

DECA winners and finalists pose with their trophies in front of DECA's showcase. At top, clockwise; Jeff Hester, Lee Masover, Marc Shuman, Ellen Kray, Karen Feldman.

DECA wins competition

For the fourth consecutive year, East's DECA Chapter has been named Chapter of the Year as the result of a recent statewide DECA competition at the O'Hare Ramada Inn on March 2-4.

No other school has ever achieved this honor two years in a row. "I'm very surprised that we won for the fourth consecutive year. It's unheard of," commented William Coulson, DECA coordinator.

THIS AWARD WAS ACHIEVED by submitting a manual explaining all activities accomplished during the year. The 200 page manual documented each business, recreational, benevolent, and promotional activity.

Marc Shuman '79, Illinois DECA

vice president and East chapter president exclaimed, "It was a great feeling to receive such high recognition after all the hard work we put into the manual and activities."

The chapter also placed ahead of 100 other Illinois DECA chapters by winning the Free Enterprise competition which consists of promoting free enterprise across the state, sponsored by the Phillips Petroleum Company.

IN THE INDIVIDUAL written event, which is also sponsored by Phillips Petroleum Company, Marc received a second place trophy. To compete in this event, a manual which includes an approximately 500 word essay on what free enterprise means to the contestant's future must be presented.

Three winners and one finalist placed in competency based events. These are designed to test how capable the student is about his job. In this competition there are two levels, Owner-Manager, which competes in five events, and Master-Employee, which competes in three events. Students may compete in seven different kinds of fields.

Ellen Kray '79 placed first in General Merchandise in the Master-Employee level. Lee Masover '79 placed first in General Merchandise in the Owner-Manager level, and Jeff Hester placed second in automotive and petroleum in the Master-Employee level.

FINALISTS INCLUDED Karen Feldman '79 in Finance and Credit and Cindy Trilling '79 in General-Merchandise written event.

Shuman noted, "Much of the credit belongs to Mr. Coulson because without him, our chapter could never be where it is."

The winners and finalists will be attending national competition against over 5,500 top students from all over the country in Houston, Texas, on May 8-13, 1979.

COULSON CONCLUDED, "Because we only had eleven competitors, we were limited to the amount of events we could enter; but I was especially pleased with some of the winners." Their trophies will be set among the 100 other trophies in DECA's showcase.

Chapter membership rolls also include Debbie Kagan, Chapter vice president; Frank Davis, Julie Knee, Karen Kotsovos, Sue Kelly, Scott Turner, Jim Coens, Mitch Lieberman, and Mariam Mardi.

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Schools aim for uniformity

Discussions among Niles Township directors and representatives of departments concerning the integration of East students into North and West in 1980 have begun.

According to Galen Hosler, East principal, the areas concerning the merging, of the three schools include students' instruction, extra-curricular activities, faculty, and building equipment.

THE ENGLISH department has the least uniformity in the three schools. Therefore, "All students will follow a two and a half year prescribed English program which came into effect this year," explained Dr. Lee Hawkins, East English director. Hawkins continued, "During their first year, students will take freshman English; during the second year they will have sophomore English; and then will take one semester

of American Literature in their junior year. This will be common to all three schools."

Hawkins added, "If students want to take electives, those courses will be in addition to, instead of in place of these English courses." He believes that in this way, the English department will be strengthened and the school will send students out with a stronger English preparation.

As far as extra-curricular activities are concerned, Hawkins believes that everyone must think on a co-leadership basis for only the 1980-81 year. By the end of that first year, East will then have ties.

HAWKINS NOTED, "If possible, think in terms of two." In such activities as drama, newspaper, and yearbook, co-editors should be established. The pom-pon and cheerleading

squads should expand to make room for more members. "Everything will work out smoother than adults see, because kids are more flexible," Hawkins commented, "but if it comes down to a flip of the coin, which will be a very rare case, East students should get the preference because they are the ones who have been uprooted."

George Baptist, athletic director at North explained that prospective athletes would not have to worry too much about making the teams at North since a shortage of varsity players exists for their football, soccer, track, and gymnastics teams. While the situation may not be the same at West, Those athletic teams do not have "cuts" so any student who would have made the varsity team at East will probably make it at the other two schools. Baptist stated, "There are a number of athletes at East that we would be more than glad to have on our teams, and since the sports programs are basically the same throughout the district, they shouldn't have too hard a time."

Baptist concluded, "By adding the East athletes to both West's and North's teams, the athletic program will improve, and may eventually lead to powerhouse teams."

News-in-Brief

From 3:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. today, East will host 15 schools from Chicago and North Shore in the Illinois High School Association Contest for band, orchestral and choral groups. Each group will sightread and perform three arrangements, all to be judged by men of high musical knowledge.

The Concert Band performs first thing this afternoon, according to Tim Wolfram, director. "I know what all the other bands are playing, and our band can set the stage for every other band there. We have the potential to be the best band at the contest."

Admission is free and the public is invited to go. All money raised by the school from the sale of food and programs will help pay for the May 18th tour to New York City.

buttons, hats and gloves, t-shirts, pennants, and calendars are scheduled.

OFFICERS HAVE BEEN selected for the 1979-80 Key Club. They are Chuck Gollay, President; Alan Friedman, Vice President; Jon Schwartz, Secretary; and Paula Miller, Treasurer.

According to Gollay, the club is already making plans for next year's activities. "We are planning volunteer work at Lambs Farm, a peanut day with the Kiwanis Club and the annual volleyball tournament to raise money for a charity.

The group is also planning on establishing a Key Club at both North and West. East is the only school in District 219 that has a Key Club.

THE SKOKIE POLICE Department will face faculty members in a fund raising basketball game on April 20th. The game, sponsored by East's N-Club, will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Contest Gym. Admission is \$1.00.

The following teachers are expected to participate: Frank Bostic, Emil Capitani, Galen Hosler, Brian Katzman, Al Poznansky, Steve Poznansky, Fred Richardi, Jerry Richardson, James Swanson and Jean Wojdula.

The cheerleading for the game will be provided by several of East's female teachers as well as several mothers from the Booster Club.

During halftime the N-Club has planned a raffle drawing for a free basketball and the boys' basketball team, with the handicap of boxing gloves will challenge the girls' basketball team.

THE EAST HOMCOMING Committee has announced their slate of officers for Homecoming, '79. Heading up the committee is President, Chris Redlin '80; First Vice-President, Lori Blackman, '80; Second Vice-President, Sherife Jusufe '81; Secretary, Sandy Karabinas '81; and Treasurer, Paula Miller '81.

The pep rally is scheduled to be held on Friday, October 5, while the game and dance are being held Saturday, October 6. East will play host to the Evanston Wildkits.

The group sponsored by Alexia Forman and Juanita Carlson, is planning many activities to raise funds for East's final homecoming. A May 4 balloon launch, a car wash, and various selling projects such as the sale of



Jerry Ryan played by Bill Elliott and Gittel played by Elaine Cohn talk over a cup of tea in Act I of the musical "See Saw", performed March 23-25. Here, Gittel announces, "I love Japanese restaurants but I hate the food."

East remembers Mrs. Kneip

Mrs. Harriet Kneip, secretary to Romaine Baker, director of student services, passed away Thursday, March 22, at 11 p.m. Mrs. Kneip, who was 59, had worked at East for 23 years.

"I was very close to her," said Gloria Schabillon, secretary. "Harriet was warm-hearted and very congenial. She was well-liked by her peers, faculty as well as clerical."

BAKER REFLECTED, "She was a lady who held her job in high esteem — she was extremely competent, always at work on time, a perfectionist, and was aware of her responsible obligation to Niles Town-

ship. Harriet was admired for her sincerity and the will to help people."

The funeral was held on March 26. A scholarship in Harriet Kneip's memory will be established depending on the amount of money donated. "It will be awarded to seniors who are outstanding secretary or clerical students who exemplify Harriet's characteristics," explained Baker. "Anyone wishing to contribute funds for the scholarship please make your check payable to The Harriet Kneip Scholarship Fund and turn it in to Kaye Krilles, bookkeeper," concluded Baker.

Area retains theatre

In response to a 3,000 signature petition and general community protests, the Skokie Village Board decided not to press for the closing of the Skokie Theater. In the opinion of the Nilehite, the decision not to make the Skokie Theater a public parking lot was a good one.

The Skokie Theater provides inexpensive entertainment for a wide variety of people. The Skokie Theater provides the elderly who are on fixed budgets with good entertainment without straining their budgets. For people with large families, who have to spend much of their income on necessities, the theater provides an economical form of entertainment. In fact, the Skokie Theater is so economical that the entire family can afford to go to the movies. The Skokie Theater provides teenagers who are generally on a fixed budget like the elderly and must save for college, a cheap form of entertainment they could frequent regularly.

THE REASON WHY the Skokie Theater could be so economical is due to the lack of capital put into renovation by the owner. Most people would agree that the theater is in a shambles. It is dirty and there have been reports of mice scampering across the building.

The threat of condemnation was the reason given by the current owner as to why necessary renovations haven't already begun. Investing money in the building that is likely to be condemned would be ridiculous. Presently, there exists a danger that since there is no chance of the Skokie Theatre being condemned, the owner may not want to invest the additional funds needed to renovate.

It is in the opinion of the Nilehite, that if the Skokie Theatre is to continue as a vital source of cheap entertainment it must be thoroughly renovated. These renovations may include new seats and the general beautification of the outward appearance of the building.



commentary

Focus

david eingorn

Seesaw merits praise

For everyone who had the opportunity to come out and enjoy it, this year's spring musical "Seesaw" directed by Jerry Profit was nothing short of outstanding.

Consistently, year after year, the East Theater Department performs plays and musicals of professional quality without extravagant budgets or paid personnel. The quality of East productions lie in the long hours of rehearsal both cast and band members put in before each performance.

IN RETURN FOR those long hours of practice, the cast and band members receive the approval and satisfaction

that comes from a good performance. On the outside, this might seem like a poor return for all the hours that they put in. But as many of the cast members will relate, the thrill of the performance itself easily compensates for all the time and effort that they put in.

Unfortunately though, the East Theater Department cannot exist alone on the thrill of performing. The East Theater Department must continue to have adequate funding and a continued flow of interested students to maintain its reputation as one of the best theater departments in the state.

Students lack interest

East curtails program

Resulting from a lack of participation and the move toward a more structure curriculum, many of East's Stop and Shop programs have been cancelled.

The only remaining Stop and Shop program is in the field of business and work study. But even in the business and work study Stop and Shops there exists a severe attendance problem.

APPROXIMATELY 90 PER CENT of the eligible people this year didn't attend the business and work study Stop and Shop," according to Dr. Barbara Tyler, Business Education Director.

Stop and Sops are necessary because they provide teacher-student conference time that is sometimes lost because of students and teachers not having the same free periods. Also, Stop and Shops expose students to a variety of courses that may lead them into taking a course they wouldn't have considered if they just would have relied in their course books.

In the end, the program of having Stop and Shops must not be rejected because it provides a definite benefit in time and understanding for both faculty and students.

Cubs' opener creates problems

Opening day at Wrigley Field, the mere mention of the words conjure up mental images of peanut vendors, Bill Buckner, Bobby Murcer and overcast days.

Skipping school to attend that "magical" first game of the season is more or less a tradition for students who conned their parents into calling in for them, and for some who decided to go anyway and serve the consequences in B.A.C.

IT IS AN expensive tradition at that, with box seats at Wrigley Field costing \$6, and the school losing state aid for each student who decided to attend the opener instead of coming to school. It could have also cost the Cubs owner William Wrigley quite a bit of money too, if state truant officers decided to enforce Chapter 122, section

26-11 Illinois State Law, which holds responsible any person who knowingly induces a child to unlawfully miss school, or harbors one who is missing school. At up to \$500 and 30 days in jail as a penalty for each of the many truant students who filled the stands, Wrigley could indeed end up hard-pressed financially as well as time-wise.

"I recognized about 10 to 15 other people when I went to the game yesterday. It was great and I plan to go every year," stated Steve Shayman, an East senior.

Of all East students, however, only five per cent, at most, attended the 1978 opening game, and in a school with over 1850 students, the total number isn't as many as the "baseball truants" may have led others to believe. With all seats for yester-

Recently, there has been a call by North students for a "smooth" transition from East in 1980. Apparently, the North students sincerely want an orderly and fair transition but under close scrutiny it seems they do not. In North Star editorials and North Student Congress statement, North as repeatedly rejected the idea of having co-officers of clubs when East students transfer there in 1980.

The idea of having co-officers was originally suggested to insure that East students would have the same club position opportunities at North as they would at East. This proposed policy came under the Board premise to insure all District students an optimal and equal education. The reason for the opposition by some North students lie in fears they may have of having to relinquish or share their club positions with the transferring East students.

REGARDING STUDENT government, North particularly disfavors co-presidents. Instead, as of the March 29, 1979 NCS meeting, they propose the election of an interim vice president. Then, after a six to twelve week interim period an election between the interim president and vice president will take place with the votes being cast only by the North Student Congress representatives. The winner would serve as student government president, the loser as vice president. Surely, there is a slim chance of the East vice president winning simply because he wouldn't have the same amount of experience as his North counterpart. Also, he wouldn't know his fellow representatives as well.

As for other activities, instead of

having co-officers North favors selection of officers based on ability. This feeling was exemplified in a North Star editorial dated March 19, 1979. All the editorial says is that officer selection should be based on ability, nowhere does it state who will make the ability decisions and if East students will receive some preferential treatment. Nor does it say how ability will be judged. What is clear about this editorial is that it means that North students aren't going to readily share their club positions.

One of the major objections North students have with co-presidents is that they claim they cause factionalism. Clearly, depriving East transfer students of their right to become president of clubs creates much more factionalism than having co-presidents. Not having co-presidents would cause a great deal of resentment on the part of the East students who are deprived of club positions. This feeling would spread to many other East students who transferred. In the end, one would find a majority of East students resentful toward North and its clubs.

THE BIGGEST OBSTACLE, though, to, in North's own words a "smooth" transition is the failure of North students to realize that East students are being put at a considerable disadvantage by having to transfer. Especially seniors who, after a three year period of attending East and acquiring numerous friendships, will be required to attend a school mostly unfamiliar to them.

East wants "smooth" transition. But until North students recognize that East students are the people that are transferring, and that, to insure equal opportunity, there must be co-presidents, then there can not be a "smooth" transition from East to North in 1980.

day's opener being reserved, that percentage was probably reduced.

"Technically, when a parent calls his child in sick so they may attend the opener, they are breaking the law and could be taken to court," commented David Schusteff, student dean.

ALTHOUGH A MAJORITY of students didn't go to the Cub opener, when students traded in school desks for bleacher seats, they were stealing class time from themselves and state aid from school.

Ignoring the number of students that attended the Cubs' opener yesterday doesn't solve anything. Parents must be made to realize in the future that by calling in for their children they are actually breaking the law and also disrupting their children's education.

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Teacher to receive award

by Linda Burstyn

Conducting four tours around the world, being the first woman initiated into Phi Delta Kappa, and working for Reverend Jesse Jackson, were all things that were considered when Northwestern University selected East special education teacher, Mrs. Jean Damisch to receive its outstanding service award.

"Out of 80 outstanding alumni, 13 were picked to receive the service award in recognition of loyal and outstanding service to the University," explained Mrs. Damisch. Actor Charlton Heston will also be present at the ceremony, receiving the medal award for his contributions to Northwestern and to his profession.

"I DID ABOUT everything there was as an undergraduate," Mrs. Damisch reminisces. "I thought that Northwestern University was the greatest school in the United States."

Some of her most memorable accomplishments were — to be the first woman initiated into Phi Delta Kappa, previously an all male fraternity; to be the N.U. representative on

a nationwide lecture series for Reverend Jesse L. Jackson; and being the founder and editor of the N.U. newsletter, "The Educator." "We were one of the first universities to print a newsletter," stated Damisch.

Mrs. Damisch, and her husband, Richard Damisch, have directed four world tours for Gotaas World Travel. The tours have included experienced world travelers. "They have all gone around the world 10 and 20 times," Damisch adds.

THOSE TOURS included such places as Ouagadougou, Upper Volta (they were the first charter group to arrive there), Lambarene, Gabon (the first tourist group to travel the swamps of Gabon in dug-out canoes) and Katmandu, Nepal, where the group saw the 5 o'clock sunrise over Mt. Everest. "I spent one day with Sir Edmund Hillary (the first man to climb Mt. Everest)," recounts Damisch.

Within one day, the group breakfasted in Hong Kong, from there they went to Borneo; onto the Philippines for lunch, and then they flew to Bali for dinner. "While in

Borneo, I danced with the lead dancer who picked me out of the group," adds the former dance teacher.

While traveling through these foreign countries, "Mrs. Damisch did more than sight see. "I find the children and teach them songs and dances."

WITH ALL THESE experiences, travels, and accomplishments, will receiving an award from her alma mater prove exciting? "I think it will be one of the high points of my life," Mrs. Damisch says assuringly. "To receive this award from this university that I love so much and that has become a part of my life is a great honor."



Mrs. Jean Damisch, East Special Education teacher, will receive Northwestern University's outstanding service award.

East investment club provides new experiences

Familiarization in investing techniques and gaining experiences in investing is the purpose of the East investment club according to Allen Adelman '79, president of the club.

A club meeting usually consists of movies (related to

investing), lectures on the stock market, and a review of the latest economic happenings in the world. This is achieved by reading the *Wall Street Journal* and other sources of financial news. Club members also play games relating to the stock market.

THE CLUB, which presently consists of 25 members, it sponsored by Charles Plock, business education teacher. Officers of the club include president Allen Adelman, vice-president David Bart '80, treasurer Dan Tresley '79, and secretary David Eingorn '81.

Club members have recently acquired with funds in their treasury 16 shares of common stock in the United Technologies Corporation. The club paid \$39.50 per share and is retaining its shares in the hope of making a profit.

The club uses a discount broker for purchasing its

stocks. According to Adelman, a discount broker gives no advice. He or she just buys and sells stocks for people, and therefore receives a commission not as great as regular brokers.

MOST MEMBERS OF the East investment club have no desire to enter the field of investing, but, are preparing themselves for the fact that most people eventually become involved in investing.

"It is interesting to see how the stock market works and I am learning something that should prove to be useful in later life," stated club member Martin Brisk '79. "The club also helps to give you an inside look at investing on the stock exchange," added Tresley.

Anyone interested in investing should contact Mr. Plock or any of the club's officers. The club meets every other Tuesday at 3 p.m. in room 324.

Video games expand world of TV

by Larry Perlman

Did you ever want to watch two TV shows at the same time? Or do something else with your TV beside look at test patterns?



With the introduction of video games, your television is no longer just a television!

There are many different ways to use a television set beside watching reruns of "The Brady Bunch." Now many kinds of video games, videocassette recorders, home computers and a newly developed product, the videodisc are on the market.

VIDEO GAMES WERE the first accessories for TV's. They have come a long way since the first game; the original Odyssey from Magnavox, made its debut in 1972. To play it, one had to put plastic overlays on the TV screen with cellophane tape.

Since then, tiny electronic chips, smaller than a fingernail are responsible for the visual display, on-screen scoring, adjustable speed and skill positions, and sound effects.

There are two categories of video games: non-programmable (the games are built into the unit) and programmable (additional cartridges offer a variety of selections.)

THE PROGRAMMABLE

cartridges include basic games like tennis, sophisticated adult games like Las Vegas-type blackjack, poker and backgammon, challenging skill games like baseball and bas-

ketball, word and memory games that test powers of concentration and teaching games.

As of now the only companies to make programmable games are Atari, Bally, Fairchild and Magnavox. According to a salesman at Videodyssey, a store devoted only to video accessories, the Atari Video Computer System is the largest selling item in stock.

In ten years the videodisc will be as common as the color TV is today. That's the claim of the president of U.S. Pioneer, a popular hi-fi brand.

JUST WHAT IS A videodisc, anyway? A videodisc system is made up of two basic components. The first component is the videodisc player, which resembles and serves the same purpose as a record player. It is about the size of a typical compact stereo unit, and with its sleek, smart styling it can easily blend in with its surroundings. The difference between the video-

disc player and a basic record player is that the videodisc makes it possible to hear and see "Saturday Night Fever" rather than just listen to the soundtrack.

The second component, the videodisc itself, looks like a regular 12-inch record, but it contains both audio and visual information.

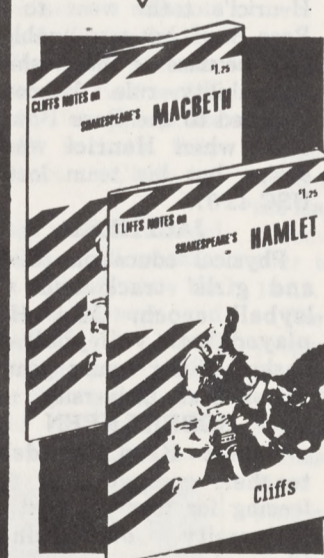
Magnavox is the first company to offer the public a videodisc system. Its unit, called Magnavision sells for \$695.

THERE ARE MORE than 200 titles to choose from in its catalog (100 additional titles are scheduled to be introduced this year).

Almost half of the catalog is devoted to feature films, retailing at \$15.95 each. Some of the titles include "National Lampoon's Animal House," "Day of the Jackal," "Dirty Harry," "Slap Shot," and "The Ten Commandments."

Owning a video game, VCR or videodisc, makes a TV more useful and meaningful because, according to Video "... owning a TV that is fed only by today's meager diet of network and independent broadcast programming is like having a refrigerator barely filled with food, and a lot of junk food at that."

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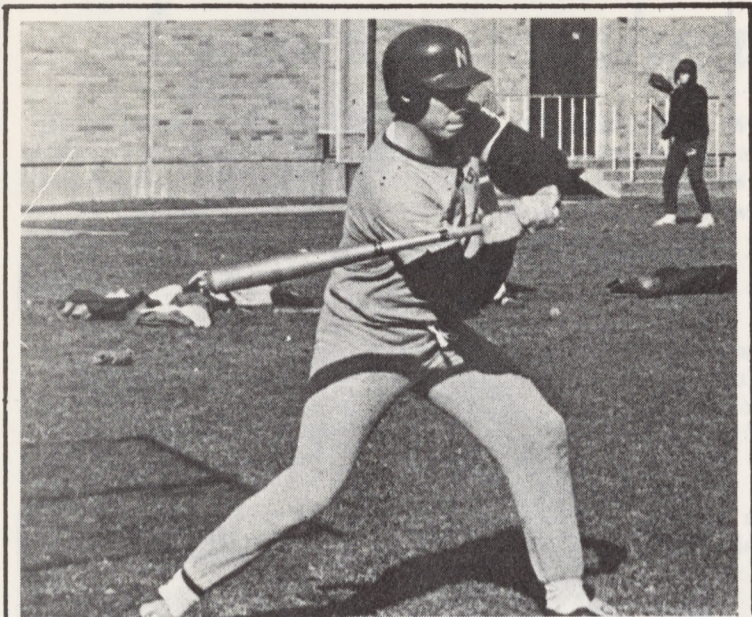
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Tim Callahan, seen here working on his hitting. The team is looking toward their first game.

Baseball starts season

"I'm very optimistic about this season," commented Head Baseball Coach George Galla, as he looks toward the commencement of the 1979 baseball season.

Coach Galla also feels there are a couple "big question marks." "Defense is my biggest worry. We did not have a good summer, so I hope all the hard work will help out," stated Galla.

WHEN GALLA SPEAKS of 'hard work' he is referring to the first two weeks of the season when the team practiced an hour before school in addition to the normal after school work-out.

When practice started,

pitching seemed to be the least of Coach Galla's worries. But in the last two weeks he has lost two pitchers, Jay Wilensky and Jeff Brin, to injuries. Also injured was outfielder Paul Stone.

"If Tad Slowik can pitch as well as he did last year and get better support behind him, it could be a good season," stated the coach. "The key to the season is how well the infield will play," added Galla.

THE TEAMS TO beat in our league are the same teams as last year, New Trier East

and Evanston," stated Galla.

The Trojans first two games were called off due to rain. Besides those two games, the players have been outside only three times.

"All the schools are in the same position as us. Some schools may have it a little better than others as to how good their indoor facilities are," concluded Galla.

The Trojans will play Niles West away, on April 9. The game will start at 12:00.

Girls' Sports

by Barbara Reich

Varsity badminton player Judy Klancic, who predicted at the start of this season that, "We probably won't win an overwhelming number of meets," turned out to be right on target.

The badminton team has a final chance to improve an 0-6 record against Waukegan West on April 24.

BUT TO ACHIEVE victory Klancic feels "We have to learn how to return smashes."

Varsity Doubles Player Janet Torstenson, feels that "The secret might be to think strategically, but when you're on the court you just concentrate on whipping the bird, not where it goes."

Though head coach Pat Matlak wishes each team member would possess Judy Klancic's smash, Gabe Strack's return of smash, Janet Torstenson's winning desire, Tina Lee's encouragement to her partner, Natalie Doi's movement on the court, and the Klancic sister's sense of humor," she declares. "The girls have potential and increase their scores at each meet."

CONFIRMING THE arrival of Spring, the East girls' track team was rained out of their first meet.

However, indoor preparation against Niles West proved to Head coach Jaci Hess that

"We're stronger in the distance and field events."

Hess' only objection to coaching track is "Not being able to give enough individual attention. Coaching 42 kids n Varsity and Junior Varsity levels gives me a pretty good work-out!"

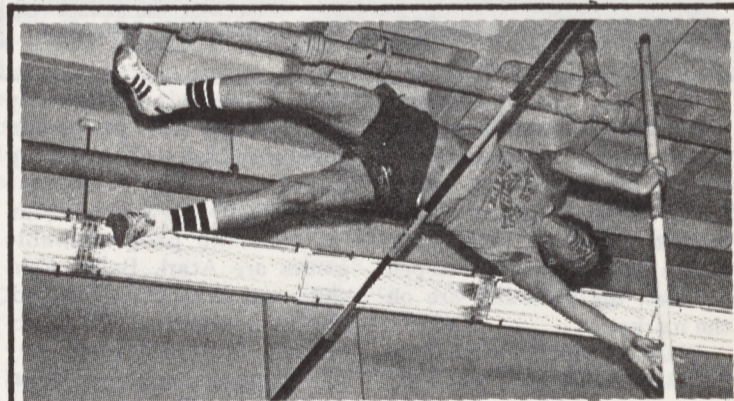
CHEERLEADING tryouts, moved equipment and injuries have all prevented the East girls' gymnastic team from putting together a winning season, according to Head Coach Seymour Rifkind.

"All of our equipment was moved into the smaller girls' gym, without room for a floor exercise mat," complained Rifkind. "We've also been very unlucky with injuries this year. So far we've had a broken arm, a blood clot and a dislocated knee."

Adding to these woes, were several losses by close scores. "Teams like Deerfield, Evanston and Highland Park blew us out of competition last year, but this season they beat us by a crummy three to nine points," observed varsity gymnast Sue Besser.

THE GYMNASTICS record still stands at 1-6 and the girls will end their season with a full squad against Waukegan West.

"We're a small varsity team but devoted," concluded Rifkind. "And to me that's what matters most."



The Trojan trackmen finishing off their indoor season, will start outdoor season soon.

East trackmen begin outdoor season

The Trojan trackmen finished off their indoor season by placing third in the Niles West Invitational.

"We had many good individual performances this year, but we didn't have a good enough turnout to help the team overall," commented Head Coach Richard Howard.

"Both Barry Leb and Chad Howard displayed good per-

formances in the sprints. Leb is one of the fastest men in the conference," noted Howard.

HOWARD ALSO singled out Jeff Pozen and Steve Urow as strong performers in the distance events and Gary Chin in the hurdles.

"We're looking forward to a good outdoor season. The team is building for the future around a strong sophomore squad," concluded Howard.

Unknown talents

Teachers were once athletes

A Rose Bowl player, a teammate of George Blanda and college all-American all walk the halls of Niles East. These athletes as well as many other teachers all were outstanding performers in high school and college.

HOWARD BYRAM

Howard Byram, physical education teacher and former East wrestling coach participated in four years of football, wrestling and track at the University of Omaha. Prior to his participation in college, Byram played football and wrestled in the service for two years.

EMIL CAPITANI

Varsity basketball coach and math teacher, Emil Capitani played three years of basketball and baseball while attending Putnam Country high in downstate Granville, Illinois. An all-state honorable mention basketball player for three consecutive years, Capitani led his team in scoring each year and amassed 1,041 points in his high school career. Capitani's basketball career continued into his freshman year of college when he played at Western Illinois University.

KARL DE JONGE

East history teacher Karl DeJonge played four years of basketball and baseball while in the service in Florida. After the service, DeJonge went to Kelvin College in Grand Rapids Michigan and played freshmen basketball and four years of baseball.

TODD DVORAK

Math teacher and cross country coach Todd Dvorak, played two years of basketball at Wright Junior College under the tutelage of former Chicago Bull coach Ed Badger.

HARRY EWING

Harry "Mick" Ewing, social studies teacher and varsity football coach, played college football for five years at five different schools. Ewing began at the University of Illinois and played football there for a year, but then entered the service and played at Utah State for a year before going overseas. After returning, Ewing participated in football and basketball at Murray College in Kentucky.

tucky. After one year of football at Georgia Pre-Flight while in the service, Ewing finished off with a year of

football at Illinois Wesleyan.

GERALD FERGUSON

Head Varsity football coach and physical education teacher Gerald Ferguson, was an all-conference and all-state tackle his senior year at Mattoon High in Mattoon, Illinois. Ferguson played college football his freshman year at Northwestern and then transferred to Eastern Illinois and played there for two years.

GEORGE GALLA

George Galla, head varsity baseball coach and health education teacher, compete in three years of baseball at Navy Pier college (later to become Chicago-Circle). Galla also played one year at the University of Illinois at Champaign on a team that won the Big 10 championship. While in high school, Galla was a Chicago all-city baseball player and played in several all-star games.

RONALD HENRICI

An all-state football player his senior year at East, Ronald Henrici played college football at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. His freshman year Henrici's team went to the Rose Bowl, but was unable to play because of the freshman ineligibility rule. Wisconsin returned to the Rose Bowl in 1963 when Henrici was a senior, but his team lost to USC 42-37.

JACI HESS

Physical education teacher and girls' track and volleyball coach, Jaci Hess played both volleyball and basketball her senior year at Illinois State University.

ROBERT KEEN

Robert Keen, woodshop teacher, competed in epee fencing for four years at the University of Illinois-Champaign.

PAT MATLAK

Girls Physical education teacher and coach, Pat Matlak participated in volleyball while attending Central Missouri State University.

NICK ODLIVAK

Nick Odliak, boys physical education teacher and football and swimming coach, competed his senior year in the 1950 Orange Bowl while playing for the University of Kentucky. Odliak's coach at this time was Paul "Bear" Bryant, now a very successful coach at Alabama. After his

senior year at Kentucky, Odliak was invited by the San Francisco 49ers for a tryout but declined their offer to coach in Louisville. During Odliak's first two years at Kentucky, George Blanda was the team's quarterback.

WILLIAM OSNESS

William Osness, history teacher, played college football at Illinois Wesleyan for three years and was a teammate of Harry Ewing for a year. Osness also played four years of baseball at Wesleyan.

STEVE POZNANSKY

Math teacher and football, wrestling and baseball coach, Steve Poznansky participated in four years of football and wrestling at Illinois State University.

EDWARD PUGLIESE

Edward Pugliese, drivers' education teacher, played four years of both football and baseball on the varsity level at Western Illinois University. In high school, Pugliese was a member of the Austin High Football team that won the Chicago city championship for two consecutive years.

JERRY RICHARDSON

Drivers' Education teacher and volleyball and baseball coach, Jerry Richardson was an all-state baseball player and an all-american basketball player in high school. After high school, Richardson attended the University of Minnesota where he competed in football and basketball for four years.

SEYMOUR RIFKIND

Health teacher and gymnastic coach, Seymour Rifkind won the state title in the parallel bars and all-around competition while attending East in 1969. Rifkind then attended the University of New Mexico for two years but transferred to the University of Iowa where he was a college all-american and participated in international competition.

JEAN WOJDULA

Girls' physical education teacher and coach, Jean Wojdula won the beginning fencing championship while attending Circle Campus. Wojdula also participated in basketball and the shot put at Circle.

GEORGE YURSKY

Math teacher George Yursky played football for four years at Concordia College in River Forest, Illinois.