

Road Scholars Compete May 23

Sheldon Greenberg, '72, and Patrick Weltman, '72, have been selected as Niles East's "Road Scholars" of 1972 by Mr. Glenn Jurek, automotive shop instructor, and will compete in this year's Plymouth Trouble Shooting Contest to be held at Willowbrook High School in Villa Park on May 23. The boys are being sponsored by Walton Motors.

The winning team in the local

contest will be sent to Los Angeles in June to compete against other top Trouble Shooters from all parts of the country in the National Championship Finals.

IN THE CONTEST, PARTICIPANTS take a written exam which counts as 50 per cent of their team's score and are then required to race the clock against other teams to find and fix several malfunctions deliberately placed in new Plymouth

cars, also for 50 per cent of the team's score.

The Plymouth Trouble Shooting Contest originated in 1949 as a local event in Los Angeles. Today, more than 2,000 high schools and colleges representing all 50 states compete each year in this nationally famous contest for over \$125,000 worth of scholarships and awards.

THE PURPOSE OF THE CONTEST is to recognize and honor outstanding young auto mechanic students and encourage them to pursue this field as a career.

News Hilites

Woodrose Launches Space Age Dance

"Woodrose" will be featured at a "Space Age" dance presented by Skokie Park District, Devonshire Center at the Niles East Girls' Gym, tonight at 8:30 p.m.

The dance's theme is based on the format of Woodrose's dance material, as opposed to their concert material, which allows listeners to "space out." The theme will also be stressed through the use of lighting, decorations, and "Flash Gordon" costumes worn by the group members including John Paruolo, keyboards; Mark Goldenberg, guitar; Bill Archer, drums; Bob Altergott, saxophones and flute; and Jon Reynolds, fretless bass.

THEIR LAST CONCERT AT NILES EAST proved very successful which brings them back and sets a precedent for more concerts this summer sponsored by the Park District. Outdoor concerts will be free and indoor concerts will charge \$1. First one, being planned for June 16, will tentatively feature Siegal-Schwab and Woodrose.

Tickets for tonight's dance may be purchased in advance, early today, at the Record Shack, Raymond's, or Sunflower Health Food Market for \$1 or at the door for \$1.50.

Art Show Displays Student Talent

Student art work will brighten the girls' gymnasium from Monday, May 22, until May 25, in the Sixteenth Annual Student Exhibition. It will be presented from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. on May 22, and will run from 8 a.m. until 9:30 p.m. for the rest of the exhibition.

STUDENTS FROM ALL CLASS LEVELS submitted work to art teachers, and pieces which earned a recommendation from an individual teacher were submitted to the rest of the department to be judged. Art that the teachers considered best will appear in the show. The types of art include soft sculpture, banners, drawings, prints, silk screen, tie-dyes, pottery, jewelry, rugs, leather work, and photography.

The art department faculty includes Mrs. Hazel Loew, Mr. Jack Lerman, Mrs. Judy Brncic, Mr. Dennis Grabowski, and Mr. Dick Wetzel.

Park District Offers Scuba Diving

Scuba diving will be offered by the Skokie Park District from 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. on Wednesdays beginning May 24 and continuing weekly through July 26 at Niles East Pool.

REGISTRATION BEGAN MAY 8 and still continues at Devonshire Center, 4400 Grove Street, Skokie. The fee of \$45 includes all scuba equipment, air, professional instruction, and a text book.

For additional information contact the Skokie Park District at 674-1500.

Student Places Fifth in DECI Contest

Robbie Polisky, '72, placed fifth in state-wide competition in a contest sponsored by the 27th Annual Leadership Conference of Distributive Education Clubs of Illinois for high school students in distributive education.

THE CONFERENCE ENTITLED, "DECI - Try It You'll Like It," involved over 750 students within ten areas out of 3,000 students who participated in the overall Illinois program.



Scene from "Infancy," directed by Bob Sataloe, '73, is among the one-act plays to be presented today during school, and tonight and Saturday beginning at 8 p.m. in the auditorium. Admission is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for students.

School Paper Works Toward Communication

The Nilehilite staff is constantly working toward better communication between fellow students through their yearly activities.

The Nilehilite was honored by receiving a first place rating scoring 926 points out of 1000 total in the Columbia Press Association's annual rating of High School newspapers. The most credit was given in the areas of editorial, feature, and sports writing as well as strength in headlining.

THE STAFF IS CONSISTENTLY INVITED to banquets, luncheons, and conferences, many of which, because of the size of the staff, cannot be attended. Recently the editors attended a conference at the Sun-Times Daily News building for high school editors and heard such speakers as Richard J. Martwick, superintendent of schools, Educational Service Region of Cook County; Emmett Dedmon, vice president and editorial director of newspaper division of Field Enterprises, Inc., publishers of the Sun-Times and Daily News; and Eric Lund, assistant managing editor and Saturday editor of Chicago Daily News. The conference constituted an exchange of ideas dealing with newspaper objectivity, structure, and responsibility.

The staff is annually invited to attend three conferences, two under the organization of the Illinois State High School Press Association, one in Champaign and one in DeKalb. The third is a national conference held in New York City.

ANOTHER ACTIVITY OF THE STAFF is to join the journalism classes on a field-trip each semester to the Des Plaines Publishing Company where the actual processing of the Nilehilite is explained and sometimes shown.

To further interest students, the staff has interviewed such famous personalities as John Coleman, where they were invited to watch the 5 p.m. newscast and given a tour of ABC studios, and Peter Max, notable artist of today's art scene. Most recently they met with Chuck Buell, disc jockey and musical program director of WLS radio whose interview will be published in the annual senior issue which will be distributed May 24.

Any student interested in joining the Nilehilite staff should take journalism as an English course.



The new varsity cheerleaders who will pep up Niles East next fall include (back row, l. to r.) Nancy Mendelssohn, Cindy Brown, Wendy Mendelssohn, Denise Chlapaty; (middle, l. to r.) Janice Theodore, Laurie Greiman, Lynn Irving; (front, l. to r.) Marsha Wolowicz, Faye Estrin, Janice Bauer.



New sophomore cheerleaders include, (back, l. to r.) Tina Georgiou, Pam Favish, Mary Unruh; (middle, l. to r.) Kathy Mayer, Susan Goldstein, Lisa Tatar; (front, l. to r.) Marsie Hass, Patti Monsen, Stacy Kaplan.

Government News

Legislature Provides Service Scholarships

Student legislature is offering two \$500 scholarships to graduating students who have done outstanding service to school and community. Need is not a factor but students who aren't receiving financial aid from another source will be considered with priority. Applications are available and should be turned in today. A committee consisting of Dr. Colver, Mr. Bernard Welch, Miss Jeanne Derichs, Mr. Leonard Winans, Joy Silver, '72, and Debbie Ginsburg, '72, will select the two students.

ELECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR'S LEGISLATIVE OFFICERS will be held on May 18 and run-off elections, if needed, on May 23. Candidates so far, include for president, Chip Selan, Ron Miller, Stuart Nelson, Keith Olive, and Steve

Romanoff; for vice-president, Eliot Osherman, Stephan Silvers, and Robbie Fein. No more than \$10 can be spent on the campaign by each candidate.

Student legislature is donating \$300 to AFS.

A new candy machine will be placed in the cafeteria sponsored by student legislature.

Final exams will be given this semester due to the disapproval of the proposal by a majority of teachers, but the committee is still working for next year.

SAB REPRESENTATIVES for the last six weeks include Barb Blond, Chip Selan, and Robbie Fein with Eliot Osherman and Carol Manette as alternates.

Joy Silver walked the full 20 miles in the Walk For Israel and received the \$100 pledged by student legislature for the cause.

Choral Concert Enhances Spring

The sounds of spring will be heard Sunday, May 21, at 3:30 p.m. when the Niles East music department presents its annual Spring Festival in the auditorium.

PARTICIPATING MUSIC GROUPS include the concert choir, concert band, mixed chorus, girls' glee club, and intermediate band. Since the beginning of this semester, these groups have practiced the numbers they will perform on the program.

All choral groups and both bands will perform together in an arrangement of the Pledge of Allegiance.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE SHOW will be a song written about Skokie by a longtime resident, Mr. Dominick Alberti. Mr. Alberti also directs the Illinois Symphony Band in the summertime. He will be present at the program, and will be introduced and paid tribute to by Mayor Albert J. Smith.

From Our Readers

Sound Off!

Dear Editor,

I was very distressed to read your poor excuse for a rebuttal to Robert Feder's letter in the April 28 edition. This was just another example of the futility with which you write this paper.

My first objection is with regard to your claim that you have printed many significant articles. I will admit that you have printed several articles regarding significant topics (including such pertinent biggies as the one on Brian Piccolo), yet a limited amount of these have been truly significant in pointing out the major controversy and elaborating on this. There are many topics which you have failed to cover completely, leaving people with an incomplete view of important issues. Although you may have "tried to comment on all phases of school life," you have failed despicably — tried or not — in covering even the majority of topics enough.

MY SECOND OBJECTION comes in regard to your distribution of work on your staff. You complain about only having eight people to work with, yet you assign four of these to the sports staff. In my opinion, there are not that many sports going on at Niles East that you must use up half your staff on sports. This becomes even more disgusting when it is noted that you don't even cover important sports events. If you are going to have half your staff working

on sports, at least have them concentrate on Niles East events; if I'm going to read an editorial on professional baseball I might as well read in the Daily News or Tribune which is halfway decent.

MY NEXT OBJECTION COMES in regard to your final paragraph which, if you had left it out completely, would have left your rebuttal only 99 per cent disgusting. You make foolish misjudgements and even misquote the letter. You claim that the only people who read the Editorial page are "the administrators and those lonely ones who wish to see their submitted letter in print." On this print I would have to strongly agree with Robert Feder. The students in this school are not that apathetic that they disregard a controversy when it is stirred up. But at this I would have to give you a zero rating; this newspaper stirs up as much controversy as a Tuesday afternoon White Sox game — namely none at all. Maybe that's how you want us — a bunch of apathetic students who have no will to press for better things at this school — at least better than such farces as the SAB. You are more than "just the means of communication between the students, faculty, and administration." You influence the opinions of many people in this school and I feel that you shouldn't be wasting this privilege.
Jeff Lillien '74

No Cause for Finals!

WHEN THE WEATHER begins to shed its winter clothes, and shades of summer appear, it brings along with the anticipation of summer vacation, the apprehension of final exams. Finals, with clockwork similar to the rising and setting of the sun, occur during January and June. A proposal almost ended the dreaded hour-and-a-half of regurgitating the facts learned the weekend before, almost! But it looks as though underclassmen will have to go through those things again.

One valid argument about erasing finals from the curriculum altogether is that they are never a valid example of what a student has learned during the past semester; they merely show how much one had studied prior to the day of his final exam. Lockers all over the building are empty for the first time during a school year when finals approach. Books are hit hard, nerves grow short, and tension mounts.

Many students also argue that the exams count too heavily on the semester grade. One-fourth of a grade certainly cannot be determined in one ninety-minute period. Many teachers make their exams impossibly long, and students feel that they cannot devote all of the time they need on one question.

FINAL EXAMS may serve a purpose of determining a grade for a bordering student. Finals should not be mandatory. They should be left up to the discretion of the teacher.

However, until the time comes when the teacher realizes that finals serve no real purpose, and that they are meaningless as a measuring stick of a subject learned to a student, then time will be wasted to write and take the exam.

Personal Essay

Senior Looks Back

By Ilene Silverstein

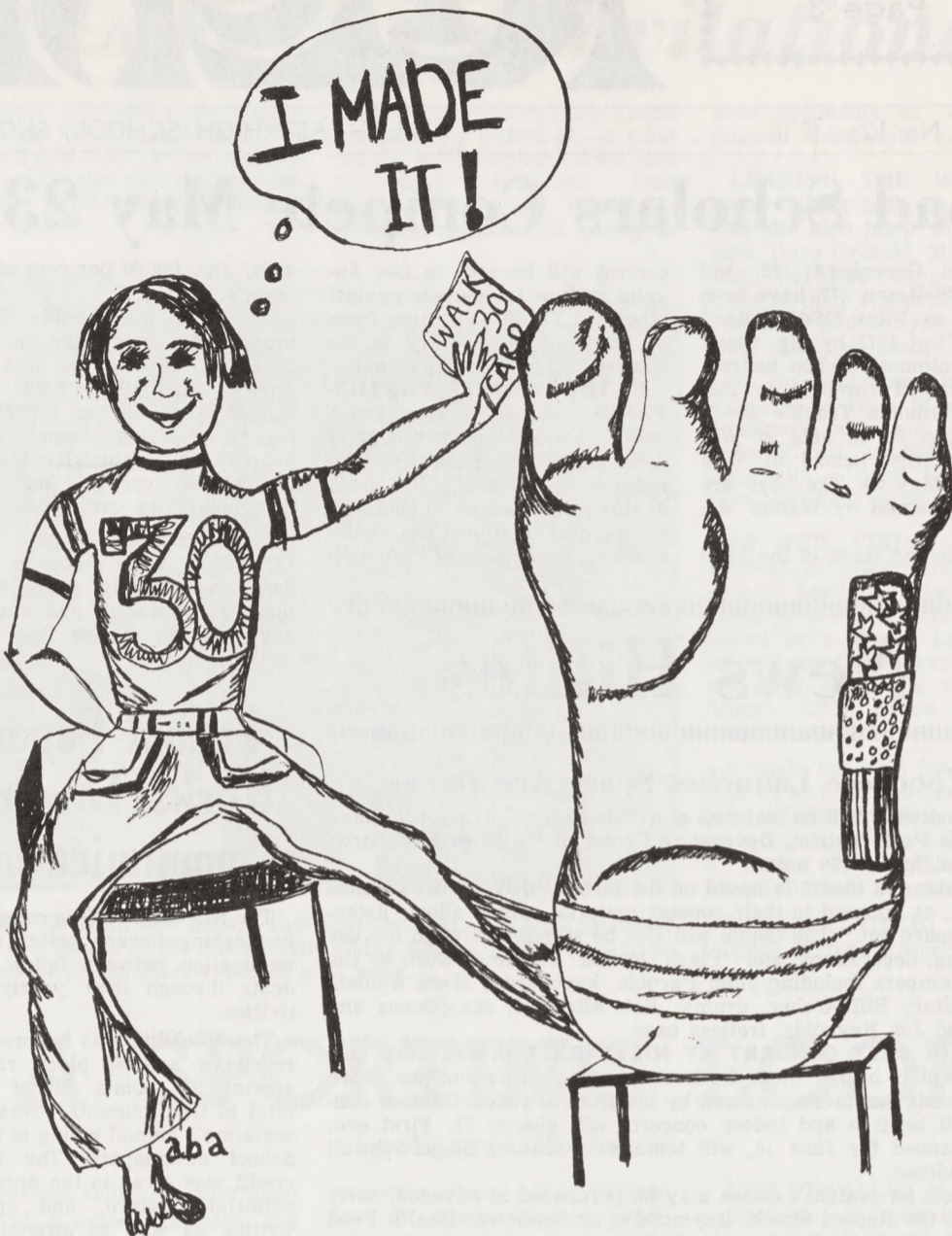
THE "BEST YEARS" of my life are here and have gone. I never knew they even knocked on my door, or what I was supposed to expect from these years.

I waited so long for them, and all my elders told me these past four years are my best, but they didn't tell me why. If these were my best, why didn't they take me by the hand and show me how they could have been better.

Now I realize that life isn't going to be rated by best or better anymore. From now on it's a realistic world with its ups and downs. No longer will someone be taking every step with me; my training wheels were taken away the day I signed my college contract.

NOW I REALIZE THAT NO ONE could have led me through my best years to make them better. I didn't know they were here until they were gone. Very soon they end within a split second.

That split second is the shaking of the hand and the acceptance of my diploma, my ticket to all the goods and bads of years to come.



Hunger Hurts, Too

THIS WAS THE WEEK of hurt, tired, blistered feet, and aching ankles. But thanks to the thousands of people who cared enough to suffer the small discomfort of a thirty-mile "Hike for Hunger," other human beings, fellow men won't suffer. Going to sleep without a meal for days at a time will no longer exist. In comparison, the strong-willed hikers endure such small pains, to bring such great rewards to others who have felt pain at a much higher degree.

The hike wasn't easy. But no great achievements were ever made without even greater effort. The determination in each individual's heart which said, "I must finish," was the result of the knowledge that he was helping by giving of himself, in the most literal sense of the word.

The last few miles brought doubts in many minds. "I don't think I'll make it," was a common sentiment rarely expressed, though always present. Somehow, as Niles North came inches closer, determination became an unrelenting thought to one's soul. Feet dragged, bodies ached, and tears streamed down anguish-filled faces, yet thousands who cared enough, made it! The hike was done! The reward, a sense of accomplishment, and a pair of feet which dragged for the next days standing as a symbol saying, "I really made it, all thirty!"

TO THOSE WHO tried, and went as far as their physical capabilities allowed, and to those who made the finish line on their own strength, "Thank you."

Common Ailment Strikes Students

Although it has never been diagnosed on "Marcus Welby," senioritis, the number one killer of good grades, is running rampant throughout the halls of Niles East.

THE DISEASE in its earliest stages, first attacks the hands. Writing appears to be slightly retarded, and it becomes necessary for the victims to hand in papers from previous years, rather than risk straining the muscles by writing new ones.

Once the disease has effected the hands, it rapidly spreads throughout the other muscles in the body and it becomes extremely difficult to get to class on time. In rare cases, a few patients have been known to entirely miss a class, or a whole day of school while receiving therapy.

Doctors have been experimenting with such therapeutic exercises as Cub's ball games, picnics and trips downtown. But, it is recommended that the patient lay down with a t.v. plugged into his ear until he is ready for such treatment.

A FEW CASES of this killer were reported as early as January, but according to the files in SAO, the major outbreak seemed to occur directly after spring vacation.

Dr. Colver, chief resident, has made no comment on the situation thus far. But, it is estimated that the situation will reach epidemic proportions before June 4.

Lay supervisors have been alerted to this drastic situation and are trying to reach the victims in time.

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PORTED IMMEDIATELY TO THE NEAREST ANDY FRAIN USHER AT CUB'S PARK.

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Rapping It Up

Peter Max Enlightens Art Scene

by Linda Sieber

Perhaps the most "nouveau" artist on today's scene is Peter Max. Anyone who doesn't know of this versatile designer hasn't been around. His designs are probably the most widely utilized on many products and his horizons seem endless.

Max explained that he was always interested in art, "never a time that he wasn't. He was discovered by his mother at the age of four and nationally at 24."

HIS IDEAS REALLY CAME INTO VIEW after he took up yoga, which he practices at least once a week. According to Max, yoga was his "big break." "A little discovery here and there in certain showings," is what started Max on the road to stardom.

At 34, Peter Max is a tycoon,

owning at least five companies and licensing over 50 others to use his designs, with an annual income substantially more than two million dollars. Max is in the process of developing his own gallery in New York, where he lives with his wife and children.

"**I DESIGN FOR THE UNDER 25'S**, but that's a mentality, not an age," Max feels. His art is described as nouveau, pop, and op. It's as exotic as his multi-cultured background. Max admits being inspired by Japanese artists.

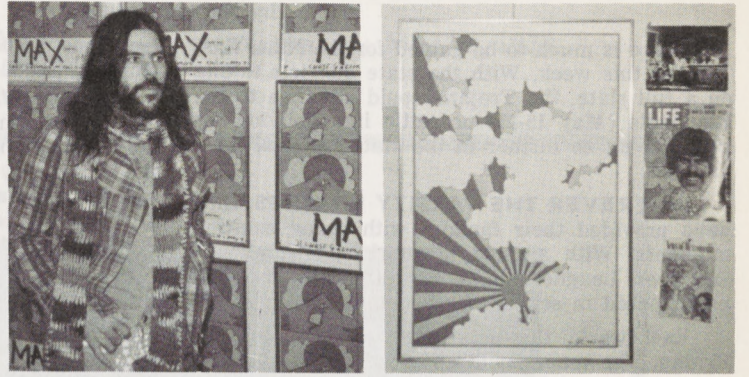
Describing his designs, Max reflects that he keeps "negative elements out," and tries to put "warmth into machine-made objects." He hopes his designs will bring happiness and harmony into millions of people's lives.

PROBABLY THE MOST POP-

ULAR PRODUCTS are the Peter Max posters from which he grosses more than one million dollars a year alone. Another favorite product are his advertisements, most often seen on buses, at the request of the Metro Transit Advertising Company. His designs reach over 50 million people in this respect. Other manufactured products include dishes, clothes, shopping bags, gloves, belts, clocks without numbers, purses, and toys. He sells his designs to companies and they produce millions of "Max" replicas.

As of now Max hasn't done anything to influence younger artists except to set an example as a non-smoker, drinker, and drug user.

Peter Max was in town to open his showing at the Merrill Chase Gallery in Old Orchard which continued through May 9.



Peter Max, universally known image in modern art, proudly displayed his work at the Merrill-Chase gallery in Old Orchard. Shown here are original posters and one of his most famous paintings.

Chinese Students Enjoy Correspondence

by Janet Coclanis

"Most of the students are enjoying getting letters from your students. There is a general tendency on the part of the students to show off to their classmates that they have gotten replies from America," wrote Mr. James Hwang, an English teacher at the Provincial Hualien High School on the island of Taiwan to Mr. Everett Colton of the Social Studies department at Niles East. Mr. Colton was introduced to Mr. Hwang last August, while he was studying at Taiwan Normal University.

SINCE THE MIDDLE OF FEBRUARY their students have been corresponding, thus learning a great deal about each other's hobbies, home, and school. Many of these Chinese students have studied English for nearly five years, but Mr. Hwang finds it difficult to give each student individual help with his pronunciation, grammar, and writing because of the overloaded classrooms. The average high school in Taiwan has 40-55 students in one class. Another difficulty concerns the educational problem of the country as a whole. Taiwan's 20 universities and independent colleges give a joint examination every summer to select no more than 20,000 new students from more than 80,000 high school graduates. Thus, the high schools direct their attention mostly to the preparation for the examination.

AS A RESULT, STUDENTS ARE TAUGHT to fill in the

blanks, do multiple choices, and correct grammatical errors in short sentences. Very little time is spent on writing, speaking, and listening because audio tests are not given and writing a composition is not required.

When Mr. Hwang is asked to correct some of the letters, he only changes the mistakes that may cause a serious misunderstanding.

"The over-crowded mistakes may surprise your students a lot, but it is hoped that your students be teachers of English to my students and by and by I guess they should be making fairly good improvements."

For most of the students this is their first time ever writing in English or seeing English handwriting and American stamps.

PROVINCIAL HUALIEN HIGH SCHOOL has a sixty member choir. They are presently on a trip to the west of Taiwan competing with other high schools. Students also are encouraged to join many clubs and organizations.

"Provincial Hualien is the best and oldest high school east of Taiwan."

Mr. Colton's classes have been sending a group of letters about every two weeks. Students have enjoyed seeing the beautiful stamps and reading many interesting letters. Some of the letters go back and forth between the schools, while others have an individual name and address.

What's Happening in Chicago!

THEATRE AND NIGHT CLUBS:

"Wedding Band"	Ivanhoe	5/11- 7/ 2
"A Girl Could Get Lucky"	Pheasant Run	5/16- 6/11
The Lettermen	Empire Room	5/16- 5/27
Terry Vale	Empire Room	6/ 1- 6/14
The Supremes	Empire Room	6/15- 6/24
Don Rickles	Mill Run	now- 5/ 2
Wayne Newton	Mill Run	5/23- 5/28
Bill Cosby	Mill Run	6/ 1- 6/ 4
Pearl Bailey	Mill Run	6/15- 6/18
Sandler and Young	Mill Run	6/22- 6/25
Dionne Warwick	Mill Run	6/27- 7/ 2

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Blossom Time in Grant Park		5/12- 5/18
Chicago Cubs	Wrigley Field	continuous
Chicago White Sox	Comiskey Park	continuous

POPULAR CONCERTS:

Buffy Saint-Marie	Ravinia	6/28
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Leo Kottke and Carly Simon	Ravinia	6/29
Doc Severinsen	Ravinia	7/ 2
Ella Fitzgerald	Ravinia	7/ 5
Don McLean	Ravinia	7/ 7
Arlo Guthrie	Ravinia	7/12
Melanie	Ravinia	7/14
B.B. King	Ravinia	7/19
LaBelle and Sha Na Na	Ravinia	7/26
Ike and Tina Turner Revue	Ravinia	7/28
Mary Travers	Ravinia	8/ 2
Blood, Sweat, and Tears	Ravinia	8/ 4
Chicago	Ravinia	8/14
The Association	Ravinia	8/16
Roberta Flack	Ravinia	8/18
Jeff Beck	Arie Crown	5/13
Johnny Mathis	Arie Crown	5/20
Buddy Miles	Arie Crown	6/11
Blood, Sweat, and Tears	Auditorium	5/18
Uriah Heep, John Baldry	Auditorium	7/ 8

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WHAT IS GOD?

BY CHRISTINE URITZ, '74

God is truth,
God is love,
God is all good things
from above.

He helps us to care,
He helps us to see,
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Trojans Eye Tournament While Battling League

by Norwin Merens

There is much to be gained for the Niles East Trojans this week. With the state districts taking on a full slate, the Trojans could advance to the Regionals (May 15-17) or settle into oblivion for 1972 - going no further in the state baseball tournament.

WHEREVER THE VARSITY FINISHES, they have provided their fandom with many exciting moments. With an overall mark of 5-7, (3-5 in Suburban League competition) the Trojans have participated in several close games.

Last week, the baseballers played Monday-Friday. The team could have come away with a 5-0 or 4-1 record for the week, had they been more successful with their hitting, and made fewer errors in the field.

After splitting a series with Evanston's Wildkits, the Varsity entered mid-week with high hopes. Opposing (8-0) Morton East on Wednesday, May 3, Troy was ahead 1-0 until Morton came to bat in the sixth. With two away, second baseman Frank Tallerico reached first base on an error and proceeded to steal second. Moments later Mustang Dave Bishop drove Tallerico home with the tying run.

SOPHOMORE RON KLEINSCHMIDT hurled for the Trojans, and was most impressive in an eight inning stint. In fanning eleven and walking one, Kleinschmidt recorded at least one strike out through the first five frames. An unpredictable defense prevented Kleinschmidt from a better fate, as the Mustangs scored two runs in the eighth and edged Niles 3-1.

Last Thursday, the Trojans traveled to Waukegan and defeated the Bulldogs 2-1. Paul Niess started for Niles and revealed a fine pitching per-

formance, as he limited the defending state champions to just five hits through seven innings.

AFTER WAUKEGAN had taken a 1-0 lead, the game remained scoreless until the Trojans came to bat in the sixth. Following a walk and stolen base by Barry Meister, Bruce Frank responded with a sacrifice bunt. Waukegan hurler, Tony Borre picked up the ball and proceeded to throw wildly to third, thus enabling Meister to score. Another run came across in the seventh as Niles East used their running to an advantage and capitalized on Waukegan errors.

In a return engagement last Friday at Oakton Park, the Trojans were nipped by the Bulldogs 6-5 in a 10 inning thriller. Defensive mistakes cost the Niles varsity once again. With Kleinschmidt pitching in relief, the Trojans were 1 out away from a 5-4 victory. When a grounder eluded Doug Dasse at shortstop, the flood gates opened for Waukegan, thus putting the affair into extra innings. The game could have ended in the seventh had it not been for a circus catch by Rick Nathan in right field.

TROJAN NOTES — Junior Craig Ricci has recorded 2 SL victories for the Trojans, including a 6-0 shutout in his varsity debut. Kleinschmidt, Nathan, and Meister have all turned in "clutch" games for Niles in recent weeks.

Freshmen baseball is experiencing a great deal of success in 1972. As of May 2, Coach Bernie Greene's frosh had a record of 7-1-2. Hitting leaders include shortstop John Simms, second baseman Phil Spivak, and catcher Mike Hansen. Leading pitchers are Ken Lyons (3-1), Scott Slutsky (0-0) ERA 0.00 in 2 games, Steve Frankel (2-0), and Simms (2-0). A comprehensive story on frosh baseball will appear in the May 24 issue.



Rick Nathan reaches third base in 5th inning of Evanston game. The Trojans went on to score 2 runs in the inning and defeat the Wildkits 5-4. (Photo by Bill Stelter)

Troy Engages in Meet

COACH DEAN SLAVENS tracksters will be put to the test tomorrow as they compete in their final Suburban League meet at Evanston. Unlike recent years, the Trojans will be among the contenders in the field, evident by their combined indoor-outdoor record of 16-6. The reigning state champion Wildkits are once again the favorites as they prepare to defend their crown. An exceptionally strong showing by East would put them in a good position for the upcoming state finals at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston.

Junior Greg Brown recorded firsts in the 100 yard dash, 220, and 440 as Nilehi defeated host Elmwood Park 70-56 on Tuesday, May 2. Dave Gronski, Steve Sussman, and Bob Henry had to take supporting roles to Brown as each captured two first place finishes in their respective events. Credit should also be given to Mark Wilkans as he took a first in the shotput and a second in the discus.

THE FRESHMEN and sophomores combined their talents to trounce their counterparts from Elmwood 85-42. Corey Stricker stood out among his peers as he placed first in the 100 yard dash and second in both the 220 and long jump. The sophomores now have a combined record of 15-7 while the freshmen are 9-9.

At the Prospect Invitational on Friday, April 2, East finished fourth in a thirteen team field. Lyons Township came away triumphant as they finished with 61 points to York Community's 56 5/6. Hersey wound up third, Maine West fifth, and sister school Niles North sixth.

COACH SLAVENS, Tom Ristow, Jerry Ferguson, and Ken

Polaski have all been responsible for track's resurgence. Last year's squad was able to bring track back to respectability and this year's team has gone far beyond that. Prior to 1970, the sport was in a period of decline; now a very bright future is anticipated.

Golf Team Under Par

Teeing off to their 1972 Suburban League season, the Niles East golf team has suffered losses to New Trier East, Waukegan, and Evanston.

OUTSTANDING LINKSMEN for the varsity team have been Bob Stone, 42.2 average, junior Chuck Burgess, 44.2, and sophomore Andy Ruttenberg.

Despite a 1-2 record in the Suburban League, with a win over Evanston, and losses to Waukegan and New Trier East, the frosh-soph team looks forward to wins against Morton East, Oak Park, and Proviso East, after which they will face their toughest competition in Highland Park.

Although the loss of their number one golfer, freshman Ken Kramer to the varsity, has hampered the team, fine performances have been turned in by sophomores, Phil Cech, 49.4 ave., Alvin Johnson, 48.5 ave., and Rich Hertel, 48.8 ave.

WITH SOPHOMORE MIKE Rzadzki and freshman Phil Adelman being the most improved players on the frosh-soph squad along with mainstays, Cech, Johnson, and Hertel, the frosh-soph team anticipates a productive finish.

A SPORTING LOOK

by Norwin Merens

WITH HIS LEGS propped high, and a smile with sincerity pinned across his face, Coach Ken Polaski reminisced recently as he prepares to leave Niles East. Next fall Mr. Polaski will assume the position of physical education instructor and gymnastics coach at Mitchell High School in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

For the six year veteran of Nilehi, departing is with mixed emotions. Since 1966, he has formed many "school relationships," particularly in working with varsity gymnastics coach, Mr. Tom Sokalski. "It was a super friendship . . . I have never had greater rapport with a fellow teacher," remarked Mr. Polaski.

IN HIS YEARS AT NILES, he has witnessed transitions in school and athletics. When Coach Polaski arrived, the football team hadn't won a game for several seasons while Trojan basketball was experiencing success. Of course, haircuts were shorter, open campus did not exist, elective gym classes were only a dream, and girls never wore slacks to school. As for the change in students over six years, Mr.

Polaski believes apathy is greater. Cited the coach, "No one really supported the athletic programs when they were losers, and no one is going out of their way now to support them when they win."

Thanks For The Memories

Putting the many changes aside, Mr. Polaski described the satisfying and memorable experiences in coaching gymnastics, football, and track. Among other things, he long remembers three of the finest gymnasts in

In football, a 1967 frosh B game against Evanston will remain memorable.

COACH POLASKI also related two of the greatest moments in recent years. "In June, 1968, I supervised one of the buses to Peoria, when we played in the state baseball finals. The spirit even in defeat was tremendous. I will also remember the homecoming game (1969), when we defeated New Trier East 8-7 in the final minutes," added Mr. Polaski.



Coach Ken Polaski instructs freshman Lee Wisniewski during the 1971 football season. (Photo by Bill Stelter)

Niles East history. Initially, Coach Polaski recalled the exhibitions of Barry Sloten, who later became state champion in free exercise and trampoline. In the intervening years, it was Seymour Rifkind and honors. Now as he leaves, Coach Polaski knows gymnast Dave Apple and his 1972 state free exercise championship. Sticking to the sport, Mr. Polaski will remember coaching freshmen and sophomore teams to respective titles, numbering three and one.

As for track, he credits varsity coach, Mr. Dean Slavens with bringing the program back to respectability on all levels.

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In departing Niles, Coach Polaski wishes the very best to all sports. He is certain that 1972-73 will find Nilehi East on top, if not in contention in the Central Suburban League.

The Nilehite wishes Ken Polaski success as he embarks to Colorado on his new post.

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