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35 Days

To Go!

National Honor Society selects new members

Forty-five students have been named as new members of the National Honor Society by the Faculty Selection Committee of the East Chapter. Dr. Anthone Kort, chairman of the selection committee noted, "Becoming a member is one of the highest honors a student can receive at East."

Senior members including those selected from last year (indicated by an * after the name) include Ellen Acker*, Allen Adelman*, Mindy Bain, Michael Berkowitz*, Howard Berry, Susan Birz, Sandra Brenner*, Elaine Cohn*, Maxine Darch, Natalie Doi, William Elliott, Alan Federman, Karen Feldman*, Jodi Firfer*, Layne Friedman, Julie Geiser*, Ruth Goldberg*, Julie Horwitz, Wendy Jackson*, Brian Kamajian*, Alan Karras*, Thomas Kasper*, David Klein*, Susan Kulovsky*, Cathy Lasowski, Martha Lemer, Debra Malina*, Elliot Nelson*, Jeffrey Newman*, Steven Nussbaum*, Laurie Pautz, Jeffrey Pozen*, Alan Pregozen, Phillip Rappoport*, Cathleen Resnick*, Alan Schoen, Lori Schwartz, Jeffrey Shancer, Marc Shuman, James Stukas*, Neil Thomas, Daniel Tresley*, Hope Veit, Lauren Wohl, and Theodore Yusen.

THE TWENTY-FIVE JUNIORS selected are Daniel Bartfeld, Rosalyn Behr, Judith Brazen, Claudia Brisk, Steven Fishman, Alan Friedman, David Gassel, Pam Herbach, Theodore Hill, Susan Isserman, Karen Konior, Tina Lee, Steven Lisco, Roger Merel, Shelly Mozin, Hal Nagel, Richard Nikchevich, Renee Olson, Cynthia Photos, Arthur Rosenson, Karen Sawislak, Richard Simmons, Linda Sohn, Brian Sullivan and Allan Weiner.

The purpose of the Society is to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote worthy leadership, and to encourage the development of character in students of East, according to Dr. Kort.

To be eligible for membership, a junior or senior must have a scholastic average of 3.1 or higher, not have any record of failure in a major course, and

Awards Assembly honors students

The Recognition Awards assembly will be held at 7:30 p.m. on May 9, 1979, in the East auditorium. A rehearsal will be held first period on May 7.

Galen Hosler, East principal, will make the welcoming speech. Academic achievement awards will be presented by Romyne Baker, Director of Student Services at East. Gold, silver, and bronze pins, as well as the Gold and Blue certificates will be presented by Mrs. Barbara Handler, East guidance counselor.

AWARDS WILL ALSO be given in non-academic areas such as School Spirit Award and Student Senate Service Award. Two new scholarships have been added to the ceremony this year. The Harriet Kneip Scholarship will be awarded to a student entering a clerical or secretarial school, and the Ruth M. Saltzman Scholarship will be awarded to a deserving senior.

According to Dale Flick, East director of Math and Science, invitations to attend the ceremonies were mailed to students and their parents on

must submit an application for membership to the Faculty Selection Committee.

Approximately six per cent of the junior class and three per cent of the senior is selected each year. Each applicant is given a point rating in five categories: 1) scholarship (class rank), 2) in-school-activities, 3) out-of-school activities, 4) honors courses taken, and 5) faculty recommendations. Dr. Kort tabulates point totals for each applicant. The selection committee then meets and, by majority action, makes the selection on the basis of the point totals.

The Faculty Selection Committee includes Dr. Kort, Ed Degenhardt, Karl DeJonge, James Dorsey, Dennis Grabowski, Robert Keen, Don Larson, Miss Verniel Lundquist, Gordon Malone, Mrs. Sylvia Mazouch, Jerry Proffit, Dr. Barbara Tyler and George Yursky.

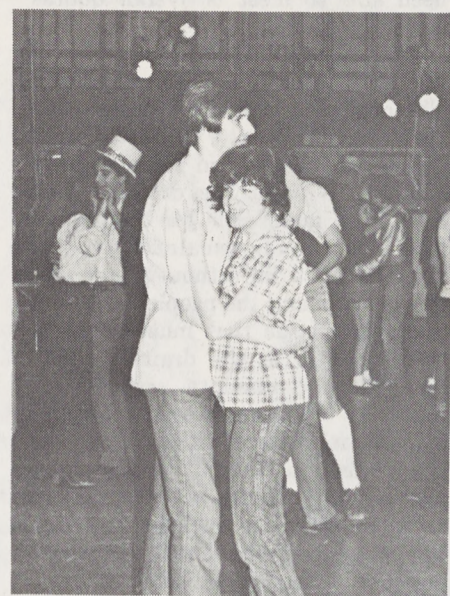
Seniors to graduate June 10

The 1979 graduation commencement ceremony will be held in the East Division stadium on Sunday, June 10 at 2 p.m. The class gift consists of three parts according to Steve Poznansky, senior advisor. Money will be donated to the Ruth Saltzman Memorial Scholarship, and also to the 1980 Olympics in Moscow. A blood drive will be held on May 17 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the student lounge. The blood will go to the Village of Skokie blood bank.

SENIORS ARE REMINDED of these important dates. Graduation tickets, caps, and gowns will be distributed on Tuesday, May 22 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Auditorium Foyer. A graduation rehearsal will be held on Friday, June 8 at 9 a.m. in the Auditorium.

April 25. The assembly will be followed by a reception in the cafeteria.

"The main thrust of the Recognition Awards Assembly is to recognize all student achievements, and to give parents a chance to see their children honored, whether their achievements are academic or non-academic," concluded Flick.



Bill Elliott and Lisa Woll, left, and Jami Lieder and Jeff Sumner danced the night away at the dance marathon which began 7 p.m. on Friday, April 27 and lasted until 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 28. Bill and Lisa, the winners, received a \$50 grand prize. The purpose of the marathon was to raise money so the East drama department could take a show to New York City on August 12, 1979, where they have been invited to participate in the national convention of the American Theater Association.



Prom '79 to be held June 1

"Somewhere in your lifetime," is the theme for Prom '79, which will be held Friday, June 1, at 7 p.m. at the Chicago Radisson, formerly the Chicago Sheraton, Grand Ballroom and Crystal Foyer in Chicago.

According to Chris Redlin '80, decoration chairman, the price of the evening will be \$35 per couple, which will include a five course dinner, dancing, bids, party favors and an all-night coke bar.

Pastel flowers will decorate the tables, and stars decorated with glitter, as well as styrofoam pillars surrounding the band will decorate the room. "We will also be having a satin banner stating the theme at the entrance of the room," noted Chris.

Pictures will be taken by Fred Fox Studios at an additional cost, and music will be provided by the rock group "Rif-Raf."

The King and Queen will be announced the night of the prom. Campaigning began this week. The couples will have three weeks to campaign. Juniors and seniors will vote the week before Prom in Trojan Hall.

"In order to be eligible to run, one member of the couple must be a senior, and they must turn in the appropriate petition, which will include fifty junior-senior signatures," Chris explained.

The King and Queen will be crowned during the evening. There will be three couples on the court. At this time the girls will receive their flowers and pictures will be taken. The Junior Cabinet will also read the poem which they have written for the seniors.

In preparation for the Prom, the

Junior Cabinet, whose officers include Lori Blackman, president; Barb Dickstein, secretary; Gail Morrison, treasurer; and Bill Weiss, faculty sponsor, has been working since last year. They sponsored o-grams, including the Valentine o-gram, as well as the St. Patrick's Day Dance. The group also sold refreshments at the dance and held bake sales in Trojan Hall throughout the year.

Their most recent fundraisers include a candy sale and a sno-cone booth at the Balloon Launch today.

"I think Prom will really be nice this year. I would like to stress the fact that although the Prom is downtown, there is parking underneath the Radisson Hotel. I would also like to add that the Prom is not restricted to couples, or juniors and seniors. Everybody is welcome," commented Chris.

Tickets for the Prom went on sale May 1.

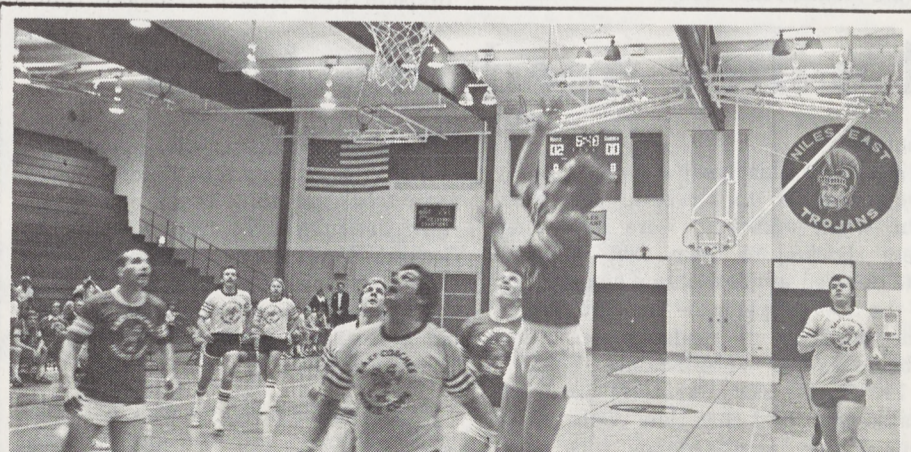
East musicians tour New York

Members of the East Music Department will display their musicianship on the East coast as the concert band, jazz ensemble, concert orchestra, and choir tour to New York City, Friday, May 18-21.

The tour is part of an exchange program with Mephram High School in New York City. Mephram students will tour Chicago and perform at East on May 3-6. They will sleep and eat in homes of East music students, just as East students will do in Mephram students' homes while in New York.

"I DON'T THINK they realize it yet, but students from both schools will be crazy about it," commented Tim Wolfram, band director. "They'll be spending time with kids from a different area and making friends. We spent one night in homes in Jacksonville, Missouri, last year and more friendships arose out of that one night than I've seen arise in days."

While in the "Big Apple," East students will not only have two performances, but will also see one. They will view a Broadway matinee of "Beatlemania" and sightsee or go to the beach in their free time.



Coach Emil Capitani looks on while a fellow teammate takes a shot during the basketball game held April 20 between the Skokie Police Department and East coaches.

Draft creates problems

Responding to a failure by the armed forces to meet their recruiting goals, a new call to restore the draft has begun.

When carefully analyzed, the majority of articles reporting on the armed services recruiting failures only pertain to deficiencies in the final three months of 1978. This information comes from an article in *Newsweek* by Nobel Prize winning economist Milton Friedman, dated April 16, 1979.

THE FAILURE IN recruitment so raved about by journalists and Pentagon brass amounted to the armed forces only enlisting 90 per cent as many recruits as their plans called for, also according to Friedman who serves as a member of the President's Committee on an All-Volunteer Army.

Reacting to the increased propaganda toward reviving the draft, Les Aspin of Wisconsin pointed out that the number of people in uniform was two thousand greater at the end of the year than the military had budgeted for. The relatively miniscule shortage of recruits was more than compensated for by the number of re-enlistments.

"The average score of recruits on mental-aptitude tests is far higher

today than it was under the draft. Quality has risen and every service has been able to meet its overall quotas," added Friedman.

THERE ARE OTHER reasons why the draft should not be reinstated. The existence of a draft poses a very real threat to the functioning of democratic checks and balances in this country. Without the draft, it would have been impossible for the Vietnam War to have escalated to the proportions it did without the approval of Congress and the people.

Another issue that must be considered along with the draft is that of mandatory community service. In a report by the Committee for the Study of National Service, titled "Youth and the Needs of a Nation," the committee urged that students be encouraged to serve in activities such as the Peace Corps or neighborhood renovation projects but not forced to.

Requiring young people to do military service or community service is wrong because it deprives them of their constitutional right of freedom of choice.



commentary

Focus reviews *Hair*

David Eingorn

Films seldom portray accurately the lifestyles and atmosphere of the time period they are trying to represent, but Milos Forman's production of *Hair* there is a clear exception.

The success of *Hair* relates to its ability to relate the major themes of the sixties to its audience through wonderfully arranged songs with meaningful lyrics.

THE THIRST FOR freedom of mind and body exhibited by the youth of the sixties was shown by such songs as "I Got Life." In "I Got Life," one of the hippies, named George Berger, in response to an insult by one of the society ladies seated around the dining room table, jumps up on the table and begins to sing about how free and uninhibited he is.

The revolt by the hippies against the moral and ethical codes of society was exemplified in a scene in which one of the hippie girls and the wife of one of the male hippies named Hud confront each other. In this scene, the wife of Hud could not understand how the pregnant, hippie girl did not care or know whether Hud was the father of her baby.

IN THE SIXTIES there was no middle ground. One was either radical or reactionary. This great gap in views and lifestyles was shown by the

adventures of Claude Boukowski with the hippies. Claude, a God fearing patriotic American, runs into the hippies while sight seeing in New York before entering the army.

After meeting the hippies, Claude is taken to a secluded area. There Hud sings a song about the ridiculous racial slurs that still carried a lot of meaning in the sixties. Hud's song is then followed by a song by all the desperate people in the area on how they have no hope for a better life.

To many people the hippies seemed ridiculous, but in many ways they were just as ridiculous as the rest of society. After the hippies played a practical joke, Claude confronts them and calls them ridiculous. Berger replies and calls him even more ridiculous for wanting to go off and kill innocent women and children in a foreign war.

IT IS UNFORTUNATE that we, the inheritors of the idealism of the young people that lived in the sixties have not moved toward a "freer" society. The vitality of the sixties is gone; apathy is rampant. There must be increased concern by young people about the world around them. If not, all the gains of the hippies in abolishing prejudice and increasing personal freedom will be lost or forgotten.



A scene in *Hair* in which Berger, after being insulted, jumps on dining room table and sings.

State upps requirements

The recent move by the Illinois Secretary of State's Office to re-toughen the driver's license renewal exam should be the first step in upping the state's drivers' requirements.

Previously, the renewal test consisted of 20 multiple-choice questions. The drive had to correctly answer 16 of the questions to pass the exam. The new test will require motorists to answer 28 out of the 35 questions correctly.

ALTHOUGH THIS IS a step in the right direction by the Secretary of State's Office, it should not be the only change made.

The current behind-the-wheel examination that prospective drivers must pass to receive a license is much too

easy and needs toughening.

Drivers interested in obtaining a license for the first time must perform such moves as a three-point turn and up and down hill parking to receive a license. These maneuvers are important, but a greater emphasis should be placed on more commonly encountered driving situations.

SKILLS SUCH AS the ability to make a left turn across a busy intersection and getting onto an expressway should become a part of the behind the wheel examination.

Upping the requirements for a drivers' license would have the result of generally improving the quality of drivers on the road today.

East band policy needs revision

Dear Editor:

I have been involved in the East band for seven years. Unfortunately, many people, including myself, are very dissatisfied with this year's program.

Until a few years ago, the band program here was a farce. Around two years ago, Timothy Wolfram came here to take over the bands. In less than two years, he was able to make the East band one of the best in the state. Last year's successes included trips to Great America and St. Louis and a first division rating in the state band

contest.

Because of last year's success, many people signed up for band this year. But when auditions were over they were shocked to learn that Wolfram had decided to allow only a small group of the best people into "Concert Band." The majority of students were then labeled as the "Intermediate Band."

IN THE BEGINNING intermediates were told that they could go on tour if they raised money with other band members, and if their individual behaviors warranted it. In the end,

though, intermediates who spent time and energy selling candy and jewelry were told that they could not go on tour because they weren't in the Concert Band. Then the orchestra and choir were invited on tour, a function that was supposed to be limited to the band. As a result, the morale of both bands was hurt.

If this unfair policy continues in the future Wolfram will find himself with less of a band than he started with.

Name Withheld Upon Request

News Brief

Awards were presented by East Practical Arts students in the twenty-third annual Industrial Education Exhibit held at Northern Illinois University, in DeKalb during spring vacation.

Tim Dawson and Dave Goldsmith received a Superior in graphic arts. Ira Pilchen and Joe Suhajda were awarded Outstanding. In the photography division Steve Krnich, Jeff Leeb, Chuck

Lipka, and Reed Oliff were awarded Honorable Mention. Janet Torstenson and Dave Zavell received Outstanding. Bob Losoff was awarded a Superior and Ferdinand Soco an Honorable Mention in technical drawing.

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Candidates present views

The Nilehilite believes that in order for the East student body to make their selection for next year's Student Senate president, the students should know the plans of each candidate for the upcoming scholastic year.

Each of the four Student Senate presidential candidates was asked to submit a short and concise essay of his plans to the Nilehilite. The replies we received from the candidates are herewith presented.

— David Eingorn '81 —

"In the past year I have served as secretary-treasurer of Senate, Judge Advocate for the Student Appeals Board, alternate representative to the Board of Education, and E.P.A.C. representative.

As everyone knows, next year will be the last year of East and its Senate. To insure that all East students have a fair transition to North or West, it will take strong individual leadership by someone who knows the facts surrounding the closing.

I KNOW THE facts surrounding the closing and I have written about them in the Nilehilite and I have spoken on them during Board meetings. I know the administrators involved and have served with them on committees concerned with the East closing.

Finally, vote for me to insure that the last year of East's Senate will be one of its best."

— Steve Fishman '80 —

"Being a junior, I have viewed recent developments involving the planned closing of East. I am presently a member of the district-wide Social Studies/Fine Arts Advisory Committee. I was also a

founding member of the Band Board and an author of the present Band Manual.

IT IS QUITE obvious that with only one year left until East closes, most actions taken by the Senate will deal with the transition to the two schools in the district. I plan to institute fair and equitable policies which will allow East students to be transferred with the least possible discomfort and disadvantage. This includes social relations, club functions and officers, and educational opportunities."

— Paul Toback '81 —

"If I am elected Student Senate president, I plan to institute many new policies which I believe will benefit both Student Senate in particular and the entire student body in general. Some of the ideas that I would like to initiate are the following:

First, I would have the meeting time of the Senate changed from 12th period to 3 p.m.

SECONDLY, I WOULD wage an all out campaign to inform freshmen of what Student Senate is and what it does, and I would try to encourage these freshmen to join Senate.

Thirdly, one of the most important things I would do is that I would publish the Student Senate minutes so that the entire school would know what its representative organization is doing.

Finally, I would have the East Senate work with the Student Senates of both West and North so as to ensure an orderly transition of East students to West and North when East closes in 1980.

WITH THESE POLICIES instituted, I feel that the East

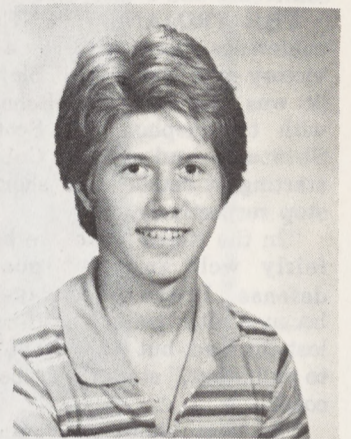
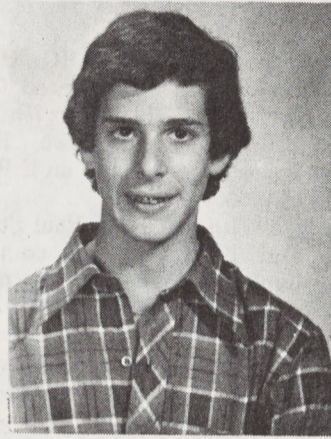
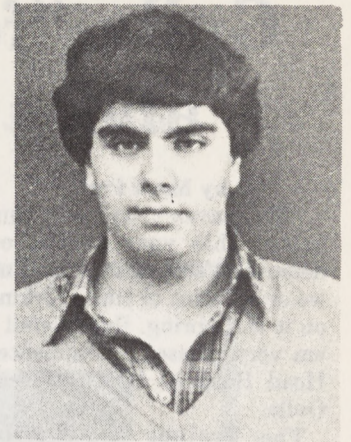
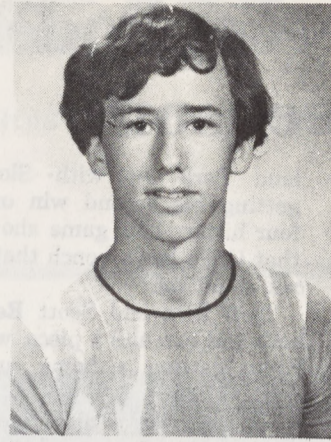
Student Senate will be the great student organization it has the potential of becoming."

— Scott Turner '80 —

"My plans for East if I am elected would be to get students more involved in student government. I also hope to get students to exercise their rights more, such as to make use of the Student Appeals Board.

I have had much experience in student government. I have served as one of the representatives to the Niles Township Council of Students and I have also been an East student representative to the Niles Township Board of Education. I am presently one of the representatives to Dr. Hawkins' Student Articulation Committee.

I am very concerned about the problems that may occur during the transition to the other two schools and I will do whatever I can to help ease this transition for our students."



East Student Senate presidential candidates are from above left clockwise Steven Fishman '80, Scott Turner '80, David Eingorn '81, and Paul Toback '81.

Fudge is banana split's secret!

Three luscious scoops of ice cream, with dripping hot fudge, mountains of whipped cream and slices of fresh banana; who could ask for more?

The Nilehilite's special split tasters went to renowned ice cream parlors to rate the quality of the ice cream, fudge, appearance, and atmosphere. May the best split win!

THE BANANA SPLIT at Swensen's Ice Cream Factory, 1724 Orrington Ave., Evanston, "is what you think of when you think of an old fashioned banana split," said one satisfied customer. Thirty-one delicious flavors of ice cream are offered and so are many different toppings.

The fudge was good. Chocolate sprinkles and a wafer decorate the creation. The comparatively new store was made to look like an old fashioned ice cream parlor. The one major flaw was the service, which was slightly slow. (\$2.40 ***)

The famous hot fudge is what made the banana split at The Buffalo, 6000 Dempster, Morton Grove, rate so well. It came hot, and in a separate dish so that the customer could either swim or merely wade in it. The ice cream was good and the service was fast because the waiters memorize the order.

THE SETTING IS rustic, with buffalo posters, and buffalo related articles decorating the walls. This was the best split we tasted. (\$1.85 ****)

Homers Ice Cream Company, 1237 Greenbay Rd., Wilmette, served a slightly disappointing banana split. The fudge was good, but not hot, and the ice cream was "okay." The atmosphere was nice, though, and the service was fast. (\$2.10 **)

One would think that after waiting 30 minutes for our

banana split at Dr. Jazz, 913 1/2 Chicago Ave., Evanston, it would have been magnificent. On the contrary, we found it to be the worst that we've tried. The three scoops of ice cream were vanilla. There was not enough fudge on the split to even rate, and the whipped cream was a poor quality.

THE ROOM IS interesting, though, with a player piano

and silent movies playing on the walls at night. We would never order their split again, although we do recommend some of their other creations. (\$2.25 *)

(Items in parentheses include the price of the banana split at the time of survey and the overall rating of the split. Stars () indicate rating, with four stars giving the highest quality rating.)

Bikepaths provide scenery for cyclists

With summer just around the corner, Americans are getting into gear in anticipation for the bicycling season.

When bicycle riding first became popular, it was because of an interest in physical fitness. Now, bikes are used to ride to school and run errands in less time than it would take to walk and it is cheaper than driving.

"TEENAGERS between the ages of 13 and 16 tend to make up a large segment of buyers," said Rich Evers of Spoke 'N' Ski, 4650 Oakton, Skokie. "After the age of 16 people do not ride bicycles as much because they would rather drive," added Evers.

For cyclists who enjoy the outdoors and beautiful scenery, there are many bikepaths in the Chicagoland area. The bikepaths are set aside only for riders; there are no cars on the paths endangering the cyclists.

THE FIVE MAIN trails in the north suburban Chicago area are the Forest Preserve Path, the Evanston Lake Front Trails, the Scenic Illinois Prairie Path, the Green Bay Trail, and the long path that runs along the Chicago

lake front.

The Forest Preserve Path is probably best known to East students. It starts at the corner of Devon and Caldwell in Edgebrook and ends at Lake Street near Harms Road. The trail passes Par King miniature golf and the Harmswood Stables. There are plans to extend this paved path sometime in the near future.

THE EVANSTON TRAILS start north of the Lee Street Beach and extends into northwestern Illinois. Some of the branch trails are on the Northwestern University campus.

One of the best places for enjoying the view is along the Illinois Prairie Paths. The fine gravel path runs beside an old scenic railroad. The separate paths start in Aurora and Wayne and link together in Wheaton. The trail then goes through Wheaton and ends in Elmhurst.

The Green Bay Trail starts in south Wilmette and extends north of the Illinois-Wisconsin border.

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Galla "feels good" about season

by Mark Pos

"We haven't had any surprises this year except on defense, it's been lacking; and we spent a lot of time working on it this spring. But overall I am very pleased," commented Head Baseball Coach George Galla.

The Trojans are 3-2 in conference and 3-4 overall.

THE TROJANS OPENED conference play with a 4-3 victory over North. Tad Slowik was the winning pitcher, with two sophomores, Scott Shintani and Brad Cole, starting at catcher and short-stop respectively.

"In the North game, we hit fairly well and had good defense. I was encouraged because after being ahead we lost the lead, but we were able to pull it out," stated a pleased coach.

The next conference game was not one of the finest baseball exhibitions. The Trojans made 13 errors and lost to Evanston 14-2.

IN THAT GAME Rick Spata pitched a three hitter and didn't give up an earned run. "Rick threw well. He did everything I asked him. Our defense was not making the play," stated Galla.

The third conference game, the Trojans lost 6-1 to New Trier East. The New Trier pitcher threw a one hitter. Slowik took the loss.

"Errors were another bad experience. Tad only gave up two earned runs out of six. The non-hitting concerned me," Galla remarked.

THE FOURTH conference game showed the Trojans can score runs. They beat High-

land Park 8-4 with Slowik getting his second win on a four hitter. This game showed that Galla has a bench that he can count on.

"Jeff Brin and Scott Recin both had two hits a piece, with Recin getting a home run," stated Galla.

In the two non-conference games, the Trojans lost to Weber 11-6 and to Maine North 4-3.

"THE PITCHING HAS been great," commented Galla. Slowik is 3-3 with an E.R.A. of under two. Rick Spata is 0-1 and has an E.R.A. of 0.00.

"With Jeff Brin, Paul Stone and Kevin Nelson coming back, and if we can play consistently we can have a great season," added Galla.

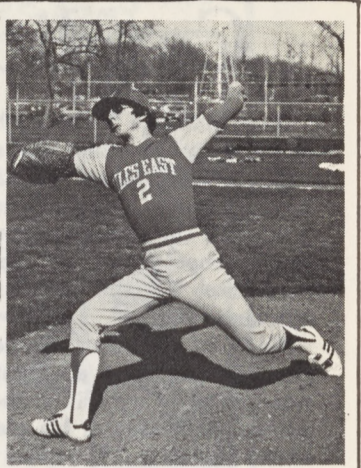
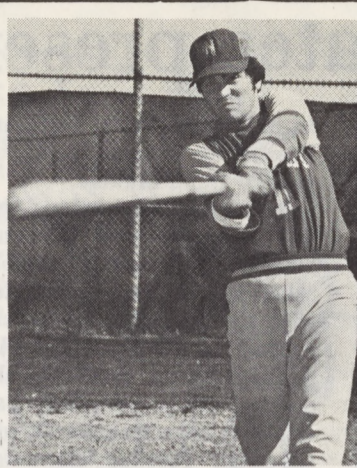
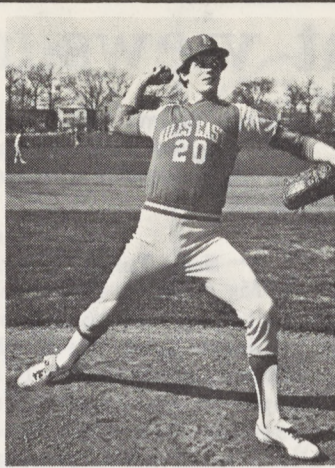
"I think we played some good ball this season, except the Evanston game. Our team is starting to jell," commented third baseman Rich Sklena.

"If people would get more into the game, we can be a super team. We got the potential to take the conference," stated first baseman Eric Anderson.

The next home game will be Tuesday against Highland Park.

SOPHOMORE BASEBALL The Trojan Sophomore baseball team is 4-2 in the C.S.L., while being 5-2 overall.

"We have a very sound team. We had one bad game against North. Since that game, we have been improving," commented Coach Ron Henrici.



Seniors Tad Slowik, Rich Sklena and Rick Spata warming up for an upcoming game.

Trib reporter gives views

by Brian Kamajian

As I was pondering what to put in the spring issue of the Nilehilite, someone suggested the sportswriter from the Chicago Tribune. Ed Stone has been reporting Chicago sports for 18 years, the last five being with the Tribune. Since he lives in Skokie and has a son attending East, I figured I would give him a call.

"Hello, Mr. Stone, I'm a humble reporter from Niles East looking for a story. Could you spare a couple minutes to chat about a few things?" I asked feebly.

"WHY YES, SON. What's on your mind?" was his anxious reply. I could tell he was excited about the chance to get his name in the Nilehilite.

"Well, you've been covering Chicago sports for a while, and most recently, the Bears. What do you think of Chicago fans?"

"I give the fans of Chicago credit. They have supported

many teams over the years, some good, some bad. There are a lot of fair weather fans that only come out when things are going good. But Chicago also has some people that come out to the games rain or shine, real die-hards.

"THERE HASN'T BEEN a champion in this city for a long time," continued Stone, "and the fans get restless. But when a team shows some promise or does well, the people really get behind them. For instance, the Bears making the play-offs last year and De Paul making the final four this year really boosted the city's morale."

"Mr. Stone, what is your opinion about the decision to remodel Soldier Field and forgetting about building a new stadium?"

Stone replied, "It was a good decision. Mayor Byrne wouldn't allow much tax money to go toward a new stadium anyway."

My next question was,

"Soccer's new to this country. Will it become popular in Chicago someday?"

"SOCCER HAS ITS problems. The biggest is that it overlaps with the baseball season, which is much more familiar with everybody. People don't understand soccer and would rather watch baseball," answered Stone. "I will give the owner of the Sting, Lee Stern, credit. He has done more than any other owner in Chicago in terms of money and promotion to make the club successful."

"What do you think of this whole business now of high priced athletics, free agents, and no-cut contracts?"

"The owners are competing with each other on who can pay the highest salaries and the players are getting what the market is willing to pay. If they think there's a possibility of getting a multi-million dollar contract, they'll ask for it. In the past few years there have been owners willing to pay it."

Wanting to get off the subject, I asked him how he liked being a reporter. He replied, "I enjoy being associated with the teams. I got into reporting because of an interest in sports more than in interest in reporting. Athletics is an enjoyable atmosphere to work in," Stone concluded.

Softball seeks victory

by Barbara Reich

Both the varsity and junior varsity girls softball teams played their opening games of the season against Maine South and Deerfield high school last week.

According to head varsity coach Lee Sellers, difficulties arose. "Our biggest problem was losing four major athletes including an all-conference player from last year." However, Sellers sets a .500 season as the team's goal.

SELLERS BELIEVES that achieving the goal is just a matter of who gets the lucky breaks in close plays. But he's confident that "with our hitters we'll go beyond the

first game of the state tournament!"

On the other hand, junior varsity coach Jean Wojdula has pessimistic views. "I'll be satisfied with one win, so long as all twenty-three girls have a chance at gaining experience."

Wojdula's main seasonal goals are to improve the team's fielding and batting skills, while making the group strong enough to reach varsity level.

SELLERS AND Wojdula agree that "bad weather is a hinderance." Most of the team's practice sessions were indoors where "there isn't enough room to re-inact game

situations, or get a real workout," complained varsity player Gayle Portnoy.

If weather permits, the teams will play New Trier West today at West.

Tennis builds team

by Brian Kamajian

Playing tennis at East can be a frustrating experience.

The varsity team, although containing many good individuals, has had trouble putting it together for a victory, according to Head Coach Len Winans.

"WE HAVE FIVE strong individuals who form the nucleus of the team in Dean Heinberg, who is probably our best player, Marty Brisk, Stu Flanzer, Dan Pastron and sophomore Eddy Adler," stated Winans.

"After these five players we run into the problem of inexperience and lack of depth. We have problems competing with some of the other schools in the league where there are more kids and a greater interest in tennis," added Winans.

Winans is hoping for a respectable finish in the conference standing and is looking forward to the state playoffs at the end of the season.

"WE HAVE A possibility of qualifying a doubles team for the state tournament because of the way the tournament is set up this year. We're matched up against some of the weaker teams in the area," added Winans.

The sophomore netmen are currently posting a 2-2 record this year.

"We have a strong sophomore squad this year and we're trying to build a strong nucleus for next year with these boys," explained sophomore Coach Ron Gralewski. "Mitch Kalter and Howard Korey are both doing fine jobs so far."

"Enough kids turned out for freshman tryouts this year so we are fielding a freshman team," commented Gralewski. "The frosh have a full schedule and it should help the overall program." According to Gralewski, Murray Mizock and Steve Charous have produced well for the freshmen this year.

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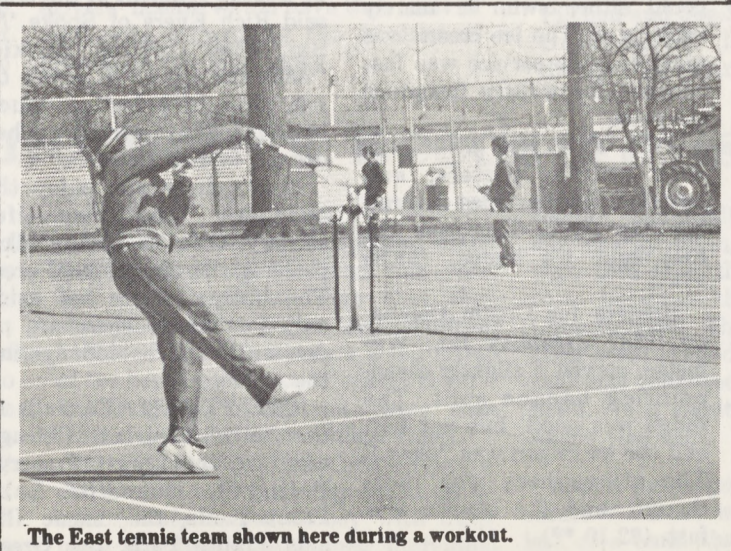
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The East tennis team shown here during a workout.