

## End of the line?

# Maierhofer, Nilehi under fire

by Robert Feder

A formal complaint has been filed against the Nilehi Board of Education charging that the district's half-million dollar bus contract with Maierhofer Bros., Inc. is illegal.

The Better Government Assn. (BGA), a watchdog agency based in Chicago, said last week the Board's bus contract is in violation of a state law requiring competitive bids be sought on most major goods and services contracted by governmental bodies including school boards.

**ALTHOUGH NILEHI BUSINESS** man-

ager Robert Gara did admit the bus contract is negotiated solely with Maierhofer and without competitive bids sought from other firms, he said the district is violating no law and has legal opinions in writing to back up its practice.

In addition, Gara claimed that under the current practice, the district saves a substantial sum of money. "If we sought competitive bids on our bus service, Maierhofer could raise their price far above the negotiated one and still end up being the lowest bidder," Gara said.

**THE BGA'S CHARGES** first came to

light on January 9 when WLS-TV newsman Larry Buchman reported that letters of complaint against Nilehi had been filed with State Superintendent of Public Instruction Michael Bakalis and County Superintendent Richard Martwick.

Buchman told the Nilehilite that WLS will continue to "keep an eye on the situation and follow up on whatever action is taken."

**SUCH "ACTION" COULD** include revocation of state transportation funds to the district, according to BGA investigator Patricia Liebert. She said there was an outside chance that Nilehi's contracting practices "could possibly jeopardize" the state allocation, depending upon the judgment of Dr. Bakalis' office.

Liebert told the Nilehilite that the BGA's probe of school bus contracts found only one other high school district — Lyons Township — failing to seek competitive bids beside Nilehi. The Lyons case is being handled in "exactly the same manner," she said.

**BOTH CASES INVOLVED** school officials having legal interpretations differing from the BGA's. "We don't feel that their intent was illegal. But still, the principle is wrong," Liebert said. "People are familiar with scandals in Chicago but often forget about suburban school districts and occasional misuse of funds there too," she said.

Despite reassurances by Nilehi officials that their bus contracts are exempt from the competitive bidding law, legal counsel for Dr. Bakalis' office, Leo Athas, said "only contracts involving a high degree of professional skill are exempted." Athas interpreted such special "skill" to mean doctors, lawyers,

engineers, etc. according to a BGA source.

**FUTHERMORE, FORMER** State Rep. Anthony Scariano, who wrote the competitive bidding law, reinforced the BGA's position when he said bus contracts "were not exempted from the law." Scariano is now chairman of the Illinois Racing Board.

William Maierhofer, head of the 54-year-old Skokie bus firm, would not comment on the BGA's complaint when contacted by the Nilehilite.

**IN A RELATED** development, a recent survey of students conducted by Student Senate showed fewer than half the 148 persons responding said they were "satisfied" with school bus service.

Only 64 said they were satisfied, while the remaining 84 said they were not satisfied or did not know how they felt.

A number of students responding "no" cited overcrowding, lateness, and smoking on buses as major complaints.

## Midyear grads leave Easthi

Eighty-seven students from Niles East High School will graduate during the second semester of the 1973-74 school year. Four of these students are ninth semester graduates, while the remaining 83 are graduating after completing seven semesters.

**THIS YEAR**, following a revision in policy by the District 219 Board of Education, seventh semester graduates are to be "graded on work completed to the date of release, without reduction in grade for portions of course work that follow the date of release."

This year's mid-year graduates are:

Ronda Abrams, Jill Aronovitz, Mary Lou Axley, Robert Baque, Marylin Bass, Wendy Benas, Julie Berg, Jori Bonner, Linda Brantman, Debra Jo Capitol, Rita N. Conroy, Elisa Joy Davis, Thomas DeMeulenaere, Joann Deutsche, Janet L. Dick, Michael J. Dinelli, Keith Domian, Kent Domian, Robert J. Dooley, Larry Duxler.

Mark C. Edwin, Shelle Engelberg, Richard E. Eurich, Gary Fleck, Sherry E. Fine, Gail Friedman, Sherwin R. Gilbert, Ellyce F. Glassner, Sheldon Glassner, Leslie Goles, Judith Gutman, Shari Hack, Susan Harris, Vicki Hasegawa, Michael Jacobs, Andrea Jacobson, Judy Jansen, Billie Jo Kane, Robin Kempner, Susan J. Klein, Lenore Krasner, Barbara Kusek, Susan M. Kraut.

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The Nilehilite staff extends its sympathy to the family and friends of Andrew P. Zarras, an Easthi sophomore who died last Monday morning.



## Senate to confer with Supt. Gibbs

Student Senate is gearing itself up for the first open forum session with Nilehi Superintendent Wesley Gibbs since last March.

This Tuesday, January 22, at 10 a.m. in the Student Lounge, Dr. Gibbs will meet with Senate members and other interested students to discuss the present state of administration-student relations.

**DR. GIBBS' LAST** such meeting with students, held on March 23, 1973, was characterized by verbal attacks on his philosophy of education. It is expected that discussion this time will center around more practical matters of school operation, including teacher supervision, Board policy, and curriculum.

In recent months, the Senate has spoken with four Board of Education members, Easthi principal Arthur Colver, building manager Jo Morris, dean Gerald Turry, Teachers Union leader James Dougherty, and yesterday with district food services manager Jeanne Madaus.

**IN OTHER ACTIONS** recently, the Senate:

—Was informed by director Kenneth Iverson of the library's new policy permitting "educational conversation" among students in one of four main reading rooms. A Senate committee was established to monitor the policy's effect and issue an evaluation on it by June, 1974.

—Issued resolutions in memory of two former veteran Easthi teachers, Mike Basrak and Paul Eberhardt.

Basrak was a coach here for seven years before moving to Westhi, where he coached the varsity football team to a Central Suburban League championship.

**EBERHARDT, AN EARLY** adviser of the Nilehilite, taught English here for nearly 25 years before his late-1960's retirement.

—Issued a resolution in memory of former Northi student activist Mort Schaffner. As reported in the last issue of the Nilehilite, Schaffner was the first student to seek a seat on the school board.

—Released the results of its 25-question survey administered to specially selected classes last December. Complete results of that survey will be published in the next issue of the Nilehilite.

—**OBJECTED TO THE** district's policy on smoking during evening and weekend school-sponsored functions. The Sen-

ate resolution cited the "double standard which permits adults to smoke on school grounds at such events but forbids students from doing so.

The resolution, which was presented at last Monday's Board of Education meeting, called for a uniform policy — either banning or permitting smoking for both students and adults alike.

—Heard plans to arrange appearances here by U.S. Rep. Samuel Young and challenger Abner Mikva. A committee of the Senate is working out details to feature both Congressional candidates at political assemblies during school time.



Key Club recently sponsored a holiday party at Fairview South for handicapped children. Club officials Phil Adelman, Bob Sommerman, and Rich Short are pictured above as they present a handicapped child with a new walker for Christmas.



# Directors guide Reflections' growth for months

by Ron Miller

Noah Gilson, '74, co-director, a four-year veteran of Easthi productions, likes the innovative theater and has tried to bring new ideas to Reflections. Instrumental in the creation of many of the show's sketches, Noah admits that many of his personal views have managed to creep into his ideas for the show. Having had a variety of interests in high school, Noah plans to study pre-med at Washington University.

Stew Figa, '74, co-director, became interested in dramatics during his sophomore year, and has not missed a production since. He has played many leading roles, his favorite being his first, the rabbi in "Fiddler on the Roof." As Reflections director, Stew designed the sets (scene backgrounds), in addition to co-supervising the writing and production of the show. Serious about drama, Stew hopes to pursue his studies at Northwestern.

**HOWARD PFEIFER**, '74, co-music director, always was a musician, and probably always will be. In addition to his singing and mastery of the piano and organ, Howard can play almost every other instrument. During his three previous years in Reflections, he played piano, electric bass, and tuba in the stage band. Last year he had a vocal solo, and was assistant music director. Much of the music for "Yesterday and Today" including the overture, was arranged by Howard. He plans to study music at DePaul.

Bruce Koestner, '74, co-music director, another versatile musician, learned to play string bass in a few short weeks for the orchestra. An assistant to the music director last year, Bruce has had many dramatic and musical roles in Easthi productions. Bruce's arrangements for "Yesterday and Today" include the complicated chart for "West

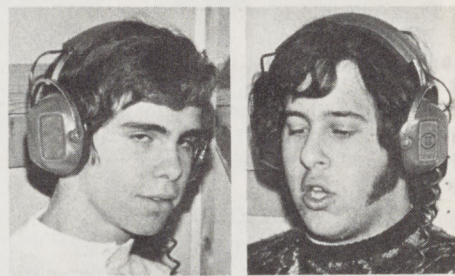
Side Story." He thinks the show is "great," and said he has learned much from the experience. He will study music in college, probably at Northwestern.

**MIKE JACOBS**, '74, the production's technical director, brings four years of technical crew experience to the job. He supervises the lighting, sound, pinrail, and stage crews. Pinrail provides the backdrops for the various scenes, while the stage crew is responsible for setting up each scene's props. Mike considers his technical work to be a hobby and plans to participate in productions beyond high school.

Robin Bezark, '74, assistant director, helped write the show, guided the non-technical crews, and helped the directors during rehearsals. She has been interested in the theater since she was young, and has appeared in numerous productions at Easthi. Robin plans to continue her hobby in college, though

she's considering a career in education.

**THE SHOW'S CHOREOGRAPHERS**, Ilene Korey and Nan Friedman, the only juniors on the staff of directors, planned all the dance routines, and worked with Stew on the "West Side Story" ballet. Both are involved in dance activities outside the show.



(Photos by Michael Fryer)

From upper left to lower right: Reflections' directors Noah Gilson and Stew Figa, musical directors Bruce Koestner and Howard Pfeifer, technical director Mike Jacobs.

## 'Yesterday and Today' continues tonight

by Ron Miller

The past continues its visit tonight to Easthi's auditorium as the second night of "Yesterday and Today," this year's Reflections musical, offers a nostalgic view of American life during the twentieth century. The diverse selection of music, skits, and film is performed by 120 students, the largest Reflections cast in its history.

Noah Gilson and Stew Figa, directors, have guided the production for well over a year. "We've been striving for professionalism and I think we achieved it," said Figa. Jerry Proffit, Easthi's drama director, serves as an advisor to the student-directed show. He credits the show's leadership for the "fine progress" of the production.

**THE MUSIC IS** particularly entertaining. Howard Pfeifer and Bruce Koestner, the music directors, have written imaginative arrangements of such popular numbers as "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy," a World War II-era favorite, "Sister Suffragette" (from "Mary Poppins"), Helen Reddy's "I Am Woman," "Just an Old-Fashioned Love Song," and medleys of Beatles and Gershwin hits.

The singers are complemented by modern dance routines directed by choreographers Nan Friedman and Ilene Korey, and by an exciting 25-piece stage band.

**TECHNICAL DIRECTOR** Mike Jacobs indicated that several innovations will make this year's show more enjoyable for its viewers. The stage has been extended and most of the action takes place very close to the audience. The band is located on stage, behind the performers, so it is hoped that it will not drown out singers, as has occurred in past years, when the musicians performed in the pit between the stage and audience. Koestner observed that the band sounds better this year, being able to play with full intensity.

Robin Bezark, assistant director, is excited about the show. "... a lot of people have had a really good positive attitude. It's helped the show along, and really makes me feel like it's all been worthwhile," she said. "It's great seeing your ideas come to life — seeing something happen on stage that you've lain awake nights to think of and plan out."



(Photo by Michael Fryer)

A scene from "The Divorce Game" segment of "Yesterday and Today."

## Students try colonial handicrafts

by Robert Dooley

Students of Everett Colton's Colonial American History class have been experiencing a new and exciting way of learning the "typical dragged out history" that has plagued students ever since the little red school house days: the use of handicraft. Not the cutting and pasting activities of grade school, but actual colonial handiwork such as dressmaking and boat making, that were necessary for people of the period to survive.

**"THE PURPOSE OF USING** handicraft is to supplement and enrich the students since the text is so limited," said Colton. "Reality of living people" is what is strived for, and if enough information on a variety of things, including minority groups, are given, it is hoped that there is "enough confusion" to motivate students to ask questions that would normally not be asked. "It's to show how much we, today, have in common with the past and that we should learn from the mistakes that were made."

"No two students are on the same academic level. Some are more handicraft-oriented than they are academic. So why not let them use their handiwork to help them learn?" Some students have taken home economics and shop courses, but they are rarely given the

opportunity to use what they've learned. Colton hopes that through handicraft students will be able to use their talent and skill to their benefit, and to prove to students that one class can help the student in another. There are no limitations placed on the kind of handicraft used, just so long as it is well done and the students "use their own methods" of developing their work.

**COLTON SAID THAT** student reaction was somewhat varied, but he attributed its overall success to the "students' willingness to try, and to the help that the library provided." While a few nonchalantly "threw something together," others took more painstaking hours and went into great depth in the functions and methods, that their craft was concerned with, whether it be model boat construction or native dress. If the interest was there, usually it was a job well done. When asked how something like this was graded, Colton quipped, "very respectfully."

"I think that the students have learned how much they didn't know about a particular craft, and they learned to respect it more. I know I've learned how much I don't know," he commented. Colton hopes to continue the use of the handicraft in teaching Colonial American His-

tory, and hopes that in the future he can participate in each and every student's "search for facts about handicraft." "I only hope that I got through to the students the 'humanness' of history."



Linda Miller and Mary Unruh display their hand-made colonial dresses.

## Suburban scene

The Skokie Park district is offering classes for teens with free evenings. Formal registration is over, but interested students can sign up Monday evening, January 21, prior to the start of the classes, at Devonshire Center.

The following classes are available:

Art Media 7-9 p.m. fee: \$15.

Belly Dancing 7-8 p.m. \$10.

Golf for Beginners 7-8 p.m. \$10.

Beginning Guitar 7-8 p.m. \$10.

Intermediate Guitar 8-9 p.m. \$10.

Karate and Self Defense 7-8 p.m. \$10.

Self Defense 7-8 p.m. \$10.

Beginning Sewing for girls 7-8:30 p.m.

Rock Jazz Dance 7-8 p.m. \$10.

Each class meets on Monday evenings at the time given. Self Defense is offered at the Laramie Center, 5251 Sherwin; sewing is given at Old Orchard Jr. high. The courses will last for eight weeks. Call the park district at 674-1500 for further information.



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## Feedback

# Policy 'discriminates' against student smokers

## Double standard

Dear Editor:

It has come to my attention that students are not allowed to smoke cigarettes after school hours and on weekends during school-sponsored activities. However, adults and teachers are permitted to smoke at these events.

Clearly, this is a discriminatory policy against the students of Niles Township. Everyone should be able to smoke or smoking should be forbidden to everyone.

Steve Shapiro '74

## Lucky to be alive

Dear Editor:

I would like to acknowledge my appreciation to the student body for their concern over my recent mishap. (Ed. note: See last issue of the Nilehilite, page two.)

I feel very lucky and fortunate to be alive today. I really would like to thank you all.

Words of advice: If anybody is listening, don't do anything as foolish as I did; it wasn't worth it.

Zachary "Zeik" Irwin Zager '74

## Northi greetings

Dear Editor:

May this New Year bring health, happiness, and a continuation of your excellent reporting. We hope that during the coming year you achieve the goals for which you are working.

Robin Bakal  
 Cindy Block  
 Editors, The North Star

## Remember Mort

Dear Editor:

I was pleased to read the article on Mort Schaffner in the December 21, 1973, issue because Mort was a special person, and deserved special recognition. And being a special person it was inevitable that many would claim him, and that legends would grow up about him.

For example, in the article there are five references to Nilehi and only one to

Northi, and yet Mort was never a student at any division other than Niles North. Also, the American flag, which Mort "liberated" (his euphemism) from a classroom at North, was sewn in as the lining of that black leather jacket, not on the back of it. Further, during the tumult when we "47" were relieved of our jobs in 1971, Mort was one of the very few students, or adults, who was genuinely concerned for us. So along with dumping the apples, he also organized students to walk with us in protest in front of Niles North in the February cold at 7 in the morning. And as for us "older people" reacting with unconcern when we learned of Mort's death, that is the biggest myth of all. Rather, we wept: for the loss of one who truly was concerned for others; for the young man who was so very much looking toward his forthcoming marriage; and for ourselves, as we remember that shock of flaming hair, the leather jacket, and black pointed-toe shoes, the voice that could be both strident and comforting. Niles North will never be the same because of Mort, 'cause, like him or not, he was not one to be ignored!

Elaine Roth  
 Librarian

## Sensitive Senate

Dear Editor:

Student Senate and its leadership as well as its judicial arm, the Student Appeals Board, have done a truly outstanding job this year. They deserve the praise and recognition of the entire school community.

Of special mention, I'd like to say thank you to these young people and the entire student body for the extraordinary way in which they conducted and supported fund raising activities for charitable organizations.

The Student Senate is a representative group which is dynamic and innovative as well as truly sensitive to the needs of others. I wish you continued success in the months to come.

Kenneth Reiter  
 Dean of Students

Ed. note: The Nilehilite welcomes letters to the editor. All letters must be signed, but writer's name will be withheld upon request. We reserve the right to edit letters on the basis of space limitations and editorial judgment.

## Guest editorial

# An education at Nilehi: Preparation for life?

by Alex Averbach

If one considers the multitude and variety of courses and options offered by any of the three Nilehi schools, it is evident that a student in the Niles Township system has indeed a great variety of choices right now.

WHY THEN DO we need an alternative school?

In considering this question, we should first of all reject the notion (sometimes heard at meetings of the district's alternative schools committee) that if three students want to go about their studies in some different way, you are faced with another alternative program. Such a situation is too close to individual instruction to be considered as an alternative in a school system.

So we are talking about an alternative program appealing to a large number of students — but on what grounds?

THE MANY PROGRAMS already in existence here have one fundamental common feature: they are chiefly designed to help the student to learn a subject or a skill in a setting better suited than that provided by the conventional school. But is this all that matters to a student?

The question can also be put in another form: What is education all about? Is it synonymous with instruction? Are schools preparing students for colleges or for life?

Well, let's go for the answers to the students themselves and also to educators.

ABOUT THREE YEARS ago, a number of "problem sensing" committees, in which parents, teachers, and students participated, discussed a multitude of problems and gripes encountered in our school system.

The main complaints of these groups — particularly of the student members — dealt with two major areas. The first related to the non-relevancy of courses offered, the boring way they were presented, and the dullness of the teachers.

The second category pertained to the emotional life of the students in school. Complaints of this nature included lack of communication between students and counselors, lack of mutual respect between students, teachers, and administrators, fear of reprisals for expressions of feelings and opposing philosophies.

There is a cry for help to make parents understand that they must allow students to develop lives according to their own interests and ambitions — not their parents'.

SO WE SEE that some students feel simply bored by the curriculum, but others are oppressed by the atmosphere of authoritarianism in the schools and the neglect of their emotional needs. The latter sentiments are echoed by many educators.

In the preface to his book "Neill!

Neill! Orange Peel", A. S. Neill of Summerhill fame writes: "If every child in the world could call his teacher Orange Peel or the equivalent, my mail would not be filled with letters beginning 'I hate my school. Can I come to Summerhill?' The Summerhill rhyme tells the world that a school can abolish fear of teachers and deeper down, fear of life. And it is not only Neill that the students treat with equity and love, but also the whole staff. They do not stand on their dignity nor do they expect any deference because they are adults."

In Youth — Change and Challenge edited by Erik Erikson, Kaspar Naegle writes: "More particularly, I am concerned with education as a stream of occasions in which youth is encountered and transformed."

In The Coming of Age in America, Edgar Friedenberg writes: "The higher function of education is, I would maintain, to help people understand the meaning of their lives and become more sensitive to the meaning of other people's lives and relate to them more fully."

In Crisis in the Classroom, Charles Silberman writes: "Education is a confrontation with a discipline, with a teacher and also with oneself. Adolescence is a period during which a young person learns who he is and what he really feels. For this to happen, the adolescent needs a good deal of freedom — what Erikson calls a psychological moratorium for personal exploration and growth, for a search for something and somebody to be true to."

In The Lives of Children, George Dennison writes: "We might cease to think of school as a place and believe that it is basically a relationship between children and adults, children and other children. Where the public school conceives of itself as merely a place of instruction and puts severe restraint on the relationship between persons, we conceive of ourselves as an environment for growth and accept the relationship between the children and ourselves as being the very heart of the school."

This then is the answer to our question: Do we need an alternative school and what kind?

WE BELIEVE THAT there is a great need for a school which will help its students in their quest of identity and self-definition. A school characterized by open, direct, and honest relations between student and teacher.

In a school where the assimilation of humanity is the main object, assimilation of knowledge which after all is a part of humanity, and the development of creativity are inevitable by-products.

To emphasize its character and role, such a school could well be named the Encounter School or the Growth School.

Alex Averbach is a member of the district's Alternative Schools committee and is president of the Association of Parents, Students, Teachers, and Taxpayers of Niles Township. He is a retired chemist living in Skokie.

## Hotline

# Q. Can teachers refuse pass-fail requests?

A. Unfortunately, yes they can. According to Easthi's latest policy on pass fail, "the teacher will have the option of accepting or rejecting" the student's decision to exercise the choice to receive a "pass" in place of a letter grade for the semester.

This teacher's veto was written into the policy so that the teacher's contract proviso calling grades "the ultimate domain of the teacher" would be safeguarded. But what this means to the student who decides to take a course pass-fail at the end of a semester is that he could be in for a big surprise if his teacher exercises the right of that "domain."

Q. How many students attend the three Nilehi schools?

A. The breakdown of the 7,638 Nilehi

students is: 2,385 at Easthi, 2,654 at Westhi, and 2,599 at Northi.

District personnel director Ray Tyler projects that total enrollment may be as low as 5,200 students within six years.

That projected drop of 2,400 touched off speculation that Nilehi would sell one of the three buildings (perhaps to Oakton Community College) and still be able to accommodate the remaining students in the other two buildings. But Superintendent Wesley Gibbs put those rumors to rest when he denied "any negotiations whatsoever" were going on or planned concerning the sale of a building.

Q. Where does Student Senate get its money?

A. The Senate's only source of income is from the vending machines in the cafeteria and student lounge. Years ago,

Student Council was responsible for installing the first vending machines there. Since then, they have been replaced and upgraded, but student government still reaps the profits.

Q. How large is the Teachers Union budget?

A. According to the financial reports of the Niles Township Federation of Teachers, the total budgeted income for this fiscal year is about \$44 thousand.

The largest part of that money pays for the Union's membership dues to belong to the American Federation of Teachers and the Illinois Federation of Teachers. Together these costs total \$21 thousand.

Q. How big is Niles Township?

A. Bustling, dynamic Niles Township is a whopping 21 square miles in size,

with a growing population of about 160 thousand.

Bordered by Chicago on the south, Niles Township contains all or part of the suburbs of: Skokie (the "world's largest village"), Morton Grove (home of the new Buffalo's ice cream parlor), Niles (the "all-American city"), Lincolnwood (home of Henry Poresel, mayor for nearly half a century), Glenview (home of the Naval Air Station), and Golf (probably named for the famous sport).

Hey, gang, got a question? Drop us a line. We're the Nilehilite Hotline in Room 124. Sorry we can't arrange personal replies, but if your question is good enough, maybe our whole staff will come to your house for a visit!



## Gymnastic team sweeps to present record of 6-1

by Dave Mayer

On Friday, December 21, the Trojan gymnastics team began a sweep of victories to give them their present record of 6-1. It started with Maine South; the Trojans beat the Hawks badly 136 to 105.34. Scott Harrison used a double back somersault in his routine for the first time winning the free exercise with a score of 8.4. Mike Burke was first on side horse with an 8.0, Neal Sher placed first on horizontal bar with a 7.9 and Lorry Lichtenstein captured trampoline with an 8.1. Sher dominated parallel bars with an outstanding 8.2 while Steve Kozub easily won still rings with his score of 8.3.

Niles East was entered in two invitational over the winter holidays' vacation, the most prominent of these being the Maine East Invitational considered by many to be a prelude to the state meet. Mark Trippel of Evanston gained the free exercise title with an 8.85 topping the defending state champion, Curt Austin of York who placed second with an 8.75. Ron Mitsos of Hersey took third place with an 8.6. Harrison placed sixth in the competition with an 8.3. On side horse the Trojans hopes began to diminish when sixth ranked (in state) Mike Burke fell during his routine. Hersey's Bruce Freedman won the event followed by Hinsdale Central's Tom Truenson and meet favorite Blaine Dahl of Rolling Meadows. On high bar there was no stopping Evanston's Bob

Creek, by far the leading contender for the state title.

Creek, the third gymnast in Illinois state high school competition to use a voronin registered a phenomenal 9.0. Sher was fifth on pipe with an 8.2. Niles West's Tom McLean outclassed York's Gary Rust to win trampoline, while on parallel bars his teammate, Bart Conner, won easily with an 8.85. On still rings Steve Kozub was awarded the second place medal for his 8.55 performance.

At Niles North in the Viking Invitational Niles East literally cleaned up. Scott Harrison was second in free exercise with an 8.0 followed by Sher's 7.8. Mike Burke easily captured side horse, Sher won horizontal bar and parallel bars and Kozub defeated Rich Central's Tom Ware with an 8.4. Upon returning from vacation, the Trojans seized two victories, first against Glenbrook South, 132.4 to 113.6 and then against Maine West 126.2 to 91.7. Against the Titans, East set some new high marks. On free exercise the three-man combination totaled 24.6 points. Harrison received an 8.55 for his set and Sher was awarded an 8.3. On high bar Sher scored an individual high of 8.45 while Lichtenstein hit for 7.75 on trampoline. Sher got an 8.45 on parallel bars and a 7.4 on rings. Kozub had some difficulties, but still managed an 8.05. Sher totaled almost 17 points for the Trojans and averaged 7.82 points in all-around.

Against Maine West the Trojans had a field day sweeping every event. Sher was the outstanding performer with an 8.4 on high bar. The Trojans meet New Trier West today at home at 7:30.

## Trojans face Hawks tonight

by Dave Garlick

East's Varsity basketball team travels to Maine South tonight to face the state ranked Maine South Hawks, on the wings of a two-game mini-winning streak.

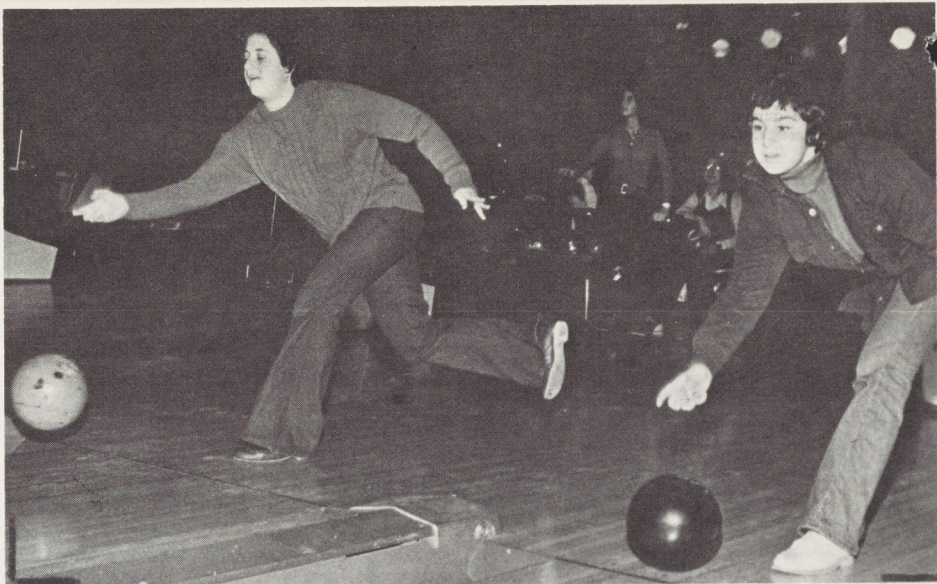
On January 4, the Trojans beat the Knights of Providence-St. Mels 58-46. Junior Varsity Coach Hollister Sandstead directed the Trojans because Head Coach Gary Cook was absent due to a death in his family. Len Weinstein played an excellent game for East, was high scorer with 22 points. Jim Cohn was next in line with 14.

**LAST FRIDAY**, the Trojans beat arch-rival Niles West 70-60. "It was the most satisfying win since I've been at East," said an elated Gary Cook after the game.

Cook felt the key to victory was the positive mental attitude that the Trojans brought into the game, something that was missing during their recent seven game losing streak. "It's good to know that we beat West," said Cook. "But it's better to know that we're startin' to come along as a team, starting to put it all together."

**EAST BROKE OPEN** a close game in the third quarter, when they outrebounded, outscored, and outclassed the Indians. Remembering a game last year when West held the Trojans to only two points in a quarter, East retaliated this year by holding West to only six, while scoring 18 themselves to put the game on ice.

Meanwhile, the Sophomores continued to win and can move into first place by themselves tonight with a victory over Maine South. The "Supersophs" have lost only one league game so far this season. Coach Emil Capiatani's boys beat West last week in a thriller, 56-55, led by Terry Greenberg with 18 points, Mark Brines with 11, and Gary Wolf with 13.



(Photo by Michael Fryer)

Lynn Doreman and Lisa Frank show their bowling form.

## GAA bowlers without loss

Led by team captain Lynn Dorman and Lisa Frank, the GAA sponsored bowling team sports an undefeated record at the halfway point of the season, in the Central Suburban League.

**THE TEAM PRACTICES** at Oakton Bowl twice a week. They bowl in six dual meets, one invitational tournament, and host the state district meet Saturday, January 26, at 9. If the bowlers win as Coach Dee Whyman feels they can, the team will advance to Peoria for the state finals.

East's has two teams, a varsity and

a junior varsity team. Five team members bowl one meet on each team. East has 14 team members, so the competition for the 10 starting jobs is a factor in practice.

**THE VARSITY** has seven different bowlers this year: Captain Dorman, Frank, Diane Coens, Vivian Maniatis, Janet Maxon, Pat Schoenwolf, and Rochelle Root. The J-V team has included Martha Vrzozowski, Debbie Hausman, Linda Krysl, Barb Kaplan, Debbie Schack, Nancy McAtte, and Pat Sochacki.

## Grapplers lose to West

by Ed Jacobs

Following several fine performances over the holiday vacation the Trojan grapplers took to the mats versus sister school Niles West only to suffer a mild setback by the score of 26-18, last Friday at East.

Last December 24 through the 27 the matmen captured fourth place in the Russ Erb Memorial tournament held at Glenbrook South. Daryl Michaels and Phil Cech led the way with second place finishes for the Trojans along with a third place by Jeff Rock. At the JV tournament, Mike Hinske and Henry Pollick gained first place finishes.

A realistic goal for this season would have been a high finish in the conference and possibly the championship, but the chances of reaching this goal were seriously impeded by some unforeseen elements that entered into the picture. In recent weeks the Trojans have experienced some difficulty in keeping a performer at the 105 lb.-classification. Recently the East matmen were thrown for another loss as co-captain Len Upin, wrestling at the 145 lb.-classification, was declared out with an injury to his knee that will not permit him to perform without pain and the risk of further injury. The third unforeseen element that has hit East's grapplers was the suspension of Cech.

Confronted with these problems, the Trojans met the Indians of West hoping for a victory. The meet started out well enough for the men of blue and gold as Jeff Rock defeated Bob Porter 7-0 for three Trojan points. West picked up six team points on a forfeit in the 105 class and the action turned to the match be-

tween Dennis Maiorana of East and Joe Kaplan. This turned out to be one of the highlights of the competition as Maiorana clearly outwrestled Kaplan and scored a 7-3 decision, thereby knotting the team score at six apiece. East was shut out in the next two matches as Maurice Stein fell to the hands of Mike Schnurr and Dennis Rock was outpointed by Rich Schneider. Score at this point was in West's favor by a 15-6 margin, but Larry Yale put the grapplers back in the running with an impressive victory over Gary Hoshizaki. All eyes turned to the match between co-captain Daryl Michaels and Paul Frazee, but Frazee immediately turned it on and in a very closely contested match beat Michaels. Henry Rollick filled admirably for the injured Upin as he decisioned Jim Soringer 5-2. Unfortunately, all the matmen could gain after Rollick's win were two ties and two narrow losses, assuring the Indians the meet by a score of 28-16.

If the news was not the finest on the varsity's front it could not be much brighter on the frosh-soph levels. Both teams are fighting for the top of the standings and both show excellent promise for the future of wrestling at East. Coach Dave Schusteff's Frosh merely blew West off the mat as after a forfeit in the 98 lb. class they proceeded to shutout West and finish with a 46-6 Trojan win. The Sophs, under the guidance of Steve Poznansky, beat West 26-17 as the Hinske boys, Dave and Mike, along with impressive looking Chuck Nagel and Gary Somenak led the way.

Next action for the grapplers is tonight at Maine South as the Trojans look to regain their winning ways.

## Tanksters drown West, 46-32

by Jeff Weinstein

The Niles East Tankers registered their first varsity victory of the year last Friday night against rival Niles West squad with a score of 46-32.

Of ten swimming events, the Tankers won first place in eight with the first victory of the evening taken by junior Ed Naumes in the 200-yard freestyle. Bob Torstensson took a first in the 200-yard backstroke and later easily won the 100-yard. After those two victories it became apparent that the Trojans were on the way to their first victory. Top senior swimmer Andy Ruttenberg took first place finish in the 50-yard freestyle and the 100-yard breast stroke.

In the diving competition Jerry Wolff

turned in his top performance of the year with a third place finish.

Junior Richard Berkowitz had an excellent night, by taking a first place in the grueling 500-yard freestyle, and a second place in the 100-yard butterfly stroke. The Trojans started to run away with the meet when Naumes convincingly won in the 100-yard freestyle.

Finally, the tankers closed the meet in fine style by capturing first place in the 400-yard freestyle.

Despite the varsity win, the sophomore team couldn't make the evening a total success, by losing in a close score of 44-38. The sophomore meet was highlighted by some fine performances from Pete Theodore.



Steve Kozub performs on rings.

## Fencing team loses last two matches

by Scott Wexler

"We need more experience," said Robert Keen, fencing coach, after losing to Maine South by a varsity score of 16-2 and frosh-soph score of 11-5. They suffered a previous loss to Notre Dame two days before. Next Thursday at 4 p.m. the team will fence at Niles West.

Ron Rovner (Senior and Team Captain) besides fencing with the school since his freshman year, was on the USA fencing team and fenced in Israel. He scored the only two wins of the Maine South meet. The rest of the Varsity Lineup was Sophomore Larry Labow and Junior Joe Jans. On Varsity B Sophomores Jim Osness and Sam Rest, and Junior Roland Huhn.

The Frosh-Soph A strip, Lane Schultz and Scott Wexler scored one bout each, but Jeff Fogel lost all three. Barry Schmetter won all three of his bouts, but Allen Tish and Howard Miller lost all of theirs.

At Notre Dame Ron Rovner scored the only varsity win bringing the score to a 17 to 1 loss.

The Frosh-Soph lost by a score of 12-6. The bouts were scored by Scott Wexler and Allen Tish both of A strip winning one bout each. On the B strip Lane Schultz and Howard Miller scored one point each and Barry Schmetter scored two.