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Tuesday, Feb. 26



"King and I"
opens Mar. 28—
Cast rehearsing

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Asst. Supt. A. Gregorc outlines plans for Nilehi

"My purpose here is to improve education for you—and to grow myself," said Dr. Anthony F. Gregorc, new District 219 assistant superintendent, at a press conference held on February 14.

Dr. Gregorc brings to Niles Township an extensive background in educational administration. Only 34, he has served as a principal or assistant principal in Illinois and Ohio, guided a summer educational tour to Europe in 1970, and has worked most recently on the college level, serving as Assistant Dean at the University of Illinois College of Education. In addition, he has written articles—and currently is working on a book—and has served on several education committees. His primary interest is curriculum development.

Dr. Gregorc outlined his goals to the three Nilehi student newspapers. "I will try to learn the culture here" and "really want to get a feel of the environment" in this district. "I have my style, and what I'm attempting to do is find out what the style of the district is."

Toward this end, Dr. Gregorc will study records of past activities of this school district and try to attend all the meetings he can to familiarize himself with the "norms" relating to philosophies and values exhibited in this district.

Dr. Gregorc's role as assistant superintendent will deal with evaluating the present curriculum used in the three schools, trying to see "how it all fits together," assisting teachers when they want to discuss the curriculum, and he "would like to offer suggestions to the various faculties regarding curriculum."

The educator will evaluate the personality needs of students and offer suggestions to the administration and teach-

ing faculty if forms of education, alternate from the traditional style of read-lecture, are needed.

For many students there is the Alternate Learning Center, an institution which employs a substitute program for learning. This alternative is agreeable to Dr. Gregorc, as he is in favor of alternate learning programs, but he opposes the physical separation made between the regular high schools and the A.L.C.

Dr. Gregorc is also opposed to installing indoor smoking lounges in the schools. In regard to teacher supervision, he feels that teachers who do not consult with their students during their non-class time, can serve "the community" by supervising during their free time. He stressed that supervision should not hinder education. The administrator stated that when new programs, such as open campus, are implemented by the schools, it is the superintendent, Dr. Wesley Gibbs, who must answer the questions and any dissatisfactions of the community, so he said, "a bit" of the politician is important in a superintendent, as he must maintain good will with the community.

On the other hand, as an assistant superintendent, Dr. Gregorc said that his is more an educator and less a politician. He will work primarily with teachers and administrators rather than with the outside community.

In the administration of educational institutions, Dr. Gregorc feels that "it takes a balance" of political and educational senses to be effective, and that the two are "complementary."

Dr. Gregorc summed up his management style by saying, "I tend to raise more questions than I can answer."



Dr. Anthony Gregorc explains his views on education at a recent press conference.

Popular musical 'King and I' to be presented in March

"The King and I" will be presented by a cast of 47 Easthi students on March 28, 29, and 30. Portraying the King of Siam will be Stewart Figa, who, for the third consecutive year, has secured a leading role in the school's annual spring musical. Judy Hoffman will play Anna Leonowens, the English schoolteacher invited by the king to introduce western culture to his children.

Starring in the musical also are David Pevsner, who will play Chulalongkorn, the king's eldest son and heir to the throne; Noah Gilson, who will be the Kralahome (Prime Minister); and Mark Flitman, who will portray Anna's son Louis. Lun Tha is the prince; his love for the slave girl Tuptim provides a secondary plot in the show. Howard Pfeifer and Ellen Pollack will portray the lovers.

DANNY RAPPOPORT will play Captain Orton, whose ship brings Anna to Siam with Ed Goldstein as Phra Alack, a nobleman in the king's court. Terri Diamond will play Lady Thiang, matron of the king's harem, and Marc Rush will be Sir Edward Ramsay, the English visitor to Siam.

Twelve young children have been selected to play the king's children. Brothers and sisters of cast and crew members auditioned two weeks ago.

Jerry Proffit, the production's director, will be assisted by Frank Mayfield, technical director; Robert Anderson, chorus; Shari Kouba, dance; Raymond Pettit, orchestra; Sue Klein, a 1971 Easthi graduate now student teaching here; and student director Lori Simon. Other students assisting production include Flo Stern, assistant set designer, Stan Pressner, assistant technical director, and Jan Levin, stage manager.

The chairmen of the various crews include Jim Van der Kloot, lighting; Bill Weinman, sound; Jan Levin and Rich Kahan (assistant), on construction; Sue Baizer and Robin Bezark, make-up; Davi Hirsch and Rochelle Root, props; Arlene Siavelis and Sheila Jacobson, costumes; Noah Gilson and Michele Soltan, programs; Debbie Feldman and Patti Sucherman, both assistants to Mel-la Minceberg on painting; Glenna Hecht, tickets; and Cheryl Esken on publicity.

PROFFIT SAID THE cast, chosen from 137 students who auditioned, "has a lot of talent." Pettit feels that "the students are going to do a great job." He said the traditional Rogers and Hammerstein songs add to the show's appeal.

A free performance will be presented for senior citizens on Wednesday, March 27, and the dress rehearsal of March 25 will be open to junior high students.

Concert band plays March 3

For the first time in several years, the Niles East Concert Band will present an exclusive performance for the entire community. Accompanying the band on the March 3 program will be the Cadet (freshman) band, but no vocal groups will appear.

RAYMOND PETTIT, director of bands, considers the program his first major performance since assuming command

of the bands last September. He believes Easthi's band program is on the verge of becoming an "unbelievable" organization, and hopes to "demonstrate what we have done." He added, "People don't realize what's going on down here. We're at a high musical level."

The sixty-piece Concert Band will play a diverse selection of concert arrangements. One classical piece, the march from "Symphonic Metamorphosis on Themes by von Weber" by Paul Hindemith, features a solid brass section. "American Salute," by Gould, Grainger's "Irish Tune from County Derry," "Danza Final" by Ginastera, and Sousa's "George Washington Bicentennial March" provide entertainment for any music fan. The band will perform selections from "The King and I" to promote this year's spring musical. Four "snappy" pieces will be played by the freshman band.

"THIS BAND IS excellent," commented Pettit, who hopes to revive a reputation for superiority already enjoyed by Easthi's theater department. This concert is designed to highlight the band—to show the school and community that the group is indeed striving for that goal.

The concert is free, and will begin at 3 p.m. in the auditorium, one week from Sunday.

PE facilities inadequate

Possible improvements of East's physical education facilities and a request to rehire Mrs. Pat Handzel, who has been substituting in Mr. Jupp's classes, were major topics of discussion at the last Board of Education meeting.

During the "Audience to Visitors" segment of the meeting, at which time members of the community may speak on different topics, parents of East students presented their views regarding "unsatisfactory physical education facilities" at East.

One example of what parents considered poor facilities was cited by Mr. Sheldon Rubin when he said that divers at East "have to hit the ceiling" in order to execute a dive into "the biggest bathtub in Skokie." Another parent commented that the girls' gym classes do not have a gym during four months of the school year and something must be done to secure more space.

A thorough report compiled by par-

ents who studied the facilities, was presented to the Board by Rubin. Last year these parents presented the Board with a similar report which they felt had been disregarded. The room filled with applause as Rubin finished his presentation.

Mrs. Shirley Garland, president of the Board, said that a district committee has been formed to study the "space and site needs" of East's Physical Education Department.

Focusing again on the hiring of Mrs. Pat Handzel, Mrs. Betty Quinn, a social studies teacher at East, asked the Board to reconsider their decision. (See editorial, page 2) She, along with senior Sue Varon, attempted to point out to the Board the way in which Mrs. Handzel was able to make students feel comfortable, to enjoy, and to learn in her classes.

The Board will meet again this Monday evening at 8.

Stop and Shop days start next Tuesday

"Stop and Shop" will be held next week, on Tuesday through Thursday. The purpose of the presentation is to allow students to seek answers to questions concerning courses they may wish to take in the upcoming year.

During "stop and shop" week, students will have the opportunity to visit designated rooms and discuss with the teacher of the course any questions concerning course requirements, concepts covered, and basic factual content.

Since schedule changes during the summer and next year will be extremely limited, students are urged to carefully select their programs. "Stop and Shop" is designed to enable students to choose their courses more carefully.

Ripplettes, Easthi's girls' swim club, sells baked goods at the Spirit Committees recent activity fair. (Story on page 4.)



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Feedback

Students can improve Easthi

Changes evident

Dear Editor:

As the school year began, most Nilehi students dismissed the possibility that they would ever play an important role in the development of their own educational system. During the first semester, however, many dedicated and hard-working students have not only made this a definite possibility, but in many areas, a reality.

Through such organizations as the Student Senate and this newspaper, it has finally become known that students can indeed make important contributions to their own education. Never before in the history of this school have students become so involved, or as accepted by school officials and members of the community, as they are now.

Our accomplishments are constantly growing in number. The students of East became the first to be represented on the District 219 Caucus this year. This is the powerful and influential organization that endorses school board candidates. We have two seats on the Educational Policy Development Committee (EPDC) and hold numerous positions on EPDC subcommittees. We are also represented on many important committees at East. We have let it be known what students feel on such important issues as teacher supervision, and we have been listened to. Our feelings on important issues have been praised by board members, administrators, teachers, and members of the community.

There is little doubt that much remains to be done however. Students, perhaps more than any other group, can see weaknesses in the educational structure. We still have much convincing to do until this is realized by all, but we have made great strides this year.

Perhaps our great progress was made most apparent when the Board of Education recently included the Niles East Student Senate Survey in their agenda, and made it known that it would play an important role in future Board policy.

Yes, we have made great progress. The students of Niles East should be proud of the fact that they, more than any other group of students in recent memory, have let it be known that not only are they insisting that they be heard, but perhaps most importantly, that they have something important to say.

Brian Hamer '74

Student Representative to the
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Athletes' devotion

Dear Editor:

Congratulations are in order for the Trojan gymnasts and their coaches, Tom Sokalski and John Schrammel. On Friday, January 25, a night long to be remembered, the Trojans defeated the Indians from Niles West in a dual meet. Anyone entering the gym could feel the tension and anxiety of the gymnasts and their coaches. Super individual performances and a super team effort gave the Trojans a victory and the league leadership 146.27 to 145.82.

The floor exercise team set the pace for the rest of the team. No one gymnast can be singled out without giving due credit to every member of the team. Not known to many is the fact that several of the gymnasts were nursing serious

injuries. Through it all, they remained consistent while reaching back for that little extra that proved to be the downfall for the Indians.

It is about time that all athletes receive the same amount of recognition whether it be for volleyball, track, swimming, girls' sports, fencing, and so on. The so-called major sports have been bally-hooed year after year, but none has proven to be as consistent at winning as have the gymnastics teams. Pep rallies are held for certain teams while others are ignored, but, as we all know, rallies do not produce winning teams.

Any athlete who will devote his or her time and effort in the name of Niles East athletics deserves the same amount of recognition as anyone else. Too long have some been considered second class to others.

Most ignored are girls' sports. All other schools in the Central Suburban League have the facilities they need, while the Niles East girls are forced to work out in the gym balcony. And even though large sums of money are allotted to boys' athletic teams, the girls are given only minimal sums to spend on uniforms, equipment, etc.

Many parents have complained, but unfortunately, have chosen to remain silent. After four years of attending athletic events at Niles East, being witness to this injustice, we choose to speak out. Prior requests have fallen on deaf ears.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Kozub

Finds silver lining

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter in rebuttal to what Corey Levens, a respected National Merit Semifinalist, had to say about leaving Niles East in the last issue of the Nilehilite.

I, too, in several ways am glad to be leaving Niles East. I leave with pleasant memories and a sense of mystery as to what my future holds, not with a chip on my shoulder. There were many things I, too, did not like during my high school days. I saw many issues such as the teacher strike this year, the supposed lack of funds, and also suffered many a headache over the somewhat divided classes of Niles East, but it is all a part of high school, and one cannot expect otherwise. I feel that instead of looking down on everything our school has done and walking away sneering, we should see the good things and walk away somewhat satisfied.

In the three and one-half years that I have been a student at Niles East, the students have received more rights than one would have thought possible, in years past. They've gotten open campus privileges, a somewhat improved cafeteria and lounging area for their comfort, certain pass-fail options, and even now new issues such as the library situation and a smoking lounge are being considered. I think that Niles East has done its best to try to improve itself rather than make school an institution from which students run away, breaking the chains that the administration has bound to their arms and legs.

Yes, I am looking forward to that day when I can say good-bye to good ol' Niles East. But rather than looking back with a smirk on my face, I will remember all the good times I had and walk away with my chin up.

Name withheld upon request

Will the Board reveal motives for rejection of appointment?

Most of us consider ourselves rational human beings. On that basis we expect logical explanations for decisions—but especially board of education decisions. The recent one by the board regarding the appointment of Pat Handzel to replace David Jupp in the social studies department leaves us in a quandary. Mrs. Handzel, although she has been substituting the greater part of last semester in Jupp's classes, was not the board's first choice. The contract was offered to Frink Biga who subsequently resigned. At that point, the building principal, the directors, the Central office personnel director—all recommended Mrs. Handzel for the position and offered her the contract. What supposedly was to be a routine approval exploded into a 4-3 rejection of Mrs. Handzel's appointment.

WHAT COMPLETELY BAFFLES us is the fact that the board offered no reason to Mrs. Handzel for this rejection. They chose to retreat into executive session instead. It reminds us of the credit card approvals and rejections when individuals are refused credit without being told why. In many instances, certain individuals were rejected on the basis of erroneous information.

IN THE MEANTIME, she continues to be acceptable to the district as a substitute teacher in Jupp's classes!

Guest editorial

What the Senate is really like: Power struggle destroys unity

by Robert Wolf

Since, according to the Student Senate survey, almost all of the students at East "read" the Nilehilite, I'm hoping that all the students will read this; because, according to the same survey, a vast majority of the people don't like, or don't even know what Student Senate is. So, this will attempt to answer the question: "What is Student Senate?"

When one thinks of the word "senate," one thinks of representatives in a legislative body. Student Senate does not meet this definition. It is hardly representative, since a large majority of students don't like or know about it. And, it is not legislative, since they cannot actually pass laws—just advise what "the students" would like to see done. Let's make a rather close analysis of its members.

THE SENATE IS divided roughly into five groups. They will be dealt with in order of least important first. The **neutrals**, maybe about five of them, are not involved in the big struggle which will be discussed shortly. They have almost no bearing on anything that transpires in the Senate. The **know-nothings**, a fairly substantial group, sit in on the meeting and raise their hands only to say that they didn't hear or they don't understand. At least we must give them credit for coming. But then come the **no-shows**, a group of members, supposedly representing various activities, who never appear. The no-shows create a problem. When the Senate must appropriate money, a certain quorum of members is necessary—thus, the no-shows make it difficult for the Senate to operate.

But if El Presidente were really on the ball, he would see an easy way around this obstacle. All he has to do is write to Washington and have Nixon declare the Senate a disaster area. For it has been truly devastated by war between the last two factions, of which I must take some blame, also.

WE NOW COME TO the two most influential elements—the **Federites** and the **anti-Federites**. Feder, is president, king, potentate, ruler, or whatever you want to call him of Student Senate. But, you should all know this; you elected him into office. He is powerful. He has given himself the power, though he will claim the Senate gave it to him. The apparent truth is that he took the power, and the Senate, not knowing how to react, and not having the power for recourse, was forced to let him have it. He has his worshippers, and all add to his insatiable thirst for power. To make things worse, he fosters an apparent hatred for vice-president Gary Elkins and his followers.

There really are no Elkins' followers; they are just all the anti-Federites, of whom Elkins by rank of his position is just "the first." These are the people whom Feder is most wary of only because he knows that it's not easy to "slip one by" them as it is the rest of the Senate. They are more eloquent and subsequently more persuasive than any of his people, but no one will ever be made aware of that, for Feder never lets them talk. Should they gain control of the floor, he could easily lose control of the docile majority for that meeting. And, according to the Domino Theory, if he loses that one meeting, the rest will fall.

THE DOMINOES ARE shaky now. The dormant members at the meetings are waking up, and it's not to Feder's tune. Even they are getting fed up with his autocratic control at a meeting. It is not uncommon for four anti-Federites to be the first ones to want to be recognized and have the fifth, a Federite, called on. It is not uncommon for Feder to stop discussion on something not going his way, because "we must move on." It is not uncommon for every word from Feder to be dripping with sarcasm, while "putting down" Elkins and his friends. It is not uncommon to fail to get to any new business for three consecutive meetings until Feder gets his own way on an issue or until he feels he has sufficiently vanquished his enemies. And though Feder will claim that the Student Senate has performed miracles, at best these miracles could only be considered token gestures, none of which he contributed to significantly, but for which he is quick to take the credit.

But Feder is losing his magic, and I see that as an encouraging sign. He is running scared as given evidence by his just released "Who the Hell is Gary Elkins" letter. I dare him to say that he had approval by Senate to post this letter and to use his "title" in his signature.

BUT THAT'S ONLY the first part of what Student Senate is; the second answer is a bit more mysterious. It's really a nostalgic group. And while the rest of the school is going through a fifties' craze, Senate is going through the twenties era. You won't see that Charleston or people drinking champagne from a slipper, but don't be too alarmed if you see a group walking into a meeting with violin cases tucked under their arms.

Robert Wolf, a senior, is a member of Student Senate. He has been on the debate team for 4 years, and remains involved in political activities, both in and out of school.

Abraham Lincoln: Beyond myths and legends

Karl DeJonge's Biographical U.S. History classes are different from regular U.S. History classes in that his students learn with the use of biographies instead of the conventional textbooks. DeJonge's students come to understand a period of time by reading about its prominent people.

The purpose of writing the following essays, said DeJonge, was to get his students to "work their way through the legends and myths of Lincoln and decide for themselves if his revered position in history is merited."

A president people looked up to

by Holly Krichesky

Have you ever heard of Nixon becoming one of the great men of our time? Or how about 'honest Rich'? Can you imagine Mr. Nixon, I mean President Nixon, walking miles to give some lady change because he cheated her out of a few pennies? According to Thomas Y. Crowell, "The only book that would sell well would be one that exposes President Nixon as a crook."

At one time, however, we had a President the people looked up to. His words would stir the deepest feelings of Americans, not cause an investigation of the federal government. He gave great speeches — for example, the Gettysburg Address. In all probability his speeches would make the Stock Market go up tremendously, not go down each time he mentioned Phase II, Phase IV. We had a President who was interested in our country's welfare, not more interested in other countries than his own.

At one time we had a President who listened while people talked, for he knew that in some matters they might see truth more clearly than he. He did not go out and declare laws just because he and only he thought them best. There was a President who had daily sessions with the public to learn how to key his actions to public opinion. He did not use just a few men who supposedly knew the public's views. This man took time to deal with the men from the war in seeing them be spared from the death penalty. He seized on any possible excuse to save a soldier's life. To him, each man meant something more than a statistic, like: "today 498 men were killed in South Vietnam, and 956 in North Vietnam. An all time low!" Lincoln was a man who could make democracy a lasting form of government — that is, until 1973. At one time in our history there was someone who had the ability to express his convictions so clearly and forcefully that people could understand and believe these convictions. He would not cause the public to question him or become confused. We once had a President who during all his years in office, was away from the capital less than a month. However, now every other weekend our President needs a vacation. Are there that many more pressures that must be dealt with now? The Civil War was a very big pressure for Lincoln. If the United States was not preserved, the states would separate and become two nations. Both of these nations could have attained the prosperity and importance that the United States has today. There was once a time when a President had a good and honest cabinet to help him. Half of the Nixon cabinet was forced to resign, or they quit, or they were indicted.

We, however, must not dwell in the past. We must perceive the future: with air pollution, energy crises, the population explosion, wars, and many other terrifying events. Maybe we will have a President who can solve these problems. Perhaps the past will repeat itself.

I honestly like him

by Sheila Kobritz

Abraham Lincoln — he was President of the United States. Oh yeah, he freed the slaves, too.

Up until this time that was about all I knew about Abraham Lincoln. Of course, I had heard the well known tales about him, such as how he walked a long way to return a mere penny or two, but that was all I knew.

I didn't fully understand what kind of a person had earned all this respect. I didn't know he was a man with emotions, flaws, and even ordinary faults like you and me. Perhaps that is even why he was considered so great.

I can honestly say that I like Abraham Lincoln. I like the fact that he was born a back-woods baby, had little education, and that he was strong enough and determined enough to make it on his own. I like his sensitivity, his awkwardness, and his unsureness with the ladies. His sense of humor, and even his homeliness have appeal for me.

Lincoln was compassionate and had confidence in the common people. He was different from so many of the other great men of history. In periods of differences and clashes between sections of our country, most of the politicians favored one side or the other completely and exclusively. Lincoln was not like that. He was not against the South, nor did he favor the North. He had attitudes which were much more important. He was simply against the moral issue of slavery — simply that. True, I was shocked when I learned that Lincoln did not consider blacks to be as socially and politically capable as whites, but this was his opinion, and although I don't agree with it, I respect it. He strongly believed in the Declaration of Independence, that "all men are created equal," — meaning that all people have the same right under the law. He believed that just because the blacks may not be equal to the whites in the intellectual and genetic sense, they should still not be discriminated against and kept in slavery.

I admire Abraham Lincoln for his good qualities of honesty and sincerity. Of course, it would take pages to cover his whole personality, (and why I liked so much about him), but I think the fact that he was nicknamed "Honest Abe" is proof enough that he was a great human being.

Acted according to people's wishes

by Susan Shelley

During Lincoln's election campaign and presidency he was not regarded by most prominent people of the day as one who was especially brilliant or as one who was making history each time he addressed the nation. His political opponents call him "The Rail Splitter," indicating that they thought he was not capable of anything else. Some political cartoons of the day showed him being carried through the election riding on a rail, or playing ball with the other candidates, using a long rail instead of a short bat. The general opinion of the papers seemed to be that the Republican Party was using Lincoln's charisma, "Down home" humor, and appeal to the general public to get a Republican back in the White House. The people in the North loved Lincoln since he had taken a stand against slavery. The Southerners hated him for the same reason. In fact, in the election of 1860, Lincoln did not receive a single electoral vote from any of the Southern states. Those who loved him did so for his human qualities; his genuine concern for other people, his sensitivity, his easy-going manner.

People today, when asked their opinion of Lincoln, will usually say that they haven't any, or else respond automatically that he was great because he freed the slaves. Although the trend now is to deflate legends and reduce heroes to little more than dirt, it is my opinion that legends are based on fact and that Lincoln was great for reasons not immediately obvious to the casual observer.

Abraham Lincoln was not a military genius like Washington, or a brilliant architect like Jefferson, or a great compromiser like Henry Clay, but then these are men whose accomplishments speak for them, proving their greatness beyond the shadow of a doubt. Lincoln's greatness lay in his ability to interpret the will of the people, and act according to their wishes rather than to his own beliefs. He was a perfect example of true democracy, in that he came from the common people, rose to the position of President, and thought of the people before all else.

Was Lincoln a bumbler?

by Debbie Plotkin

Abraham Lincoln — the mere mention of his name conjures up glowing images of a bearded giant who carried the fate of a nation on his shoulders for more than four years. The Great Emancipator of four million slaves, in my humble opinion, was a man without equal.

Yet there are those who say Lincoln was an imbecile, a "Simple Susan," and a "baboon." They condemn him for the very acts which helped save the Union.

Was Lincoln a bumbler? Did the "Great Emancipator" really at one point, try to preserve slavery? And was he such a humanitarian? For once, let's not accept the facts at face value.

At the onset of the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln had been in office for a little more than one month. Without consulting Congress, he proceeded to suspend the habeas corpus privilege, call for seventy-five thousand volunteers to serve in the militia, and on May 3, 1861, proclaim martial law. He couldn't have done a more thorough job of suppressing civil rights, if his name had been Napoleon!

The logic behind his seemingly dictatorial actions was both rational and correct. Lincoln realized that national safety demanded that such measures be implemented. And as Congress was not in session, he assumed that he would obtain their eventual approval. He acted in a state of emergency, not to augment his own power, but to secure the safety of his countrymen.

About that great document, the Emancipation Proclamation, effective January 1, 1863 — by February of 1865 only two hundred thousand slaves had obtained their freedom. Effective? That number represents only five per cent of the Negro population at that time.

The simple explanation for such poor results is that the proclamation did not apply to states in the Union or border states. It pertained only to regions then remaining in insurrection.

Why, then, did Lincoln compose such an incomplete document? In one respect, it seems as if Lincoln was almost bribing the South to return to the Union, for if the individual states did so, each one would no longer be considered in rebellion, and would be allowed its slaves. A bribe, yes, but one way to end the bloody battle.

Therefore, the main significance of the proclamation is obviously not found in its provisions, nor in its immediate results. Its importance lies in the upswing of Northern moral. Northern soldiers were no longer shedding blood over an issue (states' rights) but a cause, and that cause was a magnificently noble one — to free the slaves! The word "Emancipation" became a slogan which embodied the spirit of the Yankees. It is for this reason, that the Emancipation Proclamation stands today as one of the most vital documents of American history.

According to every textbook I've ever read, Abraham Lincoln was a humanitarian. That is a generally accepted fact. Yet by blockading Southern ports to imprison the South within her own territory, he deprived Europe of cotton and caused widespread unemployment there. Millworkers in France and England reached the verge of starvation. Taxes could not be collected from people who had no money, let alone food. All because of a domestic squabble thousands of miles across the ocean!

Had Lincoln the right to involve innocent foreigners in this country's affairs? I say he did. As a humanitarian and as President of the United States, Lincoln had the right, no, he had an obligation to protect the principles of liberty and equality. In one sense, he was fighting to preserve democracy in the States, but in a larger sense he was fighting to preserve democracy.

Hotline

Q. What teacher gave the most referrals last year?

A. The deans cannot release the names of specific teachers. This year, however, for the first time, their office is keeping a record of all referrals given and will study the results to determine whether there are, in fact, any teachers who write an unusual number. Deans Ken Reiter and Jerry Turry doubt that there are any. They noted that they generally write more referrals than any teacher, because it is part of their responsibility to enforce attendance rules.

Reiter said that the number of referrals is not overly significant. "Unless it's for a major offense, we don't keep it on the student's record," he said, and added that many referrals are intended to be "social progress reports" and do not mean action will be taken. He also reminds students that a student's file is always open for him to examine.

Turry estimates that 350 referrals are written each month, giving each dean about 40 per week. He said most of them involve tardiness.

Q. How many kids still drive to school during the energy crisis?

A. According to Chief of Security James Puff, "there is still no difference in the amount of kids who drive to school; they don't care."

Around 200 kids drive to school each day and they are having a problem finding parking spaces. There is now a proposal for a student parking lot on the other side of the railroad tracks; permits would be sold for approximately \$5 for the entire school year. Efforts to obtain unused land between Lincoln and Niles, to convert it into a parking lot, have been unsuccessful, but the board is still seeking approval.

Q. What happened to the popcorn machine in Trojan Hall?

A. N-Club sponsor Jim Huskey explained, "the students who bought the popcorn messed up the halls by leaving popcorn all over the floors, causing the N-Club to stop selling the popcorn. When students show they can be more responsible, we will begin selling the popcorn again."

Q. What happened to the music in the cafeteria and lounge?

A. Ron Henrici, the sponsor of the project said, "the students haven't had enough time to put together a system to get the music over the air." Before, the kids were using all the class to get the music started, but Henrici doesn't want class time put toward this. So the students have to use their own time to keep the radio

station operating. Since they do not have the time now, there won't be any music.

Q. How much do the portable drivers' ed. simulators cost?

A. The simulators, located behind the auditorium on Mulford Street, are being rented for \$3,805 per year. In the near future there might be a central driver education center for all three Niles schools and it would be wasteful to buy new simulators for Easthi at this time. The old simulators are 12 years old and in very poor condition. Incidentally, Niles West is also renting simulators, costing \$3,205 because the school has indoor facilities and doesn't need a trailer.

Q. We're planning to publish a magazine and we were wondering how much it costs to print the Nilehite.

A. It costs \$300 to print a 4-page Nilehite and \$487 for 6 pages. In special cases, such as this year's holiday issue, the paper was printed in a different color ink, costing an additional \$10. The senior issue, printed on 12 pages of more durable paper, includes color pictures, and costs \$1,200. Our printer is the Des Plaines Publishing Company in Des Plaines. Contact them for further information.

Club notes

DE succeeds in competition

Junior Helene Federman earned first place in advertising in the local Distributive Education contest held at Woodfield shopping mall

recently. Senior Janet Rogover won first place for her job interview with Junior Geri Eckerling placing fourth in sales demonstration.

Spirit Committee activity fair recharges students' interest

by Norberto Kogan

Thirty-three organizations were represented in last week's Spirit of '74—Student Activities Fair. The assembly, which some say drew as many as 700 students, was highlighted by many imaginative presentations.

The fair was coordinated by the School Spirit Committee, who, under the guidance of John Moshak and Dee Whyman, attempted to present the students of Easthi with a comprehensive display of the extracurricular activities here.

EVERY CLUB HAD ample room to hold demonstrations, contests, and bake sales, as was the case with Ripplettes and Senior Orchestras. While the band played in the background, girls' gymnastic team members Terri Riskin, Peg Krause, Ellen Brin and Sue Kozub performed on the balance beam. The chess club held a mini-tournament and the track team showed movies of past meets.

The baseball team displayed their new gold uniforms and talked with interested students. The pom-pom squad and fencing team both entertained the crowd as they explained what their respective activities are all about.

THE VERY SUCCESSFUL girls' bowling team was present as were the spirited cheerleaders. Janice Bauer, the cheerleaders' captain, expressed hope that separate

tryouts can be held this year for each sport.

Other activities represented included AFS, AVE, DECA, Forensics, Spanish Club, which supplied Spanish-style food and held a bean-counting contest won by senior Rick Harris, wrestling, and basketball, with the popular free throw contest. Kathy Zimble and Jill Goldberg, the two yearbook editors, were there encouraging students to join and help produce a representative and exciting issue.

THE FAIR DID what was intended — it provided the students of East with an opportunity to see many of the extracurricular activities available to them.

Nilehi aids Israel

by Ed Jacobs

Nilehi's Students for Israel have been sponsoring a fund-raising drive in order to raise \$8,000 to buy an ambulance for Israel. The culmination of their efforts will be highlighted tomorrow when a variety program entitled "Israel, Face to Face" will be presented in the North auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

FEATURES OF THE program include a speech entitled "Face to Face with Negotiations," given by Ariel Kerem, vice-consulate of Israel, and a short speech by Mayor Albert J. Smith of

Skokie. Musical entertainment will be presented by talented North seniors Marvin Heimlich, Eric Eisenstein, and Allen Feuerstein who will perform on their violins in concert. A political comedy will be exhibited by Mike Salberg, another North senior.

NATIONAL DECA WEEK, March 3-9, will be observed in more than 4,600 chapters throughout the United States including the Niles East chapter. Locally East's chapter belongs to AREA 15 which includes the four Maine Township High Schools and Evanston. Janet Rogover, Easthi chapter's vice-president, is serving as secretary for Area 15.

Students who are enrolled in Distributive Education are taught the complex field of marketing in all its phases. Contests are not DECA's only activities, Denis explained. "Within the next four months, we plan on having a rock concert, Marx Brothers movie festival, a car bash, an employee-employer banquet, and plan to have 100 per cent attendance at the national DECA leadership conference to be held in Chicago," he added.

This program is one of many projects that the three Nilehi schools have sponsored since the latest Mid-east war broke out in October. Previous projects included a car wash, Marx Brothers films, candy sales, and canning.

Most recently, club members gave a Valentine's Day party for the 40 children at the club's other school, which is operated by Temple Shalom for the partly-Spanish community near which it is situated.

Twelve club members enjoyed a luncheon at Toledo Spanish restaurant over the Lincoln's birthday holiday. More activities are being planned.

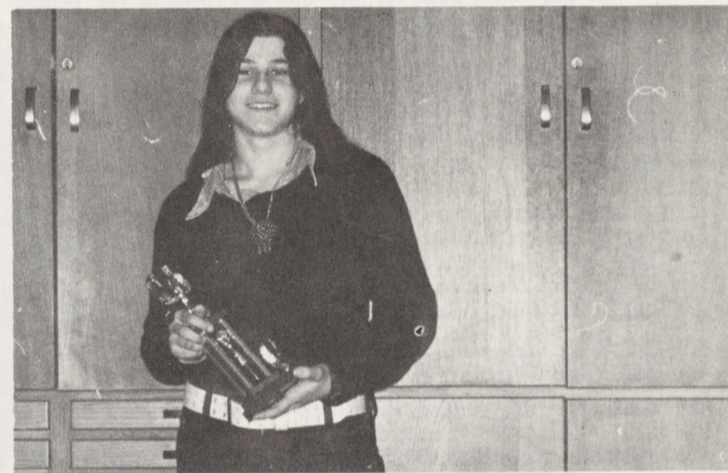
DIRECTED BY Pam Goldberg, '76, the club's secretary, the day-care center project has become the group's primary activity. The Student Senate granted \$250 to the club to aid one of the schools, located in a Spanish-speaking area of Chicago.

Spanish Club remains active

Every week, a small, but loyal, band of students gathers in Herminia Lopez' classroom (245) to find new ways to expand their educational experiences and adopt new projects to serve the community. The Spanish Club is a group of students whose Spanish backgrounds range from four months of frill in a classroom to the Lara twins, Juan and Felix, who

recently came to Skokie from Mexico, where they'd lived for 16 years. (See Nilehite, Dec. 21)

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Helene Federman displays DE trophy.

Prize films chosen

The blooming Friedkins and Coppolas of Niles East's film classes have struck again! Winners of Easthi's version of Academy awards have been declared — all this in the film classes of Dennis Duffy.

Tom Christopherson captured Best Film, Best Cinematography, and Best Sound for his "Beginning and Ends." Best Film runners-up were "Grown-ups," a satire by Nancy Mendelssohn and Marilyn Morris, and Lyle Merens' action thriller, "Chicago Connection," which "Kung-Fued" its way into the top three.

SECOND PLACE for Best Sound was awarded to two

movies — "Grown-ups" with its famous duo — the Singing Sisters — and "When We Grow Up" by Wendy Mendelssohn and Debbie Capitol.

Debbie's father was voted Best Actor, with Steve Soler second, appearing in "Beginnings and Ends." The best actress was Alexis Stern's sister, while Pam Joseph gave a moving performance as a drug addict with only her little dog as her best friend.

BEST ANIMATION was won by Jay Martini's chess game sequence; "If Only They Knew" placed second with Stern's "Bag of Notice" earning the Best Story.

Suburban Scene

Skatium features ice Race

The Skokie Park District is sponsoring the first annual community Ice Skating race this Sunday, at The Skatium. The Speed Skating Club of The Skatium is organizing this free event for all residents of the area from age 6-60.

REGISTRATION FOR THE races will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday at The Skatium. Participants will be placed in age

categories. Ribbons will be presented to the winners of the races.

President of The Skatium Speed Skating Club, Larry Golden, announced that the races will be an annual event to promote the fast growing sport of speed skating. The Skatium's Speed Skating Club meets on Saturday and Sunday from 1:15 to 2:15 p.m. each week.

One-act plays presented

Three one-act plays will be presented at 8 p.m. on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, March 1, 2, and 3 at Devonshire Theater, 4400 Grove Street, Skokie.

"The Marriage Proposal" and

"The Boor", two comedies by Chekhov and "The Old Jew," a tragedy by Shisgol, will be given.

Children under 12 should be accompanied by an adult. Admission at the door is \$1.50.

Suggestions?

We want to know if we have succeeded in making the Nilehite a true voice of Easthi students. Most letters we receive deal with issues or complaints about the school. We are

gratified that students consider the Nilehite an effective medium in which to publish their opinions. However, we would like more reaction to the newspaper itself. How can we serve you better?

Suburban League to fold, three teams to join CSL

by Dave Garlick

Having enjoyed a reputation as one of the most powerful high school athletic conferences in the nation, the Suburban League is disbanding. Three of its goliaths — Evanston, Waukegan, and New Trier East — will join Niles East in the Central Suburban League in the fall of 1975.

The Suburban League was the oldest in the state, founded in 1928. It was known for years for its powerhouse teams, but has been deteriorating for the last ten years, due to the rise of new leagues. Transportation between schools as far north as Waukegan and as far south as

Cicero was costly and tiring.

A death blow was dealt last year when Highland Park and Niles East left the league to join the CSL. This left the league with six teams. "That was the biggest problem — scheduling the league with six teams," said Leo Samuelson, Evanston's athletic director. Non-league games are difficult to get because teams in larger leagues don't have open dates.

Reaction at Niles East was mixed. Athletic Director James Swanson said, "I'm sorry, because it was the oldest league in the state. I don't know how it will affect the CSL yet be-

cause a plan for realignment has yet to be reached."

Head basketball coach Gary Cook was a little puzzled over the ruling. "It makes little difference to me except three teams from our old league are now in the new. We left that league to avoid these teams, so it makes little sense to me."

George Galla, Niles East's new baseball coach, was also a little concerned. "They should divide Evanston into two schools for athletic purposes. A school that size always dominated the Suburban League. I don't know what they'll do in the CSL."

Sophomores continue wins face Maine South tonight

by Dave Garlick

Emil Capitani and his sophomore basketball team are in the midst of a better than average season this winter. The

Soph's are currently in second place in the Division with a 6-5 record. The Trojans are in fourth place in the League. East is 11-8 overall.

Bowlers lose district meet

Niles West beat Niles East in the Second District round of the State Bowling meet by 27 pins. Lane Tech won the District and advanced to Peoria and the finals.

The season itself, however, was a rousing success. East took first place in the Central Suburban League, in East's first year of competition.

Team Captain Lynn Dorman received the outstanding bowler of the Central Suburban League. She also had the high average in the league. Teammate Lisa Frank has second high average in the CCL.

Bowling intramurals will begin next September, with team tryouts in October.

THE TROJANS were in the battle for the league title until the weekend of February 8 when they lost two close games, one to Deerfield and one to New Trier. In these games East played without their two high scorers, Mark Brines and Terry Greenberg. Add to this the fact that the Trojans are playing minus two star players, Art Issacs and Neil Schrieber, who are part of this year's Varsity. East's basketball will be in strong hands in the future.

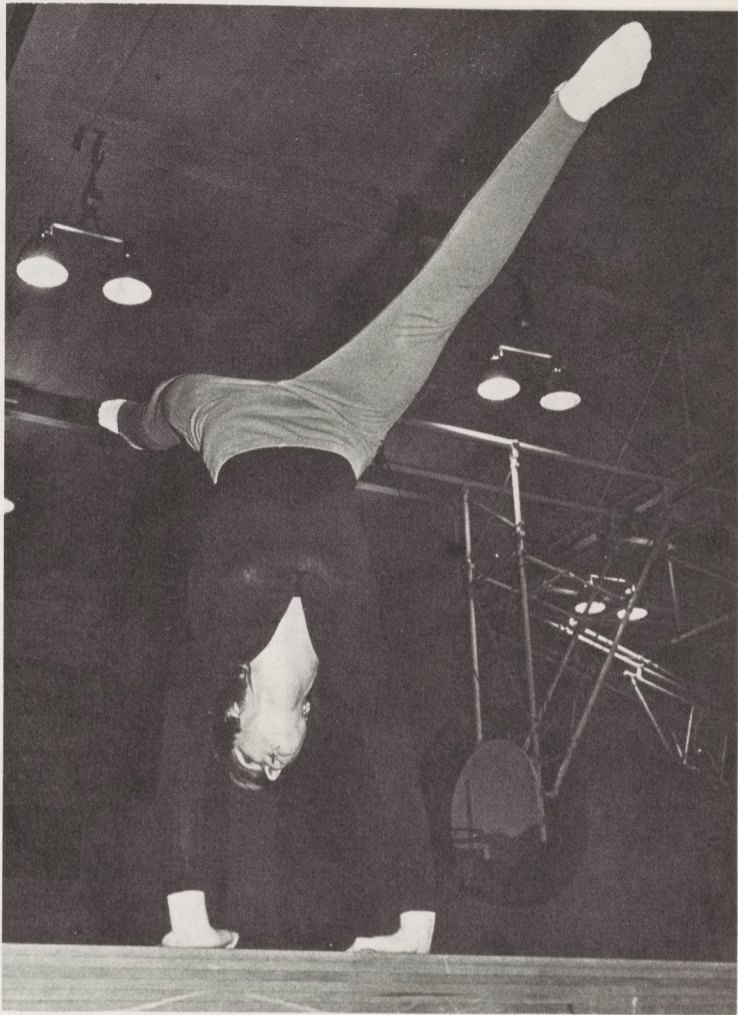
"The loss of Issacs and Schrieber has hurt us," said Capitani. "Basically, we've had to play with four small men and only one big. We try to press all we can, and play a running offense. I can't say enough to the effort turned in by all the boys."

THE HIGHLIGHT of the season for the Sophomores this

year was a 56-55 victory over rival Niles West at West earlier in the season, that temporarily put East into a tie for the Division lead.

The stars for the Sophomores this year are Mark Brines, who has scored more than 150 points; Garry Wolf, who has more than 100, but has missed some games due to a hand injury; Bob Malcher, who has scored more than 135 points, and i sthe only big man in the lineup. Terry Greenberg is the high scorer with more than 200 points, and is shooting a fantastic 109-231 from the field.

THE TROJANS final two games are against tough Maine South tonight at home, and at Maine West next Friday to close out the season.



Sue Kozub performs on balance beam during a Spirit Committee activities fair.

Sue Kozub wins CSL title

by Laurie Berger

"Miss Totemeier and I both screamed" exclaimed Mrs. Berke, after it was announced that Sue Kozub, sophomore, had won the Gymnastics Central Suburban League Competition.

And so another FIRST for Niles East — only this time the honors were earned by the female population of the school. Sue practiced in preparation for this meet, four days a week, two and a half hours a day and even during Christmas vacation, and as a result, exhibited a fabulous performance.

She completed a compulsory routine, along with 35 other competitors on February 1, and placed within the top 12 in every event. Being in the upper-half made her eligible to compete for the All-Around gymnastics title on Saturday, February 2, at Highland Park.

An optional routine was necessary to complete the requirements on Saturday, with the score being added to that of Friday's.

The training and hours of practice surely paid off when the highlight of Sue's floor exercise presented a score of 9.1 and an over all average of 8.1 for the meet. Sue placed:

FIRST in vaulting, and All-Around performing of optional routines.

SECOND in floor exercise, and All-Around performing compulsory routines; and fifth on the uneven bars.

Mrs. Berke, having worked with Sue for such an extensive period of time, truly was able to get to know Sue as more than a student competitor but as a friend. "Sue is a superb athlete, yet isn't stuck up about her athletic ability; she catches on quickly, and strives for perfection. During the meet on two occasions, Sue fell off the equipment, but immediately regained poise and continued with the routine with complete confidence.

"When it was announced that she had won the meet, she was extremely excited and was most surprised," said Mrs. Berke.

Sue Kozub should prove an invaluable asset on the team next year!

And to the girls gymnastic team, who finished in the upper-half of the league this season: CONGRATULATIONS! They made a creditable showing being neophytes in the area of competition.

Frosh gymnastics ends season with 12-2 record

by Jeff Weinstein

Led by new freshman coach Dave Diamond (a former Niles East baseball star), the freshman gymnastics team finished a very successful season with an overall record of 12-2, and finished second in league competition behind a strong Niles North squad.

THE FRESHMAN TEAM has a lot of talent in every event. On the high bar the team relies on Dan Kessmen, Shelly Shapiro, and Scott Stahlberg. The top horsemen are Steve Smith and Mike Regidor. The tumbling is led by Leo Abramson and Shelly Shapiro. The team's two

all-around performers are Greg Spillar and John Carlson. Completing the rest of the events, Steve Borkan works on trampoline, Greg Blix on parallel bars, and Ron Weiner on rings.

Diamond has learned a lot in his first year of coaching gymnastics from "two of the best coaches in the state" he said, referring to coaches Sokalski and Schrammel. He contributes some of the success of the freshman team to these two men. "The kids on the team are really dedicated and give it their all. That is what made their team a winner," Diamond said.

Schedule of Events

Basketball

Feb. 22—vs. Maine South
Mar. 1—Maine West
Mar. 4—State Regional

Swimming

Feb. 22—State Districts
Feb. 23—State District
Mar. 1—State Finals

Fencing

Feb. 23—Frosh.-Soph. Tourn.
Mar. 8—State Finals

Wrestling

Feb. 22—Sectional Districts

Gymnastics

Feb. 23—State Districts
Mar. 2—State Regionals
Mar. 8-9—State Finals

Track

Feb. 23—vs. Conant, Dundee
Feb. 26—at Maine South
Feb. 28—vs. Lakeview and Holy Cross
Mar. 2—at Maine East
Mar. 6—vs. Mundelein
Mar. 8—at Evanston Relays

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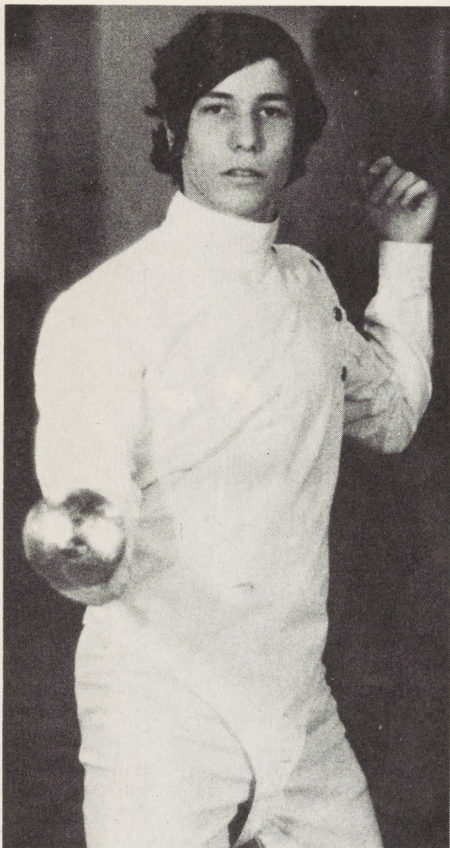
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Fencing captain Ron Rovner shows the form that has brought him so many victories this season.

Foilers revive; Swimmers lose

Niles East swimmers placed tenth in a field of twelve at the recent conference swimming meet held at Maine East. The only East medalist was senior Andy Ruttenberg, who placed fifth in the 50-yard free style. Ruttenberg also finished ninth in the 100-yard free style which was supposed to be his strongest event. The relay team caught a tough break when they were disqualified. Some of the seniors who raced in their last race last weekend were Keith Baker and Claude Sadosky.

THE NEXT MEET for the squad will be the district meet tomorrow.

Displaying much improvement during the past few weeks the Fencing Team has recovered from an early season slump to win several important meets.

IN A RECENT trip to Dixon, Ill., the Trojans defeated Dixon 16-2, and New Berlin 14-4, while losing to Pleasant Plains 10-8. Their other loss was against powerful Maine South 10-8.

Senior Ron Rover and sophomore Larry Labow have been winning most of the bouts on the "A" strip. Sophomore Jim Osness, Scott Wexler, and Lane Schultz have won many important matches on the "B" strip.

Cagers bounced to last

by Dave Garlick

League leading Maine South will try to improve their record over the rest of the league when they visit Niles East Friday night to play the disappointing Trojans. The last time the two teams met, Maine South was a 74-47 winner.

EAST DROPPED TO a 2-7 league record last Friday night when they lost to sister school Niles West. East started quickly behind a 13-point first quarter turned in by Junior John Harles. When the horn ended the first half, East had a commanding 19-6 lead. At this point Trojan fans remembered the 72-60 victory East achieved at West earlier in the year, and settled back expecting a romp.

In the second quarter Trojan turnovers and the West press helped West come closer, but still, East led 32-21, at the horn. After the half, West came out and scored the first six points, as the Trojans played as if they were asleep. "We just couldn't break the press", said Coach Gary Cook. "Some of our people just froze up." West outscored East 21-8 in the quarter to take a 42-40 lead.

EAST KEPT THE game close in the opening minutes of the fourth quarter, but when Kurt Kiesel fouled out with 5:21 to go, West took a 52-46 lead. The

Our Trojan matmen closed out their dual meet season showing fine form as they defeated non-conference foe New Trier East along with the likes of Niles North and Deerfield all in succession.

COMPETING IN THEIR second year in the Central Suburban League East closed out their season with a record of 6 victories against 9 defeats and again showed why there can be much optimism for future seasons. This optimism can best be found in junior 98-pounder Jeff Rock who in his third season of varsity action ran up an impressive record of more than 20 wins versus a single loss.

Under the guidance of Head Coach Fred Richardi the wrestling program as a whole has undergone somewhat of a revitalization to the days considered to be some of East's finest, when Coach

Howard Byram was producing all those state contenders. At this stage Richardi and his troops are approaching a point of respectability by combining hard work and the spirit so necessary in attaining a winning combination.

AFTER PARTICIPATING FOUR years in the wrestling program, having to compete in one's last dual meet at East becomes all the harder. This was discovered by such dedicated senior wrestlers as co-captains Len Upin and Daryl Michels along with Dennis Rock, Larry Yale, Scott Saffro, Larry Cohen, Fred Albrecht, Maurice Stein, Bruce Robins, John Barnstein, Stuart Secler and Bob Gusterine.

On the sophomore front Steve Pozansky's grapplers for the second successive season captured the divisional championship. They downed Deerfield in their

final meet of the season. In the conference meet Mike Hinske and Pete Christopolous took first place finishes for East but this was not enough as the super sophs fell to seventh place.

THE FRESHMEN WERE well represented this season as under the tutelage of Dave Schusteff they garnered second-place finish in the conference missing first by a mere point and a half. Bud Blumenthal was one of many team leaders for the frosh who held much hope for future seasons.

District competition was held last weekend on the mats of New Trier West and junior 126 pounder Paul Kostyniuk along with senior Daryl Michaels at the 138-pound level will continue in their quest for statewide recognition at the sectional and state meets.

Gymnasts tie for first

by Dave Mayer

Mike Burke, as expected, captured the league crown on pommel horse with his score of 8.4. Bill Bro took a third behind Bart Conner and not far behind him was Sher in fifth place. Sher, the favorite on horizontal bar, placed a questionable third on the pipe behind Conner and Goldman. Sher tied Conner, the defending state champ, on parallel bars. In their second meeting, Conner had a big scare from Sher in the all-around, but Sher eventually placed second.

MANY FELT SHER should have beaten Conner on p-bars as he had done in the dual meet earlier in the season, but he still retains the title of conference

champion and has another year in which to catch Conner.

The Trojan gymnasts had to perform without p-bar specialist Nat "Gnat" Lawrence, who was sick at the time. Lawrence will be back, however, in time to compete in the district meet. Returning with Lawrence will be Barry Scher, who suffered torn chest muscles acquired while performing a "hairy" back toss on the rails.

ON STILL RINGS Steve Kozub wrapped it all up. Kozub, by scoring an 8.85, the highest of the meet and the fourth highest score in recent weekend meets, attributes his success in part to a button.

Trackmen plagued by injuries; Hope to overcome Conant, Dundee

Our varsity indoor track team was off to one of its better starts in years until it suffered the loss of some of its finer performers.

AFTER LOSING ITS opening meet to powerhouse Glenbrook North and narrowly falling to Fremd on Saturday, February 9, the team snapped back the following Monday to humiliate Hubbard and Stevenson by well over 50 points each. Juniors Barry Hartman and Mark Scherfling took first place in the two-

mile and mile, respectively. Marty Golub took second in the half-mile, and third in the mile, and Omar Hernandez took second in the two mile, third in the half-mile, and second in the mile. Sophomore Sal Parenti, our top hurdler, took first in the lows. Senior Al Johnson captured first in the 50 yard dash with a blazing 5.6 second. Joining Johnson in the victorious 4-lap relay were seniors Larry King and Bob Sommerman, along with junior Bob Miller. Senior Glenn Davidson handily won the 440-yard run, and

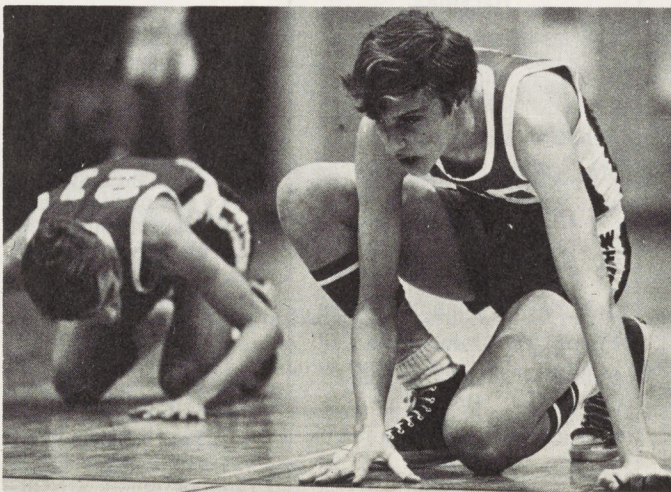
later helped Ron Seplow, Marc Stookal, and Barry Rubin in winning the mile relay.

In the field events, first place finishes were registered by Ross Pollack in the shot put, Mike Wolfensohn in the high jump and pole vault, and Sal Parenti in the long jump.

ON THE FROSH-SOPH level, outstanding performances were turned in by Dave Greenberg, Mark Lichtenstein, Larry Bower, and Ron Stein. Al Arnoff took first in the 440 yard run, and the mile relay team of Ken Golub, Richard Cope, Larry Bower, and Mark Lichtenstein also won.

As mentioned before, the team has suffered the loss of some fine trackmen to injuries, (Wolfensohn and Terry Lee) and many have been sidetracked by the flu. This resulted in the team's loss to Glenbrook South and Main North last Friday.

Hopefully our team will be at full strength when it goes against Conant and Dundee tomorrow at 9:30 in the indoor track.



Three Indian cagers search for a lost contact lens last Friday on the Trojans' home court; the search interrupted action during West's 58-50 win over East.



(Photo by Mike Fryer)