

Teachers assigned supervisory duties

by Dennis Kaplan

Teachers at the three District 219 high schools began their supervision of non-academic areas last week following the dismissal of all lay supervisory personnel. All available teachers were assigned supervision by administrators in accordance with the Board-Union contract which was tentatively accepted on September 10, by the Niles Township Federation of Teachers. Although this issue of the new contract was discussed at great length during negotiations and presumably both

teachers and Board members understood its terms, now that it has been put into effect each group is somewhat surprised by the consequences.

MANY OF the teachers at Niles East are extremely dissatisfied with their supervisory assignments and believe the entire educational process as far as they are concerned may be disrupted. Mrs. Mary Scherb, an English teacher at East, feels that the fact she is a teacher has not caused her to be an effective hall supervisor. She went on to say that,

"Supervisory assignments on the surface seem to be vindictive measures on the part of the administration. The Board must very soon make a choice as to whether a teacher's time is more beneficially used in an academic nature or parading the halls. Supervision is depriving the teachers of time that should be spent in student contact."

Student sentiment regarding teachers' new duties was aired at last Monday night's Nilehi board meeting. Student representative from North division,

Kerry Teplinsky, told the board that Nilehi students are extremely "disturbed" by the new supervisory program.

RESPONDING TO board president Shirley Garland's statement that students knew about the new plan well before it went into effect, East student representative Robert Feder said students had never been told the scope or effect the new plan would have.

"Teachers have been assigned to supervise hallways that I didn't even know existed," Feder said.

Moore quits Board

The Nilehi Board of Education, upon unanimously accepting the resignation of James Moore during their October 8 meeting, expressed their "deep appreciation and sincere thanks to Moore for the dedicated and professional manner with which he served as a member of the Board, and for his eminent contributions to the cause of public education in this community." Moore had served four and one-half years on the Board after being elected to that position in 1969.

THE BOARD also unanimously adopted a resolution appointing Angelos Poulakidas, a former District 219 Board member, to complete the second year of Moore's second term, such appointment to be effective until the next scheduled School Board Election, April 13, 1974. Mr. Poulakidas was selected by the Board because he "possessed both background and experience in the business of the Board and is one who

would continue the excellent work of Mr. Moore."

Another resolution proposed to the Board suggested that Leo Provost, who had just recently resigned as head of the music department at Niles East, be rehired as a consultant in order that he may complete his twentieth year at East and become eligible for certain benefits based on his many years of service. The Board approved this proposal and commented that Provost was rehired due to his "value to the community."

DURING THE Board's audience to visitors, three lay supervisors formerly employed at East stated they were "used and treated unfairly by the Board" in reference to their recent dismissals. The three accused the Board of leading them to believe they would be rehired for the 1973-74 school year. The Board did not deny the accusations.



Niles East's National Merit Semi-finalists standing around Dr. Colver are (from left) John Cascino, Jill Aronovitz, Ron Miller, Brad Lerman, Corey Levens, Jill Goldstein, Jeff Lillien, and Jill Goldberg. Not pictured: Judy Gutman. (Photo by Michael Fryer)

Homecoming—Oct. 26, 27

A pep assembly kicks off this year's Homecoming Weekend on Friday, October 26. On Saturday, the float parade again will be featured beginning at Old Orchard Theater ending up at Niles East. The Trojans will battle Maine South at 2 p.m. During halftime, the floats will parade around the track while the judges select the winners.

IN THE EVENING, a combination concert-dance is planned in the contest gym. Two groups, "Eden Rock" and "Puzzle" will provide the entertainment beginning at 8:30 p.m. Dates are not necessary, and students can come as they are.

The Key Club is planning a special surprise Friday evening at which time the Homecoming Court will be announced. Unlike previous years, there

will not be a queen. Any junior or senior girls interested in running will be placed on the ballot after having a petition signed. The students will then vote with four seniors and two juniors selected.

THE 1973 HOMECOMING Committee, hoping that this year's festivities will result in the best homecoming ever, met several times over the summer together with Fred Richardi, sponsor, to plan the events. Chairman Paula Menzer thinks that it should be a lot of fun, and is urging everyone to join in. Other members of the committee include co-chairman Janet Levine, Bonnie Friedman, Bonnie Berg, Debbie Wasserman, Cindy Kipnis, Hillary Kramer, Marcy Helfgott, Nancy and Wendy Mendelssohn, Debbie Meister, Lisa Silver, Penny Holland, Mary Unrue, and Sue and Sally Goldstein.

Merit semi-finalists named

by Cindy Payne

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation has announced that nine seniors from Niles East High School have been chosen as National Merit semi-finalists in the 1974 Merit Program. Those students are Jill Aronovitz, John Cascino, Jill Goldberg, Jill Goldstein, Judy Gutman, Brad Lerman, Corey Levens, Jeff Lillien, and Ron Miller.

IN ADDITION to the nine semi-finalists, the corporation has named twenty East-hi students as recipients of National Merit Letters of Commendation. These

students are Andrea Berg, Bruce Brantman, Harold Cooper, Roberta Drell, Gary Elkins, Robert Feder, Debra Filinson, Robin Gill, Seth Gold, Brian Hamer, Keith Hardt, Richard Harris, Omar Hernandez, Sharon Matsumoto, Rebecca McCracken, Eliot Osherman, Mendy Pozin, Daniel Rappaport, Jacqueline Sagen, and Pamela Winans.

Students are honored by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation on the basis of their PSAT/NMSQT test scores, which are determined during their junior year in high school.

Student senate start 'enthusiastic'—next meeting Tuesday

by Scott Jacobson

With what president Robert Feder called "overwhelming enthusiasm", the Nilehi Student Senate, conducted its first meeting since the senate's inception, last May, on Tuesday, September 25.

AT ITS MOST productive meeting, Thursday, October 4, the senate adopted a resolution commending retiring Nilehi board member James Moore, for his diligent service to the community.

In other action, the organization approved the appointments of Robert Feder, and Dennis Kaplan, and alternates Gary Elkins, and Corey Levens, to the EPDC (Educational Policy Development Committee) and the Nilehi Caucus. Selected to the EPDC subcommittee on freedom of expression were Scott Jacobson and Avram Lothan. To the sex-discrimination subcommittee, Irwin Katz and Jill Goldberg were appointed, and Brian Hamer will serve on the nature reserve subcommittee.

THE FIRST amendment to the senate's constitution was proposed by Av-

ram Lothan, stating that the fifty signatures required for at-large members with five per class level be eliminated.

Instead, someone wishing to become a member of the senate would have to attend 3 consecutive roll call meetings. Despite Lothan's try to open up the senate to more students, most of the members thought it would endanger the representative nature of the organization. The amendment was defeated 15-12.

ALSO, THE senate committed itself to backing any deficit up to \$100, to the Homecoming Committee, which will be paid back by the end of the school year.

AFTER MUCH discussion among representatives and heated debate between Gary Elkins and Corey Levens, a motion was passed to accept the results of the first of two vice-presidential elections, giving Elkins the victory over Levens.

The senate's next meeting is scheduled this Tuesday during 12th period in Room 120. Jo Morris will answer questions regarding her new position as building manager.



Congressman Aaron Jaffe serves beer to 19 year olds at a local bar only minutes after a new law took effect permitting them to purchase beer and wine. (Photo by Michael Fryer)

Feedback

'Reporting was fair and objective'

Strike coverage

Dear Editor,

I would like to congratulate you and your staff on the first two issues of the Nilehilite. I thought your reporting was fair and objective and the subject matter pertinent and timely.

Keep up the good work!

Mrs. J. Eisenberg

Dear Editor,

I appreciate your last two issues of the Nilehilite. Your coverage of the teacher strike was fair and objective. Also, I would like to comment on your thoughtful tribute to Sue Petz, Niles East graduate.

The articles in general represent the voice of the student body and speak to all of us at Niles East. It was a pleasure to read the papers of Scott Jacobson and Dennis Kaplan when they were students in my classes, and now again I commend their journalism talents. Write on.

R. J. Isackson

Dear Editors,

I was impressed with reporters' endeavors to get the facts from all concerned factions regarding the teachers' strike. This is responsible, mature journalism, and does not smack of the "juvenile" school papers which simply print thoughts and statements with no concern for the truth!

Continue to be responsible journalists and illustrate an honest reflection of the entire Nilehi team.

Virginia K. Stemp

Dear Editor,

Your first issue was lively.

Betty Quinn

Dear Editor,

Congratulations on the fine newspaper you've been turning out this year. I feel it is becoming the voice of all factions within the school. Also, I was impressed by the sensitive article written about Sue Petz. Keep up the good work.

Jeanne Derichs

Dear Editors,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the fine work shown in the first issues of the Nilehilite. Keep it up!

Mrs. C. Roesslein

Dear Editor,

The beginning of a new school year always brings with it impressive lists of objectives, plans, and intended changes. To see such matters outlined in the September 21 issue of the Nilehilite is not surprising. What is notable, and to me very admirable, is the intelligence, courage, and determination expressed by the front-page statement of the editors-in-chief and already evidenced in the first two issues. I offer you my very best wishes and fullest support as you try to make this year's Nilehilite the students' newspaper in actuality as well as in name.

Richard A. Livingston

Dear Editor,

May I compliment your staff and you for the fine beginning you have made this year in turning out a student newspaper that is both pertinent and competent. I have been particularly impressed by the high quality of reporting and clean writing in the first two issues of the newspaper. The style is crisp, clean, informative, and the focus of the newspaper has been sharp and direct. Certainly much of the credit for this fine beginning goes to you, the staff, for your careful attention to detail and for your instinct as to what is newsworthy, as well as to Mrs. Scherb, your sponsor, for her guidance. You are fulfilling an important function in the school, that of keeping us all, students, teachers, and administrators, apprised of what is occurring in our school that affects us all.

John Golata

Dear Editor,

I would like to commend your newspaper on the special two-page edition covering the teachers' strike. It was very helpful to most students in defining exactly what the contradictory issues were and what the sequence of events was which led up to the strike. It is the Nilehilite's responsibility to report on all subjects affecting students at Niles East, including such controversial topics as the strike.

Jill Goldstein '74

Dear Editor,

I am not going to say that I enjoy the school newspaper because I hardly ever read it. There are, however, many people

who enjoy the paper and I feel the paper should be allowed to print whatever it wants so long as they make no false accusations.

Mark Snyderman '75

Board spending

Dear Editor,

It's hard for me to understand how difficulties arose involving teachers' salaries and yet the board's \$18 million budget allows \$750 thousand for modernization of the Easthi pool and \$27 thousand for carpeting such places as the library and the student lounge. A school which should be teaching its students how to economize is doing a fine job of spending wildly. Our pool, notwithstanding the pollutants it contains, is still swimmable and the library along with student lounge floors are still walkable. The carpeting bought will have to be the world's finest to withstand the wear, tear, slush, and spit it will face. I wonder if it would be possible, in next year's budget, to propose a plan to decorate the school's toilets and urinals with platinum and gold.

Rory Zaks '74

Dear Editor,

Since numerous history books have noted the many contributions which the ancient Egyptians had made to civilization, the average American probably knows about the huge pyramids that they built many centuries ago. Pharaohs had these massive structures erected so that people in later eras would remember them. The average person eventually paid for these projects, but he gained no advantage after they were built.

The school board of Niles Township has the same antiquated ideas as these Pharaohs. Its members now are trying to make "physical improvements" for our school at the expense of the taxpayers. Perhaps the best examples are the new main entrance and new gym entrance. Of course, some projects might be needed: the pool renovation and the library carpeting (to reduce noise). But the carpeting in the student lounge is quite unnecessary. Since the lounge is located on the ground floor, the carpeting will probably act as a "mud col-

lector" during the winter months. It will also serve as a convenient ashtray.

I know I am not the only person who is disappointed with the school board's recent actions (especially that action taken regarding our fine public servant Leo Provost), and I can only hope and pray that the Board will only do just a little more listening to students, teachers, parents, and other concerned members of the community.

Julia Rath '74

Cafeteria blues

Dear Editor,

I would like to comment on the cafeteria situation at Niles East. I have eaten in this cafeteria for four years. The content of hamburger has gradually deteriorated from broiled ground beef to boiled ground soybean meal. There used to be whole chunks of beef in the beef stew, now all we get is Hamburger Helper (and believe me it doesn't help). There is a new dish that was recently added, noodle casserole. The only difference between that and the chop suey, is the rice.

I would also like to comment on the service or should I say the lack of it. The ladies who dish out the food have such a sullen, despondent way of dishing out the food, that we wonder if it is worth eating the food they prepared. I don't mean to imply that these women should dress up in pom-poms and miniskirts and yell "hit it!" I simply mean if they could be a little more friendly. A few kind words instead of the traditional, "Hey Mack, whaddya want today?" would be sufficient. I am one of those "lucky" few who have only 15 minutes to eat, and one thing I don't need is to hear those ladies swearing at us or going as slow as they can. I, at least, feel that the cafeteria atmosphere would be altered slightly for the better, if only the cafeteria personnel would put across a better attitude towards the students.

I have to admit tho, despite most of the derogatory comments I have made, there are a few ladies who really do their jobs and are a pleasure to meet.

Name withheld upon request

Hotline

Q. What teachers crossed the picket lines?

A. According to our best information, the following staff members crossed union picket lines during the five-day teachers' strike last month:

Kay Beck, Dave Beechy, Diane Brown-ing, Howard Byram, Joan Coon, Lois French, Nancy Goodman, Ronald Grawski, Mildred Hall, James Heiniger, Ron Henrici, Robert Keen, Don Larson, Jack Lerman, Patricia Matlack, Kathleen Palansky, John Schrammel, Marjorie Stevens, Denise Totemeier, Bernard Welch, Deanna Whyman, Jean Wojdula.

Q. What ever happened to Terry Halteman?

A. The former security guard at East is now selling pet supplies for his uncle, according to security chief James O. Puff.

Halteman, whose smiling face and blue parka became familiar sights for many students was 24th on the waiting list for a job with the Northbrook police department. But now, said Puff, he's in California with his line of pet goods.

Q. Who's been teaching here the longest?

A. Biology teacher George Roth gets the prize for teaching at East the longest — since September 1, 1947.

Prior to this year, Dr. John Betts had been here the longest (since 1946), but his retirement last June along with that of Carl Burgener (also 1947) makes Roth top on the seniority list.



Terry Halteman

Other veteran East staff members include Virginia Stemp (1948), Donald Blair (1950), Lois French (1951), Joan Coon (1952), and Howard Byram (1953).

Q. How can I get my picture in the yearbook?

A. If you mean a candid picture, it's all a matter of being at the right place at the right time.

Reflections 1974 co-editor Kathy Zim-bler said the best way to have a candid photograph take your picture is by being yourself and not showing off or acting like an idiot.

But even if your picture is snapped, it won't necessarily be used in the yearbook, since relatively few of the many thousands of candid photos taken can be used.

Q. How many textbooks do we have?

A. East's textbook center manager Gert Natker estimates the total number of books at 20,000.

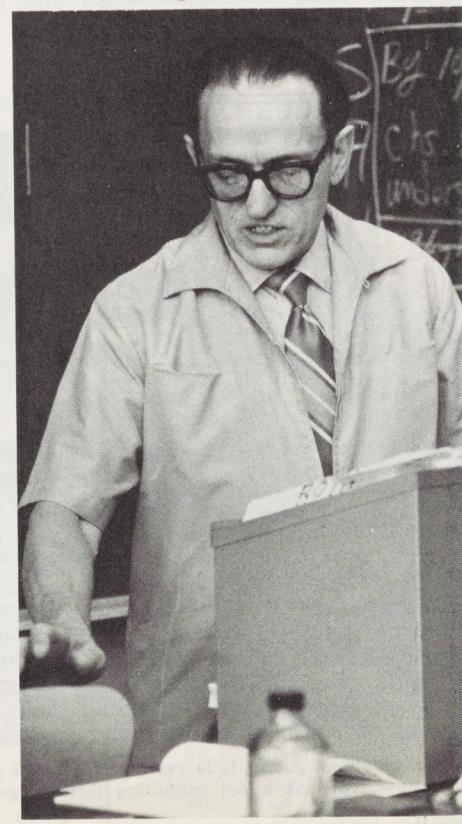
Of all the courses taught here, Black Literature requires the most books — 13 in all.

Q. How many high school students are there?

A. That depends on where you mean. Here's the breakdown: at East — 2,385; in Niles Township — 7,638; in Illinois — 670 thousand; in the whole country —

14 million; in the whole world — who knows?

We answer everything! Send your questions about anything to Nilehilite Hot Line, Room 124. Sorry, personal replies are impossible. Your name will not be used unless requested.



George Roth

Nilehilite

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Supervision looks bad

After one week, the new teacher supervision program at all three Nilehi schools looks pretty bad.

MANY TEACHERS say they didn't interpret the new board-union contract to mean they had to serve hall duty. And now they are upset.

Not only do many teachers believe cafeteria and hall supervision place unfair burdens on their already busy schedules, but they complain that such assignments are inappropriate tasks for professional educators to be given.

A NUMBER of disgruntled staff members have even told us they will vote against their official contracts this month when the formal agreements are finalized.

What this all means to students is not yet clear.

IT IS likely, however, that students will suffer from the effects of the teachers' new roles as supervisors.

A teacher who is busy preventing students from cutting in cafeteria food lines and preventing students from "taking compromising positions" will surely be less available to discuss classroom problems and confer with students on other matters.

FURTHERMORE, WE can't see teachers acting as hallway policemen as a plus for students.

We disagree with Superintendent Wesley Gibbs, who told us recently that students better appreciate teachers who are strong disciplinarians.

IN FACT, OUR experiences indicate the contrary—that understanding, compassionate, reasonable teachers win our respect more easily. And when a teacher is administering disciplinary action in the hallways, it is unlikely that his classroom prejudices and attitudes won't carry over outside the classroom as well.

We believe this system (or any new program) can't work unless and until all components of it—staff and students alike—are sincerely committed to its success.

OTHERWISE IT is destined for failure.

Resignation mixes emotions

It is with mixed emotions that we reflect on last Monday's resignation of Nilehi board member James Moore.

ON ONE HAND, Moore's confidence in administration decision making, his reluctance to entrust students with responsibility, and most important, his long-established conservative stance cause some to welcome his resignation.

His leaving can be viewed as but another opportunity to hasten the transition of the board from a business-like conservative group to one closer in philosophy to student-minded members James Gottreich and Ben Lipin.

NEVERTHELESS, Moore will be missed.

For even when we disagreed with him strongly, we respected his honesty and decency.

ABOVE ALL else, he has always been forthright and candid both publicly and privately. And such integrity, unfortunately, is rare.

For example, we were not surprised by Moore's recent public attack on our first issue of the Nilehilite, charging us



James Moore

with presenting "a great number of half-facts," and questioning our journalistic responsibility.

WE HAVE come to expect — and indeed welcome — such straight-from-the-shoulder criticism from him.

The kind of criticism we hope he has welcomed from us.

Wednesday really Friday?

Confused on which schedule to follow today?

LET'S SEE, is it the Wednesday schedule on Monday and Friday, or was it the Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday schedule on Wednesday or Thursday?

We're all reasonable people. So why not make this system more simple? Why must high school students and teachers tolerate such confused administrative mumbo jumbo?

Since there are supposedly only two types of schedules (is that all?), the answer to this mess seems clear enough.

OUR PLAN? Call one schedule blue and the other gold (remember the school colors?). So that we know which schedule to follow on a particular day, blue or gold placards could be displayed in prominent locations around the school, like the office, deans' office, nurses' office, library, cafeteria, lounge, and detention room.

North division has been using a similar "color" system for four years. Maybe we can learn something from them.

Unless the administration wants to continue confusing everybody (which does seem to be a realistic possibility), we urge them to consider our plan or some suitable alternative.

BY THE WAY, what day IS this? . . .

Guest Editorial

Spiro versus the media

by Eliot Osherman

The following are two more in a series of guest editorials by interested persons in the school community. Readers are urged to participate in this column by either sending us their reactions to guests' thoughts or submitting their own essays for our consideration.—Editor.

"Whenever there is a vacancy in the office of the Vice President, the President shall nominate a Vice President who shall take the office upon confirmation by a majority vote of both houses of Congress." So reads Section Two of the 25th Amendment to our Constitution. Whether the President shall take these actions in the near future remains to be seen.

IN THE past few weeks, Vice President Spiro Agnew has been under intense fire from the media for several reasons. The main reason is the investigation that is being conducted in Maryland of his past.

Now several people have claimed that while holding office in Maryland, the Vice President took kickbacks. These reports are now being examined by the judicial system.

THE PRESS is going after Agnew in a vicious manner. No one believes his declarations of innocence. Nowadays, a statement from the A.P. carries more weight than a statement from the V.P.

One reason may be that they have exhausted Watergate. Since the Senate hearings, many people have read a great deal on Watergate, and citizens are tired of it. The press has found a new victim.

ANOTHER POSSIBILITY is that the left-wing of the antagonistic press does not like Agnew's political views. They

are trying to destroy the man by belittling him in public.

The public opinion polls show that Americans are becoming more distrustful of politicians. Every headline of political scandal sells more papers. Unqualified reports of Agnew's term of office in Maryland and his "corruption" makes headlines and sell more papers.

ANOTHER WAY in which the newspapers have openly attacked Agnew is in his recent letter to Congress. He asked for a Congressional investigation into the charges against him. This was termed a political ploy. It would have been much better for him to trust his future to men who understand political pressures than to trust his future to men who read large headlines declaring his guilt every day.

The press has not only tried and convicted him, they have speculated as to who his successor will be. When the unknown "source" of reports is identified, the "source" denies all knowledge of such reports. In editorial pages throughout the country names have been tossed about. Several prominent Republicans have denied wanting the office. (Shades of July 1972!)

SPIRO AGNEW has been the undeserved recipient of the slings and arrows of outrageous reporters. Not only does someone want his head, but that someone is more than prepared to stuff it and mount it on his wall.

Eliot Osherman, a senior, is active in several school advisory committees, other organizations, and is a frequent writer of letters to the editor.—Editor.

Guest Editorial

What do you want . . .

by Louis M. Eyermann

As a non-member of the Teachers' Union, the invitation to write a guest editorial is greatly appreciated.

CONFLICT in any educational situation is unhealthy indeed. However, in some situations it may be not only unavoidable but as necessary and salutary as surgery may be to a cancer victim.

The basic issue in the recent events is, putting it bluntly and simply: "what does the township need and want for its money paid to support District 219?"

FOR MANY years the Niles Township High School (now Niles East) had a teacher-department chairman-administrator hierarchy and attained highly favorable status among secondary schools. Today with the middle step eliminated for the past two full school years, the teachers are beginning to ask where to look for curriculum and instructional leadership in an everchanging educational world. This to replace the leadership of the deposed, and in some cases departed, department chairmen. How can any administrator, however gifted, give curriculum leadership to several diverse subject areas? Further, how can the Board and the community expect the deposed department chairmen who are still here to teach a full load and in addition develop curricula and keep up with curriculum trends? Apparently, some administrators do!

AN EARLIER editorial, in the issue of September 13, 1973, referred to the sound financial footing in District 219 at the present time. Any soundness results from the basic fact that the Cook County Assessor has raised the taxable valuation in Niles Township over 15 per cent in 1973 alone!

TEACHER MORALE has not recovered from the faculty trimming in the winter of 1970-71, without warning, and probably will not recover in the foreseeable future. An administrator has written:

As you know, we have been doing everything possible to give the taxpayers of our community the best educational system while keeping expenditures at a minimum. One outgrowth of this is more efficient scheduling of students into classes. This means that we have limited flexibility for program changing

but maximum utilization of staff and space. Finally, a study made two years ago showed that our excessively liberal attitude towards making schedule changes was a costly and disruptive force. I am sure that you will see the logic of the decision of limit changes to only the essential ones.

MANY PARENTS and students have seen this form letter material. With the taxable valuation of Niles Township, wouldn't it be better to adjust students needs before providing for administrator's areas and reducing the budget. Examination of the 1973-74 tentative budget seems to indicate that teacher and student oriented expenditures are decreasing while the administrative budget is apparently increasing. Take a look at what some departments must use as office space to meet students and parents and compare this with the administrative offices. After that last look, it will be difficult to see the logic of the limit and restrictions on student class changes. Every student should have a comfortable feeling in his assignments. Why shouldn't he or she?

Finally, the repeated by-passing of the Educational Policy Development Committee has raised the mistrust of the faculty to an all time high concerning administrative intentions.

WITH THE APPROACHING North Central Association evaluation of District 219, it seems imperative that this conflict be abated. It cannot be abated by enforcing peonage on the teachers. An honest "NO", or the great Sam Goldwyn's "A DEFINITE MAYBE" is often the only sound answer in education. A chorus of "YES" too often indicates that honest thinking about the best interests of the students must be subordinated to administrative prestige or advantage.

It's time to ask (with appreciation to a certain advertisement no longer on television): "What do you want? Good administrative set-ups . . . or good education?"

Dr. Eyermann, an East division science teacher, was in security for Project Manhattan—the construction of the first atomic bomb.—Editor.

The Alternative Learning Center

Niles presents-an Alternative

by Leslie Miller

ON OCTOBER 1 A SPECIAL bulletin was sent to all homeroom teachers, with the request to please read it aloud during the homeroom period. It was emphasized that the teachers make "a special effort" to make sure especially those who were frequently inattentive heard it.

The "letter" began:

"The problem with this announcement is that it is directed to those of you who probably are not listening. Why listen? You hate the place, right? You aren't interested in who's doing what. You're not looking for neat new programs; you're just looking to get out. Your grades are lousy, but you're getting by. Well, would you listen just this once?"

Perhaps some of you remember it, but then this wasn't any ordinary announcement, in style or content. If it happened to stick in your mind, and possibly interest you, it's just what Joan Macala and Bob Fizzell were hoping for.

Because Fizzell and Ms. Macala are proposing an altern-

ative to what many students consider the "enforced drudgery" of high school.

They would call it the Alternative Learning Center, and it would be at the east end of the mobile unit outside the West Division. It is, say its founders, a completely new and separate school within the Niles System.

THE STUDENTS WHO DECIDE to enroll in the ALC will, with assistance, develop their own programs, including what, when, and how they learn. As implied by its name, the Alternative Learning Center offers many alternatives to regularly scheduled classes. Some examples mentioned in the bulletin included these: A student might earn part of a psychology credit by doing volunteer work in a day care center, and earn a partial English credit by writing up his experiences there. A science credit could be earned by working in an environmental program in Chicago. There are always other alternatives, and the gaps could be filled in by attending a few regularly scheduled classes.

Students who are enrolled in the ALC will not receive grades. Written evaluations of the students' growth, development, and progress will be placed in their files.

THIS EXCITING AND HIGHLY individualized program will legally replace the schedule a student is presently following as soon as it is fully approved. Because of this, the program may not begin until next semester.

Fizzell, who is doing research on alternative programs at Northwestern, emphasized that the ALC is still in the planning stages and an alternative school committee has been named to formulate and develop the program.

"I have always wanted to do this," he said. Last year Fizzell was a teacher at West, but this year there were too many teachers, so he finally got his opportunity. He and Ms. Macala, who are payrolled by Central, can work with about 35 students.

If you missed last Friday's Forum, you can learn more about the ALC and other alternatives by calling 966-3800 (school number) and asking for ext. 206.

'Tango' leaves viewers depressed

by Michele Freed

THE POWERFULLY EROTIC and perhaps revolutionary love story, *Last Tango In Paris* is rapidly becoming the most intensely discussed film in years.

The motion picture stars academy award winner Marlon Brando as Paul, a disillusioned, sex driven man alienating himself from reality.

Upon meeting Jeanne (Marie Schneider) on the Rue Jules Verne in Paris, they shared sex in an elegant but dilapidated apartment building that is filled with Paul's sick jokes and crude language. The few tender moments take on an autumn glow.

Together, they remained in an unreal world when sheltered by the walls of the sunny apartment, revealing nothing to one another, not even their names.

In the real world of Paris, 45-year old Paul mourned for his dead wife Rose, with whom he shared a "flop house" composed mainly of degenerates, prostitutes, and Rose's ex-lover. As he sat at her open casket covered completely with flowers, he wiped the heavy makeup from her face. Crying painfully, he spoke to her more easily than he ever had when she was alive.

Twenty year old Jeanne was the star of a mad cap film being shot by her fiance, Tom. In one scene she relived the past, in her mother's apartment, with fond memories of her father, an ex-colonel.

Throughout the picture, Brando's language and actions are somewhat vulgar. Some think this is offensive and lose all respect for Brando, because of his role, while other may take the dry humor lightly.

The exploitation of women is another heavily discussed topic concerning 'Tango'. Throughout the couple's entire love-making relationship, Brando has kept his clothes on, while Maria Schneider pranced across the screen wearing her nudity as a young child would.

Director Bernardo Bertolucci has "giftwrapped his extraordinary sex scenes with elegance and discretion," said Newsweek of the film.

Yet the only thing that is really being "giftwrapped" is Marlon Brando's aging body, and though sex seems to be the main topic of the film, the director was looking more for emotional than physical explicitness, which is hard to believe while watching the underated exposes of a porno-film.

Since Jeanne did not die of leukemia or get cured of malignant cancer, some tragedy had to occur to make the film a true love story. So Jeanne shot Paul, a man whom she had deeply loved only a few hours earlier. This ruined the entire "love story" plot. The real question is: Why did she kill Paul?

Unfortunately, the sordid question was never answered, as the curtain came down on Paris, and Paul's and Jeanne's "Last Tango" remained a mystery to what was left of the confused and depressed audience.

College reps. scheduled for East

University of Tulsa—Tulsa, Okla.	Mon. Oct. 15	9:00
Shimer College—Mt. Carroll, Ill.	Mon. Oct. 15	10:00
Loyola University—Chicago	Mon. Oct. 15	10:30
Millikin University—Decatur, Ill.	Mon. Oct. 15	11:30
Augustana College—Rock Island, Ill.	Tue. Oct. 16	10:30
Columbia University—New York	Tue. Oct. 16	2:15
Geo. Williams College—Downers Grove	Wed. Oct. 17	9:00
Western Ill. U.—Macomb, Ill.	Wed. Oct. 17	11:00
University of Iowa—Iowa City, Iowa	Thu. Oct. 18	9:00
University of Detroit—Detroit, Mich.	Thu. Oct. 18	11:00
Bradley University—Peoria, Ill.	Mon. Oct. 22	11:00
Circle Campus (U. of I.)—Chicago	Tue. Oct. 23	9:00
Hamline University—St. Paul, Minn.	Tue. Oct. 23	11:30

All representatives will speak to interested students in Room 108. Students should sign up before attending.

Levens initiated into Key Club



(TOP) Key Club members of longer standing look on, grinning, as senior Corey Levens braces himself for one of the shocks of initiation, and . . . (BELOW) Is he ever shocked!



P-F option aims debated; higher class ranks for all

by Norberto Kogan

DILIGENT WORK by the School Policy and Procedures Committee culminated in the acceptance of a new Pass/Fail option for Easthi students in the month of April '73. The new policy designates that a student may choose the courses he prefers to be taken P/F after he sees his semester grades, while keeping in mind that one must have at least three graded courses.

The committee began its appraisal of the old P/F system by forwarding surveys to students, teachers, and parents. They discovered that the main reasons for taking a course P/F were to improve one's grade-point-average, or to allow a student to take a fifth major.

WHEN THE NEW OPTION was proposed, many members of the committee became enthusiastic about its many virtues. They pointed out that the new option would not only allow a student to expand his horizons by taking a fifth major and to improve his grades, but to be more competitive within himself and work harder in every course. A tendency to 'sluff off' work if early decision of P/F occurred would thus be stymied. It was emphasized that a student would have a greater feeling of confidence and accomplishment due to better grades. Some felt that potential prejudice by a teacher toward a student who takes a course P/F, might be a slight possibility, and the new proposal would choke off any such action.

ACCORDING TO DR. JAMES RICHTER, a strong advocate of the new option, the greatest objection to the contentions of the committee concerned the last two points. The concept of teacher prejudice was hazy, at best. It was acknowledged by objectors that the aforementioned feeling of confidence and accomplishment would be a false one, and that it would be quickly seen through by the student himself.

When the teachers were consulted (for advisement only) via survey, the 60 per cent who replied voted for the new proposal approximately two to one. After Dr. Richter consulted with Dr. Colver, it was decided by the administration to institute the new option.

The policy has not received Board of Education approval. According to Dr. Richter the Board already has approved the concept of P/F, and it is up to each building's discretion as to how to implement the program.

Cast chosen for fall play

by Judy Hoffman
and Tobey Rozencwajg

"IT IS A LIGHT, entertaining, romantic comedy," commented director Jerry Proffit about this year's fall play, *Ring Round the Moon*.

Set at the turn of the century, this enchanting fairy tale shows the successful attempts of a young man who schemes to break up his twin brother's wedding engagement.

Costumes designed by Liz Passman, a freelance costume designer, will help to set the scene of the early 1900's. Technical director Frank Mayfield will be in charge of the set, and Jill Aronovitz will act as student director.

Auditions were held a few weeks ago with the following cast selected: The part of Hugo and Frederic, identical twins, will be played by Stew Figa; Madame DesMortes will be Judy Hoffman; the role of Isabelle will go to Nan Friedman, her mother will be played by Lori Simon; Romainville will be played by Dan Rappoport; the role of Messerschmann by Chris Riess; the part of Joshua by Mark Flitman; Patrice Bombelles will be played by Noah Gilson; Lady India by Susan Shelley. Diana Messerschmann will be played by Judy Balter, and the part of Capulet will go to Jeanette Aronold.

RING ROUND THE MOON will be presented on November 1, 2, and 3 and at 8 p.m. in the Niles East Auditorium. The production has also been invited to the Riverside-Brookfield Theater Festival on November 9 and 10, the weekend after it is performed here. Riverside-Brookfield has viewed previous theatrical productions of Niles East's, and because of Easthi's continuing excellence, it is one of the four schools in the Northern Illinois area invited to this festival.

(Editor's Note: We apologize to Jim Schindler, Special Education, whose name was erroneously omitted from the story on new teachers appearing in our last issue.)



C.P. Boys take time out to have their photograph taken.

Christopher R. discovers America

by Judy Hoffman

ON THE 23RD OF AUGUST, 1973, Skokie was discovered by Chris Riess, a six-foot, smiling, inquisitive, sixteen year old. He is from Switzerland and he is Niles East's exchange student for this year, courtesy of the AFS organization.

Chris hails from Wallisellen (pop: 10,000), a suburb of Zurich (444,000). It's not the metropolis Chicago is, but it is Switzerland's cultural and economic equivalent. Chris is now living with Mr. and Mrs. T. Long of Skokie.

Chris receives no credits for his year of study here, so when he goes back to Switzerland he will start his senior year, which he would have started this fall if he had not come. Chris will remain until the end of June, when each visiting AFS student will go on a bus tour of the United States, and then back to his own corner of the world.

CHRIS ENJOYS VERY MUCH speaking to people from foreign countries in their native tongues. He is quite proficient at it, speaking Swiss-German (his native tongue), Italian, French, English, and Spanish.

When asked what impressed him, concerning the United States, Chris said what interested him the most was the amount of freedom and leisure time people have here. In Switzerland, he had classes from the time he stepped into the building until the time the full school day ended. He had extra-curricular activities, but not to the extent that we have here. In Switzerland, people attend school six days a week, with the main concentration being on school work. At Niles East, Chris is involved with many extra-curricular activities. He belongs to AFS, the Spanish Club, and he has a part in the fall play "Ring Round the Moon."

Chris said he also liked the amount of room people have here. In Switzerland most people live in small apartments, and everything seems much more "well, compact," said Chris.

"I DISLIKE THE OBSESSION with cars here," he continued; "whenever people go somewhere they seem to need a car. In Switzerland most people transport themselves on buses or trains. I guess it is just what I am used to. I also detest the pollution."

"When I first came here I gained about five pounds, but I've lost it again because I like the cafeteria so much."

Chris said it is much easier to get in contact with people here, so in turn, people develop many casual friendships. In Switzerland it is harder to get in touch with people, but those one does keep contact with become good friends. So, generally, one develops fewer relationships, but the few are very close, generally much closer than the ones developed here.

IN SWITZERLAND most people just go through nine years of school. Then some go to an Honors high school, which Chris does. Fifty per cent of the students who enter, drop-out by the end of their second year, because it is so difficult. So, eventually a very small percentage attend the University.

After Chris graduates from high school, he would like to work on a freight boat and travel to South America for a year or so. He then hopes to get a scholarship to a foreign university.

"I am very glad that I was able to come here," Chris explained. "AFS is a great experience, for you go alone to a foreign country, and when one is alone, he can truly discover what the world is about."

C.P. boys recognized for accomplishments

by Dave Mayer

Because the C.P. (Coyle Park) boys are not usually recognized for their athletic contributions, but instead for their mischievous antics, the Nilehilita is taking the opportunity at this time to list some of the C.P. Boys' accomplishments here at Nilehili.

Steve Kozub, a C.P. of four years, is ranked highly in the state on still rings for gymnastics this year. Kozub, who is a current team leader and was voted team captain his sophomore year, trained at a summer camp and is recognized as one of the hardest workers on the gymnastic team.

MIKE RZADSKI has participated in track, football, soccer and golf; and is an avid handball player as well. Rzadski is also an A-student. Chris Churchillillo and Mike Springer are the Alex Karras and Bob Lilly of the Trojan defensive line in football. Both are starting tackles and are constant menaces to opposing quarterbacks. Springer exemplified this ability in the East-West game by breaking up numerous plays and blocking a possible touchdown pass by West's Bob Buckley near East's goal line.

Mark Wilcox is a reputed egg thrower as well as an outstanding football player, and at 6'4" is one of the biggest C.P.'s. Howard Nussbaum who pioneered the sport of gymnastics in the days of Coach Ken Pulaski (who Nussbaum lists as

his major reason for quitting), purports to have now taken up motorcycle stunt riding in addition to skiing. Nussbaum terms himself as "the Evil Kneivel and Jean Claude Killy (rolled into one) of Niles East." Other C.P. Boys in sports are Marc Stookal, football and scuba diving; Jeff Serota, United States Handball Association's National Champion of 1972; and Sam Horn, wrestling and bicycle racing.

THE C.P.'S are emphatic fans as well as participants in Trojan athletics and always send supporters to contests. Kozub, who is infamous for his overly well endowed vocal chords, leads the C.P.'s in cheering the Trojans football team. Kozub's father, a sergeant on the Skokie Police Department, offers his services occasionally at home games. During the winter season Churchillillo and Springer can be heard down the corridors of Niles East directing cheers for the gymnasts. And usually the boys can be seen in barrages at basketball games when afterwards they go in for the lively sport of skitching. The C.P.'s take sports at Niles East seriously and feel they deserve as much recognition as Key Club and "N" Club.

(Editor's Note: The Nilehilita is a concerned student publication and tries to give the students of Niles East the coverage they deserve. The sports department will consider any organized group of athletes who wish to have their accomplishments printed in the newspaper.)

1974 cars to carry new restraint device

by Marlin Brinsky

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN in an automobile accident? Teenage drivers account for a large percentage of all the traffic accidents on American streets and highways, which is one reason teenagers' insurance rates are so astronomically high. Perhaps if casualty statistics were not so accusingly pointed at teenage drivers, the insurance would not be so costly. One answer might be to simply reduce casualties, which is easier said than done. But the government finally has decided to try to make it a little easier not to get hurt in the split-second accidents that occur every day.

ALL 1974 CAR MODELS will come equipped, in accordance with a new federal law, with a new occupant restraint device which requires the driver and the right front passenger to buckle lap and shoulder belts before the car can start.

The Department of Transportation stated that it has made a new ignition interlock system mandatory for all '74 models "to increase the use of safety belts," which it calls "the most effective restraint system available to the majority of vehicle occupants for the next decade."

DESPITE HIGHWAY ACTS IMPROVING federal roads, and the 1972 seat belt warning system and buzzers, less than 20 per cent of all drivers wear lap and shoulder belts regularly. With this new device, the Transportation department figures 10,000 lives will be saved, with the simple use of the lap and shoulder belts.

Auto makers have designed lap-shoulder belt combinations that adjust readily to fit any size person, are easy to buckle,

and permit the wearers complete freedom of movement in normal driving situations. In case of a panic stop or crash, retractor reels lock to give immediate and firm restraint.

For those who have effectively avoided the past safety belt warning buzzers by snapping them behind and sitting on them, no such luck this year! The new interlocks are similar to systems required in American automobiles for years — which prevent the engine from being started until the driver and his front seat passengers have fastened their lap and shoulder harnesses. The new interlocks require a three-step procedure before the ignition will start: sit down, buckle up, and turn the ignition key.

TO MAKE THIS BUCKLE-UP requirement as easy and convenient as possible, lap and shoulder belts have been combined into a single buckle, belt locations and designs have been improved, and where some designs were found to need longer belts in order to fit all sizes of people, these longer belts have been provided by the manufacturers.

For those of you who feel safer without seat belts or like to live dangerously, you can always buy a '73 — or better yet, walk.

Sports results:

Football:
Niles East 0, Maine East 12
Soccer:
Niles East 0, Maine West 1
Girls Tennis:
Postponed due to rain

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Soccer ranks in top ten

by Ed Jacobs

A possible high finish for the Trojan kickers is beginning to seem quite real as the soccer men have captured numerous victories in recent weeks against some formidable foes.

In a recent state ranking, the Trojans have been ranked from either second to eight in a state-wide coaches' power rankings of the Illinois soccer teams. This is quite an accomplishment at a school such as East, where a very highly regarded athletic team is not always the case. But as the year progresses, supporters of this year's kickers will have much to be happy about.

IN GAMES played recently, the Trojans have emerged in the win column five times, defeating Glenbrook North, Maine North, Waukegan, Glenbrook South and a determined Deerfield team, while falling to defeat at the hands of the highly touted New Trier West Cowboys, Highland Park and Maine West. Against Glenbrook South, Waukegan, Deerfield and Glenbrook North the Trojans scored shut-outs, while in all the other games the scores have been extremely close with East looking fine.

The kickers have displayed a menacing defense and a well-trained offense as there have been many players worthy of note so far this season, including fullbacks Pat Burke, Andy Ruttenberg, and Jim Cohn, forwards Hugo Donato, Pete Fos-

ses, Michael Wolfensohn and Jay Borker, and a fine goaltending effort by Mark Borofsky.

THE LOSSES to New Trier West, Highland Park and Maine West were disappointing but spirits should remain generally very high for the remainder of the season and there are great hopes that the Trojans will do well in post-season competition, there aiming for the top prize; the state championship.

Led by head coach Hollister Sandstead and assisted by

coaches Gary Cook, Donald Larson and William Coulson, the outlook for future success by the kickers seems hopeful as the freshman and sophomore teams have experienced good fortunes, achieving some impressive victories and should help out much in future seasons.

The Trojans will be aiming to stop the Vikings of sister school Niles North today on the fields of WESTHI at 4:30, so come out and see one of the most successful of the Trojan sport teams.



Barry Rubin and Marty Golub cross the finish line.

Schedule of Events

Soccer:

Fri. Oct. 12, at Niles North
Tues. Oct. 16, at Maine South
Sat. Oct. 20, at Glenbrook S.

Football:

Sat. Oct. 12, at Deerfield
Sat. Oct. 20, at Niles North
Sat. Oct. 27, vs. Maine South (Homecoming)

Cross Country:

Tues. Oct. 16, at Glenbrook S.
Sat. Oct. 20, at Deerfield, CSL meet



Adam Retzler is thrown for a loss.

Trojans blanked by NTE

by Dave Mayer

Niles East's varsity football team, under the direction of head coach Mick Ewing, suffered their second and third defeats when they were shutout first by Niles West, 22-0 and then by New Trier East the following weekend 34-0.

AGAINST NILES WEST, the Trojans made some good offensive drives; however, the prospect of getting on the scoreboard continued to elude them. A major cause of East's difficulties is the absence of Bob Sommerman, the Trojans' leading scorer with 12 points. Sommerman, who injured his leg in the Fremd game and further aggravated it during practice, said he is uncertain as to the extent of damage done to his thigh — but that, at best, he hopes to be back for the final four games this fall.

Halfbacks Ron Hagen and Henry Rollick, along with quarterback Leo Kelley, gained most of the Trojans' total yardage. East came closest to scoring in the second quarter when Kelley, taking one of his rare opportunities to pass, was intercepted in the end zone. Later in the game junior Adam Retzler, replacing Kelley to lead the attack, began sending the Trojans downfield in a surge of passing plays. Retzler was able to get Niles to within the 30 yard line and in field goal range, the drive failed however and rival West left the field victorious.

SEPTEMBER 26, on a mud riddled field and with the rain coming down in torrents, the Trojans took on a powerful New Trier team (ranked second in the state recently by a Chicago

Sun-Times poll). Indian quarterback Dave Harvey passed twice within a 50 second period for two touchdown passes to Bob Natherny. In the third quarter Harvey took the ball in for the score on a keeper play leading the way for the rout.

The Trojans have now lost two non-conference games and were scheduled to play their second CSL game Thursday, Oct. 5 (see page 5 for results). Coach Ewing in an interview with the News said he feels his players are losing interest and are looking elsewhere for their athletic "glory". The reason Coach Ewing gave was that they (the football players) are not happy because they did not encounter instant success. The Trojans will play at Deerfield tomorrow at 2.

Girls tennis team starts season with major victories over two CSL teams

by Donna Whisler

The girls' tennis team began their 1973 season with two big wins over their toughest competitors, Deerfield and Maine South, by identical scores of 4-3. Fortunately the only defeat of the young season came in a non-conference meet against Glenbrook South so a first place finish is definitely a possibility. Four regular meets are coming up in the next three weeks against Niles North and West, Highland Park, and Maine West. The Central Suburban league meet will be held at Niles North on October 26 and 27.

COACH PATRICIA MATLAK, now in her eighth year, always looks forward to the tennis season. She believes that the girls lost valuable practice time due

to the teachers' strike and feels this weakened the team. Also, due to the painting of the courts, there was a delay in putting up the nets. What does Ms. Matlak think of the new blue and gold courts? "I love them," she said. "They bring out school spirit and are good to play on." Perhaps they might even help to psyche out the opposing teams.

Experience, cooperation, and enthusiasm — those are the three ingredients that Ms. Matlak feels makes the team so strong. Since the majority of the girls are seniors, she is hopeful that next year more freshmen will try out. A strong freshmen turnout insures an experienced and well-balanced

team in the future.

THE COACH is unhappy about the small turnouts at the meets and feels that if the schedules were printed up as the boys', more students would show up. She also thinks that more bleachers are needed near the fourth and fifth courts for the spectators who do come out.

The members of the team are Kathy Ambrose, Ann Cohn, Rochelle Davis, Bobbi Dolnick, Cheryl Esken, Jolene Fern, Sherrie Friedman (captain), Donna Gerber, Marcy Helfgott, Davi Hirsch, Nancy Hirsch, Ronna Kalish, Robin Kempner, Nora Laos, Tammy Lothian, Janice Oif, Michelle Small, Dawn Solberg, Beth Spitz, Alexis Stern, and Pam Winans.

Intramural activities commence soon

Applications are now being accepted for Intramural Touch football. Anyone interested in entering a team should contact Coach Richardi, head of Trojan Intramurals.

OTHER SPORTS that will come under the boys program are swimming, tennis, track, weight lifting, and basketball free-throw. Other sports may be added to the program later.

Richardi feels that Intramurals are a good way for boys to play in sports that they are not proficient enough to play in as a varsity player, but still have an interest in, or a boy

Harriers are 2-3

After five meets the Varsity Cross Country Team has beaten Niles North and Highland Park and holds a 2-3 record. The Harriers have also run in two Invitational meets, finishing 10th at Waukegan and 17th at Niles West.

SOPHOMORES MARK LICHTENSTEIN, Larry Bower, and Rich Cope are among the top runners on the varsity. They ran as sophomores, however, in the two Invitational meets. At Waukegan, the sophomores brought home a 5th place Trophy. Individually, Lichtenstein brought home two third place trophies and Larry Bower finished 22nd to win an award also at West. With this fine group of sophomores, cross country indeed has a bright future at Niles East.

The Waukegan Invitational marked the return of team captain Monty Matlock to competition. Monty had a leg injury that resulted from a motorcycle accident this summer. He finished the course in 20:24, good for a 66th place finish, a good job considering his condition and the competition involved. Head Coach Tom Ristow feels that Monty's return will improve the team adding that he hopes Matlock will stay off motorcycles in the future.

Ristow feels that part of the trouble the Varsity had so far this year is due to the let down the seniors have encountered. Some of the seniors have averaged times 2 minutes slower than their performances last year. Coach Ristow is predicting that his men should beat the Titans of Glenbrook South. That meet will be run at Bunker Hill at Touhy and Caldwell starting at 4:30 today.

can learn to play in a new sport and not have to worry about winning or losing while he learns.

BOYS THAT are playing on Intra-Scholastic teams are not eligible to play in Intramurals during the season in which he is playing Intrasccholastically. A boy is also not eligible to play in Intramurals if he has ever played on the Intrasccholastic team in that sport.

Anyone who has any questions about the boys' Intramural program should contact Richardi in the Intramural office on the North West office of the contest gym.