

Cast Of "Mame" Prepares For Opening Night

"Mame" will coax the blues out of your horn on April 5, 6, and 7 at 8 p.m. in the Niles East auditorium.

THE DRAMA, dance, and music departments have been working 'round the clock for the past month in order to bring this giant of a musical to the Niles East stage. Crews are putting in double time, for "Mame" is technically the most difficult show brought to Niles East in years. In the 2½ hours that "Mame" lasts, there are 14 set changes. Mame's apartment is redecorated six times during the performance, and the character Mame Dennis herself has 14 costume changes during the show.

Many members of the faculty and several hundred students have joined forces to make this show a success.

Ms. Liz Passen has been brought in to design and sew, with the help of the costumes crew, 300 costumes for the cast of 56 actors.

Niles East Debaters Rank High In State

Debate . . . an art . . . a science . . . a challenge. The 1972-73 Varsity and Junior Varsity debaters have mastered the art and science, and have met the challenge effectively. Lacking depth due to student indifference, the eight remaining debaters have carried the load well.

IN THE ILLINOIS Speech and Theatre Association Final Tournament which took place March 8-10, the Varsity team of Robbie Fein, captain, and David Tresley, placed third in state, while the duo of Ron Kammer and Dave Steirman placed ninth. Both teams received at-large bids to the final tournament by being selected as two of the top 20 teams in the state.

There remain two state-wide tournaments in the coming month, from which the winners advance to the National Debate Tournament at the University of Pittsburgh. While the two Varsity teams are going to be competing at Woodstock High School in an attempt to capture the sectionals, the J.V. teams of Mark Bisk and Bob Wolf, along with Jeff Lillien and Brian Hamer will compete elsewhere.

UNFORTUNATELY there are only four debaters committed to returning next year. They could fare as well as this year's team, but if no others arrive on the scene, the Junior Varsity team will have to be deleted as was the Novice team this year. Considering the outstanding accomplishments of this year's debaters, it is amazing that no other students have shown the interest to work and compete in debate. If the situation follows the present trend, debate will be dead in Niles East within the next two years.

Niles East Mourns Death Of Mr. Black

Students, parents, and staff mourned the death of Mr. Paul Peter Black, a Niles Board of Education member and East District resident.

Mr. Black died of a heart attack in Lutheran General Hospital on March 9, 1973. He was 59.

During the year that Mr. Black served on the Board of Education, he was often noted for his keen understanding of student sentiment on most issues. This awareness resulted from Mr. Black's long and close rapport with the Niles student community.

A resolution adopted by the Board in tribute to Mr. Black said ". . . his death leaves an immense void."

Mr. Black was a Skokie attorney and had practiced law since 1939. His survivors include his widow, Annette, and two daughters (both Easthi students), Babette '70 and Laura '73.

Ms. Kathy Lesley, dance director, with the help of Amy Ginsburg '73, has choreographed five original dances for the show. She has held dance rehearsals afternoons and many evenings.

Mr. Robert Anderson, vocal director, has the responsibility of teaching difficult 10-part harmony music to the chorus. He also teaches solos to the principle characters, and coaches them on singing form.

MR. LEO PROVOST, band director, works many days a week with the stage band. There are many difficult passages in the score, and the band requires hours of practice to reach perfection of these parts.

Mr. Frank Mayfield, technical director, and his crews of technical wizards "are working harder than Santa's elves," one construction crew member painfully explained.

Mr. Jerry Proffit, director, works with the cast every day and even some evenings. He takes time out each day to work specifically with principle characters in the show. Mr. Proffit is the one who "puts it all together."

LAURA BLACK '73, who portrays Mame, works each day after school on acting, singing, and dancing techniques with other principle characters: beauregarde Jackson Pickett Burnside, southern charmer, portrayed by Stew Figa '74; Vera Charles, Mame's best friend and lush, played by Judy Kalin '75; Agnes Gooch, the swinging nanny, characterized by Leslie Suslick '74; and many others.

Tickets are \$2 and \$1.50. They can be purchased periods 6-9 in the cafeteria, from now until the show. Everyone is invited to come see the musical extravaganza, "Mame."



The butler (David Barack) hands Mame Dennis (Laura Black) her bugle during this week's rehearsals for "Mame." (Photo by Michael Fryer)

AFS International Day Brings The World To East

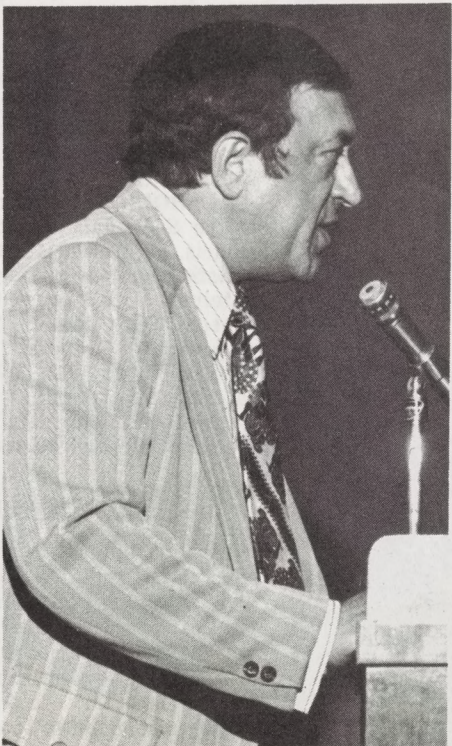
THE AMERICAN FIELD Service, beginning to organize some new ideas for the club this year, will feature an International Day on Friday, April 6, periods 6 through 9, in the student lounge. The club members will be preparing food for a luncheon representing all parts of the world, and any interested students are invited to help by preparing food.

Various exchange students who are living in the United States for this year will be visiting classes in the school,

where they will also speak. The students will present a short program dealing with their country and the life style of their country.

ALL INTERESTED students are invited to attend the luncheon, admission being \$1.00 with a limit set at 300 people. Tickets will be sold through March 27.

Any teacher who would like a foreign student in his class should contact Miss Rochotte.



Speaking at a recent debate at Niles East are (from left) Dr. Harold J. Feder, candidate for auditor from the Township Improvement Party, and Phyllis Young, a SCOTS Party candidate.

News Hilites

Dr. Gibbs To Speak Today

Superintendent Wesley Gibbs will be in the Guidance Resource Room 108, from 10:30 a.m. until noon today to discuss any subject of student interest.

All who are free at that time are urged to participate in the open discussion.

Dr. Gibbs said he was very enthusiastic about the opportunity to speak with students and answer any questions they may have.

Cooper Tops Math Scorers

A nationwide exam given to high school math students was given at Niles East March 13. The three top scores are sent to be totalled and compared against other schools. Last year East finished eighth in Illinois and twelfth in the Midwest. The high scorer in 1972 was Dave Steirman with a 68½. This year Dave was outscored by Junior Harold Cooper who totalled an amazing 98¼. Dave Steirman and David Levy finished second and third with scores of 70 and 54 respectively.

Popcorn Sold In Gym Foyer

Popcorn is sold every afternoon from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. by the N Club at the entrance to the contest gym. Soft drinks and candy are also available at the same location.

However, popcorn should not be eaten in academic areas. The same rule applies to food taken from the cafeteria. If the hallways and classrooms continue to be littered with popcorn and empty boxes, the privilege of being able to buy popcorn will be suspended. Student cooperation will be appreciated.

Senior Citizens To See 'Mame'

A special presentation of the Broadway hit "Mame" will be given for senior citizens at 1 p.m., April 4, in the Niles East auditorium. Coffee will be served during intermission, and those who arrive a half-hour before the show will be treated with a "real school-cooked meal" for a price of 75 cents. This program is a result of the large turnout for the Mitch Miller concert.

Junior Cabinet Sponsors Prom

This year's prom, sponsored by the Junior Cabinet of Niles East, will be held on the evening of Saturday, May 26, in the Gold Room of the Pick-Congress Hotel in Chicago.

The prom will require formal attire, with dinner and an orchestra included in the \$17 total cost per couple.

Tickets are available now from Mr. Sachs, the cabinet sponsor.

Senior Wins DECA Contest!

Places First in Advertising

By Leslie Miller

For the first time in the history of the school, a Niles East senior, Faye Estrin, has won first place in the Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) State Contest. Faye, who placed first in the advertising division, learned of the contest through Mr. William Coulson, the sponsor of the work-study program, in which Faye is enrolled. Mr. Coulson asked Faye, who is president of the Distributive Education Club of Niles East, if she would be interested in participating in the State Contest for students of DE. Faye, who has become very interested in the field of advertising as a result of the class, decided that "It would be fun to enter the contest," which was held in Springfield last March 2.

Competition Stiff

Faye explained that unlike many other contests, "We went in there blind, not knowing what our product was going to be." Competition was stiff — 114 schools sent representatives in her category. Each participant had one hour in which to lay out a Sears luggage ad; then they each had to take a written exam, testing their knowledge on such subjects as sales promotion, typography, color, balance, and advertising and marketing research. The winners

were selected on the basis of their test scores and layouts combined. Faye scored highest on the examination and came in third on her luggage layout, winning the luggage that she had described in it.

"You think of luggage, you think of going away," Faye explains. So in her ad she asked: "Going Somewhere? Take along a friend . . . or maybe two!" "This makes them stop and think," she adds.

FAYE'S AWARD DIDN'T just come naturally. "She did a lot of hard work and she deserved to win it," said Mr. Coulson. Besides studying distributive education books and manuals for the past six months, Faye also sought the advice of Mr. Robert W. Freund, manager of marketing communications at American Hospital Supply Corporation in Evanston. "He critiqued me and suggested helpful ways to approach ad design," Faye explained.

Other Participants

Other Niles East students participating in the State Contest were senior Chuck Burgess, who placed eighth in sales for his sales pitch in guitars, and junior Helene Federman, who placed fourth in display — students in this category took an exam and judged three window displays.

LAST NOVEMBER FAYE at-

tended the regional DE conference in Kentucky. "Work-study is really a great program," she said with conviction. "Niles East is very apathetic about it but the kids we met in Kentucky are really into it!"

But then, the work-study program is still relatively new at Niles East, only having been in existence here for three years.

Work-Study Program

The distributive education program itself, is "basically a work-study program, where students attend classes in the mornings and work in the afternoon," said Mr. Coulson. Classes focus on such areas as intensive advertising displays, salesmanship, marketing research, job interviews, careers in marketing, or just finding out how to get along with your employer. Seventeen students are enrolled in the DE program working at Marshall Field's, Thom McAnn, and Allied Radio. Each company pays the students a regular salary and each student gets a unit of credit toward graduation. Faye works as a sales clerk at Marshall Field's.

The national distributive education contest is scheduled for the week of May 5 through May 9 in Atlantic City, New Jersey. There, Faye will compete against representatives from 49 other states and Puerto Rico.



Faye Estrin displays her first place trophy in the advertising division of the Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) state contest.

Stu Nelson Tries for School Board

"Student interests must be represented on the Board of Education."

This conviction is voiced by Niles East senior Stuart Nelson who is fighting to have his name placed on the ballot for the April 14 School Board election.

Case Pending

Because 18-year-olds have reached a legal status of adulthood in most matters, Stuart believes that they also should be allowed to sit on the Board.

A SIMILAR CASE from Maine Township is now pending in the courts and Stuart hopefully awaits the decision. Once he submits his petition, the Board must decide whether or not to place his name on the ballot. Most likely they will follow whatever precedent is set by the court.

If the case is lost, Stuart plans to bring his views to the people. He will try to speak at interviews and debates held for the other candidates, to explain his position.

Educate Board

"As of now there is no one on the Board to adequately educate the members about student affairs and the protection of their rights," asserts Stuart.

Leads Team in Districts

Forensic Member Places First

Steve Wirtshafter, senior, placed first in the district Forensics meet, in oratorical declamation, which is reading a speech that has been written by someone else.

ALTHOUGH HE did not place in the Sectionals in Woodstock, Illinois, on March 11, Steve was satisfied with the experience he received. He presented the speech "Duty, Honor, Country," spoken by General Douglas MacArthur in 1962. While performing his speech, the judge marked him advising him of his good and bad points.

Steve became interested in forensics while taking Public Speaking and earlier this year, Interpreter's Theater. An actor at heart, he said, "Forensics gives you an insight for performing, and it breaks down many barriers." Steve points out that a person needs a coach; he can't do it alone. "Mr. Agnos has been a great help to me," he added.

STEVE ENCOURAGES other people to join forensics, especially those who want to learn about literature and hear great speeches.

Marathon Profits Revealed

The Sophomore Cabinet of Niles East kept its promise to Skokie Valley Community Hospital and raised the \$500 required to purchase equipment to furnish a new medicine room at the hospital. To raise the money, the Cabinet sponsored a dance marathon in the Niles East Contest Gym, which began at 7 p.m. March 10 and finally ended at 4 a.m. March 11. Dur-

ing this time over 500 people attended the dance.

ONE BY ONE, the dancing couples began to retire to the bleachers until only two couples were left: Ricky Fields and Ilene Korey, and Larry Cohen and Robin Weisman. These two couples were declared the winners and they split combined first and second place prizes totaling \$80.

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Trends in Education

A proposal handing over to the state the entire cost of elementary and secondary education is now being considered by an Illinois House Committee.

Presently the schools receive only about 39 percent of their income from the state. The difference is made up by local property taxes levied and collected within each district. Commercial and industrial areas yield more tax money than strictly residential areas.

ASIDE FROM THE consequences of property tax versus income tax to support the statewide system, transferring the financial responsibility from local school districts to the state government would have many important effects on the quality of education in this area. Without labeling the proposal either good or bad, here are some possible consequences of the change.

Full state financing would very likely remove many of the inequalities between districts with high and low tax bases. However, as a result, per pupil expenditures probably would be lowered in areas such as Skokie, which have a fair amount of industry and are willing to support high tax rates for the sake of quality schools.

WHILE SMALL DISTRICTS with a large amount of industry, such as Fairview, now remain independent of their neighbors because of the tax advantage to local residents, the new proposal might force consolidation in order to cut administrative and other overhead costs. At the same time, with tax base considerations removed, huge districts like Chicago might find it advantageous to divide into smaller, more locally managed districts.

If the state took control of funds, the authority of local school boards would come into question. Costly innovative programs might have to be forsaken. However it is also possible that experimental techniques would be encouraged by additional funds on a statewide basis.

THE IMMENSITY OF the system could result in a red-tape bureaucratic mess; or a new sensitivity to local educational problems.

The House Committee on Financing of Education is presently studying the possibility of holding a referendum next year to determine voter reaction to the proposal. An affirmative vote would probably encourage the Legislature to pass the measure sometime in 1975.

Statewide Funding: Blessing or Curse?

Election '73

Village, Township Ballots Cast

On Tuesday, April 3, local voters will cast three separate ballots for village and township officers, and the township referendum.

Eighteen-year-olds are eligible to vote in the election if they have registered at least 30 days in advance.

Village Elections

Running on the village ballot are candidates for mayor, clerk, and six trustees.

Members of Skokie Coalition '73, the opposition slate led by mayoral candidate Herman Schmidt, charge that the incumbent party no longer adequately represents the citizens of Skokie. They also cite a feeling of security after eight years in office which has led to laxity in such matters as flood control and drug treatment.

The incumbent Caucus Party candidates, led by Mayor Albert J. Smith, are seeking a third term for their slate. They stress their honest record, and the developments in human relations initiated during their years in office.

Township Referendum

A referendum is being held to determine whether or not voters wish to abolish township government. A "yes" vote on the ballot is a vote to discontinue township government.

Originally this referendum was scheduled for March 13, but a County Circuit Court judge ruled three days prior to the scheduled election that all regular polling places in Niles Township had to be opened before the election could take place, rather than just the 50 ordered by the town board.

When the clerk said it was impossible to recruit the additional judges necessary in the allotted weekend, the other board members used

his records attempting to tackle the problem themselves. The judge ruled that the clerk's powers had been illegally usurped and the conditions for holding the election not met, so he postponed the referendum until April 3.

An appeal has been filed by the township attorney to postpone once again or even cancel the referendum, but to date it has not been decided in court.

Township Officers

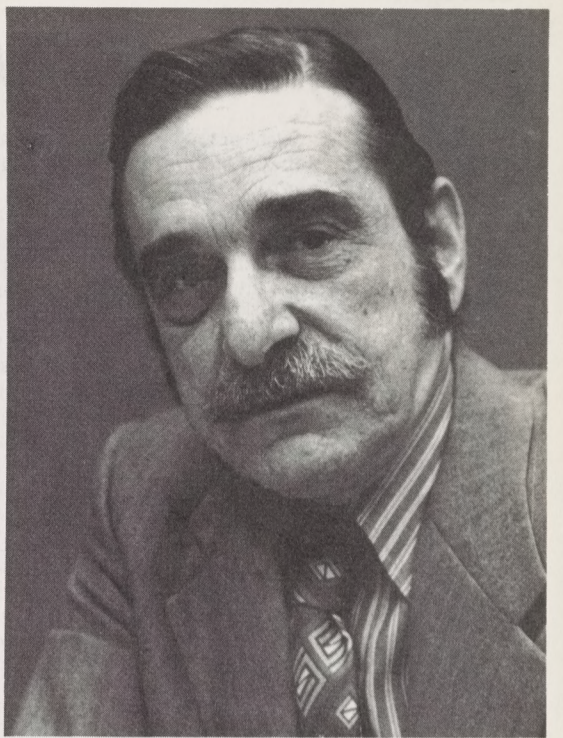
Two parties are vying for township office. The challengers, Some Citizens Opposed to Township Spending (SCOTS), are basing their campaign on a promise to legally phase out township government from within. Led by supervisor candidate Verna Beaver, they assert that since Niles Township has no unincorporated land, all the services offered by its government are either a duplication of, or available through, other governmental agencies.

The incumbents, Township Improvement Party (TIP), want to continue township rule. With supervisor candidate Charles Anderson at the head, the members declare that their administration actually saves the taxpayer money while supporting such programs as emergency relief.

Become Involved

The various parties each have campaign offices located in the immediate area. They are seeking volunteers for canvassing and poll watching as well as support in the election itself.

Local politics is a good place to become involved especially if it is a voter's first election. Get to know the candidates. Debates and speeches are given by all groups during the campaign.



Paul Peter Black

Board Watching

The following remarks were delivered at the Board of Education meeting of March 12, by Niles East student representative Robert Feder. Feder spoke on behalf of the students of all three Niles schools about the untimely death of Board of Education member Paul Black.

I know I speak for all the students of the Niles Township High Schools in expressing my deepest sorrow on the loss of Paul Black.

He will be remembered by all of us who knew him as a man of the highest integrity, wisdom, and understanding.

IN THE YEAR that he served on the Board, he showed time and again how well he understood the problems of students and his Board actions always reflected this sympathetic understanding.

If he had never served on the Board of Education, he still could have been proud of his service to the community over the years. So I am doubly grateful that Mr. Black saw fit to dedicate the last months of his life to the betterment of education for me and the students for whom I speak.

My great respect for Mr. Black as a man was magnified by my fondness for him as a friend.

HE OFTEN GAVE me advice on how I should conduct myself in public. He said, "Robert, if you believe in something strongly, then no matter how much someone else disagrees with you, stand by your convictions. Never let yourself be muzzled or shouted down."

It was this philosophy that made so many people respect Paul Black, and when he put it into practice it was this philosophy that made students sure that Paul Black was indeed their good friend.

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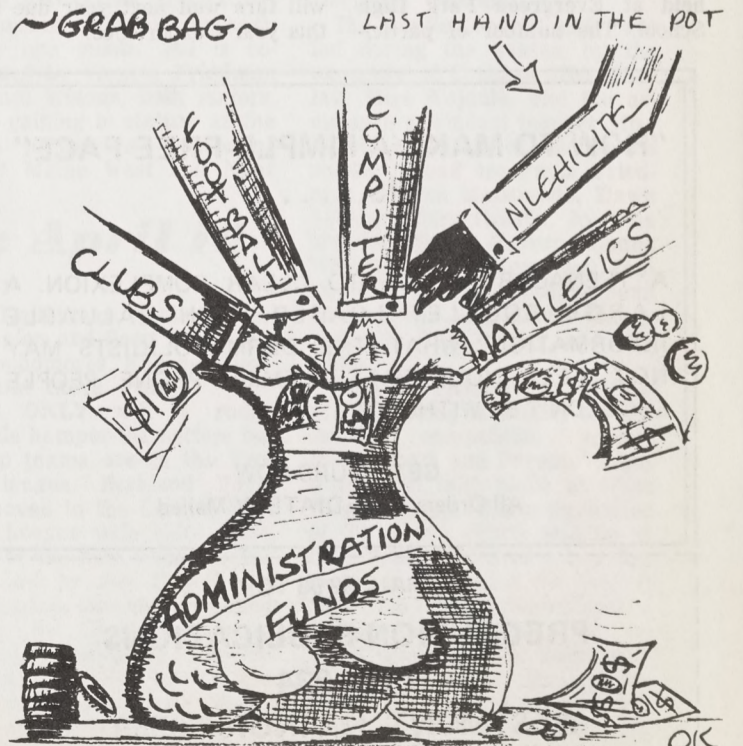
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A Guide For the Brave Seekers of the Cheap and Delicious

This story is the first of a series about inexpensive dining in Metropolitan Chicago.

By Karyn Esken

Being endowed with an insatiable appetite and a pair of skinny legs is not the utopia it's cracked up to be. Especially when you're also blessed with an undernourished wallet and a terrific boredom with McDonald's Quarter Pounders. I am constantly on the prowl (usually accompanied by any unsuspecting food freak I may happen to pick up), scouring Chicagoland in search of novel or intriguing delicacies with which to pacify my ever-grumbling stomach. However, I am slowly learning to cope with my neurosis by carefully training my eyes and my palate to be on constant alert for interesting gourmet restaurants that are not accompanied by the usual "gourmet" prices.

I AM PRESENTLY INVESTIGATING the "ethnic scene." It's especially fun to explore the ethnic communities in search of new foreign flavors, because the people you invariably end up meeting there are as spicy as their secret sauces and pungent recipes.

I was in a decidedly Oriental mood the other day when a friend related to me that she'd just eaten at a fantastic new Japanese restaurant, called "Ichiban," located in the heart of New Town. Being extremely adventuresome and, as usual, famished, we naturally HAD to

rush down there immediately for some sampling and detective work.

We arrived at the restaurant at about six o'clock. We were immediately greeted by an enormous glass display case bearing "life-like" plastic facsimiles of the meals we were soon to partake of. I soon realized that the display was set up precisely for idiots like me who could hardly ever hope to pronounce the names of the exotic dishes correctly, let alone guess what they looked like. As we moved farther inside, I noticed amiable drinkers crowded in front of a bar in the center of the restaurant. But strangely, instead of a balding bartender chatting behind it, there was an entire bustling kitchen, full of busy waiters and cooks, all chopping meat, or stir-frying multitudes of assorted vegetables in huge vats of oil (called "woks"). So far, everything looked fascinating to me, and I couldn't wait to start some serious tasting.

We were led, weaving through the seemingly impenetrable maze of people, to a quaint little booth in the back of the restaurant. Our kimonoed waiters pointed to our seats and then bowed and left us to explore the curious surroundings. There were beautiful Japanese ink sketches hanging everywhere, accompanied by intricate macrame weavings. Our booth was enclosed by bamboo carvings and there were flowered

cusions on our seats. (I had hoped we'd be invited to sit on the floor without our shoes on, but I guess that's in another part of New Town.) The menu bore names of dishes I'd never heard of—however represented in the display front. Naturally I wanted to taste everything, and was busy changing my mind for the fifth time when our bowling water returned to take our order.

ICHIBAN SPECIALIZES IN THREE TYPES of Japanese food: Tempura, Teriaki, and Ramein. "Tempura" consists of a variety of vegetables, and shrimp all separately dipped in a batter and then fried in one of those huge "woks" behind the bar in the kitchen. The vegetables and shrimp look and taste like they're "french-fried," only much lighter, and are dipped in a tangy sauce. "Teriaki" can be made with either chicken, beef or pork, first barbecued, and then covered by a thick brown sauce that is both sweet and sour (that's the teriaki). "Ramein" is a soup that is made up of noodles, eggs, onions, and spinach. I'm afraid even I wasn't brave enough to sample that one.

The prices are about as unique as the food. For only around two dollars, you can get a complete dinner that comes with a Japanese salad, (more like tangy cole slaw), main course (one of the ones above, or some other more well-known specialty), and a huge mountain of rice, filled

with an assortment of unidentified, but delicious goodies. There is also a wide assortment of Tempura appetizers that cost only between twenty and fifty cents. And if you come on either Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, you get one appetizer absolutely free (nowadays that's really hard to believe).

THANKS TO MY UNDERSTANDING FRIENDS . . . I did get to taste just about everything, and the whole evening proved to be an enjoyable and very fulfilling experience for my stomach and me. There was one minor incident though, really hardly worth mentioning. You

see, I have this terrible habit of attempting to imitate (usually without much success) foreign accents wherever I hear them. I was nonchalantly chatting in my attempted Japanese dialect, when our humble, and once-friendly waiter happened to pass by and overhear me discussing the benefits of "flied lice." I thought nothing of it until the end of our meal, when I glanced down at my chop sticks. I noticed there was a message neatly lettered on mine. Printed thoughtfully along the edge of my chop sticks were the loving words, "Yankee go home."

Movie Review: Poseidon Adventure

Cast Plays Survival Game

By Michele Freed

Mayday, Mayday, the S.S. Poseidon is coming into a ninety foot tidal wave. It was 12 midnight, the beginning of a new year. The passengers of the S.S. Poseidon sang the traditional Auld Lang Syne and began to dance. Seconds later the giant ship or "hotel on water" began to shake wildly as if it were hit by some powerful force. Passengers and crew clung to anything in sight as the huge ship began to turn over. Minutes later all was quiet. The ship was a total disaster, many were killed and injured, and a large amount of those living were in shock.

SOMETHING HAD TO BE DONE, and there was no time to waste. According to one of the passengers (a priest, Gene Hackman) the only way to escape was to go up toward the engine room.

Unfortunately, only nine people agreed with him, and followed his path. The rest decided to remain stationary and

wait for help. Just as he pleadingly requested the remaining people to please join them, that section of the ship was filled with water and everyone was killed.

THERE WERE JUST TEN LEFT fighting for their lives, hoping that each step would bring them closer to survival.

The remainder of the movie concerns the long and hazardous trip to reach the engine room alive. In these scenes there is happiness, sorrow, pity, and most of all hope.

A LOVE FOR LIFE AND HOW PRECIOUS IT CAN BE is displayed by the excellent cast. The scenery and extra effects are very well done and the story itself keeps the audience wondering and praying. The individual may tend to put himself in the position of the passengers.

Survival is finally achieved, but not by all. To find out who survived, and how, see an excellent movie: The Poseidon Adventure.

Clubs Explored

What's New With East Organizations

By Norberto Kogan and Ron Miller

Ed. Note: The following is the first of a three-part series on the activities of Niles East clubs.

CHESS CLUB

A little known organization, the Niles East Chess Club has almost tripled in membership this year. Receiving no school subsidy, the club has been prompted to charge dues to its members so as to afford the opportunity to purchase needed equipment for the club meetings and for tournaments against rival schools in the North Shore Chess Federation.

The club, sponsored by Mr. John Cooper, plays in nine meets each year, and if possible, in the state tournament held at Evergreen Park High School. The number of partici-

pants in each meet ranges from 5-15 per team. Each player is allowed one hour to make all his moves in an attempt to mate his opponent. If a player uses more than his allotted time and no decision has been reached, the player loses. Opponents match not only their chess prowess, but a psychological war is usually apparent.

In the meetings which are held each Tuesday after school in Room 310, members contest against one another, vying for a position in the next Federation sponsored tournament. The North Shore Chess Federation is one of the toughest in the nation. In it is powerful Evanston High School, which has finished in the top two teams of the nation in the last few years. Sporting a team of mainly juniors and freshmen, the club believes it will fare well next year due to this year's experience.

DEBATE CLUB

This organization, presently lacking members, has produced the third and ninth place teams in the state in this year's campaign (Achieved in the Speech and Theatre Association Tournament). Advised by Mr. Howard Goldstein, the debaters compile evidence on a nationally selected topic which is debated for a one year period. In the course of the season they participate in various meets, many of which last two days.

In the meetings, which are held Tuesdays and Thursdays after school in Room 235, members are instructed by Mr. Goldstein, review previous debates, compare, contrast, and compile evidence. In the words of Varsity debater Bob Wolf, "Debate is great exercise for the mind. It forces one to see both sides of the issue and teaches one the value of research." Prospective members are encouraged to attend. After learning the fundamentals, one will be ready to attend the many tournaments throughout the year.

ORCHESIS

Orchesis is the group for girls who enjoy modern dance. Their schedule is full throughout the year. In the fall Orchesis members prepare the choreography for the student-directed "Reflections." The girls are giving demonstrations at several junior high schools, the Skokie Public Library, and the Julia Molloy School. Several girls are dancing in "Mame." Orchesis' sponsor, Mrs. Kathy Lesley, is the choreographer for that show. There are fourteen seniors in the group. Most are planning to continue their hobby, at least part time, in college.

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Scene is the action at the Sophomore Cabinet-sponsored Marathon Dance, held Saturday night, March 10. Above: Couples liven up the gymnasium early in the evening. (Photo by Jeff Lotz)



Bad Ax Crossing was among the bands who donated their time to play at the marathon. (Photo by Jeff Lotz)

Powerful Trackmen Win

By Ron Miller

Perhaps inspired by an overwhelming victory in the district meet by the freshmen the previous afternoon, the Trojan trackmen defeated Forest View and Luther North on Tuesday, March 13. Performing solidly in practically every event, the team gave further evidence that the era of mediocrity in Trojan athletics has ended.

THE FROSH-SOPH TEAM exhibited its depth (a new phenomenon at Niles East) in the long-distance events. Steve Meister won the mile, setting a freshman record, and was followed by Barry Hartman and Mark Lichtenstein. It was a refreshing sight to watch three Trojans cross the finish line in succession before the other runners. Mark Scherfling broke the record and was the 2-mile run victor, with Larry Bower running third. Lichtenstein and Meister also combined for points in the half-mile (880-yard) race, Lichtenstein setting another freshman record in winning and Meister third. Sal Parenti continued to reign over the hurdles, winning the high and low races. The four-lap relay team of Parenti, Joel Sher, Barry Allan, and Barry Rubin set a new record, but took second as did the mile-relay foursome of Mike Uhle, John Christopoulos, Meister and Rubin. The quarter-mile (440) dash saw Rubin and Uhle finishing third and fourth. Fred Rosenthal won the long jump and took second in the pole vault. He is a welcome newcomer. So is Neil Schreiber, who took third in the high jump. Mike Donlon and Howard Nussbaum continued to score in the shot put, taking second and third.

A VICTORY was earned by the varsity, which has no place to go but up with only four seniors. Those athletes, however, are winning big in key events. Dave Gronski again won both hurdle events. Steve Sussman, who has steadily been whittling seconds off his two-mile record, ran a tremendous 9:46, but finished second. He was also second in the mile, with junior Monty Matlock taking fourth. The other seniors are Bruce Mandel and Tom Kropf, who took second and fourth in the 880. Mandel was also on the mile relay squad with Ron Seplov, Glenn Davidson and Terry

Lee. They took second, but the four-lap relay team of Gronski, Corey Stricker, Mike Wolfinsohn and Bob Somerman was victorious. Lee, rapidly improving in the 440, won with a superb time of 56.6. Somerman was third. In field events, Wolfinsohn won the pole vault and placed fourth in the high jump as Craig Wagner took second. Stricker was third in the long jump, and Ross Pollack, now seeking the varsity shot put record, took second place.

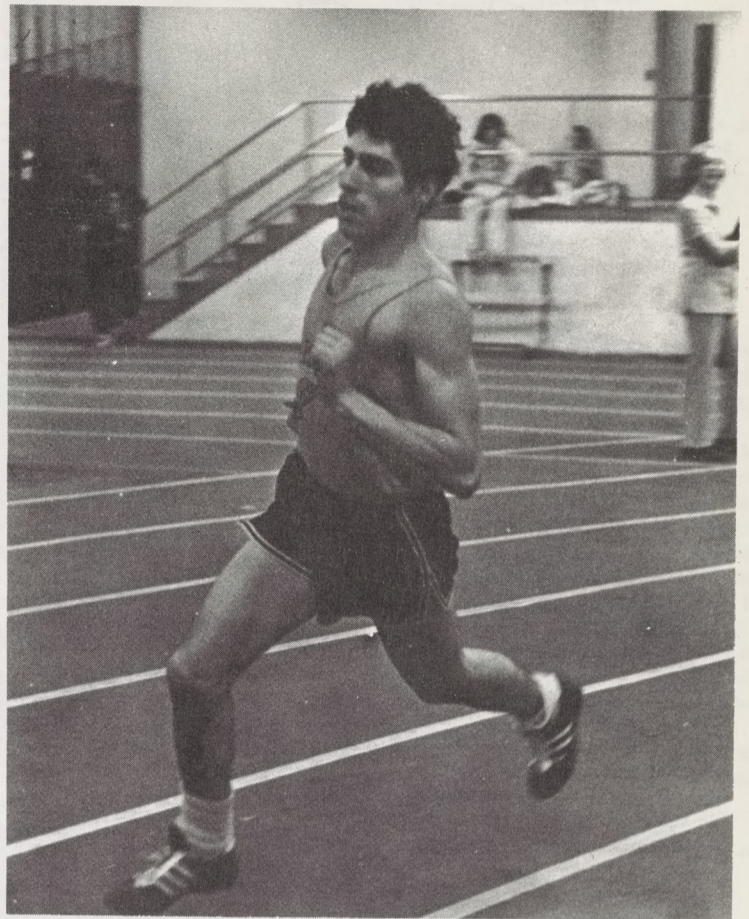
THE TRACKMEN were jubilant after the meet. "We finally got a little spirit," rejoiced Sussman. He credited the coaches and praised the freshmen. Sophomore Barry Rubin also called the freshmen "fantastic" and gave another reason for the team's fine showing. He stated that by no longer facing powerful teams from large schools (like Evanston and Proviso) the Trojans don't enter meets with a pessimistic outlook. "Nobody's really easy, but nobody's really hard," he explained.

THE FRESHMAN meet of March 12 was a brilliant success for Niles East, as the '76ers defeated freshmen from Niles North, Niles West, and Notre Dame, which have never

fielded weak teams. Super Sal Parenti won the high hurdles, low hurdles, and long jump. Mark Lichtenstein won the two-mile race. Steve Meister won the mile and the half-mile, with Richard Cope fourth in the former and Larry Bower third in the latter. Mike Uhle tied his own record of 59.7 in the 440. Neil Schreiber won the high jump, while Joe Colucci and Bob Malcher were second and third in the shot put. Dave Greenberg was fourth in the 50-yard dash and long jump. Al Lebovitz took fourth in the low hurdles. Barry Allan was third in the pole vault and fifth in the long jump (the Trojans scored high, winning first, fourth and fifth). Wally McCormack took second in the pole vault. Lebovitz and Allan were in the four-lap relay team with Parenti and Joel Sher, and set a new record of 1:15.5.

Track will move outdoors when spring arrives. By that time the Trojans should have matured into a strong, exciting team.

Winners of the Trojan Track Pride trophy two weeks ago were Dave Gronski, varsity, and Mark Lichtenstein, frosh-soph.



Steve Sussman enroute to a second place finish in the two-mile run. Sussman, a dedicated team performer, holds the Trojan record in this event, as well as the mile run. (Photo by Neil Motin)

Fans' Guide to Track Part Three: Field Events

Pole vault: An extremely difficult field event requiring an unusual array of skills, few athletes perform the pole vault. Junior Mike Wolfinsohn, sophomore Fred Rosenthal, and freshman Wally McCormack compete in this event, which demands strong arms and legs, as well as agility and balance. Twelve feet is a height usually good enough to win, while competitors in their first years of vaulting may only be able to reach 10'6" or less.

Long jump: Another field event requiring "bounce". Corey Stricker jumps for the varsity, trying to exceed 21 feet. Sal Parenti and Dave Greenberg hope to win with leaps of seven-teen feet or more.

Shot put: The athlete must have great strength to hurl the 12-pound shot fifty feet. Ron Hagen, Bob Somerman and

Rich Bellucci were joined by freshman and sophomore record holder Ross Pollack after the basketball season: Mike Donlon, Howard Nussbaum, Bob Malcher and Joe Colucci are the frosh-soph shot putters, hoping to reach 43 to 45 feet.

These are the events of track. When the points, awarded on the basis of standing in each event, are totalled, the team has the final score, which determines its place in the meet. The Trojans should gain many points this year, outdoor as well as indoor season, so why not watch a winning team in action?

Tennis 1973

Maine West	April 10 H
Maine North	April 12 A
Glenbrook North	April 17 H
Maine South	April 19 A
Lake Forest	April 23 H
Maine East	April 24 H
Niles West	April 26 H
New Trier West	May 1 A
Deerfield	May 3 H
Waukegan	May 4 H
Glenbrook South	May 8 A
Niles North	May 10 H
Highland Park	May 15 A

All meets start at 4:30 p.m. Grandstand seating is available and spectators are welcome. The Trojans field a strong team this year, so why not enjoy a winning team while soaking up the sunshine this Spring?

Tennis to Begin April 10

By Scott Skaletsky

The Niles East tennis team, under the new direction of Mr. Len Winans, starts its 1973 campaign this year by hosting Maine West on April 10. This season is the team's debut against Central Suburban League teams. This year's schedule, with five more home meets than last year, is a rough one, with only one day between most meets. But the team members are enthusiastic about this year's prospects. Returnee Pete Stearns, '73, figures to be a good choice for finishing high in league and state competition. He leads a varsity lineup including seniors Dale Plotkin and

Notre Dame Fencing Champs; Labow Leads Indians to Third

Notre Dame of Niles has won the state title for the 1972-73 fencing season. The powerful, confident, well-disciplined squad outlasted New Trier West and Niles West. Howard Labow overcame an arm injury as well as his opponents as he took second in the state in individual competition. He tied defending champion Mike McCahey of New Trier East, but lost the playoff bout 5-2. His performance, coupled with the success of several sophomores, gave Niles West third place.

Easthi's Trojans, though they defeated the Indians twice during the year, finished poorly. Juniors Reid Sigman and Kurt Leopold reached the quarter-finals, but the team as a whole was "psyched out", according to Coach Robert Keen. The prospects for the Trojans next year are excellent if they acquire more confidence and determination. Sigman, Leopold, and Ron Rovner should be joined on the varsity level by the three strongest fencers in a tough group of youngsters. Labow's brother Larry, an Easthi freshman, is said to be better than Howard was three years ago. Come December, we may be in for some surprises.

Girls Hope to Win in CSL Badminton

By Ed Jacobs

Attention Trojan sports fans: There is another interscholastic sport at East which has yet to reach the spotlight. This up and coming sport is girls' badminton.

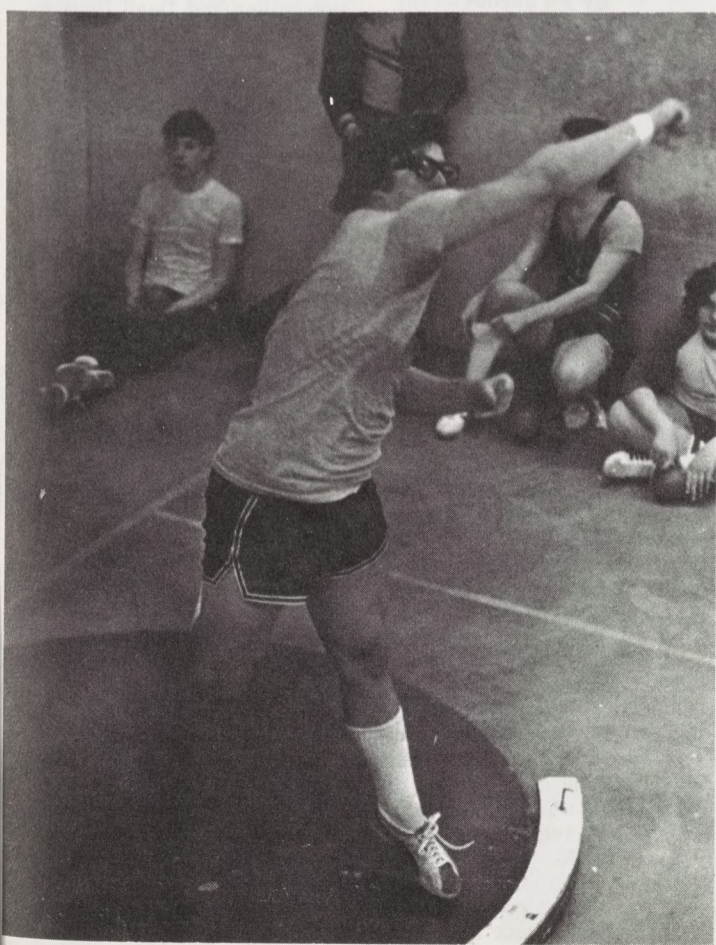
THIS EXCITING SPORT has been under way for approximately one month and is captained by Sherrie Friedman and Pam Winans, both juniors, and is gaining in stature as the season progresses. Competing against Maine West and Niles

North, our Trojans proved tough but still were defeated. Our girls came back to down the Spartans of Glenbrook North very soundly on March 13 and were narrowly defeated by the Deerfield Warriors.

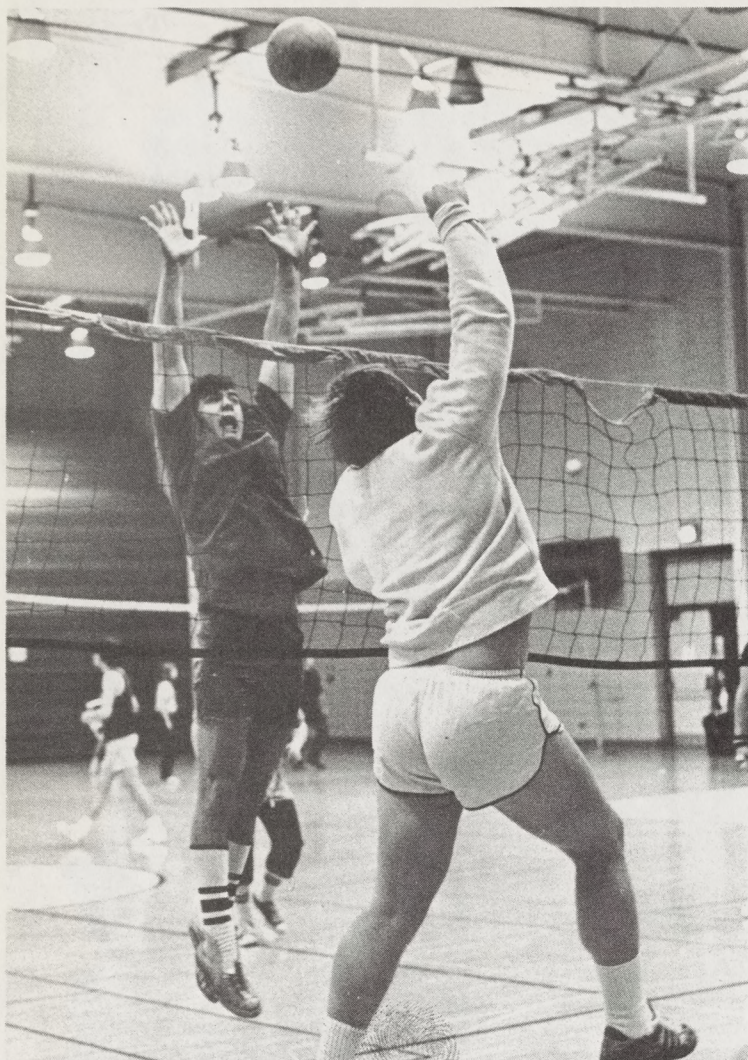
The birdie-fied girls are led during the season by the expertise of Coaches Miss Matlak, Miss Wojdula, and the assistance of student teacher Miss Smith. Members of this year's spirited squad are Paula Friedman, Sharon Matsumoto, Dawn Solberg, Mary Gentile, Jo Anne Mueller, Stacy Powers, Donna Whistler, Robin Kempner, Janice Oif, Tammy Lothan, Joan Underwood, Jody Scott, Marcy Helfgott, Rita Confoy and Sue Uhle.

THESE TALENTED GIRLS are practicing feverishly for upcoming competition against Maine South and Parents' Night which will take place at Niles West Monday. The culmination of the year's efforts will be at New Trier West over a two day period in action for the Central Suburban League Championship.

This year's version of the Girls' Interscholastic Badminton Team is a competitive, enthusiastic team which could prove quite successful at future times and rightfully deserves more recognition in the future.



Ross Pollack hurls the shot. A junior, he should provide many points in this event for the track team. (Photo by Neil Motin)



Squeenie Bruce Brantman attempts to block a shot by Mr. Al Becker in the G.A.A. Volleyball Tournament held last Friday. (Photo by Mike Fryer)

Welch's Crowned IM Cage Champions

The Niles East Intramural basketball champions were crowned on Wednesday, March 7, in a closely contested play-off battle between the Welch's and the Polaski's.

AFTER BOTH THE Welch's and the Polaski's were the only survivors of a four team playoff, the stage was set for the championship duel between these two top teams. The Welch's, captained by junior Scott Jacobson, were seeking revenge for an earlier loss to the Polaski's in the round-robin play, but found themselves down

3 baskets, 8-5 (each basket counts one point in intramurals), at half time.

In the second half the Welch's came back with 15 points by breaking the Polaski's well executed zone defense to capture the title 20-18. The key to the Welch's surge late in the game was due to excellent shooting and dribbling of Bruce Braverman, the rebounding of Bruce Caplan and Norbert Kogan, and the intimidating defense displayed by Scott Jacobson, Scott Skaletsky, Dennis Kaplan, and Terry Lee.

Squeenies Defeat Faculty!

The "Squeenies" are the champions of Niles East volleyball, after defeating the faculty 16-1 and 10-6 in the final round of last Friday's tournament. Members of the powerful team are Jim Cohn, Mark Zinman, Gary Meyers, Paul Mandell, Brad Lerman, Bruce Brantman, Seth Gold, Don Diamond, Len Weinstein and Ross Pollack.

AFTER DEFEATING the "No's" in an exciting match marked by a near-riot between Jeff Johnson and Bob Frank of the No's and several of the Squeenies, the champs-to-be faced the Homo Sapiens in the final round of the A division.

Though Scott Bieber and Pete Stearns fought valiantly, Gold, Weinstein and company were devastating.

Sixteen teams were entered in the GAA-sponsored event. Eight were in each division. The Squeenies faced the Copy's, winners of the B division, and won the right to play the faculty.

THE FACULTY starters were Dr. Lee Hawkins, Mr. Jim Swanson, Mr. Al Becker, Mr. Mike Field, Dean Ken Reiter and Mr. James Puff. They fought hard but were outclassed by the Squeenies.

The rules were simple; each game was ten minutes long, and two defeats were needed to eliminate a team. The N-club assisted the GAA in reffing the games. It appeared that everyone had a good time, at least until Saturday morning's sore muscles.

JIM COHN, one of the many stars of the victorious squad, the "Squeenies", stated "the entire team would like to thank Miss Jean Wojdula, and the N-Club and GAA members that refereed the matches. They did a great job to make the tournament a success; I hope they can do it again next year."

Trojan Baseball '73

Varsity...

By Dave Garlick

The Niles East Baseball team opens their 1973 season on Tuesday April 3 against Waukegan. Coach Nick Odlivak and his team will start the season with three goals in mind: winning the Central Suburban League, dethroning the defending state champs Niles West, and taking a trip downstate themselves.

WITH A LITTLE bit of help, the Trojans just may be able to do it. About the only problem confronting Coach Odlivak, is what nine men to put on the field.

The outfield is excellent defensively, with speedsters Bob Frank and Cecil Harrold patrolling center and left respectively. Jeff Johnson seems to have an inside track to right field, but any of the other outfielders, Howie Weiss, Ron Klienschmidt, Kurt Kiesel, Mark Zinman, Bill Diaz, Mike Robbins, and Steve Fritz-hall could all play the position.

THE INFIELD presents the biggest question mark. However, the trouble is not, a lack of talent, but an abundance. Craig Ricci will play third base for half of the games, but when he pitches, either Kurt Kiesel, Jose Diaz, Jeff Johnson, or newcomer Ed Calvo, could fill in. Shortstop should go to Calvo or Mark Zolt (a .550 hitter this summer). Mike Tinchler will start at second, with Scott Harrison ready to sub at any time. Dave Hackman will start at first, with Tom Calahan ready to back him up.

The pitching and catching, under the excellent guidance of ex-Morton East star Mr. Bill Coulson, could be the strong point of the team. Rich Rubin, an excellent receiver for the football team, will start behind the plate. Fred Albrecht and John Hasmonek will support Rich. The pitching looks very strong with Craig Ricci, who beat Niles West 1-0 this summer, being the head of the pitching staff. Ron Klienschmidt, a junior with a year of varsity experience, gives East a strong 1-2 punch along with Ricci. But the staff doesn't end there. Jeff Johnson, Ed Calvo, Denny Desilla, Larry Brittan, Mark Zinman, and Dave Garlick could win a game for the Trojans at any time.

SPEED, VERSATILITY, and excellent team spirit are the big pluses for the Trojans. The unlimited line-up possibilities seem to be a problem any coach would like to have. The team speed gives the defense and base running a head start on most teams and allows Coach Odlivak to play his "kind of baseball." But most important, the team wants to and believes they can go all the way.

...and Soph

By Ed Jacobs

Holding great promise for the upcoming season, Coach Emil Capitani's baseball troops have begun the rigors of conditioning so necessary for the brand of great baseball expected by the sophomore baseball nine.

THE CLASS OF '75 team is one of great speed and

tough defense. When added to clutch hurling, this combination spelled the doom of numerous foes in the Suburban League last year. The strong Trojans are now competing in the extremely tough Central Suburban League, which produced the 1972 Illinois State baseball champion Niles West, which is in the Trojans' division. With practice underway for only a short time Coach Capitani and his troops have demonstrated tremendous amounts of enthusiasm and ability for the season's opener on April 6, against the Waukegan Bulldogs.

The trademark of the team as freshmen last year was blazing speed. Base runners succeeded in stealing bases eighty-five per cent of the time. With experience, this year's team should be even better. When questioned on the goals and expectations of his men this season, Coach Capitani noted that "the CSL is as tough or probably tougher than the Suburban League and our conditioning now will be shown during the season as to how much we strive for success." He also expressed hopes that the team will surpass the .500 mark. He has high ambitions for his forte of pitchers, which includes southpaw Scott Slutsky, Mike Lis, Steve Frankel, John Sims, Bob Miller and Dean Pueschel, along with consistent starters as freshmen including third sacker Greg Salterelli, catcher Mike Hansen and Lee Wisniewski. These athletes will try to do battle with the likes of such fine teams as Maine South and Niles West, and hope for success.

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Five Gymnasts in State Finals

By Dave Mayer

With the state tournament having approached the Niles East gymnastic team, the tough grind to the finals has come to an end. The first ordeal was the district meet hosted by the Trojans on March 2. Although the Trojans failed to defeat Evanston for the district trophy,

they did manage to score a new team record of 140.45 points and qualify eighteen positions to the state sectional meet at Niles West. Every event except free exercise and side horse qualified the maximum of three positions to that meet.

SENIOR RICK ROBBIN placed third on free exercise behind Steve Yasakawa of Lane Tech and Wildkit Chuck Stillerman, fourth on pommel horse, second on high bar, third on parallel bars behind Bart Conner and second in all-around with a 7.65 average. Niles West's Conner won that event with an 8.04 average for five events. Sophomore Neal Sher placed fifth on horizontal bar with 7.65 points, fifth on parallel bars with 7.3 points and fifth

in the all-around with a 6.3 average. Barry Scher qualified at-large on the parallel bars scoring 7.0 and Keith Kreitman became the 1973 district still rings champion with his winning score of 8.2. In the sectional tournament East qualified five gymnasts and seven positions to the state preliminaries. They are Rick Powers on the side horse with a 7.4; Neal Sher on parallel bars with a 7.75; Steve Pollice on trampoline, 7.8; Keith Kreitman on still rings, 8.35; and Rick Robbin on high bar, 8.3; parallel bars, 7.75; and all-around with a 7.6 average.

The Trojans placed fourth in that meet behind state favorite Elk Grove, Niles West, and Niles North with district champion Evanston finishing fifth.

VARSITY BASEBALL ROSTER

No.—Player	No.—Player
18—Albrecht	5—Harrold
21—Calahan	26—Hasmonek
24—Desilla	15—Johnson
6—Diaz, J.	10—Kiesel
22—Diaz, G.	14—Klienschmidt
11—Dones	4—Ricci
3—Frank	16—Rubin
23—Garlick	9—Tinchler
19—George	12—Weiss
2—Hackman	17—Zinman
1—Harrison	8—Zolt