

Closing gala to commemorate East's closing

A gala to commemorate the closing of East will be held on Friday, May 23 at 9 p.m. till approximately midnight in the East building.

The festival is the same night as the production of "My Fair Lady" which is from 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. According to Dr. Lee Hawkins, as the people come out of the play, they can partake in the activities.

IN TROJAN HALL, posters of graduating classes will be displayed all

around Trojan Hall so alumni can go to the poster of their own class to see if they can find former classmates.

"It's the last activity of East and is offered as an opportunity for old graduates to come to Niles East for one last time and meet with former classmates," explained Hawkins. "Students can move through old halls and spend time with memories."

Most of the activities like music and dancing will take place in the Girl's Gym area. Refreshments will be served

in the hallway, Trojan Hall, and the cafeteria.

VARIOUS COMMITTEES were formed at the PTSA meeting on Wednesday, February 13. Committee chairmen include Galen Hosler, Rita Stewart, Sue Froese, Adie Zuckermen, and Alexia Foreman, entertainment; Chuck Pos and Chris Redlin, decoration; Lee Hawkins, refreshments; and Rita Stewart, reflections, which involve gathering old pictures and setting them up throughout the building for memories and nostalgia.

According to Hawkins, there still is much to be done. Old graduates must be contacted, money must be financed, and activities coordinated.

Mrs. Lois Samuels, president of the PTSA concluded, "We would like to see thousands of people there. It's for the entire community, alumni, parents, parents of alumni, students, and people who have lived in the township in the past. We hope everyone will spread the news by word of mouth." Anyone is welcome to serve on the committees.

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Final Trojan Home Game . . . Ever

Jazz band attends music festival

The East Jazz Ensemble received first division ratings from all three judges and placed third overall in the class A division at a jazz festival at Millikin University in Decatur on Saturday, February 16.

The band arrived at Millikin via Greyhound bus at 10:15 a.m. While most of the day was spent listening to other groups perform, the ensemble attended a jazz clinic, where university students and teachers performed and gave advice to students who were interested in jazz.

THE JAZZ BAND performed at 5 p.m. playing "Dues Blues," featuring Ken Goodman on piano, then played "What I Did for Love," with Gary Jacobs on alto sax; and topping the performance off with "Buffalo Breath," which featured Harry Price on tenor sax, Dan Wax on guitar, and Roger Yusen on trumpet.

Each high school band played two or three tunes, and were judged by three

professors on such elements of performance as interpretation, tone, and dynamics.

The Jazz Ensemble will perform, along with the Concert Band and

Intermediate Band, at the Music Parents Association Dinner Concert on Saturday, March 8. They will play their three contest tunes along with a few others.



The brass section of the jazz band practices during a rehearsal.

Debate team wins tournaments; merits speaker awards

A small group of East students, mostly underclassmen, has reshaped a fledgling debate team into a successful squad respected statewide. The group of five includes Julia Bienias '82, Lori Holst '83, Sue Kang '83, Kathy Kilian '82, and David Sockel '81.

Since the December 14, 15 Maine East tournament, the debate team has strung together a number of impressive showings. At the Maine East tourna-

ment, Sockel and his partner from West, Rick Aronson advanced to the semi-finals. Bienias also won a third place speaker award.

IN LATER TOURNAMENTS, Bienias and her teammates were to merit additional speaker awards. At the February 1, 2 Maine South tournament, Kilian won a fourth place speaker award and Sockel won a fifth place speaker award. In their most recent showing, the February 15, 16 Western

Illinois University tournament, the team of Sockel and Aronson advanced to the semi-finals. In this tournament, Bienias earned a fourth place speaker award.

The debate team's two-hour biweekly meetings are held at West. During tournaments, the team represents Niles West not East because there is no official East debate team.

Sockel, a member of the team last year, attributes this year's successes to "hard work and dedication."

Dance company prepares show

The East Dance Company sponsored by Miss Patricia Wahlstrom, will present "Last Chance for Our Last Dance . . . Show" on March 14 and 15 at 8 p.m. in the East Auditorium.

"The rehearsals are turning out better but we'll have to start rehearsing every day now until the show. We still have costuming and staging to do but I'm sure we'll get it done," commented Suzanne Meiser '82, president of Dance Company.

SOME MEMBERS include a medley from West Side Story, "Music In The Mirror" from a Chorus Line, "Lean On Me" by Bill Withers, "Tornado" for

The Wiz, "All For The Best" from Godspell, "Gym Montage" from The Champ, "Fire On High" by Electric Light Orchestra, and "Jump Shout Boogie" by Barry Manilow.

Some modern jazz numbers include "In The Stone" and "Fantasy" by Earth, Wind, and Fire.

THE COMPANY consists of 16 girls, freshmen through seniors. "We're all working especially hard since this is East's last dance show," said Meiser.

Tickets are \$1 in advance and \$1.50 at the door. Tickets can be bought in early March from any Dance Company member.



Members of the Debate Team include, from left to right, David Sockel, Sue Kang, Lori Holst, and Julia Bienias. Team member Kathy Kilian not pictured. (photo by Jeff Silver)

Student visits merit praise

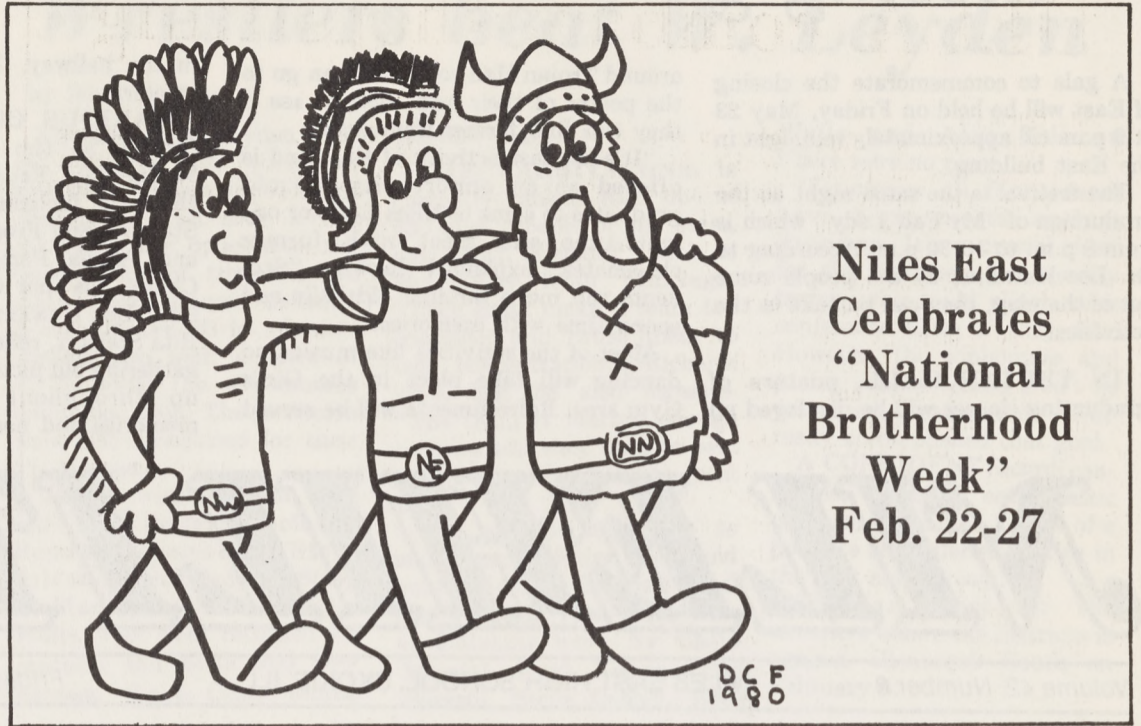
Like many East students, I have apprehensions about attending a new school next year, my senior year. I harbor many cold memories leftover from the past furor over the closing of East, and upon my February 18 visit to Niles North, I found many preconceptions still raging in the back of my mind. However, after attending classes there, I have erased or at least changed many of these preconceptions, although I still feel that the North building is too institutional a structure, having become accustomed to the casual, campus style building that has contained Niles Township East for the past year.

The North students I met were friendly; the classes were similar; the textbooks the same. While walking down the hall, new acquaintances would tap on my shoulder or wave to say hello. Two of my teachers for the day had been teachers at East, and were anxiously awaiting next year's new contingency of students and teachers, as were the North students I encountered. The Nilehilitite reporter who visited Niles West encountered a similar situation.

THE PROCESS of assimilating East students with those from North and West is a many faceted task, without

any simple solutions. Erasing hard feelings, equally dividing leadership in extra-curricular activities, and creating a constructive educational policy that voids a student's past school are all problems that had to be faced and will continue to be faced. Each Nilehi school consists of various socio-economic communities, and after East closes, its communities will be added to the already diverse groups that compose the student body at the other two school. This process then begins again in another few years. Are we solving our problems, or merely putting them off?

Several committees consisting of parents, teachers, administrators, and students have been formed to ease next year's trials and tensions, although no one can be sure of their success until the '80-'81 school year is well underway. Also, one cannot fully comprehend or be a part of a school community by attending classes for just one day, or for that matter, one week. Perhaps after next year I will be back to the same thoughts as I was before my North visit. However, if these visits to North and West were any indication, great effort is being exerted by all sides, and that, at least, is a step in the right direction.



OBSERVER

Niles East Celebrates "National Brotherhood Week" Feb. 22-27

Education's role in society mandates reconsideration

by David Eingorn

Back in the 1960's, the purpose of education changed from schooling students in the basics of readin', ritin' and 'rithmetic to educating the "individual." This meant the school would now transform malcontents into healthy happy children through a battery of well-paid psychologists, social workers, and advisors. It also meant the creation of health education courses to stop students from turning into dope fiends. Its greatest impact, though, was in education itself. Its advocates cried, "students shouldn't be forced to write out long boring essays. Education should be 'fun.'" Furthermore, the school was now to provide a myriad of extra-curricular activities, so that when an individual graduated, his parents could be sure he was "well-rounded." In essence, the school and its faculty would become the individual's family and society and would succeed where the external society had failed.

What has failed is the concept of educating the "individual." We see its failures in the burgeoning number of students with drug problems, students graduating

who can't read, and the supercompetitive environment in our schools.

I AM NOT suggesting a complete return to the bare basics in education. Extracurricular activities help students grow psychologically and improve their skills. What

needs radical change is our belief in education as a remedy for all of society's ills. The school cannot educate the "individual," unless he has a stable family life and lives in a clean decent community. Therefore, basic changes in the society itself must be undertaken before the "individual" can truly be educated.

Cabinet president refutes editorial

(In the Friday, February 1, 1980, edition of the Nilehilitite, an editorial appeared under the heading "Prom lacks funds; needs more support." The article detailed factors that lead to the money shortage, while quoting the co-chairperson of Prom '80 about internal problems within Prom's sponsoring group, Junior Cabinet. It is the policy of the Nilehilitite to allow a rebuttal by qualified persons in response to anything that appears within our pages.)

by Michael Larks

In response to the editorial about Prom I would like to make a few comments. More than 30 students including myself attended meetings over the summer and searched the Chicagoland area for the

"perfect place." All of us may not particularly like each other, but we put our differences aside, learned to work as a group, and had a fantastic time. Our biggest concern was to make this prom the best ever. The girl who supplied the information for the editorial did not work over the summer.

Because East is closing every club wants to make every event the best, and this has caused great competition for fundraising. Also many students want to be active in as many clubs as they can while maintaining high grades and an after school job, so we were unable to work at full strength during the first semester like some wanted.

All this is now in the past. The next big event is Prom. Our last bake sale and the 50's hop were both very successful; more and more students are helping Junior Cabinet; special events are planned for the future. There is definitely a prom scheduled on May 30, and it will be the best ever.



To the Editor

Photography class needs review

Dear Editor:

There is a mad house in our school. When I say a mad house, I really mean the photography class in room 18. They have had some of the strangest occurrences in the school.

For instance, stealing has occurred. Some stolen articles were money, expensive filters, photographic paper, folders, enlarger keys, pictures, lens cleaning paper, pens, pencils, and heaven knows what else. While some took this course as a good training course in photography, others took it expecting an easy A. These students cause frequent disruptions. Take, for example, the student who became so disenchanted with his lunch

that he threw it into the developing chemicals (if you don't know, tuna and developer don't mix). Another student, a girl, was not capable or interested in taking photography. She tried to give away her paper and camera once. She doesn't even understand the correct procedures. Usually half the students sit in the room, doing nothing. These are part of the problems in our class.

The teacher is a nice man but isn't strict enough. Besides, the cost of this course for a year could be \$100 dollars. Meanwhile, grading is lax as students are pushed from their enlargers. Some students should be able to do

certain jobs in half the time it takes them now, while others can't do their jobs at all. Tell me, is this a class, or isn't it?

Name withheld upon request

Student questions open hall policy

Dear Editor

The other day a friend of mine and I went out for lunch period 6-7. When we returned at the end of seventh we both went to my locker to get my books and put my coat away. When we got to my locker, we were stopped by a teacher who was acting as a so-called hall monitor. I didn't even get a chance to start opening my lock when she said to us, "Get

downstairs; you're going to disturb classes." When I asked her about the open hall policy, she told me, "That died six months ago."

Now I'm in a state of confusion. About two months ago, Miss Stewart made an announcement that while the administration encourages students not to go into the halls during the periods, there still exists an open-hall policy, so as "not to restrict the students."

I wish the administration could make up its mind. Is there an open hall policy, or has it taken away another one of our rights?

Paul Nathanson '81

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Editorial

Groups endorse board candidates

Every school policy, curriculum change, or recent directive can be traced to its point of origin, the school board. These seven people make decisions that affect approximately 4000 Nilehi students, and their jobs as trustees of three buildings, their contents, and the educational system employed within needs to be held by qualified, competent, and interested people.

Being a school board member involves a major time commitment of over thirty hours a month with no monetary rewards, and moreover, the board members should be able to remain unbiased and to maintain a perspective as to the importance of their "home area, i.e., the high school boundaries that decide who goes to which Nilehi school.

SECTIONAL CANDIDATES, although they may be qualified, are still a detriment to the whole as they exert one group's wishes, often one sided, over another. People will often vote for or against candidates who are closely identified with one area while ignoring their other qualifications.

In recent years the 219 board has remained divided over key issues such as the recent decision as to which high school should be closed. Since West is a fairly new

building and is larger than the other two schools, either East or North would have to close. As we all know, Niles East will close its doors this June, thereby delaying the need to close yet another school for five years. If we do not want to start another battle amongst the community when this occurs, careful planning and farsightedness on behalf of the school board needs to be employed.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, the 219 Caucus, composed of community leaders, student representatives, and other interested members within the area convened for their annual candidate endorsement meeting. After listening to the seven who appeared in hope of receiving the caucus' endorsement, the group decided upon two candidates with previous school board experience — former 219 board members, Edward Kaminski and current school District 69 board president, James Poet. Poet was selected on the first ballot and Kaminski on the second, garnering much praise from representatives from throughout the 219 district. Also appearing but failing to receive an endorsement were Florence Sutker and Lowell Ruffer, candidates endorsed by the newly formed caucus rival, Concerned Citizens of District 219 (formerly Concerned Citi-

zens to keep Niles North for the Students). Sutker has taken a leave of absence from her role as acting president of the group while she seeks a school board seat.

Both candidates, although qualified, were and still are closely identified with Niles North area, a remnant from the recent "Which school are we going to close?" era. Kaminski, another North area resident, remained relatively silent during the furor, and is not as identified with just one area.

WHEN THE DEMOCRATS and Republicans choose a candidate to endorse, they not only look at the person's list of qualifications, but also, at the person's total image, including a candidate's view. They try to choose candidates that not only align themselves with the "party line," as well as candidates that all voters can accept and support at the polls.

It seems as though this year the Caucus is finally applying themselves toward the district's need for stability, and are to be heartily commended. Too much strife has occurred due to the board's picket fence-walking attitude as they wavered more than once after announcing that they would indeed close East.

Students light up East's stage

"My family has always been very theater and movie oriented. Commented junior Eleah Horwitz on her interest and involvement in the theatre. She continued, "If just seemed logical that I should prefer to be up on the stage acting, rather than sitting in the audience watching."

Horwitz, who has been active in East's theater department since the beginning of her freshman year, was selected for lead parts in both *Our Town* during her sophomore year and more recently *The Matchmaker* last January. She was also one of four students chosen to direct the student run production "Reflections '79" and one of two students chosen from East to audition for the International Thespian production of *Godspell*.

SELECTED TO AUDITION along with Horwitz was Tim Ortmann '81. Both submitted their taped auditions,

which consisted of a comedy monologue, a dramatic monologue, and a song from *Godspell* to Bob Johnson, theater director from Niles West. Of the two hundred tapes submitted, seventy-five were chosen to audition in person over the weekend of May 10. Ortmann was selected as one of the seventy-five.

"My first serious play was in fifty grade when I played one of the little kids in East's production of *The King and I*, Ortmann said of his beginnings in theater. "My brother and sister got me interested in theater. They were both very active in theater at East."

Since coming to east Ortmann, has been in productions such as *Reflections '77*, *Reflections '78*, and *See saw* as well as having the lead in *Our Town* and directing *Reflections '79*. Last May he was also elected as president of the Niles East Thespian Board.

ONE OF THE hardest but most rewarding tasks either Horwitz or Ortmann have ever undertaken was the production of *Reflections '79*.

"We had to select the music, prepare dialogue, and structure the entire show," Ortmann revealed. "The main question was how do we do it?"

Miniatures provide large-scale interest

Clocks that chime, live gardens featuring plants 1/12 their usual size, electric lights in every room of the house including the garage, and a piano six inches high that can be used like its regular-sized counterpart are all features that comprise the newly popularized hobby of miniature collecting.

No longer delegated to young girls who once used the small-scale buildings as doll houses, miniature collecting is now avidly enjoyed by people of all ages, ranging from 10 through adult. Colleen Moore's Fairy Castle, a popular exhibit at Chicago's Museum Of Science and Industry, illustrates this fact as hundreds stand in line to see it each day. The Fairy Castle, like many privately owned miniatures, contains real crystal chandeliers, gilded furniture and molding, and silk upholstery and panels, which currently sell for \$37.50 for one five inches high and six inches across.

WHEN CONSIDERING the hobby in monetary terms,

Good looking hair appears to be a concern for both girls and boys, as one can witness by walking into any East wash-room during a passing period. (photo by Erich Massat)



Survey results describe ideal hair

Hair care, one of the high points of fashion today is on its way to vast popularity, now being the "in" thing. Everyone wants their hair to spring, swing and shine, and they're doing everything they can to attain that ultimate goal.

In the past few years hair styles and hair care have almost become an obsession. First there was the Dorothy Hamil style, short, carefree, and easy to care for. Then along came Farrah Fawcett with her golden gresses, and girls desperately wanted their hair tinted blonde and cut in the lion mane style.

EVEN THOUGH MOST beauticians agree that dying and perming hair is not always a good idea, it can be done by a professional with minimal damage to the hair. Hair care can also become an expensive procedure. Not only are dyes and perms expensive, the average price for a cut and style for a girls is \$13.50 and \$7.00 for boys.

Care and style are not the only important things about hair. As the Nilehilite survey shows color is also of major importance. According to the survey 25% of the girls prefer blonde hair on boys, 38%

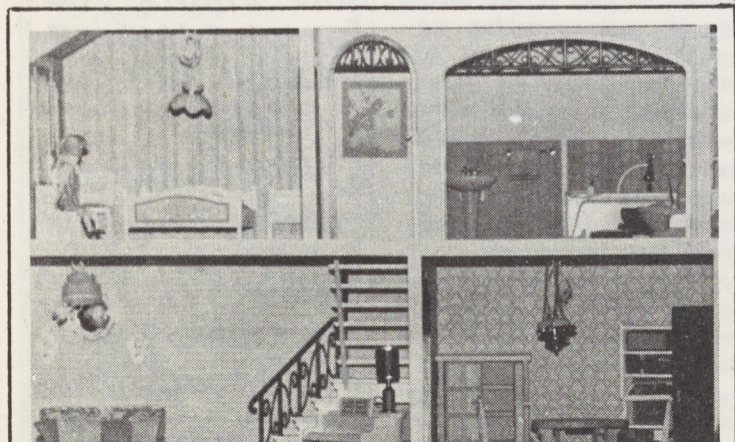
prefer brown hair, 9% voted for black hair, less than 1% voted for red hair, and 27% were undecided.

Boys on the other hand had a 48% vote for blondes, a 25% vote for brunettes, 13% preferred black hair, less than 1% voted for red hair and a little more than 13% were undecided. Only 3% of the girls dye their hair while 11% perm theirs. For the boys, none dye their hair, 5% perm it.

Permed hair seems to be popular. Over 20% of the boys said that perms look good on boys and 45% said they liked perms on girls. Girls voted a high 30% for perms on boys and gave a 50% to perms on girls.

Center parts came out just ahead of side parts. By the boys there was a majority vote of 60% for center parts followed by 40% vote for side parts. The girls came out with a 54% vote for center parts. The cost of hair care ranged anywhere from \$0 to \$30.00 a week. Styles also ranged from short and thick to long and thin for boys and girls.

REMEMBER; IF YOU don't like your hair, you can always change it!



The popularity of miniatures is increasing that many area stores, such as Marshall Fields in Old Orchard, now carry many of these collectables. (photo by Steve Berkowitz)

a basic wooden, six room farmhouse with electric lights can run up to \$250, while a two inch by one inch painting can cost eight dollars or more, depending upon the painting's intricacy and detail. Other accessories are, such as porcelain plates, pewter and brass implements, carpeting, and furniture, are equally costly and can escalate the cost of furnishing a miniature house into hundreds of dollars.

In order to reduce these costs, many miniaturists, as they are called, often resort to constructing their own furniture, although the small-sized equipment is also expensive — a lathe costs \$70. Similar effects can often be accomplished by using an artists' knife and sandpaper.

Another way to reduce expenses is to create one's own wallpaper by stenciling designs on blank paper, while also allowing greater creativity. A few companies offer the same furniture styles in kit form, thus reducing the total cost by as much as ¾.

LIFE-LIKE FOOD. chewed

balls of yarn that look as though the cat had just finished chewing them up, and sculptures are also available. Literary minimums, or miniature books, most slightly over 1" high, are also popular with collectors. In order to make the scenes as natural as possible, many hobbyists will leave these books open and resting on a coffee table or arm chair, as though someone had put it down only minutes before.

Other popular basis' for miniatures include apothecaries' shops, one-room schoolhouses, and Tudor, American Colonial, and Elizabethan style houses. One miniature has even depicted the princes' palace from *CINDERELLA*, complete with couples that circle around the room and also has a working water fountain.

Craft magazines, such as "The Miniature Magazine" supply information on trends and furnish instructions for constructing various miniatures. Trade shows, workshops, seminars, and exhibits also cater to these hobbyists.

Preview of next year

Students sample average days at North and West

West provides welcome feeling

by Kathy Barry

There are moments in life that people want to last forever and then there are some that linger on too long, the kind most people hope they will never have to endure. I encountered one such moment standing alone in the Oakton Street lobby at Niles West.

I was there "on assignment." I was sent to observe a "typical" day at West. The first thing I had to do was meet my escort. He never showed. Of course, if he had, I'd never have known; I didn't know what he looked like.

AFTER A WHILE, when I was positive that I was lost and alone, I found my way to the Dean's office to get my visitor-and-hall pass. The Dean, Mr. Geiss, seemed friendly enough as he wrote out the passes. But then why shouldn't he be friendly; he didn't have to walk out into the hallways. Evidently a skunk(s) had been trapped in the school and it certainly left its mark on the halls of Westhi.

THROUGH FRIENDS I arranged to attend a number of classes such as U.S. History, Art, Chemistry, and American Literature. From what I've been told the teachers I encountered are the cream of the crop at West;

for instance, photographer, Erich Massat, also visiting West for the day, was stopped in the halls by a teacher who, hallpass or not, would not let him go through. The teacher commented that true, the closed hall policy was "totalitarian and it stinks." Massat still could not pass.

This incident was a reminder of the stricter, factory-like atmosphere of Niles West. Even the bells sound like factory whistles. As one teacher put it, "It sounds like there's a new shift coming on." There is a much more controlled atmosphere at West but most of the restrictions and disciplinary actions are well founded. Many students supported the closed halls by saying that even though it was "unfair" for some it did get noisy in the halls before they were closed.

BUT UNDERNEATH the structured, sometimes unusual appearances, West is just another high school. The classes are just as average as any class at East. Although the West day has ten 40 minute periods from 7:45 A.M. to 3:25 P.M. most students have only four majors plus gym and health. These classes contain basically the same material, the same assortment of students, the

same jokes, and even the same graffiti on the desks.

One thing that is different is the lunches. Nothing more needs to be said then that you should enjoy the lunches at East while you're here. East's lunches are gourmet compared to West's.

THEN IT WAS OVER. My day at West had ended. I did, however, learn many things. I think that the East students transferring to West next year will fit in fine. The students I talked to all welcomed the new students. The only problem foreseen by many is the new competition that the East students will bring. "Many juniors or seniors who are counting on being starters or having leads in plays next year will have to face new competition and possibly not make number one," said one student. She added, "But this can only improve the departments."

There can be no real end to this story. It is impossible for one student to accurately predict the success of the entire transfer program. However, if my experience is to be any indication I can only say that East students going to West next year can look forward to being welcomed and accepted by their peers at Westhi.

North students friendly

by Andi Levin

Monday, February 18 was an "average" school day, where I followed an "average" junior schedule consisting of classes in English, U.S. History, math, Spanish, and accounting. The students resembled East students, the class format almost interchangeable with East's. The major difference was that I was a guest student at Niles North that day, as I followed the "mods" system of 29 fifteen minute periods, which will be phased out for next year.

I arrived ten minutes late to my first class of the day, newspaper production, because, just as many other new students, I got lost. That classroom, as most others at North, was a bit larger than East's, but also have few, if any, outside windows, so for my second class, U.S. History, with Mr. Scherb, I was reduced to gazing at a calendar featuring a blond jogger which I may have appreciated more had it or I been a boy.

Statistics and Probability might have proved interesting had we not had "sub". I spent the time reading my English assignment - Catch-22 - I read 60 pages of Catch-22 that day, as well as the blue-inked message "Niles East Rules!"

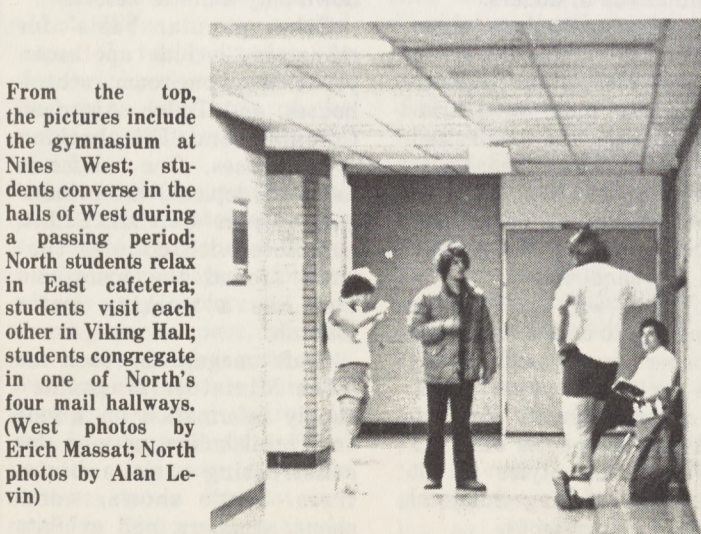
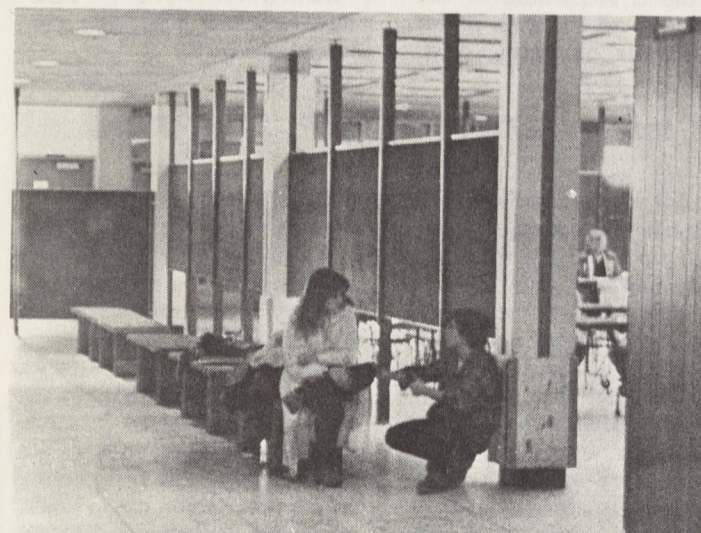
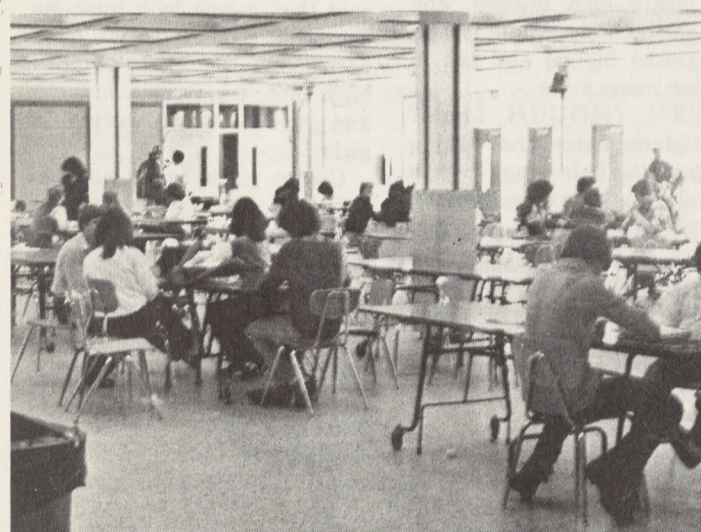
that someone had written on the wall as a souvenir from summer school days.

Next, I attended Triple-A, the North equivalent to our daily homerooms. Talk of how everyone's weekend had been spent, overruled the P.A. announcements, except for their sign-off line of "We take our chances - what are your circumstances?" Very interesting.

Later my guide and I just made it to the Spanish 7-8 class that filled the next three mods. I had never taken Spanish. The teacher, Mr. Rosenzweig, was an East alumnus so we talked about teachers he had in the early '60's, as well as asking me questions about my visit to North.

One thing to be said about North is that good food is available. I had a corned beef sandwich and would heartily recommend the Deli across the walkway from Fields.

All told, it was an interesting day of finding out that all North students have to share a locker with a locker partner, I met a lot of new people, and rid myself of the "foreign" feeling I had during most of the morning. And, I didn't have any homework!



From the top, the pictures include the gymnasium at Niles West; students converse in the halls of West during a passing period; North students relax in East cafeteria; students visit each other in Viking Hall; students congregate in one of North's four mail hallways. (West photos by Erich Massat; North photos by Alan Levin)

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DECA combats shoplifting

By Linda Burstyn

Most eighteen year olds have shoplifted at some point in their lives, and many of them plan to continue this practice.

This information was made available by a recent shoplifting survey given by the East DECA chapter, which is currently involved in an anti-shoplifting campaign. The survey was given to Oakview Junior high students as well as East students so the surveyed ages ranged from eleven to eighteen.

THE SURVEY showed that there is a difference in the attitudes males and females

have in regard to shoplifting. While 80 percent of the eighteen-year old males had shoplifted before, and 60 percent planned on continuing, only 59 percent of the 18-year old females had shoplifted and — more importantly — only 15 percent planned on doing it again.

MUCH OF THE anti-shoplifting program was directed to the grammar school aged students. "We educated a lot of grammar school students about shoplifting and tried to discourage them by telling them of the consequences they could face if caught," ex-

plained East's DECA chapter president Alan Friedman. "Stores are becoming much tougher on shoplifters. They're not letting them go with just a slap on the wrist."

DECA also spoke to business owners in the downtown Skokie area and found that 60 percent of those surveyed admitted to having a shoplifting problem. "To the shop owner every customer is a potential shoplifter," claimed one discount-store owner.

AT THE AGE of 11, over half of the boys surveyed had already shoplifted.



Close basketball games hinder Trojan record

The Trojan basketball team recently defeated non-conference Maine West 60-53, and Joel Kessler scored 24 of those points.

HOWEVER, THE TEAM lost 51-43 in a close conference match-up against New Trier East. In the first quarter, the Trojans had a four point leap, and Matt Donath's jump shot gave the Trojans a 10-8 lead. They maintained and extended the advantage, holding a 21-17 lead at half-time.

Though New Trier tied early in the third quarter, Donath scored 12 points on assorted drives, keeping the Trojans ahead with a 35-33 score. Victory seemed on our side, until New Trier gained 11 points in the final quarter. Joel Kessler's desperation shot trimmed the New Trier lead to 44-22, but the Trojan couldn't get any closer, and free throws enabled New Trier to remain atop the conference.

"We'd play good for two-thirds of the game and blow it towards the end," commented Capitani. And that was also true in the Deerfield game,

when the Trojans lost 41-43. In the last minutes the Trojans were fouled with charging, so not even Capitani's calling a technical foul on the other team helped. "Kessler scored 20 points and with 17 seconds he missed the winning shot," commented Capitani.

CAPITANI FEELS, "Kessler and Donath both deserve to make all-conference but because of our two-win record, Donath may not make it, but," says Capitani, "Kessler does have a chance at all-area."

Right now Capitani's mind is on preparation for the regional playoffs at Glenbrook South. "It's a wide open tournament and any of the teams have a chance to win. But we need the students to cheer us on."

Capitani hesitates to look toward the future because, "I'm very disappointed about not being named head coach at West, even though of the three major sports (football, basketball, and baseball), I realize they retained the incumbent coach."

Kostyniuk goes downstate

By Nancy Zimmerman

After placing 1st in conference, 1st in districts, and 2nd in sectionals, East gymnast Mary Ann Kostyniuk qualified for state competition at Palatine High, and became state champ on the uneven parallel bars.

At the all around semi-final meet on Friday, February 22, Kostyniuk placed 1st on bars, 1st on beam, 2nd all around, and 7th on floor. She qualified for all events except vaulting. Kostyniuk was only .04 of a point away from being number one that night, and avid fans felt it was because her vault was misjudged.

On Saturday night, Feb. 23, Kostyniuk turned in another outstanding bar routine, making her state champ in that

event. In the balance beam competition, Kostyniuk lost first place to Nina Dziem of Forest View.

Kostyniuk attempted a floor performance that was for more tricky to those ordinarily seen in IHSA gymnastics, but she lost her balance while coming out of a double back flip. That

minor fault cost Kostyniuk the state championship title for floor. "I'm happy with my performance, and would once again like to thank the team for voting me in, and giving me their constant support," says a worn out but cheerful Mary Ann.



Mary Ann Kostyniuk practices beam routine in preparation for the state finals on February 22 and 23.

Joel Kessler scores high on modesty

By Barb Reich

Joel Kessler is one of East's basketball stars who could live without the limelight.

"I don't look for glory. I look for team wins," says the 6'4" center. But Kessler's high scoring record has outshone the Trojans showing this season.

Kessler admits the Trojans current 6-16 overall record is because, "We play inconsistently. We're not quick, and we don't have height."

HOWEVER, THE TEAM does have Kessler, who's the Central Suburban League's leading scorer. His other achievements include playing all-tournament at Rockford during the Christmas season, scoring an average of 18-20 points per game, and being able to score from 20 feet.

Kessler credits all his triumphs to his teammates. "They're the guys who set me up."

And Kessler doesn't forget who really gave him his start in basketball. "It was Rich Nikchevich's father who put Rich and I on a basketball

team in 4th grade when we were really two years under the other guys."

DURING THE REST of his grammar and junior high school days, Kessler joined Trojan Youth Basketball, once run by East. Kessler became so accustomed to the contest gym, and so motivated by the sport, that he took a shot at becoming a Trojan.

"I knew I didn't have the talent, but I just wanted to

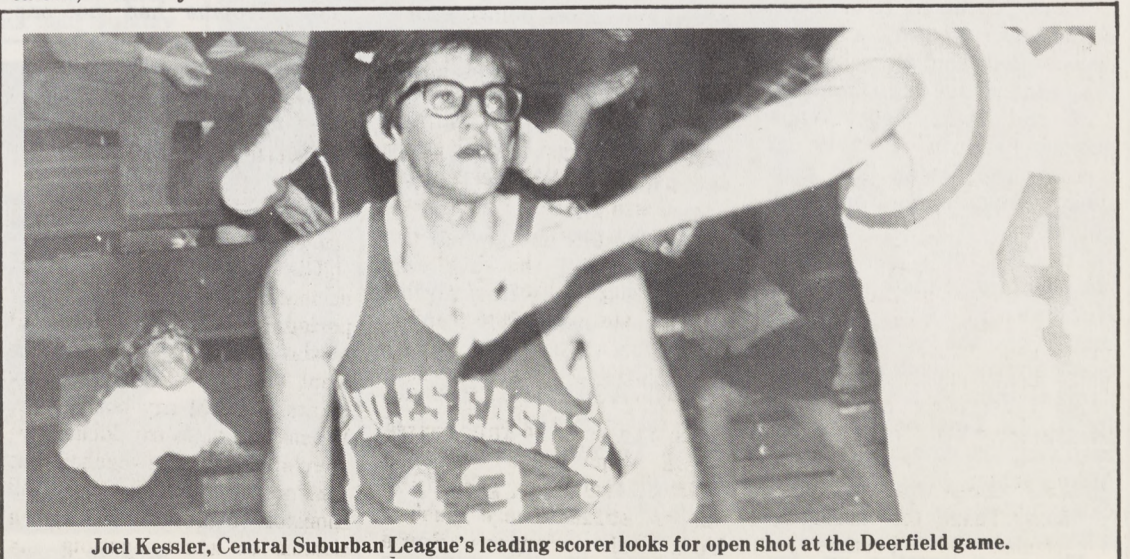
play." And toward that goal Kessler never stopped trying. "During my junior year I went to the Y.M.C.A. five times a week, and spent that vacation training in Coach Capitani's summer camp program."

KESSLER REMEMBERS junior year as his best basketball experience. "We beat Rockford in overtime with a last second shot." His worst experience was this year when

"We lost to New Trier 80-30."

Now that Kessler's basketball dreams have turned to on-the-court skills, Kessler's waiting for his next big break.

"I'm hoping for a small school basketball scholarship, because teams like De Paul don't need a guy to just sit on the bench and get splinters," joked Kessler. "Otherwise I'll go to Northern to become an accountant."



Joel Kessler, Central Suburban League's leading scorer looks for open shot at the Deerfield game.

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Wrestlers head for state finals

By Steve Bartelstein

The scene was set for one of the oldest schools in the Central Suburban League to compete in its final state wrestling series.

Just four weeks ago the Trojans clinched their 7th straight varsity conference title and their 4th straight on all levels. They accomplished this when they defeated perennial wrestling power, Evanston, handily, by the score of 40-10. The first stop on the road to the state tournament was the district tourney held just three weeks ago at Glenbrook North High School.

THE TROJANS, THE strongest team in the District, were heavily favored going in. They lived up to their expectations by beating their closest rivals by 66 points. After the first round all twelve wrestlers were alive either in the winner's bracket or in the wrestleback division.

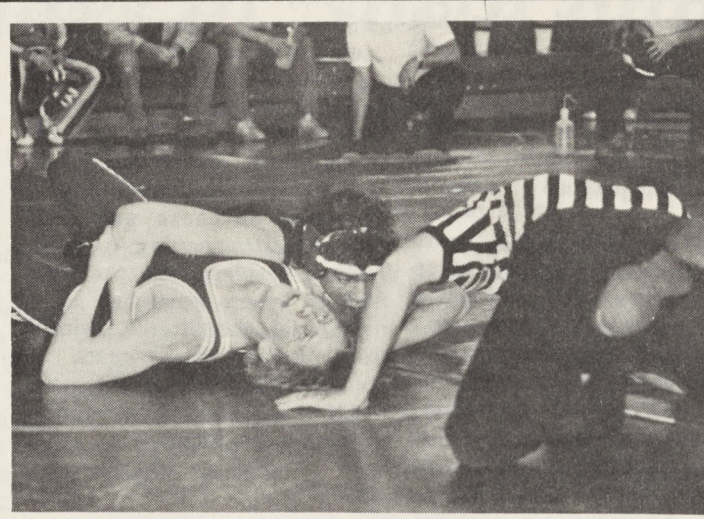
First round highlights included wins by both Bill Stein 126 lbs. and Danny Sarasin 155 lbs. by pins. At the end of the first round the Trojans had advanced 10 wrestlers to the

Stein, however, was not quite as lucky facing the number one seed in the tourney, undefeated George Patterson from Evanston. He, however, kept the score close and lost in the last period by the score of 4-0. The Trojans were not ready to give up the mat yet in these final matches.

NEXT UP FOR THE Trojans was Mark De Mar. De Mar was out to prove he was the best, and Mark accomplished this early when he pinned his opponent in 2:55.

Next up for the Trojans was Paul Kahan. Kahan wrestled cross town rival Niles West in the 132 lbs. championship match and when the final buzzer sounded Kahan found himself on top by the score of 6-4.

The Trojans gave up the mat for a few matches, but not for long. The 155 lb. match found Danny Sarasin, the Trojan with the best record and the number one seed in the tourney, facing off against Glenbrook North for the District title. Sarasin also came out on top by the score of 2-1.



Mark DeMar pinning Niles North opponent in semi-final match.

Among the qualifiers was Steve Sylvan, 105 lbs. Sylvan won by the score of 5-3. The second wrestler to qualify for the semi-finals was Danny Sarasin. Sarasin's match proved exciting when he pinned his opponent in 4:14. The last wrestler to qualify for the second round of wrestling was senior Kelly Walls. Walls won with a takedown in the final period with only :14 seconds remaining, the final score being 3-1.

Now it was no longer up to the Trojans. It was now a waiting game to see if the other schools could help the Trojans' cause. When the second round commenced, everyone was hoping for a miracle, and as far as Mike Pechter and Mark De Mar were concerned it happened. Both Pechter and De Mar's opponents from Friday night's defeats won their second match thus allowing them to wrestle back. As far as the first round winners were concerned it was just the opposite. Steve Sylvan lost a tight match by the score of 2-0.

NEXT UP FOR THE Trojans was Danny Sarasin. Sarasin, injured in the second period, didn't, in this reporter's opinion, wrestle the same, seeming to favor the injury. He took a blow to the left rib cage while attempting a reversal. He still kept the score close only losing by the score of 4-2.

The final blow came when Hwt. Kelly Walls lost to undefeated Chris Nicholson of Waukegan East. Walls fought through two periods of scoreless action before losing by the score of 3-2. That was it.

The Trojans had no one

going for first place and no one was assured of a state berth. It was now do or die for the five Trojans who were left. They must win to advance to the 3rd place championships tonight.

FIRST UP IN the semi-final wrestlebacks was Steve Sylvan. Sylvan's match was a little close for comfort, only winning by the score of 6-4. Next up for the Trojans was Mike Pechter. Pechter didn't fair as well as Sylvan, losing by the score of 7-1, and thus eliminating him from any chance to advance.

Next up was senior Mark De Mar. Due to an injury in the previous round, De Mar's opponent defaulted thus advancing him to the third place championships. Now it was Sarasin's turn. With only a short time to regain his strength, Sarasin came back to defeat his opponent in a close match by the score of 6-4.

THE LAST WRESTLER for East in the semi-final wrestleback round was Kelly Walls. Kelly came out visably confident, and this showed when he beat his Barrington opponent handily by the score of 7-1.

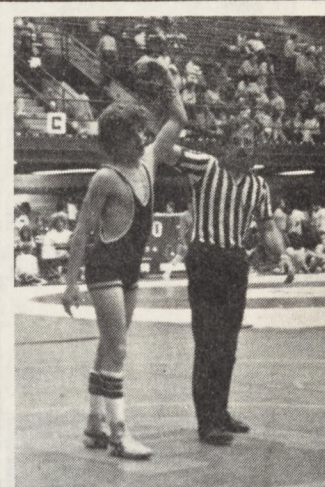
It all started two weeks ago at Glenbrook North High School with 12 wrestlers and now it was down to four. The Trojans were now in a must win situation. This is the time when no one can help them. You've got to do it yourself, and if you lose you have no one to blame but yourself. Now you can tell who has the determination, fortitude, and just plain guts. This is where all the hard and grueling workouts culminate.

For three of the four Trojan wrestlers would mean the last time they would ever wrestle. The first match pitted Steve

Sylvan, 34-7, against Glenbrook North's Mark Cantalupo, 20-14. From the start of the first period until the end of the third, all could see it was Sylvan's match, scoring with 4 unanswered points. The final score being 4-1 in favor of Sylvan. One down, three to go.

DUE UP NEXT for the Trojans was Mark De Mar, 30-7-1. De Mar was to face off against Joe Stein, 31-3. With only :12 seconds gone in the first period, De Mar had tallied 4 points to Carmel's zero. If there's such a thing as guts, De Mar had enough for a whole team. He wrestled tough through all three periods and when the third period ended he had enough points for a whole team, coming out victorious by the score of 16-9.

The next wrestler up for the Trojans was Danny Sarasin, 32-4, against Brian Rathje of Wheeling with a record of 23-3-1. Sarasin, still wrestling with an injury, had a close match throughout. After the first period the score was tied at two apiece. At the end of the second period, Sarasin had gained an edge over his Wheeling opponent with a



Recent sectional qualifier, Steve Sylvan, shown after Hawkeye Tournament match.

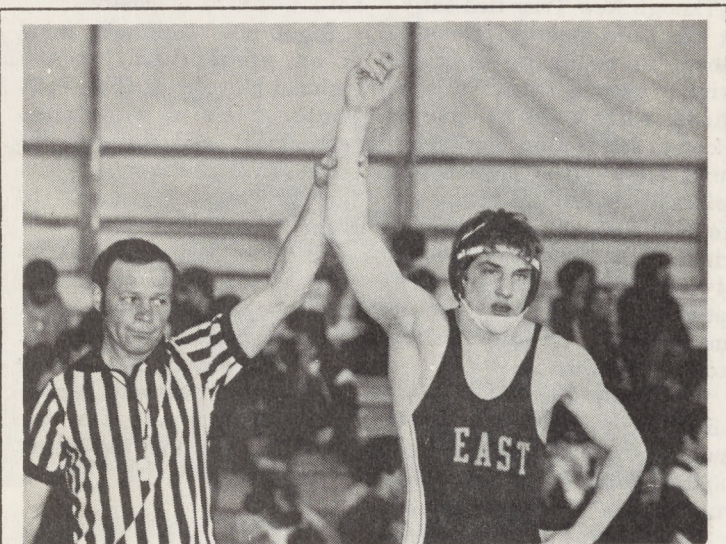
takedown in the closing seconds. But when the final buzzer sounded Sarasin found himself on top by the score of 3-2. Three up, three down — Down state that is.

The last Trojan due up was Hwt. Kelly Walls, 32-4. Walls was pitted against Dave Domkowski of Mundelein. His previous record being 27-4. Before the night was over, Walls was to add one more to the loss side.

AT THE END of the first period the match was scoreless, but when the second ended, Walls found himself up by 2 points. The match was filled with stalling but Mundelein felt the brunt of the penalty points. The final score was 3-2.

The Sectionals are now history and Niles East is a definite part of it. Four wrestlers faced off for third place and state berths. All four succeeded.

Now it comes down to the biggest weekend in high school wrestling and probably the biggest weekend of their lives. Hopefully they will be as successful this weekend as last. **NEXT STOP CHAMPAIGN!!!!**



Danny Sarasin shown after winning District title.

second round and trailed Glenbrook North by only 3 points.

When the second round began, everyone could see it was the year of the Trojan. The second round was as eventful as the first. It started with Renato Nepomuceno advancing to the finals. Nepomuceno was joined by Steve Sylvan, Mike Pechter, Bill Stein, Mark De Mar, Paul Kahan, Danny Sarasin, and Kelly Walls.

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDED Mark De Mar winning by a major decision 13-5. Paul Kahan also won by a major decision 9-0. Dan Sarasin, 155 lbs. pinned his opponent in 1:30 and Hwt. Kelly Walls scored his pin in 1:49 to increase the Trojan lead over their nearest competitor by 41 points.

The final round started like the second ended. Renato Nepomuceno won a close match by the score of 8-7. Steve Sylvan, next up for the Trojans, pinned his opponent in 3:37. The next match involved yet another Trojan, Mike Pechter. Mike also won a close match by the score of 8-6.

The next wrestler up for Niles East was Bill Stein.

THE LAST TROJAN up for Niles East was Kelly Walls. Walls, too, had a close match, but in true Trojan style won by the score of 3-1. Also adding to the East point total was senior wrestler Howard Fogel. Fogel, who placed third, lost a tight wrestleback match to get edged out of a Sectional berth.

Others adding to the Trojan cause were senior Steve Cooley, junior Steve McManamon, and junior Alan Seleman. All three added points with first round wins. Steve Cooley added even more points with a first round pin in the rat tail section. When the scoreboard was updated for the last time, it showed the Trojans with a final point total of 159.5 with their nearest competitor 66 points behind.

The Trojans now owned the District title, the last any Niles East wrestling squad would ever own! Next stop — **SECTIONALS!**

THE ANTICIPATION OF a Sectional title filled the air at North Chicago, but when the first round ended these hopes were all but gone. Only three of the eight Sectional qualifiers advanced in the winner's bracket and to the semi-finals.



Kelly Walls clinching sectional berth.