

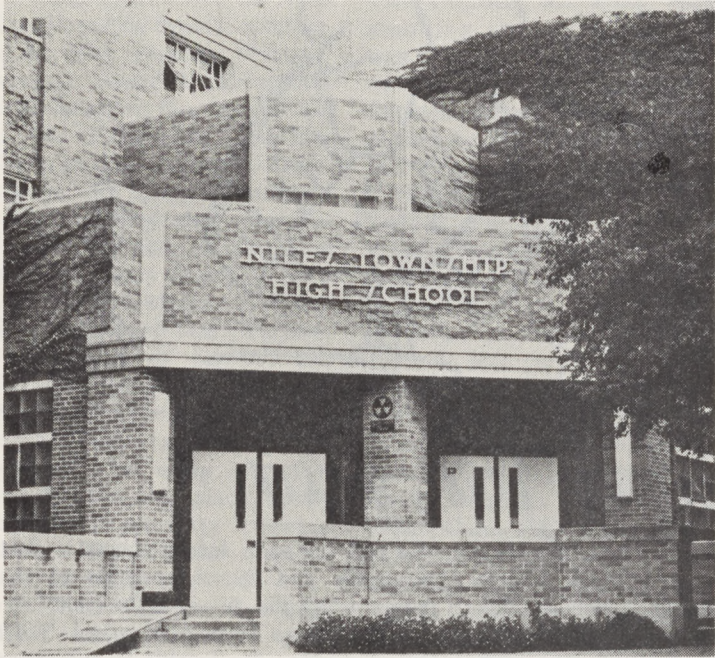
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NILES EAST HIGH SCHOOL, SKOKIE, ILL.

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First home football tomorrow at 2:00



What's going to happen in 1980?

Board to review closing

The Niles Township school board has recently reached a decision to consider the closing of Niles North, rather than East.

Oakton Community College has implied that it would be willing to lease North, rather than East, as part of the College Campus, due to the fact that Niles North is in the center of the college's district, and is easily reached by the expressway.

IF THE SCHOOL board fails to lease Niles East, its only other option would be to tear the school down.

The decision to close Niles East was made in 1975 due to declining enrollment figures and changes in tax assessments. The board is also considering budget cuts for

New faculty joins East

Niles East has made several new additions to its teaching staff this semester. In the English Department, East has acquired Rochelle Samuels, former teacher at Niles West and substitute at North. Ms. Samuels teaches Basic Writing, Masterpieces in Short Fiction, and Introduction to Literature. Ms. Samuels commented that she is enjoying her first week at East and finds the students to be serious and responsible.

Mary Farrel joins the Home Economics Department, replacing Cindy Brandt, who recently married. Ms. Farrel is a former clerk at the Central Film Library.

JACI HESS, formerly teaching at New Trier East, and later working in the Niles East Library is a new addition to the Physical Education Department, where she will teach all four grade levels and coach volleyball and track.

various areas in all three Niles high schools.

Homecoming '78

Niles East Homecoming will be held Saturday October 21. This year's theme will be "Trojans Move out West", tying in with the fact that the Trojans oppose New Trier West in the homecoming football games. The freshman game will begin at 9:30, followed by the sophomore game at 12:00 o'clock and the varsity game at 2:00.

The traditional Homecoming parade, which usually consists of about seven floats, sponsored by each of the four classes, Key Club, and the Music

The CIC Department has added Patricia Wahlstrom and Eric Dahl to its teaching staff. Both teach English, History, social science and health. Mr. Dahl studied at the University of Wisconsin at Madison and also worked in residential treatment centers before coming to East. Dahl was pleased with his position at East and simply said, "I love it."

In addition to these new staff members, East welcomes Mr. Seymour Rifkind, recently returned from a one year leave of absence. Teachers on leave this year include Mrs. Joan Macala, English Department, and Dottie Fugiel, Math Department. Mr. Blume, of East's Science Department has been transferred to West and Cathy Polanski, librarian, has been transferred to North. Mrs. Marci Burke, Physical Education, is on maternity leave, and Janie Isaacs, English, has resigned.

East stages "Our Town"

"OUR TOWN" is one of the most outstanding of American plays because of its universal theme of man not appreciating the beauty of life until it's too late," commented Theatre Director Jerry Proffit.

"Our Town," Niles East's fall play for the 1978-79 school year, will be performed October 27 and 28 at 8:00 p.m. "Our Town," a Pulitzer Prize winning play by Thornton Wilder, is the story of a New Hampshire village and its people at the turn of the 20th century. In "Our Town," the town's humor and emotion are set against the new social openness at the turn of the 20th century.

THE PLAY begins in Grovers Corners where the Gibbs and the Webbs are neighbors. The children of the Gibbs and Webb's families, George Gibbs and Emily Webb, grow up together. After

a period of courtship, George Gibbs marries Emily Webb. But things don't work out happily ever after. Emily dies and is buried on a rainy, gloomy day.

As a result of tryouts Friday, September 11, the cast of characters of "Our Town" include: Stage Manager, Phil Martini, Dr. Gibbs; Joe Sockacki, Joe Crowell; Paul LeVan, Howie Newsome; Ron Deutsch, Mrs. Gibbs; Lori Schwartz, Mrs. Webb; Ellyn Acker, George Gibbs; Tim Ortmann, Rebecca Gibbs; Marla Greenspan, Wally Webb; Hal Meltzer, Emily Webb; Elly Horwitz, Professor Willard; Gary Bittel, Mr. Webb; Bill Elliott, Woman in the Balcony; Julie Horwitz, Man in the Auditorium; Norman Fox, Lady in the Box; Sue Isserman, Simon Stimson; Layne Friedman, Mrs. Soames; Sue Kulovsky, Con-

stable Warren; Phil Zerof, Si Crowell; Steve Singer, Baseball Players; Jeff Sumner, Ira Strongin, Norman Fox, Sam Craig; Norman Fox, Assistant Stage Managers; Jeff Sumner, Ira Strongin.

PEOPLE OF THE town include Helaine Silver, Jami Lieder, Mindy Levin, Laurel Bleadon, Renee Olsen, Sue Isserman, Julie Horwitz, Norman Fox, Gary Pittel, Alison Kleiman, Jodie Firdler, Linda Sugarman, Jill Soble, Sue Levine, Rhonda Malina, Betty Katsaros, Rhona Constance, and Ilana Kraus.

Six attain merit status

The 1979 annual Merit Scholarship Competition selected five East students as semi-finalists, while six others were cited with letters of recommendation.

The semi-finalists include Susan Isserman, Debra Malina, Elliot Nelson, Alan Pregon, and James Stukas.

THE WINNERS of letters of recommendation include Allen Adelman, David Chivalisz, Wendy Jackson, Thomas Kasper, Cathy Lasowski, and Muriel Steiner.

Each year the National Merit Competition, supported by corporate contributions, awards scholarships of \$250 to \$1500 depending on financial need to students who score in the top ten per cent of the total number of students who take the PSAT tests, and reach the status of finalist. To be a finalist, a semi-finalist must submit a list of his activities and information about him or herself to the National Merit Corporation. Ninety per cent of all semi-finalists reach finalist status.

"Trojans move out West"

Department, and ten cars representing GAA and N-Club as well as other groups, will pass down Lincoln Avenue through downtown Skokie to the police station and then back up Oakton to the school. Before the parade, representatives of the Booster Club will judge the floats.

THE HOMECOMING dance will be held at 8:00 P.M. in the girls gym. Tickets are \$3.00 per person and \$3.50 at the door. Refreshments after the dance will be provided by Baskin Robbins Ice Cream (all you can eat) and cakes will be provided by Let Them Eat Cake. At this writing a band for the dance had not yet been decided on.

The Homecoming Queen will be announced at Friday's Pep Assembly. The top three juniors chosen in the Preliminary election, to be held the

Tuesday before homecoming, will be on court. The final election to determine the Queen will be held the day before the Pep Assembly.

The Homecoming Committee, sponsored by Mr. Steve Poznansky, has about thirty-five members and has been preparing for the dance since last March. Fund-raising activities included selling homecoming calendars, and later ski hats and mittens will be sold and in the spring the balloon launch will be held to raise money for the 1979 Homecoming Dance.

COMMITTEE OFFICERS include Amy Lashinsky, chairman, Chris Redline, assistant chairman, and secretary-treasurer, Audrey Fishoff.

Mr. Poznansky feels the committee is doing a good job and that this year's Homecoming will be a good one.

Attendance policy affects all

Students are quickly learning that it won't be as easy to cut classes as it has been in previous years. Beginning this year, the Dean's office has adopted a much tougher policy on attendance procedures.

Compared to the old system, in which a student was not admitted into the classes that he or she missed without an admit, the new system incorporates a method of "blacklisting" those students who fail to fulfill their responsibilities relating to notes and admits.

IN THE NEW POLICY, students will be summoned to their Dean through a list that will be distributed to all teachers at the end of each

school day. Students whose names appear on the list will not be admitted to any class without a dean's admit.

According to Dean Miller, the move was necessitated by the increasing number of truancies. "A tough attendance policy has proved to be a success at Niles West," said Miller. "So, starting this year, Dean Schusteff and myself along with the assistant superintendent's office, decided to implement this system here at East since we felt it would be more effective."

When asked why the plan went into effect so late when East is closing in '80, Miller responded, "This is all part of

a trend, simply one step in an overall plan to make the three high schools similar in policy, in everything from attendance policies to the class curriculums. When East closes in 1980, the remaining students will have the smoothest transition possible to West and North."

ACCORDING TO Miller, Niles North also changed their attendance policies this year so East students shouldn't feel "discriminated against."

"Any further clarification and explanation of attendance and disciplinary policies and procedures are stated in your Student Guidebook," concluded Miller.

Staff defines policy

At the beginning of each school year, the Nilehilite staff reviews its purposes, goals and style so that the student body and administration realizes its responsibilities.

The Nilehilite staff, "The Voice of the Niles East "students," will inform the high school and community accurately, clearly, impartially, truthfully and with insight into what the staff feels is in interest and of need to the reader.

Editorials which appear in the Nilehilite are not necessarily the opinion of the entire staff, but on the other hand, the editorials are not one writer's opinion. Columns are reserved for this. The purpose of the editorials is to point out to the reader an issue, even or happening that we feel should be praised or faulted. The Nilehilite will not attack or find fault in individuals but rather comment on issues, policies, and decisions. We will not attack or criticize anything that we feel would serve no purpose. We will try to offer solutions to the issues and practical suggestions to resolve the problems.

The coverage which the Nilehilite gives to school clubs, activities, departments and sports will depend on the new's worthiness and interest to the majority of students. We encourage the various organizations to come forward with news that they feel should be included in the school newspaper. It would be impossible for us to cover everything that happens at East. If one feels that we have missed a newsworthy event please inform us so that in the future we will cover it. Although we encourage the student body and all organizations to make contributions, we reserve the right not to print any article if it contains libel, obscenity,

Styx, foreigner

indecenty or is likely to cause disruptions of school. Articles printed in humor will be labeled as such and are written in jest and not as an attack on an individual.

We encourage all students, faculty and administration to submit any article, photography, cartoon or anything else to the staff for publication. Again we reserve the right not to publish anything we feel has not use to the students.

If a reader is upset or wishes to compliment anything, he or she may do so by a letter to the Editor or submit a guest editorial. Since we feel that the Nilehilite should be the "voice of the students" we strongly encourage this kind of contribution.

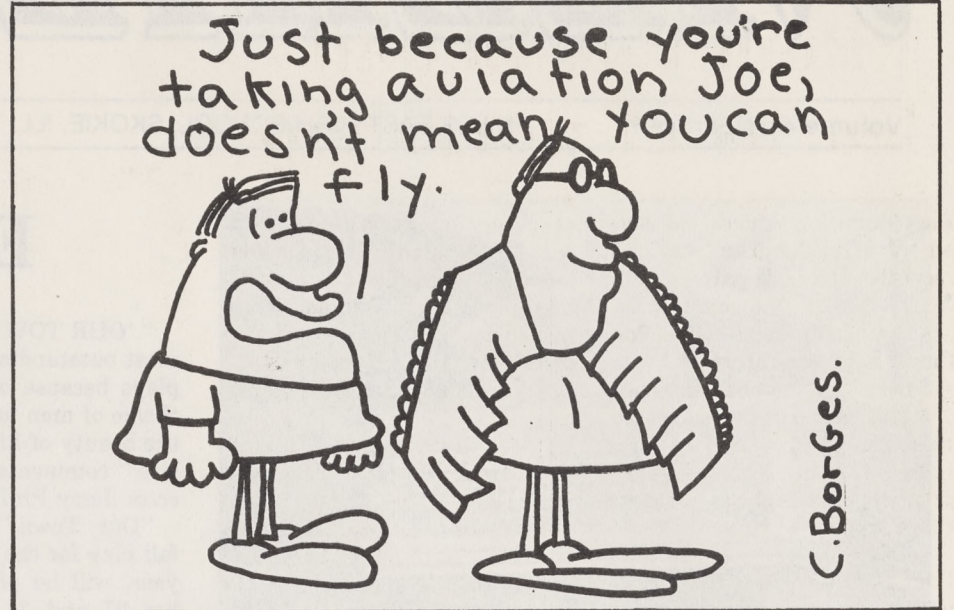
Editor tells plans for year

Dear readers,

In future issues you'll find this space filled by letters to the editor, but for this issue, you are instead reading a letter from the editor.

Since the end of school last year many changes have occurred, myself becoming editor of the Nilehilite is only one of them. To most people this will not make much of a difference, but it will have an effect on our school newspaper. Last year as some of you might know I served as editor of the sports page and Wendy Gerber capably handled the job as editor. Wendy graduated last year and I graduated to the job of editor.

Becoming editor after only one complete year on the newspaper staff will handicap myself. Wendy for instance was on the staff since her freshman year and became the editor



after three years of learning and experience. The same problem of little experience also plagues most of this year's staff. Only one page editor besides myself has returned from last year. In other words, I'm trying to say that we are going to make some mistakes. With the exception of a few teachers, the administration and baseball umpires, everyone makes mistakes so please bear with us, I hope that our improvements will overshadow our lack of experience.

AS FAR AS others changes from last year, this year the Nilehilite will be printed by Son's Enterprises, a local printing house that specializes in the printing of school newspapers.

Now at this point you're probably saying to yourself, what difference does this make, the paper still looks the same. You're right it does, but what

you will notice in future issues is that the news and sports sections of the paper won't be filled with stale two week old news as in past years. With the new printer we're able to cut those two weeks needed to publish a paper down to only one week. This change means news and sports that will be more current.

As for the rest of the paper, (the editorial and feature pages), one will not notice much difference. The only major difference is the addition of record reviews to the editorial page, an additional which I feel will be helpful to most students.

SO SIT BACK and enjoy this issue and the ones to follow. I promise that you'll find us to be an interesting and informative publication.

Alan Friedman
Editor-in-Chief

Album Reviews



Styx's new album "Pieces of Eight" follows up their highly successful "Grand Illusion" album, their best seller ever. "Pieces of Eight," which is the Chicago born band's eighth album, contains 10 original songs that are all appearing on an album for the first time.

Underlying the words and music to all the songs is the ever present synthesizer that Styx and Kansas use so well. The appeal of the synthesizer makes all the songs on this album highly listenable. It was a pleasure listening to an album that at no time dragged or made me lose interest in it.

THE FIRST SIDE contains five very good songs that are all characteristically performed by Styx. Using a comfortable blend of guitar, synthesizers and vocals, all five songs could be considered rockers rather than being slow songs. Side two leads off with the first single released from the album. The single titled "Blue Collar Man" is a showcase of Styx's best talents. The synthesizer work is excellent and doesn't over-power the good guitar work and lyrics. The remaining four songs are all fine songs, they're a bit slower than the previous six songs, but all are good songs.

"Pieces of Eight should prove to be Styx's most successful venture yet, a fine follow up album to the "Grand Illusion."



Foreigner's latest effort, "Double Vision" comes off the heels of their debut album titled simply "Foreigner."

Foreigner's first album will go down as being one of the most successful albums of all times. If not for Boston's debut album, Foreigner would have the highest selling debut album of all time.

THEIR SECOND ALBUM contains very little of the electricity generated by their first album. The songs seem to have the same basic melodies but with different words. In most of the songs the lyrics are unimaginative and dull.

The first side begins with the first single released from the album "Hot Blooded." This is one of the better songs on the album and is followed by another good song, "Blue Morning," which is receiving a lot of airplay on FM stations. After the first two songs, the remaining three songs on the first side aren't very interesting. The second side also starts off good. "Double Vision," the title cut, displays all of the good qualities Foreigner displayed in their first album. The rest of the side wearily drags on. Even a semi-lively instrumental can't bring up the other songs.

ALL IN ALL, Foreigner's "Double Vision" is a disappointing second album for a very good group.

New column

"Focus"

by David Eingorn

In every high school one finds students who are concerned and well-motivated and students who are apathetic. This is normal and expected. But when an observant person finds that there are a majority of apathetic people and an ever increasing minority of concerned people, then there is a grave problem. Teachers lose their pleasure in teaching, lecturing manikins, concerned and well motivated students are affected too by loss of programs due to insufficient enrollments, and then there are the apathetic students which lose a high school experience and education.

There are many symptoms of the problem including lower SAT scores, less enrollment in clubs, and less participation by the student body in other school activities like dances, but seemingly no cures.

On can't force a student to become a member of a club, to care about his education, or to show school spirit. The student has to want to do it himself. Counselors could try their utmost to convince students to joining clubs since colleges want students that are "well-rounded" (meaning that colleges want officers of clubs and captains of teams). But that won't work because, for most students, college seems infinitely off in their futures and doesn't concern them. Clubs could make p.a. advertisements and alike but no matter how many advertisements are made the apathetic will just ignore them. Teachers could give more homework assignments but the apathetic students would just ignore these additional assignments like they did previous ones.

Well, what is the answer? It's certainly not a simple solution. First, there must an awareness by students that the jobs they hold during their high school years are of no value to them in the long run, and that their jobs are just competing with school work for time and energy. A possible solution to this problem would be a more rigid school schedule allowing fewer students to ignore their school work by working during hte day. Second, teachers of basic courses should try more novel methods and verbally encourage their students more.

In conclusion, student apathy doesn't have to exist to the extent it does today in the high school. If students wouldn't be so concerned with interests outside the school, and if more teachers tried harder to encourage and motivate their students, then student apathy wouldn't be as severe as it is today.

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Pom Pon Squad learns at workshop

Fifteen members of the Niles East Pom-Pon Squad, sponsored by Mrs. Jennifer Watters, recently attended clinics and participated in the competition at the Badgerette Pom-Pon Camp held at Aurora College, Aurora, Ill., this past summer.

"The average day consisted of learning one or two new routines, many hours of hard practice, and nightly competition," explained Mrs. Watters.

According to one of the Pom-Pon members, the squad perfected two numbers for camp. Their tryout routine done to the song "Jungle Love" won a first place ribbon and an originality routine titled "High School Dance" failed to place.

THE GIRLS won five first place ribbons, one for each night of competition. On the last day of camp, the squad

was awarded the most outstanding showmanship and was voted by the other schools as the "sunshine squad". Captain Karen Feldman was picked by the camp staff for the "sunshine girl" award.

"We all worked very hard, had a great time, and are looking forward to the upcoming year," Mrs. Watters remarked. The squad will perform on September 23, 1978, at half time of the first home football game.

Members of the 1978-79 squad include Karen Feldman, Sandy Fadhel, Kathy Baer, Sandy Brenner, Gigi Carlson, Elaine Cohn, Julie Kane, Ellen Kray, Cathy Lasowski, Marci Mandell, Pam Schwartz, Dana Sobel, Yvette Stroesser, Audrey Wagner, Debbie Winston, Jackie Woll, Sandy Glass, and Laurie Goldstein.



Niles East Pom Pon squad recently attended a camp to learn new skills and compete.

Downtown Skokie gets facelift

by Howard Berry

What is the mess in the downtown Skokie area all about? This has been a frequently asked question in Skokie.

"The current renovation of the downtown Skokie District is intended to revitalize the area," stated Mr. Fred Schattner, Assistant Traffic Engineer

of Skokie.

"THE RENOVATION project was suggested approximately six years ago by the Central Business District (CBD) commission," continued Mr. Schattner. "The planning of the project got under way five years ago under the supervision of Skokie's mayor, Albert J. Smith."

According to Mr. Schattner the renovation was necessary because of electrical problems. "The street lights were old and the main electrical cable in the downtown district needed repair," said Mr. Schattner. "The sidewalks needed repairs because they were becoming dangerous."

The repair work is being done on Oakton Street extending from the Chicago and Northwestern tracks (across from Skokie Lumber), to Floral Street (adjacent to Town Hall).

"THE PURPOSE of the renovation is to provide new street lighting and new sidewalks," explained Schattner, "Exposed aggregate has been

used in the construction work in an attempt to eliminate the future painting of assorted surfaces."

According to Mr. Schattner, the total renovation will cost approximately \$600,000. "The merchants in the downtown district pay about 60% of the cost while the other 40% comes from the Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) and special assessments," added Schattner. "The taxpayers do, however, pay for the renovation through the MFT."

"The construction has been headed by Heckor and Company, an electrical contractor," described Schattner. "The work which began in the fall of 1977 should be completed sometime later this month. When the work is completed, a ceremony is planned at which all the new lighting will be turned on."

"The renovation project will improve the downtown district," concluded Schattner. "It will be a nicer area and I expect more people will come to shop there."

New students attend Kenton

by Leslie Doi

Christmas and Columbus Day will no longer be celebrated at Kenton School in Skokie. Instead, the students will be celebrating "Mochitsuki" (New Year's Day), Doll's Day (girl's festival), the Emperor's birthday, and will hold an "undokai" which is an athletic field day.

Kenton School, 4600 Main St., was rented in July from Skokie Elementary District 69 by members of the Japanese Consulate in Chicago and the Futabakai, a social organization for Japanese living outside their country.

THE PRIVATE school for first thru seventh grades, opened Sept. 6, for students who are someday returning to Japan to finish their education. Students must be able to speak Japanese because all classes are taught, by the twelve teachers of the school, in that language. The students' parents are generally members of the Japanese Consulate or employees of Japanese firms in the Chicago area.

The school teaches academic courses Monday through Friday with one hour a day of English taught. On Saturday,

classes are taught for students, kindergarten through ninth, who can't come daily because of transportation or tuition.

The school was developed to "keep the old culture, language, and customs," according to Mrs. Noriko Hara, an office worker at Kenton school. "The main purpose is so the students will be able to adjust to Japanese schools when they go back to the country," explained Mrs. Hara. "Someday they'll have to go back to Japan and if they go to an English school, they'll forget their Japanese."

THERE WAS some opposition to the school's opening from the public. "When the students came back to school there was vandalism all over. There were fourteen windows broken and bad language written on the cement and on the walls," reported Mrs. Hara. Since this vandalism, the Skokie Police patrol the area every night. "Now everything is okay. Apparently some people didn't like Japanese."

The idea of the Japanese school in America has come up

in New York where there's a public school where anyone can go as long as they know Japanese. Another is also being planned in San Francisco.

Mr. Ken Mitsugi, a PTA member of the school commented, "In the future, if the school can provide classes for high school students, there will be no more separation in families. Right now, most upper grade children are being sent back to Japan for the rest of their education."

The present daily enrollment is 103, and on Saturdays, 500.

Part One

Books help SAT scores

by Larry Pearlman

This year, thousands of high school juniors will take the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) which, along with college achievement tests, school grades, interviews, recommendations, extra-curricular activities, geographic and ethnic background will determine where they go to college.

The SAT is a three-hour multiple-choice exam composed of verbal and mathematical questions. It is designed to test reasoning ability, reading comprehension and other basic skills developed over the years, rather than acquired knowledge, which can be learned (and forgotten) in shorter, more concentrated periods of time. Consequently, most authorities have advised that cramming for an SAT would not affect a student's score.

BUT RECENTLY, this assumption has been challenged. While Education Testing Service (designer of SAT) and many schools insist that coaching is useless, even harmful, other school are offering courses, and private coaching services are flooding parents with handouts. Can students improve their SAT by preparing? If so, what is the best way?

Frustrated by inconsistent

responses to what seemed reasonable questions, a group of New York City parents recently conducted their own research and wound up running an eight-week study group, proving — at least for their own children — that proper motivation and preparation could substantially improve SAT scores. Their six children, all bright, verbal, and good students, had done so poorly on the practice SAT given the previous fall that even the 30-point rise expected from maturation would have put them in the below average category.

The group used many books, but those found most successful were Baron's "How to Prepare for College Entrance Examination" (\$5.50) and Joseph Orgel's "College Entrance Reviews". The latter also has a thousand-word vocabulary list, and the students were held responsible for as many words as possible.

THE SESSIONS were informal yet structured, ranging from checking answers to lively debates over correct answers to difficult questions. The four who prepared improved their scores an average of 120 points each. The two children who did not work

seriously did not improve their scores.

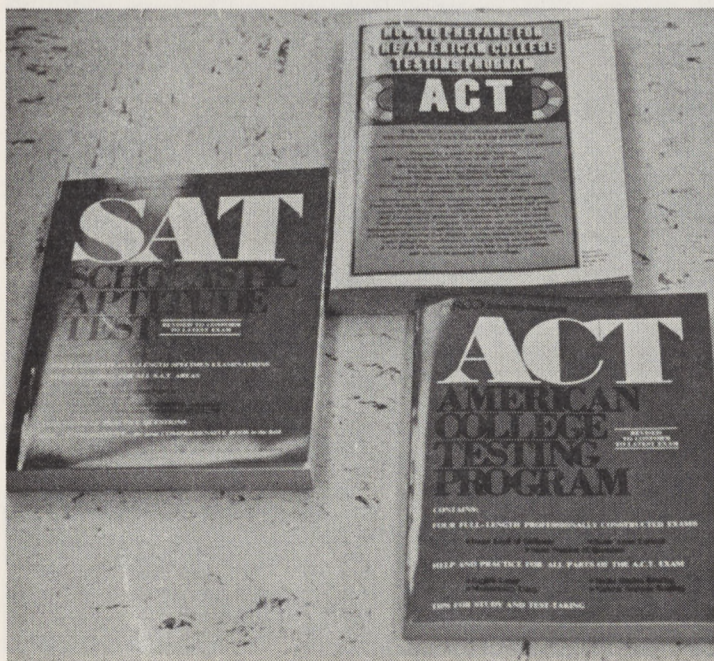
More than anything, the group said that the extra time the students took to study for the SAT's had provided them with something more important than information. It provided them with self-confidence. Familiarity with the tests put them at ease for the real exam. They had mastered the techniques of test taking, knew how to spend their time more effectively and knew when to guess.

Also helpful will be sample copies of the SAT, and the Test Of Standard Written English (TSWE) released by the college board.

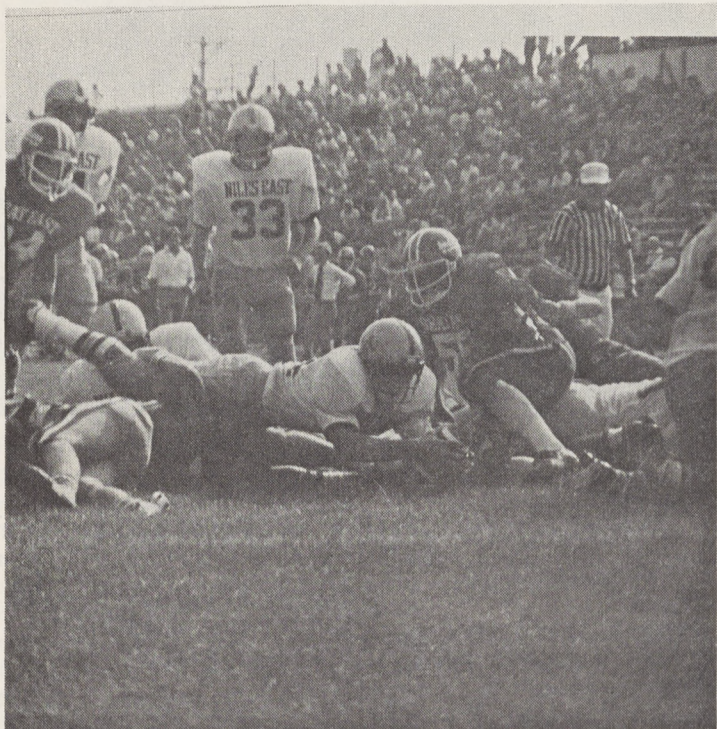
The new 48-page booklet, "Taking the SAT", includes complete SAT and TSWE practice tests, answers, scoring, keys and scoring procedures. The guide also has descriptions of types of questions on the tests with advice for solving them, strategies for taking the tests and information on the purpose of each test.

"Taking the SAT" will be given free of charge with the SAT registration packet.

NEXT MONTH in part 2; Why the recent SAT score decline?



Books have been successful in preparing for SAT.



Mark Pollack dives towards the goal line in the Niles West game. Pollack on an ensuing play scored the first touchdown of the year for the Trojans. (Photo by Irv)

Trojans seek victory

by Alan Friedman

The varsity football team will be seeking their first victory of the 1978 campaign, tomorrow, when they face the Niles North Vikings in the first home game of the year.

The varsity team will be trying to avenge an 18-0 defeat handed to them by the Vikings last year.

THE TEAM, although showing some signs of a very good ball club, failed to win either of their first two contests.

On September 9, the Trojans lost to Niles West 12-6 and were defeated by Maine East 12-7 last Friday.

At the Maine East game, Gerald Ferguson and the varsity football team found out that baseball isn't the only game of inches. 72 inches separated the Trojans from

upsetting the Maine East Demons.

TRAILING BY a 12-7 margin, the Trojans got the ball on the Demon's 40 yard line with about three minutes remaining. Aided by the strong passing of Tad Slowik and the pass catching ability of Dennis Pucher, the Trojans moved the ball down to the Maine East seven yard line. With thirty seconds remaining, the Trojans faced a fourth down goal to go situation. A pass play was called for but good coverage by the Demons forced Slowik to run the ball. Slowik tried bulldozing down whomever got in his way, but fell short of the goal line by two yards — 72 inches.

The Trojans fell 72 inches away from their first victory of the year.

Inexperience hurting girls

by Janice Greenberg

"While we have an outstanding defense, our offense will be our weakest point, due to our lack of height and experience. The offense is adequate, but not outstanding," offered Richardson.

THE EAST VOLLEYBALL team will encounter the same problems as many other Trojan teams this year, a problem of a lack of experience.

"We're not going to have a real inexperienced team because we do have seven seniors returning to the team," stated Head Coach Jerry Richardson, "But we did lose three very skilled people who are all playing college volleyball, losing those girls is like losing four years of experience in each of them," said Richardson who was referring to Jenise Vassilatos, Andrea Slowik and Judy Lee.

"Our strongest point this year is our ability to play together, we have good rapport, we work well together and are outstanding defensively," commented Richardson.

THE NILES EAST GIRLS' tennis team comes into this season with a team featuring only one senior, Julie Millman.

"I feel that even though we have only one senior, we still have an experienced varsity team," stated Head Coach Pat Matlak.

LAST YEAR'S team, who finished the season tied for sixth place in the state, was anchored by the strong performances of Mindee Epstein and Claudia Brisk. "The fact that Mindee graduated will hurt the team, but we can do

without her," stated Matlak. Taking Epstein's place as the first singles player will be Brisk who took first place last year in second singles competition.

"TEAM SPIRIT and interest."

That is what archery coach Jean Wojdula thinks are this year's archery team's strongest points.

Of the 13 team members (three junior varsity, 10 varsity), only four girls have had previous experience. There is only one returning senior, Cathy Cerny.

"Everyone who tried out for the team was picked," according to Miss Wojdula. "Some never had the opportunity to shoot archery, and were curious," stated Wojdula.

Teams active over summer

by Alan Friedman

While most East students worked or relaxed this summer, several Trojans participated in summer leagues and tournaments.

The basketball team during the last weeks of school year competed in the Loyola Park "Jungle League". In the summer leagues and the summer tournaments the players coach themselves. There is no basketball coach sitting on the bench.

THE TEAM consisting of six seniors and three juniors, didn't have much success in the non-playoff games, but once the playoffs began the Trojans caught fire and worked their way into the finals. The team faced St. Ignatius of Chicago, a team ranked highly in the Chicago Catholic league. But in the final game the Trojans fell to defeat, losing by seven points.

"I was very happy with the

way the team came back in the playoffs," stated Varsity Coach Emil Capitani, "it showed that the boys didn't give up."

The squad continued their success in their next tournament held at Joliet.

"IN OUR BRACKET there were 15 teams and I'd say that about six of the teams are ranked in the top 15 in state in the preseason polls," commented Capitani.

The Trojans encountered one of these ranked teams in their first game and lost to Joliet Central, but a subsequent victory over Plainfield and a forfeit by Morgan Park helped the team reach the consolation championship where they beat Joliet West.

"WE GAINED a lot of respect from other teams. They realized that we won't be a push over this year," commented Dave Klein, team

member.

The Niles East wrestling program also kept active over the summer months.

"As a team, we wrestled some 1200 matches in 19 tournaments this summer," stated Fred Richardi, wrestling coach. Many wrestlers had good success in these tournaments and placed very high. The following list contains these achievers. (The list was supplied by Coach Richardi.)

At the Federation National tourney, Mark Pollack, 178, third in freestyle, Victor Suarez, 123, second in greco, John LaMana, 123, freestyle. LaManna also was the AAU National Champ at 123.

Other wrestlers who placed in state are Kelly Walls, third in state, greco, Howard Walovitch, third in state, greco, Mike Pecter, fourth in state, greco. Walls also won the AAU state championship in greco.

Foosball finds new popularity

by Janice Greenberg

Upon entering the school store, one will almost immediately view several students surrounding a rectangular shaped table. What these students are doing is playing a game known as foosball or table soccer.

The game of foosball is over one hundred years old, but has been recognized in American only in the past decade.

FOOSBALL IS a very simple game to learn and takes almost no skill at all to begin playing. The playing field is a board of markings similar to a soccer field. At the shortest ends of the rectangle there are two nets; the object of the game is to hit the ping-pong sized ball into these nets. One directs the ball into the nets with the aid of several rows of players that are suspended above the playing surface by metal rods. These metal rods extend to the outside of the rectangle and serve as a handle for the player to direct their men. Sounds confusing? Well, I guess you'll have to see a foosball table for yourself to figure it out.

As a result of the increasing popularity of foosball, such things as foosball tournaments, foosball magazines and foosball houses have appeared. A foosball house is similar to a pinball arcade but of course with foosball tables.

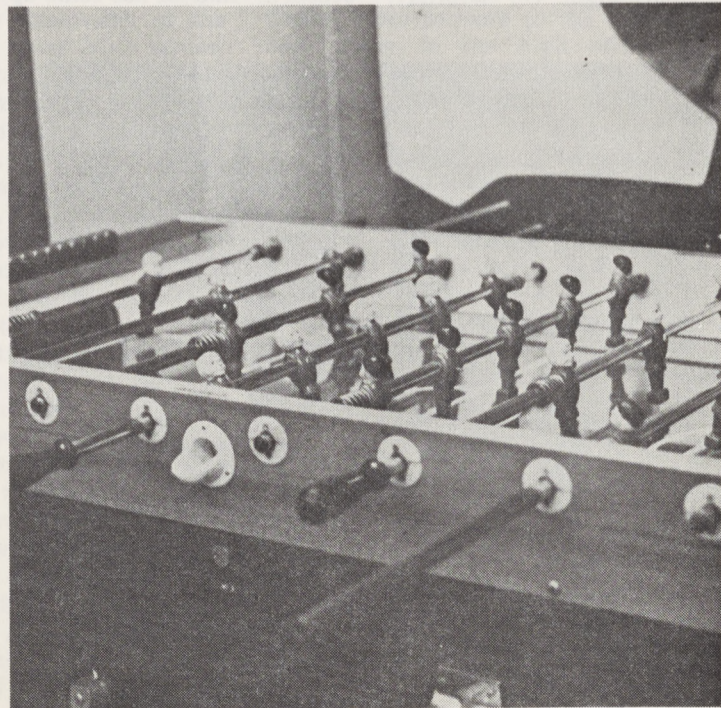
One of the most prominent tournaments in the world of foosball was held last November in St. Louis. The World Championship Foos Festival offered contestants prize money totaling some \$250,000. Not bad for a game that has only been popular in the last ten years.

"FOOF NOOS" HAS the distinction of being the official foosball magazine. The magazine is published monthly with each issue containing a focus article on a player or recent tournament.

Although foosball may be gaining a lot of popularity in amusement centers, it has not yet caught on as a home game. "Every so often we get a call about home foosball games," responded a representative of Admiral Music a Chicagoland

amusement dealer. "A foosball table for the home would cost about \$400 dollars, a little less than a nice pinball machine," stated the spokesman. Accord-

ing to the spokesman, foosball tables have been found to be very popular in taverns, arcades and schools, but have not yet caught on in the home.



Although popular for many years in foreign lands, foosball is finding new popularity in America. (Photo by Irv)

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