

'Our Bag' To Burst with Talent

TONIGHT AND tomorrow night at 8 p.m. in the auditorium, the curtain will go up on the 1968 Reflection's Talent Show, "Our Bag."

For the first time in four years, Reflections will be strictly a talent show. The switch is due to "the myth of the past," according to Faculty Director Jerry Proffit.

"Since taking over the show, I've been told that the show used to be the greatest when it was straight talent. So, we're trying it on an experimental basis this year."

THE SHOW features singing, dancing, instrumentals, and comedy routines. Mr. Proffit feels that this year will display the best tal-

ent ever in these fields.

The vocal numbers will include "Going Out of My Head" by a Sergio Mendes-styled group; "Sound of Music" by Sue Anne Gershenson; "Do You Love Me?" by Cheryl and Eric Palles; and "Niles Township PTA" by David Ginsberg and Cass Diamond.

"SIX BLACKOUTS styled after Laugh-In will be presented between scenes," explained Donna Lachman '69, student director. "The blackouts are written, created, and performed by the writing committee," she added.

The writing committee consists of Seniors Donna Lachman, Ellen Miner, Eric Palles, Randi Margules, Marlene Hartman, and Bob Beazley.

SATURDAY NIGHT the show will be judged by three local celebrities. "The judges were picked from suggestions by faculty sponsors and various students," Mr. Proffit explained. "They are Barney Pip, WCFL disk jockey; Eddie Ballantine of the Don McNeil Breakfast Club; and Dolores Eiler of the Dolores Eiler Dance Studio."

The judges will announce their choices immediately after the finale, which is described by Donna Lachman as being "a huge, wild dance spectacular." The top three winners will receive cash prizes.



"DO YOU LOVE me?" Eric '69 and Cheryl Palles '72 sing for "Our Bag" tonight and tomorrow.

Adult tickets, which are \$1.25, and student tickets, which are 75 cents, will be available at the door both nights.



Debates Rage at Open Forum

PROPOSALS ranging from eliminating noise in the hallways to establishing a group of Students for a Democratic School were all part of the student-initiated forum held Election Day, November 5, in the Assembly Room.

Most of the discussion focused upon school and the students' role in it. Principal Arthur Colver explained that "students have been and are involved in the decision-making process at East." Senior Jeff Williams took another point of view when examining the school;

he objected to the way the Student Responsibility Program was being conducted, stating that "the SRP should have been ours in the first place and not a 'gift.' Concessions never take away power from anyone."

School a Microcosm

Jeff Levy '69, agreed and pointed out that "the school system is a microcosm of our society. Hence, while it should be run democratically, it is actually in conflict with the Constitution . . . The school system must take its share in the

blame for existing hypocrisy, injustice, and deviousness by its emphasis on grades, tracked systems, and overly-rigid departmental organization." Jeff also questioned whether Student Council represented the student body effectively, and announced the formation of a "Students for a Democratic School," whose membership will be open to any East student.

Teachers Discuss 'Noise'

The last area of discussion concerned the topic of noise. Social Studies Teacher Everett Colton complained that he could not conduct his classes because of the shouting and other excessive noise in the corridors. However, Mr. John Palm of the English Department refuted this statement by claiming the 'real' causes of noise included air-raid warning sirens, 'emergency' public-address announcements and administrators' yelling at students.

The audience, which overflowed from the Assembly Room, included East students, administrators and teachers, as well as parents, School Board representatives, and several students from North and West. All were urged to participate in the numerous question-and-answer periods.

This forum was the first in a series to be held throughout the year.

Student-Superintendent Meetings Bridge Communication Barrier

"BRIDGING the communication gap between students and central administrators" is the goal of monthly meetings held this year for the first time between Superintendent Charles Szuberla and student representatives from each of the Niles high schools.

THESE representatives, including East Student Council President Paul Katz, Senior Class President Barry Hartstein, Junior Cabinet President Jim Simon, and NILEHILITE Editor-in-Chief Robert Shapiro, have already been informed of the reasoning behind several school policies.

When students complained about overcrowding on school busses, Mr. Szuberla explained that, although a contract has already been negotiated for the next year, school representatives have made these grievances known to the bus company, and both are trying to find workable solutions.

When asked about the possibility of making more pass-fail, audit and

inter-departmental courses available, Mr. Szuberla informed the students that a Citizen's Advisory Board is currently investigating the feasibility of such courses.

See story at right on Citizen's Advisory Committee

STUDENT representation on the school board was another area discussed. Mr. Szuberla stated that the board members are an elected, legal body responsible directly to the state. Hence, no official representative of any outside group could serve on, or be recognized by, the board. Other topics brought up included newspaper censorship, discipline policy, narcotics, and dissemination of out-of-school materials.

Hopefully, one of the topics soon to be discussed is opening these meetings to those interested students who may not hold a specially selected position in the school. This way, the sessions will better represent the overall sentiment at East.

Library Gets Photo Copier

A PHOTO-COPYING machine secured by the Junior Cabinet was installed Wednesday in the Niles East library for the use of all students.

"The Jr. Cabinet is not operating the machine as a fund-raising device, but as a benefit for the students," emphasized President Jim Simon, '70. "The machine is costing three cents per sheet of paper, but the students will only be charged a dime a copy." The machine will print black letters on a white back ground.

Besides the copying machine, the Junior Cabinet tentatively is sponsoring a movie night on Wednesday, November 27. Along with the movie, animated cartoons will be featured, and a \$1 admission fee will be charged.



MR. PAUL Foster of Foto-Posters, Inc. shows some sample posters to Senior Class President Barry Hartstein.

Senior Cabinet To Sell Posters; Proceeds To Pay for Class Gift

"GIGANTIC POSTERS of any photograph a student wishes to reproduce will be sold by the Senior Class in the near future," declared Senior Cabinet President Barry Hartstein.

These 20 by 24 inch posters ordinarily cost \$5 in Old Town but will cost the students at East only \$3.50, according to Mr. Paul Foster, president of Foto Posters, Inc. He also promised that all photo-

graphs sent to his company will be returned undamaged.

This project will provide funds for the traditional Senior Class gift. Some of the ideas considered for this year's gift are a new scoreboard for the football field, a jukebox for the student lounge, and metal sheets to number the seats in the auditorium."

AMONG OTHER projects the Cabinet is undertaking is a dance December 7 after the game with Glenbrook North. A double-feature movie night is also being planned for Saturday, January 25. "The first movie will be a popular one," Barry noted, "and the other will be a weirder movie such as King Kong.

"IN BOTH the dance and the movies, seniors either will be admitted free or will pay a very nominal fee. All other students will have to pay the regular cost of approximately 75 cents," Barry remarked. "The reason for this event is to have some projects not for the purpose of making money, but for the entertainment of the senior class."



SENIORS JOLI Przewrocki and Nancy Holland practice a piano and violin duet.

Niles School Board Organizes Citizen's Advisory Committee

FOLLOWING the proposal of several new school board members, discussion began two years ago on the possibility of forming a Citizen's Advisory Board. One year later the Board became a reality of thirty-five members led by Chairman Robert Moore.

Community groups and Board members were asked to submit names of citizens who they felt would make responsible members of an advisory board. The present members of the Board were chosen from the original list of recommendations submitted to the school board. Coming from a variety of occupations, the board members represent a broad base of the community.

Originally, the Board was formed for two reasons: to initiate more community involvement in the school and to give the school board a sounding board of citizens on school programs.

SINCE ITS formation the Board has undertaken three projects. The Board's first project was the educational rate referendum. In this project they led a successful drive to increase taxes. In addition, beginning this year, the Board has introduced two new programs for review and evaluation of the Niles Township schools.

The first new program is a study of the township's guidance department. The committee report on the guidance study will be presented in the latter part of this year. Concurrently, the Board is reviewing and evaluating the use of time under the nine period day. On re-evaluating the use of student time, the Board has considered the length of the school day, open study halls, and open campus. Through all the Advisory Board's projects, achievement of a closer relationship between school and community is the forseen.

Editorial

Sensible Action Taken

AT THE RISK of sounding overly conservative, the NILEHILITE would like to commend both the administration and student leaders for the rationale they demonstrated during the Election Day unrest at East.

As most readers are probably aware, Niles North students, in protest over Vietnam, the election, and student rights, brought classroom activities at their school to a virtual standstill Monday, November 4. That day alone, seven or eight fire alarms were pulled by students. Tuesday, West experienced four false fire drills before lunch.

Such actions, the NILEHILITE believes, are both useless and extremely dangerous. The possibility always exists that the equipment called to answer a false alarm would be desperately needed at a real disaster. That someone should lose his life or that a building should be consumed in flames at the expense of trivial, clouded issues would be catastrophic indeed.

SECOND, the school and the taxpayers bear needless expense for sending men and equipment where they are not needed. Third, although many students would disagree, valuable class time is wasted. And fourth, how can students expect to earn more responsibility by demonstrating a definite lack of it?

It was the cooperative administration-faculty-student forum conducted after school Tuesday which helped avert a crisis at East. Whether or not the forum has produced any significant concrete accomplishments is essentially immaterial; the point is that factions representing opposing points of view were able to publicly air their views without fear of reprisal.

THROUGH THE use of the forum, student dissent was effectively demonstrated, and the protest was conducted in a free and organized manner. The NILEHILITE believes a monthly forum should be established as a permanent part of school. A great deal of antagonism would thus be relieved, and the administration could become immediately aware of student desires and demands.

The rationality demonstrated at East November 5 shows that East students, faculty, and administrators could handle such a program and set a constructive example for the apparently unresponsive and closed-minded administrators and students not only at our sister schools, but at schools throughout the country.

Four Gridders Named All-League

NILES EAST has concluded the 1968 football season on a bright note as Todd Bonner, Gary Lonquist, Rick Rice, and Ed Thiry have been named by Suburban League coaches to the All-Suburban League Senior team. Trojan Senior Rich Becker was also honored with a place on the Honorable Mention squad as a fullback.

Lonquist, who gained his Suburban League recognition as a defensive end, was also a "Trojan of the Week" three times during the regular season, which gave him the team leadership in this department. Against Morton East, New Trier East, and Evanston, Gary was cited for outstanding jobs on offense and defense by East's coaching staff. He played both ways throughout the season.

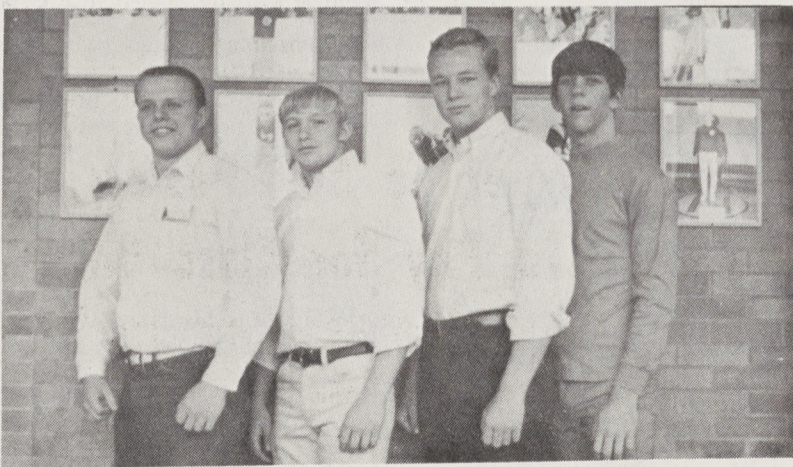
Ed Thiry, another two-way performer, was named in his spot on the all-league team as an offensive lineman. His performances in the Niles North and Evanston games on offense and defense led to his two "Trojan of the Week" awards.

IN THE TROJANS' 35-7 romp over Waukegan, Todd Bonner and Rick Rice had sensational days and earned their "Trojan of the Week" citations. Bonner connected on 14 of 16 passes, accounting for a phenomenal completion record of 88%. Todd's aeriels were good for four touchdowns and 205 yards. He also picked up 71 yards rushing.

Rice caught seven Bonner passes for four touchdowns and 177 yards in this game. At the time, this vaulted Rick into the top 20 scorers in Chicago area high school football. Coach Harkema's staff also cited Rick for his fine defensive play in this game. On the Suburban League team, Rice was named a defensive back.

Rich Becker, who ground out the

yardage for East this year, was named a "Trojan of the Week" two times. Against Proviso East and New Trier East, Rich was cited for



STANDING IN front of the "Hall of Fame," where their own pictures will soon hang are All-League Trojans (l. to r.) Ed Thiry, Rich Becker, Gary Lonquist, and Todd Bonner.

Debaters Place High At Thornton; J-V, Freshman Capture Trophies

The Niles East junior-varsity debate team has won Niles East its first trophy of the year, according to Debate Captain Joel Feldman, '70.

Led by Seniors Ken Fleisher and Dave Levinson, Junior Al Dorn, and

No Sports This Time

Because East sports are currently in midseason, this issue of the NILEHILITE does not contain a sports page.

The next issue of the paper, which will be distributed Wednesday, November 27, will be the normal four page size, and will of course contain a sports page, complete with schedules of the winter sports.

Varied Reactions

Election Results Debated

WITH THE RESULTS of last week's presidential election in obvious contrast to the results obtained in the NILEHILITE election poll, students have displayed mixed emotions regarding the outcome.

Some students were happy with the results, some were not happy and criticized the nation's election procedure, and some adopted a lighthearted approach to the "problem" facing our nation in the next four years.

Concern About Agnew

Most of the jokes were directed at our next vice-president, Spiro Agnew. "Did you know that Spiro Agnew just got out of the hospital?" asked Leslie Feldman, '69. "He had his foot taken out of his mouth."

In the days following the election, many political discussions could be heard in the hallways. One freshman girl was expressing her concern over Richard Nixon's health, because, as she put it, "if anything ever happened to him, Agnew would be our next president."

On the subject of President-elect Nixon, however, students became more serious. Many seemed unclear about the issues. "I don't know what Nixon stands for," explained Mark Koppel, '69, "because he hasn't said anything for three months."

CONTENT WITH our nation's choice was Jeff Einbinder, '72. "I was for Nixon in the beginning," he said. "I liked his ideas on Vietnam and his suggestion to abolish the draft."

Most students questioned who favored Nixon were disenchanted with the performance of the Democratic administration. It is clear that Hubert Humphrey's association with President Johnson's administration cost him many votes.

"I didn't like the way Humphrey and Johnson were running the

war," exclaimed one freshman boy. "We needed a change."

"I think Nixon will do a good job," said Gary Lonquist, '69. "I like to see the Republicans back in control."

Electoral College Criticized

Discontent was expressed over the system which decided what candidates would be available to the people. "I think it's disappointing that the American public didn't have the opportunity to vote for some fine available men," said Mark Gordon, '69. "I'm further disappointed by the presidential 'choice' and the political systems which have allowed the outcome."

Marty Klinn, '69, added that "I think this shows just how outdated the electoral college system is and

that it is time to change the system."

MANY STUDENTS pointed out the inadequacies of the electoral college system. "I feel that the electoral system has allowed the election of a man who did not have the full support of the people," explained Bruce Rudenberg, '70. He added, "I hope Mr. Nixon will now receive the full support of the people in his efforts to unite the country."

Hope for Unity

Echoing Bruce's views was Julian Solway, '70. "Although I don't believe in Nixon's convictions," he said, "I feel that we should support him as President because otherwise he could not get anything accomplished."

Rona Bass, '70, amply summarized many prevailing views when she said, "I was really disgusted with the results of the election. I was disgusted with the inequity of the electoral college."

"I am looking forward to having Spiro Agnew as vice-president," she added.

Letter To The Editor

Student Praises SRP Assembly

Dear Editor

The school must be commended for the Junior-Senior Assembly of November 1st. Notably, it was student-run. For the first time, there was discussion of issues that had real relevance to the student body, e.g., voluntary assemblies and alternatives for students during study periods. For the first time, Student Council has taken major action that involves more than potato chips; or should I say peanuts?

I hope that these firsts are an indication of new attitudes involving genuine concern for communication, and I hope that "the open forum" of November 5th and the increased interest in the Student-Faculty Co-operative Committee are evidence of a permanent change.

Attempting to understand the needs and wants of students is a significant advance from attempting to make the student conform to that which does not serve him. If there is a regression back to the doctrine of "Whatever is, is right, so like is, or else," then all the progress that has recently been made, and all the school's potential for

that which is of real value, will be lost.

Arnold April '70



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