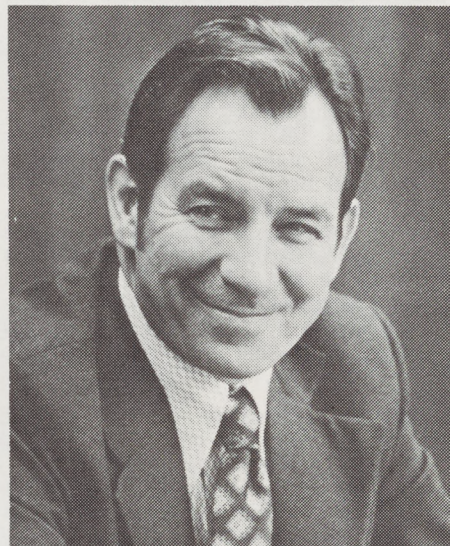
Shirley Horwitz Garland was standing in her kitchen in her West Side Chicago home. Only 14 years old then, she "no longer felt like eating" when she learned of the attack.

Irwin Ginsburgh, 15, was listening to the New York Giants football game in his New York City home when a friend walked into the room and told him.

Arthur C. Colver, 10, was at home in Galesburg, Illinois, listening to the Bears game. "Everyone was sort of shocked and angry," he recalls.

Lee Hawkins, 16, was listening to "Gene Autry's Melody Ranch" in French Lick, Indiana when he heard the news.

James R. Swanson was out for a Sunday drive with his parents and uncle



Dr. Wesley F. Gibbs

in a 1939 Ford near Gurnee-St. Charles, Illinois. Only seven years old, he was listening to the car radio.

Barbara Ray was a 12-year-old seventh grader at Roosevelt Junior High in Decatur, Illinois. When she heard the news at home, she got into the family car with her parents.

Kenneth Iverson, a student at the University of North Dakota, was sitting in the Student Union there when he heard the news.

Leonard Sachs was working on a top-secret project at a chemical warfare arsenal in Edgewood, Maryland when the announcement was made.

Nicholas M. Oddivak, 16, was at the Celtics Athletic Club in his home town of Aliquippa, Pennsylvania when someone began talking about the attack on Pearl Harbor. Hardly anyone there even knew what Pearl Harbor was.

Karl E. DeJonge, nine years old, was living in New Jersey and listening to the New York Giants game when suddenly it was interrupted by the news bulletin. "It sure better be important, if they're interrupting the game," he thought. The game was finished and the Giants won.

Hayward L. Wood, 21, was leaving



Mrs. Shirley Garland

the Granada movie theatre in Mount Vernon, Illinois when someone told him the news. "It was a crummy movie," he recalls.

Arnold Agnos was at home with his mother listening to "Truth or Consequences" on the radio. Remembering his family's experiences in war-torn Greece, they were "shaken" by the news of the attack.

Virginia K. Stemp was directing a rehearsal for a Christmas show at Lake Geneva High School in Wisconsin, when a kid with a radio told of the attack. Following the announcement, the rehearsal for that day was cancelled.

Bernard E. Welch, 16, was at a youth



Dr. Arthur C. Colver

church meeting in Huntington, West Virginia when he heard about the attack on Pearl Harbor. Two years later he was in the South Pacific as a Marine Corps medic.

Leonard Winans, six years old, was one of 1200 people living in Toulon, Illinois. The church bells were sounded in the town square and when the citizens gathered there, the announcement was made. He was "excited."

William L. Warner, 15, was leaving a movie theatre in Bradenton, Florida when he heard the news.

Louis M. Eyermann was preparing for work as a military inspector in St. Louis when he learned of the attack.

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Trojans capture tourney

by Dave Garlick

Niles East's basketball Trojans won three games last weekend including the championship in their own Thanksgiving Tournament; however, the roundballers lost to Glenbrook South on Saturday and are now the owners of a 5-1 record. The most successful week of East's basketball in many years began November 21, in Lake Forest where the Trojans defeated the Scouts 65-55. Jim Cohn led the Trojans in scoring with 18 points; Don Diamond netted 14 points.

THE FIRST annual Niles East Thanksgiving Tournament on Friday night matched Morton East against Riverside-Brookfield in the opening game and Lakeview and Niles East in the nightcap. East started slowly against Lakeview and at one point the lowly Cats led East 10-5. The men of Troy came back late in the quarter, however, with East taking a two-point lead. The Cats never threatened afterward as East rolled to a 75-46 win.

Morton played a 1-3-1 zone in the championship game on Saturday with the intention of shutting off Diamond. In the first half Morton's strategy was effective forcing outside low percentage shots. Still the Trojans led at the half 21-18. In the third quarter Morton dominated the boards and completely shut off the Trojan offense. With 4:29 remaining in the quarter Niles called time out trailing by 7 points.

Revising their offense the Trojans started to rally feeding the ball to Diamond and Art Isaacs. At the end of the third quarter East was down by three. Niles quickly took the lead on Cohn's jumper a minute into the fourth

and led until 3:18 were left in the contest. Morton held the lead after that until less than a minute was remaining to play. On a beautiful feed from Cohn, Diamond tied the score and sent the game into overtime. Niles controlled the tip-off and held the ball for two minutes. Then Morton fouled Diamond. Don missed the free-throw but Kurt Kiesel managed to pull down the rebound and was fouled in the process. Kiesel hit both shots. With time running out Ron Hoover of the Mustangs sank a desperation shot from far out.

AFTER SEVERAL exchanges in which both teams scored Diamond hit on a short jumper with only 6 seconds left on the clock to give the Trojans a 52-50 victory.

Ted Govadarica, last year's Central Suburban League scoring leader, had 30 points last week to lead the Glenbrook North Spartans to a 65-60 win over Niles East in the Trojans' league opener. East started the game without scoring until seven minutes had elapsed. After one short rally in the first quarter the Trojans led 8-5. This was followed by a Spartan rally and the Trojans failed to regain the lead. To the Trojans' credit they never gave up. Though they were down at the end of the third quarter 53-34, East fought back to make themselves look respectable and in the end cut North's lead to only five points.

The Trojans travel to Niles North to face the rival Vikings. When asked about sister school North following the Glenbrook contest Cook stated simply, "After tonight we will be ready."



Don Diamond (34) grabs a key rebound as John Harles (32) and Art Isaacs (20) look on. (Photo by Mickael Fryer)

Gymnasts trounce Eagles

by Dave Mayer

The Niles East gymnastic team opened its season last Friday with a victory over East Leyden 134.22 to 101.76. The Trojans lived up to Head Coach Tom Sokalski's expectations which he revealed to the *Chicago Tribune* that his team would reach the 130 point mark by its first meet. The free exercise unit comprised of Scott Harrison, Neal Sher and this sportswriter accumulated over 23 points, the highest total on one apparatus. Harrison ascertained a respectable 7.8 although he is expected to score considerably higher as the season progresses.

SHER RECEIVED a 7.6 for his routine and this author was awarded an 8.0 for his set. Pommel horse was the second highest point getter. Mike Burke, Bill Bro, and Barry Liametz accrued 22.7 points. Burke, only a junior, won an 8.3 for his performance on the horse while Bro and Liametz received 7.4 and 7.0 respectively for their routines. Horizontal bar featured some fine performances by Steve Irsay, Gary Siegel and Sher. Sher took first place on pipe with a 7.9.

Trampoline, usually a strong event for the Trojans, was one of the weaker events last week but is expected to rejuvenate for the next meet when Steve Pollice will return. Pollice was entered as an exhibitionist for the East Leyden meet; his score was 8.3. On parallel bars East Leyden contested the Trojans' supremacy on the individual events. Mike Cesario of the Eagles took a first place on p-bars with a 7.7. Barry Scher, Siegel, and Sher turned in excellent demonstrations for East to keep the Trojans' point margin substantial.

ON THE STILL RINGS Siegel, Sher, and Steve Kozub concluded the meet with a group score of 22 points. Siegel was given a 6.3. Sher executed a near perfect giant to handstand and a beautiful full twisting flyaway in his set good

for a 7.4 and rounded out his all-around average to 7.1 points. Kozub, "old reliable", finished up with an 8.3.

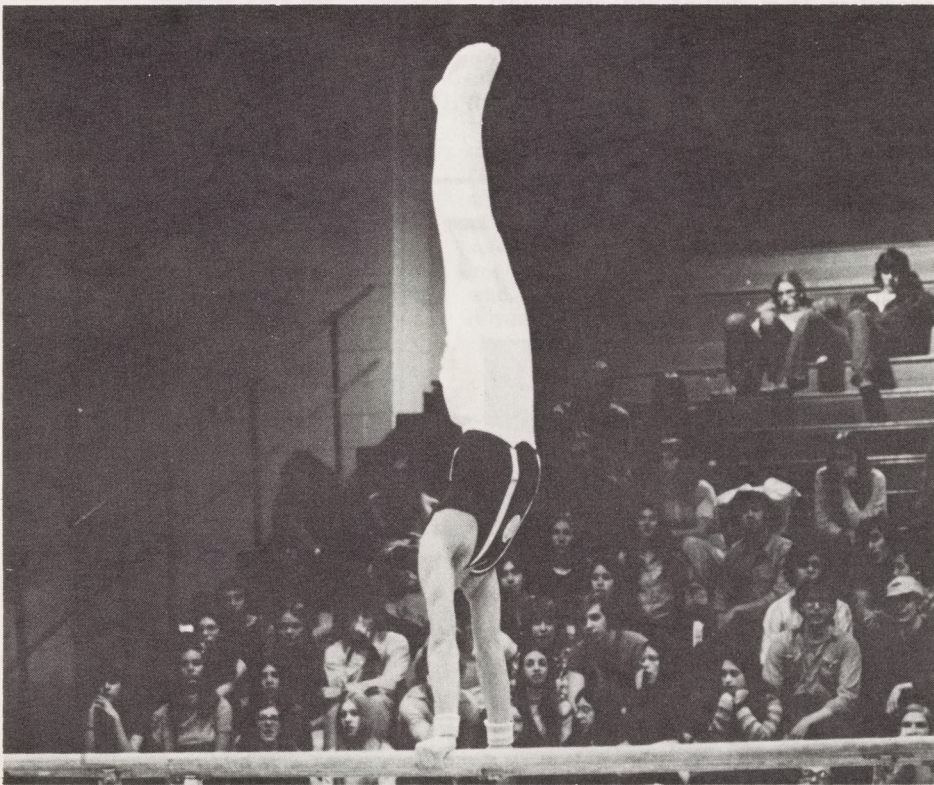
SHER WON THE ALL-AROUND event with his average closely followed by Gary Siegel who had a 5.66 average score. The freshman and sophomore teams began the season with victories. The underclassmen under the excellent tutelage of John Schrammel look like potential conference champions. Some outstanding frosh-soph performers are Greg Spillar, Mike Kolpas, Jeff Beard, Jon Stavin, and Rich Irsay.

The gymnasts will clash with Glenbrook North tomorrow at 7:30 at Northbrook.

Fencers disappointing

Losing 14-4 to Niles West on November 28, the fencing team opened the 73-74 season with a disappointing performance. "I expected to do a little better," said Coach Robert Keen. Ron Rovner was upset with his 0-3 performance, Kurt Leipold was 1-2, and sophomore Larry Labow fenced to a fine 2-1 record. The varsity "B" strip of Roland Huhn, Joe Jans and Jim Osness was 1-7.

THE FROSH-SOPH team was more encouraging. Lane Schultz won three and lost none. Scott Wexler was 2-1, including a "grit" (0-5 shutout) over his opponent. Allen Tish was also 2-1. The combined records of Sam Rest, Jeff Fogel, Barry Schmetter, and Bob Gold was 2-7, bringing the frosh-soph record to 9-9. The Trojans lost, though, because West scored more points.



Barry Scher will be one of the top performers on this year's gymnastic team. The Trojans opened their season with a victory over East Leyden.

Wrestlers fall to GBN 27-18

Niles East's wrestling teams opened the season last week with three dual meets in a four day period. The Trojans opened Wednesday night against the perennial Central Suburban League powerhouse, Glenbrook North. It was a disappointing night for the Trojans losing on all four levels, an event that

occurred only once last year. The scores were Varsity 18-27, J.V. 15-40, Soph. 18-30, and Frosh 27-39.

ON FRIDAY, the grapplers went north to Waukegan to dual with the Suburban League Power. The result was quite a few close and disputed matches with the Bulldogs and Trojans getting two decisions apiece. East won on the J.V. and Soph. level. Scores were: Varsity 16-28, J.V. 33-27, Soph. 36-30, and Frosh 15-20.

On Saturday, the Trojans faced Highland Park at home. East demolished the Little Giants on all four levels. The scores were Varsity 35-28, J.V. 47-11, Soph. 46-12, and Frosh 45-17. Undefeated wrestlers are Juniors Jeff Rock and Paul Kostyniuk, and Sophomores Larry Topol, Pete Christopoulos, Joe Colucci, and Todd Robbins.

AGAINST HIGHLAND PARK the performances of all wrestlers showed much improvement as compared to the opener against GBN. If this is a sign of the future for Niles East Wrestling, then Coach Richardi can be looking forward to many a trip to Champaign. Last Friday and Saturday, Niles East hosted its 3rd annual 16 team varsity wrestling tournament.



Dennis Maiorana enslaves his opponent during the recent Trojan Invitational. (Photo by Michael Fryer)

Tanksters lose first meet; chance for .500 season

by Jeff Weinstein

The Trojan tanksters started the 73-74 season at Elmwood Park on December 1, losing to the Demons. Following a dismal 2-11 record in their 72-73 campaign the tankers, under the direction of Head Coach Don Larson, are looking for a much better performance this year. Coach Larson commented that the chances of a .500 season is excellent. At the varsity level key performances are expected from Andy Ruttenberg and

Keith Baker. Juniors Rich Berkowitz, Ed Naumes and Rodrigo Lopez also are expected to help the varsity to a winning season.

A PART OF THE TEAM that is highly overlooked are the divers. This year the tankers have only one varsity diver, Jerry Wolff. The sophomore team is led by Bob Torstensson. The sophs give Niles East hope of having another spectacular swimming team at Niles Township.