



Seven Regional winners in the Office Occupations Contest. Back row: Gail O'Shannan, Debbie Zack, Marlene Perlman, and Linda Lieb. Front row: Sue Becker, and Sue Blaze. Not pictured is Sue Alberti.



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Four OO Girls Take Firsts

As a result of the regional Illinois Office Occupations Leadership Conference, four girls from Niles East will be contestants at the state conference in Springfield, Illinois, March 10, 11, and 12.

At Evanston High School, Niles East pulled four first place winners out of twelve categories, while competing with seven

other schools. The girls are Sue Becher, business spelling; Marlene Pearlman, key punch; Sue Alberti, machine transcription; and Sue Blais, Miss Office Occupations. Other Niles East students who placed include Gail O'Shanna, second place in ten-key adding machine; Debbie Zack, third place in clerical arithmetic; and Linda Leib,

third place in typing production. The girls are sponsored by Mr. Stuart Olney. Bookkeeping, shorthand dictation, chapter display, chapter manual, and Mr. Office Occupations complete the categories. Waukegan, Deerfield, Highland Park, Glenbrook South, Niles North, Zion Benton, and North Chicago competed.

Each school could enter a number of contestants in all or just particular categories. Winners are presented a trophy which is shared among the winning schools and each individual receives a charm.

THE STATE CONVENTION, sponsored by the Illinois Office Occupations Association, consists of 700 delegates from twenty-two sections or areas in the state. Each area has a winner in each category. The contestants are given various tests, such as for typing production, accuracy and speed are most important, for machine transcription, it's shorthand and dictaphone, for key punch, it's dexterity and proficiency in using the machine, and for business spelling the test consists of office memos and their corrections. Miss Office Occupations is a little different in that it involves interviews with personal managers which stresses personality and self manipulation. A certain skill in office machines must also be maintained.

The weekend begins March 10, with a swim party. Friday morning is a tour of Springfield and in the afternoon are the contests and a workshop for the other delegates. Friday night, Miss and Mr. Office Occupations are announced at the banquet. The other winners will be announced at the Saturday noon banquet. All state finalists receive a plaque and a chance to go to the national contest to be held in Indianapolis this April.

"THE MAIN IDEA of these contests is competition; comparing your school with others in the area, state, and national levels. This is East's second year participating in state and national levels and the program just hasn't received as much publicity in this school as it should," Mr. Olney explained.

If one wants to participate in these contests one must be a senior, have completed two years of typing or taking it concurrently and enroll in the Office Occupations and Procedures course.

News Hilites

Drug Abuse Movie To Be Shown March 10

"The People Next Door", a movie about the abuse of drugs in middle class suburbia, will be shown every period of the day in Room 120, on Wednesday, March 10.

THE FILM, WHICH has been shown on television, also will be presented on Wednesday night at 7:30 for parents, staff, and students.

Mrs. Lorraine Rubin, counselor, feels it is important to stress that the movie illustrates a typical Skokie environment. She also feels parents should see this movie because so many of them don't want to believe that their child might be on drugs. "It will be educationally rewarding," stated Mrs. Rubin.

IRONICALLY THE movie centers around the high school honor student who is pushing drugs on an innocent girl.

"This movie should be seen by every parent, student, and staff member," Mrs. Rubin announced.

Mitch Miller Sings-a-long With School Band

Mitch Miller of "sing-a-long" fame will appear at Niles East as a guest conductor of the combined Niles East, West, and North Division High School Bands on Wednesday evening, April 14.

EACH BAND will be featured with their respected conductors, Mr. Charles Groeling of West, Mr. Larry Wathen of North, and Mr. Leo Provost of East. Combining for the first time, the bands will perform a mass presentation conducted by Mitch Miller which will highlight the program. Included in the production will be a sing-a-long made famous by Mitch on his N.B.C. television series.

Tickets are priced at \$2 for adults, \$1 for students and will be available soon from members of the three bands or Mr. Henry Wintzack, ticket manager.

'The Association' Appears at North Tomorrow Night

"The Association" will be appearing in concert at Niles North tomorrow evening at 8.

THE GROUP, WHICH consists of seven musicians-singers has been credited with best selling records such as "Cherish," "Windy," "Along Comes Mary," and "Never My Love." More recently they were contracted to write the sound track for the motion picture, "Goodbye, Columbus."

Having played over 700 concerts in five years, they broke the attendance record at Ravinia several years ago.

TICKETS FOR the concert are \$4 in advance and \$4.50 at the door. For further information call 966-3800, extension 50 or 56, or OR 5-0437.

Six Seniors Chosen for 'It's Academic'

Six seniors, Lee Arbus, Jeff Toback, Ina Shucker, Van Schwab, Bill Spies, and Stuart Oserman, have been chosen to represent Niles East on NBC's "It's Academic."

THE TEAM IS now engaged in weekly practice sessions under the direction of Mr. Leonard Sachs, while awaiting notification of the date of the taping.

Already designated as team captain is Jeff Toback, while the two remaining spots will be filled two weeks prior to the taping date. The remaining three members will serve as alternates.

THE SIX TEAM members were chosen from fifteen students who auditioned at the Merchandise Mart in mid-December.

Students Win Scholastic Awards

Art and photography students from Niles East exhibited their work recently at the Weiboldt's store in Evanston, in the Scholastic Art Awards Exhibition.

STUDENTS ENTERED oil and watercolor paintings, sculpture, textiles, jewelry and photography. Many of the work entered received gold keys as recognition. Those which received blue ribbons, will be sent to New York to be judged in the finals, along with work of students throughout the country.

Nine Seniors Selected As Merit Finalists

Nine National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists have advanced to Finalist status in the 1970-71 Merit Program. A Certificate of Merit and a letter were received by seniors Cathy Arcus, Robert Gordon, Stephen Green, Laurie Mylrioe, Michelle Oxman, Jacqueline Schaffner, Barbara Schechtman, William Spies, and Jeffery Toback.

ONLY FINALISTS can be considered for Merit Scholarships. About 14,750 Finalists will compete for 1,000 one-time National Merit \$1000 Scholarships and 2,000 sponsored Merit Scholarships which are renewable for four years of college study at the accredited institution of the winner's choice.

Debaters Host Tourney

Hosting 25 schools and 300 students, the Niles East Debate Team, after months of preparing, held their first tournament in a decade, Saturday, February 20.

THE TOURNAMENT consisted of three levels of competition debating simultaneously throughout most classrooms of the school. Taking first place on the "Varsity A" division which consisted of two-man teams was Evanston High School. Rich East took first place on the "Varsity B" division, while Glenbrook North squeezed past New Trier West by one debate to finish in first place in the three tournament debate schedule of the Interstate Debate Union.

The meet ran trouble-free for the first three rounds of competition, but complications occurred soon after. The tournament was "power-matched" for the fourth round which meant that the teams that had compiled the best records would

face teams with similar records, while the teams that had been doing poorly also hit similar teams. Because of scheduling confliotions with judges for the "power matching" the tournament was delayed one hour.

Originally, the tournament was to include a special fifth round for the first and second place teams of the "Varsity A" division. Since the round was not necessary for deciding the winners, with the consent of both schools involved, the round was dropped from the schedule.

BY DROPPING THE FIFTH round, the tournament was once again on schedule and the schools went home right on time.

This Debate Tournament was special in that it was almost completely student run and organized although Mr. David Solovy, coach, did contribute much time and effort. Next year the team plans to have a two-day, Friday-Saturday tournament.

Jr. Cabinet Raises Funds

A certain group of juniors have been meeting at 7:30 every Wednesday morning, in Room 210. Their main goal is to raise money for this year's prom.

AMONG THEIR projects for this year are selling Trojan t-shirts in the cafeteria, which has already made a very good profit, and participating in the Y.O.U. Teach-In.

Currently, Junior Cabinet is preparing plans for Panic '71 in which they will have at least one booth, maybe two.

ACT Given April 24

Junior interested in applying for the Illinois State Scholarship should take the American College Test (ACT) at 8 a.m. on April 24, in the Niles East Cafeteria. Registration begins now through March 24 in the Guidance Resource Center, Room 108. Cost per applicant is \$6.

Juniors should take the test at this time so that they can be considered in the state scholarship program to avoid unanticipated conflicts that may arise to prevent taking the test in July.

Announcement of state scholars will be made in October, 1971, when Monetary Award Applications will be mailed to the homes of the qualified students. In March, 1972 the Commission will announce Monetary Awards.

THE ACT IS also necessary for admission to many colleges throughout the United States, particularly Illinois. Junior colleges require this test for placement purposes. In addition, the ACT assists students in choosing a college and in helping solve educational problems.

THE HIGHLIGHT of the club's activities will be devoting all their time, effort, and funds on the prom, this spring, to be held at the Highland Park Country Club.

The people who have been instrumental in donating to a successful Junior Cabinet include Rich Shane, president; Rob Feder, vice-president; Dahlia Mishell, secretary; Janine Cohen, treasurer; Cherie Soltan, Cyd Holland, Paul Festenstein, Julie Simon, Scott Greene, Elysa Barack, Holly Garland, Joan Moskowitz, Sue Cypkin, Rita Brumlik, Claudia Miller, Linda Sieber, Andy Rosenson, Sherrie Schwab, and Debbie Lascoe.



Spokesman for the Girls' Physical Education Department, Dr. Jan Gund, expressed her regret and bewilderment as well as lack of understanding as to how the department is to continue at its current standing. Dr. Jan Gund directed her speech to the School Board at the Board meeting last week.

Prejudice Strikes Hard

Prejudice is found to some degree in all Americans. Some people merely react more strongly than is normal. A majority base their prejudice on a "stereotype image" created to fit a minority group whether it be an ethnic group or a race of people. Even when evidence is produced contrary to stereotype images, people still believe in them.

The irony of stereotyping is that it represents values of Americans projected upon minority groups. For example, the racist projecting his own fascination with sex contends that Negroes are sensual and promiscuous. The projection of his own desire to avoid responsibility leads to his assertion that Negroes are shiftless, unable to manage their own affairs and actually welcome paternalistic domination.

A prejudiced person insists minorities must fit the stereotype he believes them to be. The minority person becomes conditioned that he is expected to fit a stereotype. In older movies one would always find the Negro playing the maid, chauffeur, or servant—roles which portray the idea of a sub-servant part in life they should play. Prejudicial attitudes are likely to help convince the Negro that white represents good and black represents bad. The worst possible outcome is for this to happen—that one human being begins to believe that he does represent something bad. Stereotyping justifies one's projections; therefore, it is one device the racist would not want to lose. The professional Negro threatens the lazy, stupid, irresponsible image that has come to be a part of his life. The Negro has not been given credit for having the same intellect and understanding as a white may possess. Whites almost never see the black as he (the white) sees himself or the white race.

Discrimination against people due to race, creed, or color presents a problem for the American's ideal of equality for all. Guilt feelings usually arise if he acknowledges himself of taking advantage of minority groups. The guilt is then transferred into hate resulting in preserving the projections which his prejudice is based on.

Most people would agree prejudice is an undesirable quality—yet none avoid it. Though our Declaration of Independence teaches us all men are created equal, these words are not practiced. Surely one's parents have taught their child this, but they may say "Don't bring a Negro to this house—let alone marry one." The American child becomes familiarized with prejudice to some degree either from family, friends, schools, society or all of these. If one learns to acknowledge and admit his prejudices, he can realize it occupies an insignificant part of his belief in equality for all men. The person who cannot acknowledge his prejudices cannot deal with others objectively. Everyone must realize and accept the fact that he is capable of prejudicial feelings. Upon recognition of this, one can deal properly with the quality. Accepting its existence enables one to let the ideal of equality reign supreme.

Black people are brainwashed into believing they are "inferior" and the white people are "superior." This feeling causes many to act as whites do. Believing their ways are best some straighten their hair, drive Cadillacs, wear expensive clothes and try to "whitewash" their lives. The result is black bodies with white heads.

It is a crime that innocent black children grow up considering themselves inferior and ashamed of being black. Growing up with history books neglecting to give any information about the black heritage and dealing only with slavery (as if that is the only history of the Negro) is a crime.

American society almost makes it impossible for humans to live in America and not constantly be aware of color differences. Without racism and prejudice, America could be the greatest country where the rich and poor man could live together as human beings.

PE Facts Corrected

In the January 15 issue of the Nilehilite an editorial was written entitled "PE Revisions Needed". After speaking to Dr. Ray some points made in that editorial must be clarified.

Last year junior girls (now seniors) were allowed to choose and vote on areas that they would most like to cover in their senior year. The subject matter with the most votes would be included in the 1970-71 curriculum. At the beginning of each six weeks girls are given two choices from which they choose the one sport they most would like to participate in. For example, senior girls now using the Boys' Contest Gym for their classes offered are Volleyball or Badminton, the only sports that can be played in that given area. A girl may not like either of the choices so she must vote for the best out of the worst.

Dr. Ray feels the girls are not capable of creating the curriculum. She noted that from experience they eliminate the needed drills and just want to play the game without the basic skills it may require. She feels by choosing what sport they want to have is their role in creating the curriculum.

At the time this issue went to press a vote was being held that week to enable a girl to take gym P/F. Since the recommendation was passed, the Nilehilite and the P.E. Department are in complete agreement about the P/F system. Now the student who does poorly in gym can take the subject P/F and gym will not affect his average. The student who takes gym for a letter grade may receive a D and still be eligible for the Honor Rolls—only an "F" will keep him off.

The Nilehilite hopes this article clarifies the gym department's standards.

From Our Readers

Reaction

Dear Editor,

In your last issue you presented an article on the Niles East Improvement Teams. Well, we also have something to say about these teams.

Just recently, we got in trouble in gym. After granting us each with two weeks of study hall, our dean told us that if we wanted to make changes in the Girl's P.E. Department we should work from within the system, and the best way to do this is to get on one of these Departmental Improvement Teams. After signing up for it, we were told by Dr. Ray that we couldn't be on her committee, but if we wanted to, we could come to an open forum.

If these committees are supposed to be for all students, why does Dr. Ray have the right to choose who should be on them? It appears to us, that in order to be on Dr. Ray's committee, you must be in the good graces of the P.E. Department. This team cannot sufficiently represent the needs of all the students.

As long as this whole team is being run by the P.E. Dept. the only changes that will come about are those which will satisfy the P.E. Dept. And so, as we sit here and write this letter from our study hall, we say these Improvement Teams are nothing but a gimmick set up by the administration to allow the students to feel powerful, without really giving them any.

Shirley Braus '72
Marilyn Waxman '72

Dear Editor,

I would like to ask a question of any interested persons. Is it possible to function under a tyrannical teacher who tries to teach under a Socialist Democracy? The methods employed are: public harassment, name calling, and "voting" for a change in class program under pressure of "I really don't want to teach this, I don't think you are ready," "it will be a lot of work," and other forms of negative propaganda or conditioning.

If a student wants to pursue a harder track, as is an honors class, the teacher should not say it is too hard when the student's ambition is present. Nor should the teacher single out one certain student without giving any guidance and demand that if he would like to do the whole assignment and hand it in "in about two weeks." Also, the teacher should not try to harass any student by using the student's own words to suggest his incompetence. I believe a teacher should not use a student's words, public humility, or negative propaganda to air his own (the teacher's) dislike or hate for a particular student. I am sure there are other means to show this hostility other than lowering oneself to temperamental name calling.

Sheri Doniger '71

Dear Editor,

I was delighted to read in the February 12 issue of the Nilehilite the article entitled "Prisoners of War Helped by Viva." One of my friends told me about VIVA and I received a bracelet after sending them a donation. A nickel bracelet costs a minimum donation of \$2.50 and a copper bracelet costs a minimum donation of \$3. The donation not only enables the production of a bracelet, but also the production of bumper stickers,

distribution of literature, and other POW materials.

I hope many more people will help join the protests of VIVA and let the Prisoners of War and Americans Missing in Action that we care.

Name Withheld Upon Request

Dear Editor,

We are amazed at the cynical attitude expressed by Howard Reich in his article "So What's Up, Doc?" He completely distorts Dr. Colver's letter in an effort to discredit the Open Campus plan. A hard working group of students and administrators put a lot of effort into getting Open Campus at Niles East. We believe that most of the students are glad to have it. It is upsetting to us that a fellow student would use such tactics to ridicule this product of student-administrator cooperation.

Cheryl Heidelberger '72
Evelyn Koehnline '72

Dear Editor,

The Anti-Pollution Action Committee is a group of very together people who are concerned among other things, about the environmental crisis. Mr. Wood is the sponsor of the committee, and if any student is interested in becoming a part of it he should contact Mr. Wood or await an announcement in the daily bulletin. All students are welcome to join us. Frankly, we need more members — so help yourself and your environment by attending a meeting. Peace and clean Air.

Name Withheld Upon Request

Board Destroys Trust

On Thursday, February 25 the School Board voted not to renew forty-two teachers' contracts. Originally fifty-two teachers' jobs were to be terminated for the 1971-72 school term. During the meeting the Board reinstated the school social workers, psychologists, two teachers who will be 65 years old by July 1, 1971, and teachers who would be eligible for tenure next year. However, even with these reinstatements it is not enough, and won't be unless all are rehired.

The fates of the students, community, School Board, and educational standards will be determined by the Board's decision. For no one will escape the changes that are yet to come. Too many people will be deeply hurt and affected by this decision and that is something the Board will be responsible for.

Dr. Wesley Gibbs, School Superintendent for District 219, in recommending an "Honorable Discharge" for the teachers destroyed all trust in himself and the Board. Dr. Gibbs said he wanted the combined efforts from all factions in making Niles Schools responsive to human needs. Where were those thoughts when he took it upon himself to recommend that these teachers not be rehired? Why were these recommendations handled so rapidly and underhanded? Informing a teacher one week before the March 1 deadline that he won't have a job next year is a contemptible act. The actions taken by Mr. Gibbs and the outcome of the Board's talks only lead to distrust. How can the community ever have trust? Through (School Board and Dr. Gibbs) actions, distrust and disbelief are the only logical results.

The facts exist that Niles Township High Schools need to decrease their expenditures for the coming school year. If the Board knew the budget had to be cut, why did they wait till February 23 to discuss the possibility of not rehiring teachers as a means of saving money? Voters in this community rejected a referendum once for more money and they will reject it again if proposed. So where should the cuts come from? We question the Board's judgment in trying to cut expenses in other fields.

When the Niles Township High Schools lose forty-two teachers,

the educational standards can only be lowered. Since registration for next September's enrollment has not yet been established, how can Dr. Gibbs possibly know just how many teachers will be needed? It's very considerate of the Board to say perhaps some of the teachers may be rehired next September after student enrollment and course selection is known. After all, what else do any of these teachers have to do but wait for a summons enabling them to return to the profession they have mastered? With fewer teachers, classes will be larger and the time allowed for individual help will vastly decrease. Teachers will have more classes and their allotted time for individual guidance will greatly deteriorate.

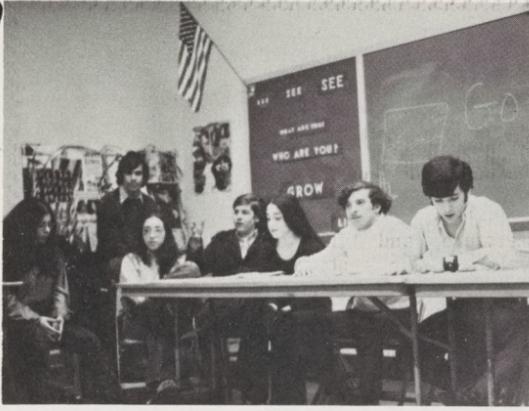
The Nilehilite suggests a re-evaluation of the 1971-72 budget and a thorough investigation of ways to cut the budget, not a student's education. When the district can spend \$15,000 for new carpeting in the library and vote not to rehire a librarian, something is wrong. Perhaps a referendum to lower the building maintenance funds should decrease so that the education fund could increase. Which is more important? It seems unbelievable to understand a Lay Supervisor's necessity in our schools rather than our teachers. It's time for all to unite and to direct the School Board to the path of "humanizing" our schools. How humanization has come to mean buying carpeting over spending more money on the people in a school is something Dr. Gibbs and the School Board will have to answer — and soon.

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Teach-In Time!

Y.O.U., (Youth Organizing for Unity,) held a teach-in on February 10. The activities ran from 1st through 7th periods and then again in the evening until 10:30. Speakers from various organizations spoke at informal meetings or panel discussions. These speakers included representatives from Women's Liberation, the John Birch Society, the police department, the Board of Education, Skokie newspapers, and many students speaking on subjects that they had chosen. About 100 students actively participated, and many others came and listened, and spoke out about various issues of the day. All in all, it was a day in which students, parents and staff become actively involved at Niles East.



'Gimmie' Rolling Stones

By Debbie Deitch

The Beatles started it all. Everyone said it's dead, but "Beatlemania" lives on . . . except it's changed. It is called "Stonemania." **GIMME SHELTER** follows the Rolling Stones on their tour of the U.S. ending at Altamont Speedway in San Francisco.

THE MOVIE WAS filmed in an unusual way. You are given a personal glimpse of the Stones by seeing them watch a small screen on which they are viewing their tour and commenting on it. You then are given a large scale version of what the Stones are viewing. The method was quite different and effective. Mick Jagger, the leader of the Stones, was seen most of ten, thus you got the deepest insight into him. The only trouble is that this view of him seems quite false. It is that of a dancing freak. He's always high and always dancing. The former may be true but he certainly at some point in his life stops dancing. But, it seems to be the view we were supposed to get; that a group on tour has all fun, fun, fun, fun, fun. . .

THE MUSIC FLOWED. The songs were performed much differently than on their records but many performers are like that. They did many of their greatest releases, such as, Jumping Jack Flash, Satisfaction, Honkey Tonk Woman, Street Fighting Man, Sympathy

for the Devil, and Under My Thumb. The sound at the Esquire Theater was fantastic. As Mick Jagger frenzied around the stage and the audience moved along with the beat; I too felt like getting up and joining in. The vibrations were good. The music was also supplied by Ike and Tina Turner and The Jefferson Airplane came on for a few moments.

THE CLIMAX came at Altamont. The Hell's Angels came to Altamont, so did four deaths and four births. The death of one black man was shown in stop action. It was sickening. I suppose no one ever suspects that he will be murdered by an "Angel." These were the most unangelic angels I have ever seen.

The movie ended very much in the "Woodstock" style. Fans were seen walking back to cars parked miles away. It seems as if everything had gone along very smoothly and everyone looked very happy and satisfied.

GIMME SHELTER was a good movie. It was quite drawn out, but it is still worthwhile seeing. So "Stonemania" lives as fans jumped on the stage and front rowers grabbed at Jagger to get a touch of a god.

And in Mick Jagger's own modest words, "It will give me great pleasure to tell the public that Mick Jagger is not God."

Draft Center Opens

by Bill Rubin

Worried about the draft? That's a question that comes to mind to many males when they reach the age of 17 or 18. The draft and the selective service are complicated. Often one doesn't know how to find out information about the draft and the alternatives that are available in the selective service. For this reason a draft counseling and information center has been set up in Room 2A near the Assembly Room.

Contrary to many people's claims, draft counseling does not take a position on the draft. Counselors are there to help students find out how they really feel and to help them find out what they want to do about the draft. No one escapes the draft, everyone must make some sort of decision about it.

There is a specific need for draft counseling for those people who do not want to go into the army but figure they won't

get drafted because they'll get a high lottery number or a student deferment. As it stands now, you have about a fifty-fifty chance of getting a losing lottery number and since there is a chance that there won't be student deferments as of July 1971, it is possible that about half of the male graduates of the class of '71 will be drafted within 3 years.

The draft center will be open periods 1-9 every day. Everyone is welcome to come in and talk about the draft and how it relates to their lives. If the room is locked when you go there, feel free to contact Bill Rubin, H.R. 145; Shelly Kagan, H.R. 213; Ron Glick, H.R. 217; Ricky Novak, H.R. 218; or you can just slip us a note under the door.

Students doing the counseling are Ricky Novak, Shelly Kagan, Michael Feldman, Ron Glick, Bill Rubin, Michelle Oxman, Jay Lempert, and Gary Fenchel.

East Hates Dirty Films

by Debbie Alfredo and Michelle Kulwin

No, we're not banning pornography. This is just the motto of the Audio-Visual Education department. This motto pertains to one of the many services performed without charge by the Niles East AVE department. There is an audio-visual center which supplies the three Niles Township High Schools with films. When the films are sent to Niles East they are inspected and cleaned. The AVE department has a machine that cleans the dirty films. Students who operate these machines process about 8,000 films a year.

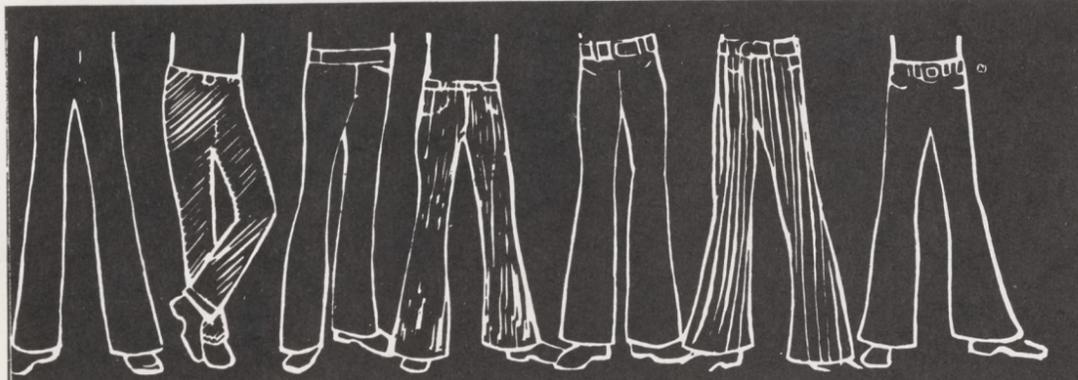
These films are used to supplement classroom instruction. East now has approximately 700 movies in the AVE department.

Besides renting and upkeep of movies, the AVE department at East prepares and produces films and slides for school use.

The department makes posters and signs for activities involving the school. They also help make the display cases in the halls. Students have found help from AVE when making their own films for independent study projects.

Though there is not an AVE resource center in the school, they hope that in the future there will be one situated in the library. This would benefit teachers as well as students in helping to fulfill the educational process.

As coordinator of the audio-visual department at Niles East, it is Mr. Andrew Maggio's job to help teachers in planning their classes with the aid of movies, records, and other materials. Here, at East, AVE has become a part of the students' school life.



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I HAVE ALWAYS believed that if you want to get some idea of what a school is like, you should listen to its P.A. bulletins every morning.

To some, these daily announcements that come every day are little more than a great annoyance. But to others, they can be analyzed for their social and cultural significance.

In any case, though, here are some daily announcements that stand out most vividly in my mind:

"Good morning everyone, it's that time again. And now for the announcements of the day.

"ATTENTION ALL JUNIORS and Seniors: Please come to your respective counselors today to discuss your future career. If you do not wish to come and talk to your counselor about your future career, you can come and talk about your counselor's future career. But do come!

"Attention all Security Guards: There will be a meeting today after school of the 'Security Guards of America' Club. All those who do not belong, but wish to become members must bring with them three captive students as proof of their worth and ability and skill as a member of the Guard.

"Attention all Students, Faculty, Administrators, and just plain Swingers: There will be a Board meeting tomorrow night — don't miss it. There's bound to be some fun and excitement. Bring the family!

Bring a date! Bring a friend! Come one, come all.

"Attention Sports Fans: Our school has finally slaughtered the other team, on the field, in athletics. The game took place here at school yesterday, and

ius (or above), you have a good chance of doing fairly on these tests. Take a chance! (The price of the test will be announced after you have taken the test.)

"ATTENTION EVERYONE: School will be dismissed early

leave the building this afternoon—we've got to clean up this school for once.

"Attention the Investigating Committee on Investigating Committees: Your problem-solving committee will meet today

solved because of lack of interest, lack of students, and lack of good advice, (as you know, the club lost a fortune last week when it bet on Running River instead of My Friend Flicka.)

"ATTENTION to Those with School Spirit: Tomorrow will be 'Gold and Blue Day.' We expect a huge student response as a symbol of school spirit. The wearer of the best costume of gold and blue will win, above all things, the satisfaction of knowing that they are more gold and blue than anyone else. Not many people can say that!

"Well, those are the announcements for the day, and that's all for now. We'll be back tomorrow with a special announcement about something really special.

Just Pay Attention?

by Howard Reich

we gloriously knocked down more dominoes in a row than the other team.

"Attention all Students trying to get into college: Tomorrow the NMSQACTSATPSAT test will be given. If you are a gen-

today because of Open House—we are finally going to clean up this filthy school so that it is fit for your parents to walk through. Everyone is dismissed except the janitors.

"Attention Janitors: Do not

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"Attention Investment Club: Today the club is being dis-

Elston Means Fear

Concerning the rumor that they line you up against a wall and shoot you when you go for your driver's test, it must be stated here that it is very false.

Anyone who has gone through the test knows that it is false, yet it is a strange quirk of human nature that prompts them to relate to all their friends, upon emergence from

the Elston Testing Center, all the lurid and amazing adventures they endured to pass the test — the countless numbers of dangers, dreads, and inexhaustible horrors: all the characteristics of a good old-fashioned living Hell. But this just isn't so.

For every prospective driver the symbol of Elston looms before his eyes in the image of a fiery prison, haunting him night and day, the constant source of agonizing daydreams and horrifying nightmares. When the day finally arrives for this prospective driver to take the test (after being postponed several times previously), he usually arrives at Elston with his teeth on edge, his limbs quivering in paralyzing fear, his ears ringing, his eyes watering, his brain fixed in a numbing stupor, his sweat glands working ferociously: an out-and-out physical ruin. And this is extremely sad to see, because there is really no need for him to be this way. But unfortunately it is an established fact — a sort of unwritten law — that prospective drivers must be frightened into a frenzy before taking their driving tests. Of course, there are some who actually aren't that frightened, but those are just the exceptions that prove the rule.

Into the testing center building then, he slinks darting furtive glances all around him. A tester is sitting next to him suddenly, and before he can grasp the full extent of his peril his car is moving forward very rapidly. There is a hot drop of molten lead slowly burning its way through the inner lining of his stomach, his eyes are blinded by a glaring white light, and his ears are deafened by a whirring noise that quickly grows louder and more piercing by the second. There he is swallowed by a sea of impenetrable blackness and a huge pit opens up at his feet. He finds himself falling: slowly, dizzily, into its pitch-black depths, deeper and deeper, ever downward, into the nestling arms of eternity.

When he awakes he has his license. He at first feels greatly bewildered; then this feeling turns to one of joyous elation; and finally cool confidence and imperturbability radiates from him — a message which reads: "That test was really too easy. They should've given me some REAL driving to do, so I could show my stuff." And later on he winds up the day telling all his envious friends of the horrendous tortures and agonies he'd suffered in taking the test. And that is human nature.

Souls
by Philip Beck

In the darkness there he sits, By the window dimly lit From the first light of the dawn Heralding the coming morn. And beside him are the ghosts.

Full a multitude of hosts, Moaning softly with the wind, Wind that floods and soothes his mind.

Troubled mind and restless spirit— Can his human soul now bear it?

Bear the misery of his life, Always torn by pain and strife?

"Yes it can!" they suddenly cry, Those that sit near by his side. Specters of a far gone past, Who have found him at long last,

Wailing with the tortuous pain That they now must face again.

"For we once thought just as you,"

Then they say with voice a whisper, Whisper silently and hushed.

Yet up from his seat he leaps Staring wildly about.

As the whispering voices swell Round about him and he shouts: "Damned, cursed soul of Hell! Dare ye enter where I dwell? Torture, misery, and sorrow, Come to drive me full insane!" "Ahh," they silently then moan, "O'er the world have we roamed,

Seeking those whose spirits suffer, Come to give them aid and comfort,

Teach them never forsake hope, Though through darkness they do grope,

Searching for a Promised Land— Land of Virtue, Land of worth, Heaven on this very Earth! Yet to them we must exclaim: 'Look not further, 'tis in vain!'

For such place does not exist, Nowhere, but in man's own self, In his heart and in his mind, There it is this Land he'll find, For to come to with Life, First must do so with himself, He must find a peace inherent. In his spirit and his soul! This, a bitter truth, we know, As with us it was the same. For as young men then we too, Searched, yet vainly, just as you.

No portents had we—thus we died,

But to you we now have sped, Crying: 'Stop— And take our need, Of your search there is no need!'

And, before you too are lost, As are we, most miserable host, Find that peace that lives inside you

Now! And so we bid adieu." And so saying vanish specters, Vanish one and vanish all, From before the eyes of mankind.

You have taught us not to fall, As did you, who in life suffered, Now you find eternal rest. With the help that you have brought us, Pray we find that self-same best!

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7 Gymnasts Advance

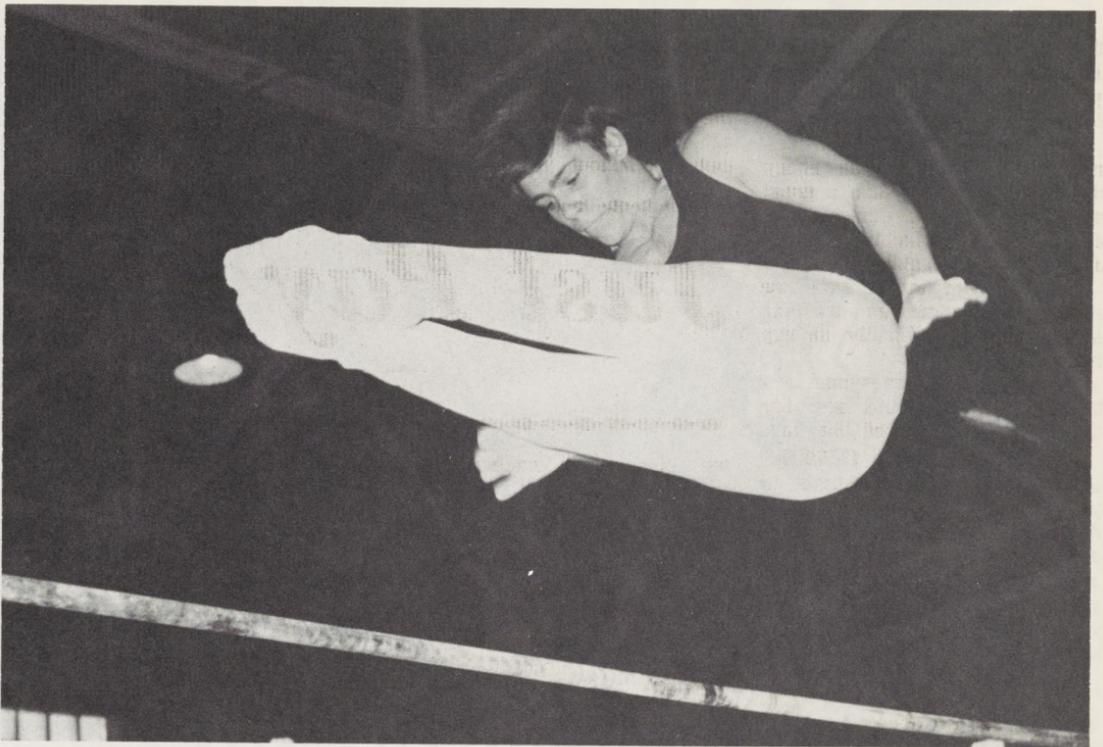
The Trojan gymnasts qualified seven individuals in six events for the upcoming sectional meet at Elk Grove High School, March 8-10, at the district meet hosted by Niles East, Saturday, February 27.

The powerful Evanston Wildkits took five first places in seven events and compiled 124.5 points to take first place. Following the Wildkits were Glenbrook South with 78.5 points, Niles East with 64.5, Niles North with 63, New Trier East with 39.5, and Niles West with 30.5. The Niles East district was considered to be the strongest in the state, according to Varsity coach Mr. Tom Sokalski.

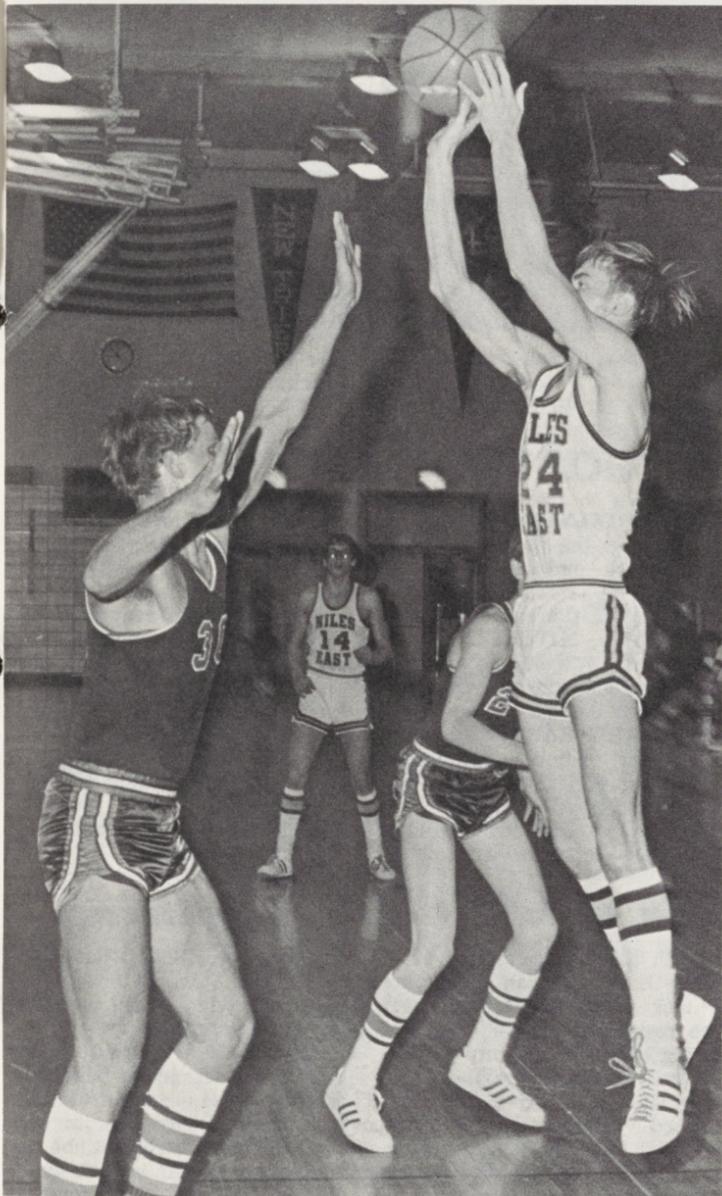
Several Trojans qualified in more than one event, with a total of 10 positions being filled by Niles East. In free exercise, Dave Apple tied for fifth place. On the horizontal bar, Bruce Epstein placed eighth. Tom Tripp tied for fourth on the

trampoline. On the parallel bars, Ken Schiffman finished second and Dave Cech tied for fourth. Clay Porter (fourth) and Cech (seventh place tie) both advanced on the rings. In the all-around event, which combines an individual's talents in all six events, three Trojans qualified. Dave Cech, rated among the top fifteen all-around men in the state, placed third, Sophomore Rick Robbin finished fourth, and Bruce Epstein took fifth place.

Unfortunately for the Trojans, Al Weinberg expected to qualify on the side horse, fell and failed to place among the first eight finishers. However, with 10 finishes in the top eight, the meet must be considered a success for the Trojan gymnasts, who have proved to be the most successful athletics team at Niles East. The strong freshman and sophomore teams should continue the winning tradition in Niles East gymnastics.



All-Around man Dave Cech performs a vault on the horizontal bar.



Warren Elliot (24) shoots over an Oak Park defender while Mike Korta (14) looks on.

Cagers End Year, Look Ahead

The Trojan Cagers ended the season on a losing note, but there is hope for the future particularly after the performances against Oak Park and Evanston.

Scoring leaders Joe Capezio and Louis Angelopoulos led the Trojans to some of their finest performances in the final weeks of the season, and the entire team should be commended for its battle against adversity. They never stopped fighting, even when the cause was hopeless.

The basketball program shows signs of improvement. Juniors Louis Angelopoulos, Jeff Levin, Rick Shane, Ben Matsumoto, Tim McCormick, and perhaps Jeff Netznik will form the nucleus of next year's team along with sophomores Steve Glink, Cecil Harrold, Mike Lindall, Greg Brown, Jeff Johnson, Glenn Anderson, Gregg Krech, and Bruce Bogdan. The sophomores did win five games this year, a definite improvement over last year's total of zero.

The real future of the basketball program may rest with the freshman team, which enjoyed a winning season. Don Diamond, Corey Levens, Paul Mandell, and Mark Zolt all have the potential to become good varsity players, and when combined with this year's sophs, should be a winning combination.

A Matter of Priorities: What Is Future of Sports at Niles East?

By Jeff Langer

With the recent disclosures by the Board of Education and Supt. Gibbs that Niles Township District 219 will have a budget deficit of at least \$500,000 for fiscal year 1971-72, many suggestions as to how to eliminate that deficit have been made, ranging from the passing of a referendum to the firing of 43 teachers, which was the School Board's decision.

Since Niles Township residents have voted against a referendum for raising funds, there seems to be only one solution: a cutback in costs. There were numerous pleas by students that the firing of the teachers would result in a drop in the quality of education.

Where should this cutback occur? Since the majority of students seem to desire a high quality education, they should agree to discontinuing all extra-

curricular activities which involve after-school use of school facilities. This would include all sports, all musical functions (plays and concerts), and various school clubs.

Is this so drastic? Most students would be appalled if this actually did occur, but don't dismiss it as an impossibility. The School Board has demonstrated that it is not beyond doing anything to avoid having a deficit in the budget, even if almost everyone disagrees.

A proposal such as this would most certainly ease the budget pressure. If the students at the three Niles Township schools are sincere in their desire to retain the fired teachers and don't want their extra-curricular activities eliminated, they had better urge their parents to vote for a referendum if one is offered in the near future.

Fusion III Presented by Orchesis

On February 21, the Orchesis Club combined with the girls gymnastics team presented Fusion III under the direction of Mrs. Kathy Lesley and Miss Karen Hovey.

Thirty-nine senior Orchesis members and twelve junior members displayed their talent through a variety of individual dances and interpretations.

Miss Hovey sponsored the twenty-junior and senior gymnasts. Coordination of muscles, good form, and versatility were expressed in the various routines on the balance beam, horse, and unevens. "The girls worked very hard in accomplishing unique body movements and arranging their own numbers," explained Mrs. Lesley.



Students Want Trojans To Stay In Suburban

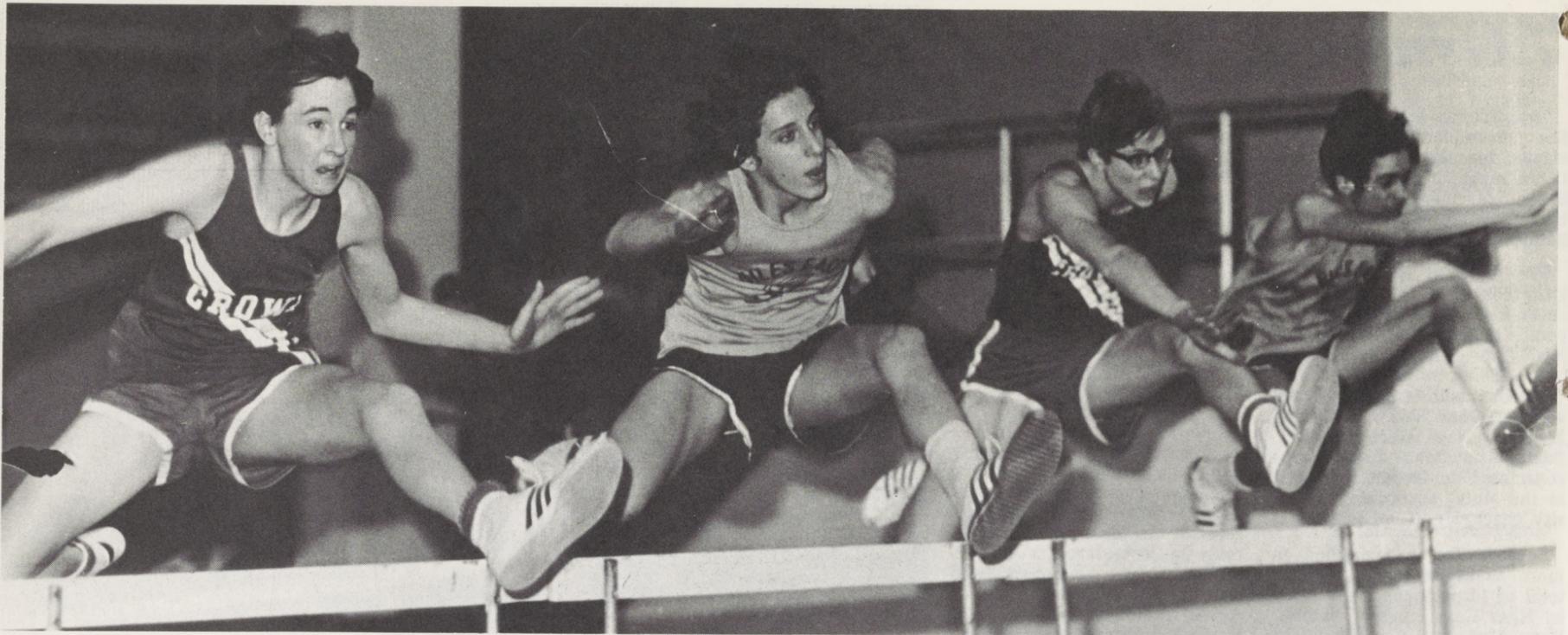
Recently a poll was conducted in the Nilehille to determine whether Niles East should remain in the Suburban League or switch to a conference where it could be more competitive.

An overwhelming majority (83 per cent) said that the Trojans should remain in the Suburban League, while 17 per cent suggested that Niles East should leave. Among those who wanted Niles East to leave, 80 per cent suggested a move to the Central Suburban League where Niles West and North compete, while a handful voted to move

to the North Suburban League, and several desired Niles East not to join any conference.

The results indicate that the great majority of students want Niles East to remain in the Suburban League. However, if the Trojans are to be competitive, more student support in terms of participation on teams and attendance at meets and games is needed. If this support is genuine, perhaps the sports situation at Niles East will improve. Only time will tell.

Wanted: a handful of students willing to give one period of their free time to help Special Education teams in silkscreening and painting in their art classes. Please come to Room 23, periods 4, 5, 7, 8, or 9, or contact Mr. Vogel for more information.



Recent competition at Niles East's indoor track.

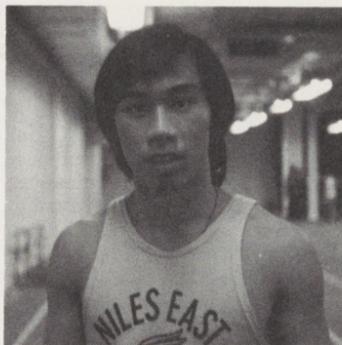
Trackmen Hurdle By!

With a revitalized spirit — of hard work and positive attitude the Niles East Trackmen have certainly rectified! Coached by Mr. Dean Slavens and Mr. Tom Ristow, the valiant squad has been victorious in two meets and prospects remain for continued good fortune.

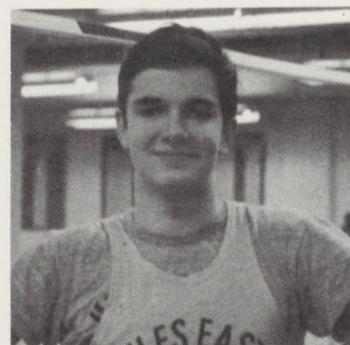
IN THE PROCESS, outstanding performances have occurred from several individuals. Junior Bob Henry established a new school mark when he soared 6'¼" at high jump. Freshman Steve Goldberg in his first high

school meet won the 60-yard low hurdles and placed second in 60-yard high hurdles.

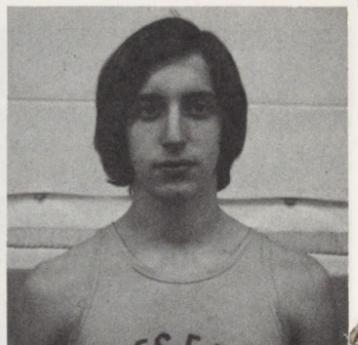
Junior Jerry Look continued his impressive showings when he jumped 19'11½" in long jump to master the District 219 meet. In addition to this achievement, Jerry ran on the winning 4 lap relay and placed third in a 12 lap event. Undefeated this season is the 4 lap relay team consisting of Jerry Look, Jeff Hartstein, Paul Karabush, and Tom Christopolous. Congratulations is extended to the entire team for a brilliant comeback.



Jerry Look, Varsity Trackman of the Week.



Bob Henry, breaks school record.



Steve Goldberg, Sophomore Trackman of the Week.

Ho-lee Cow, It's Harry

By Norwin Merens

"There she goes . . . ! Line drive . . . ! It might be . . . it could be . . . it is! Home-run . . . ! Ho-lee cow!" Thus are the sentiments of the new radio voice of our Chicago White Sox — Harry Caray. Should you be among the few who have not heard him as an announcer, Harry is certainly a raucous fun-loving personality. In a sense, Caray comes to Chicago via trade. Bob Elson and Red Rush who aired White Sox

St. Louis; Harry did the play by play. His crisp, stimulating style of broadcasting has been hailed nationally. On six different occasions, he was named baseball's best announcer by The Sporting News. However, Caray has relayed the shots for every major sport down through the years. During the fall, he does University of Missouri football and perhaps influenced the Bears on their top draft choices. In the past he has worked the Cotton Bowl, Blue Bonnet Bowl, NBA basketball all-star game and of course the World Series and baseball's all-star game.

Many might inquire, when may they hear Harry and on what station? Well, my friends, Mr. Caray inaugurates his career with the Sox this afternoon in a game featuring the Pittsburgh Pirates. Following this contest, one may hear him during each weekend of spring training and naturally when the season begins all games will be broadcast. The problem is picking him up — due to the disastrous course the team suffered last year, all major AM outlets in Chicago refused any White Stocking offer for 1971. Hence, owner John Allyn and his associates began constructing a network of FM stations. In this area it encompasses WEAW-FM, Evanston, WTAQ, La Grange and WJOL-FM, Joliet.

OTHER STATIONS will extend through Central and Southern Illinois where the word of Harry Caray is gospel. Provided the radio outlets, and a representative team, Harry Caray will lure the fans into White Sox Park by the busloads.



Harry Caray . . . new White Sox voice.

games last season went to Oakland, California and found employment with Charles O. Finley. Last year Harry was receiving his pay check from Charley O!

AT 52, CARAY begins his 27th season of major league baseball announcing. For twenty-five campaigns Stan Musial and Mr. Caray were the only names in

Pirates Seek Treasure Chest!

As the state basketball tournament approaches, interest and enthusiasm is building throughout Illinois. Though many high schools do not display their exuberance, at Proviso East in Maywood this is hardly the plight. Athletics has molded Proviso into a fine school. Throughout the years this institution of learning has produced many stars including the late Fred Custardo, quarterback of the football Pirates in the early 1960's who later gained fame at Illinois for his ability in leading the Illini to the Rose Bowl in 1964.

IN MARCH, 1969 Big Jim Brewer led the Pirates to Champaign and a state basketball title. Presently, he is a star at the University of Minnesota averaging well over seventeen points a game for the Gophers. Recently against Michigan, Brewer tallied twenty eight points. Stardom in the NBA is predicted for this sophomore.

Currently, the Proviso East Cagers model a 20-2 varsity record; they are leaders in the Suburban League and rate as one of the top basketball powers in the state. They are coached by Mr. Glenn Whittenberg.

The players responsible for the Pirates ravaging record include:

ALL STATE CANDIDATE, Dave Roberts — 6'2" Senior. Scoring nineteen points a game, exhibits a .530 shooting percentage and nine rebounds in each contest.

LARRY "THE LEAPER" Moore — 6'2" Senior. He is the proud owner of a 33" vertical jump. Scores fourteen points per game, shooting percentage of .460 and collects thirteen rebounds per game.

JOHN TANCREDI — 5'11" He is a lightning quick guard who generally leads and sets up the fastbreak opportunities.

ELLIS FUNCHESS — 6'4" Junior. Shooting at a .573 clip averaging nine points and eight rebounds per game.

TOM FOWLKES — 5'10" Junior. Tom is the floor general, a very quick and excellent ball handler, he sets up the offense when the fast break fails.

HOWARD MITCHELL — 5'10" Senior. A valuable reserve, shoots at .436 and averages four points per contest.

MICHAEL KARSTENS — 6'5" Senior. A tough competitor and good college prospect. He shoots at a .435 clip.

These are the Proviso East Pirates — a team with deter-

mination and most of all — ability. Their mark in the tourney will be significant. A state championship is expected by the people in Maywood and from observers in general. However, they must contend with fine teams from Thornridge, Paris, and Joliet Central High Schools. Will they do it?

To find out, watch the action on WGN TV — Channel 9 Chicago Friday, March 19 — 12 noon to 3, and 7 p.m. Saturday, March 20 — 3 p.m.

He Could Cook Anything

With the cage season over at Niles East, one can only stare a look of disappointment over the varsity campaign and what might occur in the future. It is an evil, that a fine young coach like Gary Cook has been dismissed from his team and school! Here is a very energetic, bright personality having people who hardly know him, tampering with his job and future.

THROUGHOUT HIS year as head basketball coach, Cook tried to get the most out of his players and on several occasions this was displayed in full glory. The games against Suburban League competitors, Oak Park and Evanston were precise examples of this pride and dedication. In the most recent affair, the Trojans made the Wildkits look silly. Leading through most of the ball game, the valiant squad of Trojans lost the contest in the closing seconds. The exhibition turned in by the entire team was something new to Troy followers. The old proverb, "Nice guys finish last" is quite accurate in describing Coach Cook and his contingent.

Last Friday's finale was surely a discouraging performance for the team and crowd. With Cook going, how is a team supposed to perform? True they lost badly, however bravely — in an affair which was quite precious for Seniors — Joe Cap-

ezio, Warren Elliot, Mike Shamberg, and Steve Willens; they too are leaving Nilehi naturally for different reasons.

ONE MAY WONDER, where does this crisis leave basketball at Niles East next year? I suppose if the Board has its way, a cage team will not be revealed next year at the home of the Trojans. Yet fortunes could be bright next season, if a good squad is assembled and a coach in the footsteps of Mr. Cook succeeds. It's certainly a wait-and-see proposition; Louis Angelopoulos, Rick Shane, Jeff Levin, Rob Feder, Tim McCormack, and Ben Matsumoto will probably return. With the addition of juniors to the force prospect could reverse.

Fencemen End Year

As the fencers close out the 1970-71 season, a victory would be very satisfying to the team and Coach Bob Keen. Having a rough schedule, the squad recently foiled Niles West and Dixon in a tournament held at New Trier West in Northfield.

Varsity members responsible for the victories were Rich Waysdorf, Scott Blanke, and Lonny Fleischer. The frosh-soph team of Phil Spitz, Mike Winter, and Bill Osness finished in fourth place. Nine schools were in competition.) Tuesday's home meet will feature Marshall at 6.