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Friday, November 17, 1978

First varsity
basketball game
Monday at 7:00 pm

Theater Department to perform "Reflections"

Reflections '78 will be performed December 7-9 in the East auditorium. The theme for this year's show is "Communicating".

"The theme is meant to express successes and failures in communicating," stated Phil Rappoport, one of the show's directors. The show, which was written and directed by East students, will feature skits on methods and efforts to communicate.

THE CAST HAS BEEN rehearsing every day since October 21 from 3 to 5:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

"The play is a lot of fun. It's a very interesting experience," said Rappoport.

Alan Schoen, technical director, also feels that the chairmen are having fun working together.

"The technical aspects of the play are as important as the rehearsals. We've been planning the sets and lighting effects since June. Construction began a week before rehearsals started," explained Schoen. "Frank Mayfield, our technical advisor, has been a very valuable asset in the show. We'd never make it without him," Schoen commented.

"EVERYONE IS WORKING hard to produce an excellent show, and we're all cooperating and getting along

well," commented Sandy Brenner, the show's choreographer.

"As choreographer, I make up the dance steps so they match with the music and I teach the steps to the people in the various numbers," stated Brenner.

Brenner explained that there were several changes in this year's show. "This year we have four choreographers and four stage directors; in the previous two years that I've been working on the show we only had two stage directors." The three assistant choreographers are Elaine Cohn, Cathy Lasowski and Phil Martini.

"WE HAVE MORE SKITS in the show this year and the musical material is also better," concluded Brenner.

The cast consists of five more directors: Nancy Jaffe, Joe Sochaki, Layne Friedman, Ted Hill, Tom Kasper, and fifty-five performers.

According to Jerry Proffit, Theater Director, the students have selected "some good musical numbers and have done a fine job in casting the play."

"THE PLAY IS VERY well-balanced. All of the students have important parts. No single role is dominant in the play," commented Proffit.

Board discloses plans

The District 219 Board of Education will decide within a month whether or not to close Niles East, according to Principal Galen Hosler.

"The final decision will come after the school board hears and evaluates all of the input from the community and from the citizens' letters and opinions at the recent public hearing, November 6 at Niles West," stated Hosler.

HOSLER FEELS THAT the open meeting, held November 6 at West, was a good opportunity for the public to air their feelings on East's closing.

"The purpose of the meeting was to allow any citizens to make a statement expressing their opinions before the school board and the public," said

Hosler.

"Despite the controversy, the school board is acting in their legal authority, although they may be challenged along the way," commented Hosler. However, Hosler foresees no immediate court action.

"THE DECISION TO CLOSE East now rests on the shoulders of the Board of Education. It's their responsibility, since they're elected for their positions," concluded Hosler.

East remembers Ruth

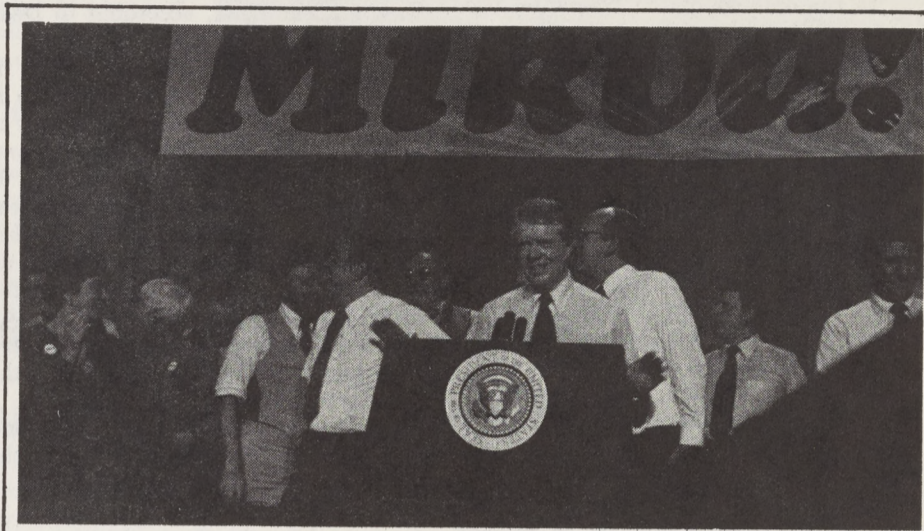
Ruth Salzman, an East senior, died Wednesday, November 1, 1978, of cancer.

Ruth participated in Reflections and Spanish Club during her first two years at East. She also worked at Oakton Bakery in Skokie.

ACCORDING TO LEN WINANS, Ruth's guidance counselor, Ruth became a homebound student last fall. Several teachers, including Judy Rochotte and Dick Miya worked with her.

In spite of her illness, Ruth took the ACT tests over the summer with the help of Winans. Winans commented, "Ruth wanted to go to college and was interested in physical therapy or a related health field."

Ruth was in the upper five per cent of her class and was a member of the National Honor Society. Throughout



President Carter speaks at East.

Carter visits East

President Jimmy Carter attended a political rally for Democratic 10th district congressional incumbent Abner Mikva on November 2 in the East gymnasium.

The President gave a speech encouraging the crowd, estimated at over 4,500 people, to vote for Mikva on election day, saying, "The most important thing to me is to see Ab Mikva return to Congress." Carter also praised the 10th district for its enthusiastic commitment to the Democratic party.

DURING THE COURSE of his speech, Carter cited some of the improvements which had been made in employment and economics since he was elected to office. "When I became president there were 10 million jobless citizens. There have been 6½ million jobs available since that time." He then stated that the federal deficit had been cut more than 50 per cent his two years in office.

ONE OF THE lighter moments of the evening came when Carter began to remove his sports jacket. The other politicians on the dais immediately stood up and removed their coats, not wanting to be different from the President.

Carter emphasized throughout his speech the importance of a person voting. At one point Carter asked the crowd "to each contact fifty people and get them to vote on election day. He concluded the rally by saying, "Thank you very much. You've made my trip worthwhile!"

The rally was followed by a torchlight parade in which the presidential motorcade continued on to the Bridgeport home of Chicago Mayor Michael Bilandic, where President Carter spent the night, before leaving for Oregon in the next morning.

Senate relays plans

"This year's Student Senate will try to represent the feelings of the East student body more accurately and keep them better informed than in years past," commented Jay Wilensky, Student Senate president.

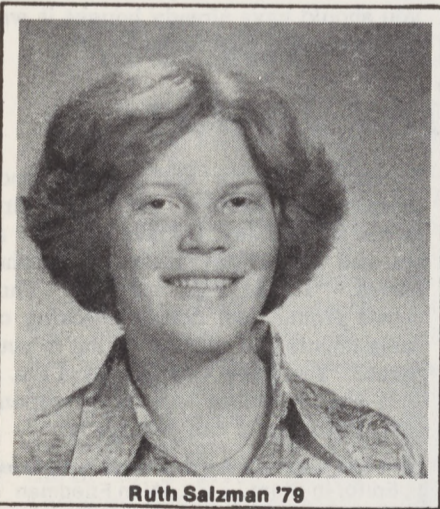
Last year, to get to know what issues were important to the student body, Wilensky handed out a questionnaire that was distributed to the homerooms. The results of the questionnaire were significant: 1) the majority of students want to retain the present constitution; 2) students would like to be more informed about what goes on at Student Senate meetings; 3) students would like more social functions, and 4) students aren't satisfied with the way the library is run.

REGARDING representation, all class levels are adequately represented in Senate except freshmen, according to Wilensky.

"It's disappointing, concerning the freshmen, because I believe it's especially important for freshmen to get involved and let their views be known," added Wilensky.

Currently, Student Senate is working on a charity drive with DECA. This program is called "Toys for Tots". This program involves students bringing in toys that are in good condition but which the students don't want. The toys would then be donated to underprivileged children who don't have the opportunity to buy toys themselves. The program will be held from November 27 to December 22. The homeroom that donates the most will receive a prize.

"I KNOW IF EVERYONE gives a little effort we can all help make this year a real good one," concluded Wilensky.



Ruth Salzman '79

Congressional seminars offered

Washington Workshop Congressional Seminars will be open to high school students in the winter and spring of 1979.

The seminar is a one week workshop in Washington D.C. which includes firsthand participation in the work of the federal government, daily meetings with senators, congressmen, ambassa-

dors, Capitol Hill staff and other officials of the government, and career planning sessions highlighting legal, political and international areas of study.

STUDENTS WILL STAY on the campus of Marymount College and will also be involved in personal and cultural activities, as well as a casual

shopping trip in Washington D.C. according to Pearl Zaid, career counselor.

Interested students should pick up an application in room 108. No deadline is given but enrollment is limited.

The fee is \$295 including tuition, dormitory, and meals at the college. The first trip is January 28-February 4.

New attendance policy

Success justifies policy

In the opinion of the Nilehilite, the new attendance policy at East, though unpopular among some students, is very successful and should certainly be continued.

The successfulness of the attendance policy is clearly shown by an increase in percentage monthly attendance from 94 per cent for September, 1977 to 96 per cent for September, 1978, according to Dean Schusteff. This difference of two percent per month according to Dean Schusteff, seems insignificant, but when its multiplied over a year it really adds up. In addition, it must be noted that the schools funds are proportional to its attendance. Therefore, low attendance means reduced funding from the state.

The two percent increase in attendance consists mainly of former "casual cutters" who are now going to classes. Primarily, this was the goal of the new attendance policy.

AS FOR THE chronic truants, the new attendance policy isn't seemingly affecting them at all. These people who "cut" days are still continuing to do so. Fortunately these chronic truants only

make up less than one per cent of the East student body, according to Dean Schusteff.

If a person is a chronic truant it doesn't necessarily mean that there is no conceivable way to get him back to class. Surprisingly, East social workers, deans, and psychologists have a 60 per cent success rate regarding these chronic truants. How do these East faculty members do it? As soon as an individual case is diagnosed by the deans as a case of chronic truancy, a battery of East faculty members try their best to find the reason behind the truancy and solve it.

ONE VERY SUCCESSFUL method of solving chronic truancy is having the chronic truant attend night school so he can handle a daytime job. It is recognized by the East administration that day school isn't for everyone.

Finally, it must be noted that with all the mountains of paperwork, the deans are doing a great job. Whether one likes them or not, they're just upholding the law; i.e., Chap. 122 Section 22-6 of Illinois State Law, better known as the Illinois School Code.

commentary

Carter visits Nilehi

—david eingorn—

For things to have gone as smoothly as they did at the November 2, Mikva-Carter rally, much planning and preparation was needed.

Going back three weeks before the rally all three Niles Township High Schools were contacted. "West was asked first, but rejected the proposed rally because of night school. North was then asked but rejected the offer due to conflicts with activities. Finally East was asked: since it had no conflicts, East agreed to having the rally," according to Miss Rita Stewart, East building manager.

AS SOON AS it was decided that East was going to be the site of the rally, elaborate preparations were begun.

For communication purposes, a direct line from Mr. Swanson's office to the White House was set up, according to Principal Galen Hosler. "In addition, communication equipment was installed to connect East to Air Force One and the President's limousine so Secret Service agents could monitor the President's trip to East," stated Hosler.

For security, there were some 65 Skokie policemen at East, 100 Chicago policemen on the Skokie-Chicago border, if needed in an emergency, according to James Puff, chief of security at East.

"BESIDES POLICEMEN THERE were 16 Secret Service agents at East during the weeks before the rally and many additional ones at the rally itself," added Hosler.

"In case of a possible health emergency, Skokie Valley Hospital was prepared with a bank of the President's blood type, and notified specialists like orthopedists and neuro-surgeons that in case of an emergency, they should be available," commented Mr. Fred Hutchins of Skokie Valley Hospital.

ALMOST ALL OF the expenses of the rally were paid for by the Citizens for Mikva Organization including insurance, lighting, carpeting, sound system, and flowers. The Carter flight itself was paid for by 27 people at \$1,000 a plate dinner at Newton Minow's, the Mikva campaign treasurer's house in Glencoe.

On arrival, the President came through one of the entrances surrounding the gym and proceeded through Trojan Hall, District Superintendent, Dr. Wesley Gibbs, Athletic Director, Mr. James Swanson, and Student Senate President, Jay Wilenski. Wilensky

presented the President with an honorary East diploma and school spirit belt buckle.

At the rally itself, there were no arrests although there was a significant number of extremist Iranian students outside the building protesting the apparent ignorance of "human rights" violations by President Carter in Iran. Later that day, the Skokie police were commended for their "great poise and expertise in handling the situation" by WLS-TV news. As for Secret Service protection, there were some agents in the audience, and others outside checking tickets making sure nothing went wrong.



Former teacher describes India

Dear Mrs. Panos and the Nilehilite:

May I assume you would like to hear about southern India as a former teacher at East is experiencing it? If so, bring on the tea pot and let's have a cup of tea and some thin sandwiches like we do here at around 4:30 p.m. each day. Ready?

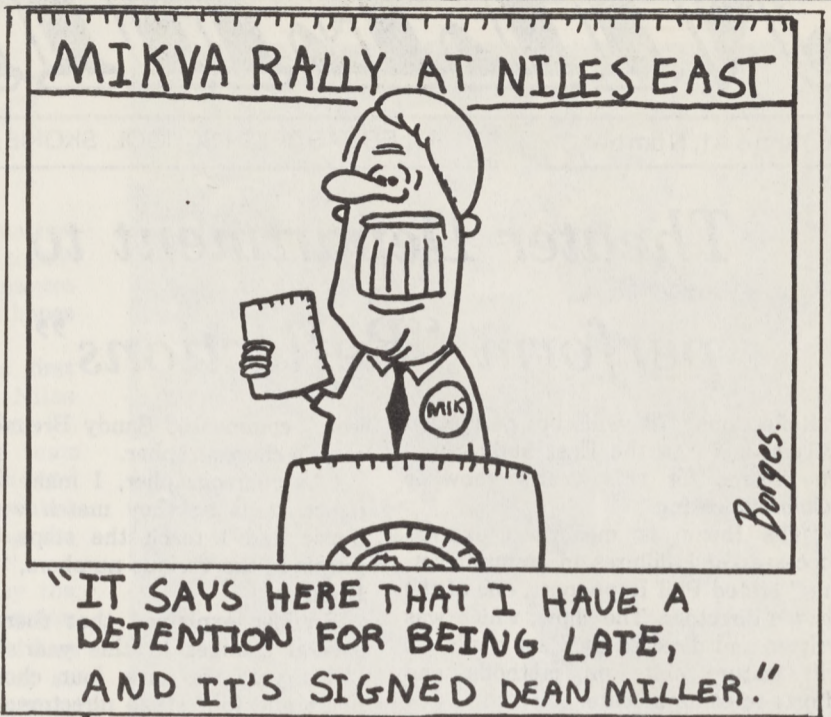
In the Boys High School I'm teaching what would be about East 9th graders. These black haired, dark eyed students are sharp and delightfully courteous and are far from poor. We study English prose poetry and I get to teach them about the Mogal period of history. Like the British system in the past, they are closely tied to what they call the Cambridge examinations. That means you have text books, usually several paper back ones for various subjects and for each of the trimesters that make up the school year. The finals aren't graded by the classroom teachers but by governmental clerks. So you can see there is no way your smiles and good looks will affect the grades. I try to add a bit more to the

text and to present its facts and ideas in non-stereotyped ways. But I have to be fair, they must pass these final exams and so we put more emphasis on the text than I usually would do at East.

STUDENTS STAY IN the same classroom, with a few exceptions for science lab work. Teachers move about. Each class has a monitor who is responsible to see that there is chalk and that the absentees are listed on the front black board. If the teacher is detained, the monitor is responsible for class order — and they do this very reliable.

There is much less homework and less written assignments. Of course, I speak slowly and select rather simple words. A major aim is to get a lot of students using English individually in every class. Not just listen but show they understand correctly. If you ask, they will always say they understand. But often they don't understand but are shy about saying so.

You know they stand up when the



—pat travers, yes—

Album Reviews

—steve shayman—



The Pat Travers Band's latest LP, "Heat in the Street", is basically a showcase for the rock and roll guitar of Pat Travers with not much else except for a dash of synthesizer by band member Pat Thrall and some innovative bass work by Mars Cowling.

This LP frequently runs into slow spots. The band's cohesiveness is lost when they seemingly lurch into "I Tried to Believe," a weak attempt at a ballad by a band more suited to playing ear-splitting rock.

TRIVERS' BAND ATTEMPTS to sound majestic as in "Prelude" by use of synthesizers and guitar feedback, but the rhythm and guitar work sound uninspired and weak.

Don't kid yourself, the Pat Travers' Band can rock as evident in the soaring rock exchanges in "Killer's Instinct". "Go All Night," opens the second side and moves along with all of the intensity and fury of which the title implies and is the cut which will deservedly receive the air play. "Evie", Travers' ode to a certain seventeen year old girls, shows the band's best, great heavy metal rock.

YOU CAN CHECK out the Pat Travers' Band for yourself at the Aragon Ballroom, December 2, with the Outlaws.



With this latest album, Yes retains its title as one of the premier super groups of the seventies.

Last year's "Going for the One," which reunited the group with keyboard extraordinaire Rick Wakeman, marked "comeback" for Yes. Their albums without Wakeman were comparatively mediocre, but "Going for the One" put Yes' music back on the track and the charts.

A DECADE OF performing certainly hasn't hurt Yes, but in fact "Tormato" is laced with some of Rick Wakeman's most fascinating work yet. In "Don't Kill the Whales", Wakeman makes his keyboards emulate the sound of the whale cry while Jon Anderson's vocals weave through the song, simulating an eerie "whale cry" effect.

"Release, Release" exhibits the group's ability to rock with Alan White's one minute live drum solo, Chris Squire's melodic bass backup, and with Steve Howe's powerful guitar work. Totally, the cut is something for the Yes fan to behold. In "Arriving UFO", Wakeman, using his Birotron synthesizer practically takes the listener aboard a UFO spaceship to hear the aliens "conversing".

All in all, "Tormato" is such a brilliant album that if you're a Yes fan, you should have already bought it way before reading this review.

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Reading Dynamics increase speed

by Leslie Doi

A nauseating feeling, sitting at a dimly lit desk the night before a major social studies exam, churns in the student's stomach. Words stare back at him from the four assigned chapters — each thirty pages long. The student yawns and slowly turns the pages, one by one, hour after hour . . .

This scene is common to almost every student at one time or another causing less interest in reading material. Evelyn Wood, a former Utah school teacher, has developed a program for successfully teaching the ability of speed reading to others.

Mrs. Wood's interest in speed reading began when a professor read her 80-page typewritten term paper at a remarkable speed. She became determined to seek out the methods of this skill. Since then, Evelyn Wood Reading Dynamics has taught speed reading to almost one million people in the last ten years and now operates over 150 institutes in the United States and abroad.

STUDENTS COME to class once a week for a three hour class period. The design of the course is to teach people of all ages to develop rates between 500-2,000 wpm with better comprehension than they are obtaining at slower rates. IQ and special abilities are not required — just the will to invest the amount of time and attention needed.

Most of the mistakes made in reading are forms of patient plodding. As Mark Rostvold, science teacher at East admitted, "I knew I was a slow reader as I was majoring in sciences courses and I wanted to read faster to cover more. I was reading light magazines in the same way I was reading science literature, and I knew that was just too slow."

Inner speech, or subvocalization is the hardest to improve. Other common mistakes include: word by word reading instead of phrase or idea reading, regression to be sure the text is understood, losing the line and failing to start with the correct line on

the return sweep, and day-dreaming while the eyes just follow the print. Eighty-three per cent of all bad habits are easy to correct so Isabel Davidson, mini-lesson instructor, smiled as she encouraged, "Don't get hyper from the first class."

BEFORE SPEED READING dynamics was introduced, there was a theory that the human brain could only take in 1,000 wpm; but it was shown that the human brain, the greatest word processing system in existence, can process 63,000 symbols per minute. Evelyn Wood's course challenges students to use their brain to its fullest potential to read and comprehend as fast as they think and understand.

The basic reading techniques are based on five key elements: speed, flexibility, concentration, comprehension, and retention. Speed is increased by learning to take in entire thoughts at one time instead of individual words.

Flexibility means being able to adjust the speed of reading according to the difficulty of the material and the reader's background and purpose in reading the material.

SINCE RAPID READING requires attention, students improve their concentration so they're not easily distracted. As concentration increases, comprehension improves. Speed readers are taught to find the author's concepts which results in more understanding. Finally, retention, how much one remembers, is also improved.

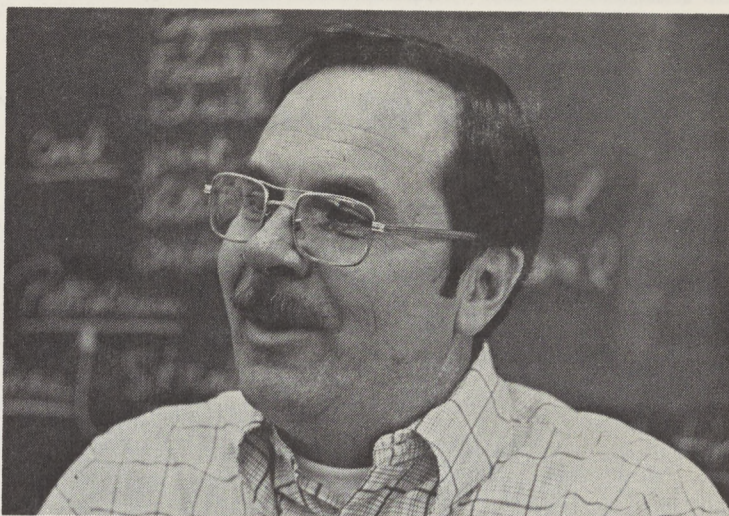
STEVE FISHMAN '80, a graduate of Evelyn Wood's speed reading course, explained, "I use the reading method for reading that is not too complex. The course also taught spelling, study methods, and note-taking methods. I use these very often."

The Evelyn Wood method involves the use of the hand as a pacer. With this, the reader learns how to read smoothly down the page as well as from left to right. According to Mrs. Davidson, each class deals with new hand motions and

new skills.

BECAUSE OF THE speed, many people believe it will take the pleasure out of reading. Actually, the reader's enjoyment should increase with progress because slow reading tends to be dull and monotonous.

Mrs. Davidson concluded, "People think speed reading is unbelievable but we went to the moon and they believe that." For more information on the course, call Mrs. Davidson at 236-1996.



Lueck studies astronomy with his own telescope.

East teacher studies the stars

by Lee Kantz

"Anyone who is interested in astronomy must have patience," explained Wayne Lueck, earth science teacher at East and an amateur astronomer.

LUECK'S INTEREST in astronomy began out of a curiosity from looking up at the stars. Lueck studied astronomy at San Diego State University. He reads much about it and continues his studies with his own telescope.

But where does Lueck stand on issues concerning the universe?

"RELIGION AND SCIENCE do not actually contradict each other. With use of one's

mind, man has the power to ask why. The language of the Bible is just interpreted wrong. The earth could have been created in a day; but back then a day could have been one billion years," commented Lueck.

Lueck said that there is no reason for there not to be life elsewhere. "However, they may not contact us. We are such a tiny fragment in the universe, they probably can't even see us."

In a recent *Time* magazine, an article appeared about a phenomena called 'black holes', which were destroying star systems, vacuuming them

up. Lueck stated his opinion on this issue. "They're probably not holes," Lueck began. "I believe that the holes are something with a highly immense gravitational pull. I don't think they lead anywhere," Lueck added doubting the possibility of a fourth dimension.

COMMENTING on another matter Lueck stated, "As for the tenth planet, it's probably a moon of another planet, or maybe a large asteroid."

Lueck concluded that for those interested in astronomy, one-third of the earth science course deals with the sun and the solar system in relationship to earth.

"Lefties are unrecognized minority"

by Howard Berry

What do the following people all have in common? Charlie Chaplin, Jimmy Connors, Clarence Darrow, Leonardo da Vinci, Gerald Ford, Jack the Ripper, Sandy Koufax, Harpo Marx, Paul McCartney, Michaelangelo, Babe Ruth, and Harry S. Truman? If you guessed that all these people were (are) all left-handed, you are correct.

"Left-handers are an unrecognized and overlooked minority," stated Roz Wattel, president of Left Hand Plus (a mail-order house, located in Morton Grove, which sells products especially made for lefties).

ACCORDING TO WATTEL, about 10 per cent of the people in the world are left-handed. "More males are left-handed than females," added Wattel.

"Left-handers are most frequently known by the nickname of 'southpaw,'" stated Wattel. This name originated from left-handed pitchers in Chicago ball parks who would face south before pitching the

ball."

Although there is a substantial number of lefties in the world, most products are made for right-handers without consideration for left-handers. An example of an item made for right-handers only is the desks in some schools which have the table hooked onto the chair. Right-handers can use the armrest part while left-handers must use their knee as an armrest.

OTHER ITEMS that are produced without regard to "southpaws" are: light bulbs (rotate to the right); cameras (the shutter release is on the right side); car door handles; automotive stick-shifts (located on the right side of the driver); slot machines (the handle is on the right); wind-up toys; watches and playing cards.

"I believe the most beneficial product specifically produced for lefties are scissors," continued Wattel. "Scissors are also our best-selling item. Manual can openers made for left-handers are also very popular."

"Spiral notebooks with the coil on the right instead of the usual left are very beneficial to left-handed students," continued Wattel. "We also sell felt tip pens that have ink which dries almost instantly. When writing, lefties have a tendency to smear ink because their hands must cross over the sheet of paper."

LEFT-HANDERS around the world have established Left-handers International, an organization of left-handers which is based in Topéka, Kansas. The organization publishes a magazine four times a year.

"Left-handers do have one major advantage," explained

Wattel. "Left-handers have two hands of comparably equal ability while most right-handed people tend to depend totally on their right hand." Other positive qualities attached to lefties are superior intelligence, athletic, and artistic ability.

Left-handers have often been unfairly associated with the qualities of poor coordination, reading disabilities, criminality, stubbornness, impulsiveness, and emotional disabilities. In French, the word left translates to "gauche". In English this word is associated with a clumsy or awkward person.

EXPERTS DISAGREE over the causes of left-handedness. Some doctors believe left-handed syndrome results from heredity and environmental pressures.

One Canadian psychologist claimed that left-handedness is caused by a lack of oxygen that occurs during pregnancy or at birth.

The psychologist stated that the hemisphere of the brain controlling the right hand side needs more oxygen than the hemisphere controlling the left hand side. Therefore, if oxygen is not available in sufficient quantities for the hemisphere that controls the right side hand, the handedness is switched over to the other hemisphere causing the person to become left-handed.

ANYONE INTERESTED in purchasing merchandise especially made for "southpaws" should send \$1.00 to: Left Hand Plus, inc. P.O. Box 161, Morton Grove, Illinois 60053. A catalogue of merchandise and a \$1.00 gift certificate will be sent in return.

SAT tips aid students

by Larry Perlman

SAT scores leveled off last year for the first time in many years. A few tips on taking the test may aid the student in achieving a higher score.

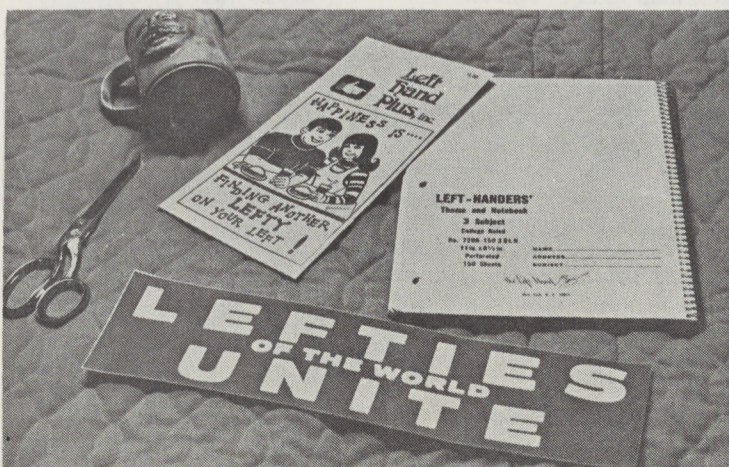
Speed is a significant factor in taking the SAT. Students may have taken many tests but have rarely raced against the clock. Some tests are so long that it is difficult for even the most intelligent student to finish in a given period. Therefore, timing is important. A frequent contributor to low test scores is panic by a student who ponders one question too long instead of skipping it and moving ahead.

SINCE THE SAT'S penalize students for wrong answers, a shrewd guess should be made if one can eliminate one or two answers as being ridiculously wrong.

Finally, the test taker should develop a habit of

checking the answer grid to be sure the right answer space is being blackened in.

BY MASTERING these skills of timing, guessing, and checking, the student should be just as relaxed about the SAT as any other test he may take.



Supplies for left handed people, as shown above, are available at Left Hand Plus in Morton Grove.

Weigel broadcasts naturally

by Janice Greenberg

Tim Weigel, Channel 7 sportscaster, has been interested in broadcasting since he was a child. "My father was a broadcaster, so sportscasting just came naturally to me," stated Weigel.

Weigel was born in Minnesota and was raised in Libertyville, Illinois. He received his bachelor's degree from Yale, and his master's degree from Northwestern University. He did not participate in school publications or broadcasting in high school or college.

"MY FIRST BIG break was when I joined WMAQ radio in 1975," commented Weigel. He eventually became a reporter for the Chicago Daily News and later, a sportscaster for Channel 5, before joining Channel 7.

"When I became a television sportscaster it was not difficult for me to be accepted by the players because I had previously met many professional team members while I was a reporter. However, the public was a different story. It takes television viewers a long time to accept and trust new faces," commented Weigel.

Weigel, who works 12 hours a day (both in and out of the studio), says his famous "Weigel Weiner" was created as a "group thing", although

he can not remember how it really got started. "We might give out the 'Weigel Weiner' if someone has been real 'jerky', or we might give it to someone who has tried really hard." Its purpose is to get a laugh out of life, and it is not intended to hurt anyone's feelings," stated Weigel.

WEIGEL WRITES his own script, but, sometimes he ad libs and changes the words while on the air. "If I ever think of a better way to say something, I will always ad lib," continued Weigel.

Weigel's most embarrassing moment occurred during the recent Muhammed Ali and Jimmy Young fight.

"I was watching the fight, with the sound of the televi-

sion turned off, while I was reporting the news on Channel 7. I thought Howard Cosell said that Young had won, so that was the first thing I announced," described Weigel. "The switchboard immediately lit up because Cosell had said that "it looks like Young has won," but the decision eventually went to Ali. I then announced that I had made a mistake, and I corrected myself."

"I DO NOT FIND myself being prejudiced against any certain team, but, sometimes it is hard to stay impartial. The New York Yankees is the team that I find the hardest to be objective about in my reporting; however, I realize my professional responsibility," concluded Weigel.

Tennis ends season

The East girls' tennis team finished their season with a 3-4 record in a conference that Head Coach Pat Matlak describes as being "very competitive."

"This year's team was made up of a fine group of girls. They showed a vast amount of improvement and always

worked hard in practice. They were a nice group to work with," stated Matlak.

CLAUDIA BRISK '80, first singles player, improved her place this year by finishing eighth in the state.

Matlak has praise for team captain Julie Millman '79. "She's a very devoted player and because of this dedication she has improved tremendously since she began playing at East," commented Matlak.

"I feel that next year we could have a very good squad, but, to have a good team we need the same girls from this year to come out again," added Matlak. "I want to encourage all the girls to try to enter summer tennis programs, if they do so we will have a skilled and experienced team when the season begins next fall," concluded Matlak.

Garza boxes with ambition

by Leslie Doi

Ding! The bell rings and Jose Garza steps into the boxing ring, fists poised and ready to fight. Jose, a junior at East, first became interested in boxing from street fights. Garza began to work out seriously when he was a freshman in high school.

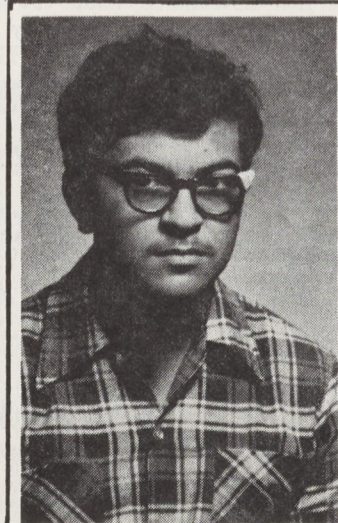
Jose practices every day at home on a punching bag. He spars (practice fighting) three times a week with his manager Jim Robertson at different gyms in Chicago to get more experience with other fighters.

"MY FIRST MATCH was last February in a Golden Glove's Tournament. I lost the match and was kind of depressed, but I worked harder because I had a lot to learn."

Since then, Jose has earned a record of seven wins and one loss. His most recent fight was on October 31. "I knocked the

guy out in the third round." The majority of Jose's opponents are in their mid-20's.

"Some people look at boxing as two animals trying to kill each other," Jose explained,

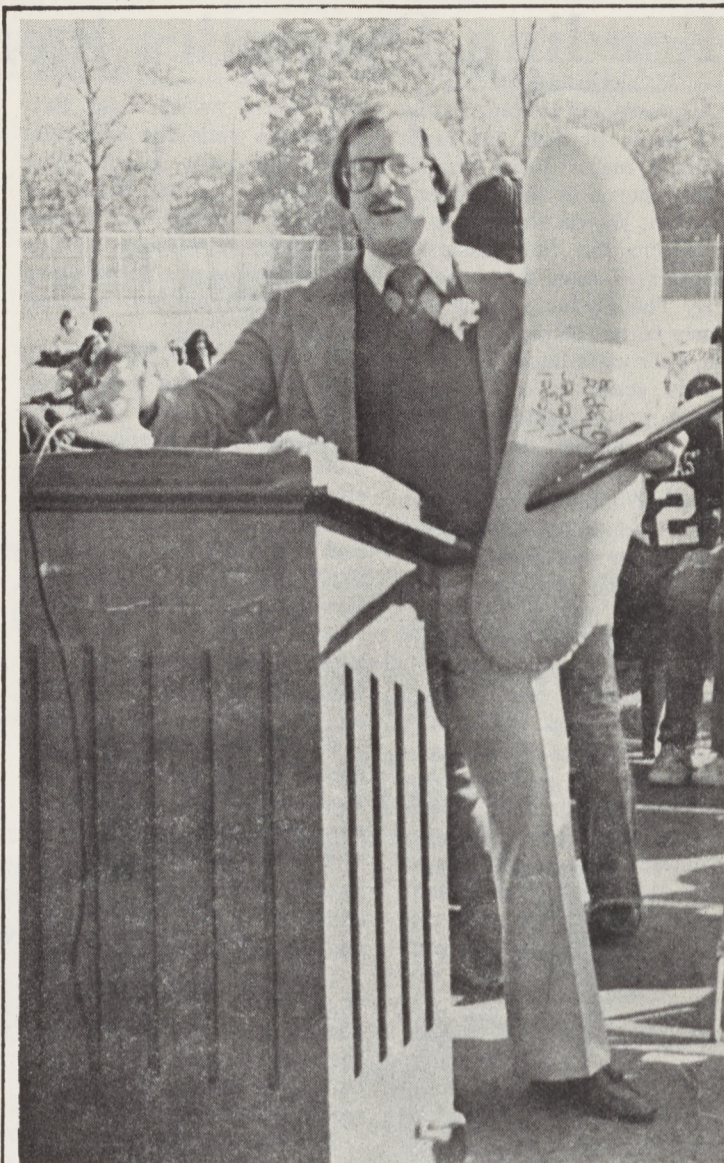


Jose Garza '80 holds a record of seven wins and one loss.

"but if you know what the game is really about, it has meaning."

"ON THE DAYS that I fight I'm all nervous but when I get in the ring I try to think of something that will get me upset." Garza added, "When I don't think things are good or I think I'm going to lose, I look down at my shoes where the words, "mom and dad," are taped on. They died the February I was a freshman, before I started boxing. When I look at the words, I get inspired."

On nights when boxing matches are shown on TV, Jose can be found in front of the set. He noted, "I try to take a little bit from all different kinds of fighters." Concerning his ambitions in boxing Jose stated, "I would like to be a pro when I get older."



Tim Weigel receives the famous "Weigel Werner" at East's homecoming pep assembly.

East girls to compete in bowling tournament

The East girls bowling team will be the host team at the Third Annual Doubles bowling tournament to be held December 2, at Oakton Bowl.

"Some of the very best bowlers in the Chicagoland area will be present. The competition among the girls will be very good," commented bowling coach Dee Whyman.

"TWELVE SCHOOLS will be competing in the tournament," added Whyman.

"There will be three sets of doubles teams from each of the twelve schools. Trophy winners will be determined by the total scores of the three games bowled."

Although tryouts were already completed, Whyman is still accepting new members for the team. All girls interested in joining the team should contact Whyman for information. "We are especially looking for freshman bowlers," concluded Whyman.

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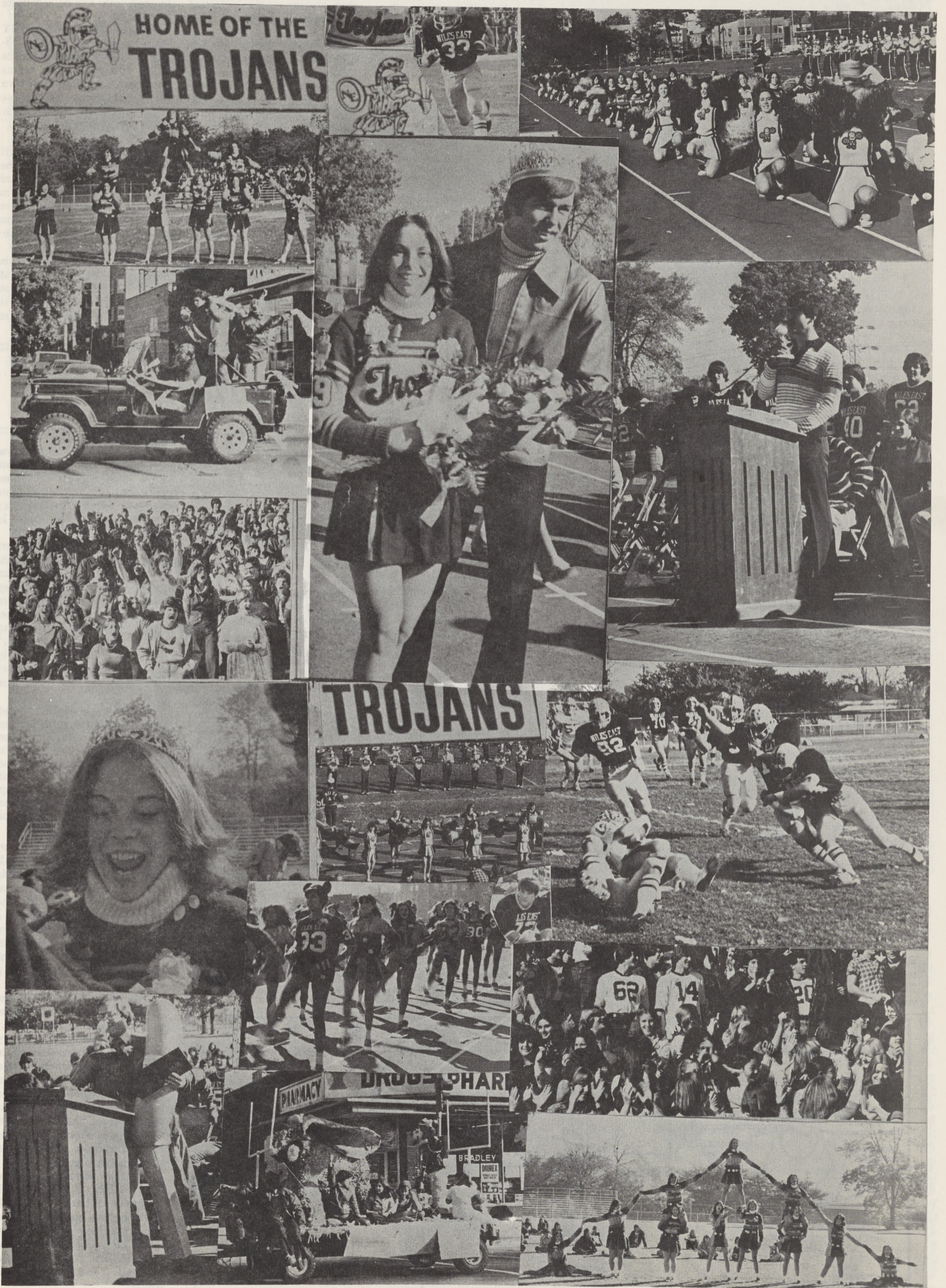
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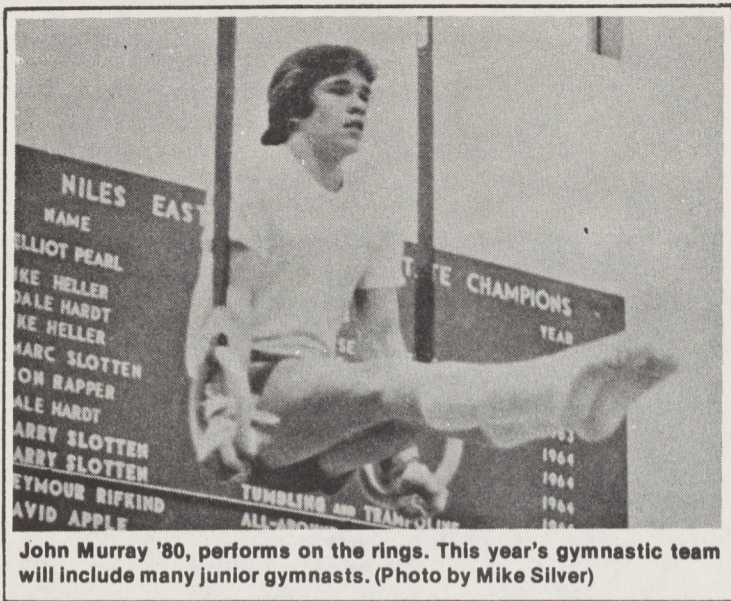
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Wrestlers prepare to defend title

by Brian Kamajian

East varsity wrestlers will open their season this Wednesday with a team that Head Coach Fred Richardi describes as being a "very enthusiastic group that wants to work hard."

The squad, although containing many juniors, will still have ten returning varsity lettermen.

"LAST YEAR'S TEAM had more experience than this year's, but we still have many boys that wrestled some varsity matches last year," commented Richardi. "A heavy schedule of summer wrestl-

ing gave many of these guys good experience on the varsity level." Richardi also stated that the team also wrestled over 1,000 matches this past summer.

"We'll be facing a very tough schedule this year, but I feel that the only way to improve yourself is to face good competition," commented Richardi. The Trojans have matches set with virtually all the teams that are ranked in the top ten in the state. "Addison Trail is ranked number one this year; Fenton is second and last year's champs East Leyden is fourth. We have matches with all these teams," said Richardi. Richardi expects the toughest conference challenges to come from Evanston and Waukegan West.

"This year we're going to have an advantage that no other wrestling team has had

since I've been here," stated Richardi. "The school spirit generated by the success of the football team will be a definite plus for us."

WHILE THE VARSITY team has received much publicity for its string of conference titles, the sophomore teams have been compiling their own string of eight successive conference titles. "Our lower levels will be very tough also," added Richardi.

This year the coaching staff will take on a new look. Gone is JV coach Al Poznansky and taking his place will be John Herter. "This will not have any effect on the program whatsoever," concluded Richardi.

The first meet will be this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at East. The Trojans will put three varsity teams up against Niles West, Loyola and Notre Dame.

commentary

Trojan Talk

alan friedman

Tell somebody from around here that you go to Niles East. A usual response will be, "Oh you guys have a real good wrestling team, right?" If this past football season is any indication, people soon might be saying, "Yeah, you guys are the ones with a good football team."

For the first time in many years, the varsity football team finished this season with

a winning record in conference. Not only did the varsity team have good success in conference, but the sophomore team finished 3-4 and the freshman squad ended up 5-2 in conference.

TRANSFORMING A sport with a non-winning tradition, like football, into one that wins is not an easy task. It's very easy for a Trojan football team to give up and use the excuse, "Well, we're not expected to win so we don't have to try." This excuse has been used in the past years, but no one had any thoughts like those this year. All of the people connected with the East football program should be congratulated on their spirit and desire to win that they have displayed these past months. Let's hope that these qualities are picked up by the winter sports teams that have had a long line of non-winning seasons also.

What I am especially referring to are the basketball teams, which have had trouble putting together winning seasons in the past. With the season opening this Monday, I don't think that there are many people who doubt that this year's team is one of the finest teams East has had in a long time.

THE VARSITY TEAM has already shown that it is a team to be reckoned with this year.

The squad had a very successful summer playing in summer tournaments and leagues. Very few Trojan basketball teams have come into a season with the past performances like this year's. The Trojans should emerge as being a definite contender in the CSL the year.

East has already witnessed the re-birth of the football program. If the basketball team can live up to their past performances, people soon might be saying, "Yeah, Niles East, the school with the good football and basketball teams."

"This is the year"

Basketball looks promising

by Jay Wilensky

Will this be the year that the East varsity basketball team emerges from their yearly spot in the bottom half of the CSL and becomes a definite contender? Head Coach Emil Capitani definitely thinks that this will be the year.

"I'm looking forward to an excellent season," stated an optimistic Capitani. "Our main assets will be that the team has a lot of desire in everything they do. They are willing to work hard and have

a super attitude."

ACCORDING TO Capitani this year's starting five will be comprised of seniors. "We have three starters returning from last year's team. Tad Slowik, 6'4", was an all-conference center last year. Al Andrea, 6'0", and David Sproat, 6'2", are also returning starters from last year's team." Six-five Ken Houdek and 6'4" Dave Klein will round out the starting five.

"Another reason for our promising outlook is our success in the summer tournaments. We won the consolation bracket of a very tough Joliet Tournament. The tourney included some of the top teams in the state," commented Capitani.

"I think the main difference from last year's team and this

year's is that we're much more physical," pointed out Slowik. Andrea also feels that this year's team "is definitely a much stronger and more physical team than last year's."

"New Trier East will be on the team to beat this year with Evanston and New Trier West not very far behind. All three can be picked in the top twenty in area pre-season polls. But I definitely think we can challenge them," stated Capitani.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20 will be the first contest of the year for the squad. The action will begin at 7:00 p.m. After the Mather game, the Trojans will travel downstate to compete in St. Bede's Thanksgiving Tournament.

Boosters give awards

The East Booster Club held its fall sports assembly last Sunday to present awards to all athletes who competed in fall sports.

The varsity football team placed six players on the all-conference squad. The all-conference players are Joe Broton '79, Brian Kamajian '79, Dan Patlak '80, Dennis Pucher '79, Tad Slowik '79, David Sproat '79. Sproat, who gained 868 yards, was named the team's MVP.

KEN HELLER '79, was named the varsity soccer team's MVP. Jeff Pozen '79, was selected the cross country team's most valuable player.

The varsity golf team selected David Eskoff '79, and Michael Grobman '79 as their MVP's.

In girls' sports Sharon Jacobson '81 was picked the archery team's MVP. Claudia Brisk '80 was the tennis team's MVP and Natalie Doi '79 was chosen MVP by the volleyball team.

"Young" gymnasts seek title

by Mark Pos

The East gymnastic program has established itself as being a steady contender in the CSL over the past years. According to Head Coach Tom Sokalski, this year's team will "again be among the top contenders in the conference."

"We have a fairly young varsity team. Apart from a few senior specialists, we will rely on juniors for many events," commented Sokalski, who is entering his 14th year as a gymnastic coach. "In the all-around position, which is usually taken by seniors, we will have two sophomores, Mike Lankford and Joe O'Malley," stated Sokalski.

SENIOR MEMBERS of the squad this year includes Dave Nisson, side horse; Mike

Epstein, still rings; and Dennis Pucher, vaulting and side horse. Other senior gymnasts include Brian Sanchez and Mark and Mike Seplowin. Adding to team depth will be juniors Steve Korn and Jim Lankford.

"I feel that we will be relatively stronger than most of the other teams in the CSL. At the present time there is a lack of strength among most other teams in the division," added Sokalski. "New Trier East will be the toughest competition at the present time. Evanston and Niles North will also be very tough competition."

On the lower levels, Sokalski feels that despite a small number of people, the quality

is there to place East high in the division. Hollister Sandstead will coach the freshman team and Seymour Rifkind returns to coach the sophomore squad.

RIFKIND, WHO WON the state all-around and parallel bars title in 1969 while attending East, returns after a year's absence. "I'm very pleased that Coach Rifkind is back," exclaimed Sokalski. "He is an asset towards developing team motivation and strength." Rifkind will also serve as head girls' gymnastics coach in the spring.

The team will open its season this Wednesday with the Township Triangular Meet, to be held at East at 7:00 p.m.

