



(Photos by Barry Lustig)

East presents books to Skokie

Two books, the "Palmer House" and "Niles Township," the latter published in 1916, have been presented to the Skokie Public Library as an addition to their Illinois Collection by Niles East. Found in East's library, the "Palmer House" not only describes the history of the building itself, but has illustrations depicting room scenes in the hotel. "Niles Township" is the "only record of the founders of the four communities in Niles Township" available at Skokie Public Library, according to Dorothy Rasmussen, head librarian of the adult collection.

Administration considers study hall

The possibility of supervised study halls for freshmen is being seriously considered for next year by the administration, according to Principal Galen Hosler.

IF THE PLAN GOES into operation, it would begin with the class of '79. All freshmen would be scheduled for a one period supervised study hall, with the periods being scattered throughout the day. It would be required for the entire year, and freshmen would still be required to go to homeroom. Hosler said that "it looks hopeful if space can be found."

Do freshmen need such a program? According to Hosler, they are "too young to be thrown to the wolves." He feels freshmen should have some type of supervised study.

HOSLER ALSO LISTED several other possibilities of use for the time period, such as a complete orientation to the library, or a place for activity sponsors to explain the different clubs and extra curricular activities to freshmen. A possibility also exists that the administration may teach a unit on how to study.

Hosler stated he has not studied similar programs at other schools in any detail. He added that the administration would not know for certain about the institution of the study halls until late spring.

Increased requirements

Senate divided on proposal

Student Senate EPDC Representative Stan Pressner reported at Senate's February 27 meeting that EPDC is considering a series of proposals raising the number of credits required for graduation. Driver Education and P.E. classes would be counted as semester courses worth one credit. Two semesters of exploratory arts also would be required.

DRIVER EDUCATION classes are not required, but as the proposal now stands, students would have the option of enrolling in another full credit course to replace it. Courses offered by the art, music, business, industrial arts, or home economics departments are considered

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Township school boards to study alternatives in view of decline

Dr. John D. Kasardas' demographic presentation to the Niles Township Council of School Boards on March 8 led to unanimous approval of a motion "to establish a study group" to analyze re-organization alternatives combating the projected enrollment decline affecting both District 219 and the nine feeder elementary districts.

COINCIDING WITH District 219's enrollment projection, Series A of the complete Township study shows a total high school enrollment decline from 7,432 in 1974-1975 to 3,399 in 1984-1985. This figure is valid only if the present rate of in-migration of families with school-age children remains constant.

Similarly, the feeder elementary school districts presently are facing a total student decline of 1,075 students and, according to the study, will experience

a sharp decline by the year 1984-95. Howard Jacobson of District 68, where student enrollment decreased by 205 already, said the problem with classroom space is "cropping up all over the Village (Skokie)."

WITH THE EXCEPTION of District 72, the remaining elementary districts declines from 1970-1975 range between District 73's 3, to District 69's 426. Following are the 1970 statistics as compared with projected enrollment in 1984-1985 including special education students in the nine elementary districts. These assumptions are based on slowly increasing fertility and a constant rate of in-migration.

- District 67: 1,131 to 568.6
- District 68: 2,592 to 969
- District 69: 1,612 to 896.1
- District 70: 997 to 608.9
- District 71: 631 to 432.4
- District 72: 684 to 435.2
- District 73: 540 to 315.1
- District 73½: 1,117 to 779.2
- District 74: 1,418 to 983.9

In qualifying the changing population trend in District 219 from 1950-1975, the study illustrated that the bulk of township housing construction occurred between 1950-1959 (17,736 units). By 1964, 68 per cent of the total occupants already had moved into their units. During the five-and-a-half year period between 1965 and March 1970, 7 per cent of District 219 homes were built. In that same period, 31 per cent of the residents moved in.

BASED ON AN AGE distribution table the out-migration of early occupants and the in-migration of younger families has been minimal. Whether residents feel it

is economically sound to maintain their homes or young families seek lower cost housing, as of April 1970, 89.8 per cent of the residents were at least 35 years old and had passed the child bearing stage.

Further, fertility rates (number of children under age 5 per 1,000 women ages 15-45) dropped 73 per cent in District 219 between 1960 and 1975. In that same period the nine feeder elementary districts experienced declines between 64 and 83 per cent.

Of 15 suburban communities polled in 1970 for housing cost and age distribution, Skokie and Lincolnwood were two of the four communities with the highest housing cost levels (between \$36,700 and \$45,300). They also represent the highest percentages of married couples with husbands over 45, while the percentage of married couples with children under 6 was lowest.

In view of the report, and the possibility of closing a high school, District 219 Board of Education member Eric Moch discussed the concern he shared with member James Gottreich that "we should at least form a study group to find alternatives to consolidation for co-operation between the high school and elementary districts."

Board President Shirley Garland said, "It (consolidation) is really the most stringent effort. I see areas where we can take immediate action as a group" without consolidating.

Designated Representatives from each District will participate at the regular meetings of the "study group" which will present alternatives to the Council at its May 10 meeting.

Coming attractions

March 14: Ripplette Swim Club	3 p.m.	Body Conditioning	3 p.m.
March 14-15: "Two Gentlemen of Verona"	8 p.m.	Board of Education meeting	7:30 p.m.
March 16: Fifth Anniversary Day of OCC	1 p.m.	Open Hearing	
Gymnastics Exhibition	1 p.m.	April 1: Sophomore Cabinet - Room 124	3 p.m.
Old Orchard Junior High (free)		Chess Club - Room 317	3 p.m.
Booster Club Awards Night	7 p.m.	Varsity Cheerleaders	2:30 p.m.
Student Senate - Room 222	12th period	Trojan Hall	
Body Conditioning	3 p.m.	AFS - Room 247	3 p.m.
Junior Cabinet - Room 144	2:45 p.m.	Booster Club - Faculty Lounge	8 a.m.
Sophomore Cabinet - Room 124	3 p.m.	Freshman Cabinet - Library	3 p.m.
Chess Club - Room 137	3 p.m.	April 2: Forensics - Room 150	3 p.m.
Varsity Cheerleaders	2:30 p.m.	Dance (Studio)	3 p.m.
Trojan Hall		Senior Cabinet - Room 112	3 p.m.
AFS - Room 127	3 p.m.	Stage Band - Room 117	7:30 p.m.
Freshman Cabinet - Library	3 p.m.	Golden Galleon - Room 253	3 p.m.
AVE - Room 246	3 p.m.	Bridge Club - Student Lounge	3 p.m.
Parent-Student Advisory	7:30 p.m.	Backgammon - Room 229	3 p.m.
Committee Meeting		April 3: French Club - Room 246	3 p.m.
March 19: Forensics - Room 150	3 p.m.	Sophomore Cheerleaders	3 p.m.
Dance (Studio)	3 p.m.	Spanish Club - Room 245	3 p.m.
Body Conditioning	3 p.m.	Pom Pons	3 p.m.
Senior Cabinet - Room 112	3 p.m.	April 4: Ripplette Swim Club	3 p.m.
Golden Galleon - Room 252	3 p.m.	Body Conditioning	3 p.m.
Stage Band - Room 117	7:30 p.m.	April 5: SAT Test	8 a.m.
Bridge Club - Student Lounge	3 p.m.	April 7: Student Senate - Room 222	12th period
Backgammon - Room 229	3 p.m.	Junior Cabinet - Room 114	2:45 p.m.
March 20: French Club - Room 246	3 p.m.	Body Conditioning	3 p.m.
Russian Club - Room 242	3 p.m.	Sophomore Cheerleaders	3 p.m.
Sophomore Cheerleaders	3 p.m.	Chess Club - Room 317	3 p.m.
Spanish Club - Room 245	3 p.m.	Varsity Cheerleaders	2:30 p.m.
Pom Pons	3 p.m.	Trojan Hall	
March 17-21: Varsity Cheerleaders clinic		AFS - Room 247	3 p.m.
and tryouts		Freshman Cabinet - Library	3 p.m.
March 21: Ripplette Swim Club	3 p.m.	Forensics - Room 150	3 p.m.
Body Conditioning	3 p.m.	PTSA General Meeting	8 p.m.
SPRING VACATION BEGINS		Senior Cabinet - Room 112	3 p.m.
Concert Band benefit concert		School Spirit Committee - Room 242	3 p.m.
March 31: Student Senate - Room 222	12th period	Stage Band - Room 117	7:30 p.m.
Junior Cabinet - Room 144	2:45 p.m.	Golden Galleon - Room 252	3 p.m.
		Backgammon - Room 229	3 p.m.



(Photo by Rochelle Goode)

Cheryl Esken '75 and Sue Ortmann, '76 in a dress rehearsal of Two Gentlemen of Verona. The show will be performed tonight and Saturday at 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$1.50 to \$2.50.

Staff editorial

Aid, enrollment create demand for cooperation

After analyzing the present demographic trends in Niles Township and the subsequent enrollment projections for its elementary and secondary schools, it is made obvious that plans must be made to prepare for a substantial change.

ALTHOUGH THE TOWNSHIP Demographic Report makes three enrollment projections for each district based on three varying rates of immigration, Dr. Kasarda admitted that his first assumption, based on the present rate, is the most probable. Assuming that the present rate of immigration will remain constant, the present 7,432 students in 1974-1975 in District 219 will fall to 3,399 in 1984-1985. Under the same assumption, total enrollment in the nine feeder elementary districts will fall from the present 10,722 to 5,978.4 in ten years.

Breakdowns into the individual districts are not necessary in understanding that serious planning must be made to combat so great a plunge. Already, seven of the nine feeder districts have experienced declines so substantial as to cause funding problems. District 68, because of a transition between 1970 and 1974-1975 causing a loss of 205 students, plans to appeal to Mayor Smith for a village grant.

IT MAY WELL BE THAT the stabilization of the aging residents, the construction of "relatively few new single family dwelling units," and the subsequent drop in the fertility rate of 73 per cent from 1960-1975 in District 219 has set a continuing trend. If the factors creating the present condition in some districts in the Township remain constant for the next ten years as it has been heretofore explained, cooperation is necessary.

Perhaps at the Niles Township School Board Council meeting District 219 Board member Eric Moch correctly acknowledged the beginning of collaboration

— not necessarily consolidation. "I just want to say that this is the first time I felt an enlightened attitude (among Council members) toward the prospect (of consolidation)."

BECAUSE THE 5 PER CENT DEBT ceiling prohibiting individual school districts from consolidating is not a factor in the new Illinois Constitution, District 219 and District's 67-74 can legally consolidate. Economically speaking, because the formula has changed, state aid to unit as opposed to dual (separate elementary and secondary school districts) is not higher, according to Superintendent Wesley Gibbs. Yet, by reducing the number of superintendents (although a structure cannot be predicted), the Township would save money. Studies yet to be made by the Council's new "representative study group" may indicate educational benefits to be gained as well.

Gains through immediate cooperative efforts were also cited by Superintendent Wesley Gibbs and Board President Shirley Garland at the March 8 meeting as they suggested that the Boards work together to address immediate areas of concern. The multiplier which is adversely affecting every district, as well as the immediate enrollment decline that seven elementary districts are facing pose significant problems. They should be addressed by an assemblage of many intelligent minds, all of whom will be affected by them.

THE OPTIMISM EXPRESSED at the Council meeting by District 219's Board members and Superintendent toward cooperation is commendable. However, dire needs have been expressed by some feeder districts. Although the study may lead to eventual consolidation, the opportunity to resolve some problems may prove to lie only in immediate cooperative action.

Hotline

Q. Absences are permitted

A. Each year 15 sick leave days, five funeral or other emergency days, and two personal leave days are allotted to each teacher. The sick leave and emergency days are commulative. If a teacher uses more than the number of days he has accumulated, the usual procedure would be to withhold pay for each extra day.

Q. Why doesn't East have fencing for girls?

A. Any girl interested in joining a fencing team may join the boys' team.

Q. Why aren't there any hair dryers in the boys' locker room?

A. Presently, the amount of traffic in this locker room would only be increased by the extra traffic involved in getting to a hair dryer, according to James Swanson, P.E. director. However, if there were "enough" requests, the installation of dryers would be considered.

Q. If a student is not satisfied with his counselor, may he change to another?

A. If problems arise as a result of personality differences or dissatisfaction

with aid given by a counselor, students may hold a conference involving parents and the counselor. If the problem cannot be addressed and solved by such a meeting, the possibility of changing exists.

Q. Which best sellers are available in East's library?

A. "Something Happened" by Joseph Heller, "Burr" by Gore Vidal, "Thomas Jefferson; An Intimate History" by Fawn Brodie, "The Chicago Guidebook" (second edition) by the editors of the Chicago Guide, "The Gulag Archipelago" by Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, "Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy" by John Le Carre, "Sheila Levine is Dead and Living in New York" by Gail Parent, "Man Kind? Our Incredible War With Wildlife" by Cleveland Amory, "Go East, Young Man" by William D. Douglas, "My Petition for More Space" by John Hersey, "The Dogs of War" by Frederick Forsyth, "The Silver Bears" by Paul Erdman, "If Beale Street Could Talk" by James Baldwin, and "The Seven-Percent Solution" by Nicholas Meyer.

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Feedback

Policy robbed students of rights

Dear Editor,

Fully equipped with 2,300 students and a novice principal, Niles East, unsuspecting, awaited Christmas vacation. The spirit was joyous, as it should have been, until the bad news spread and, finally, the announcement was made.

Mr. Hosler, who is probably the most notoriously famous principal East has ever had, instituted daily homeroom with only the best intentions in mind. Time has proved him wrong.

The institution of the policy robbed us of our rights, both as students and citizens. It made and still makes a mockery of student efforts. The Student Senate asked to read a statement of their position on the new homeroom over the P.A. system. They were denied the right of freedom of speech.

The students wanted to rally in the courtyard to express their dismay with the new system. They were denied the right to assembly.

Students printed flyers expressing their views on the homeroom. They were not allowed to distribute them. They were denied the right of freedom of the press.

The policy has minimized the importance of years of work on the part of students. It has shown that students have no rights at all, if not a right to voice an opinion and be heard.

For now, the issue has died down. I feel it should have been kept alive. We should have kindled the spark and built a flame of action against the homeroom policy.

The war is over, but the weapons are still in use. The minds, the pens, the thoughts of the soldiers. The words of the students.

Heather Benton '75

Alumni submit eulogy

Dear Editor,

Last week, we were told that a friend

10-second editorial

Litter now a problem

Most of the students at East must not like garbage cans because they choose to use hallways and classroom floors to dispose of their trash.

EMPTY MILK CARTONS, banana peels, kleenex, notebook paper, and apple cores accumulate in the halls and rooms making a more difficult job for the custodians, and making the physical appearance of East rather unappealing.

In these littered times, in which the word "pollution" enters almost every conversation, the students of this upper middle class community should appreciate what they have and take pride in their school instead of choosing to discard their debris everywhere except in the provided places.

of ours passed away. She was no ordinary friend; she was no ordinary person.

Esther Berzon was much more than a library aid at Niles East. Affectionately known as "Mrs. B", she was able to create a bright and pleasant atmosphere in "her corner" of the library. Through her everpresent lighthearted mood, and her helpful spirit, she became a friend of the students, earning their respect and admiration.

She was a quiet yet firm individual. Mrs. Berzon often risked her position at East by siding with the students in their quest to obtain a conversational study room in the library. In meetings with former principal Dr. Arthur Colver and other librarians, she was the only staff member who spoke openly for the students.

The death of Mrs. Berzon marks the closing of yet another memory for many Niles East alumni. Mrs. Berzon was a fine person and we submit this short eulogy in her honor. She earned a niche in all our hearts.

Alumni: Norberto Kogan, Steven Putziger, Gary Pineless, Jay Weller, Harold Cooper, Richard Harris, Brian Hamer, Ronald Miller, Stephen Ohlhausen

Driving teachers helpful?

Dear Editor,

I recently have taken the drivers' education course at Niles East, and am very displeased about it. The program itself is a good one, but most of the driver education teachers present unnecessary problems. When the student goes behind the wheel, they treat him coldly, and if he makes a mistake, they yell and insult him. This upsets the student who in turn is not able to do his best. I feel that the driver ed. teachers should realize that the new student driver is unsure of himself because of inexperience and is therefore apprehensive. Granted, the new driver does make many foolish mistakes, but a little more understanding from the teacher would surely be helpful in making the experience more enjoyable.

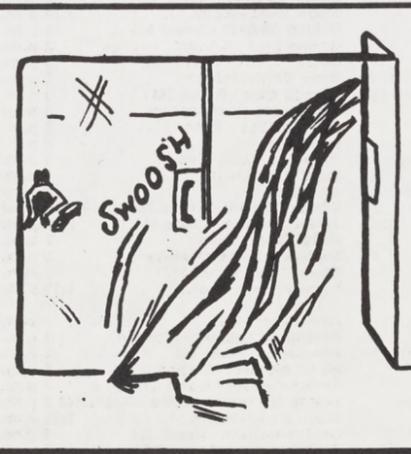
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Student commends teachers

Dear Editor,

I would like to commend Mrs. Nona Piorkowski and Miss Anne Winston on the wonderful job they have done with the body conditioning program. Their enthusiasm has made the program very interesting and enjoyable. They gave the girls confidence in trying new things. I think we should have more teachers like this. There would be more student participation if some teachers would have greater enthusiasm in helping to motivate us. I would like to thank Mr. Ed Pugliese, the track team, and the weightlifters for cooperating and sharing the facilities with us.

Kathi Isserman '78



Need help about AV equipment? Maggio instructs students, teachers

by Michele Soltan

The Audio Visual department has been directed since 1962 by media specialist Andy Maggio, who received certification after completing 32 hours of AV and library training at Northeastern.

MAGGIO HAS DIVIDED this department into professional,

technical, and production services. His professional services provide for teacher and student orientation on AV equipment, recommending purchasing of such instruments, proposing, and maintaining a budget, preparing periodic reports for admin-

istrators, and previewing and appraising new films and equipment.

Giving 24 hours notice, a teacher can be assured the use of just about any piece of equipment by sending a request form to the AVE office. This, in addition to maintenance, security, weekly inventory, and rental of AVE materials is a guaranteed technical service.

ASIDE FROM THE ordinary requests for movie projectors and overheads, a need for designed audio-visual aids exists. Maggio prepares transparencies posters and signs, dry mounts, laminations, produces and duplicates slides, tapes, recordings, enlarges visuals, and makes graphs and charts. These services are requested by teachers, administrators, and organizations for presenting lessons, programs, and activities.

"Our service used to supply students who would set up and run the equipment, but since open campus has come into effect students don't seem to come in and learn about AV the way the used to," said Maggio.

MAGGIO SPONSORS the AVE club which teaches students how to work the various pieces of equipment. Often, they will donate their time to fulfill teacher requests.



(Photo by Eric Polley)

Niles East's audio-visual aids department offers students and teachers film, audio and video tape, and other AV resources.

Film study classes use the previewing equipment and are instructed on its proper usage.

AT THE BEGINNING of the 1970 school year, the audio visual department became a member of the school's learning materials center by combining forces with the library. This then made it possible to expand the equipment of both departments. AVE consists of \$200,000 worth of materials which are stored in Room 218A.

Working along with Maggio is Mrs. Dorothy Brown, audio vis-

ual clerk, who is responsible for scheduling and renting equipment as well as many other production series. She has been at East for the past seven years.

MAGGIO NOT ONLY heads the East AVE department, but also is in charge of the central film library for District 219. "My job never becomes boring since so many different things are happening and new AV equipment is constantly coming out on the market. It really is a challenge," concluded Maggio.

For a few minutes a day she meditates to relax

by Michele Soltan

Transcendental meditation is practiced for a few minutes each morning and evening as one sits with his eyes closed in a comfortable position.

THE OBJECT IS TO let the mind flow and not to concentrate on any one thing. Tension can then be released enabling the meditator to awake refreshed and ready to face the problems ahead.

Though a great percentage of East students do not engage in this activity, a small minority of one per cent are very involved.

BECAUSE THE PHENOMENON is so new in America, no one knows exactly what makes transcendental meditation work. Maybe it isn't as important how it works as compared to what it does. It is a physical as well as mental relaxation of the senses.

At the end of sophomore year, Ellen Pollack '75 learned the fundamentals of T.M. She has had approximately one year of uninterrupted study.

"I BEGAN BECAUSE I didn't know how to channel my energies. I meditate twice a

day, once when I wake up and then again before dinner. It usually lasts for approximately 15-25 minutes. It has helped my concentration on school work and has overall sharpened my sense of awareness," said Ellen.

Meditation doesn't change a person but rather evolves him; therefore, no two people emerge from meditation the same. It is not a miracle worker and cannot cure nervous habits or drug problems. But, rather, it helps one put things in proper perspective. The entire process must be done effortlessly, otherwise tension may result. It's a state of relaxation and not of passiveness.

THE IDEAL RESULT of meditation can be achieved. For some it obviously will be easier, but one must remember that he is working toward a result and not a process.

Many quit because they don't understand some aspect of the meditation or because they don't see any results.

THOUGH MEDITATION HAS been practiced for many years, it is a relatively new field as a studied science.



(Photo by Eric Polley)

Senior Ellen Pollack sits in a trance while practicing the ancient relaxing art of Transcendental Meditation.

Comedy co. chosen

"American Past Times Are a Rip-off" is the theme of East's second annual Improvisational Theater Company.

Auditions consisted of just what the show is, improvisations. Students also were asked to portray objects such as household utensils. Through this, theater director Jerry Profit and show director David Barack '75, chose the cast consisting of Barack, Fred Batko, Janis Cohn, Cheryl Esken, Sue Feldman, Mark Flitman, Bill Hall, Marsie Hass, Nancy Hirsch, Scott Hite, Teresa Justo, Irwin Katz, Tammy Lothan, David Pevsner, Steve Schwartz, and Susan Shelley.

Through rehearsals, which are held every 12th period, the cast is working to compile improvisations that will portray the humorous side of a gullible society getting "ripped-off."

This show may be the first Niles East production to be presented in the Skokie Public Library auditorium. As of now, no definite show date is scheduled, but the cast plans to be ready for performances by early April.

New business head

Edward E. Francis was recommended to fill the position of business manager of the Niles Township District by R.G. Tyler, director of personnel, at a January Board of Education meeting.

FRANCIS HAS A DEGREE in business education from Western Carolina College in North Carolina. He has earned graduate credits from the University of Florida and Cornell University, as well as having completed courses in the US

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Naval Reserve Officer School. He was a business education teacher, an officer in the Navy he spent 13 years in Florida in school business affairs positions, and for the past five years he was assistant superintendent for fiscal affairs in Asheville, North Carolina.

FRANCIS BEGINS his new job tomorrow (March 15).

Ski club season ends

The Niles East Ski Club and approximately 30 members will end their season today with a trip to Alpine Valley.

As the first official ski club at East, it is sponsored by Mrs. Mardonna Isenberg. Because the club was established late in the year, officers are considered ad hoc. These include Lyle Zimble '77, president; Missy Josephs '77, vice-president; Jeff Craven '77, secretary-treasurer; and Isaac Kornhauser '77, assistant. These four were responsible for the organization of the club.

ALTERNATE WARMING and freezing during January and early February caused icy skiing conditions at both Wilnot Mountain and Alpine Valley. The seven trips were tentatively planned — weather permitting. Only club members who paid a \$1 fee were permitted to participate in trips.

East sends 12 to test

Gentil da Rosa, Mrs. Herminia Lopez, and Miss Judy Rochotte are preparing Spanish students for the National Spanish contest to be held on Saturday, March 22 from 1 to 4 p.m.

SPANISH STUDENTS of all levels were given a practice test from which they were selected from each level because of their high marks. Jeanne Hausman, Carolyn Ohlwein, Paul Silver, and Paul Weisman, Lori Miller, Irwin Zeidman, Nanny Borges, Ann Cohn, Sandra Lopez, Robin Medow, Yaneth Cafarsuza, and Denise Cerea were selected.

The test is given by the American Association of Teach-

ers of Spanish and Portuguese. Medals are given for second and third places. Monetary awards of \$20 or more, and one scholarship to Mexico are offered to high scorers. Students of Spanish background are graded on a different scale.

MRS. HERMINIA LOPEZ will be chaperoning the group and feels optimistic that they will be successful.

OCC celebrates 5th

Oakton Community College (OCC) will celebrate its fifth anniversary by holding an annual community day program this Sunday (March 16) from 1 to 5 p.m. at the interim campus on Nagle avenue.

THE COLLEGE SERVES residents of Maine Township, District 207, Niles Township District 219, and community personnel in District 535. Oakton offers a variety of special programs including adult courses, a special senior citizen program, English courses for the foreign-born, and a self-directed program.

On the community celebration day, sessions will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. with visiting speakers including Gwendolyn Brooks, Jack Mabley, Henry Mazer, Mary Alice McWinney, and Abner Mikva.

TERRY TROBEC, instructor in biology at Oakton Community College, serves as chairman of this program. The faculty and students will plan mini-classes, recitals, demonstrations, exhibits, films, and slide presentations.

OCC representatives, to stir interest in the school and its Community Day, have been visiting various community groups, shopping centers, high schools, and other public places to discuss the school's community involvement programs and to give pertinent information about academic and vocational programs.

CORRECTION

In the last issue of the Nilehilitte (February 28), we erroneously credited the story "Up with People" on page 2 to Michelle Andre. The writer of the article was Michele Soltan.

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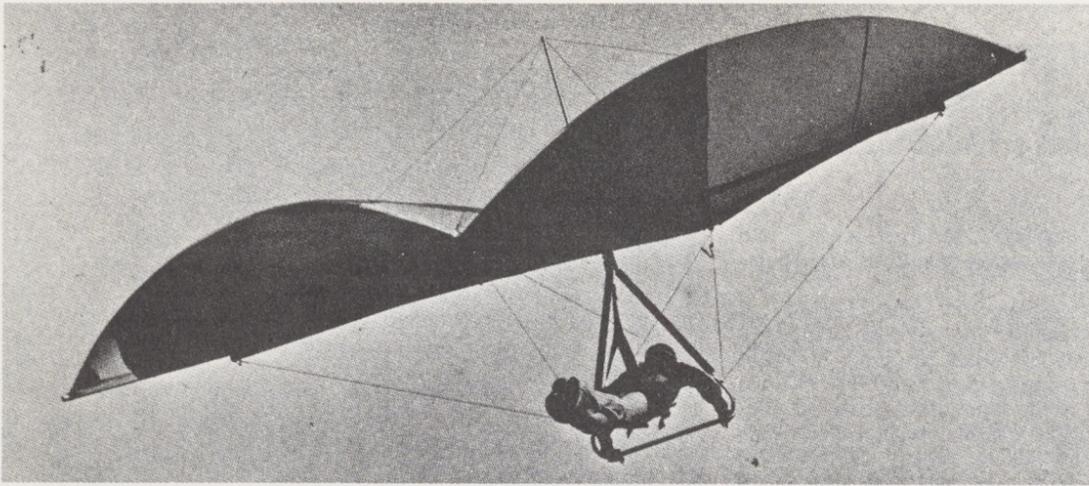
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From hills and cliffs, hang gliders soar

by Bruce Goldberg

Sky sailing, one of America's newest and most rapidly growing sports, is an adventure in gliding through the air on a kite-like structure.

ALTHOUGH MANY PEOPLE think sky sailing is a new sport, it has been around for quite a long time. In 1881, Otto Lilienthal of Germany was the first man to develop and successfully fly a glider. Even the Wright brothers built and flew gliders, but they didn't pursue it as far as Lilienthal.

A number of different kinds of wings are manufactured by more than 35 companies. One of the most commonly used wings is the Rogallo wing, de-

signed by Frances M. Rogallo, which consists of aluminum tubing, steel cable, dacron wing material, and stainless steel parts. Below the wing is a trapeze-like control bar that is used for steering, raising, and lowering the glider. The pilot is suspended by a harness in either a sitting or prone position.

HANG GLIDING BASICALLY consists of soaring off hills and cliffs on a self-propelled glider. Beginning flyers start their take-offs at the bottom of the hills, and as they progress, they move higher. Hang gliders, being very lightweight, weigh only about 35 pounds, which facilitates their ease in being

transported on the rooftop of a car.

Anyone weighing more than 100 pounds and not more than 280 can fly a hang glider. Unlike many other sports, sky sailing can be done year round. The winter months are best for gliding.

The closest place for hang gliding is the Warren Dunes State Park in Michigan.

SKY SAILING WAS introduced in the United States in 1962 in southern California. The sport began with very few participants, but soon appealed to many people and is now one of California's most popular sports. It appears that the same trend is going to follow in the Midwest.

David Snook and his partner, Paul Makis, were the first manufacturers to bring sky sailing to the Midwest. Snook and Makis own the Four Winds Sports Shop at 109 W. Prospect Ave. in Mt Prospect. Their store sells, rents, and leases hang gliders. They also conduct classes in hang gliding.

THE CLASS COSTS \$45, which includes three hours of ground school and eight hours of flying time. The ground school familiarizes the students with the sport by means of lectures, movies, and manuals. A glider is supplied by the school during flying time where the basic fundamentals of flights are experienced. Four Winds sells hang gliders, with prices ranging from \$395 to \$540.

According to Snook, sky sailing is as safe as scuba diving or sky diving. He also added, that like any other sport, hang gliding can be dangerous if the proper instruction and equipment are not available.

Sky sailing can offer more than just pleasure. Many hang gliding contests are held offering cash awards for the top flyers. The contests are based on time spent in the air, and the accuracy of the pilot in landing on or as near as possible to a specific area. The richest hang gliding meet will be held at the Galena Territory in Galena, Illinois, May 2-4 with three levels of competition: the pro-division, amateur division, and beginners' division. The top cash award is \$2,000.

A number of ski resorts have

Girls learn about child growth and psychology

by Debbie Glienke

Where at East can one learn all about birth and get a little insight into children in one class? In Mrs. Ellen Olson's period 2/3 and 8 Child Growth and Development class. Approximately 25 sophomore, junior, and senior girls are presently taking this one semester class.

THE COURSE COVERS several areas, including reproduction and a child's life from con-

ception to the age of six. "It's important to understand prenatal care and what can happen during pregnancy," Mrs. Olson said. Labor and delivery methods are also discussed, and the students see a film showing an actual delivery of a baby.

Along with films and lectures, Mrs. Olson tries to bring children into the class because "it's hard to talk about them and not actually see them." The students also use a text and have discussions, and she tries to keep the number of lectures to a minimum.

PART OF THE COURSE deals with why children act the way they do and their psychological development. Ways of handling children are also discussed and, according to Mrs. Olson, "lots of the students gain insight into themselves."

What about the boys? Mrs. Olson said she would like to have boys take the course, but is not sure how to get them to register. She mentioned one possible idea would be a "singles survival course which would cover foods and sewing and would include some child development."

English for foreign-born students taught by Moshak

by Caryn Lason

For a dozen students at Niles East, English is a foreign language which they will probably use the rest of their lives.

THESE 12 STUDENTS, members of a class designed to teach them English as a second language, were born in a variety of countries including China, India, Italy, Formosa, Mexico, Samoa, and Korea. The teacher of the class, John Moshak, speaks Russian, Czech, and French, in addition to English.

When teaching a student whose language he does not know, he tries to communicate with pictures. Most of Moshak's students speak English on the level of a second or third year foreign language student. When asked how he communicates with a student who doesn't know any English, Moshak answered "by pointing, repeating, physical observations, and spending lots of time."

THE CLASS MEETS every day for a 40-minute period. Moshak has been teaching English to foreigners for four years. "I like to teach the class because they want to learn," commented Moshak. "The students cooperate very well — they're afraid of me," he said.

Moshak teaches the class using every method except playing games. "It's not easy to teach because students are at different levels," he explained. The atmosphere in the classroom appears semi-formal.

IN ADDITION TO teaching foreign students English, Moshak teaches classes in Russian and Russian history. "I prefer to teach Russian mostly, but registration for the Russian class is low," he said.

After four years of English

education at East, foreign students who wish to continue to study and refine their English may choose to attend the MONACEP (Maine-Oakton-Niles Adult Continuing Education Program) classes taught at Niles North night school.

STUDENTS WHO TAKE a foreign language can only begin to understand how students with no knowledge of English feel. Language students spend 40 minutes, five days a week, studying the language, while foreigners study and use the language every day. They are required to take all classes in English and learn English customs and cultures. At home, many families do not speak English, which limits the opportunity for students to practice.

In addition to the problems a foreign language student encounters, every English rule has an exception. Pronunciation may differ in two words, although spelling may be similar. What rule could a student follow in the pronunciation of cough, enough, brought, and through? Although all four words contain ough, they vary in pronunciation.

REGARDLESS OF ALL the exceptions, problems, and trouble communicating, most students who take this class learn to read, write, and speak English fluently.

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Persons, places, and things

Dr. Antone Kort went to a textbook and instructional materials exhibit on February 21, at McCormick place. He also attended an APP math conference at New Trier West on March 7 with Jerome Slattery.

Math students of all levels took the Math Contest Tuesday, March 11.

The Chicago Council on Foreign Relations will host a special program on US Foreign Policy and the Middle East on March 19. Experts on the Arab-Israeli conflict and the problems connected with the petroleum exporting nations will speak.

The Miss Illinois Teenager Pateant, which will be held July 4-5 at the Conrad Hilton in Chicago, is still accepting applications. Entries will be judged on scholastic achievements, civic contributions, poise, personality, and appearance. Contestants must submit a one hundred

word essay based on the theme, "Why I am proud to be an American."

A preview of the rock musical, "Two Gentlemen of Verona," was presented March 12 during 12th period.

Cindy Payne, Nilehilite editor, will be telecast on WMAQ-TV March 16 at 11 a.m. on a talk show called "Rap it Up." Panelists will discuss sex education in public schools and new sex education guidelines.

Debbie Plotkin '75 and Cindy Payne '75 were nominated for the Skokie Women's Club Literature Award.

Miss Sheri Kouba's first period winning basketball team members, Leslie Braslawsky, Jill Halper, CeeCee Heinz, Nancy Hirsch, Debbie Hogland, and Debbie Ossey competed against the Girls' Basketball Team on Tuesday, March 4 at 3 p.m. in the contest gym, where they lost by a score of 26-6.

An early bird algebra 3, 4 class, and possibly a geometry class will be held next year if enough students sign up.

Musical Revue, a non-profit entertaining group who do musical and improvisational skits, will be touring during the months of April, May, and June to nursing homes, orphanages, hospitals, and junior high schools. The cast includes Kenny Bernstein, Marc Blackman, Bill Daitchman, Susi Fleischman, Jodie Friedman, Marty Glochowsky, Davi Hirsch, Bruce Kahn, Sandy Klein, Barry Kramer, Sharyl Miller, Marc Rush, Lisa Saber, Suzie Soltan, and Maureen Sullivan. The directors are Ed Goldstein and Michele Soltan.

This year's Junior-Senior Prom will be held at the Sheraton Hotel North on May 29. Junior Cabinet, under Paula Lashinsky, president, will be making final preparations in the months to come.



(Photo by Barry Lustig)

Welding is one of many skills which students learn in the general metals course taught by Al Becker and John Madison.

Becker wonders why no girls in metals

by Sue Feldman

In some respects, the Equal Rights Amendment has been

passed here at East, but unfortunately many girls are unaware of the advantages they are passing up, such as the general metals class taught by Al Becker and John Madison.

BECKER FEELS THAT this lab course is self-motivated. "You can learn as much as you want and progress as far as you are capable," he said.

The majority of the class time is open for the students to work on various projects at their own risk, although the first week consists of safety lectures and demonstrations.

THIS CLASS HAS NO homework and only one test every six weeks. Early days are spent giving the shop a thorough cleaning or seeing a film pertaining to the projects students are working on.

These projects are used basically to help the students become acquainted with and learn the techniques of the machines in the shop.

THE FIRST ASSIGNMENT the students must tackle, lasting approximately eight weeks, is making a can opener on the lathe, "a machine that cuts metal into cylindrical shapes," explained Becker.

The students spend the rest of the semester working on projects for their own satisfaction such as basic tools, aluminum sculptures, and mold casting. They also are taught how to weld.

DURING SECOND SEMESTER, the work gets more advanced. The two assignments due at this time are a sheet metal project, such as a tool kit, and the making of a clamp, which holds metal together.

The third six weeks of this semester are devoted to a project of the student's choice. These projects can vary from welding a sculpture to the extremes of building a car, as Rusty Kamenir '75 is doing. A pair of students, Steve Jans and Tim Scot, also are working on a means of transportation, but theirs only has three wheels. It's a motorcycle run by a car's engine. As Becker stated earlier, a student is capable of learning and progressing as far as he wants.

"UNTIL THIS YEAR, no girls have enrolled in the general metals class and that's unfortunate because the experience of working and learning in the shop is very rewarding," said Becker.

"I think this class provides a good opportunity for girls to learn something about basic machines. Besides, they're better to look at than boys," concluded Becker.

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Harles all-conference

Cagers end improved season

by Jeff Weinstein

Easthi's varsity basketball team has just completed one of their most successful seasons in many years, ending with an overall record of 11-14. While this isn't a great record, compared to past teams, it's a vast improvement, with even better seasons to come. A big reason for the team's improvement was the great coaching job that new varsity coach Emil Capitani produced. He took a perennial loser, and built them up to a respectable ball club. Easthi basketball fans have much to look forward to while Capitani is at the helm.

THE TROJANS FINISHED the regular season against Niles

North two weeks back with a 61-58 victory. The game was tight all the way, but when the going got tough, the cagers went to the big man, John Harles, for the sure bucket. John led all scorers with 24 points, followed by Neil Schreiber who added 16.

The cagers then continued on to the regional playoffs of the state tournament. East's first round game was against Luther North, also a close game. The Trojans had many opportunities to put North away, but couldn't do it until late in the final quarter when they built up an 11 point lead, and coasted to a 60-53 victory. Schreiber was high scorer for East with 17

points, Harles was next in line with 15, and Bob Warsaski and Art Isaacs each added 8.

THE FOLLOWING EVENING the Trojans faced the tough Evanston Wildkits. A tough game it was for East, as the Kits ran East out early, leading 37-16 at the half, and finally won 69-37. The Evanston sky-men blocked over a dozen shots. Dean Brown was the top rejecter as he blocked three shots in the first two minutes of the ball game. Larry Lubin led the Wildkits with ten assists, and Stan Scales pumped in 18 points. East was led by Harles with 12, and Larry Fine who played an outstanding game hit for 9. This loss eliminated the Trojans from the tournament, and at the same time brought the season to an end.

This also ended the high school playing careers of four varsity cagers. They include, John Harles the team leader who kept the Trojans competitive year round. Bob Warsaski, the scraper who never let a loose ball go by. Warsaski was a fierce competitor. Cary Buxbaum was a sparkplug off the bench many times. Bux came in to ignite many rally. Leaving also will be a JV player Jeff Burgess. Returning for another year will be, Mark Brines, Terry Greenberg, Larry Fine, Jordy Melamed, Jerry Wolf, Neil Schreiber, Art Isaacs, Bill Urbanas, and Bob Malcher.

RECENTLY A GREAT honor was given to John Harles. John was named to the all-league team and also to the all-conference squad, a well deserved honor. John was a team leader throughout the entire season. Many coaches seemed to overlook another Trojan that should have received some recognition, Neil Schreiber. Neil was the second leading scorer on the team averaging close to 15 points a game. Even though he didn't get the recognition he deserved, he was truly a stand-out player.



(Photo by Dan Lustig)

Junior forward Art Isaacs goes up for shot against Evanston leaper Dean Brown in regional contest.

Girls lose opener; host Maine West

by Kathi Isserman

Easthi's girls' basketball team will compete against Maine West today in the contest gym.

THEY LOST AGAINST the number one team in the CSL on March 5, Maine South. "They both played an excellent game. They made Maine South work," commented Miss Wojdula. East lost this year 71-51, and compared to last year's 65-24 drubbing, the Trojans have really improved. The JV had a similar game last year of 31-8, compared to this year's close game ending 32-28. High scorers for East were Karen Behr with 22, and Judy Lee added 12 points. Andi Slorvik led the JV with 8 points.

The girls used both man-to-

man and zone defenses, in their game against South, but found that the zone was more effective. Most of South's baskets came from inside shots. "Our shooting was good, and the girls played well together," Miss Wojdula said.

PRACTICES ARE REALLY helping, because they are working hard and increasing their endurance by running laps. If the girls play as well as they did against Maine South, then we can beat Maine West," continued Miss Wojdula.

THE TEAM WILL compete against Glenbrook North next Wednesday at 4:15 in the girls large gym.

Rock 2nd

Some people might think that losing 1-0 in the state wrestling finals might be a bitter and frustrating experience. Ninety-eight pound senior Jeff Rock is not one of those people. Of course he wanted to win top honors, but the fact that he did not win took little away from the accomplishments and excitement of the last three weeks.

FIRST, JEFF CAPTURED the District Tournament, avenging the disappointing third place finishes of his sophomore and junior seasons. Next, he became the first Trojan wrestler since 1967 to advance to the state finals by winning in sectional competition. In the process he defeated two undefeated wrestlers. Finally, he wrestled himself into the state finals against Keith Hulbert of Bloom.

On his way to the championships, Rock did not allow a single point scored against him in three matches. He defeated his first two opponents 4-0 and 6-0 respectively, and then triumph-

ed 3-0 in the semifinals over Kevin Kick of Mundelein. He then met undefeated Hulbert who took fourth place in the state tournament last year.

IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP match with more than 10,500 people watching Rock immediately became the aggressor. He took Hulbert down several times out of bounds, and the match went into the second period scoreless. At the outset of the second period, Hulbert escaped scoring the match's only point. This was all he needed for the victory, and he rode Rock out the entire third period.

However, Jeff walked away from the match and wrestling itself with more than a second place ribbon. He is now the representation of the wrestling team's new pride and maturity. More importantly, Jeff knows that hard work and much sweat rewards not only with success, but with fun and excitement as well.

Gymnasts 4th in state finals

by Paul Milstein

Easthi's gymnastic team recently placed fourth in the Illinois State Gymnastics Finals which were held at Mount Prospect. The fifth place finish was achieved by the outstanding performances of Neal Sher, Steve Pollice and Mike Burke.

SHER STARTED THE drive when he finished second in the state all-around competition. All-around is by far the hardest event and Sher should be congratulated for his excellent performance.

Then it was Mike Burke's turn. Burke, the district champ on horse, threw an excellent routine, and scored a questionable 8.95. Burke had many difficult moves in his routine, and should have been scored accordingly. He ended with a third place medal.

STEVE POLLICE, THE district trampoline champ, helped East's fifth place finish by placing second in the tramp finals. Pollice, who has been one of the most consistent performers on the team all-year round, scored a 9.1 with his difficult set.

Sher finished the job by placing second in parallel bars and high bar. Neal threw one of his best high bar sets, scoring a 9.1. He then followed with an 8.9 on parallel bars.

THE JUDGING IN THE meet was definitely erratic, especially in the case of Les Moore, a Rich Central floor exerciser. Moore received a low score after throwing a very difficult set. When he received his fifth place award, he got a standing ovation from the crowd who thought he deserved to be the winner. Individuals who won first place included Keith Oehlsen (Hersey) and Bart Connors (Niles West) for floor exercise, Paul Black (Hinsdale Central) on side horse, Bart Connors on parallel bar and high bar, and Kevin McGraw (Thornridge) on trampoline. The last event, rings, was won by Kirk Mango (Willowbrook).

The team title was captured by Hinsdale Central for the fifth time in six years. Placing second in the state was the Niles West Indians led by all-around champ Bart Connor. Bart's all-around average was an incredible 9.09. Finishing third was Hersey, last year's state champs. Hersey is the only team able to dethrone Hinsdale in the past six years. Finishing fourth were the Huskies of Oak Park. This school was the main representative of the Suburban League. Oak Park beat out East by less than one point to pull out fourth place.

Attendance lacking

Sports Spotlight

What's your excuse, now East?

by Jeff Weinstein

In the past, Niles East's sporting attendance has been severely lacking. The age old excuse has been "who wants to go see a loser?" Well, you better come up with a new excuse, because Easthi athletics is on an upswing. But, the students don't seem to realize that, because they don't come for the events.

EASTHI'S BASKETBALL TEAM just finished their best season in years, sporting a very respectable 11-14 record. Many games that the cagers lost were close fought battles, and brought great excitement to the Trojan gym.

Wrestling has taken a complete turn-around this season. Last year, the varsity struggled to keep their heads above water. But this year they won the divisional championship with a 7-0 record, and placed second in the entire conference. They also sent Jeff Rock downstate to wrestle in the state tournament where he finished second in his weight class.

GYMNASTICS HAD ITS usual good season with an exceptional record. They also had many individual performers which made for great viewing pleasure. They also sent three men to the state finals, a marvelous feat.

Our swimming team took another step toward league respectability when they finished their best season in years.

HOCKEY BECAME A part of Niles East this year, and toward the end of the season they were playing close games with the top teams in the area. By next year, they should jell into quite a good club.

With all this improvement among the winter sports this year, attendance should have increased. But, it barely rose. Only a handful of students attend all the contests, (the rowdy section), and the rest of the crowd

consists of mostly players' parents.

OCCASIONALLY, SOME large crowds appear, mainly for the games against Niles West and North. A big reason for the good attendance is that they come to see a fight between the two schools during the game. If there is no fight during the contest, the crowd usually moves over to McDonalds for the evening's festivities. That is a poor excuse for a large turn-out.

Every boy who participates in athletics gives his all in practice and during the game. Besides the reward of winning the game, a large crowd also gives the athletes great satisfaction. Plus, a large crowd could lead the players on to play a better game which would lead to even higher records.

AWAY GAME ATTENDANCE is even more pathetic. At most away contests the crowds are quite sparse, again consisting of parents and a handful of die-hard Niles East fans. The big excuse for not going to the away affairs is, "I don't have a way to get there." At one time, a bus was provided to all away meets, but it was cancelled because no one used it. Many students have access to a car. Friends could easily take turns driving.

The problem of poor attendance does not lie on the student alone. School athletic facilities are poor. Gymnastic meets are held in the girls' gym which has only one small bleacher holding only a few hundred people. The swimming team does not even have home events. They are held at Niles West or North.

EASTHI ATHLETICS HAVE vastly improved, and no reason exists why the students should not give them their support. But, give them a little time — they will come up with a new excuse.