

# NILEHILITE

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NILES EAST HIGH SCHOOL, SKOKIE, ILL.

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## 73 graduates leave mid-term

Graduation exercises for the 73 mid-term graduates (19 participants) were held Friday, February 3, at 8 p.m., in the student lounge.

Miss Rita Stewart gave the welcome speech, and the students sang "When Love Is Kind" and "A Man Doesn't Know." Principal Galend Hosler then awarded the students with their diplomas and made a short closing speech. Refreshments were then served to the graduates and their guests.

**THE GRADUATES INCLUDED** Yanai Adaky, Glenn Agrest, Aaron Alman, Elaine Bergman, Bruce Bower, Donna Burke, Madonna Carlson, Mary Carney, Andrea Cohn, Laura DeFratus, Mark Deutsch, Lisa Donna, Paula Dorfman, Ross Edelman, Ellyn Fertel, Mark Freedman, Lynn Friedman, Tina Georgeow, Loren Girovich, Sari Gold, Allan Goldenberg, Bonnie Grimson, Silvia Halperin, and Frances Hasegawa.

The graduates also were Randall Hertel, Kathi Isserman, Roger Jaklin, Dawn Johanson, Beth Kahan, Jeri Kamenir, Richard Kane, Lori Kaplin, Teri Katz, Howard Katzman, Mary Knish, Michael Kolpas, Jill Kozak, Christine Kot, Scott Krause, Gary Krawetz, Roberta Levin, Michael Meyer, Lynda Michell, Barbara Mueller, Carolyn Ohlwein, Michael O'Malley, Kristyn Pamper, Sheryl Pearlman, Beth Posmantier, and Philip Risch.

The graduates also included Jonathan Ritter, Michael Rosen, Jay Rosenzweig, Elana Rubinstein, Diane Sanchez, Anita Schatz, Hollie Scher, Kim Shimizu, Francine Simon, Alan Spanjer, Alan Spiegel, Kathryn Stukas, Barry Tscheyka, Sandy Vocos, Marci Weber, Karen Weidenbach, Rosalie Weiss, Kenneth Weitzman, Donna Wilson, Harry Yablon, Marci Zimble, Jean Mannelle, and Sherry Shayman.

## District tries to provide substitutes

School districts throughout the country are faced with the problem of providing continuous classroom instruction during the year for students.

**THIS GOAL** must be attained in spite of a substantial increase in teaching absenteeism during recent years, according to a report presented to the Board of Education at the end of last year.

Illinois public school districts spent approximately \$32 million during the 1975-76 school year to pay for substitutes for absent teachers.

This is one of the findings of a **Report on Teacher Absenteeism in the Public Schools of Illinois** which was presented to the State Board of Education and was conducted by the Academy for Educational Development, the Public Policy Division, of Indianapolis, Indiana.

**THE REPORT STATES** that "teacher

absenteeism is a problem of continuing concern among many districts and has, in fact, occupied the energies of a number of educators and board members for several years. Teacher absenteeism has the potential to be a serious problem for Illinois ...

"Teacher absenteeism as a problem may be aggravated rather than alleviated in the years ahead."

According to the report, during a five year period 1971-72 through 1975-76 the median rate of absenteeism increased 16 per cent, the median expenditures by school districts for substitutes rose by 36 per cent, and salaries statewide increased by 34.4 per cent.

**THE RESULTS SHOWED** almost 50 per cent of all reported teacher absences occur on either Friday or Monday (23.6 per cent on Friday and 22.6 per cent on Monday), with only 17.5 per cent occurring on Tuesday, 18.5 per cent on Wednesday, and 17.8 per cent on Thursday.

Illness was the reported reason for 96 per cent of all teacher absence days in the sample 252 districts, a response rate of 86 per cent.

At present, Illinois teachers are allowed, by The School Code of Illinois, such leave "not less in amount than 10 days at full pay in each school year," and they may accumulate up to 90 days of sick leave.

**THE REPORT SUGGESTS** that principals should consider interviewing

teachers who seem to have an absenteeism problem and considering excessive absenteeism as a factor in evaluating and rating teachers.

The report offered other recommendations including a suggestion that the district should provide in-school training for substitutes and a certificate should be completed by a teacher's doctor and filed at the district office after three days of illness.

In approaching the problem at Niles Township, the three schools provide substitute teachers in order to maintain their educational programs, and as a legal and educational responsibility of the profession. Board of Education feels regular staff members should be called to perform the responsibilities of the substitute if none are available.

**SEVERAL STATISTICS FOLLOW** concerning Niles Township absentees.

—During the 1976-77 school year teachers were absent a total of 4218.5 days, (including the strike days).

—East teacher were absent less, 1046 days a year, compared to West, 1615, and Niles North, 1557, last year.

—The beginning and end months of school had the lowest absenteeism rates for last year.

—At East, teachers were absent 17.3 per cent on Monday and 25.2 per cent on Fridays.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** See the following page for an editorial on substitutes in the classroom.

## Music students to perform 'Damn Yankees'

The Niles East Drama Department will present the musical, "Damn Yankees" March 9 to 11 at 8 p.m., in the auditorium.

The musical which was written in the late 50's is the story of a baseball player, Joe Hardy, (Ed Nemmers) who wants his team to win the pennant so much that he declares he would sell his soul for the pennant. The devil later appears in the disguise of a character named Applegate (Bill Elliot) and offers a bargain to Hardy who then becomes the team's star player.

**THE DIRECTORS INCLUDE** Jerry Proffit, Robert Anderson, vocals; Timothy Wolfram, orchestra; and Frank Mayfield, technical director. Mrs. Hazel Larsen and Mrs. Bettie Ladd are in charge of costume and design and Marla Lanpert, a dance major from Northeastern University, will serve as choreographer.

The cast consists of ten crews with about 150 members. Auditions as well as crews were open to all students. Students were selected for the musical on the basis of a memorized cut from the play, which determined the student's acting abilities, a short dance which showed the student's coordination, and a song selection from the show. The drama department offered two clinics, preceding the tryouts, where students could learn the dance and song.

**STUDENTS HAVE BEEN REHEARSING** the musical for two weeks. Rehearsals are held every day after school from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., and students are required to attend rehearsals when held on Saturdays.

When asked how the department directors had chosen "Damn Yankees" as this year's musical, Proffit replied, "We try to select a production by determining the appeal to the audience. We must also consider the vocal demands of the singers. For instance, this show doesn't require too many tenors; therefore the range will be better for the students. We must also consider the set changes and the cost of costume rental."

Proffit felt that the production was progressing quite well and is pleased with the work in the department. The department will present a drama in the spring, the title of which is currently undecided. At present, the music department is involved in a few other productions, a spring concert and the junior high concert.

**TICKET SALES** for "Damn Yankees" begin March 1. They will sell for \$1.75 - \$2.75.

## Board approves curriculum changes

The Board of Education approved the plans to establish a uniform set of English course requirements for all three Nilehi schools for September 1978.

Five of the six semesters of English must be taken in certain classes to fulfill graduation requirements. Freshmen will still take a one year introductory course but this must be followed by a year of

sophomore English, designed to expand the students' skills. The student also must take a semester of American Literature.

**THE BOARD TOLD** the director's that each course should be taught at three different ability levels. The establishment of the new program will assure East students arriving at North and West

in 1980 of a common English background with their classmates, according to Lee Hawkins, Director of English.

The students will benefit because they will have two years of foundational English skills to help them prepare for the harder classes.

**"TEACHER WILL THEN BE ABLE** to make certain assumptions that they couldn't make in the past with youngsters coming from different backgrounds," explained Hawkins.

The English department still plans to maintain the elective courses if students demand them. The department wants students to take elective classes in addition to the basic program, not in place of it.

A new curriculum also was designed in the social studies department which will go into effect September 1978.

The social studies teachers from the three schools made several suggestions to provide for commonality for course offerings which is definitely needed for the transfer from three schools to two, according to Thomas Giles, social studies director. It is also important to assure students from the three high schools similar experiences in social studies.

**THE CURRICULUM STATES** that freshmen must take People and their Culture, first semester. Second semester, the students will be able to choose from an area study concentrated on the Middle East, Japan and China or on Africa, India, and China; sophomore year, they will be expected to take one semester of Western civilization; junior year, they are required to take a U.S. history survey course.

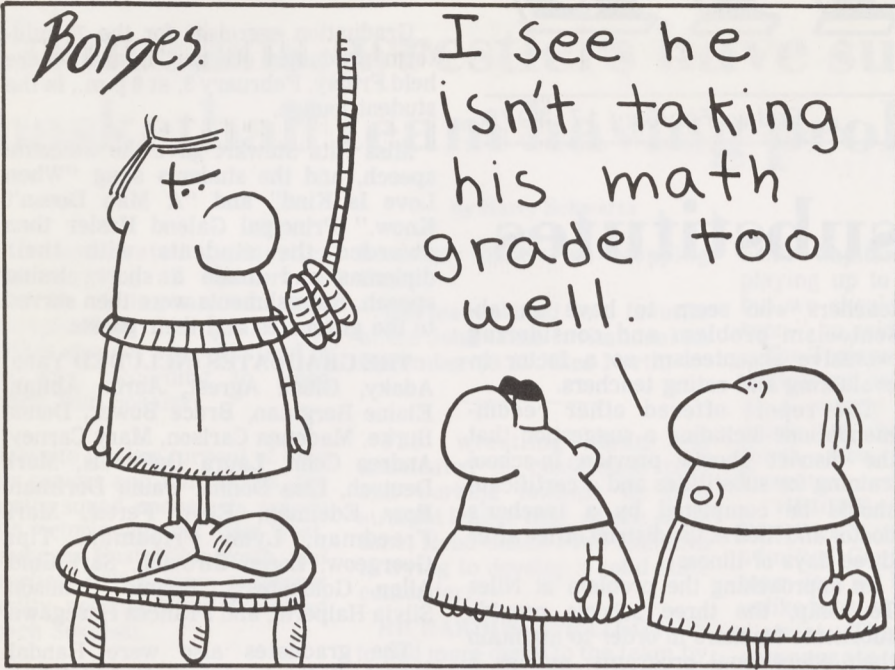
The students will still have to fulfill the basic requirement of three years or six semesters of social studies, but they will still have electives to choose from.

**ALL SOCIAL STUDIES CLASSES** will be taught on one level although APP courses will be offered. Giles feels that this is a step in the right direction, "because life is heterogeneous, consisting of various levels of abilities." He also feels that students can learn different ideas from their classmates of different abilities.



Tom Sokalski congratulates senior gymnast Jim Burke on taking first place in the pommel horse event of the district gymnastic meet. Burke finished with a 7.95 score. Dave Nisson (left of Burke) took a second, scoring a 6.5. Additional gymnastics coverage on sports page.





### Nilehilite looks different; printer implements limitations

The Nilehilite may look different to our readers because we have been forced to change our printing style.

At the beginning of January, when school was resumed after winter vacation, the staff was notified that Des Plaines Publishing Company had new owners. Along with the new owners were different formats and limitations.

One of the most obvious changes is the four column layout. Until this issue, we have been able to use four and five columns. (Four columns on the news and editorial pages and five columns on the feature and sports page.)

WE HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED, along with other newspapers which Des Plaines prints, from using various type sizes and headlines. We will only be able to use four different headline styles.

Besides the Nilehilite undergoing these changes, the newspaper will not have

any hoods, backgrounds, screens, shadings, boxes, or frills.

The staff discussed these changes and even though we dislike the changes we have decided to finish the year with the publishing company.

The staff could do nothing about the changes. The school never had a contract with the company and has just followed whatever they changed. For example, the company used to deliver and pick up the copy for the newspaper. The school was not able to argue when they forced this hardship onto the staff. Now, the staff and advisor are responsible for seeing that the copy is delivered and picked up.

ANOTHER CHANGE that the staff could do little or nothing about in the past, because a contract was never set up, was deadlines. Four years ago the staff had later deadlines and did not have to do paste-ups. They would design a layout on paper and the printer would cut out the material and paste it down onto a dummy lay-out sheet. Now, the staff must first do a lay-out and then paste-ups. Since we have to do paste-ups the first copy must go to the printer earlier.

The staff just stayed with the company and agreed upon the changes. It seems as if the company can do anything they want to us and get away with it because we don't have a contract.

AT THE BEGINNING of the school year, next year's staff should either set up a contract with the printer, writing down all freedom the staff will have. If next year's staff feels that they do not want to do paste-ups and want to have boxes and borders they should change printers.

For the time being the Nilehilite will be published by Des Plaines Publishing Company. The second semester staff can just hope that the company does not implement any further changes.

### Feedback

## Senate president rebukes letter

Dear Editor,

In response to a feedback letter in the last issue I would like to comment on some matters that I found to be ridiculously erroneous to say the least.

The originator of the letter, Chuck Heftman, has had very little to say to me in the past. The two things that he requested of me were, first, to appoint him Judge Advocate of the Student Appeals Board and, second, to change a constitution that was ratified by the entire student body. The appointment was my decision, but changing a constitution approved by 77 per cent of the student body is more illegal than anything I am being accused of in his meaningless letter. Using my best judgement I denied both of his requests.

Even the assumed facts of his letter are nothing but hallucinations of an envious mind. The constitution was posted in every homeroom and was ratified in a very democratic manner. The figures given would be just as accurate if they were drawn from a hat.

Concerning my inactivity last summer: although it is in no way required of me, after I returned from programs at two colleges and a vacation in Minnesota, I spent the last month of my summer, meeting with last year's Senate president, Howard Steirman.

It's true that I am running things differently this year. I am the kind of leader who likes to see results. My concern for East students goes far beyond Chuck's expressions of personal interests.

Chuck, as a Senate member, you are expected to represent the students with an open mind. What are these marvelous things, that according to you, the students are being deprived of? I can't

have any respect for someone who destructively criticizes and neither offers or knows of any solutions.

As for the computer dance and school spirit project, if you don't approve of the ideas, you're not supposed to vote for them, Chuck. When a person does that they are referred to as a hypocrite.

I want to see something tangible being done for East students and I want Senate to be closer and more important to students. That's what I stand for and that's why I'm doing these things. There's nothing wrong with Senate becoming sociable, but this does not mean that I'm not concerned with school policies.

As long as they will eventually benefit the students, I am all for putting in my time and energy, but there is no war with the administration. The opinion of some students that the administrators are plotting against the students is justifiably ridiculous. These people are paid to see that the quality of education at our school is upheld, and they have nothing to gain by doing us wrong.

The revolutionary days of the sixties are gone, and it's about time that we made clear our alliance with the administration for the purpose of improving the quality of education at East.

John Lopez '78  
Student Senate president

## Substitutes often 'babysit' for teachers

Substitutes may earn \$35 a day but almost all of them leave the school with one thing in common, a headache.

When a substitute replaces the teacher for a day, students immediately react. Some begin pranks; others start talking and do not stop for 40 minutes; others react in distress because they missed their planned test that they had studied for all night.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES are usually cancelled when the regular teacher isn't present because they have to be there to mark it, teach it their own way, or to watch for moving eyes during tests.

In the report presented to the Board, substitutes will be given the class lesson or instructions of how to spend the period by the regular teacher. Students sometimes experience a completely

different assignment from what they've been doing.

Some teachers, when absent, just leave the substitute an assignment to give the class and then they are instructed to collect them at the end of the period. For that class the substitute is getting paid to "babysit" or protect the students from trouble. In other classes a movie may be shown to the students and it's usually the student, not the substitute, who works the projector.

Other days when one has a substitute he may be lucky. He may have a substitute who teaches a regular class. Usually then, the class is kept in control.

However, not all substitutes sit back. Some try to teach the class but usually the class doesn't allow the substitute to even talk about work.

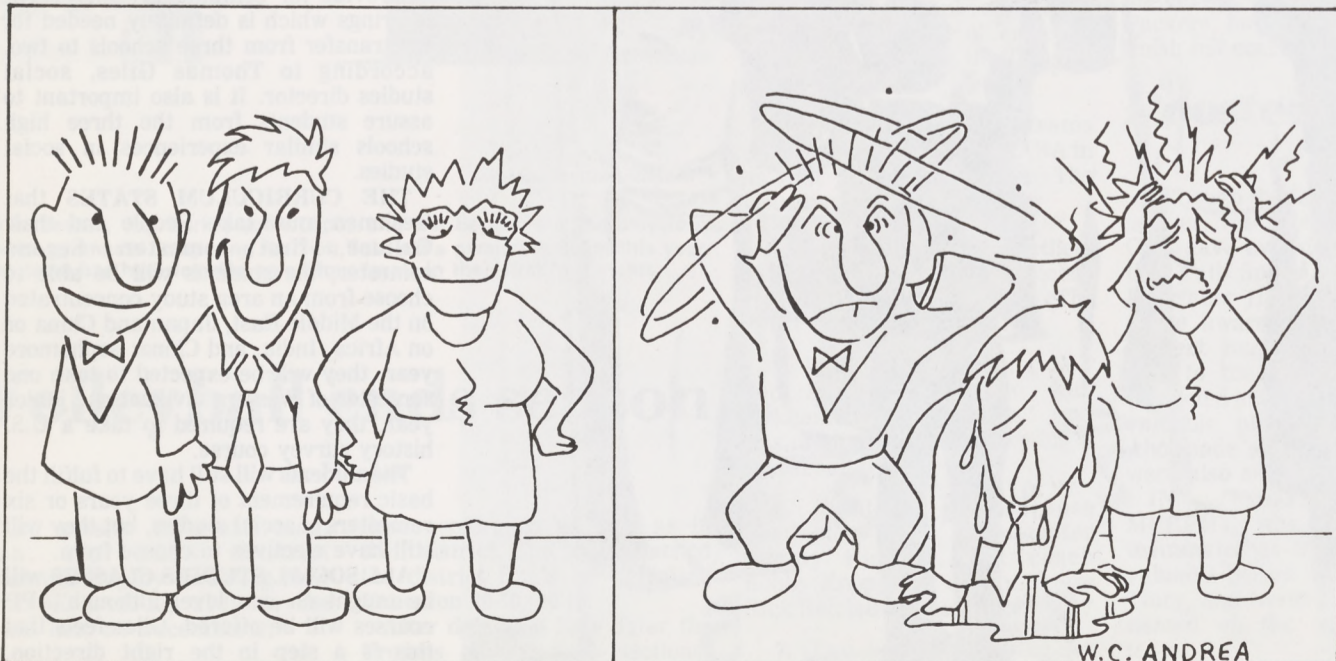
A FEW SUBSTITUTES are relatively knowledgeable on the class topics. Those are the ones who discussed the class with the regular teacher and are able to follow the teacher's instructions. One may encounter a substitute whom he finds is a more enjoyable teacher than his regular. Those are the ones to be desired.

Substitute expenditures don't have to be costing the district the \$135,000 that is allowed for 1977-78. The practical arts department, directed by Dr. Barbara Ray, has been using an alternative plan since 1972 when no qualified substitutes were available.

The teacher posts an assignment on the door to be done that period in the resource centers and returned into the director's office at the end of the class period. Dr. Ray recommends it for this department and not the others because in practical arts the classes are more skilled and dangerous.

THE STAFF RECOMMENDS that the school evaluate substitutes closer and take necessary actions against teachers who are continually absent. The staff would like students, teachers, and substitutes to voice their opinions on absenteeism.

All Letters to the Editor should be submitted to a staff member or Mrs. Panos' box in the main office.



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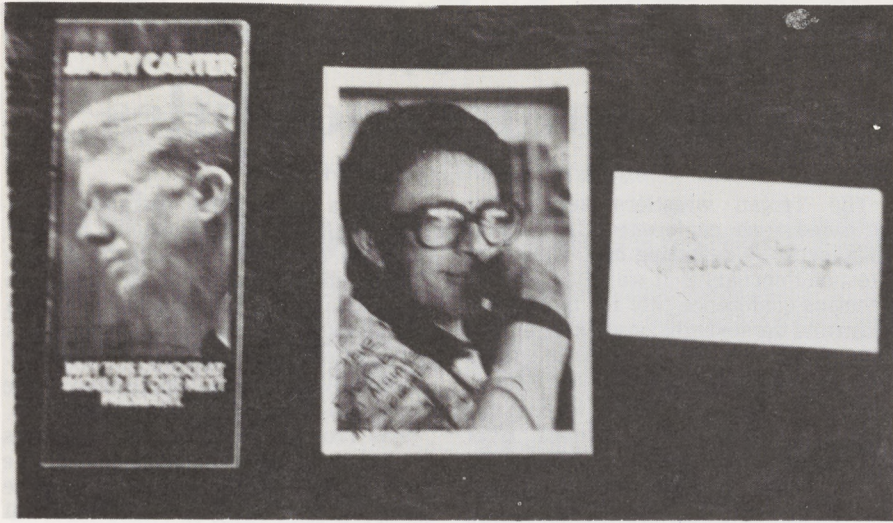
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Steve Shayman '79 collects autographs with pictures of well-known people. Three examples (left to right) include President Jimmy Carter, Bill Bixby, and Casey Stengel.

## Autographs bring collector unforgettable moments

"Almost everyone has obtained an autograph at one time or another, whether it be a movie or TV star or a sports figure," exclaimed Steve Shayman '79.

In its most elementary form this hobby involves collecting the signatures of the world's celebrities. These people tend to congregate in ball parks and theaters.

"I COLLECT SIGNATURES because when someone signs an autograph for me, it's as if I've had a private moment with the person. It might be just a few seconds, but I'll never forget it. The signed slip of paper is the evidence of that private moment," explained Steve.

People who obtain signatures by mail are regarded as "serious collectors," eligible for an opportunity to receive more valuable material, such as signed photographs and actual replies from the people to whom one chooses to write. For example, writing to any government official one will usually receive an 8 x 10 signed photograph with an occasional brief note on official stationery.

"WHEN I ASK A CELEBRITY a provoking question, I discover that it's possible to obtain information that has real significance and most important dollar value," said Steve. "So you see, receiving a meaningful reply can be rewarding to both you, your pride, your sense of accomplishment and your pocketbook, should you ever decide to sell your collection."

Celebrities' mailing addresses are available in the library from reference sources such as the World Almanac, Who's Who, or Current Biography Yearbook.

"MY COLLECTION is comprised of approximately 500 sports autographs, assorted United States officials, as well as miscellaneous entertainment figures," added Steve.

"I have found autograph collecting satisfying and worthwhile. If you should decide to start a collection yourself, you won't be disappointed," concluded Steve.

## 'Operation Re-Entry' helps teenagers

### Editor's Note:

The information for the following article was submitted to the staff by a student who learned about "Operation Re-Entry" while visiting Florida.

"Operation Re-Entry," a program located in Dade County, Miami Beach, Florida, helps teenagers with problems related to drugs, school, family life, and simply identity.

THE CENTER was started by Warren Klein, who understands the problems that troubled teenagers have because he experienced similar problems as a teenager. "I've been that route before. I can remember when I was younger, ditching classes. I was on every drug imaginable—pot, pills, heroin. I even overdosed on cough medicine."

Klein feels the center is an alternative to the juvenile offender which he was in and out of. "I feel there must be another answer—not just locking kids up in cages." Klein feels that the center "tried to provide a positive environment to give the teenager some direction." He stresses the fact that center isn't a hangout or a school.

One of the key goals of the program is to help both parents and youth. Parents are also encouraged to become involved in the program. This would make parents more aware of their child's problems and it would help them cope.

Many of the teenagers are referred to the program by juvenile courts,

probation officers and parents. However, Klein believes the program won't work unless the youth wants to help him or herself.

EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT an Open House is held for the youths and their families to get together and discuss their problems and their accomplishments. "The program is all part of the mind. In order to change you must want to change; when you want to change, you will feel that you have changed. This is important in solving problems and making a new start," added Klein.

Youths entering the program must be interviewed first. The youths are then given a set of rules and standards by which they and their parents must abide in order to remain in "Operation Re-Entry."

"OPERATION RE-ENTRY" teaches its members to become mature, responsible adults, and their regulations prevent reliance on others and on liquor or drugs.

The program consists of various "levels." New arrivals are on the lowest level, or C level. They must come seven days a week and also must follow directions and help around the center. Participants on the B level come six days and those on the A level come five days a week. When ending the program, youths participate in a "phase-out," which only requires them to come three days a week. "Graduates" may return at any

time.

The center also operates a "homebound school." Youths come to the center after school two days a week. The purpose is to help prevent association with negative influences.

ALTHOUGH THE PROGRAM does not have a punishment system it does operate a "Learning Experience." When participating in the "Learning Experience," youths can remember their weaknesses and try to correct them.

### Pizza survey

## Students become connoisseurs

by Jim Adelman

The simple mention of "pizza" can invariably lead a person's mouth to water and stomach to growl.

That round little disc with tomatoes, cheese, and sausage is one of the most popular foods today and East students know what they like. A recent survey of Easthi students enables one to get an idea of where to go for the best in thin, thick, and stuffed pizza.

IN THE THIN-CRUSTED PIZZA DEPARTMENT, the overall favorites were LaRosa's, Eastern Style, and Piazza's. Most students said that they liked Gulliver's Pan Pizza the best, though Gino's East, Pequod's, My Pie and Lou Malnati's were right behind. If stuffed pizza is your preference, the students highly recommended Nancy's, Piazza's, or Giordano's.

Each student who helped participate in the survey was asked why he or she preferred the one type of pizza they had chosen as best. The reasons varied. Many students said that they preferred pan pizza because of the thickness of crust, cheese, and overall taste; while others who like thin pizza commented that they don't want to get filled up on a lot of crust and would rather have extra ingredients such as mushrooms, onions, green peppers, or anchovies.

STUFFED PIZZA is gaining popularity because as it was said, of the unique way it's made which includes extra cheese and a double crust with the ingredients baked inside. It could literally be called a "pizza pie."

So why not check out one of the places selected by our own student connoisseurs this weekend.

## Landecker doesn't create image; WLS disc jockey enjoys ego

"I am not going to manufacture an image, trying to be something I'm not," explained John Records (his real name) Landecker, WLS disc jockey.

LANDECKER APPEARED in the student lounge January 12, periods 4 and 5, where he presented a documentary film entitled "Studio A—Profile of a Disc Jockey."

The program, which was attended by about 500 people, was arranged by the East Radio Club in late November. Landecker, who generally charges \$250 per appearance, came free. The program was directed by Mrs. Muriel Sucherman, Miss Sharon Corombos, Radio Club sponsor; and Jon Schwartz, club president.

Landecker felt that a large number of students who attended the Forum were interested in broadcasting.

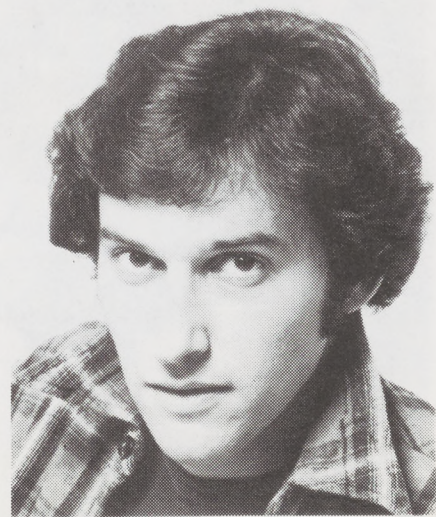
AS THE AUDIENCE settled down in chairs and floor to view the movie Landecker yelled, "Pass out the popcorn and no necking in the back!"

Landecker explained that the reason he looked heavier in the film was due to the fact that it had been filmed one year ago at the WLS studio. He also said he treated the camera as if it were a visitor.

In the film, Landecker admitted that he started as a custodian for a radio station, where he earned little money. In college he majored in communication arts. He obtained his first full-time job in Philadelphia and was offered a job in Chicago three years later. He immediately accepted the position, and commented, "I like it here a lot. A real

nice, big city." He also said that on WLS there's more freedom of speech, so he can say whatever he wants to and that's why he started "Boogie Check."

LANDECKER REVEALED that he learned to be a disc jockey through on-the-air experience. He doesn't create his image, but the people who listen do. He went into explaining a handsome guy, to give listeners that image. But why does this man give his life to being a disc jockey? "Ego is the reason a disc jockey gets on the air," concluded Landecker.



John Records Landecker spoke about being a WLS disc jockey to East students on January 12 in the student lounge.

## News-in-Brief

THE STUDENT ACTIVITIES BOARD officers as elected in the spring 77 have resigned as of January 11, 1978. The officers included Jerry Lavin, president; Cheri Gassel, vice-president; Howard Levco, secretary; and Bob Silverman, treasurer. Miss Rita Stewart, student activities director still feels the need for development of a Student Activities Board. Meetings will be held to discuss the need for SAB and to elect new officers.

THE ENROLLMENT for next year, 1978-79 will be decreased by about 374 students, according to a report on enrollment projections at the end of 1977. In addition, 300-500 less students are expected to enroll for each year for at least the next six years. By fall of 1980, enrollment will have dropped by 37.4 per cent.

MRS. BARBARA HANDLER, East counselor, will only accept appointments for Thursdays because she adopted a baby girl. Students can make appointments to meet with Mrs. Marilyn Stoumen who is serving as a substitute counselor.

MARRIOTT'S GREAT AMERICA will hold performing auditions for students, at least 16 by April 1, February 18-19, and 24-26 at the Marriott's Lincolnshire Resort. The amusement park needs talented people, singers, dancers, tumblers, jugglers, and clowns. For

further information call 249-1234.

EAST'S CLASS OF '52 held its 25th year class reunion on February 11 at the Arlington Park Hilton Hotel in Arlington Heights.

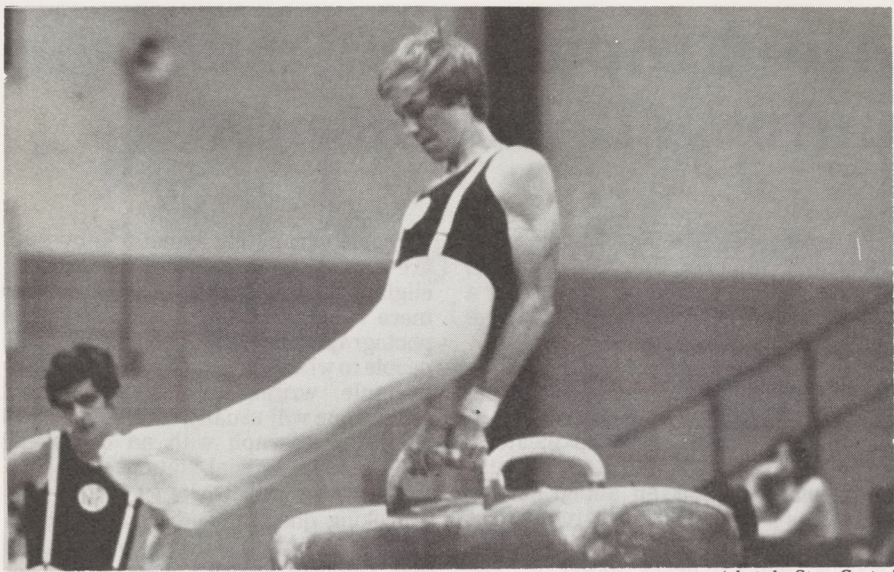
SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES for students in Israel will be described in a program sponsored by the Chicago Jewish Youth Council February 19 at 7:30 p.m., at the Bernard Horwich JCC. Information on tour, study, scholarships, and work programs will be given. For information call 761-9100.

CHICAGO'S OPERA STUDIO will present the Barber of Seville, a comedy, on February 18 at Niles West. Tickets at \$4 for students can be obtained at the Skokie Fine Arts Center (677-5038), First National Bank of Skokie, and Village Hall.

THE DEVONSHIRE PLAYHOUSE will present The Good Doctor by Neil Simon February 25, 26 and March 4, 5, 11, and 12. Advance tickets costing \$2.50 (\$3 at the door) can be purchased now at the center.

DECA STUDENTS and Bill Coulson, coordinator, will travel to Springfield March 2-4 for state competition in marketing, distribution, and retailing. The club is currently promoting the free enterprise system.





(photo by Steve Contos)

Jim Burke captures a first place in the pommel horse event in the recent district meet. Dave Nisson casts a disgusted look after hearing his score of 6.5 on the pommel horse which earned him a second place finish.

## Bowlers end season; basketball has hopes

by Judy Lee

The Niles East bowling team wound up its season with the district tournament held Saturday, February 4. The team placed fifth with Morton West, clinching the first place position. "Districts is a completely new game since only the top five bowlers can compete. A team does not need as much depth," said Coach Dee Whyman.

In regular season play the team finished third on both the varsity and junior varsity level. Maine East placed first in varsity competition and Niles North placed first in junior varsity competition. The team competed in 15 meets with eight varsity and four junior varsity players bowling in each meet. Coach Whyman considers this a building year after losing several top senior bowlers last year. "The girls started out slowly, but improved greatly toward the end of the season," she said. Forty-four girls tried out for the team this year and 22 were kept on the squad.

**TOP BOWLERS FOR EAST** were Virginia Ulloa, with a 144 average, Lori Jensen, 142 average, Jackie Ungar and Dawn Johanson, both with a 140 average.

Trophy winners include Val Scheinplug, high series for the season, Virginia Ulloa, high series at the Maine East Invitational, and Kathy Matz, most pins over average at the Maine East Invitational.

The girls' varsity basketball team is working for a winning season under the direction of new Head Coach Jerry Oswald. The team is currently in third place in their league with a 4-3 con-

## Varsity basketball victorious

by Alan Friedman

The Niles East varsity basketball squad gained its fourth victory of the year with a 65-60 victory over the Highland Park Giants on February 4.

The Trojans, attempting to avenge an earlier defeat by the Giants, which occurred on a last second shot, came out in the first quarter and played even with Highland Park.

The Trojans went into halftime with a 41-40 lead, that was built up by the good shooting of Tad Slowik and Jeff Frankel, and all-around hustle of Dave Sproat.

**THE THIRD QUARTER** was another stand off with the lead changing hands many times. It wasn't until the middle of the fourth quarter when East took a relatively comfortable lead of six points. Although at several times the Giants could have cut the lead down to four or two points, their cold shooting and the strong Trojan defense prevented this.

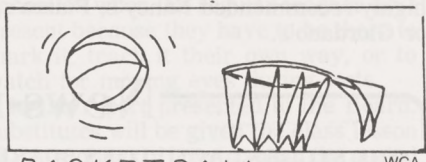
The Trojans will be facing Waukegan West tonight in the final home game of the season. The varsity game begins at 8:15 p.m. and the sophomores play at 6:30 p.m.

ference record. This is Coach Oswald's first year working with the varsity, although last year he coached the junior varsity. When asked how he liked coaching girls, Coach Oswald said, "I really enjoy working with the girls. Their attitude is good and they have a great deal of endurance." Coach Oswald previously coached boys' basketball for 11 years both here and in Iowa.

**THIS YEAR'S TEAM** consists of 12 players, with six returning from last year's squad. While the team does have a low shooting percentage, Coach Oswald is very pleased with the team's rebounding effort and their play on offense.

"We need to work on our defense," commented Oswald. "We can't let other teams run the score up on us."

While hopes of a league championship may be dim because of the fact that both New Trier East and Waukegan West are in the same division with the Trojans, the girls are working hard for at least a second place conference finish and a sectional championship. The girls will be in action February 21 when they face sister school Niles North, here at East.



BASKETBALL WCA

The Trojans against a tough Evanston team fought hard only to lose by four points. In the game, Tad Slowik had 16 points and 20 rebounds. Dave Sproat had 11 points and 18 rebounds and Marc Bercoon had 12 points.

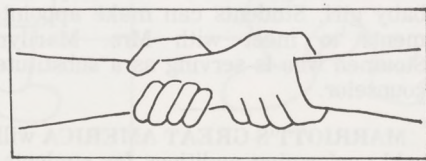
**NILES EAST** 59  
**EVANSTON** 63

Against New Trier East, the Trojans again lost to a much stronger team. Tad Slowik again led the forces with 22 points and 14 rebounds.

**NILES EAST** 52  
**NEW TRIER EAST** 65

The Trojans won their fourth game of the year as they defeated Highland Park. Tad Slowik had 19 points; Dave Sproat added a season high 13 points.

**NILES EAST** 65  
**HIGHLAND PARK** 60



WRESTLING WCA

**VARSIITY**  
**NILES EAST** 23  
**EVANSTON** 22

## Wrestlers, gymnasts gain conference titles

by Barry Schwartz and Alan Friedman

The Trojan wrestlers successfully defended their conference titles on all four levels by defeating host Waukegan West on February 2. It was the fifth consecutive conference title for the varsity team and the seventh consecutive one for the sophomores. The Trojans have now won 18 titles in the last seven years.

The varsity team ranked fifth in the state, won a close contest over Waukegan, 23-21. This meet between the two division leaders came down to the final moments of the last match before the Trojans could claim conference supremacy.

**THE SEASON GOT OFF** to a shaky start for the varsity squad, with many key injuries and defeats. In conference meets, the team lost to non-contender New Trier East and narrowly escaped defeat from Evanston. But it was the "winning tradition," as Head Coach Fred Richardi put it, that turned the whole season around. "The boys wanted to win and they went out and did it," he commented. "The results really amazed me."

Richardi attributes the team's success to spirit, unity, and the excellent coaching of Marootunian and the Poznansky brothers. Richardi mentioned outstanding performances by the following varsity wrestlers as additional reasons of this year's success: Rick Yale, Chuck Purcell, Victor Suarez, Scott Norris, Mark De Mar, Dan Sarasin, Mark Pollack, John La Manna and Orrin Edidin.

**THE JUNIOR-VARSIITY** took its own conference championship defeating Waukegan by a narrow score of 30-26. Leading the way for the Trojans were Ray Martinez, Don Schmidt and Mike Newberger, according to Richardi.

The sophomore team won the conference by beating Waukegan West, 34-19. Outstanding performers included Rich Hyman, Kelly Walls, Tim O'Malley, Hal Nagel and Dave Americas.

**RICHARDI WOULD LIKE** to give special thanks to the wrestletes and all the fans who helped support the team this year.

When a gymnastics team scores a team total of 137.59, they should have all rights to be happy and expect to win. Things didn't go as such for Tom Sokalski and his Trojan gymnasts, who lost 139.61 to 137.59 in district gymnastics competition held at East on February 2.

Niles West, Maine South and Lane Tech also competed in the meet.

The Trojans whose 137.59 points was one of their best performances of the year, fell to defeat for the second time this year to the Wildkits, whose 139.61 was their best outing so far this season.

**EAST TOOK AN EARLY** three point lead after the free exercise and pommel horse competition. Two Trojan performers in each of these events finished in the top five. In the free exercise, Chris Besser scored an outstanding 8.4, only to finish second to Evanston's Dave Macherey. Macherey, who is ranked number one in the state in the free exercise, took first with an 8.7 score. Bill Saputo, with a 7.85, earned a fifth place finish.

In the pommel horse competition, East's Jim Burke as expected took a first with a 7.95 score. Dave Nisson, only a junior, came through with a strong 6.5 and took a second place medal.

This would be the last time the Trojans would hold a lead as Evanston came out on top 90.05 to 89.0 after the horizontal bar and vaulting events.

Chris Besser, with a 7.55 score, took fourth and was the only Trojan who placed in the horizontal bar event. In vaulting, Besser took another fourth with an 8.25, and was followed by fifth place finisher Bill Saputo who scored 8.15.

**EVANSTON INCREASED ITS** small lead by only .35 after the parallel bar event and the Trojans were still in a position to take first with only the rings and all-around scores to be added. However, Evanston outscored East in both events and finished with its first place finish.

Other Tojans who placed high were Chris Besser and Bill Saputo on the parallel bars. Besser also took a first in the rings competition and a third in all-around. Saputo earned a fourth in all-around.

## Scoreboard

compiled by Mark Pos

The Trojans barely escaped defeat from a strong Wildkit team.

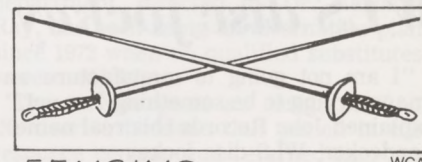
**NILES EAST** 23  
**WAUKEGAN WEST** 21

With this victory over Waukegan, the Trojans captured yet another conference title on the varsity level.

**NILES EAST** 44  
**DEERFIELD** 10

The wrestlers defeated both Deerfield and Glenbrook North in a tri-meet held at East, February 3.

**NILES EAST** 22  
**GLENBROOK NORTH** 21



FENCING WCA

**VARSIITY**  
**NILES EAST** 11  
**NEW TRIER WEST** 7

**JUNIOR VARSITY**  
**NILES EAST** 13  
**NEW TRIER WEST** 5



(photo by Steve Contos)

Victor Suarez shown here working over a Deerfield wrestler in the tri-meet held at East, February 3. For the score of the meet see the scoreboard.