

# SSO Announces New Head Secretary

SSO HAS announced to the Nilehite, in an exclusive story, that Pam Engstrom, junior, has been chosen as the new SSO clerk.

The position of clerk on the SSO Executive Board is a one year office, beginning each January. Eight girls were nominated this year for the post by the Executive Board.

These nominees were interviewed and their merits discussed. Two nominees were then invited to a Board meeting where they were required to take notes. The Executive Board, after discussing these girls and considering their minutes, decided by vote who the new clerk would be.

This is the only closed vote done by the Executive Board in the entire organization, according to Mr. George Roth, faculty advisor.

The clerk is a member of the Executive Board and attends all meetings. Her main responsibilities consist of taking care of detentions, keeping up the SSO file books, and taking minutes of the daily Executive Board meetings.

Karen Shabel, senior, served as SSO clerk for the year of 1959-60.

Besides the new clerk, several other firsts have been announced in the organization. The Personnel Relations Council, headed by senior Gene Veto, has announced two new measures, the SSO Code of Standards and the SSO contract.

**THE SSO CODE OF STANDARDS** is a set standards which members of SSO must fulfill. It is an objective view of SSO personnel as the mature, capable high school students that they are, according to SSO releases.

**THE SSO CONTRACT** is a paper which everyone in SSO must sign with the understanding that their signature on paper is a promise to the student body, the organization, and the school that they will abide by the SSO Code of Standards and fulfill the duties of their office to the extent of their ability.

For the first time a month has been given special significance by SSO. February has been named "Understanding SSO Month."

In connection with this a member of the Executive Board will visit every SSO study hall once during February.

SSO members underwent department examinations. The tests will now be graded and results will be tabulated, studied, and evaluated by the leadership training council and the Executive Board. The results will then be returned to SSO personnel.

## AFS'ers Seek Home For Foreign Student

MEMBERS OF THE American Field Service committee are looking for a home for next year's foreign exchange student.

According to Sue Getman, a student member of the committee, the group is interested in finding a family in Niles Township who would enjoy making a home for some student from a foreign land.

The family should realize that there is no financial remuneration for housing an FES. "But there is," Sue stated, "a satisfaction in knowing that you are doing something to aid international good will."

"You will also," she added, "benefit greatly from getting to know someone from a foreign land, learning about their culture, and teaching them about ours."

"If those who read this article would like to apply to house the student, Sue concluded," they should call either Mrs. Peter Getman at ORchard 3-3186 or Mrs. Vincent Masselli at ORchard 5-4939.

This year's foreign exchange student, Sety from Java, is currently staying with the family of Pat French, class of '59.



Karen Shabel, SSO Clerk who will leave office at the end of this semester, points out some of the responsibilities and duties to the new SSO Clerk, Pam Engstrom. Pam will hold office for one year.

## Essay Gets Mention

BARBARA LAMBERT, SENIOR, is the Illinois winner of the Albert Schweitzer Essay contest. Her essay on "The Challenge of Albert Schweitzer" also received an honorable mention nationally.

Over 1,000 essays were entered in this national contest sponsored by the Albert Schweitzer Foundation. From the 30 selected as semi-finalists the 10 best were chosen. Barbara's essay was one of these 10. She is a student in Mrs. Gladys Myers' composition class.

The purpose of the competition was to encourage individuals to read Albert Schweitzer's writings, to study the wholeness of his concept of Reverence for Life and to evaluate his synthesis in relation to their own personal philosophies and to the world crisis.

Essays were submitted under six different classifications. Mrs. Myers' entire composition class entered in the secondary school students division. This required an essay of 2,000 to 4,000 words.

An international committee of Schweitzer scholars judged the essays. Clarity and accuracy in presenting ideas were given more consideration than literary style.

Barbara, who transferred from Austin High School this fall, will receive a bronze bust of Albert Schweitzer and a biography of Albert Schweitzer autographed by the author George Seaver, chairman of the judges.

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## 'Y' Groups Learn Of Government

TEN STUDENTS representing Hi-Y and the four Tri-Hi-Y's will attend the University of Good Government.

UGG is a program sponsored by the YMCA to promote awareness of the workings of a state government and to insure that America's future citizens will have good moral judgment regarding the workings of the government.

This is achieved by allowing the delegates to experience the format of a state government. Each delegate has a bill that they do research on and present at the mock session at Springfield, where they try to get it passed and adopted by the model legislature.

The model legislature will meet on April 22 and 23 in the General Assembly building in Springfield.

Before that time the delegates will attend city-wide sessions in the Prudential building which concern more general topics. These sessions will take place on February 11, March 3, March 24, and April 7.

Nilehi representatives are seniors Ken Brunke and Don Cordes, HiY; Harriet Schachter and Julie Robb, Red Tri-Hi-Y; Carol Waller, and Carole Woods, junior, Blue; Karen Johnson, and Christine Herbst, White; and Gladys Lindberg, and Lynne Lieberenz, Gold.

## Union Board Adds 3, Holds Year's First Union

AT THE JANUARY meeting of the Student Union Board three new members were selected. The additions of Jeanne Lovering, Charles Brown, and Ron Tanaglia bring the total to 32 members.

The first union of the new year will be on January 23 in the Student Lounge of the West Division. Imitation General will be the movie. There also will be dancing to the music of Leo Provost and his band in the gym.

Refreshments will be sold through the entire evening.

**THE UNITED Fund Drive**, sponsored by the Student Council, will be held from February 15 to 26. The goal of the Student Council is to break last year's record of \$1723.77 by having each student contribute a dime a day for ten days.

This will be the only fund drive this year.

A thermometer display is planned to measure the daily increase of funds and also to compare the amounts received in each division.

## Science Search Probes at Nilehi

FOUR STUDENTS took a science test at Nilehi while Mary Masselli, who is a foreign exchange student in Norway, took the same examination there.

This examination on December 10 placed Mary and four other seniors, Joan Wolter, Ron Shuman, Jim Miller, and Milford Wolpoff, in competition for Westinghouse Scholarships and awards.

The Science Talent Search is conducted annually by the Science Clubs of America. This year is the nineteenth annual search. The purpose of the Science Talent Search is to discover students with skill and talent in science and to foster these abilities.

In addition to the test a one thousand word report on the student's project is required.

The forty boys and girls who lead in the preliminary examination will be given an all-expense-paid trip to Washington D.C. to attend the Science Talent Institute. It is here that the students are judged for scholarships and awards.

Five of these students will receive four year scholarships ranging from seven to three thousand dollars. The other thirty-five students will receive two hundred fifty dollar awards. Honors groups also will be named.

In 1952 Leslie Klevay won the trip and is now in his last year of Medical School at the University of Wisconsin. Edward Pollack won in 1958. He spent his first two years at Reed College in Oregon and is now attending Northwestern University.

## It's Final Time Again

## State Rule Changes Schedule

BECAUSE OF A NEW Illinois ruling which states that a school day must contain at least five hours, the schedule for final examinations has been changed from previous years.

The new schedule will be in effect on Wednesday and Thursday, January 27 and 28.

Buses will leave the East Campus at 1:45 on both exam days. Each student must attend all his classes, including physical education, music, and study halls on each day. Lunch will be served in the cafeteria during all four lunch periods.

No student will be exempted

from a final examination in a subject carrying full major credit. Absence from a scheduled test will be excused only in the case of illness which is certified by a physician.

No one will be allowed in the halls during examination time except monitors. No library, washroom, or office passes will be issued. Students must stay in the examination room until the end of the period.

Report cards will be sent to the students' home rooms. Students failing a course will be notified, and program changes will be made on Friday, January, 29.



Planning the decorations and posters for the valentine dance, "Key to My Heart," are Senior Cabinet members Mary O'Grady, Bonnie Lehr, and Marcia Braverman.

## Cupid to Reign at 'Key to My Heart'

SOFT MUSIC, Cupid, and party dresses will reign supreme at the annual Valentine's Dance on February 13. This year the event will be called "Key to My Heart" and will be sponsored by the Senior Class under the direction of the Senior Cabinet and Mr. O. T. Hendrickson.

Tony Marterie will provide the soft music in the East Division gymnasium and the entire school

is invited to attend. Bids are three dollars a couple.

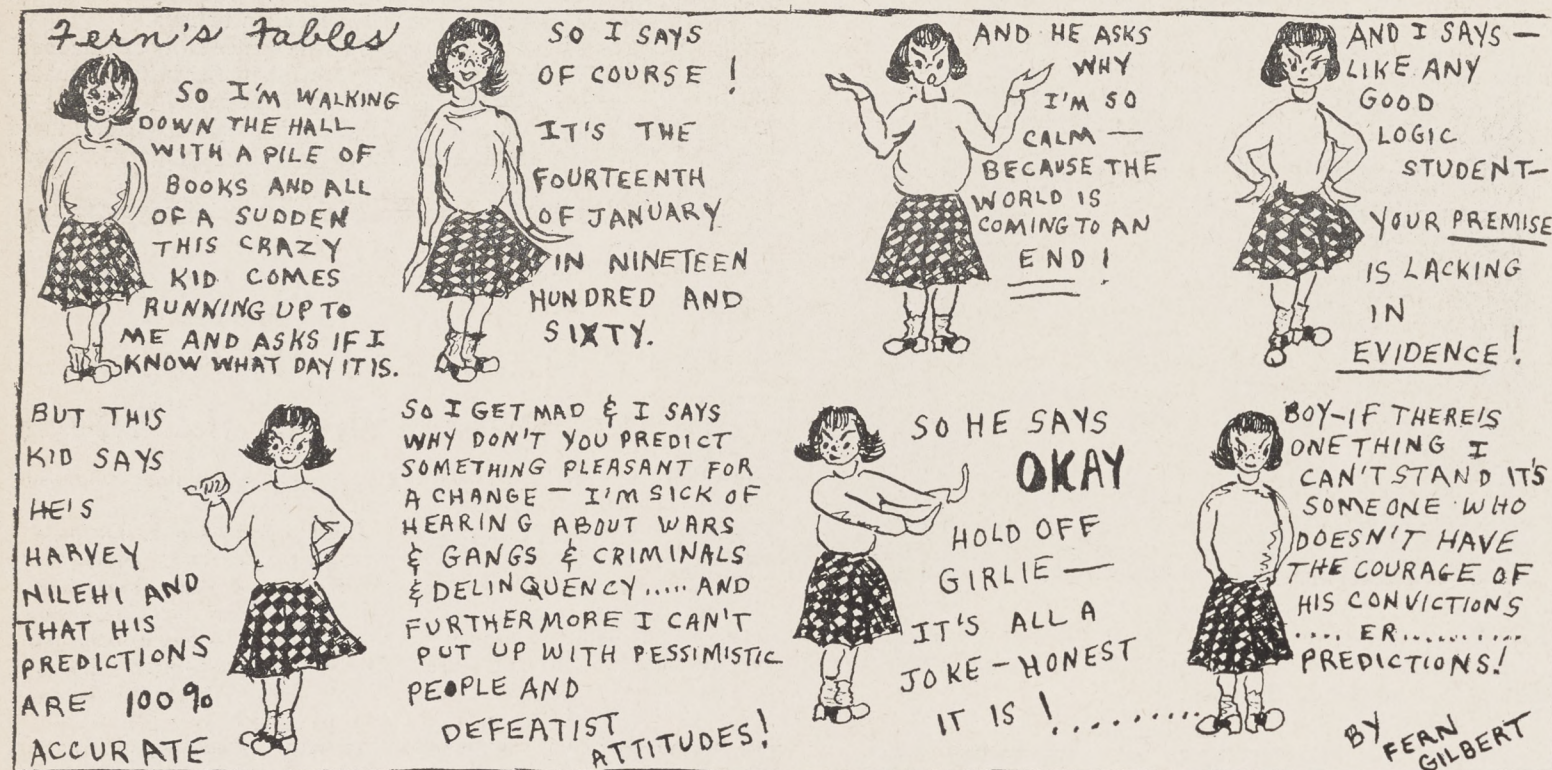
Chairman in charge of planning are general chairman, Anita Musgrave; decorations, Mary O'Grady and Marcia Braverman; entrances, Jim Dahman; clean-up, Mike Ruby and Ken Brunke; tickets, Julie Robb; publicity, Bonnie Lehr; invitations, Eunice Gustavson; orchestra, Wally Bishop; and cloak room, Ron Provenzano.



## EDITORIAL

## Well, We're All Still Here...

## Polls Open February 6th



## Voters To Consider Purchase of Site 3

NILES TOWNSHIP residents will vote on the purchase of a third site for additional high school construction on Saturday, February 6.

This election will culminate a two-month campaign run by community leaders to encourage approval of the proposed purchase.

The 2,500 families in Niles Township received letters written by school administrators showing the need of the site and a faculty committee stressing "quality education, reasonable size classes, and reasonable enrollment."

Vocational and college preparation was the theme of a third letter, this sent by Dr. Arthur Ryden, guidance department chairman.

Brochures and the Nile-A-Gram presenting formal enrollment statistics, press releases in the school and community papers, speakers available to any organization, and a PTA telephone campaign on the eve of the election completed the election campaign plans.

This proposed building and the two present schools will be used to house student enrollment which, according to projected figures, will reach an estimated 8,100 by 1967.

This is a suburban area which can anticipate great growth, Superintendent Clyde Parker commented. Since we are on the rise we should "be sure that every phase of the community has quality growth."

## State Scholarship

## 64 Get Chance

SIXTY-TWO SENIORS were recently announced to be among the 4,500 Illinois State Scholarship semifinalists. Qualification was based on a test taken Saturday, November 7.

The semi-finalists are Steve Aronin, Bonnie Aronson, Ron Berliner, Ralph Bestock, Mike Block, Karen Brodsky, Allen Brown, Ken Brunke, Laura Cahoon, Rosalyn Chapman, Nancy Cheney, Fred Corey, Pauline Cotell, Joe Crowther, Art Dover, Barbara Epstein, Richard Fink, and Judy Fulkerson.

Others are Susan Getman, Ron Goldfeder, Gary Goldstein, Mike Gordon, Samuel Green, Rich Greenman, Fran Greisdorf, Dave Grossman, Nick Harris, Warren Jacobs, Jim Jungwirth, Gloria Kaiz, Rich Keller, and Bernie Kravitz.

Others are Sue Krawitz, Rick Kroon, Barbara Lambert, Bob Longfield, Russell Luepker, Tom Mandel, Jim Miller, Garry Neimark, Steve Pinsky, Mannie Pollack, Mike Ross, Rita Rubinstein, Bob Saltzman, Karen Sandstrom, Karen Schippman, Sue Schwied, and Allen Shearn.

Also were Betty Smart, Steve Smith, Carolyn Spirison, Jay Stein, Mara Sugarman, Harry Taxin, Pat Wilson, Ed Winter, Robin Withall, Jack Wollman, Harold Wolman, Milford Wolpoff, and Joan Wolter.

## 'Fair' Method for Ranking?

WHEN ONE CONSIDERS THE CURRENT "CUT THROAT" attitude concerning grades it becomes a mystery as to what happened to that antiquated saying, "Learning for learning's sake."

This does not mean that one should disregard his grades, but the proposed plan to alter the method of class ranking has shown that grade consciousness at Niles has grown completely out of proportion.

If the new method of ranking were to go into effect, there would still be much cause for complaint.

A time will probably come when colleges will no longer depend upon class rank as one criteria for judging admission. Factors such as personal traits, teacher recommendations, and aptitude will be considered final prerequisites for entrance.

However, is the revision of the class ranking system intended to reward students who deserve scholastic recognition or students who were lucky enough to receive God-given talents?

The ideal class ranking system would leave room for testing a student's scholastic potential, measuring the amount of work he does, and, in this way, finding out his deserved rank. If the class rank is important enough to cause the present furor, it is important enough to improve instead of simply change.

Under the present plan, the student who is hurt is the one who fails to take an advanced subject in which he is interested merely because he wants an A. The projected plan will hurt those who work to their capacity in a regular subject.

There are many students taking regular courses who are utilizing their capabilities as much or more than students who are taking advanced placement courses. These students deserve equal credit.

Can we judge two students taking a course when one has a teacher who is reputed to be "easy" and the other has one known to be "hard." What about the teacher who grades on the curve and the one who sets down his own "hard and fast scale?"

Should people be criticized simply because, in this age of science, they are taking courses which pertain to their interests, interests which may be non-scientific?

And what should one do if a course is considered easy and yet the student professes an interest in it. High school administrators cannot be baby sitters and forbid a student to waste his time on a "snap course."

These considerations point to a problem which has no good solution, for in any system there are bound to be people who will benefit and people who will be hurt.

Since, in human nature, there are teachers who give their pet an A— and students who cram for grades and forget to learn, the only solution is to wait for a time when class ranks are abolished, minimized, kept secret, or when human nature is changed.

## Location of '60 Graduation

THE THURSDAY, JANUARY 14 EDITION OF THE NEWS carried a story concerning a probable location for the graduation exercises of the class of 1960.

Now that the school board is considering a part of our fate, it seems only proper that the student body have a few words to say too.

It has been generally understood that if graduation were to be held at Niles, it would have to be carried out in split shifts. When one considers the sentimental value surrounding graduation, it is easy to see why this prospect meets with such definite disapproval among the students.

However, from the more practical and realistic point of view, the graduation last June showed a definite need for a much larger building for 1960 and its much larger class.

The number of admission tickets for each graduate was greatly limited. With Northwestern as a site for this graduation, the News said, admission tickets could be completely eliminated. This alone is a favorable consideration.

The night of the 1959 graduation was a typical warm June night, and the gym was so uncomfortable that many spectators walked out during the exercises, something which not only distracted from the graduation itself, but was extremely rude.

Those students and board members who retain the sentimental desire to end the four years at good old Niles should consider comfort enough to sacrifice and head for cool, large McGraw Hall.

## Letters to the Editor

DEAR EDITOR:

"Red tape" has become a necessary evil in modern society to such an extreme that it is abundant at Niles and especially in SSO.

One day a student was allowed to go to the library. After completing the proper pass he "set forth." Immediately he was challenged by a monitor, omniscient symbol of authority, but his credentials were in order.

At his rendezvous he was halted by another sentry who seized his papers. Then he could forage in the shelves unless he needed a book from the balcony.

If he did he would have to sign a sheet with his homeroom number and time to prevent an unscheduled exit. After descending he would have to record his arrival time to verify his return.

With his mission fulfilled he had to petition the sentry for return of his papers. However, he needed the signature of the omnipotent commanding officer. When his time of departure and entry were recorded he was free to return, if he could appease the monitors.

Red tape in SSO is understandable, but perhaps its validity is questionable and needs objective appraisal. Since Niles tries to maintain a collegiate atmosphere, at least at East, more emphasis upon the honor of the individual might be rewarding.

To say that the student body is not honorable and would not accept its responsibility would be fallacious.

This may be a good time to start treating students as persons instead of names on the school register.

Art Dover

DEAR EDITOR:

I am sure that there will be at least one letter in the West Division column protesting the last editorial. These and probably all West students don't realize what it means to be a senior.

## Yearbook Staff Sale Gives Students Last Chance

MEMORIES OF 1960, pictured and bound, were the wares of members of the yearbook general staff and senior staff during the week of January 18-22.

Staff members conducted the yearly annual sale in all home-rooms to give students who failed to buy Reflections '60 at the beginning of the year a second chance. During this final sale yearbooks were sold for \$6.

No matter how many times the West editor's mother tells her that her journalism is better than East, she should realize that she has not had enough experience or practice because she is, in reality, a sophomore.

If sophomores rebel at the idea expressed here, it is only natural. And if they don't agree, I hope they reread it in two years. They will then.

A Supporting Senior

TO THE EDITOR:

A few words of praise should be given to David Lynn, a scholarly senior who has acquired, by himself, a speaking knowledge of French, Spanish, Swedish, and the basic foundation of Russian.

Dave also is in a third-year German class. Here is a boy who, on his own, has taken advantage of a language potential and has mastered the ability to express himself in four different tongues.

Brian Pine, senior

DEAR EDITOR:

It seems that the students of Nilehi must be bored from reading letters written to the editor which have no names signed to them.

Anonymity is fine in certain cases, because people are hesitant to accept even objective criticism.

But the "Squashed Seniors" and "Disgusted Juniors," even though they should be praised for rising above the group to write a letter, should be encouraged to have a bit of strength of their convictions.

Disgusted Senior, Art Dover

Ed. Note: We disagree, for, though we will not print letters unless the originals are signed, we feel that it is the student's privilege to submit letters to their paper and have the names withheld. We are glad Art had the strength of his convictions, but feel that unsigned letters show no weakness.

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To smash the simple atom  
All man kind was intent;  
Now any day the atom may  
Return the compliment.



# IN THE LIAN'S DEN

BY IAN LANOFF

## The 'Finals' Touch

WHILE OTHER SCHOOLS ARE MOVING FORWARD in the field of education, Nilehi seems to be moving backwards.

For the past three years finals were an hour and a half. This year finals have been shortened to the length of a class period, fifty-five minutes. Since a teacher cannot cover a semester of work in this amount of time, finals are given in sections. This makes it more difficult for the students as well as the teacher. Teachers are forced to grade more tests and the student must study more than once for each of his class finals.

Since finals have been shortened, state law requires that this lost time be made up. Where can it be replaced? This question has been inadequately answered.

At Nilehi, students attend the minimum number of days that the Illinois High School Association permits. To fulfill a day in school students must spend a minimum number of hours in school, excluding study periods.

For this reason the schedule for finals is arranged in such a way that many students have four finals the first day and none the second. What makes this situation even worse is the fact that these students must appear in school the second day and attend classes as if they were actually intending to do classwork.

What a foolish situation has resulted because finals have been shortened by thirty-five minutes.

## Flip A Coin?

IF YOU THINK THAT PLAYING THE HORSES or other games of chance are gambling, you haven't seen anything yet. The "college problem" is the biggest gamble in the country today.

By playing the horses or games of chance a person may lose money, but this "college problem" uses a person's future as the stakes. Where else can a person put an entire future on the line?

There are two parts to this perplexity. The first poses the question, "Should I go to college?" In a recent survey it was shown that 50% of the college students in America today do not belong in college. Many of these students are attending college either because they are forced into it by hopeful parents or because they feel that it is the "right thing to do."

The next question is, "If I do attend college, what school will I attend?" Many students have found themselves attending a school which they knew little or nothing about, and only applied to the college because of its reputation. Today many books are published which give thumbnail sketches of colleges and which tell nothing of the quality of the school. These serve to baffle a prospective student rather than aid him.

Colleges have tried to answer these questions for perspective students by ingeniously (?) inventing two devices: The College Board Exams and the "class rankings."

College Boards cannot possibly be accurate, for they are machines predicting the future without taking into consideration the human element involved. How can one test foretell the college ability of a student? What if a student is not "feeling up to par" on the day on which the test is given?

Class rankings are also ridiculous. Students who carry a heavier load either due to advanced subjects or added majors are discriminated against. Girls, who mature faster than boys, often outnumber boys at the top of the class. Thus a boy may lose his chance to go into a school where a girl has been accepted. While he may have a good chance of succeeding at the school, the girl is accepted and gets married after a few semesters. This leaves a void which the boy could have adequately filled.

Until these problems are solved, bookies are dealing only with "chickenfeed," while colleges are dealing with futures.

## Bombs Do Explode

ALTHOUGH "CRACKPOT STUDENTS" ARE BECOMING PART and parcel of school life at Nilehi, (Library scandal, hallway speeches, wild rumors) this is no excuse for a recent occurrence here.

A student (this has not been proven yet as the N.B.I., Nilehi Bureau of Investigation, is still investigating) called the school and told a secretary that at 3 p.m. a bomb planted in a first floor locker would explode. Thus ensued a mad scramble which included custodians searching the lockers, and policemen and firemen arriving in something resembling an old time movie.

Students were cleared only from the first floor and placed in the gym. Why not the second and third floors also? Do bombs only explode sideways? Although the administration suspected this as being a prank, this is no reason to take a chance with the welfare of the students. Many bombs have been known to blow up.

## No Girl Enrolls in Shop Course, Boys Make Scale Model Homes

ARCHITECTURAL DRAWING is open to all girls who are interested, but so far no brave female has enrolled.

The purpose of the course is to develop a basic understanding of architecture as it applies to the construction of small homes. All students must plan and construct a future home.

The first step is research. Magazines are used, but all the work must be original. Different types of house architecture and floor plans also are studied.

After planning sketches the next phase involves the technical detailed plans. This includes learning to draw, drafting the floor plan, and the use of construction materials.

The remainder of this semester and next will be devoted to the drafting of the elevations and detailed drawings, the study of modern architecture, reproduction of drawings and, of course, modeling and the scale model house will be the result.

## ? Outlook Sixty

By Larry Edelson and Bob Mark Junior Cabinet Representatives

On Friday, January 22, 1960, Niles Township students are in store for an active day of athletics. The Niles Basketball squad dribbles over to Highland Park to meet the Little Giants in a thriller. The Frosh-Soph game starts at 7 and the varsity moves in at 8:30. Last year Highland Park beat us twice by seven points. This year, although lacking in height and missing the great assistance of Frank Warda, we have beaten Glenbrook and come quite close to beating Evanston. Now with the return of Frank Warda we have a good chance of upsetting the Little Giants. Coach Jack Fabri states, "They'll know they've been in a game and a tough one at that." At Highland Park on January 22, our Frosh-Soph and Varsity matmen will tangle with the Highlanders in another contest of skill and brains. These meets will be held at 4:45 and 7:30 p.m. Our quick and nimble gymnasts have a meet against Morton, there, at 4:30.

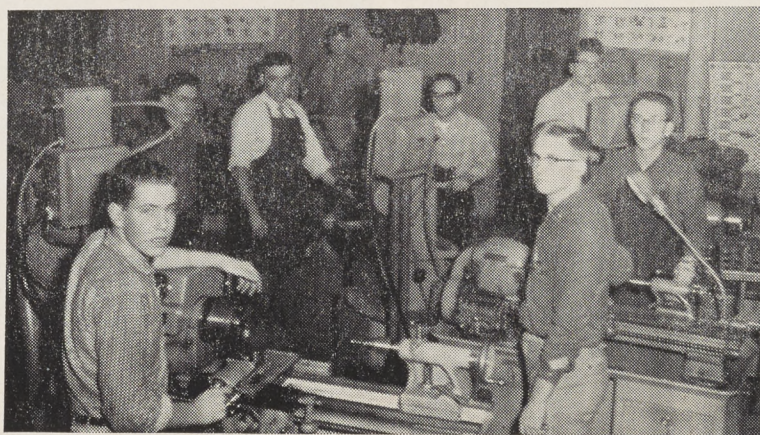
On Saturday, January 23, our fishermen go to one of their roughest meets of the year. They go to our neighboring rival, New Trier, for the Indian Relays. With our added speed in the form of Bob Kirshner and Phil Karafotas, Niles stands a good chance for a win in this meet and perhaps establishing some new records for Niles. At 9:30 the wrestlers go to Leyden West to meet the Eagles they whipped last year. With the return of many of our undefeated sophomores we should do it again.

On January 26, our fishermen will swim over to Main West at 4:30. On the 27, our wrestlers meet a tough La Grange team at 4:30. In this sport it's not the strength that counts, it's the know-how and Coach Byram really knows how.

The 29th finds our Trojan five dribbling over to the Oak Park Huskies gym at 8:30. Niles, although having the shortest team in the suburban league, has improved to the point where they are making 50 per cent of their shots. This leaves Niles with a good chance for a win. The Oak Park swimmers and wrestlers come to Niles on the 29th at 7:30 to meet our strong wrestlers and expert swimmers.

On January 30, our mighty five travels to New Trier who has a well-conditioned team. This should turn out to be a very close game what with the improvements of our forwards, Bob Cosier and Bob Brown, No. 40. We're picking Niles by 3 points. To make the game more enjoyable we suggest that you keep an eye on our sophomore cager, No. 40, who shoots, dribbles, and guards as well as well as the older veterans.

We feel that our teams have got and can do it, or as one of our illustrious coaches said, "My team has given me everything but their blood and they'll give the same to any team. All they need is a little support."



Members of the Industrial Arts Club are working on projects in metal shop. The club, which meets every Tuesday, also use the facilities of the wood shop.



Science Seminar members study the rock collection of Dr. Evelyn Tyner, director, during a recent session on Geology. Seminar is beginning its fourth year.

## Science Seminar Celebrates Fourth Anniversary at Nilehi

THE END OF THIS month marks the fourth anniversary of Nilehi's Science Seminar. This organization was given national acclaim in the August, 1958, edition of Readers Digest.

Taking a qualifying examination is just one phase of the entry procedure for Science Seminar. Science grades in school as well as other achievement test scores are considered.

Recently sixteen Nilehians passed these hurdles and were accepted. They are juniors Roger Jacobson, Katherine Peltzmann, and sophomores Janet Bloch, Mike Friedler, Sharon Greenberg, Mark Johnson, Ann Kozanow, and Fred Krause.

Others are Barry Kreisler, Barbara Lawermann, Paul Leviton, Michael Lieberman, Meredith McCarton, Bruce Patis, Larry Rothstein, and Jim Swinger.

The sessions are conducted in an informal discussion style with guest and staff speakers from time to time as well as movies. Generally the group is broken into three sub-

groups, each discussing a different topic.

The students sign up for these seminars. Currently under discussion are geology, fundamental particles, and linear programming. These sessions usually last five weeks. In addition, monthly reports from Scientific American are given.

"To expand the interest of the scientifically minded student by exposing him to a variety of scientific experiences and to deepen the student's interest in one particular phase of science constitutes the main goals of seminar," according to Dr. Evelyn Tyner, who is the director of the group.

The staff is composed of approximately one dozen persons, most of whom have PhD's. However, many of these people are drawn upon because of their hobby interests. Searle's, Cook Research, Northwestern University, and Fruth Associates, which is owned by one staff member, are some of the places from which the staff members come.

## Senior Spotlight

"THIS MAY sound a bit stereotyped but I think my greatest thrill in high school was being elected to the National Honor Society in my junior year," stated Mark Peppercorn, Nilehi senior.

This honor, however, is far from the only one of Mark's high school



days. He was the junior cabinet chairman, sophomore cabinet vice-president, and freshman cabinet secretary. Besides this, he is this year's Latin Club president and a member of the SSO executive board, in charge of the SSSH division.

"I believe that my association with SSO thus far has been my most satisfying experience in high school. It has helped me tremendously in gaining leadership training for the future," said Mark seriously.

Mark has not confined his extra-

curricular activities to things other than sports. He was on the basketball team for his first three years and also on the tennis squad. Last spring he earned a major letter on the tennis squad and he is now a member of "N" Club.

"Pep" has also been a member of Math Seminar, the Foreign Exchange Student Committee, the Student Code Committee, and an Illinois Boys' State Representative.

When asked about recent criticism of the administration Mark had this to say, "I believe that this year's administration is doing a fine job in everything and no criticism is due."

Ranking third in his class of more than 900, Mark has earned his bronze pin and seems destined to receive the silver and gold pin awards.

After high school, Mark would like to attend either Harvard, Yale, Amherst, or the University of Chicago. "I'd like to attend Harvard most of all, however," he said.

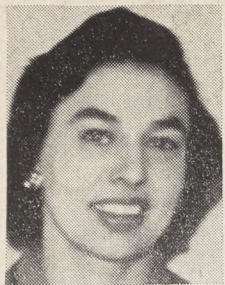
Once in college, he is going to major in pre-med, and go to graduate school at John Hopkins University.

"Probably my most embarrassing moment was when I dropped a lunch tray the first day of my freshman year right in the middle of the cafeteria," laughed Mark.

Mark has two favorite subjects, chemistry and Latin, in which he is a fourth year student. Plain, ordinary hamburgers also rank high on his "likes" list.

"My only pet peeve is people who feel that cheering at pep assemblies and at games is the only type of school spirit. There are certainly other ways of having school spirit," Mark concluded.



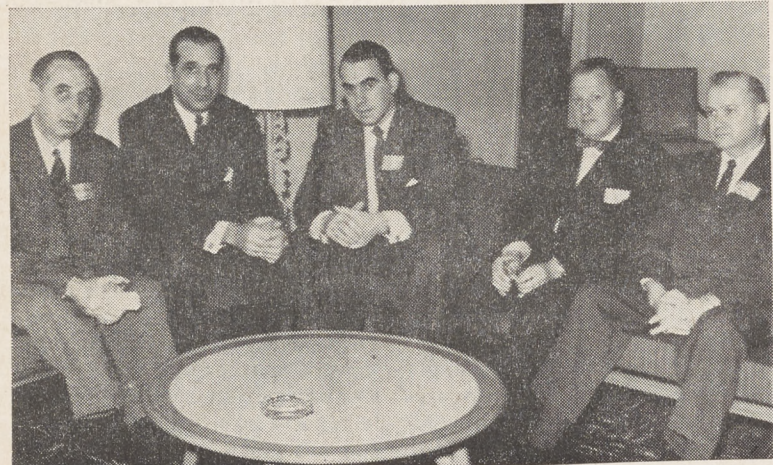


## Forty Visit Here For Career Days



Careers ranging from Forestry to Psychology were discussed during a two day program: Career Days, held January 12 and 13 at the West Division.

Co-sponsored by Miss Arleen Rosen and Mr. Harry Sortal, West Division guidance counselors, the program confirmed the theory that high school students are concerned about their future earlier now, than ever before.



Guests at January 12-13 Career Days included. Left to Right, Mr. Wallace Atkinson (landscaping), Mr. James Mancuso (automotive), Mr. Ken Marble (advertising), Mr. Anthony Siebold (machines), Dr. A. F. Bruening (dentistry)

## Zimberoff Elected Council Head Favors Unity Between Cabinets & Council

West Division Student Council has recently elected Jerry Zimberoff to replace Al Averbach as president for the remainder of the 1959-1960 school year. Although Jerry's title is actually president pro-tem, he has all the duties that Al had as president.

Al did not like the idea of resigning, but after talking it over with Mr. Don Johnson, the sponsor of the Student Council, and Mr. John Gach, principal, it seemed to be the best decision. Then most important reason for his resignation was his participation in athletics. Al is on the basketball team now and will be on the track team in the spring. Sports keep Al very busy and he says that "being president is a very important job, but it takes up more time than I can give. I feel that someone who has more time can do a better job. As far as I'm concerned Jerry will be a competent president. Al served as president from the beginning of October through the first part of January and says, "It will seem funny sitting on the sidelines at the rest of the Council meetings."

There were five candidates besides Jerry for the office of president. They were Al Curtis, Sheryl Shapiro, Nancy Went, Les Silverman and Pat Wulf. All candidates made campaign speeches before the election. Three of them were eliminated in the preliminaries, leaving only the three boys remaining in the finals. All votes were taken by "duck" ballot (head down and eyes closed). The balloting was very close, but the final vote showed Jerry to be the new president.

Jerry feels that a good president should "fulfill his job to the utmost of his ability." His major plans include getting the Council and both Cabinets better related. This has already been started with the Cabinets helping on "60 Skiddo" and the Council giving a hand with "The Breather."

Other things may come up, but in general, a closer working relationship of these groups is Jerry's first project.

## Report At Random

WHAT WOULD YOU DO . . . if you were put in charge of final exams this year?

**Dave Gorenstein, Freshman:** "I would have the students take the finals by the correspondence method. They would get a final by mail every day until 'done.' The students wouldn't come to school, they would stay at home with their notes. I guess you could call it FAIL BY MAIL."

**Connie Nichols, Sophomore:** "I think one test should be given a day so the student can devote all the previous evening to study for them. With two or three a day it's very hard to divide studying time evenly. Of course, the best idea is to get rid of final exams completely."

**Janice Kamps, Sophomore:** "One thing I would demand, would be a good review, because the teacher would be revealing what he feels is important and worth remembering, thereby revealing what would be on the test. Another thing, the teacher shouldn't demand more than one period of his students for the exam."

**Robert Golden, Freshman:** "Less emphasis ought to be placed on the results of finals. The evaluation of your grade shouldn't be based so heavily on one test since many students don't do their best work on exams and are therefore handicapped."



Guest speakers participating in the program represented more than forty vocational fields. Among those represented were: Accounting, Advertising, Airline Transportation, Architecture, Commercial Art, Business Administration, Chemistry, Dramatic Arts, Engineering, Fashions, Foreign Service, Interior Decorating, Journalism & Public Relations, Law, Medicine, Military Service, Music, Modeling, Nursing, Pharmacy, Photography, Printing, Selling & Sales Promotion, Social Work, Secretarial, Teaching, Therapy, and Veterinary.

Members of the faculty were present during each discussion and along with Student Council Members served as guides to the guests.

Students had filled out forms indicating their career preferences in first, second and third choice order late in December. The Secretarial Staff aided The Guidance Department in tabulating the results of these forms. Invitations were then extended to representatives of the fields most often demanded.

The speakers who were contacted responded enthusiastically and the program became a reality.

During two, forty-five minute sessions the students attended discussion groups held in classrooms throughout the school. Scheduling the program for two days allowed most students their first and second choice in most cases.

Speakers in all fields spoke of educational requirements, practical experience, and opportunities for advancement. A question and answer period followed the discussions.

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## So Sue Me...

BY KAREN OSNEY

Nilehi West is made of a lot of glass and steel . . . but it is a modern progressive school in more than it's construction. It held a College Night for Freshmen and sophomores last November. This type of program is rarely held until the junior or senior year. More recently guests from over forty career areas participated in the Career Days program so that students might have more knowledge, sooner, when it comes time to choose a career.

This is certainly looking ahead, far ahead. But in this effort to see beyond our high school days we have failed to consider the immediate future.

The second semester is a time for "breaking in." Activities that were heretofore opened to sophomores only, begin expanding their memberships to include freshmen. Language teachers can tell who should go on in the course, Algebra teachers know whether or not you'll be capable of handling Geometry. Patterns begin to take shape.

By this time the juniors who will step into the senior spotlight next year are known; they've had three years in which to get their foot in the door . . . the door is opened.

But who will step into the key positions here? I don't know. Through student government organizations, clubs, and varied activities West Division has attempted to give tomorrow's Big Men On Campus a chance to prove themselves. Yet an entire semester has passed and still the door stands ajar . . . but not opened.

Potential leaders have an extra break here. Because they are in a new school that is willing to experiment and keep an opened mind there are no limits to the goals they may set for themselves. The area beyond the door is infinite . . . once it is opened.

## Letters To The Editor

# Dear Santa, P. S.

Dear Santa;

Thank you so much for sending me that wonderful Christmas editorial in the *East Nilehilite*. But I do hope you can do something about the sender; he must be sick, sick, sick! Perhaps he could use a nice long stay at the West Division, where West Activities could stimulate an obviously stagnant brain.

NOTHING-BUT-A-SOPHOMORE

Dear Santa;

My faith in you has been crushed. True, you did give me a superlative student council and newspaper to go with my wonderful school, but you seem to have forgotten that those dances closed to upper classmen have been successful!

Santa, since we do run our school effectively, why didn't you put me into that wonderful state called "Senioritis?" Why didn't you make me a bull-headed, blustering egomaniac able to write editorials calling for the elimination of all beings two years younger than myself? Santa, I'm disappointed; all that work and I'm still semi-human.

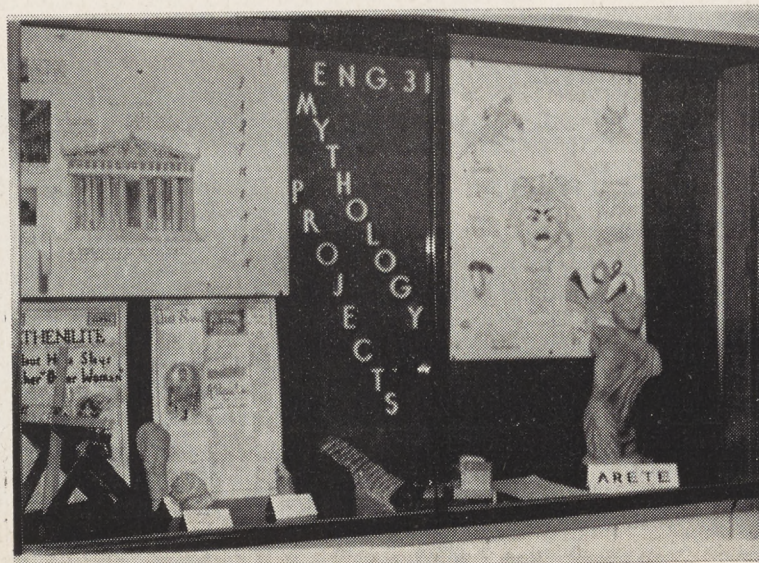
LOLLIPOP-LOVER

Dear Santa;

Thank you so much for your lovely gifts. But now that Christmas is over I feel a little guilty; I think the East Division Nilehilite got cheated. When you have a minute why not send them a plaque reading "United we stand, divided we fall."

A THOUGHTFUL UNDERCLASSMAN

## It's The Greek Way



English 31 students display their projects on "The Greek Contribution to Western Civilization" in the library display case

A unit on "The Greek Contribution to Western Civilization" inspired the eighty-three English 31 students to create projects on that theme ranging from Ancient Greek defense methods to The Drama of Sophocles. Students were encouraged to pursue outlets that they found most interesting and felt would be valuable to them in their studies of The Greeks.

Included in the unit were lectures on Greek Life by Mrs. Elizabeth Hobbs, English 31 teacher, reading of Homer's *Odyssey* and supplementary readings in Greek Mythology and literature.

Reports dealing with such varied topics as Anthropomorphism, Ancient Greek Costume, Who's Who in Mythology and even a modernization of the Writings of Sophocles; "Way Out Soc," are being placed on special reserve in the West Division Library.





BY BURT MICHAELS

People who write letters to editors are either egomaniacs or just plain ones.

Perhaps the long heads of hair on some Trojan males are responsible for their warped minds.

Our descriptive terms are swell. Language here is just great; solid, man. Terrific, in case you're interested, means terrible or appalling. If everything were sharp as we say it is, we'd be cut to shreds, but then maybe that's best.

Perhaps if we limited television broadcasts or made horrors like bandstands criminal (or expensive to watch, Americans would DO something, if only converse.

Ever notice how a jet drowns out music or conversation? Progress.

Funny thing about the editorial "we": It's used for blasting human nature, but never for praise.

None of us believes in racial or religious superiority. So we blame our emotions for our bigotry and petty prejudices. But if we allow ourselves to be ruled by emotions, we're but animals.

Can't we see that certain peoples are the way they are because of environment? What makes Sammy run? A desperate need for status because of the environment into which he was born. Chicago's Near West Side is a revolting slum area because of poverty, ignorance, and prejudicial oppression, not color.

If you put any baby in alcohol it's bound to shrink.

Fire destroys everything with equal passion. All ashes are the same.

The next war will have the same effect.

We're all motivated by impulses, mixed-up emotions, and outside forces. We all have some sort of a neurosis, a quirk. I've yet to find purely rational being. He'd probably be a dull clod who wears maroon ties.

School spirit is taking an active interest and role in the doings of one's school. And only the most near-sighted imbecile can fail to realize that the high school is a central character in a teen's life.

At Niles there's something to appeal to everyone. For the all-American there are the teams, pep club and the games. For intellectuals (and pseudo-intellectuals) there are Arts Club and Chess club. Scientists (and bugs) have biology and astronomy clubs and the elite science seminar, while Silver Clipper and Nilehilite are outlets for promising writers. There are clubs for nurses and teachers and dramatists-to-be. Every misfit fits.

Let's wake up and loosen those maroon ties.

In the American high school the 'longhair' is a hoodlum!

Why not pit the freshmen against the sophomores and have a real Rumble? It would be another West Side Story.



No, you're not seeing double. Pictured above are Nilehi's twins, left to right, front row: Renee Maston, Joyce Maston, Judy Schwartz, Jill Schwartz, Marlene Learner, Sharlene Learner, Joanne Link, and Bill Link. Back row: Joe Starkey, Jean Margulies, Irv Starkey, Joan Margulies, Tom Noesen, Jane Wells, Ken Noesen, Judi Weintraub, Mike Weintraub, Janice Felber, Roger Patek, Karen Felber, Rosemary Patek, Robert Finn, Kathy Finn, Lynn Merholtz, Linda Merholtz, Greg Johnson, Brak Kaste, and Howard Kaste. Missing are Joan Wells and Lynn Johnson.

## Double Trouble:

### 15 Twins At West Division

The birth of twins is a fairly rare occurrence. At one time, there were so few twins that they traveled in side-shows and were considered freaks.

Two-thirds of all twins are "fraternal" and can be told apart. The remaining third are identical twins. One can identify "look-alikes" by their personalities. Even identical twins have different character traits.

Identical twins usually wear the same clothes, but when asked about

this, Greg Johnson, whose twin is Lynn, said, "I'd find it rather ridiculous and embarrassing wearing girls' clothes."

Nearly all twins are mistaken for their counterpart. According to them, this is both a drawback and an aid.

A clear advantage for boy-girl twins is that each gets to meet his twin's friends. But then what girl would want to date someone who looks just like his sister?

All twins have pet peeves. Irv

(or was it Joe?) Starky says, "I dislike it when people say 'Stand together and let me see if I can pick the right one.'"

Characteristic of droll incidents in a twosome is the story of the Schwartz twins, who had the same grade on their U.S. Constitution test - and the same mistakes!

Yet, despite all the facts, fallacies, and disadvantages of being twins, all of them seem to agree that they wouldn't change their positions for anything.

## Exam Schedule

Final examinations will be held on January 27 and 28. (Morning Buses as usual)

A. On Wednesday, January 27.  
Homeroom 8:15 - 8:45

1	8:50 - 9:45	Final Exam
2	9:50 - 10:45	Final Exam
3	10:50 - 11:45	Final Exam
4	11:50 - 12:45	Final Exam
(4A)	11:50 - 12:15	Lunch Period
(4B)	12:20 - 12:45	Lunch Period
5	12:50 - 1:45	Study Period
(5A)	12:50 - 1:15	Lunch Period
(5B)	1:20 - 1:45	Lunch Period

B. On Thursday, January 28  
Homeroom 8:15 - 8:45

6	8:50 - 9:45	Final Exam
1	9:50 - 10:45	Study Period
7	10:50 - 11:45	Final Exam
4	11:50 - 12:45	Study Period
(4A)	11:50 - 12:15	Lunch Period
(4B)	12:50 - 1:45	Lunch Period
5	12:50 - 1:45	Final Exam
(5A)	12:50 - 1:45	Lunch Period
(5B)	1:20 - 1:45	Lunch Period

All students must remain in school for the entire days and will observe the regular class schedule. Buses will leave the West Campus at 2:00 P.M. on both days. Good Luck!

## Mainstays Behind The Scenes

"Fade on mike two, house lights down!" Such is an example of the technical jargon used by the boys of Stage and Lighting Limited. This organization, formed last year as a business enterprise, handles the technical end of all dances and private shows at NileHi.

Although one of the original founders of the group has graduated, Harry Taxin, Kent Williams, and Tom Leach are continuing with this service. These three, plus Erwin Vieck and Steve Poster, constitute the executive board. Their reserve crew, assembled from among the student body, is sufficient to handle larger presentations.

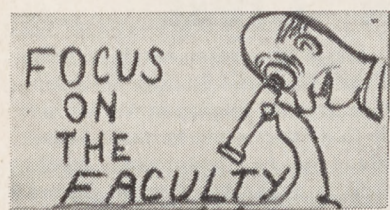
Since its founding, Stage and Lighting Limited has expanded to include photography and recording. Harry, as well as being technical

consultant, handles tape recording. Tom and Kent are co-chiefs, Tom dealing with lighting, and Kent primarily dealing with publicity and promotion. Erwin regulates the sound and Steve is the photographer

Giving his opinions on his job, Kent Williams stated, "With the fine equipment at Niles, the job provides good experience for the future."

Stage and Lighting Limited has handled several private shows at NileHi this year. Among these were the "Hanukkah Salute for Israel", Starring George Jessel, and the Community Concert Association program.

Much credit is due these "mainstays" behind the scenes, for without them "the show would not go on."



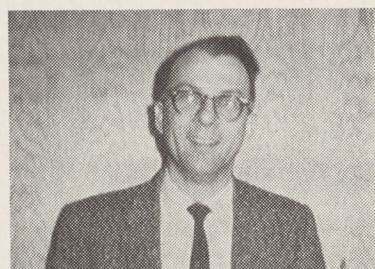
## Mr. Cragg

If you walk past 106 and hear strains of Swan Lake don't think you've wandered into the Music Department by mistake. It's only Mr. Richard K. Gragg, Nilehi's unique English Teacher, listening to his favorite recording.

Mr. Gragg was born in a Centralia, Illinois log cabin on a mountainside, but he's of no relation to Mr. Lincoln. He attended his first years of grammar school in Centralia, no doubt studying by candlelight. After graduating from a Flora high school he came to Chicago, and for almost a year he worked in the Windy City as a cardboard inspector. It was his duty to check on the different colors of the cardboard. The only drawback was that Mr. Gragg is color blind!

When he left this job he went into the Air Force and was shipped to Burma. After three years in service he returned to Chicago and the University of Illinois. In 1950 he graduated with his Master's Degree. Also in 1950 a booklet entitled "How to Read a Newspaper" was published in the Illinois Teaching Bulletin, and the author was none other than Mr. Gragg.

Mr. Gragg met his wife when he

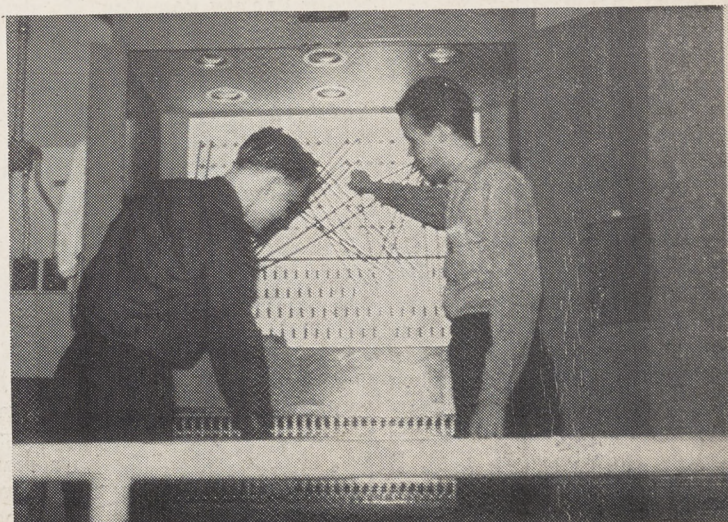


was a dishwasher in a girls boarding home and she was a waitress. They were married in 1947 and now they have their own dishwashers, 7 year-old Kathleen and 5 year-old Sharon.

Mr. Gragg says, "After four years at Niles, you would have to burn the place down to get me out." As faculty sponsor of both Silver Clipper and Arts Club, he finds these groups delightful to work with because of the eagerness and cooperation of the students. He hopes to introduce and create a lasting interest in the Arts and the Individual through these clubs.

Asked about his hero, Huckleberry Hound, he replied that his true hero is Yogi Bear. This is because he feels Yogi Bear to be a true and genuine character. Sometimes he bungles things up but he still remains himself. He admires these same qualities in people and would rather see a person be himself, even if he has many faults, than be insincere.

Trying to sum up his idea in one statement he said, "Everywhere ugliness has its beautiful aspects. There is a lot of suffering in the world but, in the long run, more beauty." World —



Kent Williams and Tom Leach, members of Stage and Lighting Limited, prepare lighting and sound for special assembly.





Sophomore cabinet shown planning for the January 28 "BREATH-ER" are, left to right, Elaine Jett, Carole Nachman (publicity chairman), Starr Braverman (dance chairman), Judy Smith, Pam Porter, Mavis Lee, and Craig Gorenstein (decorations chairman).

## Hold Your Breath . . .

Are you tired? Moody? Depressed? Does studying for finals have you down in the dumps? Sophomore Cabinet has found the answer to your problem: "The Breather," a dance sponsored by cabinet, will be the real "Breather" we all need after exams.

Conveniently scheduled for January 28 in the West Division Student Lounge the dance will, in keeping with its name, have students attending dress informally in slacks or bermudas.

Publicity for the dance, arranged by Carole Nachman, cabinet publicity chairman, reveals that a Hawaiian theme will be featured. Posters throughout the school advertise "The Breather; Flight No. 1 to Hawaii," presented by Sophomore Cabinet Airlines.

Craig Gorenstein, who is head of the Decorations Committee promises some of the most unusual decorations ever seen at a Niles' Dance. Judy Smith adds to the intrigue when her entertainment committee announces a skit to be presented by four West Division administrators.

The identity of the skit members is being kept secret until the night of the dance.

The dance is open to all students of the West Division, as are chances for the door prize; reservations for two at Shangri-La, a loop restaurant with an exotic Hawaiian atmosphere.

According to Starr Braverman, chairman for the entire dance, "I think that this year's sophomore dance will not only be different in its approach, but will be a night of worthwhile fun and entertainment for all who attend."

## Harvey Nilehi Returns An Anonymous Letter To Editor

I, Harvey Nilehi, claim to be Niles Township High School's first and foremost citizen. I do not wish to appear a braggart, but I also claim to have failed every course given by this school. Due to this constant failure I have been at Niles since the opening of the School. What year was that? Look in your student handbook stupid, that's what it's for.

Several legends have been born about me, but few are true. It is true, however, that I carry a briefcase. This was not always so. The first day I came to Niles I carried a zipper notebook, holding my books in the true Nilehi fashion, under my left arm. Some unillustrious pushed the folder and the books went tumbling down. Since that day I have carried a briefcase.

This comfortable piece of luggage has one major drawback. The fourth day I carried my trusty bag two nice gentlemen came alongside me on either side wedging the briefcase firmly between them. It was a case of let go and lose my books or hold on. I, being a stalworthy Nilehi citizen, was deter-

(if you haven't, you are very lucky! Have you noticed Mr. Rambis' Rattles? That Jim Carder's name has been in every issue of the Nilehilite? That Jack Gail isn't really muscular? He pumps up his arms every morning with a bicycle pump. How quiet the study halls (and pep assemblies) are? The tremendous response to this column? (Three anonymous phone calls and five poison pen letters) That a recent Lincolnwood A.Z.A. meeting was adjourned "on account of riots?" That Nilehi West is going to be heightened by ten stories? Mike Wexler without his gum? That next issue this space may be for rent. How accurate the student directory is? Miss Sauch's engagement ring? That this year is 1347 on the Mohammedan calendar?.... That Miss Wohlfahrt is now Mrs. Beil? What fools these mortals be? How much Al Curtis enjoyed the "Loafers"? That Mr. Van Arsdale lectures with a spotlight?

mined to hold on.

The next day I did not come to school; as a matter of fact I did not come for several days. I had a wrenched shoulder muscle.

I am Nilehi's greatest athletic failure. I think I should be awarded a place in the Nilehi Hall of Fame as the worst athlete of the century. I can present certificates of Vic Tanny Factory Rejection. My physical education record stands as such 1 mile run: 6:10 (six hours ten minutes) 440½ minute. (Honest Coach, I Was Pushed). 100 yard dash: 7 seconds (I faked em all out, I had jet powered roller skates on over my pogo sticks, the coach thought I had athletes foot.)

I claim to have left 103 small pieces of soap in the shower room, and rubbed water on the dry fellow 48 times.

My lucky number is 13. I was even born on Friday the 13th. If you doubt this, look at this example. On the thirteenth day of February, 1910, a mean kid with a scar on his face (I think they called him Scarface Al Capone, or something like that) pushed me down 13

## World Still Here!

Contrary to popular opinion the world did not come to an end on Thursday, January 14. An old legend about this tells of the letters of "Our Lady of Fatima." Two of these letters predicted the first and second world wars. The third letter told of the end of the world on January 14, 1960. Unfortunately this was incorrect.

On the assumption that the world was to end, the Nilehilite interviewed several West Division students. Janice Kamps stated, rather matter-of-factly, "I would look forward to it because it is entirely different from anything that ever happened." Ross Miller believed, "It would be very ironic because everyone knocks the possibility."

There was sufficient evidence last Thursday that the world would really end. There were earthquakes in South America, and Hawaii had a volcano eruption. Russia had a purge, an Anti-

arctic base, "Charlie," is breaking up and floating away, Europe was in it's worst cold wave, Chicago had a gas like fog and Eisenhower didn't play golf.

One person's theory of the end of the world was that the rain Tuesday was acid which would have no effect on man but will eventually shrink the earth, causing it's inhabitants to fall off. Then a breeze would blow the planet away, and all would be ended.

A very studied opinion of one of our top science students showed that the world will lose gravity and as all Trojans float upwards, they will be run over by our own building. However, due to the lack of gravity, they will be able to push it away.

The most practical comment of all came from Barbara Silverman, a thoughtful sophomore, who kept asking, "What about Brigitte and the baby?"



## Art Students Compete In Local Contest

January 18-24 art students of Nilehi will compete in a Suburban League Art Exhibit, at Weibols' Department Store in Evanston. This is an annual event in which each school sends to the exhibit about sixty original art creations that were made by Nilehi students.

All students were eligible for the competition, just as long as he or she had an original theme for their masterpiece. The paintings are being prepared, mounted and arranged by the Art Council, under the direction of Mr. Thomas Blackburn. Some of the entrees will be landscapes, such as that by Martha Zari, collages by Susan Nemeroff, and many others that will represent our school.

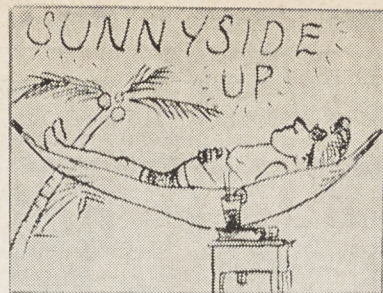
These pictures will be displayed in the department store windows in early March. At that time they will be judged and the best of them will enter national competition.

flights of stairs. Not a scratch on me. The next day he brought a machine gun to school to show the Family Living class. So anyhow the thing accidentally went off and the 14th bullet put a big hole in my briefcase. That's all for now, harv.

## Final Briefing

Since final exams are now foremost in the minds of many Trojans, this seems like a good time to give a few pointers on how to take (or not take) a final exam:

1. Don't fill your fountain pen on the day of the English final.
2. After the math final, don't forget to drop your scratch paper on the floor, because it gives the room that "lived in" look.
3. Don't forget to chew your gum loudly during the exam because the sound of it will put the rest of the class at ease.
4. Don't begin to study until January 25. Exams start the 26, and there's no sense in rushing things.



BY BOBBI TEITEL

Now movies smell - but not disagreeably. Smell-O-Vision is a new motion picture gimmick which wafts aromas before a mystified audience. This suggests not only pleasure for today's movie fan, but also heralds new entertainment thrills of the future.

Sound, color, Cinerama, 70mm projection and synthetic fragrances represent vast improvements since Francis X. Bushman days. Yet the motion picture industry will not stop, even while they are ahead.

Already in the testing stage is an igloo-type theatre with the projection machine below the center of the auditorium floor and the light beams thrown toward the ceiling. From the ceiling a group of mirrors will receive the images from a specially photographed film and distribute the action on a screen circling the auditorium. Swivel chairs will allow the audience to follow the life-sized action around the room in an atmosphere of uncanny reality.

A forthcoming certainty is the use of motion picture tape instead of film, similar to that used today on TV and in the home. The taped movies, in color, will be beamed in from a central studio and made available to all theatres within a radius of 100 miles.

When you are seated in your solar heated home with a heliport on the roof, watching television, it is most probable that you will be viewing an entire lucite wall; the TV of the future.

The screen, like your push-button telephone-viewer, will be provided by A.T.&T. Your bills for programs will be governed by the number of times you flick on the thumb-sized receiver attached to your armchair.

## Gymnastic Laurels To Coach Cress



Mr. John Cress, coach of both Frosh-Soph and Varsity Gymnastics Teams, displayed his ability in that sport when he took second place in two gymnastic meets held in Sarasota, Florida, during the Christmas Holidays. The events he participated in were the Horizontal Bar and the Trampoline.

Mr. Cress, who was a candidate for The American Olympic Gymnast in 1948, has won over one hundred gymnastic events. In 1940 he was chosen the most versatile gymnastic performer at the University of Illinois.

He has participated in such meets as The Big Ten, American Athletic Union, and The National Collegiate.

Before coming to Niles in 1958, Mr. Cress served eight years in the Armed Forces as a captain and Physical Director for the Air Force.

Upon his arrival at Niles, Mr. Cress began a gymnastic team. At the present time he has 71 gymnasts competing in six events: parallel bars, side horse, horizontal bars, rings, trampoline, and tumbling.

When asked about participation in these events, Mr. Cress said, "I find that today's teenagers favor the trampoline while the horizontal bar is the least popular. This is because greater strides of progress can be made on the trampoline in shorter time, while on the horizontal bar learning takes longer, and skill is achieved only after sore and calloused hands."





One of the acts chosen for Reflections Revelries is *Ten Little Indians*, a song and dance with ten Indian girls and five accompanists.

### Review Five '59 Favorites

## College Deadline Draws Near

SINCE MANY STUDENTS have been finding it difficult to make a decision as to the college of their choice here are some of the popular choices of students last year which may help someone this year to make a decision.

According to the survey taken of the preferences of the 1959 Nilehi graduates, 129 of 440 who were planning to attend college were going to the University of Illinois. Other popular Universities were Northwestern, Purdue, Michigan, and Wisconsin in that order. These five are the basis for the following thumbnail sketches.

**Illinois—Urbana, Champaign, and Chicago—Urbana environment; co-ed, 18,514 men and 5,861 women; state institution library 2,650,000 volumes.**

**Tuition \$130 for Illinois residents with typical expenses at \$1,400; 46 scholarships of \$500 or more, 89 from \$200 to \$500, 3,026 for \$200 or less.**

**Northwestern—Evanston and Chicago—Suburban and urban environment; co-ed, 4,160 men, 2,900 women; library 1,150,000 volumes; faculty ratio 1:20; private institution.**

**Typical expenses \$1,750; 885 undergraduate scholarships from \$120 to \$1,200; about 50 per cent of students earn a quarter or more of expenses.**

**Purdue—LaFayette—Small city environment, northwest of Indianapolis; co-ed, 8,600 men, 2,000 women; library 305,000 volumes; faculty ratio 1:11.**

**Tuition free to Indiana residents; typical expenses \$1,300; approximately 2,000 scholarships with no residence stipulations for about 600 of them.**

**Wisconsin—Madison—Urban environment; co-ed, 9,741 men, 4,213 women; library 400,000 volumes; faculty ratio 1:14.**

**Semester fees for non-residents \$250; typical expenses \$1,150; about 1,140 scholarships.**

**Other popular choices were Roosevelt University, Chicago; Northern Illinois University, DeKalb; and Bradley University, Peoria.**

The percentage of Nilehi graduates going to college has grown from 67 per cent in 1957 to 70 per cent in 1959. Of those in the first quarter of the class, 95 per cent were planning to go to college.

## Scholarship Counselor Reviews 18 'Happy' Years In school

MISS MARGARET de Booy is known to most students as simply their scholarship counselor, but there is more behind the desk than a counselor.

Miss de Booy came to Niles in 1942 to teach mathematics. Her field was in teaching algebra, particularly Algebra 3 and 4.

From 1943 on she served in the capacity of a junior class advisor



for several years, following this with her present work in counseling. Up until three years ago she taught some math continuously.

She holds a B.S. degree from Northwestern, a Master's degree from Columbia, and post graduate work at Northwestern, University of Colorado, and the University of California at Berkeley.

When asked to be interviewed, she immediately revealed her association with student committees in the past.

"I would like to mention," she began, "three rather 'cherished experiences' working with student committees." It is work with students she likes.

After two years of committee work with outstanding juniors and seniors the constitution to establish

a Nilehi chapter of the National Honor Society was accepted by the National Council in Washington D.C.

In spring of 1945, 34 charter members were inducted through the services of Proviso's National Honor Society chapter.

"Since 1945 we have inducted 489 members to our chapter," stated Miss de Booy, checking her current figures.

Another experience happened during the years of 1951-52 when the Junior Cabinet was given permission by the administration to work on a school crest. The emblem was to be based upon the tenets of the Student Code of Ethics, which had been adopted previously.

"Our current crest was first printed," mentioned Miss de Booy, "in the 1952 yearbook."

Her third cherished experience was in 1953 when the project was to write a constitution for a Niles Township High School Student Council.

Constitution Assembly delegates were chosen by class cabinets, two seniors, two juniors, one sophomore, and one freshman.

"We worked during school hours," she reflected, "during the school day, after school, and even on Saturday mornings, before the constitution was adopted by the student body."

When asked if she had any special message or thoughts to pass on to Nilehi students, Miss de Booy commented:

"I have missed my mathematics classes; however, preparing principal's recommendations for college applicants and counseling

## 'Reflections 1960' Has Comic Theme

IT IS THAT time of year again with Reflections Revelries of 1960 almost here, as was evidenced by the announcement of the acts and crews. The show will be held on March 4 and 5.

Reflections, a production over fifteen years old, has had many different themes, and this year it is comic strip characters. The show is being written by Miss Virginia Stemp who is co-director of the show, and its title is, "The Cartoon Cavalcade."

The show will deal with a procession of cartoon characters. According to Miss Stemp the show will have a special effect and a surprise ending. "The production will be even better than last year's show because of the variety of the acts and the costumes," says Miss Stemp.

Tryouts were held from January 11 through January 15 in the Assembly Room at East Division. Approximately 250 students participated and as many as 100 were auditioned in one day. Monday January 18 the twenty acts that were selected were announced.

These acts ranged from solos to chorus lines. *I Won't Grow Up*, led by Allyn Arnold; *I Can't Say Daisy and Maisy*, led by Sue Alton; *Ten Little Indians*, led by Fern Chapman; and *Casper the Oriental Ghost*, led by Sandy Dean are the chorus lines.

The other acts are Lil Abner, led by Penny Johnson; a solo by Sandy Eggert; a Baton Act, led by Carol Zehnle; Barbershoppers, led by Diane Marterie.

Also included are an instrumental led by Roger Mills; a *Hillbilly Duet* led by Joanne Worthington; a solo by Ken Norgan; a *Horse Act* led by Sharon Brandstrom; *Once in Love with Archie*, led by Barbara Levenfeld; *Old Time Movie*, led by Bob Schnair.

Others are a solo by Al Goodman; *Steam Heat*, led by Penny Johnson; and *Thank Heaven for Little Girls*, led by Gladys Lindberg. "Miss Stemp and I are very pleased with the acts and the number that tried out," says Mr. O. T. Hendrickson.

### Crews Also Announced

Crews were chosen and announced Tuesday January 19. Harry Taxin is the Stage Manager, and Marlene Margolis is the Director of Crews. The narrator and extras were auditioned Thursday January 21.

### Judging System To Change

According to Marlene, the system of judging will be revised to give all types of acts an equal chance to win. However, the exact method has not been devised in all details as yet.

students who qualify for scholarships are a continual challenge—never a dull moment.

"In fact, I would recommend the teaching profession to all intelligent high school students who are unselfish in their desire to make a rich contribution to upholding the dignity of man in a world community."



Sety, Nilehi's foreign exchange student, chooses her first class ring as Ken Norgan looks on. Senior Cabinet has given her a charm bracelet; each charm symbolizes something at Nilehi.



In "Old Time Movie," another Reflections act, Dan Shellist prepares "to shoot it out" with Bob Schnair as Joel Caplan and Gary Neimark watch anxiously.

## Nilehi Alumni Found Here

Betty Stine, '59, and Judith Gruber, '59 have recently pledged Alpha Delta Pi sorority at Ripon College, Wisconsin. Betty Stine was also elected treasurer of Evans Hall, a freshman girls' dormitory. Carolyn Roltgen, '59, has been pledged by Delta Delta Delta sorority at Millikin University in Decatur, Illinois, where she is an English major.

Linda Weinberg, '59, has been selected for an advanced English program at Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. She was selected on the basis of her high school English record and various placement tests.

June graduate Bonnie Martin, former president of the Teachers of Tomorrow, pledged Zeta Tau Alpha sorority at Albion College, Michigan. Karen Hanse, '59, pledged Alpha Chi Omega at Albion.

Mimi Stone, January '59 graduate, recently pledged Sigma Delta Tau sorority at the University of Indiana. Sue Levin, '59, pledged Delta Phi Epsilon at the University of Illinois, Urbana.

Ginger Golden, '59, former Nilehi cheerleader, made the cheering squad downstate. She also pledged Alpha Epsilon Phi at the University.

Anne Cusic, '59, pledged Alpha Gamma Delta, at De Pauw University, Greencastle, Indiana.

Robert Ketelson, '58, a Delta Tau Delta at the University of Wisconsin was recently elected to Phi Eta Sigma, a scholastic honor society for sophomore men with an A or B average.

John Schmidling, '57, has completed 13 weeks of basic training at the U. S. Coast Guard Receiving Center, Cape May, New Jersey. Seaman apprentice Schmidling will now report to Petty Officers School at the U.S.C.G. Training Station, Groton, Connecticut.

Sennett Tzinberg, '59, recently completed basic training at the Marine Corps training center, San Diego, California. After a three week leave during the Christmas holidays, Sennett returned to Camp Pendleton, California where he will remain with the First Marine Division.

### WEDDING BELLS . . .

Wedding Bells will ring for alums

Karen Magner, '59, and Dave Metzler, '57, in the near future.

Bob Ebbert, '58, and Sandy Schmidt, '59 will also be married soon.

Dave Wicker, '58 and Anne Ide, '58 will be married on February, 27, 1960. Dave's brother Chuck Wicker, '56, will marry Midge Chase, Milwaukee, Wisconsin in June, 1960.

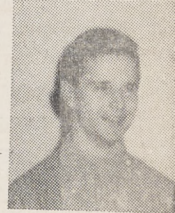
## Inquiring Reporter

Because of the emphasis on colleges in this issue of the Nilehilite, your Inquiring Reporter decided to interview three seniors and find out what their college plans were. The question asked this week is: What college do you plan to attend next fall, and what are your reasons for selecting it?

Pat Wilson: "Next fall I plan to attend Knox College in Galesburg, Illinois. I selected Knox because it fulfills my idea of a college. The school is small. The faculty has an excellent academic background, and Knox offers exactly the type and variety of courses that I wish to take. The campus, consisting mainly of old buildings and ivy-covered walls, is also very beautiful."

Bob Longfield: "The college of my choice is the University of Illinois at Urbana. I have selected this particular school for many reasons: their nationally ranked engineering school, which I intend to enter; their fine campus, which includes many modern facilities for academic, fraternity, athletic, and social life; their fine athletic program, in both intramural and interscholastic sports; and the outstanding quality of the faculty and educational programs."

Betty Smart: "When I visited Denison University in Granville, Ohio, I was especially impressed by the students and the very beautiful campus. Denison has good teachers and an excellent academic reputation. In a small college, I believe teachers are more interested in their students. It has a good location; being 200 miles south of Chicago it might be an improvement over our sometimes arctic temperatures. However, it would still be easy to get home during vacations."





## Rhu Barbs

BY MIKE RUBY

WITH THE END of the first round of Suburban League play coming tomorrow, the Trojan cagers find themselves in the same position this year as last. If Trojan fans remember, the Nilesmen were beaten in the first eight games of the Suburban League season. Of the next six contests the Trojans won four of them, giving them an overall league record of 4-10.

The leading scorer in the league right now is Andy Hankins, Waukegan's fine all-conference forward. Hankins has amassed 122 points in six contests for a 20.3 average per game. Almost half that total came in his last two games when Andy scored 22 and 31 points on consecutive nights. Besides Hankins' scoring talents he is also an excellent rebounder. Although only 6 feet he can "dunk" with either or both hands and swipes rebounds from players six or seven inches taller than himself.

Perhaps the most improved basketball player in the league is Dick Rochelle, Evanston's giant center. As a freshman Dick had a very poor shot, if any, and could not jump well enough for his extreme height. Coach Jack Burmaster has worked with him and developed him into an excellent rebounder with a good hook shot. He is now averaging 17 points per game thus far.

The Trojan swimmers are probably improving with each meet. Against Evanston, senior tankster Phil Karafotas took two firsts, in the 200 yard freestyle and 200 yard individual medley. In the first event mentioned, Phil missed tying the state record by four-tenths of a second.

Evanston's swimming coach Dobbie Burton put Phil's performance into the best words: "That boy is going to be mighty tough in the state finals."

The Trojan varsity wrestling coach Mr. Howard Byram seems to be born under the wrong star. Three of his starting grapplers are out of action with injuries. Both Tod Wise, with a bad back, and Howie Alder, with an ear injury, are inactive at the moment. Wise probably won't wrestle for the rest of the year but Alder may see action soon.

Key injuries have occurred in other sports as well. Frank Warda, Nilehi's top scorer prior to his injury, is back in the lineup after a knee injury. However, Frank is still not playing as well as he could because of the knee.

### SUBURBAN LEAGUE

#### BASKETBALL STANDINGS

Team	W	L
Proviso East	6	0
Evanston	5	1
Waukegan	4	2
Highland Park	4	2
New Trier	2	4
Morton	2	4
Oak Park	1	5
NILES	0	6

# Trojans Lose to Waukegan, Proviso To Give Roundballers 0-6 Record

THE NILES TROJANS found themselves buried deep in the Suburban League cellar last weekend when they lost two games to lengthen their winless streak to six.

On Friday, January 15, the Trojans lost to the Waukegan Bulldogs 53-42 at Waukegan in a game which found the Trojans able to tally only 11 baskets.

Waukegan was led by the wizardry of all-conference forward Andy Hankins who poured in 22 points, 10 in the last quarter. The only quarter in which Niles outscored the Bulldogs was the one in which Hankins didn't score.

Top Trojan scorer was Jim Dahlgren with 13 points, followed by sophomore guard Bob Brown with eight.

On the following night, Niles again succumbed, this time to Proviso, the Suburban League leader, 52-37. The Trojans couldn't hold an 11-6 first quarter lead nor the Proviso rebounding.

Dave Kwiatkowski, Proviso's senior forward, took scoring honors with 20 points, nine in the final quarter. The Nilesmen were led by Dave Jolley with 12 points.

	1	2	3	4	T
NILES	11	10	5	11	37
Proviso	6	24	7	15	52

The week before the Proviso con-

test, the Trojans faced their perennial foes from Evanston and were edged 58-57 in a game highlighted by the Wildkit's extreme height. The Kits have 6 foot 9 inch Dick Rochelle at center and 6 foot 6 inch Bill Little at a forward spot. Despite this advantage in height the Trojans took the statistical rebounding honors.

Top scorer for Niles was Jolley once again, this time pouring in 18 points, the top league performance of any Trojan so far this year. Rochelle led all scorers with 24 points, 17 in the first half.

	1	2	3	4	T
NILES	9	16	11	21	57
Evanston	19	16	10	13	58

The Trojans also lost to Morton at Cicero 59-41 in a listless game in which no Trojan player scored in double figures. Highest man was Frank Warda with nine points, followed by Jolley with eight.

The Mustangs' secret seemed to be balanced scoring as their starters had 12, 11, 11, 9, and 8 points.

	1	2	3	4	T
NILES	9	9	10	13	41
Morton	12	14	10	23	59

The Trojans played in the holiday hardwood tournament over the holidays and were defeated in the first round by Arlington. They won their consolation game, however, 61-60 over Wheaton.

## Trojans Romp Riverside 42-0 Non-League Meet

THE NILEHI VARSITY wrestling team, despite a Suburban League record of 1-3, trounced the Riverside-Brookfield grapplers 42-0 at the Trojan gym last Tuesday.

Steve Shipka began the Trojan romp with a 6-5 victory over his opponent. Lou Lutz then topped his opponent 3-1, followed by a victory by sophomore Jerry Dulkan.

At the 120 pound weight division Steve Weiss, a junior, pinned his opponent. Bill Carr followed Steve with a victory as did Stu Marshall. Carr's score was 3-2 and Marshall's was 4-3.

Wrestling at the 138 division was John Papandrea, a freshman. Papandrea, who was losing at the time, was forced to stop the match because of an injury to his opponent, thereby giving him the match on a default.

Jim Miresse, 145 pound junior, pinned his opponent in the second period and Dick Isel won 8-2. Jim Tune followed with an 8-7 win and Denny Dobrowski won 5-4. Bill Fisher, the Trojan heavyweight, also was victorious 3-1, rounding

out the score.

The only Suburban League win for the Niles matmen was a 23-15 victory over the Morton Mustangs.

Shipka lost his match but Lutz evened the meet with a victory. Junior Jim Fung lost but Steve Weiss, wrestling 120, won, tying the match once again. Bill Carr lost but Dewey Sims, the 133 pounder, won on a default. Howie Alder won as did Jim Miresse.

Isel followed Jim with a win and Tune also came through victorious. Denny Dobrowski topped his opponent as Bill Fisher lost to end the meet.

In the holiday Waukegan Invitational wrestling tournament, the Trojans took two first places, one by Fung at 112, and one by Dobrowski at 180. Isel took a third place, losing to last year's state champion Rick Bay. Alder also placed for the Nilesmen, taking fourth.

The Trojans also lost to New Trier 26-12, Waukegan 23-14, and Evanston 30-10.

## Sophomores Romp Evanston Wildkits For Single Suburban League Victory

THE NILEHI SOPHOMORE basketball team, with eight games left on their Suburban League schedule, has compiled a record of 1-5 with their only victory coming over Evanston 60-39.

The sophs were led to the win over the Kits by Rick Artwick with 16 points. Jim Hart had 13 points and Jim Ingersoll poured in 11. Artwick's points came on only two baskets, but he accumulated 12 free throws.

A helpful factor for the Nilesmen was their shooting percentage on free throws. They shot 70% on these, far better than previous performance.

League losses have come to New Trier, Oak Park, Proviso East, Morton, and Waukegan. Against Proviso the Trojans were defeated 34-32, due mainly to their very poor foul shooting. They hit on only 40% of their free tosses. Paul Bishop led the sophs with 11 and Artwick had nine points.

The Waukegan Bulldogs also



Dave Jolley (31) and Bob Brown (40) move in for a rebound against Evanston. The Wildkits won the game 58-57.

## Swimmers Defeat Waukegan 75-10 for Second SL Triumph

THE VARSITY TANKSTERS, under Coach Don Larsen, trounced the Waukegan Bulldogs last Friday 75-10 at the Trojans' pool. The Nilehiers took firsts in all ten events, giving them their first clean sweep of the season.

Phil Karafotas, senior and also top point man, started the festivities with a win in the 50 yard freestyle in a time of 24.8. A victory in the 100 butterfly by Dave Katz and one by Raul Martin in the 200 yard free gave the Trojans two more firsts.

Karafotas then came back with his second first place of the day, this one in the 100 yard backstroke.

Bob Lamme took a first in the breaststroke and Rick Kroon in the 100 yard freestyle. Katz took another first in the individual medley and Dave Nelson took the diving. Both relay teams also won.

Morton also was defeated by the Trojans 60-26 with the Nilesmen taking eight first places. Martin took one in the 200 and Marshall Claasen took one in the 50 yard freestyle. Bob Kirschner took a first as did Walt Isaac. Karafotas took first place in the 100 yard freestyle and Claasen won the 200 yard individual medley. Nelson again won the diving and the freestyle relay team won.

One league loss was to Evanston 65-21 with Karafotas taking the only Niles first places. His

first was in the 200 yard freestyle in a time of 1:57.7. His second was in the 200 yard individual medley in a 2:19.5 time. Both times are school records.

In a non-league meet, the Trojans were beaten by Riverside-Brookfield 50-36. Kroon took a first, as did Karafotas twice, Kirschner, Martin, and Nelson. Both relay teams lost.

## JV's 2-3 in SL, Freshmen Lose

THE NILEHI JUNIOR varsity basketball team, under the coaching of Mr. Jerry Engle, has compiled a record of two wins and three losses in Suburban League play.

Their first victory came over New Trier 40-34. Top scorer was Jim Boyesen with 11 points, followed by Steve Chester with 10. The Trojans hit on 61% of their free throws in this game.

The Nilesmen were beaten by Oak Park 66-43 despite a fine 23 point performance by Larry Mills and 11 points by Bronson Davis.

Morton also topped the Trojans, edging them 41-37. Chester led the Niles scorers with 14 points on three baskets and eight free throws.

A loss to Evanston also is on the Trojan record. The Kits topped them 62-46 as Jim Reicherts scored 14 points.

In their most recent game, the Trojans topped Waukegan 52-48 behind a 25 point spree by Steve Miller. Larry Mills also contributed 15 points to the winning cause.

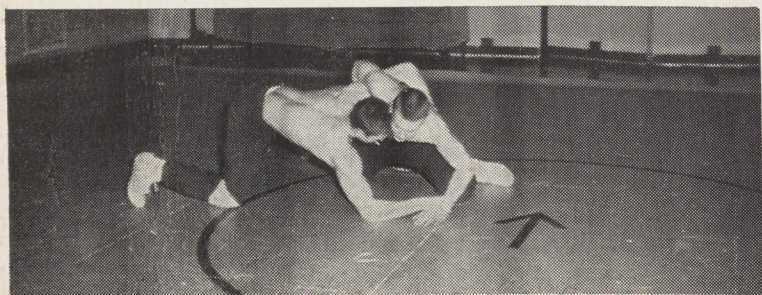
The frosh basketballers have compiled a record of 1-4 in league play. The single victory that the sophs have had was over Oak Park 29-27, Bob Epstein leading the way with 10 points.

One of their losses was to New Trier 62-40. Ken Altshuler led the Trojans with 14 points.

Evanston also topped the Trojans 55-33 with Altshuler again leading the Niles scoring with 11. Morton also topped the Trojans 48-31, Altshuler with 12 points.

The Trojans have two non-league wins, over Leyden East, 32-27 and Glenbrook 30-27.

Leading the league at the moment is Waukegan with a 5-0 record, tied with Proviso East.



Junior Dick Isel (left) and Jim Tune wrestle in a recent practice. Isel wrestles 154 and Tune is at 165.