

Support the
Trojans on
Homecoming
weekend!

East celebrates Homecoming '78

Homecoming '78 will be held tomorrow as the Trojans oppose New Trier West. The freshman game will begin at 9:30 a.m. followed by the sophomore game at 12 p.m. and the varsity game at 2 p.m. The Homecoming parade will begin at 9 a.m. in front of the school.

The Homecoming pep assembly was held today periods 4 and homeroom on the football field. The guest speaker will be Tim Weigel, channel 7 sports commentator. At the assembly, the cheerleaders will sell flowers. As in previous years, the "Most Spirited Class" will be selected. In addition, the class wearing the most flowers and the class wearing the most blue and gold, will also be honored.

THE HOMECOMING DANCE will be held Saturday night at 8 p.m. in the girls' gym. Tickets are \$3.50 per person at the door. The band Jam Track will perform at the dance.

The student body will elect a homecoming king and queen. According to Amy Lashinsky, Homecoming Committee chairperson, there will be no campaigning whatsoever.

THE COURT consists of the

top six juniors, and the winners were announced at today's Pep Assembly. "The girls and boys in the court will escort each other to the Pep Assembly to avoid any extra hassles," stated Steve Poznansky, Homecoming Committee sponsor.

"The floats will be built Wednesday, October 18, the week of Homecoming, although some of the schools in the area begin several weeks in advance of their Homecoming," commented Poznansky.

HOMECOMING COMMITTEE chairpeople include Chris Redlin, assistant chairman; secretary-treasurer, Audrey Fischhoff; Paula Miller, floats; Mary Ivener, king and queen; Linda Katz, pep assembly; and Karen Berman and Nancy Zimmerman, weekend program.

"The committee and the chairmen are all doing a wonderful job in their areas. Everything is going beautifully," said Amy Lashinsky.

The committee would like to thank James Swanson for his cooperation and help in organizing Homecoming activities.

East presents fall play

OUR TOWN, the Pulitzer prize-winning play by Thornton Wilder will be presented by the East theatre department Friday, October 27, and Saturday, October 28, at 8 p.m. in the East auditorium.

Jerry Proffit, theater director, feels that *Our Town*, which was written in 1938, still has some very innovative aspects in its staging. "The play was first performed without scenery. Only basic props were used," commented Proffit.

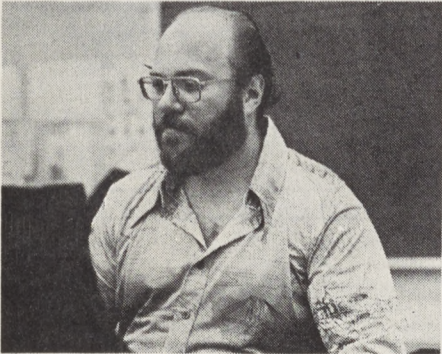
THERE ARE 38 students in the cast. Proffit added that the play is particularly good to perform because it allows for a large number of students to participate.

"The play is appealing because it deals with important events in life, such as marriage and love. The play is emotional for both viewers and the actors," stated Proffit.

PROFFIT ALSO BELIEVES that the students understand the play and are sensitive to the characters. "The students are growing into the parts well, and it promises to be a good performance."

According to Proffit, part of the play's future success should be attributed to the fact that many of the students involved have previous acting experience, with several planning on making their careers in theater.

"IT IS VERY helpful to have students with experience in the play. Each time a student acts he or she develops new abilities. Each role is



Frank Winkler, former East High music teacher, has resigned from East to become an accompanist for Sammy Davis Jr. (Photo courtesy of Yearbook)

better than the previous one," added Proffit.

Rehearsals for *Our Town* are held every day after school with approximately six hours of rehearsal on Saturdays. Each show has an average of 60 to 70 hours of rehearsal. Proffit did admit that the rehearsals might be a slight problem, as Reflections tryouts interfered with rehearsals.

Forum programs open to

"Niles East presents Forum programs for the benefit and enrichment of East students. Programs have wide-range political and social interest and may include a speaker on nuclear weapons or a jazz band," explained Mrs. Muriel Sucherman, director of Special Programs.

MRS. SUCHERMAN plans and arranges all the Forum programs. All the speakers are volunteers and receive no money for speaking.

As in past years the Forum programs will be presented during school hours and all students with free time are invited to attend. The presentations are often pertinent to

Winkler leaves East

Teacher joins concert tour

Frank Winkler has resigned as director of the East chorus and orchestra to accept a position as piano accompanist for Sammy Davis Jr. He will be travelling in Europe on a concert tour for three weeks.

FOR SIX WEEKS this summer, Winkler played with Sammy in the musical production "Stop The World I Want To Get Off" at Arie Crown Theater. The conductor liked the way he played and invited him to play at Sammy's apartment for a party, according to Winkler. After that, he was invited to play on the Phil Donahue Show with Sammy Davis Jr. The manager told Winkler he'd let him know if anything came up but Winkler commented that he didn't expect anything.

classes, and teachers bring their classes to the Forums as well.

"Unfortunately, speakers are not available all day, and because they are volunteers, I appreciate the time they can give us. But if I could, I would gladly have the speakers all afternoon," commented Mrs. Sucherman.

THE FOLLOWING is a list of the Forum programs scheduled for the next three months. All are presented in the student lounge, except where indicated, they are elsewhere.

October 24 — John Porter will speak 4th period only.
October 26 — All school assembly — auditorium.

TROJANS MOVE OUT WEST



HOMECOMING '78

Committee reviews closing

In a statement published in the East Daily Bulletin Friday, September 29, the District 219 Board of Education made known a "full disclosure of the facts" on the closing of East in 1980.

According to the statement, the Board adopted a position paper in June 1975 which included the following relevant statements:

The Board's decisions and actions must be based on its highest priority . . . a quality high school program for every student in Niles Township."

"Barring unforeseen developments, East will be vacated by September, 1980 . . ."

" . . . plans for 1980 and beyond are necessarily general and will be refined as more information is available. Major changes in plans could result if new circumstances develop."

New circumstances did develop recently, as Oakton Community College appeared interested in some space at North High School, which left

the community speculating as to which of the many rumors to believe that are currently making the rounds.

According to Rita Stewart, Building Manager at East, "There's no firm commitment from Oakton or anywhere else. We're just waiting, like everyone else, for the school board to decide. We don't really know otherwise," stated Stewart.

MISS STEWART was formerly on the committee in charge of closing East. "The committee worked through last spring," said Stewart. "We worked with a real estate research firm on how East might be used, but nothing is conclusive at this point."

According to the Board's September 29 statement, "the meeting was scheduled for October 18 but was postponed indefinitely because it appears now that no new important information is forthcoming on the closing of East."

The Board has promised to share any new information that is available.

Forum programs open to all students

November 1 — 4th period auditorium play on birth control ("That's what it is") by Planned Parenthood.

November 7, 8 — Alcohol Abuse Programs, sponsored by Lutheran General Hospital. Periods 1-5 on the 7th and periods 6-11 on the 8th.

November 15, 16 — Sergeant Kozub of the Skokie Police Force will present a film on self-protection. Periods 1-7 on the 15th and periods 8-12 on the 16th.

November 30 — 4th and 5th periods — Geraldine Aiuppa, faculty member at Oakton Community College, will be a guest. She will show a film and discuss Job Opportunities.

something you dream about but can never imagine happening to you."

THE GROUP WILL RETURN from Europe before Christmas and will then go to the West Coast. Winkler explained that his family may be moving to the West Coast in the spring. He added, "I can't imagine playing in Hollywood . . . I feel like Cinederella."

Winkler admitted that when he first told his orchestra at East about his resignation, he said, "Now get out of here before I start to cry." He also revealed with admiration that he had 17 very beautiful years at East.

FRANK WINKLER, now accompanist for Sammy Davis Jr. concluded, "I'm still in awe of the whole thing."

East deserves a chance

MORE THAN THREE years ago in June, 1975, District 219 School Board made, in its own opinion, the "regretful" decision to close East due to a projected enrollment drop of 61% of the peak of a decade ago. There were many reasons why East was singled out in the Board's estimation. East was the oldest school, had the smallest campus, and needed renovations as envisioned in 1974 of \$2.9 million. Therefore, on that June day in 1975 the Board stated "barring unforeseen developments," East will be vacated by September of 1980.

Everyone who has been following the recent developments surrounding the East closing knows that there have been "new" unforeseen developments. To this day, there is no prospective buyer for the building while there is "possibly" one for the Niles North. The "possible" buyer or leaser of some space at North is Oakton Community College, which has expressed a sincere interest in making Niles North its Eastern Campus. North is close to Old Orchard shopping center and near the highway for the convenience of OCC's commuting students; therefore, making it a logical extension for OCC.

WITH THIS NEW interest on the part of OCC in buying or having some space at North, there has been a great deal of protest by some North students and parents. These people feel that under no circumstances should the

Board close North, forcing their kids to attend a "substandard school." This view is totally ludicrous. Sure, East needs some renovations, but with the additional revenue from the North closing, East could get the renovations plus provide new educational and extra-curricular programs for all of its students.

In the past, during the years 1954 through 1956, additions to East were built to handle great influxes of students. Not only were these students given adequate facilities, but given an education unparalleled in the nation. Just as it proved in the past, East can handle adequately great influxes of students in the near future.

FINALLY, if Oakton Community College should make an offer for space at North, the District 219 School Board should accept it for many reasons. First, there is no customer for East at the present time. Even if a customer is found at the last minute, the price that they would pay for the use of the East building, would be minimal compared to the price OCC would pay for North. Second, if East closes and has no buyer, it will remain vacant or be demolished. Do the Board members and the people of Niles Township want a vacant high school or a vacant lot instead of a vigorous, alive high school? Third, if North closes and is taken over by OCC, it will be serving the purpose it was originally designed for, namely, educating district residents.



"AFTER TAKING THE S.A.T. EXAM, HE'S STARTED PENCILING IN TILE."

Student Rights

"Focus"

IT'S IMPORTANT for everyone to know his legal rights, especially teenagers, because of their rights are most prone to abuse. There is no assurance, though, that one's rights will be respected even if one knows the current laws since the interpretations and the laws themselves are constantly changing.

One such interpretation of a law that is currently changing is the doctrine of loco parentis. Loco parentis states that parents, by sending their children to school, delegate their control over their children's welfare over to school officials, who can then act in place of the parent. This strict interpretation of full parent responsibility of the school has changed to today's interpretation which states that school officials can make and enforce only reasonable rules of behavior that are directly related to the student's education and not to the administrator's moral or political judgements about student's lives.

One of the most important rights for both students and adults is the right of free speech. In the case *Timber vs. Des Moines Independent School District*, which involved students who were forbidden by school officials to wear black armbands in school to protest the war in Vietnam, the Supreme Court held that students don't lose their right to free speech under the First Amendment when they are in school. Furthermore, the Court stated that students may be prevented from expressing their views only when the students' materially and "substantially" disrupt the work and discipline of

the school.

ANOTHER MAJOR problem concerning student rights, sparked by the fear of drugs and violence, is the new policy of many schools to hire policemen or security guards. It's of great concern to students to know their rights in these cases if they are ever confronted by a policeman or security guard.

First, neither school officials nor anybody else can make students talk to the police. As a United States citizen one has the right to remain silent. In New York, the State Education Department has warned school boards that "police authorities have no power to interview children in the school building or to use the school facilities in connection with police work."

Police who wish to speak to a student must take the matter up directly with the student's parents.

Second, when being interviewed by the police, one should remain "silent", just giving his name and address, because anything one says to a policeman can be used against him.

Third, the law allows students lockers to be searched, despite the Fourth Amendment's prohibition against "unreasonable searches and seizures" of persons, their homes and private belongings. For a search to be legal in the outside world, the government official must generally have a search warrant signed by a judge or the expressed consent of the person whose property is to be searched. No court, however, has yet been chosen to apply these specific constitutional protections to a high school student's locker, desk or other place in school in which he keeps his personal things, partly because the school owns the locker and the master key.

In the preceding paragraphs, a few of the many student rights were mentioned. To get an adequate picture of an individual student's rights, it would be necessary for the individual to get one of the many pamphlets published by the American Civil Liberties Union or by consulting a lawyer who specializes in the rights of young people.

Moody Blues

Album Reviews



"OCTAVE" IS THE latest release from the recently reformed Moody Blues.

The Moody Blues enjoyed vast popularity in the late 1960's, but when the 1970's came and hard rock became more popular, the Moodies disbanded. The group, after being split up for several years regrouped and produced "Octave."

THE ALBUM contains no songs that one would consider rock songs. Most of the songs are relatively slow compared to today's standards. Knowing that the album contains no rock music, few teenagers would buy the record. Well, those who haven't listened to "Octave" are missing a fine album.

Side one is as smooth of a set of songs as I've ever heard. Side two, however, can't really compare to side one, four of the five songs on side two are very slow, unexciting songs. They'd

make good music for a doctor's office.

ONLY ONE SINGLE has been released from "Octave". "Steppin' in a Slide Zone," on side one, is probably the fastest paced song of the album. Another good song on side one is "Had to Fall in Love Again," which is a very nice, slow song. What makes this song so good is the background music. Excellent harmonica and vocal backgrounds make this song very easy to listen to.

I would definitely recommend "Octave" to any one whose main interest isn't hard rock. The Moody Blues will be in concert November 10, at the Chicago Stadium if you'd like to hear more of them.

Feedback

Village needs sore spot cleanup

Dear Editor:

I wish to comment on the condition of Downtown Skokie. In the past four or five years, numerous merchants have moved from our Oakton Street shopping area. For instance, look at the store fronts on the north side of Oakton Street just east of the First National Bank of Skokie. There used to be a clothing store, an ice cream shop and a camera shop, in these buildings. Now since the owners moved out, nothing but empty shells are left behind. Another sore spot is the former location of the old A&P food market on the West side of Niles Center Rd. That whole side of the street is empty except for the new bank. The owners of the A&P will not lease it out. This building has been abandoned for nearly nine years. I think that these sore spots of town should be put up for rent or torn down.

We should put back some beauty in the Village of Skokie. Otherwise, all of Skokie's stores in this vicinity could become vacant. Then how would we pay for new things like the "Light

Sculpture" or those fancy street lights and sidewalks?

Drew Ullberg '81

Student remarks on closing

Dear Editor:

The proposed closing of East is relatively far off in the future but should be discussed now. The parents and students have a right to know what's happening concerning the closing of their school.

In my opinion, there are two major problems in regards to the current situation concerning the East closing. First, the media says that North will close, and then the school administrators say the media claim isn't true and East will probably close as planned. Second, why should the seniors of '81 at any school in the District spend their last year in a school where they neither know their way around, nor the teachers?

Name withheld upon request

Editor's Note: The Nilehilite would like to apologize for the numerous mistakes in the spelling of names in the last issue. Due to a misunderstanding with the printer many errors which the staff had corrected were left uncorrected by the printer. We apologize to all who had their names misspelled.

We would also like to correct the information in the new teacher story regarding Ms. Mary Farrell. Ms. Farrell had previously taught Child Development and Foods and Nutrition in a California school for seven years. It was erroneously stated in the last issue that she previously worked at the Central Film Library.

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SAT scores drift downward

by Larry Perlman

There has been a growing concern during the past decade about declining standards of education in this country. The decline, seen as a sign that American education is on the downgrade has been blamed on everything from divorce to marijuana use to a rising truancy rate.

For 14 straight years, scores on Scholastic Aptitude Tests have begun to drift downward after holding steady for decades. The average score for verbal ability, measured on the SAT's 200 to 800 scale, dropped gradually from 478 in the 1962-1963 academic year into the 430's. The median mathematics score dropped from 502 into the 470's. What is the cause of this decline? The College Entrance Examination Board commissioned an independent two year study to find out the reasons for the decline.

THE PANEL concluded that declining scores are resulting from the high rates of absenteeism which are now generally overlooked in schools, automatic promotion from grade-to-grade, juvenile writing delinquency brought in by lack of proper training in reading and writing, less homework than in former

days, less demanding textbooks with more pictures and wider margins, and more women (resulting in lower math) and blacks (yielding lower verbal) taking the tests than ever before.

The National Association of Secondary School Principals, in their own study, may have a simpler answer. They believe students take too many elective courses and too few required courses in English and math — the skills that SAT's are designed to test.

WHILE SCORES IN most schools dropped, in some schools the scores remained level, or had even gone up. The Principals' association looked at 34 of the most successful schools and compared them with schools where scores have dropped the most. The successful schools require that college-preparatory students take at least two years of math and four years of English. Qualified college counselors aid students in choosing appropriate colleges and make sure they take the courses required for admission before they take nonqualifying electives. Students, particularly in math and English, are grouped by ability. Thus, the faster may go further, and the others

can learn more effectively, free of pressure to rush. Teachers in successful schools have an average of five more years experience than those in low-scoring schools.

Changes in American home life may have contributed to the decline of top achievers.

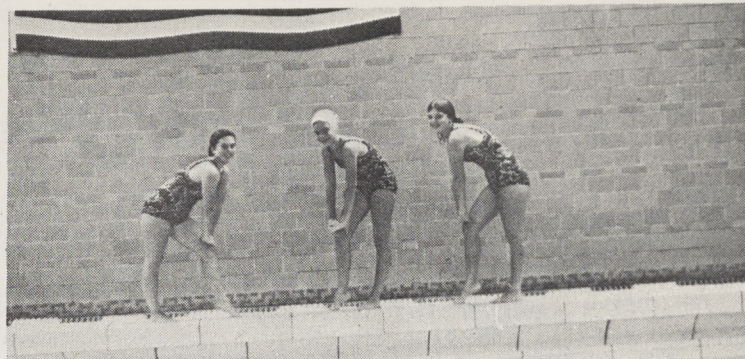
Television was cited as the probable factor. The panel figured that by age 16, most children have spent between 10,000 and 15,000 hours watching TV, more time than they have spent in school. More television has meant less time spent on reading.

THE RESEARCHERS found no fault with the SAT's themselves. If anything, today's tests are slightly easier than those given in 1963, the year of peak scores.

Although the score decline has been across the board, there are groups whose scores have not declined. These include students involved in journalism, drama, communications, music, social clubs, and community organizations.

While the college officials are upset by the abilities of modern freshmen, they are simultaneously pleased to find them more sophisticated than ever before.

Next month: more tips on preparing for the SAT.



The Ripplettes will be presenting their annual Swim Show, November 10, 11, and 12 at 8 p.m. at Niles West. The theme of this year's production will be "Toys in the Attic." (Photo by Howard Gerber)

Ripplettes present "Toys in the Attic"

Baby dolls, teddy bears, and jacks-in-the-box will swim in rhythm on November 10, 11, and 12 at 8 p.m. in the Niles West pool.

The East Ripplettes will perform eleven numbers pertaining to the theme of this year's production, "Toys in the Attic," according to Mrs. Marsha Berke, club sponsor.

THE PRODUCTION features a solo and two duets. Judy Doles will perform in "A Clown." Sisters Sue and Sharon Cone will do a number titled "Raggedy Ann and Andy" and Wendy Jackson and Sharyn Hoffman will perform the other duet entitled "Ernie and Bert."

In addition, this synchro-

nized swim club will do the traditional twelve man dolphin and will display floating, stroking and pattern skills.

The numbers were choreographed by juniors, seniors, and Mrs. Berke. The Ripplettes will also make their own scenery and costumes and will do their own lighting and narration.

MRS. BERKE NOTED that they have to work on endurance to build up their stamina. She also commented, "It takes a different kind of effort to come and swim everyday because the girls have to get all wet and swim when it's forty degrees outside."

Tickets which are \$1.50 may be purchased at the door or from any swim club member.

Beatlemania proves successful

Amidst the recent surge of 1960's era Beatle nostalgia, there is the epitome of the Beatle rage — "Beatlemania".

BEATLEMANIA, a multimedia production, involves four look-alike, sound-alike musical artists performing 29 Lennon-McCartney compositions.

THE SHOW CONSISTS of two casts, one for weekends and one for weekdays, according to Tony Kishman, who portrays Paul McCartney. Kishman has the added advantage of somewhat resembling McCartney, aside from the fact that he handles McCartney's bass with apparent ease.

"It's not as easy as it looks," said Kishman. Kishman admits it took a year's worth of practice and rehearsal although he believes that his efforts were not in vain. "Beatlemania" has been an exciting experience," contin-

ued Kishman, "in general the audiences really seemed to enjoy the show."

KISHMAN, LIKE the rest of the cast, is from Los Angeles. There he auditioned for the part of McCartney amongst very tough competition. "There were one hundred men auditioning for each part and most were musicians, like myself," Kishman continued. "I enjoy playing in Beatlemania. I feel that because our group relates to the audience while performing, it seems like a concert although Beatlemania is technically a play."

Another performer in Beatlemania is Jimmy Poe who portrays George Harrison in the show. Poe became involved in Beatlemania about a year ago after reading a notice in a Los Angeles publication. Since Poe also resembles his character, he knew before and what part in the show he was most suitable for.

"**EVERYONE SAID I** looked more like Harrison by far, than any of the other fellows," explained Poe. "After I got the part, I was groomed to look more like him with a haircut and makeup. The actual process of getting Harrison's guitar style came next."

When Beatlemania finishes its run, which is not foreseen, the producer of the show, Jules Fisher, plans to take the cast of Beatlemania on the road as a rock 'n roll touring band.

TICKETS FOR BEATLEMANIA are available at Ticketton and the Blackstone Theatre box office, 60 East Balbo, Chicago.

Contact lenses gain popularity

by Howard Berry

Tired of wearing those old glasses of yours? Do you think that you will look better without them? Did you ever think of getting contact lenses?

"People with eyesight problems can usually wear contact lenses," stated Dr. Jerold Silverman, optometrist.

CONTACT LENSES, which became popular in the past 20 to 30 years, were developed in Germany for the protection of pilots' eyes. In their early stages, contacts were made of glass. Today, most are made of plastic.

According to Silverman, two kinds of contacts are available; hard contacts, which are made of plastic, and soft contacts, which are made of a substance known as Hema.

In the state of Illinois you can only buy contact lenses from an eye doctor. "Contacts are fitted by the doctor for the cornea and for vision," ex-

plained Silverman.

"**SOMETIMES REGULAR** glasses will not correct certain problems," continued Silverman. "Contacts can usually solve these problems and provide a little better vision than glasses."

"Contacts are better for cosmetic reasons and for sports than regular eye glasses," related Silverman. "But contacts can cause cornea damage if there is misfitting by the doctor or patient misuses during the wearing of the contacts."

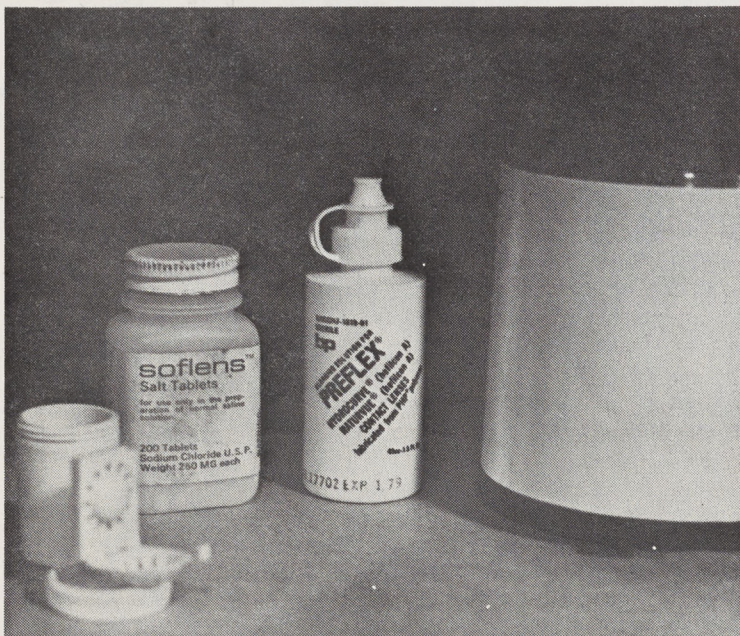
Alan Federman, '79, feels that by wearing contacts his eyesight will not deteriorate as much as it would have if he had worn regular glasses. Lisa Brown, '81, finds contact lenses less of a bother to wear than regular eye glasses.

ALTHOUGH THERE are many advantages to wearing contacts, the price of the lenses stops many people from

getting them. On the average, in the city of Chicago, contacts costs \$325 for soft lenses and \$225 for hard lenses, according to Silverman.

"Contacts can last many years or one day depending how the owner takes care of them," said Silverman. "The care of the lenses involves keeping them clean, in one piece, with no scratches, and storing them in a sterile solution when not in use." Generally, soft contacts require more care than hard ones.

The lenses of the contacts can be colored if desired. For example, a brown-eyed person can appear blue-eyed when wearing tinted contact lenses. "HARD LENS CONTACTS outlast soft ones although both have their purpose," concluded Silverman. "The care of hard lenses per year costs about \$10 while soft lense care may cost up to \$25 a year."



Contact lenses require cleaning daily shown above, are some supplies needed by a person wearing the lenses.

Trojans tied for league lead

by Alan Friedman

The East varsity football team, currently tied for first place in the CSL North Division, will face the New Trier West Cowboys in the Homecoming football game tomorrow at 2:00 p.m.

"We have an excellent chance of winning the game tomorrow," stated Head Coach Gerald Ferguson. "Of the three games we have left, I believe that we can beat New Trier and Waukegan and we should have a very good game against Deerfield."

THE TROJANS have a 3-1 conference record which ties them with New Trier East and Deerfield for the top spot.

"The key to our success this year is our team unity," commented Ferguson. Co-Captain Tad Slowik agrees with Ferguson on the reason for the team's success. "We stay together as a team on and off

the field. The seniors realize they need the juniors and visa versa. It wasn't like that last year."

The Trojans have reached first place with victories over Niles North, Evanston and Highland Park. The only conference loss came at the hands of New Trier East.

THE LATEST Trojan victory came last Saturday, with a defeat of Highland Park, 18-12.

East got on the scoreboard early in the first quarter on a three yard run by Sproat. Highland Park was having much difficulty sustaining a drive and couldn't generate much offense against a tough Trojan defense. East's second touchdown came on a one yard run by Slowik, late in the second quarter, making the score 12-0. The final tally came on a 24 yard pass to Dennis

Pucher in the fourth quarter. Highland Park's only touchdown came in the final minutes of the game, ruining the hopes of a shutout.

The squad gained its first victory by defeating Niles North 20-6 on September 23. Dave Sproat led the team by gaining 199 yards and the defensive unit prevented Niles North from moving the ball.

The following Saturday the Trojans defeated the Evanston Wildkits 7-6. This was the first time in twenty years that an East team defeated Evanston.

THE LONE SCORE for East came early in the first quarter on a one yard quarterback sneak by Tad Slowik. Except for a lapse in the last minute of the contest, the Trojans defense shutdown Evanston's offense. "The defense was really super in this game," concluded Ferguson.



Tad Slowik runs for yardage in the Trojan victory over Evanston. Slowik's running and passing have been key factors in the recent Trojan victories. (Photo by Mike Silver)

Sporting events highlight weekend

While sports activities aren't the only events of Homecoming they do play a major role.

The varsity football game will be at 2 p.m. The sophomores play at 12 p.m. and the freshman game will begin at 9:30 a.m. The opponent for the football games will be the New Trier West Cowboys.

NEW TRIER WILL also be the opponent in the Homecoming soccer games. For the first time the soccer teams will play the day before the regular day of Homecoming. Today at 4 p.m. the varsity team plays

the Cowboy soccer team, which is ranked among the top soccer squads in the state. The sophomores will also play at 4 p.m., but at Niles West. The frosh team is playing its Homecoming game at New Trier today at 4 p.m.

OTHER EAST TEAMS active this weekend will include girls' volleyball vs. Glenbrook South today in the contest gym at 4:30 p.m. The girls' tennis team will be competing in district play today and tomorrow, and the cross country team will travel to Deerfield tomorrow for division competition.

NFL "not violent"

Bears express views

by Alan Friedman

"Sure it's a violent sport, but it's not as violent as it looks on television." This view of violence in professional football is shared by Chicago Bears Doug Plank and Revie Sorey.

The two Bears expressed these views at WTTW's Chicago Feedback people's press conference on October 3.

"T.V. GIVES THE GAME a different angle, the hits aren't really that bad, they just look bad because of the angle," explained Doug Plank, free safety of the Bears.

"Every sport is going to have some contact in it. When I'm out on the field I try to express myself gracefully. Collisions are a part of the game. Football only became violent when a player becomes angry and gets mad," commented Revie Sorey, offensive guard of the Bears.

Plank has had a reputation as a hard hitter ever since he came to pro ball. "You can call me a hard hitter, but don't call me a cheap shot artist or a late hitter. I've never had a late hit," stated Plank, "Sooner or later it's going to look like a late hit, but it's all in the judgement of the officials."

WHILE PLANK is known around the league as a hard hitter, Revie Sorey is known as a member of perhaps the best offensive line in the NFL. Sorey feels that having Walter Payton behind him doesn't exactly make him look bad. "Walter is off to a slow start, but everyone is comparing his stats to last year. He'll end up on top. He's a phenomenal athlete. He doesn't feel any competition from any one else. Walter's goals are for the team, he'll achieve his own goals through the success of the team," added Sorey.

BOTH PLANK and Sorey are experienced veterans of the

NFL and each has his own methods of "psyching up" for a game.

"I start preparing for the next game as soon as we finish the previous game. You can't live on past performances. Before the game I try to think of things that get me mad, then I'm ready to play," disclosed Plank.

"PSYCHING UP" for Revie Sorey consists of "getting the last game out of my mind, getting into shape during

practice and then listening to vibrating music."

Around the NFL other players have their own methods of "psyching" themselves up. According to Sorey many players rely on emphetamines (more commonly known as speed) in pro football is pretty wide spread. "I can't say that it's not a problem. An athlete using speed is beating himself even before he gets on the field. It's bad news," concluded Sorey.



Chicago Bear Doug Plank bears down on a Dallas Cowboy running back. Plank has emerged as one of the Bear's top safeties. (Photo courtesy of the Chicago Bears)

Volleyball hopes for first

by Janice Greenberg

The East volleyball team enters their conference season with a team that "is capable of finishing in first place again," according to Head Coach Jerry Richardson.

"I think that we can finish first again, but we must play more consistently than we did in our non-conference games. We finished off our non-conference schedule with a 5-2 record, but in those games we seem to have had lapses in concentration and performances. Because we are a small

team, height-wise, we cannot afford to have these breakdowns against the tough competition in our league," commented Richardson.

RICHARDSON FEELS that being in a tough division is an advantage. "All the teams in our division are competitive. That always makes a team better because the team is always facing tough competition."

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"Tough" schedule hurts soccer team

by Janice Greenberg

The East soccer team has been enduring a difficult season due to "tough competition," according to Head Coach Hollister Sandstead.

The Trojans are situated in one of the toughest leagues in the state according to Sandstead. "Teams like Evanston, New Trier East and New Trier West are considered to be

three of the top teams in the state. They are extremely difficult to beat and I expect them to be very competitive in post-season play," commented Sandstead.

"WE HAVE SOME experienced players on the squad, what I would call experience for an East player would be three or four years, but for some of the other teams an "experienced" player might have been playing seven or eight years," observed Sandstead.

The returning seniors for this year's team include, Bobby Sonshine, Mark Landau, Dan Gallagher, Lou Weisbach, Kevin Nelson, Mark Schuman, Doug Liu And Captains Paul Stone, Dave Klein and Ken Heller.

"The team's willingness to play hard and put forth 100% effort, even if we're out of the game, is our strongest point. However, we don't have the skills necessary to play better soccer," stated Sandstead.

ble of having an outstanding season. These three girls could be all-conference this year, but it depends on how we end up in the standings," stated Richardson.

Richardson believes the team's spirit is their strongest point. "The girls have a tremendous rapport with each other. This makes it easy to practice and work together. The girls on the team are friends, they respect each other's skills, ability and opinion," concluded Richardson.