

# Rainbow Crosses Nilehi As Finian Opens Tonight

NILEHIERS WHO WILL follow the rainbow to the auditorium tonight and tomorrow night will find "a pot of gold" in the form of "Finian's Rainbow" to be presented at 8:15 p.m.

The many hours spent rehearsing and polishing thick brogues and colorful dance steps have brought out some of the "Irish" throughout Nilehi. The St. Patrick's Day spirit has lingered on as cast and crew members stroll through the halls wearing glittering shamrocks and humming the melodies of that gay holiday.

Students venturing into the auditorium tonight and tomorrow night will share the dreams of an elderly Irishman that a pot of gold will multiply, will witness a leprechaun

and other Irish fantasies, and will possibly make a few wishes of their own.

Amidst all the gaiety and liveliness of the plot, songs such as "If This Isn't Love," "Old Devil Moon," "How Are Things In Glocca Morra," and "Necessity" will be heard, while on stage, miracles and strange happenings will occur left and right.

The colorful production is under the direction of East Music Chairman Earl Auge and Mr. James Douglass. Dramatics will be supervised by Miss Virginia Stemp, staging by Mr. Richard Tendick, and lighting by Mr. George Fink. Student Directors are Seniors Harriet Verbin and Robert Finn.

Acting leads in the production,

which is double cast, include: (Susan Mahoney) Sande Salstone, Marcia Paul; (Maude) Bonnie Sussman, Nancy Joslyn; (Finian McLonergan) Robert Ahrens, John Isaac; (Sharon McLonergan) Karen Kessler, Karen Engstrom; (Woody Mahoney) Jack Mise, Jim Albrecht; and (Og, leprechaun) Lorey Comitor, Jeff Siegel.

The crew chairmen are Jeannie Opperman and Barb Harrison, publicity; Barb Finder, Merle Jacob, and Karen Dreiffin, makeup; Judy Garro, ticket manager; Sue Furster, costumes; Greg Johnson, properties; Sarah Fox and Chuck Solomon, choreography; Vic Kurc, stage manager; and Dick Smith, stage crew.



OPENING NIGHT of "Finian's Rainbow," the colorful Broadway musical, features Lorey Comitor (cent.) as tonight's leprechaun, as he discusses a stolen bucket of gold with John Isaac (Finian). Tomorrow night's leprechaun is Senior Jeff Siegel.

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"WHEN THE IDLE RICH" is the musical background as Seniors Rick Millis, Sarah Fox, and John Isaac, and Junior Robin Skolnick go through rehearsal dance paces.

## 'Rainbow's' Run Hits 17 Years

"It is a fairy story with bite in it; kiss as well. The world will be in a sorry way when it closes its eyes against this Rainbow" — Sean O'Casey.

"It" is the Broadway musical "Finian's Rainbow" and Irish playwright O'Casey has no need to fear. "This Rainbow" has been a perennial in colleges, camps, summer theatres, civic auditoriums, and repertory theatres all over the country.

One of the few places where Finian's Rainbow was not extremely popular was London, possibly because the play was too Irish.

"Finian's Rainbow" first came to Broadway on January 10, 1947, and ran till May 17 for a total of 169 performances. The stars of the original production were Ella Logan, Don Richards, and David Wayne.

The ever-popular musical score was composed by Burton Lane, and E. Y. Harburg supplied the words.

Lyricist Harburg later explained how the musical came about. He had tentative ideas for two non-musical plays, but neither seemed to work out. One was about a bigoted Southern senator who turns black. The other was a fantasy about a leprechaun with three wishes.

"Then it occurred to me," he recalled. "Why not combine the two

## Seniors Dominate 'Finian' Male Leads

PLAYING LEAD ROLES in the Broadway musical "Finian's Rainbow" are Seniors Bob Ahrens, John Isaac, Jim Albrecht, and Jack Mise.

Appearing tomorrow night as the "nimble-witted, nimble-footed Finian McLonergan," Bob Ahrens lacks only Finian's 55 years. Bob's nimble-wit is apparent in his rank in the upper eight per cent of his class and his membership in National Honor Society; his agility is apparent in his four years on the basketball team.

"A travelin' man," the future lawyer has been in every state East of the Mississippi. To travel "Around the World in Eighty Days" or around the world at all is his dream. A member of choir, Bob plays the piano, clarinet, and guitar.

Interviewed in the Christmas issue of the NILEHILITE, John Isaac will portray Finian in tonight's performance. John played Ichabod in last year's musical, "Mr. Crane of Sleepy Hollow."

Appearing tonight with John, Jim Albrecht will portray Woody Mahoney, the returning navy hero who marries Finian's daughter. Jim, who hopes to become an entertainer, danced in Evanston's production of "Oklahoma!" his freshman year.

A member of choir for two years, Jim sings with several rock 'n roll

groups. Singing and playing lead guitar in his own group, "The Caravels," he entertains at parties and various church affairs.

Besides being a guitar player, Jack Mise, tomorrow night's Woody, teaches guitar to 50 strumming students. A member of another combo, "The Dynam-

ics," Jack belongs to choir, Hi-Y, and the N-Club.

In the upper 15 per cent of his class, the National Merit Finalist hopes to attend the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

## Musical Female Leads Fall To Underclassmen

VITAL TO THE PRODUCTION of "Finian's Rainbow" are acting choreography, and music.

Combining all three talents, Freshman Karen Engstrom and Senior Karen Kessler portray Sharon McLonergan tonight and tomorrow night, respectively.

Karen E. entertains as a member of Swedish children's singing and folkdancing clubs, which are planning a seven week trip to Sweden for the entire group this summer. President of a Y-Teens' Group, the freshman loves to sing.

Karen K. "adores children" and is "crazy about opera and ballet." The aspiring kindergarten teacher feels she could use her musical ability best in working with children.

The senior collects fans from all over the world and is a member of choir and Senior Yearbook Staff. Both Sharons (or Karens) belong to Lorelei.

Choreographer for the musical

comedy, Senior Sarah Fox has danced in Nilehi productions since her freshman year when "we portrayed nightmares and even scared ourselves," she recalled. Last year, in addition to choreographing "Mr. Crane of Sleepy Hollow," the choir member characterized a hoodlum.

Musically, Junior Kathy Haselton contributes to "Finian's Rainbow" as first piano player for choir. A cheerleader, Kathy also plays the flute and sings with Lorelei.

Sophomores Sande Salstone, tonight, and Marcia Paul, tomorrow night, play Susan Mahoney, a deaf-mute who speaks with her feet.

A member of Student Council, treasurer of Sophomore Cabinet and her youth group, and a cheerleader for CHUSY, Chicago Region United Synagogue Youth, Marcia hopes to become a math teacher. She has studied dancing for ten years and especially likes jazz.

## Mischievous Og Enchants Nilehi



## 'Finian' Breaks Tradition

Richard Rodgers, Oscar Hammerstein, Leonard Bernstein, Allan Jay Lerner, Frederick Loewe, Jerry Rose, and Richard Adler — each of these composers has contributed to past Nilehi musicals.

Until this year and "Finian's Rainbow," the musicals have been a combination of original stories and well-known music.

With "Finian's Rainbow," Nilehi East is producing its first musical straight from Broadway.

"Although giving a Broadway show is more difficult, it gives the students a better opportunity to study the techniques of a musical," commented Mr. Earle Auge, director.

In the past, such musicals as "Riding High," "Keep It Gay," "Off Camera," "All At Once," and

"Mr. Crane of Sleepy Hollow" have been presented.

"Student Life" began the tradition of annual musicals with its first performance in 1956. The show was again presented in 1960.

The plots of the various musicals have ranged from the complicated love life of college students ("Student Life") to the quiet life of a small, private school ("Mr. Crane of Sleepy Hollow").

"All At Once," the 1961 musical, was based on the story "My Sister Eileen" with songs from "Gigi."

"However, not all of the musicals in the past have had plots," stated Mr. Auge. "So that the musical would have more continuity, we decided upon a Broadway musical," he concluded.



BOB AHRENS (FINIAN), (cent.) arranges a wedding between Jack Mise (Woody) and Karen Kessler (Sharon) in tomorrow night's performance of "Finian's Rainbow."

Forum

# 'This Time of Year'

THAT TIME OF THE YEAR has finally arrived. Spring is here, and in addition to the annual flurry of spring fever which hits students like a plague, a certain disease is sweeping into full bloom, striking a select group of class-goers, seniors.

The affliction, called senioritis, is a problem that arises concurrently with spring fever, which makes it doubly difficult to cure; not that anyone, least of all seniors, would want to cure it.

Senioritis is the realization by nearly all seniors that homework no longer matters. It may indeed matter to their teachers, to the colleges they are going to attend next year, to their parents. It may matter to everyone else, but it makes no impression upon the seniors.

With the coming of spring, seniors completely lose any desire to do school work. Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors may also be drained of the schoolwork desire, but they must not show such an air of indifference toward school, for this right is traditionally reserved for seniors.

To the seniors, spring is the time when youth should be given complete freedom and should not be hampered and fenced in by such devices as homework. As a result, seniors pay little mind to assignments, get little work done in class, and worry none about not having done any work.

Some people say this is a destructive attitude to take, which may be entirely true. However, it is useless to attempt to cure senioritis, because as surely as spring brings blossoms, eighth semester in high school produces senioritis.

But to those who oppose senioritis, rest assured: the average person is usually troubled by this disorder only once during his lifetime, and snaps out of it very quickly the following September.

## Witness for the Substitution

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS face the problem of teaching classes that show extreme discourtesy and lack of respect. If you think that is something to laugh about, you try teaching a class like that.

When a substitute teacher walks into the classroom, students' manners vanish. Pupils are uncooperative and try their utmost to transform the classroom into an hour of utter confusion.

The most effective means of education is not the teacher who rules with the iron hand, yet substitutes at Niles must come prepared with strong mental armor to ward off the barrage of sarcastic remarks covering everything from insulting a teacher's age to accusing her of incompetency in her profession. Any sign of humanity on the teacher's part immediately becomes mistaken for weakness and triggers a class free-for-all.

Education should not be a grave, ponderous chore for students or instructors. But what instructor could look forward to going to class, knowing a group of 30 unmannered "children" awaited her entrance. That thought alone would instill a reluctance in the strongest teacher.

Even if the substitute finally manages to quiet the class, she must often deal with students who insist that she has gotten the wrong assignment, and who try to talk her into doing a lesson that has been covered previously.

It is rather ironic that students who complain most about the "inefficiency" of substitutes are the instigators of the trouble. Plaguing of the substitute can be stopped if students regain their lost respect and begin to practice manners, politeness, and common decency.

### To Re-define . . . Not Reconstruct

## Government Plan Voted by Council, Cabinets

TO RE-DEFINE rather than reconstruct student government, is the solution to the problem of strengthening student government at Nilehi.

The decision was reached recently at a meeting of Student Council and class cabinet representatives after hearing conflicting proposals of Council and Junior Cabinet.

Arguing that student government at Niles cannot be improved until the responsibilities of the individual class cabinets are clearly defined, Student Council President Jeff Siegel proposed the "clarification of duties for Council and the four cabinets" to strengthen student government.

#### Cabinet Duties Defined

He added his belief that the main duty of Student Council is to represent the entire school, and that the cabinets should concern themselves only with problems and suggestions of their individual classes.

However, his proposal was countered by Junior Cabinet, which presented a plan to re-organize Council and the cabinets into one

general assembly.

Junior Cabinet's plan also called for a five member co-ordinating board to act as a go-between joining the general assembly and the administration.

#### Raps Junior Plan

But Jeff maintained that any assembly of the cabinets and Council would be a "large, uncontrollable body . . . more of a dis-organization than an organization."

Therefore, the Student Council plan for strengthening student government proposed the re-vitalization of Student Planning Board as a 16 member body to co-ordinate student activities.

Planning Board would determine the student activity calendar, run the Leadership Training Conference (a "convention" of student activities), charter student organizations, and control the revolving loan fund.

#### Calls Government 'Voice'

During the "re-define or reconstruct" debate, the Council president pointed out that there is no true "student government" at



## Spotlighters to Stage 'The Greaser'

"YOU'RE 'DRIVING' ME CRAZY, or The Greaser," the skit Spotlighters will present at a safety assembly April 16, will star Junior Steve Skolnick as Gorgeous George Grease.

"Not only was your motor juiced up, but you were juiced up as well," Judge Paul Orlov, sophomore, tells Steve.

"Mein tateh! Has the mean judge been yelling with you?" interjects Freshman Lynn Stein, as Smaltzy Sadie, the Greaser's mother.

George's girl friend, Lolita Nymphette, Freshman Rhona Berkovitz, testifies, "I can't see why Georgey couldn't concentrate. He only had two arms around me."

Juniors Ted Kossof and Fred Reiner play Mr. Hi-Draulic, a driver-ed teacher and Dr. Labedo, a psychiatrist. JFK, played by Sophomore Joel Goldman, makes a guest appearance and Freshman Dave Urman is a sympathetic court reporter.

Sponsor Miss Sarah Blacher and Freshman Joe Gordon, who have adopted the pen name Gordblach, co-authored the script.

#### Tells of European Theater

Mrs. Liza Hobbs, an English teacher, spoke to the Spotlighters earlier this year about the European theater. On "the continent" people eat and smoke in the theaters. Sometimes a movie precedes the play.

According to Mrs. Hobbs, Irish actors are so expressive that it doesn't matter if one doesn't understand Irish.

#### Reads from Dickens

At another meeting Mr. Law-

rence Senelick, a drama director at Northwestern, read the Court Scene from Dickens' "Pickwick Papers."

"The Spotlighters' field trip this year resulted in several 'disenchanted' members," said President Sherry Ferdman, sophomore. "After seeing 'Carnival,' some of us went backstage and were amazed to see the 'real' Anna Maria Alberghetti — without make-up," Sherry recalled.

Vice-president Bronna Wasserman and Secretary Amy Wright, sophomores, are anticipating the annual Spotlights picnic. The Drama Club, having provided entertainment for the GAA service project, is also awaiting "Spring Fever," the Orchestis program, where Spotlighters will read poetry to dance by.

## Report Card

QUESTION: What preparation and tests are necessary for certain colleges and why is it important to begin testing and preparation early?

ANSWER: Colleges are becoming more selective in their admissions policies. They are looking for students with good grades and solid academic courses, like English, advanced math, laboratory science, language, and social studies.

In addition to specific subject matter entrance requirements nearly all colleges now require entrance tests. The American College Test (ACT) is used primarily by state colleges. The Scholastic Aptitude Test of the College Entrance Examination Board (SAT) is used as an entrance test mainly by private schools. Both these tests are taken in the senior year of high school.

Juniors should take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT), which is a forerunner to the SAT, and also the National Merit Test, which is similar to the ACT. These tests will give an indication as to whether the student can meet testing requirements at various colleges.

Mr. Merron Seron,  
Sophomore Guidance Counselor

## 'Something Sort of Grandish'

HELPING OTHERS IS more beneficial than helping only yourself, according to service-minded Nilehi girls.

For the past five years, Junior Laurie Miller has been working with blind and mentally retarded children. She is a counselor at a camp where she teaches drama, tumbling, singing, and games to the disabled.

"I want to be a psychologist," she commented when asked why she aided at the camp. There I learned how to work closely with people and make these children

feel comfortable and normal."

Soph Aids Nurse

Another good-willer, Sophomore Cindy Guerrero works as a nurse's aid at Illinois Masonic Hospital.

"I run errands for nurses and give baths to patients — preferably not men," Cindy said with a smile.

She has been working since September on Saturday afternoons, and has 120 hours credit. After receiving 200 hours, she will be promoted to the children's ward.

"I like volunteer candy-stripping," she added, "because I want to meet new people and partake in worthwhile and practical experiences."

#### Views Special Education

Junior Sue Corey is another Nilehier interested in those less fortunate than herself. She attended the yearly Illinois State Convention for Special Education last February and viewed classes for the deaf, blind, and mentally handicapped.

"After seeing those children," Sue remembered, "one either became discouraged or encouraged. I was stirred to help them."

During the year, the active junior is a Sunday school teacher and a counselor at the Niles Township Jewish Community Centers.

## Summer School Offers 92 Courses

"SUMMER IS a perfect time for students to enrich their curriculum or make up failures," said Miss Virginia Landwehr, junior guidance counselor who advocates taking one of the 92 courses offered.

During vacation a boy considering engineering as a vocation has an opportunity to take industrial arts which his schedule of four years of math and science prohibit. The college-bound girl can take the home arts course which will aid her in later life.

The summer offers a period for experimentation. Maybe a course in journalism or electrical principles would lead to a future career in the field. At any rate, very useful experience is gained.

The summer months are the time for a student to add typing ability to his repertoire or to take physics, which might be too heavy a course if taken during the year.

Bus routes have not been announced yet, but transportation to summer school will be available again this year.

All courses are offered at \$20 per semester, with the exception of driver education (behind-the-wheel phase) which is offered free.

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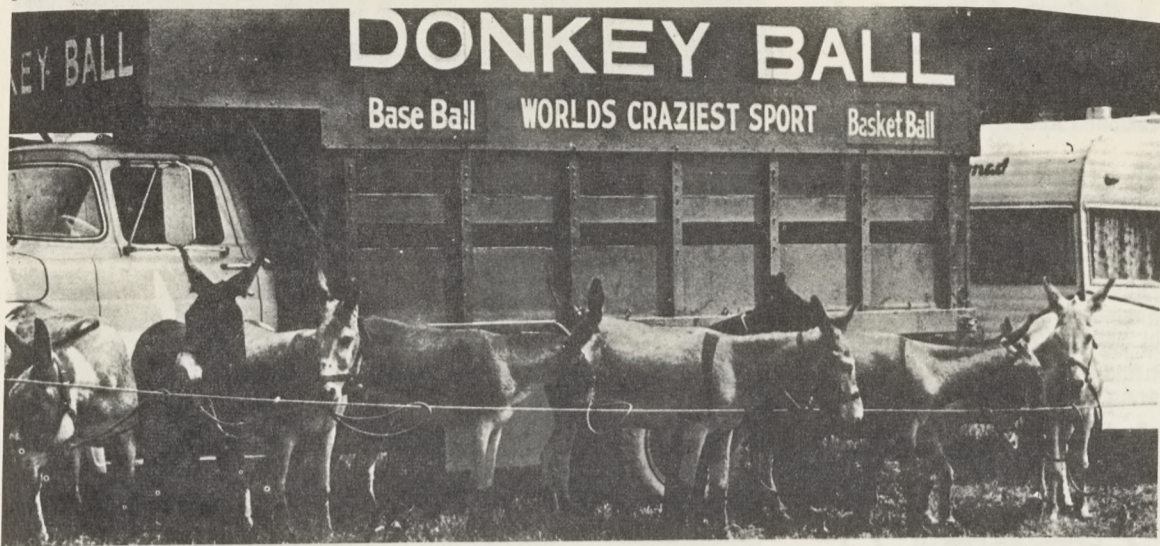
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# The New Trojan Horse?



**NO, JUST VISITING** . . . see how the pictured representatives of Donkey Basketball. These guests will appear in the Niles East Gymnasium on April 19, when they challenge East faculty members to a rousing ball game.

## Candidates for Council Office Do Much Planning, Campaigning

NOW THAT the 1963 Student Council elections are over, the new Council executive board will begin to prepare for next year. Prior to the elections, however, the candidates did a great amount of planning and campaigning.

Each potential officer needed a petition signed by 100 students and three faculty members. Also, the candidates printed cards, made posters, or painted buttons to help publicize their campaigns, which officially began March 29.

Since the last two weeks of March, the candidates worked on their speeches and skits for the assembly yesterday.

Junior Steve Bernstein and Micky Rothman, presidential candidates, were allowed five minutes to speak; Sophomores Scott DuBoff, Al Feder, and Ken Levitan, vice-presidential candidates, were allowed three minutes to speak; Juniors Daryl Deutchman and Susi Siegel, secretarial candidates, and Sophomore Robin Richman, candidate for treasurer, were allowed two minutes to speak. Extra time was allotted for skits.

When asked his opinion of the campaigning, the 1962 president, Jeff Siegel, commented, "This has been one of the most colorful and exciting campaigns ever. I think the student body has selected excellent officers; they will do an exceptional job next year."

Al Feder claims that his campaigning was "vigorous but well worth the effort."

He added that he hopes the "new executive board not only better student-teacher relations, but also better relations with other school groups."

## GAA Chooses Southern Plantation As Locale for Annual Turnabout

SCARLET O'HARA'S MANSION will be recreated when "Tonight at Tara," the 1963 GAA turnabout dance, welcomes Niles East girls and their dates on April 20, 8:30-11:30 p.m.

The annual spring dance, one of the major highlights on the GAA agenda, will take place on a typical Southern plantation. The Girls' Gym will be transformed into a quaint Southern ballroom skirted by fountains and gardens.

Couples will dance to the music of John Matz and his Melody-Aires.

Bids go on sale in the cafeteria April 1-19 for \$3 per couple. Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

Senior Sue Eichhorn will serve as general committee chairman. Other committee chairmen are Sophomores Linda Grimson and Fern Nadler, bids and tickets; Senior Gail Carlson, ceilings and centerpieces; Senior Cathie Wagner, halls and doors; and Junior Kathy Plough, corners.

## Senior Assembly Answers Questions About Graduation

When and where do we graduate? Can Seniors re-order announcements? Why do we leave a class gift? Can any senior appear in the Breakfast skit?

These and other questions were discussed at a Senior Class meeting, held March 27.

The meeting's purpose was to inform seniors about graduation plans," related Senior Class President Pete Nemkov.

The committees and their chairmen include Announcements, Shelly Mandell; Caps and Gowns, Sue Furster; Class Gift, Dick Wollack; Class Will, Judie Seigal; Breakfast Program, Rick Millis; Class Picnic, Ray Dean; and Graduation Program, Darlene Schmidt.

"Weather permitting, the June 12 graduation will be held outside. Otherwise, the ceremonies will be held in the Boys' Contest Gym," revealed Mr. O. T. Hendrickson, cabinet sponsor.

"Seniors purchase announcements to inform their friends and relatives of their graduation; they are not meant to be requests for gifts," explained chairman Shelly Mandell.

Most Seniors purchased their announcements and other momentoes this week. However, a re-order date will be Friday, April 19, during lunch periods in the north end of the cafeteria.

Sue Furster, Caps and Gowns chairman, explained that both the girls' white gowns and the boys' blue gowns will be given to seniors on June 5 to be taken home for pressing.

"Only caps are needed for the mandatory June 11 rehearsal," reminded Sue. "The gowns and mortar boards must be returned following commencement, but tassels may be kept."

The Senior Breakfast taking place in the Niles' East Cafeteria on graduation morning will feature a skit and speakers.

"I urge all seniors interested in participating in the skit to contact me," emphasized chairman Rick Millis.

## Niles East Plays Donkey Ball

"HEEEHAW AND GUFFAWS" will resound through Skokie when Student Council presents Nilehi's first donkey basketball game on Friday, April 19.

Students will play the faculty in the first game of the doubleheader. The donkey teams, specially trained and imported from New Philadelphia, Ohio, will feature the "Rowdy Rover Boys, Clown, Balky, and plain old stubborn jackass."

"If we have a successful turnout, Council hopes to make the donkey basketball game a tradition," said President Jeff Siegel, "unless the administration changes its yeas to neighs," he punned.

The rules permit the four mounted players on each team to "push and struggle for the ball by any known method (slugging prohibited) and anything can happen."

"Most students' only association with the donkey was at childhood parties, but I'd hate to see anyone try to pin a tail on these donkeys," commented Council Sponsor, Mr. John Hallberg.

Cheerleading Council members Cynthia Garro and Kathy Finn wonder how the donkeys would react to the cheerleaders. Tickets for the game will be 50 cents for students and \$1 for adults.

Manager of the Varsity basketball team and Council Vice-President Jeff Sandler hopes the Trojans have more luck on the donkeys than they did with their feet on the ground.

## NILEHILITE Wins First Place Award

"We were all greatly pleased," exclaimed NILEHILITE Editor-in-Chief Art Rotstein in commenting upon the First Class Honor Rating the NILEHILITE recently received from the National Scholastic Press Association.

One out of only 28 high school papers in the United States to gain the award in its class, the NILEHILITE fell less than 100 points short of the All-American Newspaper award, which is given to a very small number of newspapers each year.

The contest is sponsored by the University of Minnesota School of Journalism. The judges are all professional journalists with extensive backgrounds in publication work. All are college graduates, and many hold degrees from schools of journalism.

Strong points which counted in the NILEHILITE'S favor were creativity, feature stories, editorials, and sports coverage, all of which received ratings ranging from very good to excellent.

The ratings show how a high school paper compares with the other newspapers in its own classification. This year, there were a total of 1,129 papers in 40 separate classifications.

## Students, Faculty To Switch Places

FRIDAY, MAY 3, will bring an air of unusualness to Niles East. On this day Dr. Keith Kavanaugh will look strangely like Student Council President Jeff Siegel.

This is not a case of transmutation, but rather the result of Student-Faculty Switch Day.

Students Assume Key Positions Besides Jeff, others assuming key positions are Senior Pete Nemkov as "Dr. Harris" and Junior Ron Rojo as "Mr. Ihne." Council Vice President Jeff Sandler will replace Mr. Miller, while SSO Chairman Norm Glutzer will step into Mr. Spatafora's shoes.

Sponsoring this first annual Switch Day is the East Student Council, with Senior Vicki Gershberg heading the Switch Day committee. Aiding Vicki are Senior Karen Slotky, Junior Wesley Jones, Sophomore Barb Harrison, and Freshmen Vivian Sherman and Marsha Levitan.

According to Vicki, "Various classes and their teachers will decide on the teacher for a day cooperatively." She also expressed hope that "those students chosen as teachers will take their appointments seriously."

No Exams Scheduled There will be no tests on Switch Day because a typical classroom situation is desired. The teachers will be able to relax and may even attend classes dressed as students.

## 'Hilite Previews . . .

The next three issues of the NILEHILITE include one more regular issue, the traditional apprentice issue, and the Senior issue.

"The Teahouse of the August Moon" will be the featured story of the regular issue coming out on May 3.

The apprentice issue of May 24 will be written by a combination of Mr. Norman Frey's Journalism 2 class and the future staff for 1963-64.

The 12-page senior issue of June 6 will be interspersed with nostalgia and plans for the future. Features included will be interviews with the Prom king and queen and valedictorian, plus messages from Senior Guidance Counselors and other administrators.

## A Funny Thing Happened On the Way to Senior Bike Day



**OH BOB, POOR BOB,** he's left his spare tire in the closet and he's feeling so sad. Senior Bob Couzin is the unhappy victim pictured. He's feeling sad because a flat tire means no bike for Senior bike day, which took place last Monday.



**BUT THE SHOW MUST GO ON** was the cry of dozens of seniors as they mounted their bicycles to open the 1963 cycling season. However the East-West baseball game which was to be their destination, was postponed until Tuesday.

## Teachers Reveal Vacation Plans ...

## 'Relax! Relax! Relax!'

by Mark Swirsky

Ask a college student what comes to mind when spring vacation is mentioned and he might say, "Fort Lauderdale."

Ask a high school student the same question and you can expect any kind of an answer.

But ask a teacher and the answer will undoubtedly be, "Relax, Relax, Relax."

Falling perfectly into this pattern are Math Teachers Miss Rhoda Brown and Miss Sara Aslanian whose vacations will consist en-



tirely of "good ol' relaxation."

While Miss Brown and Miss Aslanian plan to spend their leisure time on native grounds, Miss Julie Brazil, English teacher, will vacation on the sandy beaches of Nassau.

Also heading south will be Mrs. Mildred Cheadle, typing instructor.



Mrs. Cheadle's destination is a secluded spot between Fort Myers and Dade City, Florida.

University of Michigan Graduate

Mr. Richard Murphy, math teacher, might be reminiscing with some old fraternity brothers next week as he intends to spend the spring recess visiting in Ann Arbor, Michigan, home of about 20,000 Wolverines.

Mr. Norman Frey will be traveling east in a Volvo sedan with other English teachers, Miss Verniel Lundquist and Mrs. Janice Griffith and her husband. The group will depart immediately after school today and head for New York City for four glorious days of sightseeing and four glorious nights of theater going.

English teachers Miss Irene Klaff and Mrs. June Todd will have a little less to look forward to than their colleagues. Studious Miss Klaff will be attending classes at Northwestern University next week

and Mrs. Todd has the misfortune of having her vacation at a different time from her husband's and will be in a self-imposed solitary confinement.

Mr. James Miller, director of



student accounting, replied, when asked his vacation plans, that he intends to "vacate."

Mr. John Burkell, gymnastics coach, however, went one up on Mr. Miller when he responded, "I don't know. Somebody told me never to commit myself to newspaper men."

## Absences Jeopardize Academic Progress

Missing school unnecessarily jeopardizes student academic progress, concluded Superintendent Clyde Parker's administrative council last week.

Parents should help their children, Dr. Parker said, by not permitting them to take days off from school without good reason, such as illness or other unplanned incidents.

According to the school's philosophy of attendance, "Absence from school is generally regarded as the greatest single cause for failure in school."

The philosophy reflects that absence begets absence insofar as the student who feels himself hopelessly behind in his school work will tend to be absent more frequently.

According to Nilehi attendance regulations, there are excused and unexcused absences. Excused absences are granted for illness, death in the family, and extraordinary emergency such as fire.

Excused absence is also granted when special permission to be absent is requested at least four days in advance by a signed explanatory note from home that a particular obligation cannot be taken care of outside school hours.

Dr. Parker said, "It is too bad when a student has to be absent from school with legitimate reasons. Students absent under these conditions are given every chance to make up the educational loss. But when a student misses school with no good reason, when planning would have saved an unnecessary absence, then it is worse because valuable learning experiences are being thoughtlessly cast aside in an age when every educational endeavor is important."



LOTUS BLOSSOM in "The Teahouse of the August Moon" is portrayed by Senior Arlene Morishita. The spring production, directed by Mr. Alvin Schwartz, deals with an Army official who contributes money for the building of a Japanese teahouse. The play will be presented on May 3, 4 and 5 in the auditorium.

## Youth Council Elects Officers

GOT A GRIPE? Take it to the Youth Council.

Since the formation of this group, the first of its kind in the area, teens can receive special treatment. Under the chairmanship of Rich Mittenthal, senior, the Council will work to improve youth facilities in Skokie.

Other officers elected at a recent meeting are Senior Harvey Slutzsky, co-chairman; Senior Rachel Amado, secretary; and Junior Steve Bernstein, treasurer.

According to Mr. Irving Slutzsky, youth commissioner, the Council is to help teen-agers to attain mature, responsible attitudes toward their community and to represent the youth of Skokie as a whole rather than specific groups.

Mr. Slutzsky added that the Council "had the power to tackle any necessary problems if they were 'moral, legal, and not embarrassing.'"

The 18 representatives from Niles East, Niles West, and Evanston High Schools are the nucleus of the organization. Others from any Skokie church, synagogue, or school are welcome.

## Students Advised On College Choice

"A college is as good as the person that goes there." Such was the statement made by Mr. Valmer Erickson, senior guidance counselor.

He explained that many seniors are unrealistic when choosing their various colleges. Some students are unrealistic by merely going to college.

"Prospective college students that want one specific course of study often apply to schools that offer no such curriculum. The reason is that one college is more well known than the other."

Mr. Erickson feels that the University of Illinois and Wright Junior College are looked down upon because "everyone goes there." This particular attitude he considered wrong.

Following the college theme more carefully, Mr. Erickson stated that all high school students should not go to college.

"When in a residential area like our own, the student is pressured by his family and community to go on to a college education. The boy or girl who really wants to get a job oftentimes attends a college simply to keep up with his friends. Such a student does not want to feel inferior to his friends and so he conforms. Thus, college often produces a negative effect on those who really do not want to be there."

Mr. Erickson said that all colleges, whether large, medium, or small, two-year or four-year, have educational benefits. It is the student who makes or breaks his college life.

## Plane Ride Bouncy, But Boys Like Trip

"The trip was fun," recalled Freshman Barry Wolpoff, "but the plane ride was terrible — we bounced all the way."

Barry recently returned from a three day all-expense paid tour of Washington D.C. which he won for selling \$486 worth of subscriptions to the Skokie Life Newspaper last summer.

Accompanying him was Sophomore David Greenberg who was runner-up in the subscription contest, a winner from Chicago, and a representative from the Skokie Life papers.

Barry and Dave visited "nearly all the government buildings and monuments," including Mt. Vernon, Arlington Cemetery, the Tomb

of the Unknown Soldier, and the Capitol Building.

"Also," Barry added, "we viewed a meeting of the House of Representatives and visited the Senate Building."

Then with a laugh he continued, "We had two really unexpected experiences: first, when a boy who was taking pictures at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing had his camera confiscated by a government agent, and then when we were stranded at the Capitol Building for an hour and a half after we missed our bus."

"We even saw the John Glenn Capsule at the Smithsonian Institute," commented Dave who is vice-president of the German Club and an honor roll student.

## English Students See 'King Lear'

When King Lear foolishly gave his kingdom to two of his daughters, slighting the third completely, 15 English 81 students were watching.

On March 29, the group feasted at the Red Star Inn because, according to Senior Jeff Siegel, "the rates were delicious."

Mr. Norman Frey and Mrs. Alice Green, the English 81 teachers who chaperoned the group, went along "just for the fun."

Mr. Frey commented, "I had a delicious German dish, Zweifelfleisch au gratin which is a plate of meat bathed in cheese and sauce." For dessert the entire group was served apple kuchen, a large, hot apple pastry.

Senior Dick Wollack said that "the best part of the evening came during the meal. Then we all got to chat with Mrs. Green and Mr. Frey and learn of their wit and humor."

When asked how the trip evolved, Senior Fran Weinman answered, "We're all friendly and wanted to do something as a class. 'King Lear' came just at the right time."

Chuck Vetzner, another senior who traveled with his classmates, added that "the trip was great and will certainly make our study of the play easier."

Mr. Frey concluded, "We all had such a terrific time that Mrs. Green and I have already decided to take our seniors to see 'Death of a Salesman' next year."



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## The Dating Game . . .



**THE GIRLS** do the asking for the GAA's annual Turnabout Dance, "Tonight at Tara," to be held Saturday, April 20. Junior Cathy Bobera and Senior Karen Kessler are shown above "lining up dates" for the dance.

## No Secret Panels Here, But Additions Hide Many Rooms

EVERY CASTLE you read about or see in movies has 101 secret compartments in which to hide.

Although Nilehi doesn't have rooms concealed behind movable panels, rooms like the Textbook Center and the Balance Room seem to be hidden when students try to find them for the first time.

Five building additions in the past eight years have caused some rooms to be cut down to small offices, and their entrances have been obscured.

Room 218D, Mr. Ted Beranis' office, exists because of recent construction. This office is part of the old library's balcony. You find 218D by first locating 218A.

This room is between the library and 220. After entering 218A, walk down a long corridor to the heart of this room, the AVA Center. Then go through the doorway at the far left of the room, which is next to Dr. Parker's East Division Office. Go through this door, then the door next to it, up two flights of stairs, and you're there — 218D.

Walking up the stairs by the library to the third floor, you can search for two of the least known rooms in the building, the Textbook Center and the Balance Room.

After reaching the top stair, turn right and walk to a door marked 318. That is the Textbook Center.

## Have You Heard? . . . Spring is Here

HOW DOES Nilehi know it's spring?

Isn't this the time of year when your best friend insists you go to second period class via the court because "it's so nice outside"?

How about the almost unbearable brightness of the sun on the connecting bridges between wings?

In the morning, you don't seem to mind leaving the house a few minutes early so you can stand on the corner waiting for the bus and

To find the Balance Room, simply turn around, go through the science wing to the opposite end of the floor. Walk out the glass doors and stop. It's the wooden door on your right. In this room the delicate scales and balances of the Science Department are stored.

But the most difficult room to find is the office of Head Custodian Jules Roels. You first go to 126, down the stairs, then down more steps on the right . . .

### 'More Education . . . Less Social Life'

## Miss Hagemann Explains French Education

"I'M SO GLAD you asked," smiled Miss Jean Hagemann, French teacher, when questioned about her year's stay in France. "I love to talk about my trip."

Teaching conversational English last year at l'Ecole Normale d'Institutrices in Northeastern France's mining region, she acquired first-hand knowledge of French schools and students.

At age six or seven, the university-bound student enters a "lycee" or a "college," both of which are combinations of elementary and secondary schools. Upon graduation he attends a university.

Non-university students first enter an elementary school, after which they choose either a vocational or a normal school.

### Girls Live in Dorms

Normal schools train girls to teach elementary school. The state

enjoy the smell of spring. Why, you might even consider walking to school!

Even a walk into town to the library or the dentist after school doesn't seem such a chore now that spring is here.

Yes, everyone and everything has its own special way of greeting spring, and Nilehi is no exception. Have you ever seen so much clock-watching during seventh period lately or heard such loud locker banging at 3:25, or have you . . .

# Pet Peeves of Nilehi Girls Told in Survey

WHAT ARE A girl's pet peeves? A recent NILEHILITE survey found out.

Sophomore Jill Brown placed gum-cracking on top of her list of pet peeves.

### Tries Gum Cracking

"People who crack their gum don't realize how bad this sounds," she says. "I really don't know how they do it. I've tried to crack my gum many times, but with no suc-

cess. I wish I knew how and could give the gum crackers a taste of their own medicine."

### "Potato chip borrowers" are Junior Pam Carnall's pet peeve.

"The people I eat lunch with seem to like my potato chips. They've finished eating them before I have seen one chip."

### Stresses Individualism

Junior Sue Bair seems to think

that people should act like individuals.

"People always feel they have to follow the crowd and are afraid to be an individual," Sue commented. "The crowd isn't always right, but it's usually too late for the follower to find this out."

### Irked By Longer Hair

Blonde Leni Epstein, a junior who has a two-foot ponytail, is disturbed with girls who have longer hair than she does.

"I really get jealous when I see girls with hair longer than mine, but at least I know mine is real," she laughed.

"People with long fingernails shouldn't put so much emphasis on them," stressed Junior Aileen Hirsch. "By emphasis, I mean when they run their nails up and down the blackboard. The chills just run up and down my spine. I feel like cutting their nails off. That would show them!"

## Remarcs . . .

by Marc Zwelling

Dear Underclassmen:

NOW THAT YOU HAVE SET up your programs for next semester, I think it's a good time to let you know "what you're in for" by describing some of the courses you may have enrolled in.

You may have signed up for geometry. This is a course for squares, as well as triangles, circles, parallelograms, and perpendiculars. In geometry you will learn that the sides of a parallelogram are parallel and equal. (This explains why your book covers never fit just right.)

U.S. History is a course that puts your memory to a test. You should remember what has happened through roughly three centuries of American history after completing this course. A good fact to remember is that Pedro Cabral discovered Brazil in 1500. This isn't too earthshaking, but if you tell it to your teacher he will think you have learned something.

Algebra is a rather difficult course. In algebra you seek unknown answers by using unknown numbers. Because you don't know what the numbers are, you call them "x" and "y." It isn't so difficult after all, is it? You also learn that if you subtract 4 from -7, you get -11. It may take you several days to understand this. (Like from New Year's Day to Columbus Day to Bastille Day.)

Biology is a valuable subject. Anyone who wants to be a chef should take biology. In this course you will learn to chop up worms, open crayfish, split apart frogs, mix hydrochloric acid, and count beans. An important thing to remember is when dissecting a frog, always cut from the front to the back. It doesn't make any difference to the frog, but it will make your instructor happy.

Now that I have told you what awaits you next semester, I'm sure you are all anxiously anticipating the opening of school in September (when you can try to get transferred from all those courses you signed up for "by mistake.")



## The Teen Crier

by Barb Finder and Shelly Mandell

### PREPLINE, USA —

Leilehua (Hawaii) High School held its fifth annual International Racial Beauty Pageant recently. A queen was selected in each racial category: Caucasian, Japanese, Chinese, Hawaiian, Filipino, Portuguese, Negro, Korean, and Cosmopolitan.

Bow Week at Proviso East found students showing class spirit by sporting bows of their class colors.

Twice monthly, Morton East honors an outstanding student at a Rotary Club meeting. Students selected belong to the National Senior Honor Society. The purpose of these visits is also to promote interest in business for the future.

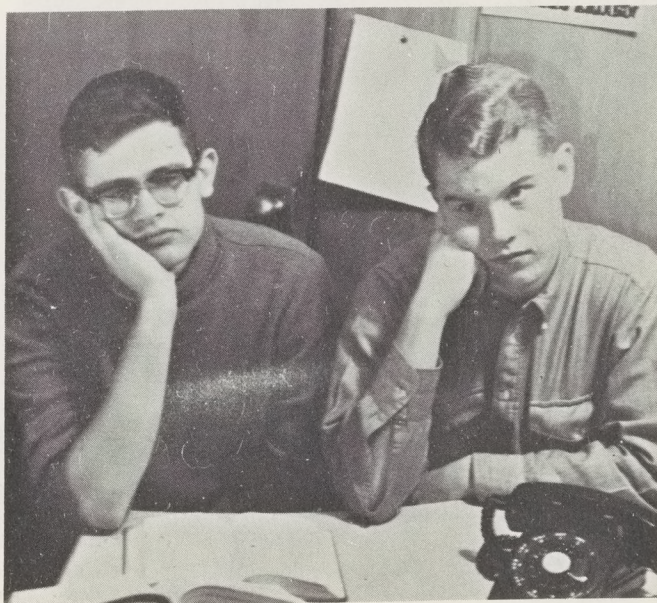
Lollipop Day is being planned for Schurz students. The sales proceeds will be used for GAA scholarships.

The principal of St. Michael's Roman Catholic High in Jersey City, N.J., has issued an edict threatening his 600 boys and girls with expulsion if they go steady.

"Exotic" meals — French, German, and Spanish cuisine — have been served to Colby (Kan.) High School students in their cafeteria. The meals were planned by the language classes.

And upperclass girls at Waukegan High are taught synchronized rope jumping in phys ed classes.

## . . . and the Waiting Game



**THE BOYS** do the waiting by the phone. Seniors Vic Kurc and Bob Finn are the boys waiting for invitations to "Tonight at Tara."

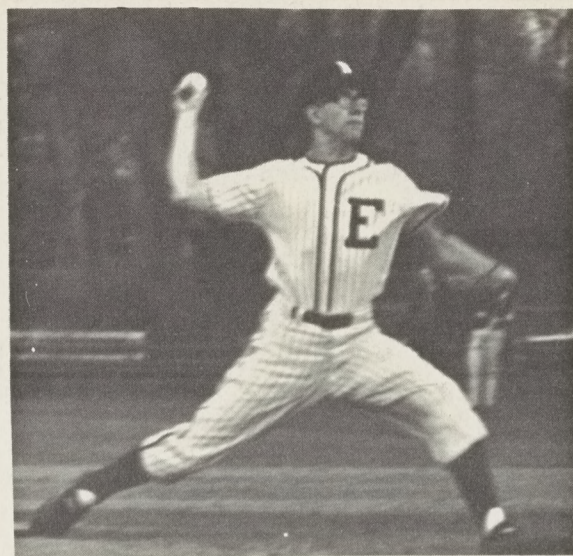
# Diamond Squad Edged 5-4

## West Tallies Four In Final Inning To Take Opener

THE INITIAL VICTORY of the baseball season was snatched from Nilehi East's grasp Tuesday afternoon by arch-rival Niles West in the final inning of a shortened game, as the Indians rallied for four runs

to down the Easterners 5-4. The game was called after five innings because of darkness. Troy scored three of its four runs in the fourth inning on four walks, a fielder's choice, and a sacrifice fly. Catcher Mike Cavanaugh and second-baseman Jeff Wolf received free passes from West hurler Jack Jobst, who relieved starter Kim Harfst, and the Trojans loaded the bases with none out as Trojan pitcher Bill Toelke reached first on a fielder's choice.

second inning when Harfst walked in a run with the bases loaded. Toelke gave up one unearned run to West in the first four innings, but ran into trouble in the fifth. The first two Indians reached base on an error and a walk, and following another error which moved both runners into scoring position, an infield out scored one run, trimming the lead to 4-2. Another walk followed, and then Eddie Bruksch of West delivered a two-run triple, tying the game. A moment later, he scored the decisive run, crossing the plate following a sacrifice fly. East threatened in the final round, as Bob Shearn led off with a double to center field, but the Trojans could not push him around to tie the score.



IN THE ACT of striking out one of several Indians in Wednesday's East-West baseball game is Trojan Hurler Bill Toelke. The Trojans dropped the five-inning decision 5-4.

## Net, Golf Teams Start Season Exhibitions

by Mark Swirsky  
NILES EAST'S VARSITY TENNIS team went into action this week with three non-conference meets while their counterparts on the golf squad were limbering-up at Arlington Country Club.

Jobst kept astray of the strike zone, however, as he walked two more, Dick Minors and Stu Richter, to score Cavanaugh and Wolf, giving the Trojans a 3-1 lead. West changed pitchers, and the Nilesmen scored their final run as Bob Lis lofted a sacrifice fly to left field.

The Easterners had tallied in the

## N-Clubbers Dumped By Firemen, Faculty

A 64-37 TRUNCING by the faculty and a 39-37 overtime loss to the Skokie Fire Department dealt a double blow to Nilehi's N-Clubbers last weekend.

In the opening contest, a basket by Fireman Art Anderson in an overtime period with five seconds remaining spelled defeat for a scrappy bunch of Junior N-Clubbers. The game was close from the second quarter on, as the N-Clubbers stormed from a 10-4 first quarter deficit to a 20-18 half-time lead.

High man for the victorious firemen was Bill Sommers with 10 points, while Larry Shapiro chipped in 8 to lead the lettermen.

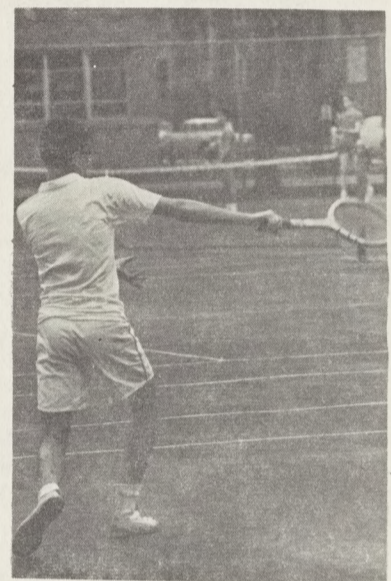
The difference in the game was the firemen's superiority in the rebounding department.

The Faculty-Senior N-Club game was an entirely different story as the Faculty led at the half 34-16, and increased their lead to 50-20 at the close of the third quarter.

Bob Henderson dropped in 18 points to lead the faculty's easy victory, while Val Erickson aided with 13. Bill Toelke cashed in 8 points to top the N-Clubber's losing cause.

Wolfensohn will combine for one doubles team, while Dicks and Bob Poindexter will probably team for the other.

The netmen open their Suburban League season at Oakton Park against New Trier on April 20.



SMASHING a backhand is Senior Ricky Kaye while practicing for the season opener against Hinsdale last Tuesday. Kaye and cohorts were defeated 5-0.

with mononucleosis. Kaye finished out the season last year playing first singles and looks like a solid bet to repeat. Second and third singles spots are still relatively open, with Juniors Dennis Dicks, Stan Rossman, and Spencer Greene, and Sophomore Ron Siegal contending for the two positions. Lettermen Gary Sax and Larry

Ruttenberg Injured  
The linksters suffered a serious loss when returning letterman Bob Ruttenberg sustained a leg fracture at the N-Club-Faculty game last week.

Ruttenberg, a junior, will be incapacitated for approximately the first three meets of the season.

Varsity Golf Coach Tom Kiviluoma has also welcomed back senior lettermen Charlie Anderson and Jack Berger, and Juniors Ron Perlman and Ron Rojo.

Top Positions Open  
Perlman, Berger, and Junior Pat Nevill figure to fight it out for the three top positions. Contenders for the fourth and fifth spots include Mickey Rothman, Bob Tepper, Rojo, Anderson, and Senior Louis Page.

Although Coach Kiviluoma predicted only an "average" season for his men, several of the team members are more optimistic.

Ron Perlman predicted that four boys on the squad would average under 80 strokes a round in competition. Top scorer last year was Berger, who averaged 81 strokes a match.

Varsity Tennis Coach Steve Morgan thinks his netsters can notch a .500 plus season which, according to Coach Morgan, "is pretty good, considering we lost four good seniors last year."

Kaye Recovers  
Niles' chances were enhanced this week by the return of Senior Ricky Kaye, who recovered from a bout

## Tracksters Start Outdoor Campaign

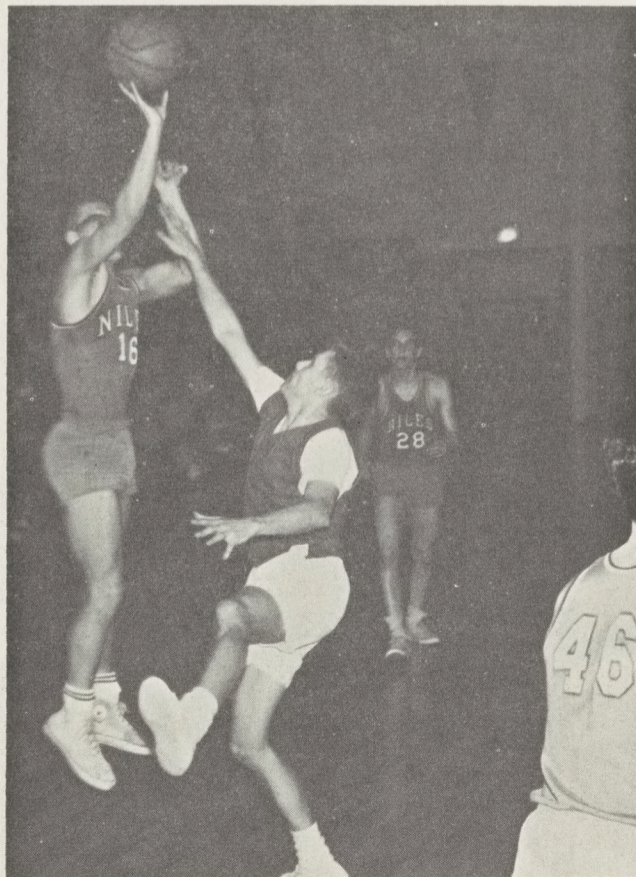
by Al Schaps  
THE TROJAN varsity tracksters open their outdoor season today as the Arlington Tigers visit the Easterners' lair.

The Nilehiers will be seeking revenge for last year's narrow defeat at the Tigers' hands.

The indoor season concluded last Saturday at the Oak Park Relays, as the Trojans failed to dent the scoring column against such competition as last year's state champion Phillips, which only managed a fourth place finish. Alton High School won the meet, with Bloom of Chicago Heights second and Proviso East third.

The East cindermen managed two dual meet victories during the indoor season, coming over Schurz and St. Patrick's.

The outlook for the outdoor season is somewhat cloudy, as Coach Dave McCarrell is not yet sure how the boys who competed in winter sports other than track will develop. These boys have competed in a few indoor meets but are not as yet in tip-top shape.



ATTEMPTING TO BLOCK the shot of Senior N-Club member Bill Toelke is Tennis Coach Steve Morgan of the faculty squad. The teachers romped 64-37.

## According To Art

by Art Rotstein  
Sports Editor

ONE YEAR FROM NEXT SEPTEMBER, the third high school in District 219 will become a reality. Niles North will join Niles East and West, completing the vast expansion program which the township has undergone during the past six years.

With the establishment of the third high school, several questions arise. What will happen to East's status in the Suburban League, a position it has held for the last 11 years? Will the Trojans of East remain in the SL, or will they, due to a population depletion, be forced to drop out and enter some other league?

Also, what will become of North? What league will the fledgling school, its teams nameless right now, enter?

AT THE PRESENT TIME, it appears that Niles East will remain in the Suburban League. No plans are under way to remove the Trojans from the SL ranks.

The question thus arising from this is: just how will Niles fare against much stronger (in the number of students) opposition? By the time the third school is activated, Niles East will have a student body of approximately 2000 or less, while Evanston, Proviso East, and Waukegan will be nearing or over the 5,000 population mark.

The burden of proof will be upon the coaches, naturally, and most important, on the students of Nilehi themselves. How well they can meet the challenge which will face them will be determined by the willingness of the students to wholeheartedly support the teams and develop true student spirit.

IT HAS BEEN PROPOSED that Niles North be made a three-year school in 1964, to somewhat alleviate the disaster of the 1962 East-West split. However, even if this did happen, North would enter the Mid-Suburban Conference the following year, competing on the varsity level.

Thus, no matter how the split is affected, by 1965 Niles East will once again be faced with the problem of fielding athletic teams able to compete against much larger SL squads on an equal basis. Whether or not the student body can meet the challenge remains to be seen.

### Trojanettes

## GAA Agenda Pushing Ahead

WHEN TULANE UNIVERSITY'S swimming team competed against Emory University last Feb. 9, it marked the first time in history that girls had participated in a Southeastern Conference interscholastic athletic event.

The two girls who were on the Tulane team are both former members of the rapidly growing Girls' Athletic Association. Niles East is one of more than 600 high schools in Illinois that has a GAA program under the supervision of the Illinois League of High School Girls' Athletic Association.

But relax, boys. There's no imminent danger of the fair sex taking your places in Suburban League competition. Although there are a number of women and girls throughout the school who can meet their male counterparts on even terms athletically, Mrs. Carol Turpin, GAA sponsor, feels that there will be interscholastic athletics on a co-educational basis only when the American Association of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation sanctions such activities, which is unlikely in the near future.

GAA Stimulates Competition  
"GAA offers a chance to stimulate competition among the girls themselves," said Mrs. Turpin. "It is my hope that through GAA girls may get the practice they need in their special fields of interest and development."

Niles East has joined with Niles West, Evanston, Maine West, and Glenbrook in forming a Girls' Interscholastic Tennis League. According to GAA rules, girls may not take part in actual competition against rival schools except in

archery, golf, and tennis. Next year, badminton will be added to the schedule.

However, girls from all member schools throughout the state may participate in "postal" tournaments in basket shooting, bowling, and swimming. In this competition girls do not compete against each other, but against a standard set by the league.

Several Scholarships Available  
GAA members are eligible for several college scholarships, one of which is available to girls who major or minor in physical education. It is the Arlene M. Merz Memorial Scholarship, awarded in memory of a Niles girl killed as she returned home after a GAA program, and it offers \$100 a year to girls from Niles East and West.

This year Nilehi East's GAA will present two special programs open to the public. On April 26 there will be an Orchestral, or modern dance, production, followed on May 17 by a water ballet.