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# NILEHILITE

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March 16,  
17 and 18 at  
West Division

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## West Student Government Keeps Actively Engaged

"A ROLLING STONE gathers no moss" is the motto under which the West Division Student Council is operating this year. Under the direction of Howie Alder, president; Ray Berens, vice-president (now acting president); Dave Recher, treasurer; and Roseann Schiff, secretary, the Council has gone through a semester of busy activities and carries a full agenda into the second semester.

One of the major activities of the Council this year was to organize the following eight committees: Student Lounge, School Betterment, Transportation (buses to away games), Safety, Courtyard, Lost and Found, Elections, and Pep Club.

Early in the year, the Council supervised the annual Magazine Drive which drew a profit of \$903 for the Council treasury. The Council also provided the guides for the dedication of the West Cam-

ture will further ornament the patio. Bob Feinberg, chairman of the committee working on this purchase, solicited bids from several companies. The company from whom the furniture will be purchased is Corkles in Chicago, at an estimated cost of \$860. It is scheduled to arrive during April.

The most recent activity concerning the Council has been the establishment of a school store. However, the West Division school store is a unique one. "We believe the school stores are more bother than they are worth, but since we are located way out here, there is a definite need for one. So when we heard about this idea we took advantage of it," stated Mr. William Bost, Council sponsor. The idea being used: vending machines placed in the Student Lounge that supply all types of notebook paper, typing paper, pencils, and pens.

### Sophs Receive Class Jewelry In Early May

UNDERCLASSMEN will be harder than ever to recognize this spring since the sophomores will be receiving their class rings in May.

The Sophomore Cabinet, sponsored by Mr. Donald Johnson, is making plans for displaying the ring samples during the first part of March. They will be showcased for one week. A representative from George Spies, Inc., will then take orders and collect the student's deposit. The Spies Company was awarded a three year contract for Nilehi rings which is effective until 1961. At that time the competition will again be open to all the companies.

Besides handling the purchase of rings, the Cabinet has some long-range plans in process. In the spring they will sponsor a picnic for St. Hedwig's Orphanage in Chicago, which is a traditional Sophomore Cabinet project. During the spring vacation the Cabinet is holding a party for the Freshman Cabinet.

"This activity is designed to strengthen the relations between the two cabinets and moreover between the Freshman and Sophomore Classes," stated Dean Donile, Sophomore Cabinet president.

Plans are also in the making for the Cabinet-sponsoring of an all-school dance in May.



Mike Skol and Donna Norman listen attentively as Dr. Daniel Albright explains the rules of the sixth annual Thom McAn Leadership Awards Program.

## Essay Writers Compete For Leadership Award

"MAGNIFICENT BUILDINGS which reach toward the sky are regarded with admiration. The source of their admiration, however, stems not from the edifice itself, but, rather, from its sturdy foundation. A similar principle applies to a person's success as an individual. This phase of success requires a firm foundation and is obtainable only through a college education."

With this as her opening, Donna Norman, senior, went on to explain more fully her reasons for wanting to go to college. This was done in connection with the

sixth annual Thom McAn Leadership Awards Program for high schools all over the country.

Each high school which accepts the invitation to participate in the contest submits two essays on the topic "Why I Want to Go to College." One of the essays must be written by a girl and the other by a boy; only seniors are eligible to try for a prize.

The prizes include a variety of cash awards to the twelve boys and twelve girls selected nationally. The winners will also be judged on personality, grades, and school service as well as the essay.

Nilehi's two winners are Donna Norman and Mike Skol. The opening paragraph of Mike's essay is as follows:

"It is superfluous to say that I want to go to college in order to earn a better living, for a college education is a prerequisite for most of today's higher-paying positions. College, however, represents something greater than just a means to more money. It is the symbol of man's questioning mind."

## Curtain to Rise On Spring Play

CURTAINS WILL RISE ON "Cheaper by the Dozen," this year's spring play, on May 15 and 16, in the West Division theater. "Cheaper by the Dozen" was chosen as this year's play because of its opportunities for presentation by teenagers, according to Miss Virginia Stemp, dramatic coach.

The story is a comedy about a family with twelve children. The father has a mania for saving motions and practices his experiments on his large family. He is an old-fashioned man who cannot picture his teenage children as young adults. Hilarious incidents occur when the father's ideas clash with his children's, says Miss Stemp.

"Cheaper by the Dozen" enjoyed a successful run on Broadway, and was also made into a movie. The play is adapted from the book of the same name, written by Frank B. Gilbreth and Ernestine Gilbreth Carey, two of the actual children.

The play is set in the 1920's. Scenery used will be a spiral staircase, wallpaper, and old-fashioned furniture.

"Cheaper by the Dozen" is not only a comedy, according to Miss Stemp. It gives a touching insight into the lives of the Gilbreth family.

There are nine parts open to boys and seven for girls. Tryouts are scheduled for March 16, 17, and 18 at the West Division theater. There will also be opportunities to serve on crews for the presentation.

## Students Plan Programs; New Courses Are Offered

REGISTRATION FOR next year has begun for Nilehi freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. West Division students planned their future programs on March 10, 11, and 12, while registration in the East Division took place during the week of March 9-13.

During registration, students had a choice of new courses offered for the first time at Nilehi. These included Russian 1 and 2, in the West Division, which will be taught on the sophomore level by Miss Alla Sauch. Also in the West Division, biology will be offered to outstanding incoming freshmen. The students who will take biology in the first year will then follow the four-year sequence with chemistry, physics, and advanced biology, chemistry, or physics.

In the East Division an advanced American History course will be offered to seniors. Twenty out of the 61 students who have applied will be chosen for the class, which will be taught by Dr. Bernard Zagorin. It will be a college level course which will substitute for the usual senior social studies curriculum.

Seniors will also be able to

choose for their fourth year of English either one or two semesters of Modern Communications.

Two courses are being added in the Business Education Department. Business Arithmetic is a one-semester course especially designed for students enrolled in bookkeeping, clerical, or secretarial practice who need to review basic arithmetic. Business Communications is also a one-semester course, offered in the fall to seniors and in the spring to juniors who need to brush up on grammar and letter writing.

"Of course," explained Mr. Keith Hertweck, East Division Assistant Principal, "the courses are subject to enrollment and may be changed if necessary."

For those students interested in summer school, a survey of the courses they wish to take will be taken April 27, 28, and 29. On the basis of this survey, a summer school program will be drawn up and students may register on May 18, 19, and 20. A minimum of 15 students are required per class. Summer school will begin June 27 under the direction of Mr. Orlan Ruyle.



Mr. William Bost, West Council sponsor, discusses council activities with Dave Recher, treasurer, left, and Ray Berens, acting president

pus during the fall.

One of their proudest achievements thus far has been the organization of the Student Lounge. Ken Norgan and his committee have arranged for music to be piped in and for a coke machine. The Lounge is monitored by members of the Council. It is open each period for those students having a study period; admittance is based on the student's scholastic average.

Other activities throughout the year have included the revision of the Student Council constitution, supplying busses to all of the away football games, arranging for next year's WD Student Council elections, and raising money for the children of Our Lady of the Angels School fire in Chicago. A total of \$303 was collected for this cause.

Recently the Council has been busy with the United Fund Drive. They collected \$403 for this charity drive. This will be combined with the money collected on the East Campus and sent to the various agencies.

The WD Council was asked by the ED Council to sell 600 Student Directories. To illustrate the efficiency with which the Council operates, they sold all the directories in one day!

The courtyard in the West Campus this spring will be blooming with many plants and shrubs. Besides this detailed landscaping, the purchase of redwood furni-

## East Council Hosts SL Council Meet

The Nilehi East Student Council will host the second meeting of the Suburban League Council on March 14. This SL Council is composed of four representatives from each of the Suburban League schools' student councils.

The meetings are conducted in a round-table discussion group. There are no elected officers of this organization; each host school provides a discussion leader and a secretary. The topics for discussion are determined by each of the member schools. These topics are comprised of ideas and problems confronting the schools.

The East Division Council members planning the details of this meeting include Pat Burke, Beth Dickson, Lenny Engstrom, Jerry Hildebrand, and Carole Waller.

The Service Committee of the ED Council will provide the refreshments. The first session will begin at 10 a.m. and break for lunch at 11:30. The second session will commence at 12:30.



## Of Cabbages and Kings

## Seniors' Rights—Why Not?

SENIOR IS A VERY SPECIAL WORD in most schools. To anyone who is not a senior, this word carries prestige, importance, and power; to anyone who is a senior, the word means very little. Students wait for three years to become seniors, but when they arrive at this coveted position, they find that it is no different than any other school year. Instead of the prestige and power that the seniors expected, they find that they have only hard work with very little gratitude.

The seniors feel that they should have some special recognition in the school. They would not feel that all their work was unappreciated if they received some compensation.

The seniors have requested a special senior day. Why not? Other schools have one, and our seniors deserve one, too. It need not be a "slob day," but merely a special celebration which would be reserved for the seniors. This day could possibly be a day when seniors were excused from attending classes, or when they could wear something to distinguish them from the rest of the students.

Nilehi seniors are not now distinguished from the other students. While monitor posts and study hall positions should be reserved for seniors, more often than not juniors hold these offices. If there were not enough seniors to fill these positions, it would be fine for the juniors to fill them; but with many seniors wishing such offices it is unfair for juniors to gain preference over seniors.

Seniors have also lost prestige by the division of the Nilehi campus. Because of the separation of schools, sophomores have been given positions comparable to those which were formerly reserved for seniors: president of the West Student Council, Tri-Hi-Y and Hi-Y, and Foreign Language club.

The seniors can understand the administration's reluctance to give them any special privilege, considering some of their past performances. But by having this day, being a senior would mean having a special privilege, not given to everyone in the school. The graduates would feel a certain pride in being a senior, which would help create an atmosphere of loyalty to the school more effective in building school unity than any forced pep assembly could ever be. Each senior would be proud to uphold the good name of his school; the "Niles Rowdys" would become the Nilehi seniors.

## Nilehi Talks...

Dear Editor:

IS OUR SCHOOL IN FINANCIAL difficulty? It seems that way! Saturday, Feb. 14, Niles played Evanston at Niles. A usual practice has been for a pre-game sale of tickets at \$.75. For this home game there was no pre-game sale. This means that those students who went to the game paid an extra quarter. Multiply this by the number of students, and it comes to a pretty penny. If the school is in difficulty, why don't they let us in on it? And if not, would it be asking too much to get the crossed signals straight?

A Budget-Minded Senior

Dear Editor:

OUR EAST DIVISION STUDENT COUNCIL is really making the most out of the limited facilities that are available this year. The Student Lounge is just one example of this policy of "make do with what you have." We haven't got the exclusive room that the West Division has, but the lounge at East manages to give enjoyment to the students. It serves through the coke machine, ping pong tables, and juke box. Your story about its opening did justice to this "Leisure Lodge" of ours. The students have shown their appreciation to the Council by really co-operating with the lounge monitors.

A Thankful Junior!

Dear Editor:

EVER SINCE THE STUDENTS were assigned special seats during pep assemblies, there has been a decrease in sportsmanship. I think that the pep assemblies that were voluntary and did not require special seating proved to be the best.

Connie Brodzik, Junior

Dear Editor:

WHY CAN'T THE HOMEROOM ADVISORS give the same information to all the homerooms? Several advisors don't read announcements, and therefore members of these homerooms walk around in a cloud!

Daily announcements are often the only way for most clubs to publicize their meetings. Many people don't realize that participation in extra-curricular activities shows school spirit too!

Can't anything be done about this situation?

Linda Joelson

Dear Editor:

WHY CAN'T SOMETHING be done about drinking fountains in the new wing? Ever since my sophomore year they have been this way. There is no pressure and the water is always warm. I know many students agree with me, and I hope this letter can accomplish something.

A Thirsty Senior

## Attendance Office Moves; New Location—Room 112

THE NILEHI EAST Attendance Office has received its "walking papers." It has been evicted from its five-year-old nook near the entrance to the cafeteria and partitioned into room 112, the SSO headquarters.

It seemed that the fire commissioners, after a complete inspection of the school, ordered the present site of the attendance office moved, for safety's sake in case of fire, to make way for an exit to the parking lot. The



SINCE THERE ARE SO MANY TRADITIONS and superstitions connected with Friday the 13th, the Inquiring Reporter wants to know "What is the worst thing that has ever happened to you on Friday the 13th?"

KAREN BRODSKY, JUNIOR: "I started kindergarten on Friday the 13th, and ever since then, I've had nothing but bad luck."

SHERWIN LANDERMAN, SENIOR: "I dropped my briefcase on my toe."

LORNA FYFE, JUNIOR: "Friday the 13th is about the only day that something hasn't happened to me!"

MARK PEPPERCORN, JUNIOR: "What's so special about Friday the 13th? I'm not superstitious."

MISS DORIS PICCINO, TEACHER: "I came to school."

HARMON MOTCH, SENIOR: "I decided to put up black feet."

CHARLIE BROWN: "I don't know, why is everybody always pickin' on me?"

LINDA DRESHER, SENIOR: "Being chased by a black cat. (Carol Stern)"

CAROL STERN, SENIOR: "Tripping on my tail while chasing Linda Dresher 'Me-ow'."

BOB JONAS, JUNIOR: "Some superstitious persons threw salt into my eye."

DAN GOOZE, SENIOR: "I tripped over a black cat, had a twenty foot ladder fall on my head, and threw salt over my shoulder into a policeman's eye."

SCOTT BEST, JUNIOR: "I couldn't get a date for Reflections."

BILL McGRATH, SENIOR: "My brother was born on Friday the 13th."

## East and West Hi-Y Hold Dad's Banquets

AN 11-YEAR TRADITION OF HI-Y East has been adopted by HI-Y West. Tuesday, March 10, was the first time that Hi-Y West presented a Dads and Lads Banquet for its members and their fathers.

Held at 7 p.m. in the West Division cafeteria, the banquet featured Ara Parseghian, Northwestern University football coach, as guest speaker.

"The banquet enables the boys to conclude a successful year with a festive get-together and also honors the fathers," explained Mr. Arthur Colver, Hi-Y West adviser.

The club officers received service awards and Harold Norris and Jim Puccinelli were chosen outstanding freshman and sophomore respectively.

Keeping up its tradition, Hi-Y East will hold its annual Dads and Lads' Banquet on March 16. An editor of an aviation magazine will speak and show slides of the latest news in jets and missiles. The program will also feature music and skits provided by the boys.

only place available for the Office to move was room 112, so a partition was erected dividing the room in two.

All of the arrangements for the new Attendance Office will be completed by today (Friday). The Office will officially begin to operate from its new quarters beginning Monday, according to Mr. Leo Hoosline, attendance officer.

Mr. George Roth, SSO sponsor, commenting on the situation, remarked, "We in the SSO think of the change in a mathematical way, subtraction by division!"

## College Representatives Come To Nilehi for Juniors and Seniors

"I'VE GOT MY RACCOON COAT and my football pennant; I'm all ready for college, but to which one should I go?"

This is the universal problem of Nilehi's juniors and seniors which confronts Miss Aune Toivola every day. Most juniors and seniors are all ready for college, but they don't know which one to attend.

In order to solve the problem, Miss Toivola sponsors a program by which different colleges send representatives to Nilehi to tell about their various schools and what they offer. In the past, such universities as M.I.T., Yale, Brandeis, Mundelein, and Oberlin have been among those represented.

There is nothing better than a visit to the chosen college, but it would be almost impossible for every student to travel all over the country visiting campuses. Instead Miss Toivola visits such colleges as Yale and Mundelein and "captures" their spirit to bring back to Nilehi.

## Hi-Y East Inducts Fifty New People

THE 12TH ANNUAL Formal Induction Ceremony of Hi-Y East was held on Sunday, February 22, in the East Division assembly room.

Mr. Ken Littrell, representing Skokie Valley Y.M.C.A. and the Board of Education, was guest speaker at the program, which began at 3 p.m.

Other parts of the ceremony included the presentation of recognition awards to first semester officers by Dr. Keith Kavanaugh, the presentation of membership cards by Mr. George Roth, club sponsor, to the 50 inductees, and the singing of "The Lord's Prayer" by Sharon Hanley, junior.

## Registrar Leaves Nilehi Resigns After 10 Years

A DREAM THAT HAS FOUGHT to materialize for one year is finally going to come true for small, slender, dark-haired Mrs. Florence Keppeler.

Mrs. Keppeler, better known as the registrar, has worked at Nilehi for ten years. She has watched the school grow until it became "too big for its britches" and another school had to be built. She has seen students enter and graduate, including her own son, Frank, '52, and her daughter, Nancy, '56.

As registrar of Nilehi East, Mrs. Keppeler knew almost everything about every Nilehi student, even though she had never met them. Transfers, registrations, course cards, honor rolls, permanent records, college applications, and the checking of diplomas, honor point awards, and perfect attendance records were some of the duties that helped her to know something about each student.

Then, Mrs. Keppeler felt that she had worked long enough, and she submitted her resignation, only to find that she was indispensable to Nilehi until another registrar could be trained to take her place. Four months ago, Mrs. Bea Godfriaux, whom Mrs. Keppeler had not seen for 30 years, came to work at Nilehi, and after a year of waiting, the vacancy of the registrar was filled.

Now, Mrs. Keppeler looks forward to gardening and doing things around her house, but most of all, she is looking forward to having the time to be a housewife again.

## Spotlighters Present Play At March P.T.A. Meeting

"IQ HIGH-AMBITION LOW" is the title of the play to be presented by Nilehi East's Spotlighters club at the next Niles Township PTA meeting on March 18.

The theme of the play concerns high school students who have a great capacity for learning, but who sacrifice it for a good time.

The cast is composed of Mike Skol, Tom Connors, Linda Joelson, and Pat Burke. The two student directors are Ellen Enke and Marcia Kamps.

Miss Judith Davis, sponsor of the club, said, "The name of this type of play is 'Sociodrama.' This means that the play itself provokes discussion on the problem indirectly portrayed."

A panel discussion pertaining to the serious aspects of the play will be moderated by Mr. Bill Bost. The two students taking part are Murray Averbach and Mary Masell.

## Atomic Energy Subject Of Argonne Lab Visit

HOW ATOMIC ENERGY IS being used for the betterment of mankind was the subject of a visit made by Mark Peppercorn, a junior, and Mr. Carl Burgener, Nilehi physics teacher, when they visited the Argonne Laboratories in Lemont, Illinois, recently.

"The two most impressive things we saw were the CP5 atomic reactor and the gamma ray facility," said Mark. "The CP5 supplies all the electricity for Argonne now, and after it's made practical, a reactor such as this might supply Chicago with all its electricity."

"The gamma ray facility preserves food through radiation," he explained. "They showed us meat that had been preserved for two years without refrigeration by this means and was perfectly safe for human consumption."

"A trip such as this enables one to see that there is great hope for the peaceful use of the atom to benefit mankind," Mark concluded.

## Vivace Performs At Many Meetings

DRESSED IN DARK SKIRTS and white blouses, twenty girls from Niles' Vivace sang at Vosnos Restaurant in Morton Grove, on February 24, at the meeting of Skokie's Rotary club.

Among the songs were "Snow White Fantasy," "Bushel and a Peck," "In the Still of the Night," and "Lord's Prayer."

Among its various singing engagements, Niles' Vivace has performed for the Kiwanis Club and the Michigan Shores Country Club.

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**SKITS, MOVIES, AND SPEAKERS** keep Nilehi students active in clubs that keep pace with their usual school-year programs.

Nilehi French students are preparing scenes from the French novel *Le Voyage de Monsieur Perichon*, for their March 18 meeting. According to Miss Jean Hagemann, club sponsor, the meeting will be held in the assembly room, and refreshments will be served.

**Hi-Y** scooped the Iowa Department of Agriculture, as well as more than 200 other people, when it showed the movie "Exploring by Satellite" at its March meeting. Delta Films, the producers of the film, brought it to Niles for its premiere showing.

Pins and Pans club held a joint meeting March 4 for both East and West Division. A special program was given consisting of a demonstration on the preparation of appetizers.

**Latin club**, under the sponsorship of Miss Lois Lamberg, has begun its yearly preparation for their big event, the Latin Banquet given in May. Their last meeting was held February 18, which consisted of a short business meeting followed by a program.

The Industrial Arts club sponsored by Mr. David Burgett is now beginning to function again after being disorganized since Christmas vacation. This informal club, dedicated to boys interested in shop, provides the boys with a chance to work on projects.

A professional dancer visited the Spanish Club, and the other foreign language clubs of East Division, on February 23. The purpose was to teach the students Spanish-American dances.

Four former Nilehi students now attending nursing schools will hold a panel discussion for the Future Nurses Club on March 19. These former students are Barbara Gordon, Pat Hoppe, Ann Marie Czerwonka, and Sally Brevick.

After a closing of the Teachers of Tomorrow library during the month of January, the college bulletin library is now open again. A large number of new pamphlets have arrived for the library which are available to all TOT members. The library is open every morning from 7:50 to 8:05.

Miss Sobel, a Northwestern student teacher, and Mrs. Jean McCarthy, psychiatrist working in Niles Township schools, spoke at the March 6 meeting of the Teachers of Tomorrow. They discussed the courses which teachers are required to take in college and fields of special education. TOT members also received their club pins.

Congratulations to the three "gold key" art awards winners of the regional scholastic art contest! They are Gwen Urelius, Suellen Krupp, and Barbara Safirski. Gwen and Suellen also won 1958 awards.

## What, Me Superstitious?

**SO YOU DON'T THINK YOU'RE SUPERSTITIOUS!** Well, we'll find out if you are. Do rabbits' feet, broken mirrors, black cats, or four leaf clovers mean anything to you? If they do, whether you admit it or not, you're probably superstitious. But don't feel bad, you've got plenty of company.

Even today in our scientific society, people are still motivated by superstitions. Office buildings omit the 13th floor, it's considered impolite to open an umbrella in a house, and many people still carry good luck charms. Maybe there is something to being superstitious.

Let's take the case of Allowicious Bimblewaukee. Being determined to disprove the idea of superstitions, he endeavored to practice every superstition he could.

He purposely walked under ladders, allowed black cats to cross

his path, and repeated all the nonsensical rhymes and proverbs that superstitious people do.

Now we know that he was contradicting himself by exposing himself to both the good and bad signs of the mystic belief, and so did the gods, who didn't like being mocked. So they decided to make trouble for our friend.

While walking under a ladder, the workmen using it happened to drop a can of paint on him. Opening an umbrella inside also proved disastrous for our boy, as he knocked over and broke a valuable antique vase. Allowing a black cat to cross his path was near-fatal when it happened to be on a hunting trip and the cat was a panther.

Carrying his rabbit's foot proved a little unwieldy with the rabbit wiggling in his pocket, but trying to extract a horseshoe from some unlucky mare, gave

him almost as much trouble.

The 200 pound man sitting behind Allowicious in a restaurant when he threw salt over his shoulder didn't particularly appreciate his antics. (Neither did Bimblewaukee when the man got through with him.)

He also lost many a girlfriend by saying that his itchy nose meant he was going to kiss a fool.

The crowning blow to make him believe in superstition came to Allowicious on Friday the 13th. On that day after having a 13 course meal, he tumbled down 13 steps, broke 13 ribs, and spent 13 weeks recovering in a hospital.

And so as the gods chuckled to themselves Al began to wonder if maybe there wasn't something to being superstitious. Who knows? Maybe there is, so beware!!!



**HI AGAIN!**

**BLACK CATS**, walking under ladders and breaking mirrors are symbols of bad luck especially today, Friday the 13th. I hope your luck is good today. After all, Friday the 13th is only a superstition conveying bad luck.

**CELEBRATING EARLY?**

Although Saint Patrick's Day is still in the future, Bill Nack had a pre-celebration of this famous "wearing of the green" day when he wore a pair of bright green slacks to school.

**IT'S DANDRUFFING**

Looking out the window during a recent snow storm, senior Jim Kahn was heard to remark, "It looks like one of the angel's dandruff days."

**DID YOU KNOW?**

That our foreign exchange student, Joe Taglibue's father is vice-mayor of his home town, Villasantata, Italy?

**A LITTLE YOUNG**

During a recent discussion in his first period family living class, Mr. Mike Basrak mentioned that his twelve-year-old son, Roger was interested in models. As an afterthought, he added, "Plane models, that is."

**THE FIFTH AMENDMENT**

The famed Juke Box Racket Hearings, now being conducted in Chicago, have touched the hallowed ground of Nilehi's East Campus. It seems that the juke box in the East lounge was purchased from a man who was called to testify before the investigating committee. Our machine is now in need of repair and the Student Council can't get hold of him!

**CORNY BUT CUTE**

Some folks think that fleas are black  
But I don't think that's so,  
'Cuz Mary had a little lamb  
Whose fleas was white as snow.

That about takes care of the latest campus news, jokes and classroom incidents for this week. See you next issue, On the Avenue.

Bye for now,  
Sandy Brumley

is one of the best schools in the Suburban League," he continued. "What really bothers me is kids who are always ready to criticize Niles, but never participate in any activities or do anything to benefit the school."

With his friendliness, ability to get along with people, and genuine good nature, Denny is sure to be a success in all his future plans.

The NILEHILITE staff would like to extend its sympathy to Judy Young on the death of her brother Ronald, a 1957 graduate, who died March 2.

## Seniors in the Limelight...

Pat Teichert

Pretty, perky Patty Teichert started her high school career with a "slip of the slip." "It was the night of the Freshman Mixer, my first high school dance," recalls Patty. "I was so nervous. My mother had bought me a beautiful pink dress with rows and rows of crinoline. As I danced I had a very funny feeling. Then, as I looked down, I saw my rows and



rows of crinoline lying on the gym floor!"

Pat has survived this embarrassing incident and has gone on to become one of Nilehi's busi-

est Jacquelines-of-all-trades.

During her four years at Nilehi she has been in Glee Club, Choir, Vivace, vice-president of Sophomore Tri-Hi-Y, Senior Cabinet representative, vice-president of the Student Union Board, Reflections Revelries, modern dance groups, choreographer of "Keep It Gay," and this year she has the role of Vivian in "Off Camera."

Pat, being a Mormon, plans to attend Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, which is affiliated with the Mormon Church. She wants to major in home economics because "every girl should have a broad background in homemaking. Ten years from now I plan to have completed four years of college, have married the right guy for me, and have settled down to being a successful wife and mother."

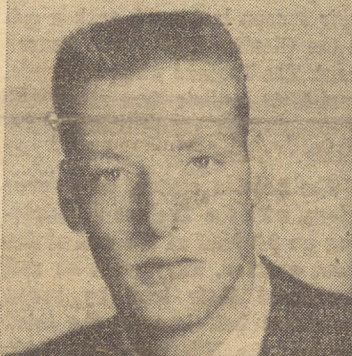
"My likes and dislikes are confined mostly to food," joked Pat. "I'm crazy about lime sherbet, pink lemonade, and hard rolls. I despise onions and strawberries." On her black-list, however, are people who make insincere comments, and CTA bus drivers who think that they own Oakton Street.

Denny Corr

"TEN YEARS FROM NOW, I'd like to be a wealthy, retired businessman, racing sports cars in Europe," laughed Denny Corr when asked what his secret ambition was.

"Seriously though," he continued, "I plan to major in business administration in college and someday own my own business."

This tall, blond senior's sense



of humor is well known at Nilehi. "I'll never forget the night Jim Tansor and I doubled," he quipped. "We had dinner at the Polynesian Village and didn't have enough money to pay the bill! I was hardly embarrassed," added red-faced Denny.

Denny is known for doing unusual things. After last year's Christmas dance, for instance, he and three other couples went to bogganing. "That was a riot," laughed Denny, "but the toboggan ran over my head."

While at Niles, Denny has gone out for football and basketball as well as being active in N-Club, Senior Cabinet, and SSSH.

"My most outstanding experience at Niles is winning the New Trier and Evanston football games," stated Denny enthusiastically. "I'll never forget the Evanston game," he added. "During the warm-up before the game, I tripped over a cameraman's case, knocking down two Evanston cheerleaders."

In his spare time, this active senior enjoys hunting, boating, swimming, and "clowning around." His likes run the gamut from prime ribs, medium rare, to "77 Sunset Strip", Bridgette Bardot, and 7th period speech class. Dislikes are only twofold for Denny; homework and cold pizza.

"If I could improve Niles in some way, I'd replace the gas station-like lights in front of school," Denny mused. "Actually, I think Niles

## Mentally Handicapped Receive Aid at Nilehi

**IN A SMALL CLASSROOM** in the West Division, a hopeful campaign is going on, whose goal is to educate the educable mentally handicapped.

Who are the educable mentally handicapped? They are children who are not able to learn in an ordinary classroom situation; children who cannot learn to read until they are about nine years old but who, with special help, can become useful citizens.

There are three classes of mentally handicapped children. First, the untrainable — those who can neither be taught nor trained. Second, the trainable — children who can be taught such simple household tasks as making beds and doing dishes. Third are the educable children, the ones who attend Nilehi's special class.

Their curriculum is designed to cover citizenship, communication, community and family living, health, safety, social adjustment, and travel. Courses in arithmetic, fine arts, language arts, physical education, practical arts, sciences, social studies and work experience are also included.

Miss Winefred Wells, who teaches the class, is specially trained in work with the mentally handicapped.

The Niles Township Director of Special Education, Miss Dorothy Patch, is in the process of setting up a program for the mentally handicapped. Under this program, each educable child would be given an education from the primary grades through the age of 21.

Those chosen for the program are kept on the basis of extensive tests, observation, and advancement. Only those students who meet the requirements are kept in the group. The others are dropped back to a program designed for trainable children.

Because they are aware of the world around them, the educable mentally handicapped ask one favor — to be accepted.





BY JEFF LAMPERT

## WHY NOT?

Why shouldn't I say we have some of the best teams Nilehi has ever seen? Why, when we will see signs of them all over.

First our showing in football; and now a state champion wrestler, not to mention the best basketball team I can remember.

If you're looking for individual stars, what about Bill McGrath in wrestling and football, and Ron Henrici, all-state football player. Of course our state wrestling champ, Glenn Kuehn, figures high on the list. Then there is Ron Lis, who was chosen for the all-Suburban League second basketball team. Our teams have really done a great job.

Our four spring teams are just rarin' to go, but what about you—boys. For those track all-stars, who were so unhappy about my statement last issue, I will rephrase it. All track stars not included, the rest of you guys who can't get that big major letter — try track.

The majority of athletes participate in sports the year 'round. One sport complements another; you cannot participate in one sport, and sit around the rest of the year doing nothing. You must stay in shape. That goes for you clowns who never were in shape, as well. Look at Lis and Henrici, both three-sport men. In the fall its football, in the winter basketball, and now baseball.

Its time for the spring sports now, and for those athletes who want to stay in shape. Track is the sport for you. You want reasons? All right, I'll give you reasons. First, you will probably win a berth on the team as there are so many events in track, you are bound to excel in one of them, and second, it is a good conditioning sport.

If you are interested, even if you are not out for any other sport, practices are being held every day in the West gym. Everyone who tries out will be given a good chance to prove himself, according to Coach Bob Frala.

So there it is my friends, the good word on the track team, and some school spirit jazz. Till next issue just remember one thing. When they ask you; why have school spirit? Tell them, Why Not?

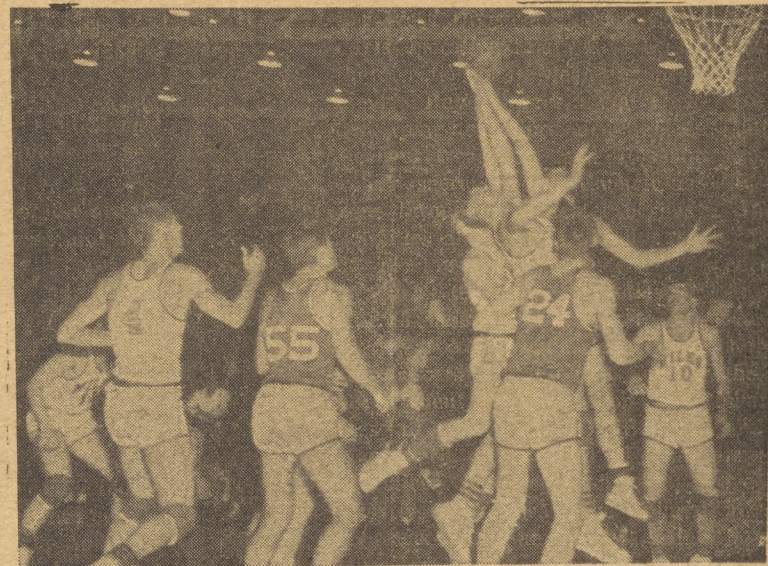


# Hoopsters Finish Season In Triumph Over Proviso

THE TROJAN FIVE finished the season in style, as they trounced Proviso, 54-45.

Niles jumped to a first quarter lead, but fell back in the second period. The third quarter was about even, and at the end of three periods of play, the Pirates led 39-

34. The fourth quarter saw the Nilehi machine move into action. In one minute the score was tied, and then the Trojans forged ahead. Excellent rebounding by Captain Ron Henrici, and Bill Reading, complimented by three



Bill Reading (with glasses) fights for a rebound, as both teams look on. Niles beat the Proviso Pirates, 54-45.

## Trojans Trounce Leyden, Lose Next in Regionals

BY MIKE RUBY

THE NILES TROJAN VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM wound up their season last week with a split in the Glenbrook Regional Tournament. The Trojans whipped Leyden East 57-48 in their first game, only to lose in the semi-finals 73-58 to Maine.

The Leyden contest was never close, with the Trojans maintaining an 8-3 lead at the end of the first quarter. They went on and increased their lead by seven points at half-time. In the third period, the Nilesmen won their third straight quarter 14-12. The fourth quarter was a wide open affair with the Trojans being edged 25-20.

The Trojans hit on 63 per cent of their free tosses while the Eagles hit on 64 per cent. The Trojans out-hit their opponents 18-15 from the field.

Top scorer for the Trojans was Ron Lis with 23 points. He was followed by Bill Reading with 14. Jim Rodgers was tops for Leyden with 18. Of these points, 16 came in the second half.

The Trojans controlled the backboards throughout the game, due to the strong rebounding of Reading and Ron Henrici.

Thirty-eight fouls were commit-

ted in the game. The Trojans committed 17 of these while Leyden accounted for 21.

Other scorers for Niles were Henrici with eight, Jim Dahlman with six, Keith Krause with four, and Stu Saken and Bob Klingensmith with one each.

Against Maine, the Trojans could not cope with the excessive height of the Blue Demons, and lost the game 73-58.

The Maine team, with center Tom Gebbie, who stands six feet seven inches off the ground, controlled the boards with not too surprising ease. Mahon, another Maine giant, stood six five. The other three players were either six one or two.

Top scorer for Niles was Ronnie Lis with 19 points. Ron hit for 13 of these in the second half. At one time Ron hit on four successive jump shots in a row.

Although they scored 73 points, the Demons' high scorer had only 17 points. This honor belonged to George Verber. White, another Maine guard, hit for 15. The other Maine players were scattered between seven points and the previously mentioned figure.

Maine was the eventual winner of the tournament, whipping Arlington in the finale 60-55.

## Grapplers Win Fifth in Section

NILEHI'S TWO FIRSTS brought them a fifth place in the Waukegan Sectional Wrestling Tournament.

Firsts were taken by Glen Kuehn, and the Trojan captain, Bill McGrath. Mitch Portugal and Bruce Herkert took thirds, while Ted Wise and Dick Isel, came in fourth in their weight classes.

The first and second place winners in the sectional go to the state meet at Arlington Heights. These men vie for state championships, with the winners of the other sectionals.

Ted Wise lost to Schmadabeck, of Glenbrook, who went on to take state. Portugal also lost to a state

champ, Sheppard of Evanston. Herkert lost to the man who came in second in the state, Ike Johnson of Waukegan. Isel also lost to a state champion, Rick Bay of Waukegan.

Glenn Kuehn pinned his first two men and won his first place on a forfeit. Bill won his first two matches, and also won first on a forfeit.

The Waukegan Sectional was the toughest in the state. Out of 12 weight classes, the Waukegan Sectional took five first places in the state. Some of the strongest teams in the state are pitted against one another in this sectional. New Trier, Waukegan, Evanston, and a new power, Glenbrook, are just a few of the power houses to be found at this sectional. Considering these facts, one might say, Niles did very well.

stolen passes in the last period by Ron Lis, helped to put the game on ice. Lis' three steals were good for a total of five points; two layups and a free-throw.

Niles hit for 20 baskets from the floor, while Proviso had only 11. Charity shots went the other way as Proviso beat Niles 23-14 in free throws. The Trojans hit for 70% of their free-throws, hitting for 14 out of 20 attempts.

Top scorer for Niles was Jim Dahlman with 14 points. Lis followed with 13, and Keith Krause hit for nine points. Ron Buchanan, Proviso's basket man, was held to only nine points. This is a far cry from the 32 he hit against Nilehi in their first encounter.

Proviso, had they beaten Niles, would have come in fourth in the Suburban League. With this loss, the Pirates lost their berth to Highland Park. They ended the season in fifth place. This is not the only team Niles has toppled out of contention. The cagers also knocked Evanston out of a tie for first place. Earlier in the season the round-ballers did the same to a strong Oak Park team.

In a non-league tussle, the hoopsters walked over the Palatine Pirates, by a score of 59-22.

This last win gives the Trojans a 8-12 overall record. The four Suburban League wins were against Evanston, Oak Park, New Trier, and Proviso. We beat the Leyden Eagles three times, and the Trojans whipped Palatine in the other non-league effort. The non-league losses were to Arlington Heights, in the Christmas Tournament, and to Maine in the regionals.

## Kuehn Wins Title; A Matman First

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER FOR GLENN KUEHN, Niles' first state wrestling champion.

Nilehi entered two men in the tournament at Arlington Heights. Bill McGrath and Kuehn were the Trojans hopes.

Mac beat his first opponent, 7-1. In his next match, he lost on a overtime referee's decision. This decision was given after a 4-4 tie. The man who beat Bill came in third in the state.

Glenn whipped his first foe, 3-0. He won his second match 5-2. In the semi-finals, Kuehn won 4-2 in an overtime. The finals match saw Glenn beat Baker of Thornton, 8-7. The score was tied, but



## Introducing Glenn Kuehn

"MY SECET AMBITION was to take state in wrestling," said Glenn Kuehn. "Now I don't have one," he laughed.

Glenn, who has been on the grappling team for three years, did not wrestle as a junior. "It was a weight problem," he admitted. Talking about wrestling, Glenn stated his two toughest matches were against Wilson, of Waukegan, and Baker, of Thornton, who he beat to win the state championship.

"I would like to be an engineer," Glenn said. "I would like to be able to go to the Air Force Academy to learn it," he added. "I have enjoyed Niles," he went on, "and I think because there is so much divided interest, each team cannot expect all the spirit." "School spirit has to do with science fairs and oratory contests, as well as football games; the kids at Niles have a lot of spirit," Glenn concluded.

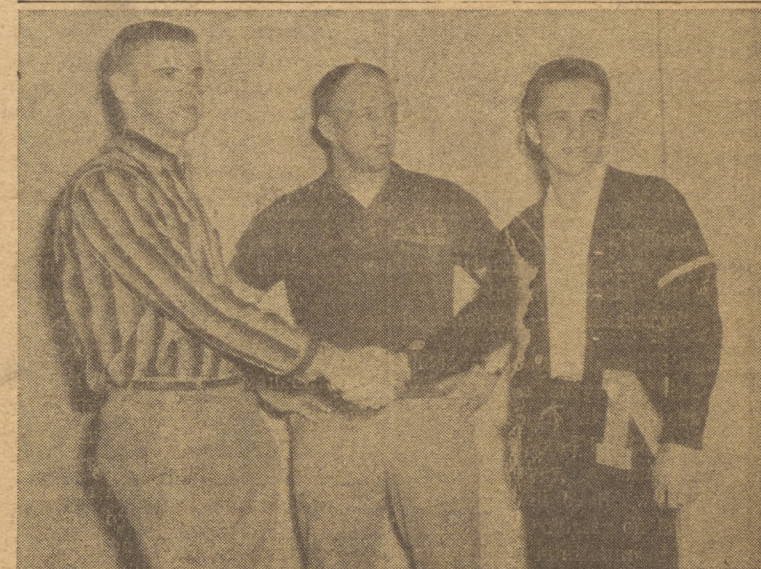
"Now for the regular questions," he laughed. "I like homemade chop suey, and the word simba-simba," he said. His pet peeve is kids who wear letter-sweaters from other schools in the halls of Nilehi. "I like science and math and dislike when people mispronounce my name," he went on. He said, "I have been called different things, from 'keen' to 'coon'!"

"The funniest thing I have ever seen was Jack Cooper smoking a cigar," Glenn laughed. "Seriously though," he added, "I would like to thank Mr. Byram and Mr. Swolec, our two coaches. They spent a lot of extra time with the team, and they're both great guys."

Kuehn got an extra point for riding time, to win the match and the state championship.

The state meet was won by Thornton, who came in with 38 points. Oak Lawn took second with 30 points. Waukegan and Glenbrook were tied for third place with 29 points.

Niles finished in a tie for 14th place with 14 points. This is very good, considering there are over 500 teams in the state, and 50 teams scored points in the state meet.



Coach Howard Byram looks on as Bill McGrath (left) and Glenn Kuehn shake hands. These boys represented Nilehi in the State wrestling tournament.