

Decision Final: Miss Kass Dismissed

THE BOARD OF Education Tuesday night affirmed its original decision not to rehire Miss Roberta Kass, United States history teacher at Niles West, for the 1969-70 school year.

This decision was announced at a closed press conference, held at West. Monday night, almost 500 students, parents, and faculty members attended the three-hour grievance hearing in which Miss Kass refuted the Board's charges.

Reasons For Dismissal

According to the School Board, Miss Kass is being released for her academic incompetency. The Niles Township Student Coalition and the Faculty Committee to Defend Roberta Kass, however, state that she was dismissed for political reasons.

As a result, about 80 students from all three Niles divisions picketed at West after school last Friday and before and after school on Monday to show their support for Miss Kass.

Miss Kass Praised

Although Monday's hearing was open, no witnesses were allowed to testify. Instead, much of the material was presented through written statements and letters. Mr. James Friedman, President of the Niles Township Federation of Teachers and a social studies teacher at West, read letters from

several parents and students praising Miss Kass.

She was described by one student as being not only a teacher but also a friend. A parent wrote that she "was very creative, an innovator who made students think and analyze. She made history exciting." A second student wrote that she had interested him in history — and school in general — for the first time.

Answers Charges

Most of the hearing, however, consisted of detailed rebuttal against the Board's specific charges. Miss Kass explained that her "assignment" to plan an overthrow of the Niles West administration was not required but optional. Furthermore, both she and her students agreed that such a revolt would be impossible.

She also refuted the Board's charge that she left the Political Forum Club meeting where a movie of the Columbia revolt was being shown. Miss Kass had stepped only three feet from the door for 15 minutes while negotiating the film's cost. Furthermore, 10 other teachers and several parents were in the room at all times.

No Witnesses Present

Accusing the Board of acting in a "quasi-judicial" manner, Mr. Sol Ganellen, Miss Kass' attorney, re-

gretted that witnesses from neither side were allowed to testify. Mr. Friedman also said he had hoped West administrators would present proof of their charges.

Near the end of the hearing, however, Superintendent Charles Szuberla did detail the charges. He added, Miss Kass was hired "to teach U.S. history, not revolution."

But Miss Kass stated that history is anything that occurred in the past and depends on what one sees and how one sees it. This comment was in response to criticism by Mr. Edmund Brufke, West's Social Studies Department Chairman, who said he was unable to distinguish whether psychology, sociology, political science, or history was being taught in her class.

One Uses History

She added, "One does history, uses it." One takes "an idea that is real and vital" and relates it to other ideas. Miss Kass tries to show students that the past can be used as a device in this way. Her goal in teaching is to have stu-

dent's "come away with the ability . . . to get inside a subject and analyze it."

Many people wonder why Rob-

erta Kass did not simply leave Niles West quietly. Her reply is, "If you don't exercise freedom, it really doesn't exist."



THANKING one-another at the close of the School Board's grievance hearing are Union President James Friedman, Niles West History Teacher Roberta Kass, and Miss Kass' Attorney Sol Ganellen.

Biafra Drive Gains Total of \$388

"ONE HUNDRED ninety-four dollars was collected by the Biafran relief fund during our candy sale," declared Mrs. Myra Stromberg, social studies teacher and supervisor of the campaign. "And Student Council has matched our donation!"

The entire project was originated by two freshmen girls, Karen Katz and Eileen Davis. After reading

the "Good Earth" and seeing various films concerning under privileged countries and peoples, they decided that they wanted to do something to help.

Ask For Support

AFTER WRITING to various organizations including UNICEF and the Biafran Relief Fund, these two girls went to three freshmen social studies classes and asked for support. "About 60 per cent of the

students volunteered," Mrs. Stromberg noted.

She also stated that the students "decided not to can for money. They would rather offer to sell something like candy and accept any donations."

Receive Candy Donations

The students wrote to many candy companies and were turned down by all except one. Due to the lack of cooperation, the pupils went to 28 stores in Skokie that sold candy and asked for donations. "Almost everyone cooperated," Mrs. Stromberg announced.

RECEIVING ABOUT \$75 worth of candy, the campaigners began selling it in the Student Lounge. "We thought we'd make about \$25," Mrs. Stromberg explained, "The result was really gratifying!"

Due to the smallpox epidemic in Biafra, the money will help buy smallpox vaccinations. "One penny buys one shot of vaccine," the sponsor stated, "and they must receive the vaccinations before the disease reaches proportions where it can't be stopped."

Old Town Boutique Displays Floating Student Art Gallery

"GALLERY EAST Does It Again," the second part of the Niles East Art Council's floating student art gallery, is now displaying its wares at Aristo's in Old Town.

Aristo's, on Wells Street in Chicago, is an elegant boutique, which specializes in exclusive clothing, and more recently, its "uni-sex" shop, which offers matched clothing for men and/or women.

THE GALLERY was arranged in conjunction with Niles West, although art from East students comprises the vast majority of the 25 paintings and sculptures in exhibit at the boutique. Aristo's has consented to make the gallery a permanent part of his establishment, at least for the remainder of this year.

"The showing of Aristo's is a big breakthrough for Niles East art and for student art in general," explained Art Council sponsor Miss Suzanne Cohan. "East student artists have consistently shown themselves to be just as good as, or better than the professionals. This gallery confirms it. Public response to our art has been very favorable," she exclaimed.

PUBLICITY on Radio Station WLS will help to promote the gallery. Open to the public daily during Aristo's regular business hours,

the gallery hosts pop art paintings, soft sculpture, and wood collages, "all of interest to the Old Town patrons," commented Miss Cohan. In addition, hand-made batik scarfs made by East students will be sold at Aristo's.

All paintings and sculptures are for sale to the general public, prices ranging from \$5 to \$100.

Senior Finals Abolished; Colver Notes Exceptions

THE ABOLITION of senior finals is now a reality, according to Principal Arthur Colver.

Seniors will be required to take finals only if: "in the opinion of the teacher the student's achievement . . . has not been at the level dictated by his ability; or the teacher feels it is necessary to determine a passing grade for the student in the course."

Because of this decision, the last full day of classes for seniors will be Thursday, May 29. June 2 and 3 are the days designated for the senior final examinations. Students taking exams will be required to come to school only when they have a final to take.

Mr. Colver stressed that "teachers should evaluate their decision

to administer a final on an individual basis, and not on the basis of a classes progress as a whole." Both the student and teacher must decide no later than Monday, May 12 whether or not a final will be given.

ACT Given Tomorrow

TOMORROW morning, April 26, the ACT Examination will be administered at East. Exit 13 will be open from 7:45 to 8:15. Room assignments will be posted near this door.

All students must bring a completed ticket of admission and soft lead pencils. No student is allowed to go to his locker.



INDEPENDENT STUDENTS join Coalition members in a protest against the School Board's decision to dismiss Miss Roberta Kass, a West history teacher.

Drama Workshop Presents Children's Chinese Theater

JADE PURE, Precious Harp, and Road Wanderer feature among the main characters in this year's play, "Land of the Dragon," to be presented by the Niles East children's theater.

The one and a half hour play will be performed twice on Friday, May 9, at 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. These performances are mainly for elementary school field trips, and the admission price for children will be reduced. A Saturday matinee at 12:30 is scheduled with regular prices of 50 cents for children and \$1 for adults. There also will be a Thursday night dress rehearsal, May 8, at 7:30.

THE CHINESE FANTASY, starring Sandy Abeles, '70, as Jade Pure, Sandy Weitzbuck, '70, as Road Wanderer, and Ellen Miner, '69, as Precious Harp, is about a young princess who is trapped in a palace by a wicked aunt and is finally rescued by the Road Wanderer.

"In traditional Chinese theater," stated Mr. Jerry Proffit, drama director, "there is no scenery. But, for our play, we are using some scenery and adopting some from "Flower Drum Song."

THREE DRAGONS will be fully suited in dragon costumes which the costume committee will both make and rent. They must create three dragon heads and five horse heads from paper mache. Other characters will wear traditional Chinese theater costumes "which will be elaborately colored and decorated," Mr. Proffit said. The Chinese headdresses must also be made by the costume committee.

"One unique feature about this play," Mr. Proffit went on to say, "is that almost the whole stage will be on platforms in front of the regular stage, where the orchestra pit is. We're doing this to provide more intimacy with the audience."

Forum

Spending Questioned

Recently, the student council decided to appropriate its excess funds to "worthy" organizations and causes. The choir and Golden Galleon Guild have been the first two recipients of money. Council is currently considering giving aid to the thousands of starving children in Biafra. The NILEHILITE does not object to the fact that student council is donating money to needed causes, nor does it necessarily object to the specific causes involved. The editorial staff merely questions the manner in which the donations are being considered.

First, the initial appropriations were approved in considerable haste. The NILEHILITE wonders if there was sufficient time for members to evaluate all the arguments in favor and against each specific expenditure. The way in which the first donations are handled set a precedent for subsequent ones. The NILEHILITE hopes that council will develop an effective criteria for evaluating each expenditure rather than to hand our money on a "first come-first serve" basis.

Furthermore, the NILEHILITE strenuously objects to the fact that the student body was not consulted about these appropriations. There are several reasons why their opinions should have been sought. The student council treasury is supplied in large portion by the students through their support of the Coke and potato chip machines, breakfasts, and other fund-raising activities. Secondly, if council purports itself (and hence its contributions) to be representative of the student body, then the student body should be asked if they approve of a particular contribution. In addition, student council, by its own action, has made itself a lame duck organization for the rest of the year because it feels that it is not effective enough in its present form. If council is so ineffective, why should it have sole authority to approve such expenditures?

It is easy to criticize the work of others; it is difficult to create a constructive program. We hope that after this disagreement is resolved, those people who object to the present council will help set up the new government for next year. In this manner, future problems concerning student government may well be avoided.

Stranger Saved

Melanie Writes Back!

Editor's Note: Our readers will recall that in our March 21 issue, we explained the anguish one of the NILEHILITE's key staff members, the Stranger, was experiencing because of his longing for Miss Lois Taylor of Chula Vista High School in California. The article served its purpose: Miss Melanie Link, editor of that school's paper, discovered our article about the Stranger's dilemma and wrote these words of comfort and support:

Dear Editor:
I was very distressed to learn of the Stranger's "attachment" to Lois Taylor, for several reasons, but it is well that you wrote so that this can be straightened out. Assuming you became acquaint-

ed with Lois due to the Homecoming Edition, let me point out that that was a good picture of her. But please be careful in breaking the news to Stranger that she is going with Kent Froede, who, if you could leaf through past editions of the *Spartan Campus* (if you can stomach it), you will discover was all-league fullback in football, first string guard in basketball, and currently "Mr. Baseball" around here, as well as very cute (in my humble opinion).

Regarding your suggestion to cheer up the Stranger and come to Skokie, let me say this. To be brutally frank, there are many personages in this school who wouldn't mind telling Lois to go to Skokie,

(Or me either, for that matter.) But whether they would contribute money is another story. Please tell Stranger not to feel badly, that looks are deceiving.

On behalf of Miss Taylor, I would like to thank you for the invitation and to reciprocate by extending our welcome to you and/or Stranger to visit us anytime you happen upon Chula Vista (we're between San Diego and Tijuana).

Thank you for your interest, and good luck with your remaining newspapers (we all may need it!)

Sincerely,
Melanie Link,
Editor-in-Chief,
Spartan Campus

North's Library Opens Weekly To Provide Additional Services

THE LIBRARY at Niles North high school was opened for student use yesterday evening and will be open every Thursday through May 22, announced John Bristol, assistant superintendent.

The library will be open from 7 to 9:30 p.m. on Thursdays for the next several weeks, Mr. Bristol explained, as an experiment to determine the extent of demand for evening use.

Students attending any one of the three Niles Township High Schools will be able to use the library facilities at Niles North. It was pointed out, however, that only Niles North students will be permitted to check out books for use at home.

NILES WEST and Niles East students will be asked to use the books, magazines, and other mater-

ials within the library.

Students wishing to use the library will be requested to present their school identification cards and to sign in at the library's entrance. Library users on Thursday evenings will be able to enter the school through doors at the center of the building.

Following this procedure, Mr. Bristol said, will help school personnel keep the building and its equipment and supplies secure from intruders. It will also help the administration in its research project to study the extent of usage, he added.

Students will not be permitted to go to corridor lockers in the building, and they will not be allowed to bring friends not attending a Nilehi into the library with them.

"I STILL DON'T CARE WHAT YOU SAY, I HAD A GREAT TIME IN FLORIDA!"



Letters to the Editor

Help Clean The Cafeteria! — Again

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter to publicize a problem in the cafeteria. Quite plainly, the cafeteria is a mess and a serious reflection on the students of Niles East. Earlier this year, student council announced that it would create a program to alleviate the disastrous state of the cafeteria. After only two weeks, council notified Mr. Colver that the program was a failure and recommended that Mr. Colver re-employ lay supervisors. I was a member of student council's program and would like to point out several faults in the program. First, I don't believe council made a serious effort. The students who headed the program exhibited a "don't care" attitude.

Second, there was an inherent lack of organization in the program. Third, the choice of students to be used as supervisors was poor.

Realizing that student council's program was doomed, I talked to Mr. Colver about the problem and gave him the names of several people who are responsible and who have an earnest interest in working to keep the cafeteria clean. As yet, Mr. Colver has done nothing. I realize that Mr. Colver has many problems to worry about as principal of a large high school. However, an administration that places such great emphasis on the appearance of the cafeteria should be willing to devote more time to helping students organize an effective program to keep the cafeteria clean. If the administration and the student leaders don't care about the condition of the cafeteria, why should the students?

Presently, three students are being paid to clean up the cafeteria during the lunch periods. From what I have seen, these students only add to the disorder in the cafeteria. These students can be seen playing basketball with milk cans and garbage containers, throwing trays and waste, and disturbing those who are eating. In addition, people who once felt guilty about leaving trays and garbage on tables need no longer feel guilty. After all, aren't students being paid to clean the cafeteria?

I hope there exists a group of students and faculty members who do not consider this matter so trivial, and who would like to help improve the appearance and dignity of our school. There are plenty of students who claim that they can handle and deserve more responsibility (those who complain about being treated like six-year olds), but where are those students who demonstrate any responsibility?

Marvin Glazer, '69

Dear Editor:

I congratulate the NILEHILITE on the publication of two issues dealing with real news. However, I'm sorry to say I must correct one of the statements made about the Golden Galleon Guild in the special editorial on page one of the March 21st edition. You said that "... the school board refused to pay for any part of this trip (to the Columbia Scholastic Press Association Convention) ..." (and that) ... the group was forced to assume full individual payment without asking for any outside contributions ...

As a matter of fact, the Guild never asked the Board for any funds for the trip, so we surely could not have been refused. Moreover, this trip is not a school-sponsored activity, complete with chaperones, etc. Because of the fact that my correspondence with the then-superintendent, Clyde Parker, indicated that no out-of-town trip could be sponsored or sanctioned by the Board, the Guild Members have always gone on their own (as have NILEHILITE editors and staffers), receiving from the school only "excused" or "modified"-excused absences, because of the educational nature of the trip.

Needless to say, the Guild is delighted to observe the Board will approve such trips, and even, (according to my students who are choir members), paid some insurance costs for the choir on their trip. We may not change the form of our annual pilgrimage, but I am pleased to see that the Board has changed its mind about this matter.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Judith Pildes,
Sponsor - Golden Galleon Guild

Colver, Levie, Hartstein 'Star' In TV Program

SENIORS MARK Levie, Barry Hartstein, and Principal Arthur Colver will be featured on a CBS-TV special documentary program on education to be shown in late May, according to Mr. Michael Reeves of CBS.

At a meeting held last Friday at Niles West to discuss the senior finals proposal, cameras were present to film an "example of students and administrators working together to achieve a common goal." Mr. Reeves stated that films were being taken of 15 high schools for the program, and air-time

would be budgeted accordingly. Principals of all three divisions were present, along with Mr. John Bristol, assistant superintendent, and two students from each school. BRIGHT LIGHTS and roving "sound-men" were an added feature at the meeting along with the occasional interruptions from cameramen with such requests as, "Mr. Colver, would you mind beginning that statement again?"

Also featured was Barry "The Ham" Hartstein, who confined his comments to moments when the cameras were rolling.

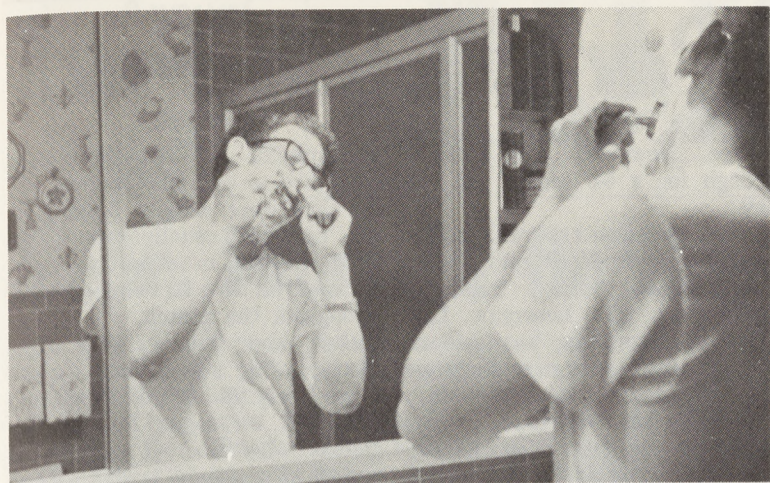


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Soph Craves Close Shave

by Irwin Berkowitz

"TAKE IT OFF, take it all off." How I envy those guys, sexy foreign broads chasing them all over the place, just because they shave. Understand, if you will, my plight. I have a beard that could make a peach look like a shaggy dog.

Take, for example, my cousin. Please. A big, burly beard every day that takes about a half hour to shave, yet she resents this extra growth of hair.

I praise Richard Nixon, not for

his political strategy, but because he can lie in bed every morning and listen to his beard grow.

THE HIPPIES argue that many great men had beards: Lincoln, Grant, the Smith Brothers, and Santa Claus to name a few. But the coin has two sides since Truman Capote, Tiny Tim, and Freddy Bartholomew (during his stardom) wouldn't think of growing beards.

To tell you the truth, the closest I've gotten to shaving is when the barber trims the hair around my ears with a razor.

To take my mind off my predicament I turn to the "tube." It so happens that the Hawks are playing

the Blues at St. Louis. As the period closes you hear Jack Brickhouse say, "If you want a closer shave, use the new Gillette safety razor."

I QUICKLY turn the channel as I see a mountain of shaving cream being sucked into a can of Foamy.

A mad dash to the set to change the channel again proves fatal as my eyes see a man getting "spoiled."

It seems there is a conspiracy against me, but I shall remain staunch and remember the words of the brave three little pigs, and no one will call me a sissy, at least, "not by the hair of my chinny chin chin."

SENIOR NEAL WHITE is one of the lucky ones who can "take it all off."

S.F.C.C. Dead or Alive?

Does anybody know that Niles East has a Student-Faculty Cooperative Committee? It has become increasingly difficult to establish the committee's existence since nearly half its members no longer acknowledge its presence.

As of Tuesday, April 15th, the committee lost another member. At that meeting, which lacked a quorum for the third successive time, Rona Bass, committee co-chairman, quit.

Though the committee originally had 16 members, it has been unable to carry on business in recent weeks. The nine members needed for quorum often do not bother to attend.

Rona based her reasons for quitting on the ineffectiveness of the committee. "Mr. Colver can accept or reject any proposal of any group in school, which makes the value of any committee meaningless," Rhona stated. "I am personally dissatisfied," she said. "It's just not what I thought it would be."

Because Mr. Colver is principal, he can, in fact, veto any suggestion for change. "Students think they have things they don't have," Rhona stated. "The committee is a confrontation, discussion, debate club," she added.

Problems within the committee

are many. Business cannot be conducted without a quorum. If business cannot be conducted the members who do come to the meeting often feel they are wasting their time. Committee members have begun to realize that their discussions have rarely led to action.

Though any student may attend committee meetings, a lack of interest has been apparent. At the last meeting, a committee member asked, "What does it take to disband this group?"

There are certain things to be gained from the Student-Faculty Cooperative Committee. "I gained

a greater understanding of where everybody stands," Rhona said. A greater understanding of psychology may in fact be one of the group's greatest assets.

The S. F. C. C. has attempted several projects this year. The committee composed a school dress code, for example. The committee voted on and passed the dress code, but the code was never enacted. Due to student and faculty influence, Mr. Colver rejected the code.

Plans arose for a change in student government. Before any action could be taken, Student Council abolished itself.

The committee is now trying to establish a new school policy in regard to school-sponsored trips. As yet the committee has been unable to obtain the needed quorum to discuss further plans.

Concert Tomorrow

The Denise Jill Cohen Memorial Foundation is presenting "It's Here Today — Gone Tomorrow," a folk, blues, and comedy show, featuring Joel Cory and Ellen Dee, both popular performers at the "It's Here" Coffee House in Rogers Park. The show will begin tomorrow night at 8 p.m. Admission is \$1.50.

Coming Up

Saturday, April 26

ACT tests

Saturday, May 3

CEEB Exams

Friday, May 9 and Saturday, May 10

Children's Theatre

Monday, May 12

APP Exams begin

Your Write to Say It

Be 'Born' Before You Die

by Donna Lachman

RIGHT NOW, you have begun to read the words that I have put down here, you will try to get into the first paragraph and if it looks like it stinks, you'll probably go on to read something else, you'll throw the whole paper away. Do it, but what I'm about to say may radically change your whole life if you take it seriously, or it may be just another ding-dong article which this paper is famous for.

Have you ever thought about dying? Well, I'm sure you have at one time considered it, but then rejected it from your head because you feel you have no control over it. O, but how wrong you were! No, I don't mean suicide because that's not really death. That's just a premature escape from your physical body. (In fact, practically all physical death, heart attack, drug overdose, cancer, etc., is premature if your mind isn't really with it.)

Insanity or Genius?

Take Ernest Hemmingway, for example, who went insane (or so they say) and killed himself some seven years ago. I read an article that had some notes that he wrote just before his death. In essence, he stated that after his last completed book, he had visions within his soul, leaving his body and wandering around his room and elsewhere. He couldn't explain how or why this came about, but he could relate happenings that he couldn't possibly have known since his body wasn't there. Shortly after this, he took his life. Insanity?

I'm sure you're all familiar with Vincent Van Gogh's famous ear which he gave to a friend. Shortly

before his death, he painted many self-portraits done in so-called "psychedelic" colors and forms. After a short stay in an insane asylum, he also took his life.

I SERIOUSLY WONDER whether creative and super-sensitive men were really insane, or if they achieved their ultimate goal their minds could reach before their physical shell deteriorated. I'm beginning to believe the latter. If you have ever read any of Herman Hesse's books, you can see what a far out cat he was when he got into his existentialist ideas of "universe within the mind." Most of his characters are travelling the most difficult road of all, the road to self-realization. (Oh, by the way, Hesse went insane and killed himself.)

Discover the Two Halves

Don't get the wrong idea. I don't believe that every neurotic insane freak has found God, but there must have been countless people who have chosen a trip that their body couldn't handle. (Perhaps a higher existence more suited to their heads.) I also don't believe that my goal in life is to kill myself (even if that has purpose to it), but one can see a whole new perspective open up when he is, in fact, "born" by realizing his own ultimate aim.

I guess it's like a race between the two halves of what you are. Don't let your body be your better half. Expose it, touch it, scratch it and love it, but don't let it die before you do. Live within it; not for it. Dig? If Hari Kari turns your stomach, work it out with your body to die together. Out of sight.

ESP

Sweet Charity: A Sequel

by Eric S. Palles

IF YOU HAPPENED to read the last issue of this newspaper, or more specifically my column, you might have noted that it contained an attack (both brilliant and scathing I like to think) against the military spending on the Safeguard ABM system. Government spending and military blundering are choice topics for a malcontent such as myself.

Changing My Style

Well, some of my readership (if there is any) will be glad to know that I've changed my ways. Criticism of the federal government is of little concern to the typical Niles East student and therefore will be discontinued. Besides, I've found enough to criticize right around here.

That's why this time I'll talk about the spending and blundering of our own Student Council.

LET ME PREFACE these remarks by asking you to remember that Choir had been planning a trip to Florida to sing at a national convention of educators. Each member agreed to pay for his plane fare and began "canning" to raise money for additional expenses.

It was suggested by a certain Council member that Council give the choir some needed money. After talking to Mr. Auge, Council's sponsor, Mr. Wood, asked Council for an appropriation of \$250. Council voted to give this amount to Choir as a loan. The offer was refused. However, a hasty assembly of Council was called. The group, which barely composed a quorum, voted by a small margin to present the \$250 as a gift.

Red Faces

The choir returned last week with a large casualty rate from sunburn, but the furor that arose left Council red in the face, too. The fact is that Council had no right to hand over such a large sum without informing a student body that had refused to support Choir's fund-raising activities in the first place. That is the essence of the Student Council: its right to give away money, not whether Choir is a worthwhile cause. And an argument could certainly be made about that.

ASSUMING, THOUGH, that Council does have the money and the right to spend it, I have thought of other ways in which they could spend it.

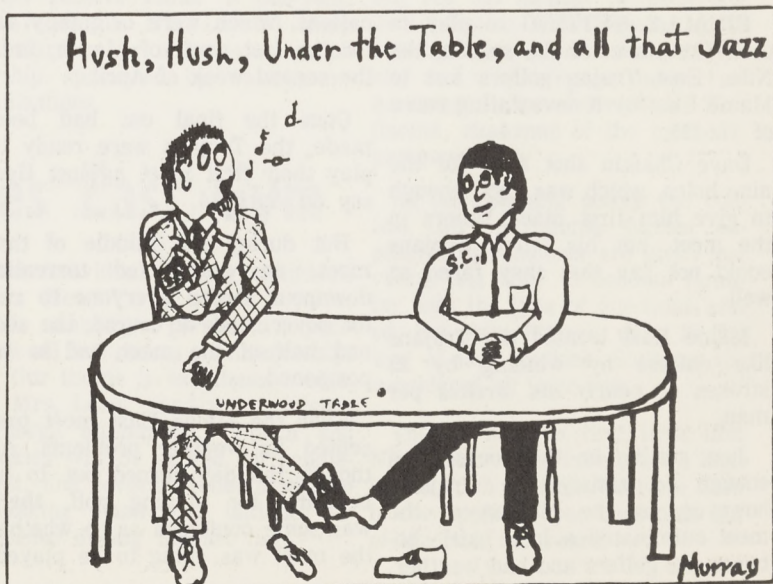
A scholarship fund for all deserving students who are left-handed athletes of Polish-Japanese descent who plan a career in the field of marine biology could be established.

Taking the chess club on a trip to watch the World Chess Championship in Oslo, Norway, could be arranged.

A Student Council dinner, rather than breakfast, serving free cocktails and seven-course meals to the students and offering choice of fish or fowl, could be instigated.

This dole from Student Council will make it the most progressive government since The New Deal.

Big Deal.



Netmen to Face Highland Park, Oak Park



SMASH! Tom Beaver, '70, puts away a point in practice against Ernie Miller and Dave Wiggins.

EVANSTON'S WILDKIT tennis team smashed the Trojan netmen last Friday to give East an 0-1 record in Suburban League competition. Evanston won the match 5-0 with Bob Riessen and Bob Thompson leading the way. This loss gave Nilehi a 4-3 dual meet record for the season.

However, on Tuesday the Trojans came back to beat perennial patsy Morton East and bring their SL record to 1-1 and their season ledger to 5-3. Last week the Trojans split, claiming a victory over Riverside-Brookfield and getting bombed by the New Trier West Cowboys in two non-league meets.

Wiggins Wins

Senior Dave Wiggins began the 5-0 rout of Riverside by winning his number one singles match 6-0, 6-1. Juniors Jeff Allen and Tom Beaver, playing at number two and three singles respectively, then won their matches. Allen coasted to a 6-0, 6-3 victory while Beaver triumphed in a 6-0, 6-0 laugher.

Nilehi's number one doubles team of Ernie Miller and Tony Pougoulatos also won, beating their R-B opponents 6-0, 6-0. Marc Berger and Barry Lehrman, at number two doubles, squeaked by in their first set winning a 10-8

thriller. However, they blasted through for a 6-0 second set victory.

Coach Morrison has switched the number two doubles team due to early season losses, replacing Bruce Lent with Lehrman. Lent shows more promise as a singles player because his ground strokes are stronger than his net game.

Karzen Dominates

Against New Trier West the Trojans were crushed by one of the strongest teams in the state. Wiggins was slaughtered by sophomore Jerry Karzen 6-0, 6-2. Karzen frequently rushed the net to put away Wiggins' desperate returns

with spiteful ease. Wiggins rarely attempted to lob, and when he did the slots were usually deep. Karzen, however, usually was within inches of the baseline and demonstrated absolute confidence throughout the match.

Allen and Beaver also fared poorly, losing 2-6, 4-6 and 4-6, 2-6 respectively. Miller and Pougoulatos fell 1-6, 4-6 to give East its four defeats. Lehrman and Berger picked up the only Trojan victory 3-6, 6-4, 6-1.

THIS AFTERNOON the Trojans travel to Highland Park to meet the Little Giants while on Tuesday Nilehi hosts Oak Park.

East Loses Triangular

IN THE FIRST outdoor meet of the season, the Niles East Trojan track team came in third place in the Waukegan Triangular April 12.

It was a tough day for the Trojans, who were up against Waukegan and a strong New Trier West team.

New Trier West took six firsts in the meet out of 13 events to total 58 points, easily beating out Waukegan with 27 points, and the Trojans with 23.

Portman First

MARC Portman's 42'4½" in the shot put gave him first place while Steve Rose finished fourth in that event.

Jasper Tovalacci won the 440 yard dash to give the Trojans five of their points, while Steve Kaminsky added another five by winning the pole vault event.

Tovalacci also finished fourth in both the 220 yard dash, and the 100 yard dash.

Gary Covitt and Bob Moss took fourth in the low hurdles and the mile respectively.

Sophs Lose

While the varsity was having a tough time, the sophomores had their share of hard luck by being edged out of second place by New Trier by one point.

Bob Minsberg led the Trojan scoring by capturing first place in the 880 yard run.

THE TROJANS also took second place finishes in the 880 yard relay, the mile relay, and the long jump in which Ben Matsumoto did 17'3", marks not quite good enough for a team second place.

Trojans Gain First Win Over Waukegan

RICK RICE'S heroics with both the glove and the bat gave the Niles East Trojans varsity baseball team its first victory of the season against Waukegan last Saturday, 2-1, in the second game of a doubleheader.

With two men out in the bottom of the sixth, Rice lined a single to left field that sent Rich Rothstein across home plate with the winning run.

But that was not all Rice did for Troy last Saturday. In the top of

the fifth, with the Trojans losing 1-0, he made a spectacular diving catch on a line drive hit to right center that could have possibly gone for a home run had he not grabbed it.

THIS CATCH set the stage for the Trojans' comeback in the game as the pitcher, Gary Binder, helped his own cause by doubling home Tom Ryan from second base with the tying run. In the next inning, Rice completed the day's heroics with his game winning single.

By defeating Waukegan, the Trojans chalked up their first victory of the season after losing four straight. However, the first three losses were exhibition games and do not count on the Trojans' record.

The only loss that does count is the one Waukegan handed to Troy in the first game of the doubleheader.

In that game, the Trojans played in their exhibition style by committing five errors and scoring no runs as Waukegan won, 6-0.

STEVE FINE took the loss while giving up all six runs, but assistant coach Karl DeJonge credited Fine with pitching a good game. The five errors committed by the Trojans were all involved in Waukegan's run scoring and did not help Fine's cause.



SENIOR GARY BINDER throws a strike against Waukegan as the Trojans gained their first victory of the season.

Golfers Lose to Maine E.

FINALLY GETTING to play in their first meet of the season, the Niles East Trojan golfers lost to Maine East by a devastating score of 172-195.

Dave Chaikin shot a 40 for the nine holes, which was good enough to give him first place honors in the meet, but his fellow Trojans could not say that they fared so well.

Maine East treated the Trojans like duffers by winning by 23 strokes or nearly six strokes per man.

Just getting on the course was enough to satisfy the Trojans, however, as the playing of the meet culminated a long battle between the golfers and bad weather.

A SNOWFALL postponed quali-

cations, which were originally set for the last week of March, until the second week of April.

Once the final out had been made, the Trojans were ready to play their first meet against Hersey on April 14.

But during the middle of that meet, an unexpected torrential downpour forced everyone to run for cover, and, of course, the second half of the meet had to be postponed.

Even the Maine East meet presented its weather problems. Although the day turned out to be beautiful for playing golf, there was some confusion as to whether the meet was going to be played.

WITH DARK, foreboding clouds

hovering in the sky during the morning before the meet, it was decided to call the meet off. But by the end of the school day, the sun had come out, and the decision was reversed. Unfortunately for the Trojans, the new decision was not relayed to some of the golfers, and the team had to play without them.

Without some of the stars, the Trojans did not finish too well, but they did have their first chance to play a full nine holes this year.

For the varsity, besides Dave Chaikin's 40, Bruce Endres shot a 47, Bruce Horvitz scored a 52, Steve Deutsch and Brad Berman both had 53's, and Bruce Jacobs shot a 55 at the tough Arlington Country Club course.

REPLAY

An Asinine Situation

by Joel Schatz

ACCORDING TO THE official "philosophy of athletics" of the Niles schools, the sports program is designed to give boys an opportunity to develop initiative, to learn to be good losers, to mold a spirit of competition, and stimulate sportsmanship.

Ninety-eight per cent of the time, this is what is accomplished, or at least attempted.

DURING THE OTHER two per cent of the time, though, an entirely different attitude has developed. It is not the official policy or planned result, and even those involved would probably agree that it is regrettable.

It may surface, at most, a half dozen times a year, and is by no means typical or indicative of the sports program. The ridiculous thing is that it exists at all.

THE PROBLEM IS SIMPLY that certain individuals, either temporarily or throughout their lives, have lost sight of the basic ideals and purposes of sports. They have either adopted a win-at-all-costs-and-let-the-injured-fall-where-they-may attitude, or they have twisted their personal athletic excellence into an altar unto themselves, and declared "Let the world worship me, and the team be damned."

The problem shows itself on all levels, both among coaches and competitors. Sometimes it is very open and obvious. At other times, it appears only in the form of a passive gesture.

IT IS VERY evident when a superstar comes charging off the field after "something went wrong," throws his helmet to the ground, and has a tantrum in front of 2,000 fans, his team, and his coach.

The loss of purpose is again apparent when a gym teacher demands respect from his class during calisthenics, and then wants to be "one of the gang" during the game. It is magnified when the same coach engages in intentional "unsportsmanlike conduct" in front of 80 students.

AND IT IS reintensified when a student who has been cited for his athletic and community leadership physically retaliates against a coach because he has been "slapped" in the course of close contact competition.

When every senior on a team decides not to go out in his final year, and explains that, among other reasons, he didn't think the new coach would be very good, the situation presents itself in a less explosive light.

THE PROBLEM CAN only be solved through the decisions of the individuals involved.

I repeat that the situation is not typical or indicative of any type of trend in sports. My only comment is that its very existence is completely asinine.