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Coming Attractions

*Happy
Holidays*

First day of Hannukah	December 17		
Last day before winter recess	December 17		
Ski trip Wausaw, Wisc.	December 17, 18, 19		
Gymnastic Invitational	December 18	7:00 p.m.	Niles North
AFLA Fencing Open	December 18	9:00 a.m.	Maine South
Boy's Wrestling	December 18	1:30 p.m.	Addison Trail
Frosh Wrestling Tournament	December 18	10:00 a.m.	Deerfield
Boy's Basketball	December 18	9:30 a.m.	Glenbrook South
Christmas Day	December 25		
New Year's Day	January 1		
School resumes	January 3		
Girl's Volleyball	January 6	4:30 p.m.	New Trier West
Boy's Basketball	January 7	6:30 p.m.	Glenbrook North
Boy's Gymnastics	January 7	6:30 p.m.	Niles East
Boy's Swimming	January 7	6:15 p.m.	Niles North
Girl's Bowling	January 7	4:00 p.m.	Maine South
Girl's Gymnastics	January 7	5:00 p.m.	Maine South
Boy's Basketball	January 8	9:30 a.m.	Niles East
Wrestling	January 8	1:30 p.m.	Fremd
Boy's Gymnastics	January 8	2:00 p.m.	Niles East

East closing committee plans for future

Two committees created by the Board of Education in February of 1976 are meeting regularly to solve the problems involved in Easthi's closing.

ACCORDING TO PRINCIPAL Galen Hosler, "the first closing committee was a committee that the Board of Education gave life to by providing it with a charge of responsibilities and in that charge I was appointed chairman ... there was a broad spectrum membership including representatives from the underlying Boards of Education, student bodies from our feeder schools, faculty representation and administration from our own school."

The Board of Education formed the closing committee in keeping with its seven fundamental positions which were announced in a public statement in June of 1975: 1. to maintain or to improve a quality high school program for all students in Niles Township. 2. to house the total school enrollment in two buildings, due to economic pressure. 3. to strive to retain all tenured faculty members. 4. to phase out the District Central Building. 5. to maintain control of the current property (with the possible exception of the Central building) in order to ensure enough space for future enrollment. 6. to vacate Easthi by September of 1980. 7. to insure a quality program for students through the last day of the 1979-80 academic year.

HEADED BY PRINCIPAL GALEN HOSLER, the first closing committee

includes Niles West and Niles North administrators, a district business manager, two teachers, four Board-appointed citizens from districts 69, 72, 73 and 73½, student representatives from Lincoln and Oakview Junior High, and Easthi senate president Howard Steirman.

The first closing committee is charged with receiving suggestions from the staff, students, individuals, and organizations, forming at least two plans for East's closing, listing problems that arose as a guideline for other plans, forming other necessary committees, and reporting regularly to the Board.

The second committee, which focuses on the disposition of property, is charged with planning for alternate uses of the land from the East building and the Central building, being guided by the Board's desire to keep the East building for possible future use as a high school, soliciting proposals for the use of Easthi property from the junior college, park districts, governmental agencies, and other community organizations, reporting to the Board, planning for East's continued use at a minimal cost, and examining options 9 (rent, lease or sell) for the Central building.

Under the chairmanship of Mr. John Nix, the Director of Building and Grounds the second committee includes two administrators, a commercial real estate representative, a Village of Skokie

representative, a business person, and a representative from Maine Crawford Property Owners Association.

At the June 1976 meeting of the first committee, five proposals for the closing of Niles East were offered to the Board, but the community representatives indicated a desire for a full four year high school through 1980. At that meeting, the representatives formed five subcommittees.

SUBCOMMITTEE I, THE STUDENT ARTICULATION committee is divided into two area committees. Headed by Dr. Richter, the first area committee holds department articulation with feeder schools, special education programs, class registration and testing, student assignment to counselors, and graduates' records. The second area committee, under the chairmanship of Dr. Lee Hawkins, the director of the English department, study problems relating to extracurricular activities and student organizations — the senate, clubs, boys and girls athletics, music, drama, speech and school publication organizations. When the second area committee met on October 28 and Dec. 2, each of the eight categories gave reports. The second area committee will meet again on January 13.

Subcommittee II, the certificated staff articulation committee, headed by Personnel Director Mr. Tyler is composed of administrators and teachers

from East, North, and West including English teacher Mrs. Jeane Derichs. The second subcommittee discusses staff reductions, building departmental and extra-curricular activity assignments.

SUBCOMMITTEE III, THE CLASSIFIED STAFF articulation committee, under the chairmanship of Mr. Tyler, discusses building and job assignments for classified staff members.

Subcommittee IV, will discuss distribution or disposal of the furniture, equipment and awards at Niles East. Headed by the district business manager, nine area committees work independently: building, language arts, physical welfare, practical arts, social studies and fine arts, student services, theoretical sciences, awards, and food services.

Subcommittee V, chaired by head librarian Mrs. Polanski will discuss the disposition of the library. Some alternatives include retaining the portion worthwhile for the community and the district, selling the collection, dividing the entire collection between North and West, giving North and West only what they deem useful, or donating some or all of the collection to taxing bodies within Niles Township.

This information will be published formally next spring in a booklet for secondary school principals prepared in part by Mr. Hosler.

Committee	Topic	Chairman
Committee I	closing committee	Mr. Hosler
Subcommittee I	student articulation	
Area committee 1	inter-school articulation	Dr. Richter
Area committee 2	student organizations	Dr. Hawkins
Subcommittee II	certificated staff articulation	Mr. Tyler
Subcommittee III	classified staff articulation	Mr. Tyler
Subcommittee IV	distribution of equipment	District Business Manager
Area committee 1	building	building managers
Area committee 2	language arts	department directors
Area committee 3	physical welfare	department directors
Area committee 4	practical arts	department directors
Area committee 5	social studies and fine arts	department directors
Area committee 6	student services	department directors
Area committee 7	theoretical sciences	department directors
Area committee 8	awards	student service director
Area committee 9	food services	food service director
Committee II	building	Mr. Nix

Seniors attain scholar status

81 Easthi seniors achieved Illinois state scholar status by performing well in the 1976 American College Testing Program (ACT).

THE STUDENTS INCLUDE: Michael Bass, Mindy Bass, Roger Beck, Gregory Beljaeff, Robert Blinick, Stuart Bressler, Ellen Brin, Karen Chamerlik, Laurence Cohen, Murray Cohn, Dana Colucci, George Curtiss, Brian David, William Deitch, Barbara Deutsch, Gregg Dorman, Benjamin Dubin, Lauran Factor, Sharyl Fischman, Arlene Fisher, Dawn Flakne, Lisa Frank, Vicki Gebavi, Janet Ginsburg, Debra Glienke, Brad Goldenberg, Andrew Goldstein, Richard Gordon, Lori Graff, Evalyn Grant, Sheila Hamer, Brian Harris, Carla Hasegawa, Alan Herbach, Cathy Horwitz, Louis Kanter, Lisa Kuntz, Pamela Landau, Joanne Lange, Aileen Leung, Anne Marie Levan, Richard Levin, Dennis Liu, Dennis Lutz, Beth Malekow, Carol Malina, Scott Malina Elaine Masover, Amy Matsuda, James Matz, Fern Medor, David Miller, Sandra Mohr, Ann Morton, Steven Nelson, David Pevsner, Hal Pos, Mary Postel, Gloria Price, Eric Robin, Laura Sable, Eileen Saltzman, Barry Schmetter, Julie Schmidt, Alan Schneider, Pamela Schnell, Janet Seyller, Howard Shapiro, Norman Siegal, Steven Steib, Howard Steirman, Robert Stevens, Michael Stiefel, Patricia Sudendorf, Paula

Sugarman, Allan Tish, Caryn Vale, Sharon Veis, David Weinstein, Diane Wurl, and Irwin Ziedman.

THE ILLINOIS STATE SCHOLARSHIP COMMISSION mailed certificates of merit to the Illinois state scholars late November.

Over 30,000 students from most Illinois high schools competed in the 1977-78 program; approximately 12,000 students qualified as state scholars.

The commission offers the ISSC Monetary Award, based on financial need, usable at more than 200 Illinois public and private universities. Applications are available in the guidance resource room.

Senate discusses smoking area

Early December, the Student Senate led a half hour discussion with Mr. Hosler and Mr. Lamb on a student smoking area.

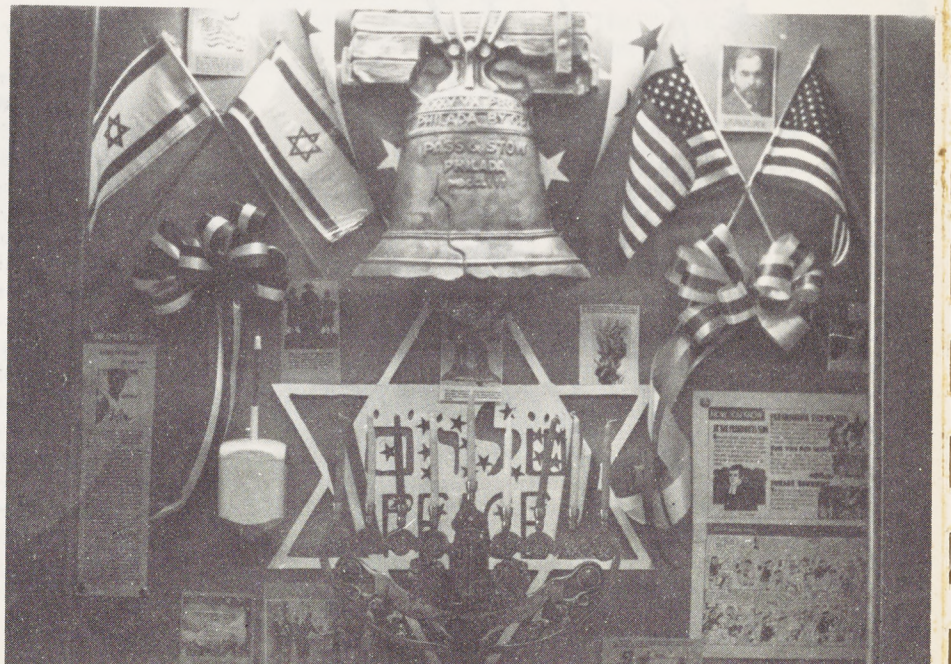
The committee on school affairs (COSA) made two proposals: to have a smoking area on Lincoln Avenue, or in a section of the courtyard. Plans for a new smoking location are being discussed, because the local community has complained about the present smoking area on Mulford Street.

The Senate plans to ask the student body and the community for suggestions.



Runnerup for Nilehilit photo contest.

Photo by Alan Schoen



Israeli Showcase exhibit located near room 317.

by Steve Suslick

Teachers & students study character traits

The holidays are upon us and most people are forming a written or mental list of New Year's resolutions. The resolutions include habits to break or personality flaws to improve upon.

A recent survey asked students what general characteristics many teachers need to improve for the New Year. Several students claimed that teachers give too much busy work, and don't realize that students have homework in other classes. They felt that teachers expect too much in a short time. Another student felt that teachers don't understand students problems. In addition students felt that some teachers are unfair when grading, because they don't consider the time involved in a project, and that some teachers put too much importance on grades. Other comments included teachers who "pick on" certain students, and threaten the class. Most students interviewed added that their comments only referred to some teachers, and that all East teachers had many positive character traits.

Among the traits that students felt teachers should continue in the coming

year are the willingness to help students on their free time, showing their human side, and watching for improvement. Students also said that they admire teachers who reconsider and admit when they are wrong.

THE TEACHERS WERE ALSO GIVEN the opportunity to suggest some improvements the students could make for the New Year. These include being too concerned with grades, being too materialistic, and not being concerned with the natural environment. One teacher commented that many students become upset with a grade that the teacher "gives" them, when they didn't "earn" it. Another teacher felt that students are not strongly academically motivated, due to outside influences.

When interviewed, however, the teachers also found many favorable characteristics present in most East students. They believed that students have good attitudes about learning, willingness to accept responsibility, enthusiasm, knowledge about the world they live in, and well developed senses of humour.



feedback

Reflections considered satisfying

Dear Editor,
To the Students involved in Reflections:
My congratulations and thanks to you for a really satisfying production! I've come to expect Reflections to be a good show, but each year it seems to get better. What impressed me about this year's Reflections?

1. High standards of writing, a selection of material with both coherence and variety, and a second act that continued the excellence of the first.
2. A band that played with such fine intonation, balance, and precision that I almost forgot the players were there as the music poured forth.
3. Thorough work behind the scenes by committees and crews, especially the speedy set changes and the spectacular designs for "One" and "Celebrate".
4. And, above all, the many persons on stage who— whether speaking, singing, or

dancing— exhibited a masterful sense of timing and physical movements that were natural, graceful, and beautifully integrated.

"Free To Be You and Me" was unmitigated joy.
Reflections Upon a Lifetime was a truly outstanding evening of entertainment.

Richard A. Livingston
English Teacher

Cast appreciates

Dear Editor,
We would like to express our appreciation to the staff and students of Niles East High School for their efforts and kindness in sponsoring a cast of "Up With People." We certainly enjoyed the opportunity to meet with and learn from the people of Niles East, and the entire Skokie Community.
Susan Swain, Ray Wane, and Dave Lipson

Hotline

What is the Rotary Club's purpose

What is the Purpose of the Rotary Club?
The Rotary Club is an association of businessmen and professionals, who are committed to community programs. They meet at Pyrenees weekly on Tuesdays.

One student is chosen each month to represent East at the Rotary Club. The students are chosen by the administration based on participation in Deca, Student Senate, sports, theater, and The Nilehilitite.

Past student representatives include Brian David, Jerry Lavin, David Pevsner, Lori Piper, and Howard Steirman.

What are the words to Niles East's Pep Song?

The lyrics to "NILEHI," written in 1941 are:
Nilehi, Nilehi,
Go out and win this game,
We'll help you try,
The Trojans were a mighty race,
They fought with lots of vim,
So keep the fighting spirit, and we'll win
Let's go now gold and blue,
We're true to you
We'll stand behind you always to a man
Let's keep our colors flying high

Our motto is to do or die!
Let's win this game, Nilehi!

When will "Witness For the Prosecution" be presented?

The winter play, "Witness For the Prosecution," directed by Mr. Jerry Proffit, and assisted by Rena Zaid '77 will be presented on January 20-22, in the auditorium at 8 p.m.

What is the purpose of the Student Appeals Board?

The Student Appeals Board is a committee who hold hearings for students who received referrals that they believe are unfair. The Appeals Board members include John Diviak '77, Scott Friedman '77, Lauren Pitalis '78, and Alan Portnoy '78.

After receiving a referral which a student feels is unfair, the student should talk to his dean. If he still is not satisfied, he may request a form for a hearing at the S.A.B. The form then will be transferred to Scott Friedman, Judge Advocate, and the student will be notified of his hearing. Every student at East has the right to a hearing with witnesses.

Winning photographer explains his hobby

ALAN SCHOEN '79 recently took the winning photograph of the winter scene which is located on the front page.

ALAN FIRST BEGAN PHOTOGRAPHY in the fifth grade. "One of my friends was interested in it and he influenced me to join a class at the JCC," said Alan. He participated in the program for eighteen months.

As an eighth grader, Alan took pictures for the Oakview yearbook.

He prefers to capture objects than people because, "It's not as restrictive and it involves more variables."

HIS OTHER HOBBIES INCLUDE filming movies, playing golf, and collecting stamps. Alan plays the trombone in the Jazz Ensemble, Concert Band, Marching Band, and Pep Band. He often works as a stage crew member for drama productions.

Alan wants to take film study, learn more about color and creative

photography. Alan concluded, "I'm satisfied to take pictures for the newspaper."



Second place photo for contest by Alan Schoen.



Editors Note:
The Nilehilitite would like to apologize for the Right Ear on page 1, which stated that the Woody Herman concert was held on November 30, while the newspaper was distributed on December 1. The distribution date was postponed, due to a disaster drill on November 30, therefore, the date on the Nilehilitite was changed to December 1 but the Right Ear couldn't be changed at such short notice.

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Students enjoy Japanese vacation

by Wendy Gerber

Beryl and Ellen Schwartz, traveled in Tokyo, Kyoto, and Shima in Japan during the summer.

"Tokyo is divided into sections and is confusing. It's easy to get lost," commented Ellen. In Tokyo, they visited their relatives and the Army Hospital at Camp Zama where Ellen was born. When their parents met, their father was in the army and their mother worked at a theater.

FOR BREAKFAST THE FAMILY would either eat Japanese or American food. During the day they visited shrines and temples. "They are beautiful," expressed Beryl. Other days they would shop or go sight-seeing.

For an American lunch they would eat at McDonalds or have Kentucky Fried Chicken. "Most of the prices are reasonable but at McDonalds they charged double the normal price," Ellen

added.

In Japan they eat a lot of seafood. One fried shrimp dish was called "Tempura." "When you have soup, the Japanese will be offended if you do not make noise. They think you don't like it," said Ellen.

"**I THINK THE BEST PART** of the trip was the food and gamerooms," commented Beryl. Every block had gamerooms and gambling. As a student, one can't gamble. School begins for the Japanese in August and ends in May, according to Ellen.

At night they would play pachinko in the gamerooms while they were entertained by their cousin, Akio. The girls would go to sleep late at night.

THEY WOULD ATTEND sports events, such as baseball, volleyball, or football on some evenings. "In Japan they support their high school sports very well and the players never argue with

the umpire," explained Beryl.

Many things were surprisingly different in Japan from the U.S. "The firetrucks and cars are small. The Japanese drive on the left side and the driver sits on the right. If a person was in the crosswalk, all of the cars would stop. The cabs are pretty cheap, and in Japan you can't tip anybody.

"**THE FOREIGNERS ARE REAL NICE**, and they will give free samples at stores. I thought that everyone would wear Kimonos but only the old people do. Everyone else wears Levi's rolled up, and t-shirts with suspenders. The clothes are inexpensive in Japan; Levi's are a little cheaper than here," explained Ellen.

Both of the girls are able to understand Japanese and speak it somewhat so communication wasn't a problem. The Japanese also speak broken English.

"I would like to return to Japan especially to see more of Mount Fuji, and Japanese fencing," stated Ellen.



(Photo by Alan Cohn)

Ellen Schwartz '77 and Beryl Schwartz '78.

Persons, places, and things

LISA COHN '78 has been chosen by "The Experiment in International Living" to live with a family in France this summer. This private non-profit education institution was founded in 1932 and is involved in cultural learning and understanding between people.

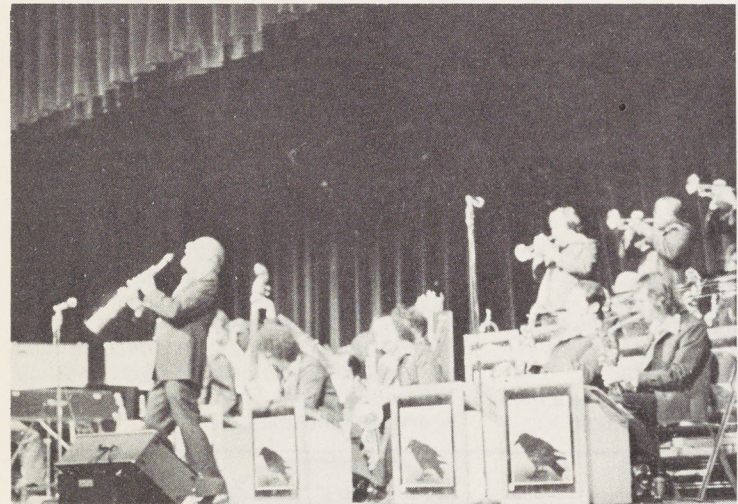
THE SKOKIE PUBLIC LIBRARY is presently showing 52 minute episodes of the "World at War" on Mondays at 8 p.m. in the Petty Auditorium for free.

ALUMNI SCOTT WINKLER '76 visited East during his Thanksgiving vacation. Scott is attending the University of

Michigan at Ann Arbor where he majors in Liberal Arts. Scott was involved in the Golf team at East and college.

FRENCH CLUB sponsored by Miss Dorann Klein visited a French restaurant on December 8. Approximately 18 members dined at "L'Escargot" in Chicago on Halsted.

AN AMERICAN JEWISH BICENTENNIAL DISPLAY was done by the Students for Israel Club in the show-case by room 317. Presently, they have a Chanukah display. The club plans to show at least three more showcase designs by the end of the year.



(Photo by Alan Schoen)

Woody Herman and his Thundering Herd performing at the jazz concert on November 30 at East auditorium.

Unicorn signifies section in library

by Dan Sawislak

By looking towards the southeast corner of the fiction room at the Skokie Public Library, a student will see a picture of a unicorn which signifies the uni-corner.

THIS AREA OF THE LIBRARY houses the Young Adult Collection. "A big problem with the uni-corner is that it's awfully hard to find," said Young Adult Librarian Barbara Doherty.

Once the reader has located the unicorn he might find it very interesting. The uni-corner is a collection of about 1,100 books at full capacity. It consists of fiction and non-fiction which all have some interest to high school students.

The non-fiction books, according to Mrs. Doherty,

include books about such topics as reports, art, and music.

Some fiction books are written by Kurt Vonnegut, Paul Zindel, and Ray Bradbury. Many of these books are duplicates of books in the adult section that have been placed in the uni-corner.

"**THE UNI-CORNER MAY HELP STUDENTS** who must do book reports," said Mrs. Doherty. "Rather than searching through the whole library a student can come to the uni-corner to get a good book."

This section was started four years ago and is increasing in popularity, according to Mrs. Doherty. On your next visit to the library do a little exploring and visit the uni-corner.

Student discusses homeland

Zehava, Israelite, moves to Skokie

by Janice Greenberg

How would a person like to go to school six days a week, nine hours a day, and have the same teacher for almost every subject?

These are some of the differences between Israel and the United States, according to Zehava Goldstein, a student at East who moved two years ago to the United States from Israel.

A MAJOR DIFFERENCE is the students in Israel attend school Sunday thru Friday. They have no choice of courses; they must take algebra and geometry, home economics, Arabic, Torah, world history, geography, and prayers, all taught by the same teacher. They have different teachers for art, music, and gym.

When students graduate from high school, they must go directly into the army. Men must stay for three years and the women stay for 18 months or until they are five months pregnant. After serving in the army, they never have to return.

While the United States enjoys baseball, Israel enjoys soccer. It is not uncommon to see families playing soccer outside their homes, according to Zehava. (Most families have four or five children.)

THE CRIME RATE IN ISRAEL is lower than the U.S. and the punishments are more severe, explained Zehava. They also don't have any capital or parole punishment.

When Zehava moved here from Israel two years ago, she discovered that the people are more prejudiced and unfriendly than in Hirzilia, the town where she lived. "Everyone knew each other and were friendly," stated Zehava.

"**MARRIAGES COST A LOT OF MONEY**, and most people don't have much, so they live together. Therefore, the divorce rate is low. People think a lot before they get married. If they can't get along and they want a divorce, most can't afford one.

"In Israel everything is expensive compared to the U.S. One thing about Israel that I would like to change is the government taxes. They are too high, and I think the entire country would turn Communist within three years.

"Leaving Israel is almost impossible. To leave (even to visit another country) one must

pay the government money. People that move to Israel receive a free apartment and car," said Zehava.

"**I INFLUENCED MY PARENTS** to live here," stated Zehava. "We visited the U.S. two

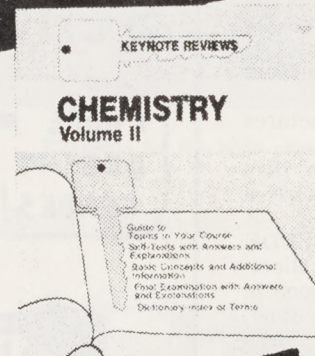
years before we moved. At that time it was expensive to leave."

"I love Israel and I would do anything to help, but I don't want to live there unless some changes are made," explained Zehava.



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VanArsdale to impersonate Scrooge

by Caryn Lason

How many people are familiar with an individual who has become a legend in his own time?



(Photo by Alan Schoen)

VanArsdale, a teacher in District 219 for 32 years, does impersonations.

Ronald VanArsdale, in his 32 years at Niles District 219, has achieved this title.

VanArsdale taught for 14 years at East division, seven years at West, and 10 years at North. In his duration at Niles schools, he saw many changes, including the addition of the new section at East, but one thing remained continual.

EVERY YEAR, DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON, VanArsdale would do his impersonation of actor Lionel Barrymore playing the part of Scrooge in the play, "A Christmas Carol."

VanArsdale first heard Barrymore doing Scrooge on the radio, and he tried to impersonate him. His friends were impressed by his impersonation, and they encouraged him to shorten it to five minutes. In 1946 he performed for an audience of East students in their Christmas program. It was so successful that he continued doing Scrooge every year at East. At that time they held assemblies in the gym. When he

transferred to West, he did his yearly impersonation, only in the auditorium, and after he went to North, he still performed Scrooge, only less people were familiar with the Actor Barrymore. By the last two years of his teaching career he performed for a limited audience of interested students.

VANARSDALE HAS PERFORMED many other impersonations including President Roosevelt, Bergin and McCarthy, and German, French, Chinese, and Italian dialects. He did an impersonation of Charles Laughton playing Captain Bligh in "Mutiny on the Bounty," and once when Charles Laughton was in Niles Township, his students dared him to go backstage and do his impersonation. "I accepted the dare, and after I finished the impersonation, Laughton corrected me by telling me that I had forgotten the words "unchartered, when referring to the seas," explained VanArsdale.

This year, a former student of VanArsdale's from North is taping his impersonation of Scrooge, to play on a Des Plaines radio station, where the student is program director. VanArsdale's two twin nephews, Tom and Dick Arsdale, are professional basketball players on the Phoenix Suns, and they have also taped the Scrooge impersonation to play on Phoenix stations.

VANARSDALE STUDIED AND MAJORED IN ENGLISH AND DRAMA at the University of Iowa. He earned his way through school by doing impersonations for Men's Civic groups, like Kiwanis and Lions Clubs. He appeared in over 500 plays while in college.

"In order to impersonate someone," VanArsdale explained, "you must use people the audience knows. An impersonator must have a good ear to distinguish pitch, timing, tempo, and inflections in the quality of the voice. You must

also copy facial expression, the way a person uses his mouth, stature, dialect, and eccentric gestures." Follow all these directions, and hope the audience can recognize the individual being impersonated.

Bill Redcloud helps Indians

by Wendy Gerber

An American Indian, Bill Redcloud, spoke to Everett Colton's U.S. Colonial History class on Monday, December 6, to discuss the present situations and history about Indians.

REDCLOUD IS A DIRECTOR of the Native American Training Center on North Berwyn Street in Chicago. He gives aid and services to Indians not living on reservations. Since they are a minority, Redcloud tries to get jobs for others.

Most of the Indians are located in New Mexico, Arizona, South and North Dakota, Minnesota, Illinois, and Wisconsin. One program attempts to improve conditions on the reservations. Since 1953 one-quarter of the homes have facilities such as water and toilets. The other homes use wood for heat, kerosene lights in place of electric lamps, and water from the community pump.

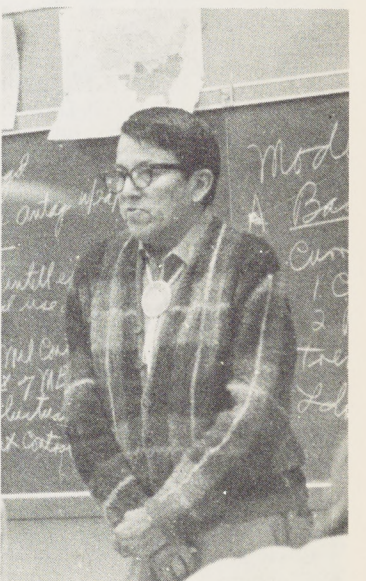
"AN INDIAN MIGHT HAVE TO WALK as far as a mile to get water. Everyone helps each other. For example if fish is caught, it is shared among the people in the village," explained Redcloud.

They also plant gardens and make their own clothes to be prepared if there's another depression. The only money that the Indians receive from the state is a portion of the amount for all minorities.

The Indians are furthering their education beyond grade school and high school. Some of them even earn doctor's and lawyer's degrees, according to Redcloud.

DURING CERTAIN SEASONS THE INDIANS have ceremonial drums and they are in touch with spirits that are omnipresent. A ceremony makes the medicine work which are derived by the Indians from herbs and bark on trees, according to Redcloud.

The Indians change their location often due to their beliefs in religion and government which is typical of most tribes.



(Photo by Steven Suslick)

Bill Redcloud speaking about Indians.

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Cagers take seventh

by Mike Bass

The week of Nov. 23 was a very busy one for the Trojan varsity basketball team.

First, Niles East finished seventh in the Streator tournament, then lost on consecutive nights to Maine East and Notre Dame.

NILES EAST CAPTURED SEVENTH PLACE in the Streator tournament by defeating Sterling Newman 90-86, after losing their first two games. Those two losses were to home team Streator, 96-72, and to Morris, 68-66.

The defeats by Maine East and Notre Dame were by scores of 88-77 and 78-55 respectively. That these two games were played on consecutive nights (Friday and Saturday) upset Trojan Head Coach, Emil Capitani.

"As long as I am with the Niles East basketball team, I will never try to schedule double weekend games again," ex-

claimed Capitani. "The bad part about the two game weekend is that we were up for the first game against a good team (Maine East), but were flat against Notre Dame. Notre Dame is a good team, though."

EVEN THOUGH THE TROJANS lost to Maine East, Coach Capitani was pleased with his club's play. "We played a good game against a good club. We were able to break their press," added Capitani.

One of the big reasons Niles East lost to Maine was explained by Coach Capitani. "We were down by six with three minutes left, when we didn't cash in on our offensive opportunities."

Capitani made a similar comment about the Notre Dame game, when he pointed out one of the reasons for their loss. "We were losing by 12 points when we had five offensive opportunities where we didn't score."

IN THE STREATOR TOURNAMENT, Trojan forward Jeff Frankel led all scorers with 71 points for a 23.7 point per game average, including 37 points against Sterling Newman. Frankel was chosen to the all-tournament team, his second all-tournament placing this year.

Frankel leads the Trojans in scoring this year with 161 points, an average of 20.1 points per game.

Chuck Wisniewski was the top scorer for Niles East against Maine East with 20 points. Other high scorers in that game for Niles were Frankel with 16, Bill Andrea with 15, and Marc Bercoon with 12.

The Trojan scoring in the Notre Dame game was led by Frankel with 14 points. Other Niles East players who were in double figures were Robert Rubenstein with 13, and Andrea with 11.



(Photo by Alan Schoen)

Trojans make Notre Dame sandwich.

Sophs lose 2 cage games

by Mike Bass

The Trojan sophomore basketball team lost its first two games of the year to Maine East and Notre Dame.

The final scores of the games were 68-57 against Maine East, and 57-54 against Notre Dame.

The Maine East game was actually closer than the score indicates. It was a one or two point game until the last four minutes, when Maine went into a stall, and the Trojans were forced to foul.

THE CONTEST WITH NOTRE DAME looked like it might have ended differently than it did, when the Trojans jumped out to a 30-21 half time lead. The lead, however, was cut to one point at the end of the third quarter, and Notre Dame went on to win, 57-54.

Trojan Head Coach, Bill Langston, said that "It was hard to open with the first game on the road, plus Maine East is a very good club."

COACH LANGSTON COMMENTED on the Notre Dame game, explaining, "The kids played real well for 24 minutes. Unfortunately, there are 28 minutes in a game."

"The turning point in the game was when we had a seven point lead, and lost it in 40 seconds," added Langston.

Coach Langston feels that the team's strong points are its pivot and forward men. He thinks that the weak points are the lack of guard scoring, the need for more hustle on defense, and the lack of an adequate back-up play-making guard.

Volleyball team beats Maine

by Judy Lee

The Niles East varsity volleyball team won their second conference meet and extended their overall record to 4-1 by defeating Maine East by the score of 20-16, 20-11.

VARSITY COACH JERRY RICHARDSON is enjoying his first year of coaching girls' volleyball. He says, "The girls are doing everything I ask them to, and I'm having a great time working with them."

The girls have a rigorous workout two hours every day which includes running drills to improve basic and advanced skills and occasional scrimmages. In past years, much of the team's strategy revolved

around its defensive ability to keep the ball in play. This year, however, the team is using a multiple offense with a much greater emphasis on aggressive ball-playing. This seems to have proven successful so far.

According to Coach Richardson, the girls' best advantage over other teams they've played has been their ability to handle the ball. "We can accurately return serves and spikes while other teams can't," explained Richardson.

AGAINST MAINE EAST, Coach Richardson commented, "The team played a good mental game — we were moving on the court." He was very pleased

with the team's performance, especially since they had a 10 day lay-off between games.

"Our main weaknesses right now are our poor blocking, skills and our lack of communication," said Coach Richardson. The girls will be working on these skills in upcoming practices. Their next game is against New Trier West at New Trier on January 6.

The varsity squad consists of ten players. They include seniors Karen Behr, Jamie Borkovitz, Jody Coninx, Beth DeFranceschi, Kathy Ewing, Elaine Masover, and Nan Odlivak, and juniors Andrea Slowik, Jenise Vassilatou, and Judy Lee.

Boys' gymnastics looks good

by Barry Schwartz

"Just like in the past, Trojan gymnastic teams have always had a winning tradition, and this year will be no exception," said Boys Gymnastics Coach Seymour Rifkind.

"The varsity squad will include the returning sophomore conference champs and a well balanced senior group," declared Coach Rifkind.

The team will be led by all-around gymnasts Chris Besser, Bill Saputo, and John Lopez. Individual contenders include Brian Austin on rings and Jim Burke on the sidehorse.

Coach Rifkind admits that

victory will not come easy for the Trojans this year. Four key performers couldn't come out for the team because of personal reasons. Also, the team must face strong competition, including the top five teams in the state.

Coach Rifkind added that with extra hard work and determination the team will have a winning season.

On the sophomore level, the squad is predicted to finish in the upper half of the conference. Leading this team will be two trampolinists Jeremy Willens and Larry Cohan.

The freshmen team will try to

hold its own with all-around gymnasts Richard Tripp and Steve Fishman.

Hockey team is 0-7

The Niles East hockey team is 0-7 after suffering crushing defeats against such league powerhouses as Loyola, Notre Dame, and Prospect.

The team's main problem seems to be a weak defense which thus far has permitted 66 goals, according to Coach Bill Pfau.

Grapplers defeat Evanston

by David Fogel

The Niles East wrestling team traveled to Evanston to take on the Wildkits Friday, December 3. All four teams won by very impressive scores.

The freshmen won by an overwhelming score of 78-3. The sophomore and J.V. teams also

won by wide margins to continue their winning ways. The combined scores for all four levels was 229-26.

Easthi varsity wrestlers remained undefeated by posting a 50-3 victory. Pins for the varsity came from Bill Stein,

Rick Yale, Bud Blumenthal, and Mark Sonshine, who needed only 26 seconds to defeat his opponent.

The wins boosted the Trojans' four team combined record to 12-0.

East swims for future

by Dave Kaplan

"We hope we can win the conference, but this year's main goal is to build a conference winning team for the future," commented assistant swimming Coach Skip Petrzelka.

"The varsity swim team is very inexperienced. We have only 7 upperclassmen (5 juniors and 2 seniors) swimming for us," Petrzelka commented.

Captain Dan Projansky swims the 100-yard butterfly and the butterfly in the medley relay. He is trying to set a Niles East school record by swimming the 100-yard butterfly under one minute. "Right now, he is swimming it in 1:05," added Petrzelka.

Besides Projansky, Brad Goldenberg, the other senior, swims the 100-yard backstroke and the backstroke in the medley. Mike Borovik in the breast stroke, and Scott Kleiman in the freestyle.



(Photo by Alan Schoen)

Karen Behr — prep athlete of the week.

"Tribune" honors Karen Behr

by Mari Ivener

Karen Behr, '77, was recently honored by the **Chicago Tribune** as a prep athlete of the week for the week of November 22.

Karen, who was recognized for her excellent play on the volleyball team, felt she was not the only team member worthy of the honor.

"There are other girls on the team who played just as well. I really don't know why they chose me," Karen explained.

BESIDES VOLLEYBALL, KAREN is involved with the school's tennis, and track teams. She's been captain of the tennis team for two years and was voted most valuable girls'

basketball player for three years. She also went downstate last year for track and field where she threw the shotput.

Of all sports, Karen enjoys participating in softball the most. Although she's not on the school's team, she plays for the Skokie Girls' Traveling Team. The traveling team consists of the area's best players which play similar teams in neighboring suburbs. Last year her team finished first in the Park District tournament and second in the Chicago Metro tournament.

"GIRL'S SPORTS AT EAST is getting better all the time,"

Karen stated. "Girl's sports are pulling bigger crowds, and we're getting more gym time for practice."

Although she has no definite plans for college, Karen is looking into some state colleges, and she definitely will continue to participate in athletics.

"There's a problem with scholarships for girls. Guys are scouted for scholarships, while girls have to go looking for the scholarships themselves," asserted Karen.

Karen's chief gripe is the way girl athletes are looked down upon. She feels they are thought upon as being unfeminine.

Trojans Triumph

The Trojan basketball team pulled victory out of the hands of defeat last Tuesday, by defeating Niles North on a last second shot by Marc Bercoon.

The final score of the game was 54-53 in favor of the Trojans.

What was remarkable about the game, was the great comeback made by Niles East. They were down 53-40 with only 4:13 left to play, when they scored 14 straight points to win the game.

The day was a sweep in basketball for the Trojans.