



Wentz



Vol. 35, No. 6

NILES EAST HIGH SCHOOL, SKOKIE, ILLINOIS

Friday, December 22, 1972



Season's Greetings



Puffer "The Stuffer" (left) contemplates the basket during the faculty basketball game held last Friday. John "The Tiger" Moshak (right) waits for the signal to begin his cossack dance.

Class Enacts Modern Plays

STUDENTS IN THE INTERPRETER'S THEATRE course will present various scenes, cuttings, and poems to English students in their own classrooms, through Friday, January 12.

The selections, the periods they are available, and presentation time are as follows:

My Sister's Marriage, by Cynthia Rich, will be available periods 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9. (Presentation time 25 min.) A scene from J. D. Salinger's novel, **Catcher in the Rye**, will be available periods 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8; presentation time 8 minutes.

AFTER YOU, MY DEAR ALPHONSE, a short story by Shirley Jackson, will be available periods 1 through 9 (and lasts 8 minutes).

A scene from Tennessee Williams' play **The Glass Menagerie** is available periods 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, and 9. (Presentation time is twelve minutes.)

The Creation, a Negro spiritual by James Weldon Johnson, is available periods 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, and 9. (Presentation time: 5 minutes)

Death of the Hired Man, by Robert Frost, will be available periods 1, 2, 3,

4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9. (Presentation time: 10 minutes)

A cutting from Mario Puzo's novel **The Godfather**, will be available periods 3, 6, 7, 8, and 9. (Presentation time: 3 minutes)

MEMBERS OF THE CLASS PARTICIPATING in this program are Ronda Daniels, Marylee Melvin, Hillarie Oxman, Denise Fruehe, Steve Wirtshafter, Gayle Kopels, Edith Ruber, Kandie Serafin, Vanessa Soderberg, Michelle Marko, Fran Shapiro, Sheldon Glassner, Laurie Vaughan, and Allen Feldman.

"The interpreter is the middle man from the author to the listener," explained Miss Virginia Stemp, the teacher of the course. Miss Stemp hopes that this project turns out to be a successful inter-class experience, and feels that it could provide a "springboard for discussion within the class themselves."

TO REQUEST A PRESENTATION in their classes, teachers should indicate five days in advance the date, periods, and selections they wish. They will be notified at least two days prior to presentation, if their requests cannot be fulfilled.

'Verbatim' Play to Aid Patient

THE BODY POLITIC, A NEW THEATRICAL group from Chicago's near North Side, will present a 90-minute "atonal music-dance unplay 'Verbatim'" at 8 p.m. Saturday, January 6, in Niles East High School auditorium, Niles and Lincoln, Skokie. The special presentation will be a benefit performance for Niles East graduate Nancy Becker who was paralyzed in a diving accident last June.

Bound to a wheelchair, the New York University student is now adjusting to a homecoming from her recuperation effort at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago. Her return home will be delayed until a wheelchair lift can be installed, permitting movement to ground level and from the house. The machine would eliminate the risk of accident and further injury in her attempts to gain

mobility.

THE THEATER GROUP IS DONATING free services in the "Lift for Nancy" show. Tickets, \$2 for students, \$3 for adults, are available at the door or at the school on weekdays. The benefit is sponsored by the Nilehi East Freshman Cabinet, advised by Mrs. Kristine Salgado.

"Verbatim," created communally by the 12 members of the Luther Burbank Dingleberry Festival during the past half year, boasts a theme of obscenity, defined as deceitful or offensive to good taste. The words selected and arranged by the group expose the obscenities of everyday life. Using advertisements, recruiting information, public laws, and such 'daily occurrences' they expose the manipulators of public taste and morals.

Jobs for Youth Available Abroad

"Jobs for young people are available in Europe" said Dr. F. X. Gordon, president of Princeton Research. Just back from Europe, he said "the 30 million people Common Market is booming. On the other hand, he stated, we foresee continued youth unemployment in the United States until at least October of 1973. U.S. Corporations are still cutting back personnel and are not planning for replacements."

A program called Jobs Europe guarantees salaried jobs in Switzerland, England, and Belgium, for some 2,000 young people 18 to 29 years of age. These are

summer, fall, winter, and spring jobs as general help (trainees) in hotels, restaurants, supermarkets, department stores, steward and stewardess on trains. Board and room are usually provided and friends can work together if they apply together. Participants arrange their own bargain youth or student fare transportation and depart anytime to work two to six months or longer.

Any Niles East student interested in additional information may send a stamped self-addressed business size envelope to Jobs Europe, Box 44188, Panorama City, California 91412.

Board Examines IHSA Conflict

DISCUSSION OF THE CONTROVERSIAL IHSA rules and the suspension of five Niles East athletes highlighted the December 11 Niles Township Board of Education meeting.

In the absence of President Irwin Ginsburgh, Senior Board Member Angelos Poulakidas was selected to chair the session.

A request to address the Board during the usual "audience to visitors" period was made by Mr. Philip Pollack, a district resident and father of Easthi Junior Ross Pollack. Mr. Pollack expressed displeasure with Niles Township's compliance with certain rules of the Illinois High School Athletic Association. Violation of policy concerning varsity participation on a non-school team caused the suspension of five Niles East basketball players this year. Mr. Pollack charged that the players were held responsible for infractions caused by the encouragement of several coaches. He demanded an immediate apology to the five students from the Board of Education and a "reexamination of our place in the IHSA."

THE BOARD WAS GENERALLY sympathetic with Mr. Pollack's plea and promised they would remain interested in the matter.

In other business, Member Paul Black brought to the Board's attention an article written by Easthi Junior Robert Feder. The story, which appeared in the Skokie NEWS, dealt with the guidance counselor and his role in the Nilehi school. Mr. Black requested the Administration prepare a report on the whole counseling system at a future meeting.

Later, Members Shirley Garland and James Gottreich questioned the district's policy regarding suspensions. They cited cases where two students guilty of the same offense received suspensions of different lengths. Most members concurred that suspensions are not neces-

sarily the proper punishment for truants. They could see no point to depriving a student of his right to attend classes for all but the most serious crimes.

MR. GOTTREICH ASKED Niles East Dean Jo Morris why some students cut classes excessively. Miss Morris said reasons for continued truancy include family problems, difficulties with boy-girl relations and student-teacher conflicts.

During the meeting's final hour, a decided difference of opinion erupted amongst the Board Members. Acting on the request of Resident Ben Lipin, Member Black suggested a change in Board ethic policy. The proposal specified that incumbent Board Members could not engage themselves politically in the selection and election of other board candidates.

BOARD SECRETARY JOHN CARLSON reacted against the motion rather heatedly, claiming "my right of free speech would be denied."

Member James Moore and Chairman Poulakidas agreed with Carlson that such a proposal, though in no way enforceable, would unfairly limit their civil liberties.

At one point, as Mrs. Garland and Mr. Gottreich were explaining their rationale, Secretary Carlson exclaimed, "I think you're being unreal!"

WHEN MR. BLACK'S MOTION failed, Mr. Gottreich moved to strike the existing paragraph from the policy, which presently limits Board political activity in less specific terms.

That motion, which also failed, was opposed in part by Members Carlson and Moore. (This fact is significant, since the motion would have lifted all restrictions on freedom of speech — the major complaint of the two when they opposed the first motion.)

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION will reconvene on Monday, January 8, at 8 p.m., 7700 Gross Point Road.

IHSA Reviews Changes Proposed by School Board

THE IHSA LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION has voted on proposals submitted by the School Board in December. Of the six proposals submitted, three were approved.

The approved proposals will be sent to the committee for final approval. The following were sent by the board: 1.) Outside competition would be allowed, letting athletes compete in any non-school sport, except the one in which he is a participant. 2.) This proposal would allow the employment of certificated coaches by the Board who are in No. 219 elementary districts. 3.) Girl's Interscholastics would be established in 14 sports. Further, it would permit only certificated female teachers as coaches for girls interscholastics.

The IHSA Board rejected three proposals which have been the topic of much argument in the past. 1.) Chicago schools would be taken in under IHSA rules, since they compete under different rules. 2.) Basketball and football would have deleted restrictions on post-season competition. 3.) Eligibility lists would be extended from weekly lists to six or nine week lists.



Art Exhibition held at Skokie Public Library displays many unusual talents.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Winter Vacation—December 22 thru January 8

Verbatim Saturday—January 6 at 8 p.m.

The Crucible—January 19-20

Semester Ends January 26



Concert Choir waits for the go-ahead to begin one of five selections they presented during the Winter Music Festival. The Concert, held last Sunday, featured along with Choir, the Girls Glee Club, Mixed Chorus, Combined Cadet and Intermediate Bands, and Concert Orchestra.



Why Is Money Wasted On Unnecessary Items?

By Scott Skaletsky

MULFORD STREET. In the past few years that street has gained a reputation as a hangout for smokers and "grease." The school has done all it can to rid the street of these loiterers by making smoking illegal and by assigning male supervisors to patrol the area. No tactic seems to stop the hangers on. But, very recently, the school has done something very strange. Tables and chairs have been built on the school side of Mulford.

There is no reason for the building of chairs and tables. The school seems to be going back on its policy of clearing Mulford Street. The administration seems to be making life comfortable for the Mulford Street frequenters. Clearly, the school really doesn't care either way if kids hang around on Mulford. The students cannot honestly have confidence in a school that goes back on policy.

MONEY IS A PROBLEM that plagues every school system, and that does not exclude Niles East. It is not wise to throw money around building chairs and tables so the students on Mulford Street can loiter in comfort. There are other priorities in the school. Maybe the school should reorganize its priorities.

New Rights—for Women A Change for Better

THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT or ERA, would amend the United States Constitution to insure that men and women have the same rights and responsibility under the law.

Three-fourths of the state legislature (38 states) must ratify ERA within seven years, of March 1972 before it becomes the 27th amendment to the constitution.

The Amendment provides that sex should not be a factor in determining the rights of men and women. It thus recognizes the equality of each human being and requires equal treatment of individuals.

ERA has received the endorsement of many Presidents of the United States and has been repeatedly supported on the national party platforms of the major political parties. In both houses efforts to amend ERA were defeated by substantial margins.

THE ONLY RIGHT WOMEN GAINED under the suffrage amendment was the right to vote. Their civil rights were unaffected. Under ERA the burden will not be on each woman plaintiff to show that sex discrimination is unreasonable. Instead all men and women will be assured the right to be free from discrimination based on sex.

A constitutional amendment is the only realistic way to insure equal treatment of the sexes before the law.

Congress now possesses the power to include women in any military conscription. ERA would not limit that power of Congress. However, under the Military Selective Service Act of 1967 only male citizens must register for the draft. The amendment would require that this law or any subsequent law concerning military and/or alternative national service be extended to women equally. Under ERA women also would be entitled as men are now, to reap the benefits which flow from military service.

Once in service women like men would be assigned to various duties by their commanders depending on their qualifications and the service needs.

ERA applies only to government action and legal rights, not to social customs. The question of who pays the dinner check or opens the door has nothing to do with equal legal rights.

"EQUALITY UNDER THE LAW" does not mean that the sexes must be regarded as identical and it does not prohibit states from requiring that there be a reasonable separation of the sexes under some circumstances.

ERA would not take women out of the home. It definitely would not require both the husband and wife to become wage earners. It would require and give new dignity to the roles of mother and housewife.

The equal rights amendment would make women eligible for jury service on the same basis as men.

EQUALITY AND SAMENESS do not have the same meaning.

From Our Readers

Sound Off!

Dear Editor,

I think that homeroom is a waste of time. We very rarely do anything useful in homeroom. It becomes a free-for-all and everyone becomes bored. Announcements run out leaving lots of spare time to stare at empty space. Soon, there are books on the floor, teachers ready to hit the ceiling, and endless talking.

IT WOULD MAKE MORE SENSE if we had our homeroom out of the way at the beginning of first period class.

Lynn Moss '74

This should be done in about a ten minute time limit. Any announcements that exceed this time should be posted in the main office.

There is no reason why homeroom cannot be efficiently handled. We need not make a full length class out of it. Homeroom has reared its big ugly head once too often.

LET'S STRIKE BACK! Are we man or mouse? Homeroom should be looked into as soon as possible.

Dear Editor,

Yours is not to reason why. Yours is to do or die.

When you don't really want to go to class but go anyway do you really learn anything?

WHEN YOU'RE IN THE LIBRARY and get kicked out, who makes a bigger disturbance, you or the librarian?

When somebody tells you to take back somebody else's garbage, you're forced to. But next time will you take it or make sure you don't?

HOW COME WHEN YOU'RE IN CLASS you always seem to know what time it is?

When you're late to class do you need someone to tell you you're not supposed to be in the halls?

WHY DOES A TEACHER have more than half his students flunk?

How come we heard about our first three football games, but do you remember our last five?

Yours is not to reason why. Yours is to do or die.

Phil Spitz '73



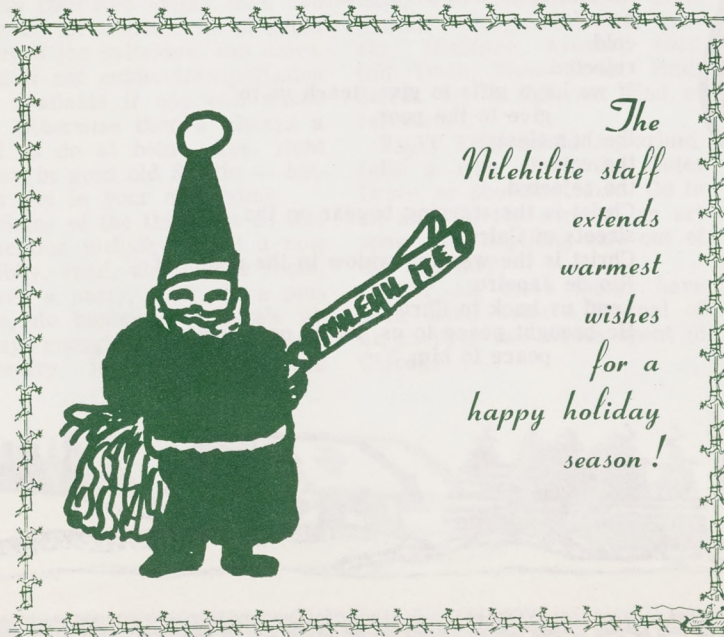
Bad Ax Crossing performs for students who donated to the Orchard Center.

True Christmas Spirit: Telethon 'Plays Santa'

The true spirit of Christmas may actually lurk somewhere in the halls of Niles East. For recently, members of the Special Education Club demonstrated real concern and compassion for the needs of others through their drive to raise money for Skokie's Orchard Center.

The community drive consisted of a telethon and door-to-door campaign. At Niles East, student musicians gave their time and effort to present a benefit rock concert for students donating to the center. Altogether, the effort was successful in raising \$1,500 to treat drug addicts, handicapped persons, and provide day care for the custodial retarded. No other such facility exists in Skokie.

"I think it's been a great project, I really do," commented the club's sponsor, Mrs. Joan Strom. The Nilehilite staff agrees. We applaud the Special Education Club for a job well done. Orchard Center may celebrate a happier kind of Christmas this year.



The Nilehilite staff extends warmest wishes for a happy holiday season!

NILEHILITE

Published 14 times during the school year by the students of Niles Township High School East, Lincoln and Niles Avenues, Skokie, Illinois 60076. Printed by Des Plaines Publishing Company, Des Plaines, Illinois.

VOL. 35, NO. 6 FRIDAY, DEC. 22, 1972

- Editors-in-Chief Janet Coclanis, Michelle Kulwin
- Page Editor Laura Miller
- Sports Editor Scott Jacobson
- Photography Editor Jeff Lotz
- Photographers Michael Fryer, Wally McCormack
- Reporters Marlin Brinsky, Michele Freed, David Mayer, Lynn Moss, Scott Skaletsky
- Contributors Robert Feder, Dave Garlick, Marty Singer, Mike Zucker
- Circulation Manager Jim Burgess
- Cartoonist Dennis Kaplan
- Advisor Mrs. Mary Scherb



Dismays Many Joyous Season Lacking

By Mike Zucker

The "joyous" Christmas season causes increased crime rate, suicides, and feelings of despondent loneliness in addition to some "joy." Forgotten painful memories of deprived childhood Christmases become vivid again during the season. Many cannot force themselves to become instantly happy at the sight of a child on a Santa's lap or a sparkling Christmas tree, making them feel emotionally insufficient and bitter. Exhausted smiles on the faces of visiting relatives who drove 150 miles through heavy traffic loaded with expensive gifts to eat a tediously prepared meal at a tirelessly decorated home, become lost in the hazy mass of "celebration." In short, more hostilities arise than does true good-will.

CHRISTMAS ALSO BRINGS about an unrealistic solution to family quarrels. A real problem, much more serious to solve, needs more than a hesitant smile and a disregard of the past.

The importance placed on exchanging gifts accounts for much seasonal distress. A child who sees his brother receive more expensive gifts than he, may feel less loved. Sometimes family members unable to show true love, compensate with exquisite gifts, then after the exchanging of thank-yous, many feel guilty for not giving a more expensive present than the one received.

Referred to as the "holiday syndrome," Hungarian psychoanalyst, Sandor Ferenci concluded that the spirit of Christmas and New Years which encourages uninhibited expression of emotions (without their expected suppression), can be detrimental to people who are "being ruled by routine." This annual "it's OK folks, show your heart, express your feelings," is too difficult for some to adjust to successfully.

PEOPLE ARE capable of expressing love. People are capable of expressing joy, true joy for one another that doesn't have to be an annual affair. What could be wrong with celebrating December 26, or April 28, or every moment that never can return? Must we need to time it, advertise it, and act it out like a well-written script?

In the words of Father Murray Abraham, a Canadian priest:

I see twins born in Singell,
tiny, brown, Nepali twins,
cradled in the coarse, cracked grimy hands
of a coolie woman,
laid on a blanket crawling with filth,
laid on a mud floor, clammy and cold, doomed to death
they lie there panting their first, precious breath.
I see beggars around me like flies
clutching at my arm, grovelling before me
twisted limbs, sightless eyes, rotting bodies,
stinking sores.

My heart aches; my stomach is sick!
And in the West
the sights I have seen? the sounds I have heard?
Merry Christmas!

I see gaudy stores with gifts, crammed with crowds
packed with the nerve-racking clatter, the noise,
the clang

of cash-registers, the clickety—
clack of toys
and underneath and above and in and through and
around is all a song: beautiful
and blasphemous

"Silent Night, Holy Night; All is calm, all
is bright."

Merry Christmas!
I see the words of Time (or is it Eternity?)
of Life (or is it Death?)

"Four billion dollars spent . . ."
For one Christmas day
For two hundred million overfed Americans,
more than all the help given over ten years
for four hundred million underfed Indians.
O God! O God!

Lead us away from the Christmas tree.
Lead us back to the Christmas cave.
Christmas is God born poor,
homeless,

cold,
rejected,
If we have gifts to give, teach us to
give to the poor,

the homeless,
the cold,
the rejected.
Christ is the starving beggar on the
streets of Calcutta.

Christ is the weeping widow in the slums of
Rio de Janeiro.
Lead us back to Christ . . .
He brought peace to us, let us now bring
peace to him.



Grinnell Campus

Campus Visits Sample College Life

By Bob Render

There are many advantages to the student who is able to visit the college or colleges he plans to apply to. It might even determine the college he eventually chooses. Don Heiman and I took a day off school and left early Friday, December 8, to visit the campus of Grinnell College, a small liberal arts college in Grinnell, Iowa. The arrangements for the trip were made a week in advance through the college's Chicago representative. Rooms, meals, and a guide were supplied. The Guest House where we stayed had once housed visiting Presidents Truman and Eisenhower. We scheduled interviews for the next morning.

MY INTERVIEW was first and I was very nervous. I wanted to look nice, but I accidentally ripped off half my sleeve. The admissions counselor thought I was showing a great need for financial aid. As the interview progressed, I grew more confident and at ease. I left feeling that I had given a good impression of myself.

After a short tour and our personal investigations, we set off for home, only to drive into a blizzard. We struggled into Iowa City which is about 60

miles from Grinnell. It was late, so I tried calling a friend who attends the University of Iowa. He wasn't in, and when I couldn't reach a friend of his we were lost. Then we heard some distant voices. Were they Angels from Heaven? No, it was my friend strolling down the street. We spent the night at his dorm and returned home the next morning.

WE HAD QUITE an experience. There are some things you can do to make your visit worthwhile and easy. Make all your plans with time to spare. Arrange for meals, sleeping, and tours. Once you get there, check out the dorms, cafeteria, and library. Talk to students to find out if they are having any problems.

Try to relax during your interview. Look at the interviewer to get more personal contact. Asking questions of your own will put you at ease. Speak clearly and smile. It can't hurt! Even if the college doesn't require an interview, it's still a good idea to talk with a member of the admissions staff, especially about costs, requirements, and financial aid. Have a good time, but don't waste the opportunity.

Holiday Facts

The Christmas Tree originated in ancient times. The Romans exchanged green tree branches for good luck in the first day of January. The English took this custom for Christmas.

The Germans were probably the first to use Christmas tree decorations. They decorated the tree with stars, angels, toys, nuts, and candies wrapped in bright paper. Later on they added tinsel and lighted candles.





Vacation Tips for Unwary Travelers

by Marlin Brinsky

Two hours with any typical assortment of travel literature is enough to make people wonder why all foreign beaches are "palm fringed" or "crescent-shaped," why evenings abroad are always "enchanted," cathedrals "imposing," and ruins "legendary." The answer is simple: There's a standard travel vocabulary, as universal as canvas luggage, and a gentleman's agreement among travel writers never to deviate from it. The sophisticated voyager, therefore, takes his travel literature as he would tequila — with a little salt and a lick of lemon. He has found that knowing how to translate the folders into plain, cold English is more useful than two foreign languages.

IT'S NOT HARD to master the technique, and once you learn to translate a few dozen basic phrases, you'll get along anywhere in the world with travelers' checks and a shrug of the shoulders.

Let's start with those "un" words that the travel writers somehow manage to turn into positives such as "uncommercial." It sounds great — no boards or honky-tonks. But when you're going somewhere "uncommercial", be sure to take plenty of the local money, a bottle of shampoo, detergent,

and plenty of extra clothes. There may not be any banks or stores and certainly no hairdressers, barbers, laundries, or dry cleaners. However you might see some interesting flora and fauna, or even one or two spectacular views.

"UNSPOILED" is most often applied to islands. Take a pair of old sneakers and a friend because unspoiled beaches are likely to be rife with sea urchins, rocks, coral, and undertow even though the snorkeling is great.

"Undiscovered" denotes an area that has just made the travel posters and is landing small aircraft. It usually means no furniture, guests, or fresh vegetables. As for "unpretentious," it can indicate anything from "dinner jackets necessary" to "no adjoining bathrooms."

GETTING AWAY from these deceptive adjectives, let's look at some of the really positive terms, like "warm welcome" which is something the folder promises you regardless of your destination. Sometimes it just means that no hostility will be shown you. Very occasionally, it signifies that you'll be met by an official delegation and invited to dinner at the Palace. In between these extremes are iced rum drinks at the airport, necklaces of flowers, courteous

customs men, hot water at the hotel, etc.

And take "Old World service." Does it mean footman? Attendants to wash your back? Breakfast in bed? Hot towels? No. "Old World service" merely indicates an excessive number of waiters, busboys, stewards and captains in the dining room.

SPEAKING OF FOOD, the cruise and hotel brochures constantly refer to "native specialties." East of the Danube a native specialty is a dish composed mostly of rice, with small, spicy pieces of something not immediately recognizable in it. An "exotic delicacy" resembles a native specialty but in smaller portions. "Epicurean cuisine" has one meaning the whole world over — too much for lunch. And if you are told to expect "simple food," arrive prepared for cheese, olives, bread, and mineral water — the Spartan type.

Sightseeing has inspired all sorts of classic terms. An area of interest is a place where you find all the American tourists. An additional area of interest is the spot all the other tourists gather and is indistinguishable from the first group except in importance. Catacombs are areas of interest; crypts and dungeons are A.A. of I.

A **MAGNIFICENT** panorama is always way above sea level. You must climb — by foot, elephant, donkey, chair lift, or cable car — to reach it. Unforgettable vistas are easily accessible. Some can even be appreciated from a sidewalk cafe. But first you may have to take a one day tour, which begins after breakfast, and ends when it ends. A scenic drive is a winding, narrow road with the sea on one side and sheer granite cliffs on the other — and no guardrails.

A **CITY THAT'S** bustling, thriving, or modern has a population of more than ten thousand and television. It may also have traffic jams and crowded hotels and be rather expensive.

A favorite term in hotel folders is premier season. Don't let it envision you with crowned heads, business personalities, and prime ministers. It means the hotel is opening for a test run — and being the test guest can be quite uncomfortable. Quiet means no music or dancing, and clients over sixty.

If you can keep all this in mind, you'll have many memorable moments and unforgettable experiences because you'll know how to make them yourself.

Singer's Tune

By Marty Singer

The "Man of Steel" and the "Man of Blubber" make quite a distinguished duo, and they both really do reside in the North Pole. For those of you comic book illiterates in my reading audience, Superman lives in a home he calls the Fortress of Solitude. There he stores the countless trophies and mementos from all over the galaxy.

IN ALL ITS splendor, this frigid land must be a beautiful place, with layers upon layers of dazzling snow stretching out to eternity. Though all that wonderful white glitter might be a pain to drive in, anything that lets everyone walk all over it can't be all bad.

And nestled somewhere in that pure land is Superman's pad. With all those interplanetary gizmos, the Fortress must be styled in either "early machine" or "robot provincial." And Superman must save tremendously on obsolete items such as furniture, food, water, heat, electricity, and airconditioning. He probably does his own repair work too. However, those long distance calls to Lois Lane can get pretty expensive.

NOW SANTA'S place, decorated with bright trimmings and lots of furniture, vibrates with the happy sound of many busy workers. The poor man can't get any privacy with all those little elves running around. But I guess he really feels lucky to know he brings happiness to so many children throughout the world, to have a loving wife to encourage him, and many good friends like Superman to pass the time with. Can you just see the two playing poker? "HO, HO HO, 3 Aces - 2 Kings - a full house, HO HO HO," proudly announces Santa. And then Superman's hand smashes on the table out of despair, and no more table.

Despite occasional temper tantrums from the "Man of Steel," The North Pole prides itself on being a land of peace and tranquility. And that is why the world's greatest "goodguys" have made it their home. The "Man of Steel" has a secret identity to protect and the "Man of Blubber" does not want to have the best designs in Christmas toys leak out to the public before the holidays.

THERE IS no sound of the irate impatient honk of today's pressured driver, or the stuffy odors of polluting exhaust fumes there. However a pedestrian must take care he does not get trampled by a reindeer. Also, reindeers have been known to leave something other than exhaust fumes. Wonder if Santa has their house broken?

I'd almost have to admit the North Pole is the real Winter Wonderland. But it's too cold.



Winter Holiday: Chicago Style

by Michele Freed

This winter vacation, many people will be "hitting" the beaches of Florida, California, Jamaica, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico. While others will be skiing throughout Europe and Colorado, still luckier people will be visiting relatives around the world.

Then there's the deprived people who remain in cold and snowy Chicago, but this winter vacation need not be another two boring weeks. With all of Chicago open, this vacation can be an exciting and very different one.

CHICAGO OFFERS so many things to do that people will wish they had longer than two weeks. Of course it is of great help if the individual can drive, but if not public transportation is available if one can afford it. Otherwise there's always a lot to do at home. Yes, right here in good old Skokie — better yet in your own home.

Some of the things to do this vacation include: Begin a new hobby, read, clean your room, have a party, cook, do a puzzle, do homework (there's always enough of it), paint, make jewelry, invite some friends

over and play a game (chess is becoming very popular), spend a day looking for a job, sit around and listen to music.

NOW TO GET out of the house: bowl, see a movie, go tobogganing, sledding, shopping, ice skating, build a snowman, have a snowball fight, swim (indoor, of course), begin to get physically fit by doing exercises, spend a day at the Y.M.C.A. or J.C.C., or any place that has a gymnasium.

Visit Woodfield, Randhurst, Downtown. Go looking at Christmas decorations, take in a play, do something different, treat yourself to an opera, try a concert, The Art Institute, museums, The Planetarium, Civic Center, Chicago Historical Society, Michigan Avenue, zoos, Old Town, New Town, Rush Street, try a different kind of restaurant.

VISIT THE Shedd Aquarium, take a ride along the Outer Drive, or Sheridan Road. Go to an auction, the Airport, an art show, and anything else out of the ordinary.

After all these things have been done, write a journal of an exciting two weeks spent in Chicago.



Santa's Bag Filled with Nilehi Wishes

By Dave Garlick

Christmas is coming and all over the world children and adults alike are making their Christmas wishes. At Niles East, too, people are hoping for special gifts on Christmas Day. Some students are hoping for a visit from Santa Claus. Others want items that Santa can never deliver. Some are even wishing for gifts for others!

When sophomore Chris Marshall wakes up on Christmas morning, he hopes to find only one thing in his stocking - money. Santa will have to leave Scott Saffro's present out on the street because he wants a silver 'Vet. Sophomore Davi Hirsch wants "a bean bag frog," while Marlin Brinsky, '74, hopes for 15 hockey sticks. Senior Steve Glink hopes for a life supply of Diet Rite Cola, a front row ticket to see Alice Cooper, and something Santa can't bring - a beard that can be seen.

Some people of Niles East want things that Santa will find a little harder to deliver. Jeff Kray wants a tip on where to go Friday and Saturday nights that he can afford while Corey Stricker hopes to find somewhere to go during winter vacation.

Two Niles East juniors have hopes for other people. Donna Whistler looks for a Cub World Championship in 1973 while Debbie Meister would like all the hungry people in the world to be fed with the school's tunafish sandwiches.

Other students want gifts to ease the burden of their school work. Freshmen Charles Kamen and Ralph DiBenedetto are slightly perplexed about high school. Charles doesn't under-

stand why he can't get enough points for a "B" in biology, and Ralph wonders why his teachers give so much home work. Charles wants the extra

points, Ralph wants less home-work.

Athletes have special hopes for their Christmas presents. Wrestler Ira Fishman wants to be free to eat anything he

pleases without gaining weight. Howie Weiss would like a starting berth on the Varsity baseball team. Even basketball coaches Gary Cook and Emil Capatani can think of some fine holiday gifts. Mr. Cook wants a ten game winning streak, while Mr. Capatani just hopes to win a few.

Employees of Niles East have presents in mind. The lounge supervisor hopes for good health for everyone. One substitute teacher would like to see all American soldiers home, especially from Viet Nam. A cook in the cafeteria wishes students would stop complaining about the food they are served.

Teachers have their own ideas. Business teacher Mr. Charles Plock wants some hair for his bald spot. History teacher Mr. Karl DeJonge hopes to find a new fishing pole and a nice quiet place to fish. Mrs. Mary Scherb, journalism teacher and newspaper advisor hopes to have a paper come out every week, along with a 25 member staff to work on it. Math teacher Mr. Todd Dvorak, who recently crunched his car, wants a new front for Christmas. Science instructor Mr. Mark Rostvold would like a school without grades, and Russian expert, Mr. John Moshak, wishes for four Russian classes at Niles East.

Finally, junior Ross Pollak doesn't want anything for Christmas. Why? "I'm Jewish," says Ross.



Celebrate Holiday 'Round the World

By Robert Dooley

Settling in the United States from the four corners of the globe, our ancestors brought with them the Christmas traditions of their own native lands, customs which have all become part of our Christmas traditions. Each custom differs greatly, but all reflect the meaning of Christmas.

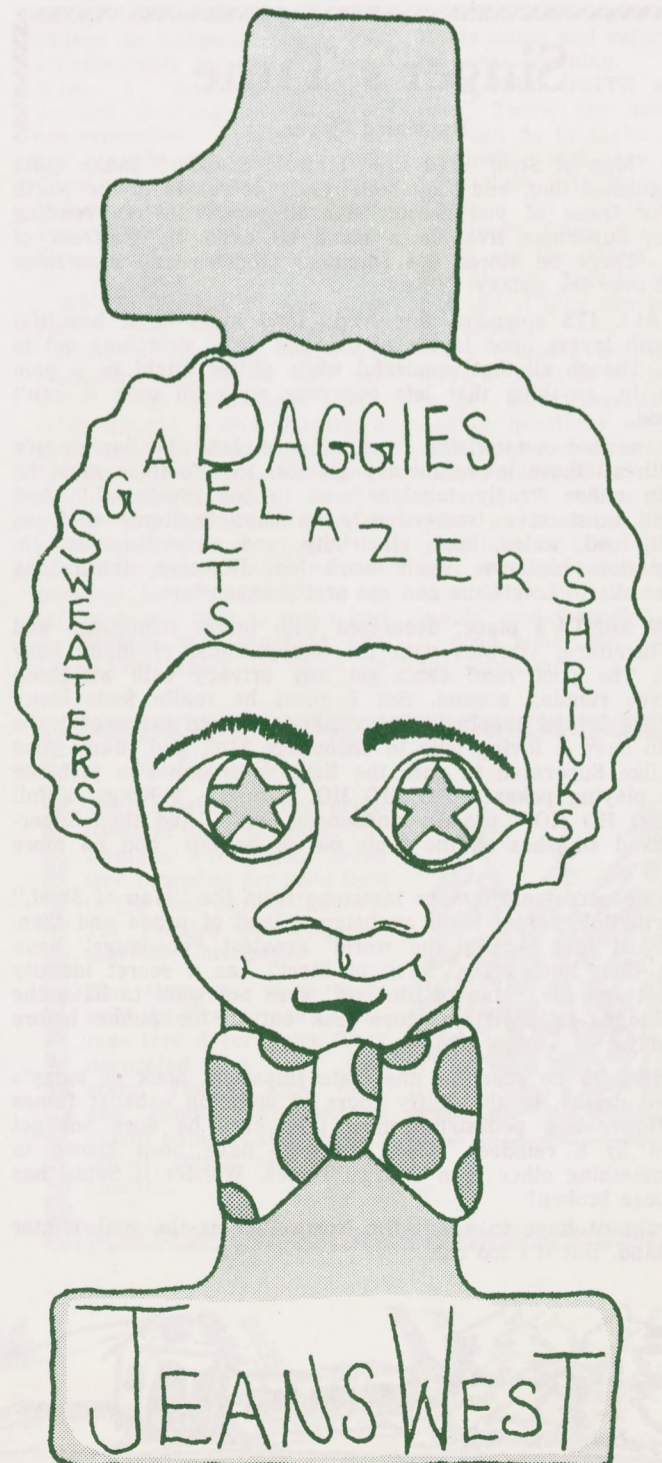
In Belgium, hundreds join in a procession of crucifixes, and "chariots" bearing images of the Christ Child. In Bulgaria, fasts are broken with a "kravai" cake, yule logs, and church services. The French Canadians stress religious feelings throughout the holidays and end with the feast of the Kings of Epiphany. Christmas in China is the climax of many days of Lenten preparation. Religious services predominate in the English Christmas celebrations and sometimes the Yule log is brought inside. In Finland straw is piled upon the floor and like the Christ Child, the children sleep on a manger-like bed. The

"Tannenbaum" in Germany is decorated in utmost secrecy. The people in Greece call upon the priest to make the "Karkantzari" disappear until next year. After religious ceremonies in Holland, men are seen parading and singing from house to house.

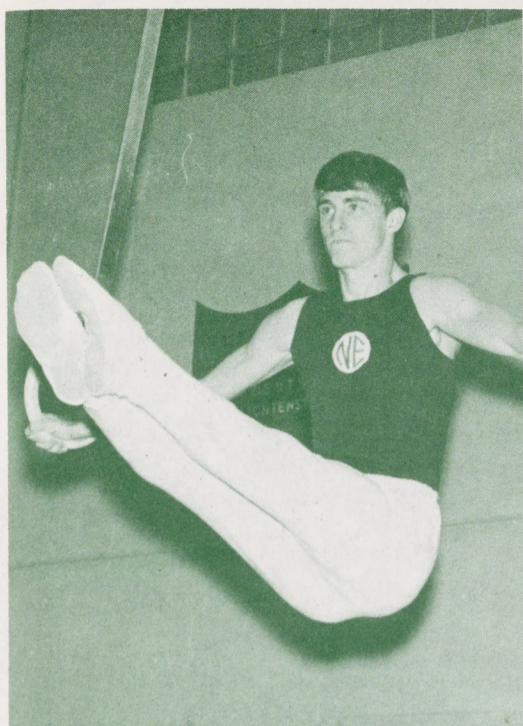
The houses in Ireland are lit with candles placed in every window and the door is left ajar. These are symbols of welcomed hospitality, and it assures the Irish people that no couple seeking shelter for a Baby who is the son of God will be homeless. In Italy the "Prepicio" is found in every home. In Mexico the "Pinata" is broken. In Norway the "Lutefisk" is ready. In Poland, puppet shows, called "Schopka" depicting the murder of the innocents by Herod, are given. In Rumania a custom that is still practiced is called "Blessing the Danube." In Serbia neighbors call upon neighbors to "let Christmas in." In Spain chil-

dren practice a custom called "nacimiento." "Samichlaus" as he is known in Switzerland is eagerly awaited by the children. In Yugoslavia, men search for a suitable oak tree for their "Badnyak." The Austrian custom places emphasis upon light as a symbol of the eternal light. Christmas to the Czechoslovakian means the ending of all quarrels and the beginning of a new year among friends. It is the custom for all people to visit their friends and foes and forgive any misunderstandings that may have arisen during the year.

Each of these customs is a part of American tradition. A tradition of brilliantly lighted and artistically decorated fir trees, poinsettias and mistletoe, glistening white snow, a profusion of presents, a spirit of fellowship and good will to men, and the excited faces of children as they watch and wait for the mysterious man called Santa Claus, these scenes spell Christmas in the United States.



OLD ORCHARD SHOPPING CENTER • SKOKIE, ILL.



Senior ringman Keith Kreitman executes an 'L' cross on the rings while Eric Nagel performs a planche. Nagel captured first place on the rings Saturday, December 9, in helping the Trojans defeat York 126 to 122. (Photos by Jeff Lotz)

Gymnasts Ranked 1st in CSL

By Dave Mayer

The Niles East gymnastic team got off to a good start over the weekend of December 8, and 9, by winning on all three levels of competition over Maine West and York. The Trojans literally trounced over Maine 123.39 to 74, and on Saturday defeated York, who placed eighth in the state meet last year, 126.41 to 122.02. The Trojans now become one of the top ranked teams in the state as well as being rated first in the Central Suburban League on varsity and sophomore levels. Saturday's meet began with

free-exercise with Barry Scher, Scott Harrison, and Rick Robbin turning in excellent performances scoring over twenty points as a team. This event was highlighted by Curt Austin of York. Only a junior, Austin placed third in the state last year on trampoline and was eleventh on tumbling. On side horse Niles gained five points on York as all-around man Rick Robbin won the event with a 7.6. Robbin also took firsts on horizontal bar and parallel bars scoring 7.95 and 7.3 respectively.

THE NEXT EVENT after this

was the parallel bars with Nat Lawrence leading off. Lawrence executed one of his better sets this far followed by Gary Siegel and Barry Scher who were solid as always. Once again Robbin was first as aforementioned scoring 7.3. On parallel bars for York, all-around men Rust and Austin could do no better than to muster 16 points and with one event to go, team scores were almost dead even, 98.65 to 98.40. Keith Kreitman, Eric Nagel, and Steve Kozub compiled over twenty points, enough to give the Trojans their third victory in two days.

Pro Tennis A Reality

By Scott Skaletsky

Tennis has changed its look within the past few years. Traditional white outfits have become colors, the 'country-club look' has gone public, but most of all, pro tennis is here to stay.

WCT, or World Championship of Tennis, has created a pro circuit much like the pro golf system. Established by millionaire Lamar Hunt, famous for his investments in sports franchises, the WCT has gained popularity unattained by past attempts.

THE PLAYERS ARE what makes the WCT. Led by Rod Laver, said to be the greatest player bar none, and Ken Rosewall, the 'human backboard', exciting tennis is always on tap.

As of late, there has been a feud between the WCT contract pros, and the independent pros. This year it was resolved, and

the old WCT format has been changed. For the first years of WCT, there were only 32 players. Now that all the pros have the same status and are all contract pros, the roster has been expanded to include more players, including Stan Smith, Wimbledon champion, and Jan Kodes, former Wimbledon runner up, both were 'independent' pros. Now the WCT is divided into two groups, A and B. They travel all around the world, and the circuit culminates in Dallas in May. The top eight point scorers (determined by number of victories) will compete to decide the world championship.

ONE OF THE STOPS on the WCT tour is Chicago, an original leg of the tour when it first started. The Kemper Open, Chicago's tournament, holds a total of \$50,000 prize money, as all stops on the tour do.

WHA a Success?

By Marlin Brinsky

Two Southern California businessmen, Dennis Murphy and Gary Davidson, decided in 1971 the time was right for a new hockey league. These two men experienced in starting new leagues (having started the American Basketball Association in 1957) were ready to try again. Murphy called Davidson, and the World Hockey Association was born.

DAVIDSON BECAME president and has been responsible for laying the groundwork that has made the WHA the soundest of any expansion league. He also originated the WHA's unique position on the reserve clause, a plan which seems certain to revolutionize players contracts in all sports.

Davidson believes that if a major league is to be truly successful, it has to be a league that holds the interests of the

owners and the players in high esteem. The start of the local franchise, the Cougars, was not without its doubts since the original owners were on thin financial ice. The WHA seeking more solid backing for its teams was thinking of moving the franchise to San Francisco without a game being played in Chicago, until a couple of Chicago businessmen, Jordan and Walter Kaiser bought the team under one condition, the franchise stays in Chicago.

THE COUGARS are not exactly burning up the league right now, being in last place in the Western Division, but the league is very competitive and anything can happen and will happen. With a little support, the Cougars could do better and possibly as good as the Black Hawks in another couple of years.

Trojans Receive Pitching Machine Donated by McNally Park League

The Niles East baseball team received a new pitching machine Monday, December 4. The machine, which was donated by the McNally Park Baseball League of Skokie, was presented to Mr. Nick Oddivak and Mr. James Heiniger, from Mr. Sheldon Rubin, president of the McNally Park Baseball League, which will be used by all levels of the baseball team to increase their hitting percentage.

PITCHING MACHINES such as these cost about \$100. It can vary the speed of the pitches,

and will be operated with the foot. "The machine increases the efficiency of the batter," commented Mr. Rubin. According to Mr. Heiniger, it will free the pitchers from throwing batting practice, so they can concentrate on other aspects of pitching. All levels of the baseball team will have access to it.

The McNally Park Baseball League of Skokie sponsors two baseball divisions, Pony and Colt, and has boys ranging in ages from 7 years to 16 years old.



Mr. James Heiniger accepts a pitching machine for the Niles East baseball team from Mr. Sheldon Rubin, representing the McNally Park Baseball League. (Photo by Mike Fryer)

Soph's Spirit Climbs High Enter Zion-Benton Invite

An invitational at Zion-Benton December 27, 28, 29 will be the next target of the sophomore basketball team. The team will compete against such teams as Zion-Benton, Waukegan and Highland Park.

Coach Capitani noted that since defeating Glenbrook South

December 7 the team morale and spirit "is much better." He would like to work on the team's individual offense, since that seems to be the "major problem" of the team. Coach Capitani acknowledged though that as of late, the soph's are picking up their offense.

**RICH'S
BRITCHES**
5022 OAKTON
heart of downtown
Skokie

BIG SELECTION
ELEPHANT BELLS
MONSTER BELLS
BAGGIES
DENIMS
CUFFS



**TOBIAS
TROUSERS™**
BY A-1

the silhouette is yesterday ... the fit is today
TOBIAS TROUSERS™ BY A-1

Cagers — Victory Road Ahead!

By Scott Jacobson

A disease has hit the Niles East Trojans, one that fills an athlete with overwhelming pleasure and a sense of accomplishment. It's called victory.

LAST FRIDAY night, before a slim home crowd, the Niles East Trojans defeated Niles North 74-63, for their second straight victory, boosting their CSL record to 2-2.

Curiously enough, the Vikings beat Niles West, and the Indians beat Evanston, a team that went downstate last year. A look into the future shows that the cagers easily could make winning a tradition for Niles East.

WHAT IS THIS strange phenomenon which has converted the Trojans from everyday losers to streaking winners? One reason has been the return of five suspended players: Jim Cohn, Corey Levens, Len Weinstein, Kurt Kiesel, and Ross Pollack. Since their appearance, the Trojans have won two games, against Glenbrook South and Niles North, and lost

one game to Maine West, in overtime, 59-54.

All five cagers have been utilized, Jim Cohn, Corey Levens, and Kurt Kiesel, provide ball control, excellent defense, and outside shooting, while Len Weinstein and Ross Pollack, add board strength and good inside shooting.

ANOTHER REASON for the Trojan's surge in the win column has been experience. With a team mainly composed of juniors, it takes time to build up an experienced squad. Now that the Trojans have completed seven games, for an overall record of 2-5, the cagers know how each other plays and are getting used to the different types of offensive and defensive plays employed by opposing teams.

Against Niles North, the Trojans played their best game of the season. Jim Cohn set up the plays, as Don Diamond, Corey Levens, Ross Pollack, Jeff Johnson, and Len Weinstein, did most of the shooting. The cagers also controlled the

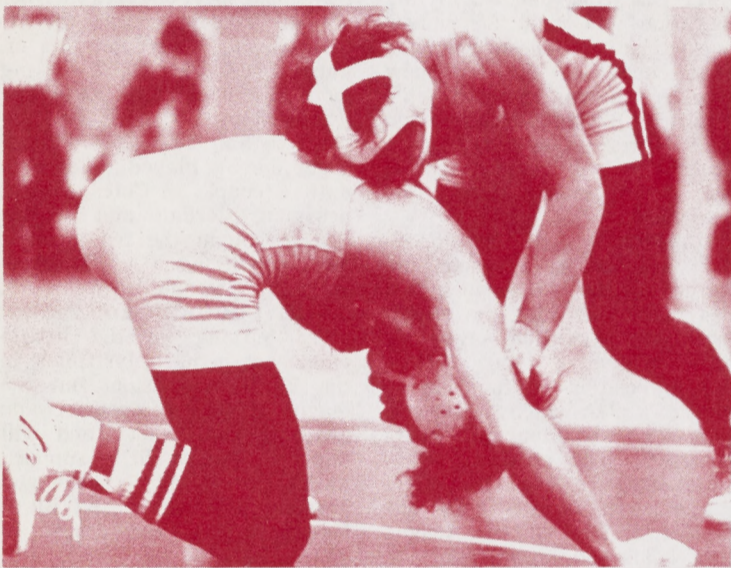
boards, as Don Diamond pulled 25 rebounds.

During winter vacation, the cagers will compete in the Niles Township Tournament at Notre Dame, on December 26, 27, 28, and 29. Niles East's first opponents will be the Maine East Demons, on Wednesday, December 27 at 9 p.m. The elated head coach Gary Cook hopes to win the tourney.

VICTORY NO. 2

Niles East	FG	FT	TP
Diamond	9	5-12	23
Cohn	5	5-10	15
Levens	4	0-0	8
Johnson	2	4-4	8
Weinstein	3	1-2	7
Pollack	2	3-6	7
Mandel	2	0-0	4
Kiesel	1	0-0	2
Gold	0	0-0	0
TOTALS	28	18-34	74

Niles North	FG	FT	TP
Gobel	7	9-11	23
Daar	6	2-5	14
Johnson	3	4-5	10
Wolf	2	5-9	9
T. Gobel	1	3-8	5
Swanson	1	0-0	2
Altschul	0	0-0	0
TOTALS	19	23-38	63



Grappler Rick Angel prepares to take down his opponent in a recent meet. (Photo by Mike Fryer)

Grapplers Setback

By Ed Jacobs

Niles East's grapplers experienced a mixed inception into the Central Suburban League recently, with New Trier West and Maine East being the spoilers in the Trojan's dreams of a CSL championship. Entering into the Glenbrook South Tournament, the matmen have shown many wrestling boosters that there is much to look forward to in upcoming competition.

COMPETING AGAINST New Trier West the Trojans were outpointed by a group of grapplers who captured third place in the recent Trojan Invitational. Against Highland Park, Mount Carmel, and New Trier East, the wrestlers came up with a record of 1-2, stomping New Trier and losing by a mere six points to Highland Park, while falling to Mount Carmel.

The matmen were up against their toughest meet of the sea-

son on December 15, when the Trojans traveled to Maine East to face the state's number one team. After the night was over the Trojans were well aware why the Blue Demons are so highly regarded. The Trojans left Maine with only Daryl Michaels tasting victory.

WINNING FROM THE sophomore and freshman teams remains prevalent among the Trojan's sports scene. After losing to New Trier West, the sophs took out their revenge on Highland Park and New Trier East, defeating both, restoring the confidence needed to face Maine East whom they beat 35-21.

The excitement generated by the freshmen was evident by their victories in their last two meets against New Trier West and Maine East. Coach Dave Schuesteff's matmen also claim the distinction of being the first team to defeat Maine East's frosh in three years.

GAA Gymnasts Defeated; Await Future Meets

The girls' gymnastic team is looking toward the future. Comprised mainly of freshmen and sophomores, the team has competed against more experienced squads and lost their first four meets. Some outstanding performances have been turned in by freshmen Sue Kozub and Carol Greenspan, sophomores Sally Goldstein, Lori Harris, Mary Unruh, and co-captain

Karen Delmonico and senior captain Debby Kaplan.

LAST FRIDAY, at Niles West, the girls lost 72.1 to 55.65. In the vault, Sue Kozub finished second and Sally Goldstein won third. However, Niles West, led by Judy Miller, who took first on the beam and second on the bars, won all four events. On Saturday, January 13, the team will meet Niles North and West again in the district tri-meet.

Foilers Deserve Student Support

By Ron Miller

Niles' fencing team receives little attention, and less support, from the students. This can be understood, as there are several factors (most of them false) which turn students off. However, once these misconceptions are cleared up, the students should discover the art of fencing.

MOST STUDENTS consider attending a fencing meet about as often as they consider their houses burning down, they just assume it won't happen. When asked why they don't follow fencing, students give several answers. Some say that fencing doesn't require any physical skill. This is a fallacy. Fencing demands lightning reflexes, balance, agility, endurance, and most of all, the ability to translate decisions into action in split-seconds. To be a good fencer, one must develop skills that most people don't have. He must train his body to respond, to perform, like any other athlete. Zorro was considered a hero because of his fencing skill. Errol Flynn made millions. The Three Musketeers are household words. No one questions their athletic ability, although they never played football or hockey.

Some students, who have never seen fencing, claim it is dull, boring, and uninteresting. They could just as honestly say that jai alai is a sluggish sport. Fencing is a direct confrontation between two opponents, matching skills, trying to determine who is better. The tension is felt by all as they face each other; then they clash and try to break the other's defense. There is cheering by teammates, urging them to be aggressive. Fencing is rapid, exciting, and it draws the spectator into the action.

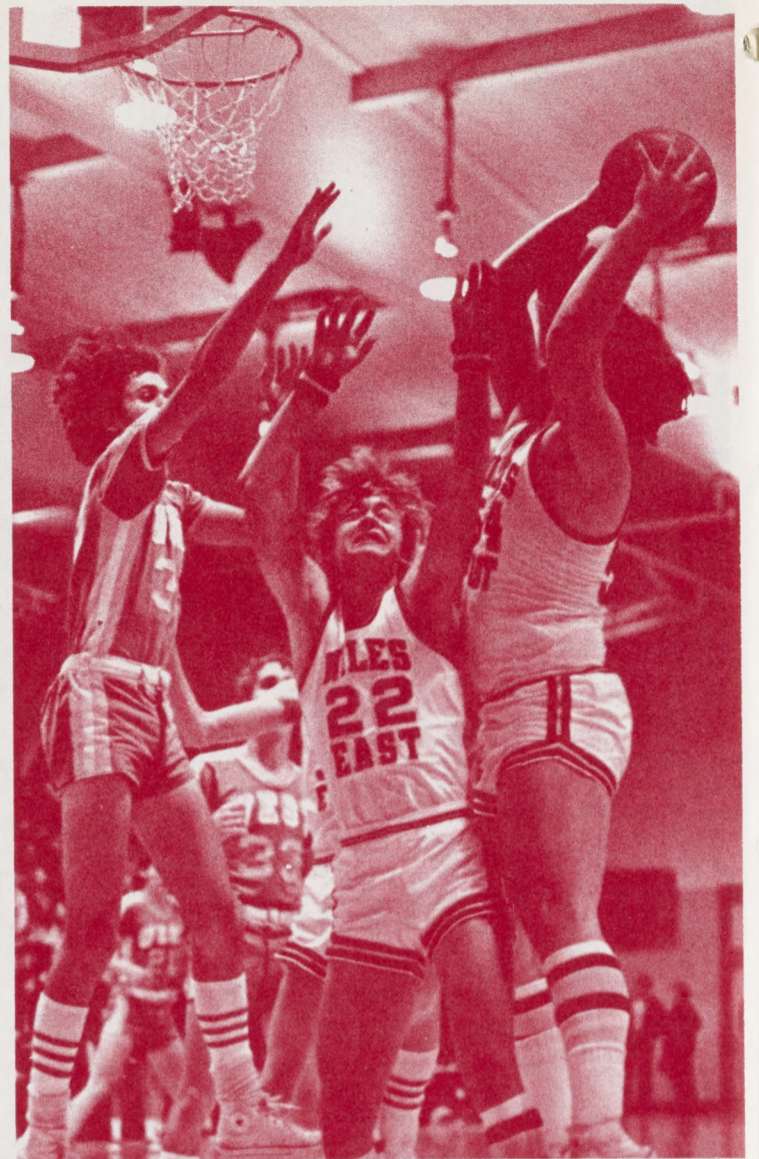
Here is a schedule of home meets, all held in the indoor track at 6 p.m.

Thursday, January 11, vs. Maine South

Friday, January 12, vs. Notre Dame

Friday, February 2, vs. New Trier East

Friday, February 9, vs. New Trier West



Cager Ross Pollack (54) sets up to shoot the ball as Kurt Kiesel (22) prepares to grab the rebound. (Photo by Mike Fryer)

Fencers Seek State

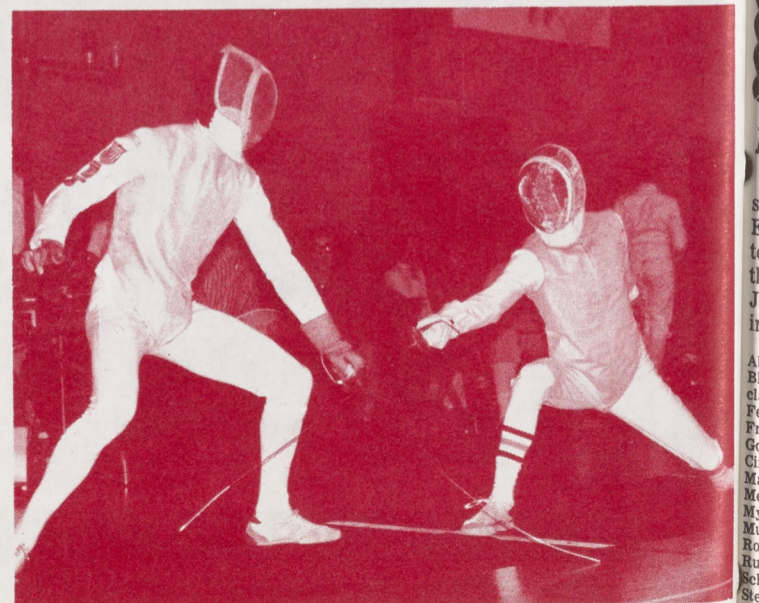
Easthi's foilers, during the last two weeks, took a large step toward the state title, and then retreated.

AT NEW TRIER East, on December 8, the Trojans narrowly defeated a determined team led by Mike McCahey, who as a junior last year was the state's top fencer. McCahey easily disposed of his three opponents, Kurt Leipold, Phil Spitz, and Reid Sigman, as New Trier won the "A" division, six bouts to three, which consists of each team's top three fencers. Bill Osness, Ron Rovner, and Paul Schultz, fencing in the "B" division, displayed the depth of the team as their combined record of 7-2 gave the varsity a 10-8 victory. Though these foilers had lost the fence-offs during the week, placing them on the "B" squad, they looked impressive, as Osness won all three bouts, captain Rovner again won under pressure, and Schultz, who had won only one of five bouts previously, provided the Trojans with a laugh as he executed a "grit" (0-5 shutout) within 12 seconds of fencing time. Coach Robert Keen was

upset with the lack of aggressiveness on the part of the "A" fencers. He pointed out that they were laying back, and waiting to get hit. "We've never had a defensive team. We have an offensive team," he declared.

The frosh-soph team lost 10-8, but displayed the "beautiful form" that has Coach Keen optimistic about the future. "They just needed a little more confidence," he observed, noting also that they were fencing against a more experienced team. Again, the Trojans showed depth that New Trier lacked. Though Larry Nelson, Larry Labow, Joe Jans, and sub Lane Schultz were outperformed on the "A" level by three strong foilers, losing 8-1, New Trier's talent ran thin on the "B" level as six Trojans combined for seven wins and two losses.

THE FOILERS hit a temporary roadblock on their path toward the title on Friday, December 15, as defending state champion New Trier West soundly defeated the Trojans 14-4 on both varsity and frosh-soph levels.



Fencer Phil Spitz (right) foils with the state champ Mike McCahey. (Photo by Jeff Lotz)