

# NILEHILITE

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## Work study students receive awards

Three VICA, (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) students from East, Jerry Burke, '80, Steve Contos, '80, and Joe Suhajda, '80, were chosen to participate in the U.S. Skill Olympics as a result of scoring in the top twenty on a related test.

On April 25, Jerry Burke will compete in a contest that will consist of activity in three phases: Body Repair (metal working), Painting the repaired part, and Estimation of a damaged vehicle. All these will be done with separate time limits totaling five hours.

STEVE CONTOS will compete in Auto Mechanics, which will cover (but is not restricted to) engine repairs, power train components, brake systems, ignition and electrical systems, engine operation diagnosis, and testing and emission control systems.

Joe Suhajda will compete in Vocational Printing (offset) where he will demonstrate his ability to operate graphics equipment, interpret the requirements for a finished job, prepare a layout, figure stock requirements, strip in a series of processed negatives and operate an offset press.

Although these students will com-

pete in similar or related trades, the U.S. Skill Olympics has many other types of competitions, such as, Cosmetology, Commercial Art, Carpentry (all sorts of Trade and Industrial Operations), various Health Occupations and Leadership Development Skills.

For the fifth consecutive year the East DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) chapter has been named the chapter of the year. East competed with over 200 high schools across the state to earn this honor at the Illinois State Career Development Conference held in Springfield the weekend of March 8-9.

The chapter coordinated by William Coulson also won first place for their Anti-Shoplifting project. This event, was judged on the chapter's efforts to help prevent Shoplifting — Americas fastest growing crime. East's chapter conducted a shoplifting survey, in addition to giving seminars and speeches to some junior high schools in the hope of instilling a knowledge of the harm that shoplifting causes for store owners as well as consumers.

THEY ALSO won a second place

award in the Free Enterprise Competition. Tony Nitti, Elise Holzheimer, and Cary Miller were finalists. "The dedication that two or three of the members have put into the chapter this year has contributed to its success," stated Coulson "Us working together has made it successful."

The purpose of DECA is to promote knowledge of merchandising, marketing and management in high school students who are planning on entering the business field.

"Even though we tried to publicize DECA this year, few students really know what the program is about," asserted East's chapter president Alan Friedman. "For a student interested in business there is no better experience."

Nine HERO club students participated in the Sectional Home Economics Related Occupations Skills Workshop in Wheeling High School on March 12.

Cheryl Sylvan won third place in Fashion Display; Allen Shepard won second place in Personal Interview and Job Application; Kim Karnes and Valerie Fabian won second place in Creative Needlework, while Debbie Kabiller captured first place; Audrey Mojve won first place in Dining Room Service; Toni Ferrante won first place in Professional Sewing; Dolly Gersznovieg won first place in Nutritional Snacks; and Bunny Greiman won first place in Sandwich Showcase.

THE TOP three first place winners will be eligible to compete in State Competition in Springfield on May 2 and 3.

## AFS hosts students

The Niles West Chapter of American Field Service (AFS) International is offering an opportunity to high school families to host a foreign exchange student from August, 1980, to June, 1981.

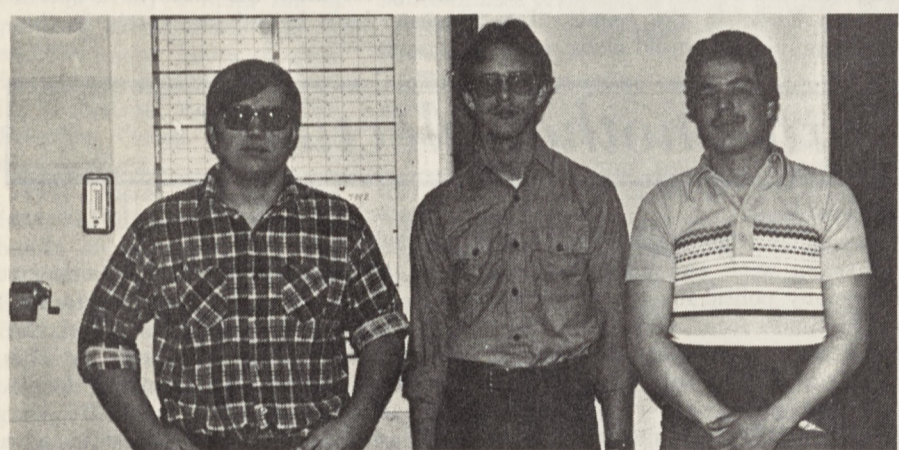
The students will attend Niles West. For more than ten years, families in this community have welcomed students from South Africa, Australia, South America, Ecuador, Switzerland and many other countries, according to West counselor Mary Pat Carr, one of the school's two AFS sponsors.

"MAINLY WE'RE looking for parents who are concerned for and interested in young people," said Mrs. Sallie Blackman, homefinding chairwoman for West AFS chapter. While many families participating in the AFS program have children in high school, it's not a prerequisite.

AFS International in New York carefully screens candidates who apply for the ten month stay in the United States. "They told me she would be like a daughter when she got here, and she is," commented Mrs. Harriet Snyder, Lincolnwood, about Aleyda Taveras from the Dominican Republic whom she is currently hosting. "Maybe that's because of the careful selection to match her personality to ours."

Host families incur no financial debt by hosting an AFS student aside from some food costs and small incidental expenses. Students get a monthly allowance from AFS and each is covered by the organization for medical expenses. Carr and co-sponsor Frank Mustari also help students get small jobs at the school, working in the book store, mailroom or various offices, to make extra spending money.

FAMILIES INTERESTED in participating in the AFS experience should contact Carr or Mustari at Niles West High School, 966-3800.



Joe Suhajda, Jerry Burke, and Steve Contos, VICA students, were selected to participate in the U.S. Skill Olympics. (photo by Jeff Silver)

## East dance company presents "Last Dance"

The East Dance Company presented its final performance "Last Chance for our Last Dance. . . Show" on March 14 and 15 at 8 p.m. in the auditorium to approximately 270 people.

All the numbers were choreographed and staged by the 16 girls. A wide variety of modern ballet, jazz, toe, and tap was performed to music such as "Gym Montage" from *The Champ*, "All For The Best" from *Godspell*, "Send In The Clowns" by Shirley Bassey, "Tornado" from *The Wiz*, "In The Stone" by Earth Wind and Fire. A medley from West Side Story, and "Music and the Mirror" from *A Chorus Line*.

SUZANNE MEISTER '82, president of dance company commented, "I thought it went really well when it came down to the end, the girls really came through. I'm really proud of the job they did."

Meister choreographed seven of the 15 numbers and performed a solo modern ballet to "If you Remember Me" from *The Champ*. She began taking ballet when she was seven and has been taking jazz lessons for the past six years.

NEXT YEAR, the dance members will join the companies at either North or West. Mindy Schwartz '81, vice

president of the company said, "The girls were all fun to work with. I hope next year the girls can work together as well as we did this year."

The week before the show, the girls rehearsed every day from 3 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. Miss Patricia Wahlstrom, sponsor, said, "In spite of pom pom and cheerleading tryouts, band concerts and basketball games, the girls made a real effort to practice."

SHE ADDED, "Several of the girls had never been on stage before but they adjusted well to the quick changes. Dress rehearsals went really smoothly although there was very little practice time on the stage."

Meister expressed, "I wish more people could have attended the show since it was the last show. This show was something very special to the company." In the future, the company will be touring local grammar schools and will possibly have a Forum at school on April 24.

The cast included Jackie Bakshy, Linda Becker, Michele Dodd, Leslie Doi, Alissa Friedman, Lisa Fullett, Lissa Greenburg, Conni Hertel, Joan Kindwald, Monika Kroeger, Therese LeVan, Marie Mamaril, Faith Martinez, Suzanne Meister, Mindy Schwartz, and Dee Dee Vlay.

## Committee plans Prom '80

"This year's prom will be our biggest and our best," explains Higgins, this year's chairwoman.

Prom committee is putting in extra effort to make East's last prom the best ever. An upcoming event to promote prom is a garage sale. Phone crews are calling students and their parents trying to get donations for this event. Prom committee's main goal is to get student participation in all matters concerning prom.

THIS YEAR all students will be able

to have their names printed in the prom souvenir books for a fee of \$.50.

Though there have been many rumors about prom committee having money problems, Higgins says, "We have no financial problems, the purpose of these events is to get prom bids as low as possible."

As a final comment Higgins said, "If there is anyone willing to make a donation, please see Rita Stewart in the main office or me in the library."

## Key Club sponsors blood drive

On April 22, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, in the student lounge, the East Key Club in conjunction with the Skokie Health Department will sponsor a blood drive for the Michael Reese blood program.

Any student 17 years and older and 110 pounds and over can contribute. Whoever gives blood is then insured for a year. "Skokie really needs the blood,"

commented Chuck Gollay '80, president of Key Club.

LAST YEAR, the senior cabinet sponsored a blood drive and collected about 79 pints. "This year we're going to hit a hundred if we can," said Gollay.

The process will take 45 minutes to an hour. Each contributor will receive a pin that says "I gave blood" to get back in class.



Karyn Shevel '83 and Helen Moshak '82 perform during a student directed production of Chamber Theater. Story on page 3.



## Choosing a college deserves forethought

Choosing a college where one plans to spend the next four or, in some cases, five or more years, is not an easy decision. Hopefully, the student has researched the school, visited the campus, or requested an interview with the admissions office. The drop-out, transfer, and failure rate, now at 20 percent, indicates these are not common practices.

Many falsehoods may influence a student's decision. Eastern and Ivy League schools, while still being good, are not the only good schools in the country. When Canada and Great Britain were expanding and updating their university systems after World War II, they obtained many of their ideas from Midwestern schools, both public and private. Also, a student will have a better chance for gaining admission to colleges outside of the crowded East.

WHERE ONE'S friends go should not be a factor in choosing a college. Part of the allure of going away to school is the chance to meet new people of varied backgrounds. Students attending college while living at home also have the opportunity to mix and to make new friends.

From the student's sophomore year, careful research should focus upon the student's expectations, needs and desires. Although many counselors, teachers and professors do not feel that choosing a major before reaching college is a wise idea, most students have a general idea as to which areas of

study they are interested in.

Likewise, cost, although important, should not be the deciding factor. Grant, aid, and loan programs have been vastly improved and revised during the last ten years, in order to accommodate the "middle class crunch."

COLLEGE CATALOGUES, although helpful, are not a true indicator of student life. In order to attract more students, schools tend to use a well-produced catalogue as its chief sales pitch. In many cases, the people who write it can be from ad agencies

If a school stresses all their resident scholars, one should find out how many actually teach undergraduates, and what the average class size is. In many colleges and universities graduate students are used as teaching assistants, and for the few universities that have their scholars teaching undergrads, it is often in filled lecture halls. Some schools have been known to have classes taught by teachers on closed-circuit television, an experience on par to watching TV at home.

Clearly, a decision as to what school a student applies to relies upon many factors. Besides using the college resource room, one should be awarded that the school district has a computer available to students and counselors for the purpose of locating appropriate schools. No one school can fill all a student's requirements, although after a careful search one can be found that comes quite close.



## Administration to dispose of East building equipment

The labels have arrived. Rita Stewart, building manager, is presently coordinating a massive effort to label all of East's valuable equipment and furniture for shipment to North or West depending on need. Most of the remaining items will be auctioned off later this summer. In their effort to relocate East's huge inventory of equipment, the administration must make certain that nothing valuable is stolen or thrown away.

There are many people in the community who would be interested in bidding for a used desk, cabinet, or chair from East. In the hands of a dexterous refinisher, an old chair could

be transformed into a valuable antique. The administration must also make a strenuous effort to circumvent the attitude of "It's probably going to be thrown away so I might as well take it home with me."

SO FAR UNDER the leadership of Stewart, the administration has pursued the right path in the disposal of East equipment. Innovative ideas like the sale of team uniforms to the players themselves and the distribution of valuable sports equipment to North and West after the close of a sports season have helped immensely in this pursuit.

## Primary 80: Can we afford another election?

The Tuesday, March 18 Illinois primary showed no surprises after the returns were counted. The tallies matched the predictions of numerous pre-election polls and computer estimates.

Unfortunately, politics has always been and will probably always will be a "beauty contest," or a race of party allegiance. Issues become obscure underneath smiles, handshakes, three piece suits and press endorsements. Whoever's name is the least known can usually give his concession speech at the outset of his campaigns, or be forced to run campaigns involving thousands of dollars for TV, radio, and newspaper ads. Incumbent President and hopeful Democratic nominee for the presidency, Jimmy Carter, spent \$300,000 in a pre-primary media blitz, and his challenger, Ted Kennedy, spent \$200,000. Republican John Anderson spent \$250,000; George Bush \$500,000. Add to this the expenses of district offices, literature, and statewide personnel, and the total figure spent runs into the millions.

### Senate reviews month's progress

Student Senate has had an extremely successful month. At its meeting on Wednesday, March 19, there was a record attendance of approximately 30 people.

Various subcommittees are being formed. The Exchange Committee is becoming more productive, and is presently contacting East clubs for information regarding next year. Membership is open to anyone who would like to meet people from the other schools. Senate is also planning fundraising events which will culminate in a special activity at the end of the year.

DUE TO the increased activity, Senate has increased its meeting times to weekly on Wednesdays at 3 p.m. in room 124.

WITH THE government providing matching funds for presidential candidates who fulfill the requirements of raising \$800,000 in thirty states, these campaign expenditures become a costly burden to the taxpayer. The Internal Revenue Service provides a space for those filling out tax forms to donate one dollar of their taxes to the Presidential Election Fund, without increasing one's tax bill. However, all of the matching funds do not come from there. Also, many people prefer to donate to the specific candidates they would like to see in office. For those who choose this route, the IRS allows a tax credit equal to one-half of the contribution, with the credit not to exceed \$50 (\$100 for a joint return). The latter situation also applies to donations to local, state, and Congress-

sional candidates.

Unfortunately, campaign costs steadily increase with the competition, leaving many politicians struggling to scrounge funds from various sources since money, name recognition, and winning an election are often interchangeable. In the recent 10th Congressional District special election held on January 22, Republican victor John Porter had a campaign war chest totaling \$800,000, while his Democratic opponent, Robert Weinberger, had a budget of approximately \$100,000.

Recently, politicians such as Weinberger have set ceilings on the amount of special interest money they collect due to increasing public concern as to how unbiased a politician can remain when most of his funds come from "big money" contributors. These policies are

admirable but further reforms are needed.

AMERICA'S FORM of government depends upon an informed electorate, meaning that voters should read the paper, attend appearances by the candidates, and then unbiasedly decide whose qualifications best fit the demands of the office. Media ads cannot accurately inform the public as to a candidate's qualification, since an ad is an ad, no matter what the content. Party loyalty is fine, but it should not extend to the point where it involves electing a candidate with weaker qualifications just because one recognizes the party, or the candidate's name from ads.

Editor's Note: In the February 29 issue of the Nilehilite a letter appeared Name Withheld Upon Request highly critical of the photography class and its teacher. It pointed to such abuses as stealing and the misuse of developing chemicals.

Usually, a letter making such serious allegations would not be printed without the author's signature, but in this particular case the editor made a special allowance.

In the future, letters seriously critical of an individual or a class will be signed and strenuous efforts will be undertaken to get both sides of the issue in question.

## Activities shift in purpose

Every year there are certain events, such as the homecoming dances and the spring musical, that are thought of as for students only. One would never dream of opening them up for participation by the general public. That is, unless the school was closing.

Alumni do have the right to be interested in the final events of their former school. They should be encouraged to do so. However, what should be student oriented events are quickly becoming very alumni oriented instead. As the last days of East draw nearer, the school seemingly becomes more open to the public, a fact which may not be beneficial to the students.

WITH ALL the alumni around these days there is the question of what position they should be given. When it was first announced that alumni would be allowed to audition for "My Fair Lady," current students were told that only they would be given leads and the alumni would be used to fill up the chorus. As time has proven, this is not so. The female lead, and 40 percent of the cast are alumni. Will "My Fair

Lady" still be called a high school production? Alumni will also be allowed to participate on the crews of the show. Students have been told that alumni will be used to fill in only if there are not enough students involved. Will this also prove false?

Another example of the reemphasis of student activities include the football and basketball homecoming dances. Both these events, which have previously been exclusively for students, were open to the public or more specifically, to the alumni. Perhaps this did bring more publicity to the events but is it worth sacrificing the traditional feeling of student accomplishment just for extra public attention? Have we given up the true feeling of high school?

THERE IS a special kind of feeling that is generated by students when they all work together to make something happen. Whether this something is a basketball homecoming or the last musical, the feeling and sharing is the same. It is this feeling which will give us our own memory.

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Students congregate on Mulford Street during class breaks. (Photo by Erich Massat)

## Chamber Theater performs dramas

Chamber theater, a collection of short literary pieces, was presented last Friday and Saturday, March 21 and 22, in the student lounge. The pieces were also presented on Monday, March 23, for English classes.

Each of the six dramatic presentations was selected by the student who directed it. The directors chose a story

they felt would be appropriate and then set about the task of converting a literary piece into a script which would be suitable to produce for the stage. "I felt it was easy to show the motivation of the characters," commented Director Linda Sugarman '80. "The narration, provided by the author, helped the audience to understand the story."

## Pos boosts East's clubs

by David Eingorn

In any school community, there are only a hand full of parents devoted enough to sacrifice many hours of their free time to a high school and its activities. Booster Club President Chuck Pos is just such a parent.

Pos, Booster Club president for two consecutive terms, heads an organization that supports and raises funds for East sports teams. A group of Booster Club members which includes Pos is currently preparing for an April 19 garage sale. The sale is intended to raise funds for this year's prom.

IN ADDITION TO being

Booster Club president, Pos serves as chairman of the subcommittee responsible for a fair transition of clubs between North and West in 1980.

Why does Pos devote so much of his time to school related activities?

"I totally enjoyed being involved. I think it's a lot of fun to serve on committees and help out with the sports program. I really feel sorry for the parents who don't get involved."

HOW DOES POS afford time for all of his activities?

"I don't watch T.V., play golf, or go bowling. I simply devote my free time to Niles

East."

Pos' long history of community involvement began long before he moved here five years ago from the South Side. There he participated in such varied community activities as social director for an area canteen and youth director for a local synagogue. The canteen he coordinated was a social center frequented by students from both private and parochial schools.

AFTER EAST closes, Pos plans to continue his active participation in the Niles Township school community, dividing his time equally between North and West.

## Students share views about Mulford Street

by Erich Massat

When one thinks about Mulford Street, the first thoughts that usually come to mind are drugs, "freaks," and a lot of students who hang out and smoke cigarettes.

WHEN STUDENTS were asked why they hang out on Mulford the basic response was because of the people and because it's outside. One girl responded, "It's nice outside. You're not jailed in. People out here can relate on the same level."

One junior commented, "The name 'Mulford' doesn't mean anything to me. People think 'Freak this, freak that,' but that's B.S. Mulford has benches and it's outdoors, and it's better than sitting in the cafeteria."

One guy commented, "I hang out here to get away from the school, and besides,

it's a better place to hang around." Another person termed it as "a little escape route."

WHEN ASKED about the people who sit outside, everyone seemed to agree that "the people are less inhibited, and are nicer to be with."

One person stated, "Out here we accept people for what they are. To be considered a 'jock' you have to be pretty, popular, or on a team. You're accepted right away out here. It's real nice. We are willing to share things like cigarettes."

Another guy added, "People out here are cool. It's nice out and people don't start fights like the jocks do."

ONE GIRL said about the students inside, "People stereotype us out here. Teachers think kids hang out on Mulford because they're on

drugs, and everything else. Most 'jocks' in this school party too.

"I came to this school with a very open mind and they (the jocks) just started cutting me down because I'm different. They go along in their 'rah-rah' ways. They cut up everyone for partying."

"I hate the stereotype 'freak.' The definition of a freak is 'one who is on drugs all the time.' I've quit smoking pot for a long time now. They call me a 'freak' just because I smoke cigarettes."

What would happen if someone from a different group came out on Mulford? "Nothing, because it doesn't matter. It's not the groups. We are all individuals and we're all human."

Observer

## A night on Broadway

— david eingorn —

A drunken woman lay on the frosted sidewalk, a disoriented pathetic heap of flesh. I saw her on marvelous Broadway, the street famous for its fine theaters and equally fine massage parlors near Times Square.

I had just seen the Tony Award winning musical "Sweeney Todd," and was making my way back home when I saw her lying in front of a corner drug store. Occasionally, she would moan or cry out for help, but nobody on the crowded boulevard heard her; they were all too busy going nowhere.

I PAUSED in my own mad rush to reflect. I said to myself, "Is this what I came to New York to see?" I later

rebuked myself for feeling this indignation. I questioned my right to feel superior to the sloven lying on the sidewalk. Essentially, was I of better "stuff" than the miserable wretch lying on the sidewalk? No. I was a human being and she was a human being. By Chance, Fate, or God's will I was looking down at her and she was looking up at me.

As I stood there primly dressed men, women with long fur coats, and young children gathered around me to watch the spectacle. The event added to their theater experience. None lifted a finger to help the desperate woman. Monotonously, the crowd trickled away. I looked at my watch. It was getting late. I left too.

## Selecting the right school needs careful research

On the average a college education costs anywhere from \$15,000 to \$45,000 over a four year period. For this amount, a student receives an education and new experiences, although benefits may vary from college to college. Arriving at a final decision as to which school to attend can prove to be a harrowing experience for any individual.

Points to consider when "comparison shopping" should include the school's religious affiliation, educational goals, reputation, size, academic requirements, atmosphere, cost, and academic programs.

ALSO, THE student's G.P.A. and test scores should be considered, since grades high enough for one college may not suffice for another. Extra-curricular activities also come into consideration when an admissions officer reviews an application.

Before one begins to research a college, it's a good idea to realistically assess what he wants; also it's wise

to visit the campus, attend classes, and meet some of the faculty of the college one is planning to attend. Senior Colleen Hubbard agreed. She said her investigation of the school's atmosphere and reputation first hand helped her greatly.

THE COMPUTER terminal in the guidance room can be another valuable aid in choosing a college. When using the terminal the student should program the size, preference, ACT or SAT scores, location, subject, cost, or other factors; the computer then provides a list that can be used as a base for future reference.

Another important factor that could influence a student's college choice is the school's policy toward advanced placement credit. Some schools will give the student actual credit toward graduation, while others will place the student in sophomore level classes. If a student does invest careful research, however, he can be almost certain that his choice will be the best one to fit his needs.

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## HEY-HEY! HOLY-COW!

"This year we've been working harder than ever before. There are no superstars. We have to work as a team. I feel if we do we can win the conference title."

Sharing this opinion with Coach George Galla is the majority of this year's squad. It's a fairly young team comprised of only eight seniors. Much of this year's squad has been working on their own since the first of the year. Weight and stamina training headed the workouts for seniors Pete Miscinski, Tim Calahan, and Steve Bartelstein. Galla feels that Calahan will be depended upon this year for his power hitting.

**THE TROJANS** started official practice with Galla three weeks ago. To get that extra jump on their opponent they conducted double practice

sessions, one after school and the other at 6:30 a.m. Galla believes the teams to beat will be perennial C.S.L. powers, Niles West and New Trier East.

Today, weather permitting, the Trojans hope to open up their season on a winning note, when they square off against Gordon Tech at 3:30 p.m.

This summer the Trojans beat Gordon Tech in the first round of the regionals. Galla commented, "We've beat them before but this doesn't mean anything. We've got to be consistent, execute, and use our heads. If we do, we'll win."

**COACH GALLA** stated, "Our opponents will probably score quite a few runs, but I feel our hitting will keep us close. I'm hoping the pitching staff can do that, but we have no one who can overpower the

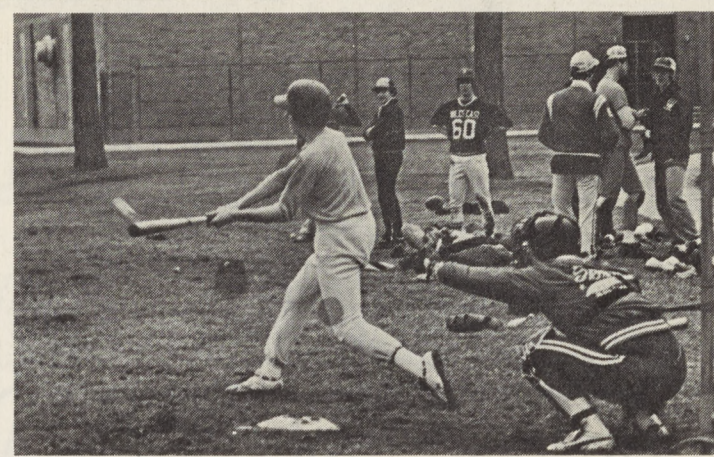
hitters."

Seniors hurlers Billy Garcia and Steve Goldenberg head the relatively young staff. For the opening game Coach Galla looks toward his starting nine from the summer season.

Galla concluded, "If what I've seen so far is characteristic of what is yet to come this season, I'm quite optimistic. Everyone's given 100 percent at all the practices, and they're working together as a team. They are closely knit this year and that will aid our chances even more. I feel this year we're going places." Could one of those places be the state finals in Peoria?

### NILES EAST

Note: The Trojans play every day of the week during spring vacation. All games are at home and start at 11 a.m.



Steve Bartelstein grooves swing in recent varsity intersquad game. (Photo by Jeff Silver)

### Sports Commentary

## Apathy affects teams

By Steve Bartelstein

While eating lunch recently the conversation turned from Gordon Tech upsetting New Trier West to student apathy towards athletics at East. The major question was why. Why in a town where everyone claims there's nothing to do, don't the students support the athletes of East? This apathy exhibited by the students rubs off on the athletes themselves.

As Bobby Knight, head mentor for Indiana University says, "A dead crowd makes for a dead team."

**ONE EXCUSE** heard frequently is, "If we had a winning team I'd come and watch." If this is true nearly all of you who said this are liars. The East wrestling team won conference on all four levels, won the East Invitational, won the Thornwood Invitational, won the Glenbrook South Tourney, won the state district tournament, and qualified four wrestlers down state. If you eliminate the lower level wrestlers, wrestletes, and parents, you don't have enough student supporters to field a baseball team. What's your excuse now? Granted, some students don't know anything about the sports played at East, but there's no better way to lose your ignorance than to come

out and watch.

The athletes appreciate your attendance and it gives them that extra incentive to perform. Those of you are now saying it's too late to show your spirit are dead wrong! East spring sports include the ever exciting baseball team going for the conference title and state advancement, and the gymnastics team going for another conference championship.

The girls spring schedule includes track and softball. This is the last season for East.

Why not let enthusiasm take the place of apathy? What's your excuse?

## Girls sports

The varsity badminton team opened its season with a close 3-4 loss against Waukegan East. "We lost the last game of the match 15-13," says head coach Pat Matlak. However, junior varsity won 5-2.

In reference to that meet Matlak says, "We have good placement and thinking, but we need to work on hitting clear, deeper shots, stronger smashes, and building up our endurance."

**THIS YEAR'S** varsity members from first to fourth singles respectively are sophomore Rhonda Goid, senior Kathy Matz, sophomore Sibil Mircanyan and freshman Mira Iskandar.

First standing double players are Judy Klancic and Joy Klancic, followed by senior Tina Lee and Shelly Mozin, and juniors Pam Puertollano and Sue Levine.

**THE ARCHERY** team opens its season tomorrow with the Glenbrook Invitational. Those representing East are juniors Cara Johanson, Judy Anderson, Natalie Oddivak, Sharon Jacobson, Stacey Sacksner, and freshmen Judy Jacobson, Jackie Kurtz, and Wendy Heiman.

**WONDERING IF** the team could have a winning season, Wojdula says, "A lot of the other schools are in the same position as we. We have five returning players so it won't take too long to get in the groove."

Wojdula stresses that the girls have lots of desire, and have been working in the weight room constantly for muscle endurance.

## Cindy Michals is chosen MVP, Central Suburban League winner

By Barb Reich

Though the girls basketball team achieved only a 2-13 record this year, it will always be remembered for having had a Central Suburban League all-conference winner named Cindy Michals.

Michals, a junior, was also chosen most valuable player by her teammates. But trying to avoid praise, the 5'11" center adds, "I shared the award with senior Nancy Kusek."

"**SHE'S THE** most remarkable kid I've ever coached," commented basketball instructor Jerry Oswald.

"Cindy was our leading scorer and rebounder who played half the season with a sprained ankle," added Oswald. Michals incurred the injury after falling in the second quarter of a game against Waukegan West. She

sat out at half-time to apply ice on the sprain, and came back in the fourth quarter to score 18 points.

"Her last minute scoring secured our victory," says varsity teammate Jennifer Moshak.

Hoping to bring more success to the team, Michals persevered by playing in subsequent games despite her previous injury. However, after a few more games, Michals acquired another sprain, and a pair of crutches. And though "Cindy's ankle caused some of her shots to go astray. She refused to take time off to heal it," said Moshak.

Now that the basketball season is over, Michals is planning to give her ankle yet another workout in softball. She's been on the basketball volleyball, and softball team for the past three years and

won't break this tradition next season. Michals limits her in school activities to sports because "I want to become a grade school gym teacher."

For Michals, the most distressing game this year was the first one against Niles West. "We were scared, psyched out by the fact that they were state contenders, and we lost by a wide margin — 40 points. But we lost the second game against them by only 18 points, and West's coach approached us afterwards and said, 'You hustled my girls good!'"

**MICHALS DOESN'T** seem to be affected by East's closing. "I have friends at West so the transfer won't be that bad."

And maybe if Cindy had been on their team this year, West might have won the one point they needed to make it downstate.

## Malitz brings gymnastics team success

By Barb Reich

After Tom Sokalski's boys won their first gymnastics meet against our sister schools, the coach is confident that "we can become conference champs." What makes

him so optimistic is the fact that "We won the tri-meet by decision of state judges." East's 118 point finish toppled West's 109 outcome and North's 101 final score.

"Jim Lankford ('80), Mike

Lankford ('81), Steve Fishman ('80), Steve Korn ('80), and Steve Malitz ('82) gave outstanding performances," said Sokalski.

**HIGHLIGHTING THE** evening was Steve Malitz's 1st place win in the all-around events. He scored 7.7 on floor, 7.5 in vaulting, and 7.1 on the parallel bars.

Malitz has no qualms about being a sophomore on the varsity team. "I get a lot more help and experience that way." However, Malitz couldn't be in much need of experience if he was on the varsity team as a freshman, and made it to sectionals on floor exercise that year. But a modest Malitz says, "I probably was the last on the list to make it."

To develop his talents to its fullest, Malitz started working out at East since 7th grade. And every year thereafter, the

5'2" 110 lb. gymnast remained a part of the East summer program. He feels "I'm good at the full twisting somi on floor, and the stalter shoot on the highbar."

**MALITZ IS** hoping for the team to become conference champs but he thinks, "We don't have much of a chance if we can't beat New Trier East." In preparation for the April 18 meet, Malitz admits, "We'll have to strengthen our skills on the pommel horse, but we're powerful on floor and the high bar."

As for individual goals, Malitz just wants "To become a successful gymnast in college." But for right now his thoughts are on his ankle. "Coach says it's probably tendon problems, but it didn't hurt my performance yet. And it better not, because team hopes are riding on Steve Malitz."



Steve Malitz practices routine on pommel horse during recent gymnastics practice.