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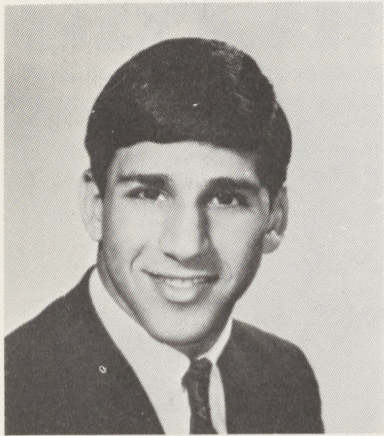
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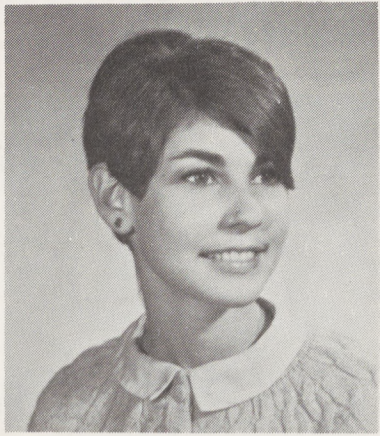
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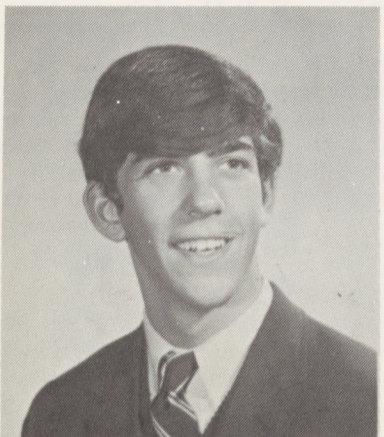


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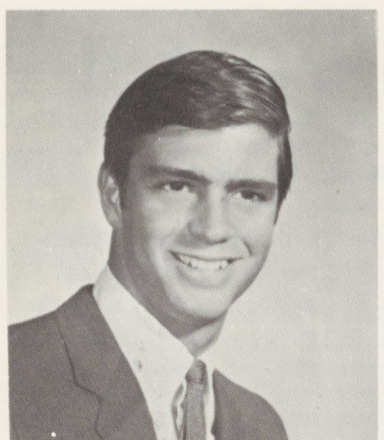
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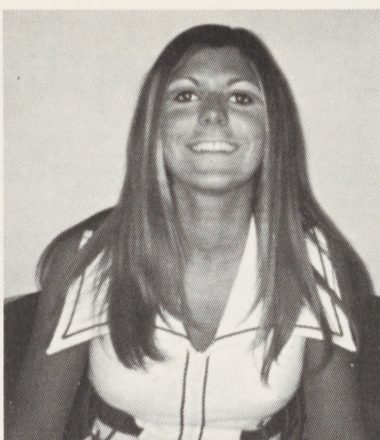
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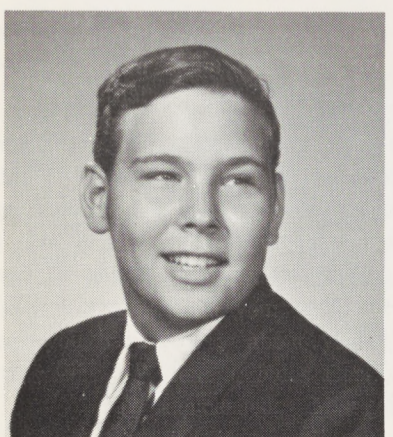


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Donna Lachman

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Mark Levie



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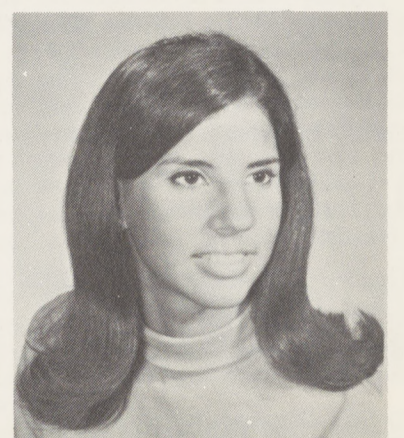
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Nancy Holland

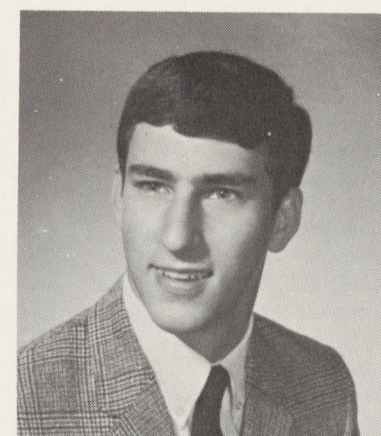
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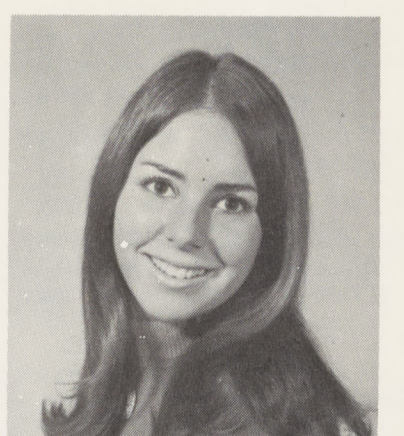
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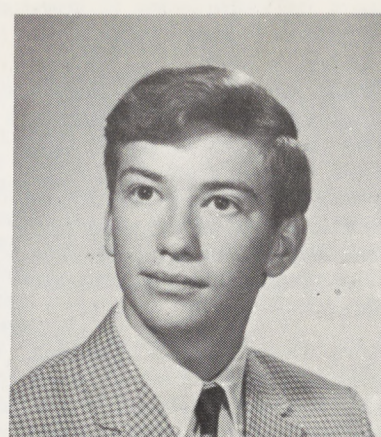


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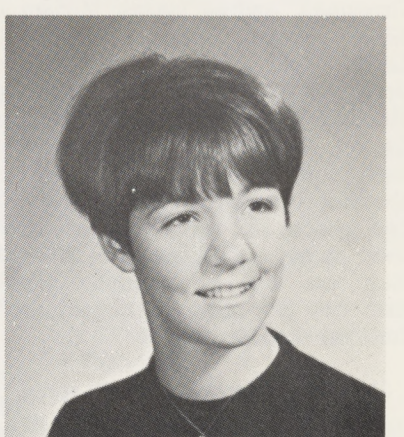
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Steve Melamed and Myra Flicht

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Seymour Rifkind



Carol Johnson

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Seniors Graduate in Niles Stadium

Niles East will lose 408 students this month. The students, the majority of them seniors, will graduate June 8. The graduates will strut to the traditional tune of "Pomp and Circumstance." They will receive their diplomas in Niles East's 30th annual commencement exercise. The exercises will take place at 4 p.m. in the football stadium, if weather permits. There will be a presentation by the choir and senior class president, Barry Hartstein, will make a speech. The class valedictorian and the class salutatorian will also address the graduates and their friends and relatives.

The senior class has already added some finishing touches to the 1969 school year by pulling the traditional senior class prank. On the sunny morning of Wednesday, May 28, the underclassmen and the faculty were surprised to find fully grown chickens walking around in the courtyard. These perfectly amiable chickens were greeted with joy and bewilderment. The seniors presented the senior class gift earlier in the year. It is the juke box in the student lounge.

The seniors will still have to wade through a lot of "red tape"

before that "fateful day." May 29 was the last official day of classes for the seniors and constituted the start of an anxious week. Complementing the final week was the senior program and the last senior breakfast. The seniors then practiced for the graduation ceremony.

It would be understating the fact to say that the seniors are excited to end their high school careers and start on new ones. If so, the future promises to be as fruitful as the past.



JOY SEIZES SENIORS Rich McCarthy and Greg Kovaciny as they leave Niles East for the last time.

Academic Awards Presented Tuesday in Niles Auditorium

Awards for outstanding academic achievements were presented to students of Niles East on Tuesday, May 27, in the auditorium. Awards included college scholarships, bronze, silver and gold pins, and blue and gold certificates.

Recipients of awards are:

ILLINOIS STATE SCHOLARSHIPS: Elyse Abrams, Laurie Becker, Suzanne Becker, Robert Bedows, Andrea Behr, Miles Beiter, Linda Berman, Janis Bishaf, Lucy Bondy, Bette Brill, Jamie Byron, David Chaiken, Stanley Cope, Richard Dale, Clyde Denis, Gary Deutsch, Dennis Duban, Sandra Edelman, Linda Elesh, Linda Even, Joyce Fechter, Marc Feder, Philip Figa, Judith Fisch, Dorothy Fischer, Raymond Fisher, Kenneth Fleischer, Martin Freeman, Shelley Freedman, Laurel Friend, Howard Futterman, Ira Gans, Ellen Garber, George Garbo, Morris Gertz, Marvin Glazer, Janis Goldberg, Howard Goldrich, Linda Gollay, Carol Greenwald, Joel Gutman, Paul Haake, Roger Harris, Elizabeth Harrold, Barry Hartstein, Judith Hass, James Hawkins, William Heinrich, Barbara Heinsimer, Stuart Hock, Nancy Holland, Francine Horwitz, Susan Jaet, Beth Johnson, Carol Johnson, Robert Kaiser, Miriam Kaleko, Susan Kammer, Terry Sue Klein, Elene Kolb, Irving Kory, Debra Korshak, Christine Kusek, Ron Lavine, Mark Levie, Sidney Levine, Shelley Lipson, Gary Lonquist, Randi Margules, Heather Marinello, Larry Markovitz, Glenn David Mayer, Sherry Mayrent, Sidney Milstein, Mark Nemerovski, Alan Nopar, William Page, Eric Palles, Kenneth Patis, Susan Gail Pector, Richard Polen, Carol Ponoroff, Scott Reynolds, Kenneth Robin, Jerrold Rosen, Edward Rotberg, Robert Sambor-

ski, Renee Samelson, Tina Scarpelli, Joel Schatz, Arthur Schubert, Robert Schuckman, Merle Shapera, Richard Shapiro, Robert Shapiro, Donald Shearn, Lynn Shuttan, Florence Siegel, Norman Silber, Mark Simon, Richard Singer, Eileen Skaletsky, Terry Sklair, Myron Sonkin, John Spies, Christy Strom, Paula Sulzer, Steven Sweet, Edward Weiner, Gail Weinstein, Marion Weiskopf, Alan Bruce white, Neal White, Jeffrey Williams, Merle Wolff, Richard Zuckerman.

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS: Andrea Behr, Nancy Holland.

SPONSORED NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP: William Page, Neal White.

FINALISTS: Janis Bishaf, Aridva Cherniavskyj, Martin Freeman, Mark Levie, Sherry Mayrent, Mark Nemerovski, Scott Reynolds, Kenneth Robin, Alan white, Steven Zimmerman.

LETTERS OF COMMENDATION: Linda Bandy, Miles Beiter, Richard Dale, Joyce Fechter, Shelley Freedman, Ira Gans, Morris Gertz, Howard Goldrich, Paul

Haake, Elizabeth Harrold, Jean Jungwirth, Kevin Kreitman, Sidney Levine, Eric Palles, Kenneth Patis, Susan Pector, Edward Rotberg, Renee Samelson, Joel Schatz, Donald Shearn, Norman Silber, John Spies, Christy Strom, Merle Wolff.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY SENIOR INDUCTEES: Laurie Becker, Bette Brill, Randy Briskman, Lois Cohen, Richard Dale, Gary Deutsch, Sandra Edelman, Marc Feder, Judith Fisch, Howard Futterman, Ira Gans, Morris Gertz, Janis Glazer, Carol Greenwald, Elizabeth Harrold, Barbara Heinsimer, Francine Horwitz, Susan Jaet, Susan Kammer, Christine Kusek, Mark Levie, Jeffrey Levy, Shelley Lipson, Susan Pector, Renee Samelson, Robert Schuckman, Robert Shapiro, Florence Siegel, Marion Weiskopf, Alan White.

EDMUND JAMES SCHOLARS UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS: Joyce Fechter, Marvin Glazer, Janis Goldberg, Nancy Holland, Shelley Freedman, Mark Levie, Renee Samelson, Norman Silber, Alan white, Merle Wolff.

Niles Students To Study at Austin During Summer Wingspread Project

Approximately 60 juniors and seniors from Niles High Schools will be participating in Project Wingspread this summer from July 2 until August 6. Students, through an exchange program with Austin High School, will study man's relationship to the community in which he lives.

Participants in Project Wingspread will earn two credits in Urban Studies, after the five weeks duration of the pass-fail course. The course will enable students to receive first-hand experience of the social and physical dynamics of his urban environment, as well as enabling them to associate with students of various backgrounds.

Project Wingspread is open to

all students who have a regular attendance record at their school, and is not for college-bound students exclusively.

In addition to attending daily classes meeting from 8 a.m. until 2:30 p.m., students will be taken on a number of excursions, visiting many areas of Chicago to receive first-hand experience of the social and physical aspects of the city.

Senior Pranks End With Paper-filled Halls

Water and paper lined the halls of Niles East on Thursday, May 30, during Senior Prank Day.

Seniors rode bicycles to school, leaving them in a tangled mass in the courtyard.

Feathers were scattered throughout the courtyard, as several chickens were brought to school, and the Trojan mascot, gift of last year's graduating class, found its way from the main office to the roof of the school building.

Water fights highlighted the day, filling hall corridors with muddy water, and broken balloons. Buckets of water were thrown from the

bridge, much to the dismay of several underclassmen.

Toward the end of the day, seniors could be seen tossing papers and now unneeded folders onto the floors from half-emptied lockers.

A mood of melancholy descended upon the few students left in the once-filled senior lounge, as empty glasses and discarded papers became the only evidence of the seniors' presence.

As if to say goodbye, several students gained control of the schools' public address system, interrupting classes by laughing hysterically. Thus ended the final

high school year for seniors of the graduating class of 1969.

SAT-ACT Info.

Deadline dates for registration of the SAT and ACT are June 14 and June 16, respectively. With a \$3 penalty fine, the SAT deadline will be extended to June 28.

The actual tests will be held on July 12 for the SAT and July 19 for the ACT.

Those students who took the SAT in May and have not received their scores may pick them up in the guidance office in the summer.



A SENIOR TAKES ADVANTAGE of the situation as he reads one of many papers left on the floor Thursday.

'The Ivy Walls of Learning'

Colver Lists 23 Pt. Plan



Niles East Is . . .

"Niles East is the best high school in the country!" exclaimed former Principal Raymond Tyler at freshman orientation exercises in September of 1965. Resonse to his statement consisted of somewhat hesitant applause — we had as yet no basis to judge this fact ourselves. Now, after four years, we are well qualified to pass judgment on our school.

We were greeted in the fall of '65 with signs reading "Hey You — Get Off Your Cloud and Come to the Freshman Mixer. Meet New Friends." We met new friends, lost some old ones, and saw most undergo some sort of change in their personalities or outlooks. We were told that school spirit was sagging, as was the football team, but that academically "we were tops." We shakingly climbed to the very top row of the gym for our first pep assembly. Our classes were 55 minutes each, and so were our study halls.

Sophomore year, '66-'67, is best remembered for the acquisition of our new potato-chip machine. Student Council office-seekers sought in vain for a new issue on which to base their campaigns (a coke machine?). And how many remember the cafeteria boycott and cries of "B.K. on D.?"

Leadership was assumed by the class of '69 during their junior year. Conservatives turned radical, the football team started winning, a highly successful concert was given, and the location of prom was switched to the Highland Park Country Club. The baseball team went to Peoria, and so did most of the students. Classes were 40 minutes in length, nine times a day.

As seniors, it seemed as though almost everything had changed. An S.O.S. from S.S.O. had abolished that organization. A new principal, a new concern, and a new questioning dominated the year's events. Finally, we were free to pass judgment — whether in writing or in speech. And we did so — on a very individual basis. Now, after four years, you have your own opinion. Niles East is _____!

What A Lovely School—A Sequel

DEAR EDITOR:

After reading the article in the May 16 issue of the NILEHILITE, titled, "What a Lovely School," I was thoroughly disgusted with Claudia Harris. I don't know this wonderful student and what's more, I hope the opportunity never arises. What I have to say is to you, Claudia.

You described Niles East's students as "lazy, slobbish, apathetic, indifferent, and disgusting." I quote you as saying "they take advantage of extra cafeteria and extra student lounge time; they storm through the school and leave a disgusting mess behind

them; they leave the school for lunch, create a disturbance for classes in session, and regularly ditch their major courses." I can agree with you on the fact that the cafeteria looks rather piggish after sixth period, but this is not done by the majority of the students. Yes, many students leave for lunch, myself included, but what business is that of yours? Also, I can't understand why you are so concerned if someone cuts their major classes. All you have to be concerned about is that you attend yours.

"Get the Substitute" was a great game in grammar school, but I don't know of many kids who con-

To All Interested Students:

For some time now we have discussed the various opportunities for students to exercise leadership for the ultimate welfare and improvement of our school and for their own benefit as well. Many faculty members and parents at East and in other suburban high schools have expressed the opinion that high school student groups should direct their energies toward projects of evaluation, research and serious reflection in order to determine future action. I am posing several possibilities. I would solicit your reactions to them. If explanatory meetings are needed, I would be very pleased to elaborate further on any or all of the suggestions.

1. To study the co-curricular program at Niles East for the purpose of submitting recommendations for action and implementation in '69-'70.
2. To suggest ways and means of reducing vandalism and smoking in the washrooms.
3. To review possible student faculty committees, along with the staff, (both standing and ad hoc) and to suggest procedures for strengthening the deliberations and actions of these committees.
4. To seek out ways and means of enhancing the activities program by studying the current projects of these organizations and recommending plans of realignment.
5. To develop a stronger orientation program directed toward the transfer student and entering freshman classes.
6. To devise a workable plan for cafeteria supervision — submitting this plan for action by the administration, staff, and student body.
7. To plan the '69-'70 calendar with the cooperation of the Assistant Principal in charge of Student Activities — scheduling special events, townhall meetings, forums and speakouts.

8. To carefully study the formal procedures of the senior-junior responsibility program; conduct research with the purpose of ultimately recommending courses of action for the improvement of the program, with a look toward 1969-70.

9. To "take charge" of: 1) the student bulletin board; 2) monitor selection and supervision; and 3) improved student social events — dances, etc.

10. To provide and supervise "study areas" for students before school hours — providing ways and means of serving students' needs.

11. To study ways and means of providing service projects for the school, the youth of the community, and various villages and towns of the township.

12. To research facts and recommend action for students who indicate uncooperative deviate, and socially maladjusted behavior.

13. To develop plans for the improvement of the decor of the East building by being involved in color selections, furniture recommendations, and other means of improvement.

14. To evaluate student dress and the effects of dress on the East student body, along with the staff and parents, submitting specific recommendations for action.

15. Study, along with staff, whether or not East should remain in the Suburban League and devise ways and means of studying the activity programs of schools in the various leagues.

16. To determine ways and means of enhancing genuine school spirit and esprit de corps.

17. To study and recommend ways and means of expanding the "Wingspread" concept with our urban schools. To supervise the program and submit annual evaluations.

18. To study the current use of the P.A., bulletin, and other media of communication, suggesting specific patterns of improvement.

19. To devise a workable plan of communications for the homeroom representatives.

20. To study the management and operation of the vending machines, presenting financial reports — evaluations of the program and recommendations for the future.

21. To bring a student radio and TV station project to a successful conclusion.

22. To become more involved in the evaluation of the curriculum at Niles East — to meet with teachers, department heads, and administrators in achieving curriculum change where needed.

23. To determine ways whereby communication between students and parental groups can be improved.

I am proposing these topics as agenda items for the remainder of the school year and summer 1969.

I firmly believe that students should be listened to and should participate as fully as possible in school affairs. However, a school exists for the benefit of society, not just for the benefits of the students presently attending. Taxpayers support schools, regardless of whether they have children in attendance. In the hope that educated students will improve our society. Teachers are vitally concerned with student government and have a role to play.

Students, administrators, and staff are not equal legally and professionally. Faculty members are, whether students like to admit it or not, generally superior in experience and training. Administrators have been designated by the parents via the school board to see that the schools function effectively and efficiently. This is not to say the students should not be able to express opinions, make suggestions, or participate. But students cannot and should not solely take into their own hands such administrative functions as discipline, curriculum planning, etc. Students should certainly have a voice, but final decisions must be made by those responsible to the Board of Education.

A. C. Colver,
Principal

Fight Fire With Fire?

by Mark Levie, Editorial Editor

Step by step, from open study halls to early dismissal, school policies are leaning in this direction.

How do we achieve open lunch periods? One speaker at the student government assembly suggested that all 2200 students just "get the hell out." Who could they do, he asked, and indeed his idea seemed to emphasize the strength of student power. Well, here's what they would do, and here's where the problem lies. By the next morning, school operators would collapse from the tremendous number of incoming calls from irate parents protesting (pardon my word choice) the actions of their own children and — more importantly — the failure of the school officials to prevent such action. By 11:30 the school would be surrounded by squad cars and friendly Skokie policemen, whose job would be keeping the prisoners in their cells.

It seems to me that the only way to accomplish any permanent changes at Niles East is through cooperation with parents and administrators. Challenge their authority and any respect they may have for students will vanish. How many times have you heard adults denounce the actions of any or all student protestors as those of the "young punks" or "communist-hippies." The conservative trend in our country must be stopped if changes are to be made, and "getting the hell out" isn't going to stop it. We must explain our position in such a manner that adults will listen and agree. Demonstrations of force, at this point, will only alienate the adult world.

Adults often wonder why students now must protest the same system that has been sufficient for many years and for countless other graduates. I, too, wondered why — why it has taken students so long to realize the inconsistencies and hypocrisies of the high school

system. As a freshman I never even heard of a protestor. Looking back through past senior issues of the NILEHILITE, however, I find that every year some individual or group of individuals has denounced the Niles East "prison" and the entire study hall-closed lunch-hall pass system. But to no avail — for no one was listening.

In the past decade students have made themselves heard through demonstrations of force. This "force" was a necessary, though undesirable, step in gaining recognition of the validity of students' arguments. Acts of violence served their purpose — concerned parents, administrators, teachers, and students realize that progress is necessary. And more people are becoming concerned. Although the violence has centered on college campuses, the number of high school "radicals" is also increasing. Thus the high school community is bracing for change. The willingness of both young and old to cooperate will play a major role in determining the progress achieved at Niles East.

Those who argue that students are guaranteed certain basic freedoms which should not have to be earned are not being realistic. Young people never will be treated as equals to adults unless their actions merit such treatment. The success of the earlier programs will determine the extent of new programs. We are forced to prove ourselves — to the school, to the community, and to our parents. That, I think, can be done. Concerned students should press for reasonable changes, but press for these changes across a table, not across a street.

Bits & Pieces

Every year seniors complain that they hate the high school . . . The NILEHILITE has been informed that perhaps the school isn't too crazy about us either.

Eva Kaplan, '69

Senior Editors Offer Fond Memories

With the end of the school year almost here, the NILEHILITE will again prepare for the staff turnover next September. And as usual, the senior editors find it necessary to leave a few succinct observations about their experiences as their legacy to Niles East.

When not found harassing Stub, Ace, Dick Hertz, and other colorful personalities of this school, Robert (Fella) Shapiro, Editor-in-Chief, attempts (ha!) to put out each issue of the NILEHILITE. He reflected, "this year certainly has been interesting. Meeting new people like Mrs. McNeill and Earle Owgee have been the highlights of the year."

Earlier in the spring, Joycie Fetchter was voted by the NILEHILITE staff as having grown the best pair of sideburns in the entire school. Would reaching such heights as this tend to make Joyce turn her back to one-time friends and supporters? Sure! But that's newspaper for you. Actually, Joyce adds color to the staff with the latest, up-to-date 1946 overcoats covering her out-moded hippie fashions.

Now that Mark Levie, editorial editor, has become a big star (he has taken the title of "The Ham" away from Barry Hartstein), it was hard for him to find time to reflect upon his NILEHILITE experiences. However, he did say, "The best thing about being editorial editor is that when you have to go to the washroom and you find they're all locked, you can write about it in the paper under

"name withheld upon request." Eric Palles, feature editor, not usually the serious type, suddenly became serious when he said, "Being feature editor has been a goust. In my column I have tried to entertain students and make them think. I have found the paper to be an excellent means for one to express his opinions; I wish other people would feel this way, too."

Rick (Mon Ami) Dale, the anonymous sports editor also became untypically objective, stating, "Be-

ing sports editor was a very enlightening experience. It taught me more about people than I ever anticipated it would. I had a great time."

Perhaps the prize for the most memorable experience of the year goes to Mark (Stranger) Nemerovski for establishing a correspondence with Melanie Link of Chula Vista High School. "The high point of the year was getting Melanie's picture!" he exclaimed. "It's too much!"

The End

Yearbook's Editors Named During Publications Banquet

Although the yearbook's planned jokes did not go off well at the annual journalism banquet, they tried to make up for this failure by saving their announcement of next year's editors until the end of the gala festivities.

This year's editors, Sandy Edelman and Lynn Darmstadter, knowing well the perils and frustrations that yearbook editors face, presented their successors, Andi Isacs and Beth Goodman, with a "survival kit," consisting of No-Doz, Excedrin, and a list of all-night pizza parlors. Newspaper editors, being more prepared and experienced (in addition to being charming and intelligent), knew their successors would not need such ridiculous items.

Other yearbook editors and their respective sections are: Barb

Dunn, Occasions; Julie Simon, Education; Joyce Schlesinger, Organizations; Dave Carlin and Bruce Rudenberg, Sports; Debbie Kaye, Seniors; Cathy Arcus, Underclassmen; Marlene Loochtan, GAA; Jon Darmstadter, Business Manager; and Barb Isenberg, Recording Secretary.

While the yearbook bombed out at the banquet, the newspaper's presentation was something spectacular! (Is this story editorializing?) The coveted Joseph P. Schmulitzer Foundation awards went to Earle Owgee, Melanie Link, Neal White, Joycie Fetchter, Mark Levie, and Stranger Nemerovski. Stranger won the ASPCA Most Valuable Player Award. Musical entertainment was provided by the Murray Philharmonic Orchestra.



MARK (STRANGER) NEMEROVSKI serenades the folks at the recent newspaper banquet (above) while below Mark Levie accepts his CSPA service award with great humility.



Letter to the Editor

End Half-Shut Eyes

Dear Editor:

I've now completed my fourth year at Niles East, so I decided it was about time I said something, anything!

As a member of the varsity baseball team for the past four years, I have seen the tired, half-closed eyes of the team on the Saturday after Prom. Prom is always on a Friday night, and our baseball team always has a doubleheader the day after at 11 a.m. This never bothered me until this year when I was one of those young fellows with the half-closed eyes. The varsity tennis team also has this problem; the Suburban League Tennis Meet is also held on the Saturday after Prom, and participants have to leave at 8 a.m. One can't expect any athlete to be at his best when he gets four to five hours sleep the night before he performs. Why can't Prom be

held on Saturday night? Or if this isn't possible, why not change the Suburban League schedule to Friday (although this is a much harder task)?

This all brings me back to last October the 19th, Homecoming Day. The dance was held that Saturday night. I remember how we almost beat Highland Park, but didn't. On Monday, students were saying, "Wasn't that a great day Saturday? Too bad we didn't win." It seems that if the Homecoming dance was held on the Friday night before the game, the spirit would be higher, the crowds might be bigger and the dance might not have had little sour note to it if we lost the game. These are just a couple of suggestions for next year's Prom and Homecoming Committees. Now that I've spoken my peace, I'll keep my mouth shut for the next four years.

Wayne Berzon, '69

Valedictorian Advises Involvement Is the Key

by Nancy Holland

Instead of trying to give you some advice on how to study or how to get good grades, (two absolutely worthless and insignificant topics at this point), I prefer just to ramble on a bit about the non-academic part of a high school education. Even though we attend high school for an academic education, we must also receive a complementary education, an education that will help prepare us, in some way, for the big cold world that lies outside the protective bubble in which Niles East, as well as other high schools, exists.

To use a very appropriate, though frequently used, expression, it is necessary to "do your own thing." Whether your "thing" be athletics or drama, chess playing or barbershop singing, usher-

ing or debating, there is an organization or activity in which you can participate and find enjoyment. We are rather fortunate to have such a diverse selection to choose from, if we desire to do so.

Right there is a key word—"desire." If there is some area in which you have an interest, show the desire, put forth the effort, be-

come involved. There, that's it. If we can leave high school with the realization that we must become involved in something, then our high school will have succeeded in giving us an important, integral part of our total education.

It's not what your "thing" is that's important; it's that you do it.

Take Me Out to the 'Ball Game'

by Barry Hartstein, Senior Class President

"Where Am I Going?"

Where am I going? This question I implore.
It's something we must all ask; it can't be ignored.
Am I on the right track? I ask myself this.
Is there something my life lacks, or something I've missed?
Are there too many memories, too many regrets?
And is my life one great Hell of a mess?
Where am I going? Which road shall I take?
Shall I take the first road? Will it be a mistake?
What about the second road? Where will it lead?
Will I fall back? Will I succeed?
Will I go on to struggle just to survive?
Or will I find peace, and be fully alive?
Where am I going? How do I find peace?
Can I keep it forever or will it cease?
Do I find it inward or the darkness of night?
How do I find the key to peace and light?
Yes, where am I going? I MUST ask myself this.
I must answer these questions or cease to exist.

Although this poem was written too,

by a Job Corps worker in Virginia named Sandy Dean, I think that it has relevance to each of us as we approach graduation. After June 8 each of us is going to carry out a decision we made this year: college, work, or military. Which will it be? It's true we have a long future ahead of us, but our memories of high school are important,

We have created many memories this year, and many of us have asked ourself the same question the poet asked — "Yes, where am I going? I must ask myself this." There were various responses. Some of us decided to go to the Cubs' game. Others thought a day in the back yard would be nice. Certain individuals thought that the

beach would be nice. Some students wanted to catch up on a little sleep so they said, "I'm going to sleep." Others said, "I'm going to watch TV." Some nuts said, "I'm going to study and do homework." It's strange. Most of us didn't ask ourselves, "Where am I going?" till this year. School would have been a lot more fun if we would have wised up as underclassmen. However, I guess high school has been a learning process. We've learned how to forge notes, how to dance, how to ditch class and school, how to get to Wrigley Field, and how to get out of taking finals. Math, science, English, and history have been in there somewhere, too. The fun is almost over, and serious times are to begin again. But I truly hope that one can seriously ask himself "Where am I going?" after graduation.



"The Cubs Will Shine In '69"
—Ernie Banks

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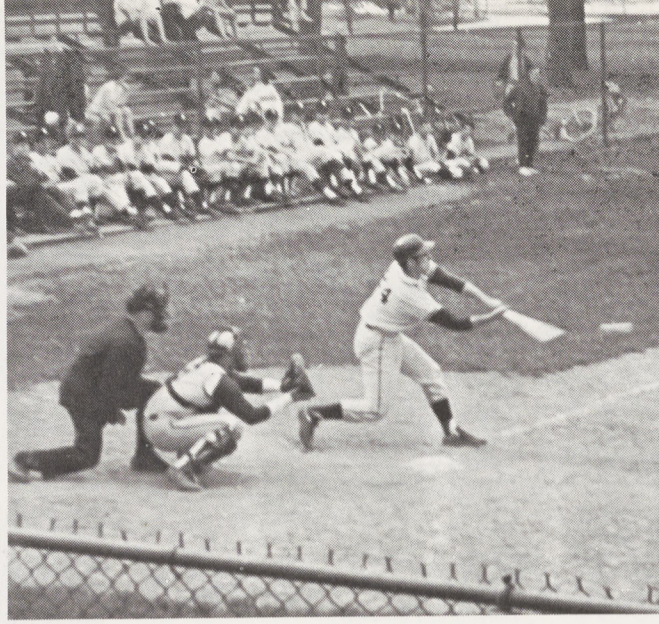
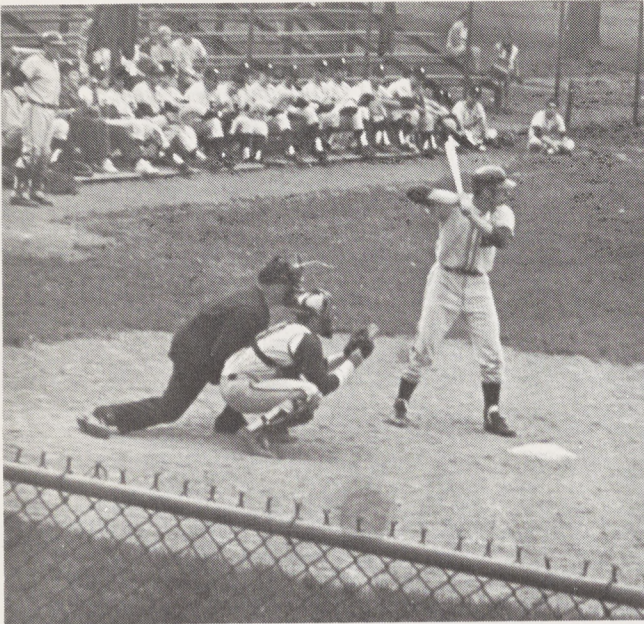
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READY, AIM, FIRE! No, it's not a firing squad. It's Junior Rich Rothstein crashing a line drive base hit in a Trojan home game at Oakton Park.

Diamondmen Capture State District Crown

THE BASEBALL season is all over. And with the final out having been made, the 1969 edition of the Trojan baseball team ended with an average record.

Last year at this time, the NILEHILITE sports page had the words "We're number one" written in gigantic boldface capital letters exclaiming the miracle which had occurred that found the baseball team vying for the state crown.

Of course, the trip to Peoria

last year is old history now. However, the Trojans did manage to win the District championship this year although they did not go downstate.

District Champions

By defeating Evanston and Luther North in the Evanston District, the Trojans won the District championship for the second year in a row.

However, that was as far as the Trojans could go. At Regionals, the Trojans lost to Willowbrook,

and thus the goal of going downstate again was not achieved.

It would have been quite a miracle had the Trojans gone downstate again, because the team just didn't have enough strength this year.

The Trojans lost more than their fair share of one-run ball games which hurt their standing in the Suburban League.

Catch Fire

Gary Binder and Steve Fien, the two pitchers on the team, were the victims of their team's inability to score runs for them on many occasions.

Nevertheless, the Trojans caught fire toward the end of the season to win the District championship and push their record to the .500 mark in the tough Suburban League.

It was an uphill battle for the Trojans in league play. They started off the season by splitting a doubleheader with Waukegan.

In the second game of that doubleheader, which the Trojans won, Rick Rice was the hero as he drove in the winning run and played spectacularly in the outfield.

Lose Double

In their next encounter, the Trojans fell to Evanston in a doubleheader by the close scores of 4-2 and 3-2. They were tough defeats for the Trojans, but Troy

look its revenge at Districts.

After the double loss to Evanston, the Trojans' bats began to meet the ball as Niles East won two in a row defeating Oak Park and Proviso East.

The Trojan bats knocked out seven hits in each of those games as Troy beat Oak Park 4-3, and edged by Proviso, 6-5.

With the batmen on a hitting spree, Morton East came into town. This game was the last one before Districts and the Trojans wanted to continue their powerful offense in preparation for their first district game.

Hard to Hit

But Morton East had other ideas. The Mustangs squeezed by the Trojans, 2-1, behind their brilliant pitcher Gary Kozak.

The Trojans need not have felt too bad about getting only one run off Kozak because later in the state tournament he pitched a no-hitter.

Since hitting the ball off Kozak in the Morton East game was nearly impossible, the Trojans had to make the most of whomever they could put on base.

On one play, Rick Rice, a speed demon, tried to score on a steal of second base. The throw trying to nail him at second went into centerfield and Rice kept going until he was finally called out on a close play at home plate.

Daring Running
It was this type of base running that the Trojans employed during the whole season including in the state playoffs.

The Trojans kept running and ran right through Districts when they upset Evanston and went on to take it all by beating Luther.

However, the Trojans were halted in their tracks by Willowbrook, which held down the Trojan running game to a minimum which spelled defeat for Troy, 4-3.

MARK KOPPEL was the big hero for the Trojans in their final state tournament game as he slammed out two extra base hits. But, alas, Koppel did not have a third hit left in his bat when the Trojans needed one in the last inning to tie the game. He struck out to end the game, and there was no joy at Niles East.

But next year starts a brand new season. There won't be too many juniors returning to the lineup, but there will be a whole slew of sophomores coming up to the varsity ranks.

The sophomore record this year was not too impressive as the team lost its first 10 games in a row. But look at the White Sox. Last year they lost their first 10 games and look at them now. Maybe a bright future is in store for both teams.

Endline

by Rick Dale

ACCORDING TO an old saying, "Old soldiers never die, they just fade away." Well, folks, as your unknown sports editor I am just about ready to fade away and give my position to poor beleaguered Bruce Wolf. However, before I depart for collegiate pastures I would like to stick out my neck one more time and make several predictions and statements.

First of all, Niles East should stay in the SL and stop making excuses about losing because we have, we can, and we will continue to win. Next year's football team should be able to improve on the 3-5 records of the past two seasons while the baseball team will have a solid nucleus of returning lettermen to push them into league championship contention.

Improvement Due

Although the basketball team will be taller than usual, the quickness necessary to win is just not there. The hoopsters will have to play as a team instead of individuals to get anywhere near a .500 record. Strong defense and low scoring games are the only possible avenues for success.

The cross-country, wrestling, track, and tennis teams should all be much stronger than last year with a strong sophomore class ready to rejuvenate the harrier fortunes. The wrestlers will have everyone back from this year's disastrous season with Ralph Satoloe and Jack Kandell to lead the team.

Coach Chuck Morrison is anxiously anticipating the arrival of Peter Stearns as a freshman on the tennis team. Pete has been competing for several years in tennis tournaments and is already rated as one of the top players in the Chicago metropolitan area in his age group classification. In the future he should give Nilehi a strong number one singles player reminiscent of the days of super-star Mark Bishop.

Cubs Set For Pennant

One other thing that concerns me as an avid sports fan is the fate of the two Chicago major league baseball teams. Being inclined to root for the underdog I have a greater interest in the White Sox this season. The Cubs are getting fantastic pitching, hitting, and fielding. Barring a major collapse the Wrigleys should take their divisional title and then romp past Atlanta for the National League pennant. Only St. Louis can compete with the Cubs and August should be the month of the Cardinal challenge. Final NL standings should read like this: Chicago, St. Louis, New York, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, and Montreal with Atlanta, Cincinnati, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Houston and San Diego in the West.

In the American League East Baltimore will make a shambles of the pennant race only to be demolished by (brace yourself) Carlos May and Co. in the divisional playoffs. Yes, the White Sox will win the pennant as they squeak past Oakland and Minnesota.

Chiefly responsible for this will be the new young blood on the South Siders and a great pitching staff which was inexplicably dormant last year. I look for Carlos May to be named rookie of the year on his .300 batting average, 25 homers, and 100 RBI's. Walter Williams will also hit .300 and help bring the fans back to Comiskey Park with his intoxicating hustle.

Triumph by Sox

The final slate will read: Baltimore, Boston, Detroit, Cleveland, New York, and Washington in the East with Kansas City, California, and Seattle dragging the rear in the West.

At this point most of you probably think: 1) this is really John Justin Smith, 2) I am insane, or 3) I never was sane. Anyhow, the White Sox will take the Cubs in seven games in the World Series.

Netmen Capture Fifth in SL

PETER ARMSTRONG, this year's Suburban League singles champion, led Oak Park's tennis Huskies to victory as the Parkers came from behind to edge out New Trier East and Evanston for the SL tennis crown. New Trier East came into the league meet with 30 points while Oak Park had 29, and Evanston followed with 28.

However, Armstrong crushed Scott O'Connell of Highland Park 6-1, 6-0, then knocked off Doug Conant of New Trier 6-4, 6-2, before taking the championship from Evanston's Bob Riessen 6-2, 6-0. The Trojans number one singles player, Dave Wiggins, performed well winning his first round match 3-6, 7-5, 6-4 before Riessen defeated him 6-0, 6-0. Wiggins win came over Daniels of Proviso East. Daniels had beaten Wiggins sophomore year, so the victory was sweet revenge.

JEFF ALLEN, East's number two singles player, was defeated by spunky little Miles Harris of New Trier East in his first round match 6-0, 6-3. Harris went on to place second behind Bill Dutton of Oak Park.

The Nilehimen met their greatest success as Tom Beaver coasted to a 6-1, 6-2 victory over Wilcox of Waukegan in his first round number three singles match.

Beaver then ousted Jim Harris of New Trier 6-1, 7-5 to advance to the finals and a match with Eric Friedler of Evanston. Friedler crushed Tom's dreams of a championship by winning 6-2, 6-0.

East's number one doubles team of Ernie Miller and Tony Paugou-

latos ended their season with a first round loss 2-6, 3-6 to Jack Neems and Bill Royal of Evanston.

MARC BERGER and Barry Lerman lost in the first round. Nilehi's 20 points earned a fifth in the SL.



JUNIOR TOM Beaver, who made it to the finals in the Suburban League tennis meet at number three singles, rallies in practice.