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Busy practicing for this year's fall play, under the direction of Miss Virginia Stemp, dramatics instructor, is the cast for "Goodbye, My Fancy." The curtain will open on the play tonight at 8:15 p.m.

Curtain to Open Tonight On 'Goodbye, My Fancy'

TONIGHT and tomorrow night, November 19 and 20, at 8:15 p.m. in the assembly room, the curtain will open on "Goodbye, My Fancy," Nilehi's annual fall play.

The production is under the direction of Miss Virginia Stemp, speech and drama teacher, and her two assistants, Nancy Cox and Donna Vanderwall, juniors.

"GOODBYE, My Fancy," revolves around Agatha Reed, a Congresswoman, who has returned to her alma mater, Good Hope College, for an honorary degree and to renew a college romance.

Members of the cast are: Toni Turner, Agatha Reed; Lila Hiem, Ginny Merrill; Janice Jack, Grace Woods; Phil Quigley, James Merrill; Bob Schroeder, Matt Cole; Ron Shabel, Dr. Pitt; Joyce Baron, Miss Shackelford; Dennis Moore, Mr. Griswold; Dorothy Dziadula, Miss Birdeshaw; Bob Martin, Professor Dingely; Lynn Watson, Mary Nell; Rosemary Nitche, Amelia; Lynn Palmer, Susan; Jim Eishen and Dave Hanson, janitors; and Jerry Kucera, telephone man.

Crew chairmen are Bob Godell, stage crew; Vivian Bank, costumes; Joyce DeZutter, make-up; Judy Liss, properties; Suzie Schuster, advertising. Prompters are Jill Gopperton and Shirley Yerama.



Janice Jack's astonished expression seems to have no effect upon Bob Schroeder and Toni Turner as they practice for "Goodbye, My Fancy," the annual fall play. Curtain will open at 8:15 p.m. tonight and tomorrow night in the assembly.

Week for Seniors Emphasizes Future

"What comes after high school graduation?"

THIS BIG question in the minds of many Nilehi seniors will probably be answered during career week, November 17 and 18 at Nilehi.

The two day agenda includes a well-rounded series of speeches and demonstrations that deal with college careers and occupations requiring no college education.

A talk entitled "Careers For College Grads," will be heard by all college preparatory students in the opening session of the November 17 program. Following, Mr. David Murphy will address the senior boys not planning to attend college and explain occupational opportunities.

HOPES ARE high that Dr. Frank Endicott, placement director at Northwestern University, will be able to deliver his theory on a "two plan college and life outline," according to Mr. Harold Ohlson, senior adviser.

The second day includes a
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Thanksgiving Means More Than Turkey, Cranberries

WHEN WE think of Thanksgiving, we automatically think of stuffing ourselves with turkey and cranberries, an extra long weekend of relaxation and sleeping late in the mornings, and a short vacation of fun.

Actually, the observance of Thanksgiving is intended to mean a great deal more than to the high school student. It is a time for giving thanks for all that we have.

THE FIRST Thanksgiving Days were harvest festivals set aside for thanking God for plentiful crops. For years, there was no date set aside in the United States for a regular national Thanksgiving Day, although some states followed the tradition. Finally, after more than thirty years of promoting the idea of a national Thanksgiving Day, the last Thursday of November was set aside by President Lincoln, in 1863, "as a day of thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father." For 75 years following that event, the presidents continued to issue similar proclamations until 1941 when Congress ruled that the fourth Thursday of November would be observed as Thanksgiving Day and as a legal holiday.

Often we hear of our freedoms and our American way of life for which we should rightly be thankful. While these are extremely important, there are advantages and privileges within the school itself which we should appreciate. At the recent parents' nights, the "oohs" and "ahs" of the parents as they viewed the many facilities of the modern new wing would have made us realize how fortunate we are to have such ultra-modern equipment and surroundings. These same parents realize the vast changes that have taken place in the last twenty years.

AT NILEHI, we are fortunate in having one of the best educational systems and a well qualified faculty.

While we're enjoying that turkey dinner and a weekend of fun, let's give some thought to these things!

Spirit Will not be Forgotten Though Grid Season Closes

This is the time of of year when nearly everyone is anxiously looking forward to the opening of basketball season. However, the football team, having just completed several months of hard work and rough playing, perhaps deserves a great deal of praise from the student body.

AT FIRST glance, the just completed 1954 football season presents a fairly grim outlook to gridiron enthusiasts. But compare the results of this years season to that of last year and you will discover a noticeable improvement in the scores of nearly every game.

Despite the lack of wins, and several injuries, the spirit of the players was not that of a defeated team. Niles still retains its values of good sportsmanship and respect in the Suburban League.

THE SCHOOL boasts two seniors, Shel Mikkelson and John Pearson, as members of the all-suburban "dream" team and numerous others on the second all-suburban team and honorable mention list. Decisions were made by all Suburban League coaches.

As the newest member of the League, Niles was not as deep in reserves as many of the other schools. Nevertheless, the players were fortunate in having an excellent coaching staff.

THE TREMENDOUS spirit displayed by the team may be summed up in the words of the Varsity Coach Mike Basrak: "They never gave up in any ball game even though the odds were against us!"

The NILEHILITE extends its deepest sympathy to Julie McGinnis, junior, on the recent death of her father.

The NILEHILITE extends its deepest sympathy to Curt Bassler, junior, on the recent death of his mother.

Nilehi . . . Talks Back

Dear Editor,

So much stress is put on school spirit during football and basketball season. Some students seem to think school spirit concerns only sports, but how about all of us showing more school spirit during magazine drives, and other school activities such as clubs, the Union, dances, and other school projects?

Let's help one another "carry the load" and not let a few willing workers do it all. Let's show school spirit every day in every way.

Joyce Rossmann
Senior

Dear Editor,

Nilehi has as adequate a choice of subjects as most high schools, but there is one subject in particular which could be a great help to students, but which is not offered. This subject is "studying."

Most colleges offer such courses, but by the time a person reaches college, his study habits are already well formed. The fact that a very large percentage of college freshmen fail shows that the students should have learned the proper methods of studying in high school, but didn't.

If a subject like this could be made available, particularly to freshmen and sophomores, I am sure that it would prove to be worthwhile.

Marjorie Beckman
Senior

ED. Instruction on "studying" is offered to freshmen students through the social studies classes this year. If students feel that a separate course would be beneficial, the idea can be carried to the Student Council, class cabinets, or Dr. Mason.

NILEHILITE

The NILEHILITE is about the students, written by the students, and primarily for the students. It is intended for the enjoyment of its readers and to stimulate pride in Niles Township High School, Skokie, Illinois. Dr. Joseph A. Mason, Superintendent-principal.

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Career Week . . .

meeting directed at Business Education girls, at which positions, fundamentals, and requirements of a good secretary will be discussed.

Senior boys will have their questions about the "draft" and other military services answered in a special meeting conducted by men of the military service.

HIGHLIGHTING the day's events for the senior girls will be a tea given by the 100 Per Cent Club. Miss Rita O'Grady, former member of the Patricia Stevens staff of secretarial training and fashion, will be the guest speaker. She will open her treasure chest of charm secrets and give some pointers on dress, poise, posture, and other social graces that will add to the success of any career.

Taking place at the same time as these meetings will be an introduction of diversified occupations to the Nilehi Sophomores conducted by Mr. David Murphy, diversified occupations adviser.

Grabow and Owen To Lead Musicians

NILEHI'S band has elected Gordon Grabow as its president for the school year of 1954-55.

Gordon has been a member of the band for four years and plays the trumpet.

As president of the band, his duties include taking attendance, discipline, taking charge of "warming up" the instruments, announcements of the day, committees, and other details. He leads the band in absence of Mr. Leo Provost, band director, except when on the field, when the drum major takes control.

DON OWEN, another senior, was chosen as student conductor of the orchestra and string ensemble that plays between acts of the plays. Don will probably conduct one number at the formal orchestra concert in the spring, according to Mr. Hugh McGee, director.

"BERMUDA Bounce" is the name given to a new and different kind of Nilehi dance.

Sponsored by junior homeroom 208, the dance will be held in the assembly room Wednesday, November 24, from 10 p.m. to 12 p.m., immediately following the first home basketball game with Leyden.

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Here is the actual letter received from Le Min Soo, Nilehi's "adopted" Korean orphan. Written August 13, the letter did not reach the school until early this month.

Letter to Students Arrives From 'Adopted' Korean Boy

LAST spring, through the Foster Parents' Plan for War Children, Inc., Nilehi students "adopted" an eleven-year-old Korean orphan—Le Min Soo.

An all-school collection, conducted by the Student Council, enabled the school to send money to the Korean youngster, who is now living in the Taeja Orphanage in Kumsan, Korea. Lee Min Soo is without known relatives; his father died after being stricken with typhus in 1948, his mother left home when the young boy was four years old, and his twin brother, who disappeared nearly six years ago, is believed to have been killed as the Communist Red army invaded the country south of the 38th parallel or kidnapped by the army.

As a foster parent, the student body corresponds with Le Min Soo, who is this year in the fourth grade. Here is the most recent letter received from the boy.

Dear my foster parents in the Niles Township High School,

I am very glad to tell you that I have been enjoying these summer days in good health and great fun. When it is too hot to stay in home I usually go to the woods looking for the shadows and have lots of fun catching cicadas and fishes.

WE HAD pretty heavy rain in this month and after the rain the sun shines up with its strong ray. The strong sun ray and white gigantic columns of clouds tell us

it is mid summer now. And they cheer me up with bright hope. Fields and mountains are in their full time now. In a small temple in which our orphanage stands we have been leading enjoyable days under the kind care of our superintendent. So please set your mind at easy. Thank you very much for your kind thought and help.

While it is not so hot in the morning and evening, I study very hard lest I should be behind of other friends in my schooling record. Sometimes when we have an entertainment party in our orphanage or in our school, I do not fail to say something about my foster parent. It is one of the most joyful and happiest moments for me. I guess you have been enjoying your summer vacation in much fun and luck. But I think it is almost over and you have to go back to your school again. Please write me about you. I will be waiting for the nice letter from you. I am sending you a picture with this letter. Hope you like it. With my best wishes to you all.

Yours very truly,
 Le Min Soo



Pictured above with their new prizes are this year's Magazine Drive winners. Left to right are Tom Reichert, David Geer, Roger Cope, Ron Furtak, Ken Adam, Phyllis Roubal, Mr. Ronald Van Arsdale, sponsor; Ron Gamer, Chuck Esposito, Gloria Mengarelli, Jackie Worthley, Brian Olson, and Charlie Berndt.

Music Groups Plan Christmas Vespers

ALTHOUGH Santa Claus won't be here for a while, Christmas Vespers, one of Nilehi's annual musical concerts, will usher in the yuletide spirit with its program of Christmas music on December 12 at 4 p.m. in the Boys' gym.

The orchestra and entire chorus combined will open the program with "Fanfare for Christmas Day" and Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" from the "Messiah."

Other features of the program will be "Twelve Days of Christmas" and choruses from the "Messiah" by the Choir, "Twas the Night Before Christmas" by Vivace, "A Musical Christmas Card" by the Madrigals, Leroy Anderson's "Sleigh Rite" by the orchestra and several numbers by the Boys' and Girls' Glee Clubs.

For the finale, the orchestra and entire chorus will again combine for Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus."

Miss Clara Klaus and Mr. Hugh McGee, music instructors and directors at Nilehi, will conduct the entire concert.

THE PUBLIC is invited to attend.

Debaters to Argue Free Trade Topic

"THUS, we of the affirmative believe that free trade is the only solution."

These words may be heard tomorrow as the Nilehi debate team travels to La Grange for its second tournament of the season.

FOUR debaters will represent Nile in each of three divisions—beginner, sub-varsity, and varsity. The foursomes will consist of two affirmative and two negative contestants each.

Last Saturday a team of twelve participated in the Evans-ton tournament. The beginners were Ed Pollack, Joel Michael, Fred Wattering, and Jay Wollin, sophomores. Carol Stine, Joan Comiano, Janet Erny, sophomores, and Frank Gorom, junior, composed the sub-varsity team.

DEBATING varsity were Bernd Schwarz, Phil Quigley, Jim Beddia, juniors; and Eleanor Collins, senior. The results of the contest were not available at this time. Dr. Betts referred to the average remarked, "I will be very happy if we do as well as last year." Dr Betts referred to the average of nearly 50 per cent wins compiled by the 1953-54 teams.

Gamer Named High Magazine Salesman

TOTAL results from this year's magazine drive ranged slightly over \$10,000 according to Mr. Ronald Van Arsdale, sponsor. Last year's drive brought in approximately \$11,700.

Ron Gamer, senior, is high salesman in this year's Magazine Drive. By selling \$383.30 worth of subscriptions, Ron won a Smith-Carona portable typewriter. This is his third year as a winner; last year he won third prize in the drive.

PHYLIS ROUBAL, sophomore, won second prize—a Gruen "Carmen" wrist watch with her 3130.80 in sales.

Third prize of a table model radio was won by David Geer, freshman, who sold \$110.60 worth of subscriptions.

KEN ADAMS, junior, sold \$102.30 worth of subscriptions and won a set of matched luggage.

Ron Furtak, junior, won a portable pocket radio by selling \$86.50 worth of subscriptions.

SIXTH prize of a portable three-speed phonograph and an album was won by Roger Cope, freshman. Brian Olson, sophomore, was awarded a Coronet three-D camera for his efforts.

Other winners listed in order of highest sales are: Jackie Worthly, junior; Chuck Esposito, senior; Charlie Berndt, sophomore; Terry Stark, sophomore; Gloria Mengarelli, freshman; and Audrey Baz-zoni, freshman.

100 Nilehi Seniors Help with Election

ACTING as checkers, 100 Nilehi seniors from the problems classes helped precinct captains at the polls during the recent election on Tuesday, November 2.

Each precinct in the area had a Nilehi representative working. The seniors were volunteers from problems classes and were sent in shifts to give all seniors a chance to work in an actual election. Students were shown how to operate a voting machine in some precincts and told the details of a national election.



Meet Miss Loranger

"I'M CRAZY about Scotch tartans" is what Miss Janet Loranger, new teacher of sophomore English and sponsor of the Service Club, replied when asked to tell her likes.

Originally from Duluth, Minnesota, Miss Loranger received her B.A. degree at Carleton College and Masters degree at the University of Minnesota.

Before coming to Nilehi, she taught English and voice at a college-preparatory school in Minnesota where she was in charge of the yearbook and also the dramatics department.

Reading and listening to music also rate high on her interest list. Previously she played the French horn in the Duluth Symphony Orchestra.

Other likes include swimming, steak, french fried onions, and going to the theater. "Radio and TV commercials are my only pet peeves," remarked Miss Loranger.

Usually mild tempered and cheerful, Miss Loranger admits one of her favorite mottos is "Ideas are power."

HER PLANS for the future include a year-long trip to Europe within the next five years.

Fines in Cafeteria Decreasing Slowly

THE NILEHI cafeteria is overcrowded this year, but it continues to run as smoothly as it has in the past. The student cooperation has been extremely good so far, and the cafeteria advisers hope it will keep up for the entire year," stated Mr. Homer Ellis, cafeteria adviser.

THE FINES for "messy" tables were high the first week, but they have been decreasing slowly each week, according to Mr. Ellis and Miss Florence Harrison, the other cafeteria adviser.

Faculty Confesses Teaching Desires

BECAUSE one journalism student wanted to know if Nilehi teachers would like to teach any other subject rather than the one he is teaching now, we asked some of the teachers: "If you could do it all over again, what would you like to teach?"

Mr. Charles Suydam, history teacher: "I'd rather teach almost any other subject. Not really, though, because I am quite content teaching the subjects I now teach, and wouldn't want any others."

Miss Anna Toivola, general science teacher: "I would teach biology or zoology."

Mr. Nelson Grote, general metals and electricity teacher: "I'd enjoy teaching mechanical drawing."

Mrs. Ebba McNeill, head of the cafeteria staff: "I started out to be a foreign language teacher, but then fell into my present trade, which I like very much."

Mr. Clifford Collins, private music-lessons teacher: "I'd teach anything related to music because I'm not interested in other subjects."

Mr. Marion Brooks, chemistry teacher: "Archery has always interested me because I have a cupid's instinct from being a bachelor all these years."

Miss Joan Coon, shorthand and typing teacher: "I wouldn't like to teach any other subjects because I would rather teach subjects of skill instead of discussion."

Mrs. Rita Gauer, English teacher: "Swimming or music."

Miss Blanche Suchy, school nurse: "Shorthand or typing."

Mr. Gale Wesley, print shop teacher: "Woodworking."

Mr. Thomas Kiviluoma, algebra and geometry teacher: "Either accounting, World history, U.S. history, or economics."

Miss Alice Line, clothing teacher: "Interior decorating, if Nilehi offered such a subject."

Mr. Robert Mackey, auto shop teacher: "Any of the shop courses."

Miss Marie Walker, librarian: "English, because I have taught it before."

Mr. Albert Rambis, algebra teacher: "Chemistry."

Dr. Joseph Mason, superintendent-principal: "I'd teach social



Meet Mr. Murphy

MR. DAVID Murphy, new Nilehi vocational co-ordinator in charge of diversified occupations and job placement, was previously a half-mile champion in college track, played guitar in a dance band, and saved a number of people from drowning, among them his wife.

Mr. Murphy, who comes from Cairo, Illinois, received his B.S. degree at Northwest Missouri State College. Before coming to Nilehi, he was co-ordinator of diversified occupations; sponsor of the sophomore class; member of the Guidance Committee, and sponsor of the diversified occupations club at the Senior High School in Kankakee, Illinois.

A congenial outdoorsman, Mr. Murphy enjoys hunting, golf, bridge, woodworking, and fishing near his cabin in the Ozarks. "I like the changing seasons of the Midwest because they provide the right kind of weather to practice the sports I like," exclaimed Mr. Murphy.

"I THINK that if a person sets his goals high and works to prepare himself through education and experience, he will achieve some degree of success toward that goal." As a part of this philosophy, he advises the students of Nilehi to make the best of the bad things which always accompany the good in this world. "The best work of life lies in human personality," Mr. Murphy declared.

problems, for this subject opens new ideas to the students."

Mr. Harry Boyd, head of the custodian staff: "Anything in the mechanical line."

Mr. George Roth, general science teacher: "Biology."

Mr. Jack Lain, drawing and designing teacher: "Physical education."



Have You Heard?

by Barb Dischart

STUDENTS AREN'T the only ones taking tests these days. Among the 75 Nilehi students who took tests for drivers' licenses was the varsity football coach Mike Basrak. He had to take another drivers' test because he transferred states when he came to Nilehi—he passed, too.

During a literary discussion in Miss Helen Smith's period-6 English class, this question was asked, "Who wrote *My First 2,000 Years?*" A voice in the back of the room popped out, "Methuselah!"

Mr. Harold Ohlson, senior adviser and trigonometry teacher, spoke of a college professor's idea of a wife as an "interesting differential equation."

STUDENT GOVERNED study halls in the library during the lunch periods are in use once again this year. This system was started last year under the guidance of Mr. George Roth, science teacher.

In the midst of one of her "murdering tests," Mrs. Parepa Rice asked the class if anyone had a scissors or a knife. When several students looked up with a gleam in their eyes, she quickly added that she wasn't going to commit suicide, but that she just wanted to cut a loose thread off her dress.

"Roundy," owner of the snack shop across the street, has offered a \$25 reward for any information leading to the identity of the person who hit his 1954 green Ford on the morning of November 3, while it was parked on the side of his snack shop.

THANKS TO his period-6 problems class, Mr. John Hallberg now has a start toward his savings for a new watch band. After his broken band had opened several times in class, the students contributed some small change to "Mr. Hallberg's new watch-band fund." Mr. Hallberg, completely unaware of what was happening, continued his discussion

of government problems.

When Miss Dorothy Lungmus asked one of her world history classes to give the meaning of a tunic, Lenora McCulloch, sophomore, exclaimed, "It's a Dior blanket!"

The newest of the regular publications of Nilehi students is the *Vivace Newsletter*. This short bulletin, telling the activities of the group, will be sent to alumni who were members of *Vivace*. Editor of this newsletter is Judy Coleman, senior.

AFTER SENIOR Gordon Grabow tried several times to recite an English exercise, but couldn't do so because Mrs. Priscilla Baker, teacher, kept interrupting him, Don Glassberg, senior, told Gordon to stop talking while Mrs. Baker was interrupting.

Some busy little fiend must have had a time tying 28 knots on the shade cord in Room 219. He must be one of the chain gang.

Many new instruments have been added to the Nilehi musical organizations. They include two tubas, one French horn, two baritone horns, one bass trombone, one bass drum, and a pair of large cymbals.

NOMINATION FOR Nilehi's most embarrassed girl: The one who when wearing a red tank suit for swim class has to run out in the hall and put up the attendance slip.

While explaining to his homeroom that the Junior Prom would be held on the night of the last day of final exams, one junior replied, "And we'll have the day after the Prom off, so the teachers can make out . . . grades."

If you have any news to contribute to this column, please do so. The journalism students and I aren't the only students eligible to get "jokes" into the paper. Bring it to Room 219 or me in Homeroom 16B.



Introducing . . . Eleanor Collins

ONE OF the busiest girls at Niles is Eleanor Collins. This hazel eyed senior has been active in many organizations since she enrolled as a freshman.

This year secretary of Tri-H-Y, chairman of the Senior Faculty Section of the yearbook, and a member of the See Chicago Club Board, Eleanor also has been on the debate team for four years, and has sung in Choir and Madrigals the last two years.

"Going places and doing things, turkey dinners, spaghetti, vacations, basketball, hiking, swimming in lakes, stuffed animals, and dixieland and classical music are my likes.

I dislike having to get up early, chop suey, chocolate ice cream, Marty Faye (TV commercial announcer), and modern jazz."

Last year Eleanor was inducted into the National Honor Society, attended Girls State, and was president of the French Club. She was a Student Council representative during her sophomore year.

"All the extra-curricular activities at Niles offer a great opportunity to develop new interests, meet new friends, and have a lot of fun."

She is looking forward to the New Orleans trip, the Christmas holidays, and going to college. Her favorite school subjects are English and math.

"My secret ambition is to someday climb a mountain in the Alps. I'd also love to be in show business (the theater—plays or shows, not movies)."

AFTER GRADUATION, Eleanor will attend Northwestern University. As of now she is undecided major.



Introducing Bob Drake

ONE OF the friendliest boys at Nilehi is senior Bob Drake. A member of the Freshman Cabinet, Senior Cabinet, and representative to the Student Council in his sophomore year, Bob is the vice-president of the senior class.

This 17-year-old boy likes pizza, steak, turkey, mashed potatoes, corn, brussel sprouts, football, and "Georgia." "I dislike squash, and kids without any school spirit.

I've enjoyed all four years at Nile. Originally I would have had to go to New Trier, but I'm glad I attended Nile because it's a smaller school. Nile has a nice group of kids, too."

Bob was a member of the Constitutional Committee for the Student Council in his sophomore year, and has been president of his homeroom the last two years. Last year Bob was inducted into the National Honor Society, and attended Boys State this summer.

"One funny experience that happened to me occurred when my family took a trip to Colorado. I was 14 at the time, but when we arrived in Colorado, I came down with the measles.

Bob's secret ambition is to be able to "really" smile when he has his picture taken.

"If I had a perfect day, I'd get up around 11 a.m., eat brunch, go see a good football game in the afternoon, and come home and eat dinner about 5 p.m. (steak, mashed potatoes, of course). A trip to Lincolnwood would be next, then a good show, and something to eat. I'd be in bed by 1:30 or 2 p.m."

AFTER GRADUATION Bob plans to attend Annapolis Naval Academy and make a career of the Navy. "Marriage?" "Yes, and I want two kids—a boy and a girl.

Big Story at Evanston High Is New Building Program

THE NILEHILITE is going to introduce alphabetically a different Suburban League high school each issue to acquaint you with their activities, clubs, and program. This idea originated in one high school, but many others are now introducing schools also. Evanston Township High School, the first on our list, introduced Niles in their last issue.

"The big story at Evanston High," said John Ferren, Central Council president, "is our building program."

Evanston voters recently passed all three parts of a bond issue which will give ETHS, among other things, a swimming pool, an improved library, and an auditorium.

"These improvements are needed if we are to remain one of the top high schools in the United States," explained John. "Although Evanston's tank squad placed first in the Suburban League for the past two years, the team has had to practice and perform at the Evanston YMCA pool. Evanston's library at present has inadequate seating and an auditorium is lacking."

Fortunately, however, the necessity of expansion was foreseen by the founders of the school 30 years ago, and the building was constructed in such a way that future additions could be built.

Of the 2500 students enrolled at Evanston, 500 are actively working on committees of the Central Council, Evanston's form of student government. The Council consists of a legislative and an executive branch. Delegates, who are elected in each of the 250 homerooms, form the legislature, which in turn elects the officers. This growing system showed an increase of 100 per cent in committee workers over last year.

The Quadrangle is an all-school boys' club which sponsors an intramural athletic program. Pentangle is the club of junior and senior girls while frosh-soph girls belong to Trireme. Both are all-school clubs. GAA membership is also offered at Evanston.

Surprisingly, swimming (even though ETHS has no pool), and basketball and football rank as the top three sports. Last year 1000 spectators jammed into Evanston's YMCA to witness a swimming meet with New Trier.

Wildkit athletic teams are fortunate in having fine practice facilities, which includes a fieldhouse, nine gymnasiums, and a bowling alley.

The large impressive red brick building, Evanston High School,

with its two Gothic towers and its building program about to begin, stands as a tribute to the confidence the City of Evanston has placed in her youth.

Next issue: Highland Park.

Nilehi Grads Perform In NU's Water Show

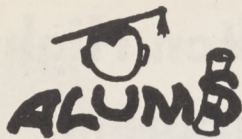
"BOTTOMS UP!" was the title of Northwestern University's annual water show in which several Nilehi grads took part.

The show was held November 10-13 in Patten Gymnasium in Evanston.

Those Nilehi grads who participated in the show were Bob Mistarz, '50, executive committee and technical adviser; Sharon Thompson, '51, make-up committee; Jack Kirkby, '52, executive committee and co-production manager; Gail Meuer, '52, duet; Jack Raveret, '52, executive committee, business manager, duet and races; Nancy Egner, '53, executive committee, assistant ballet director, and duet; George Lockwood, '53, duet and races; Lois Peterson, '53, costumes committee; and Alice Ring, '54, off-campus publicity committee.

The show was divided into two acts, each act containing several scenes. The numbers ranged all the way from a Storybook scene featuring Ferdinand the Bull to a colorful Polynesian ritual number with floating fire.

"BOTTOMS UP!" also featured Cinderella, Pinocchio, and the Three diving act with the swimmers dressed as clowns; a Polar Bear number; and a scene based on "Splitting the Atoms."



Audrey Nilsen, '54, was recently crowned Homecoming Queen at Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Illinois. She was elected by the entire student body in competition with a number of junior and senior girls.

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Jackie Janetz, '54, made the cheerleading squad at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. Larry Beuder, '53, pledged Delta Tau Delta this fall at Iowa State College. Betty Mengarelli, '53, made debate team at Marquette University.

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Joe Cysewski, '54, pledged Beta Theta Pi at Lawrence College, Appleton, Wisconsin.

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Diane Burgess, '54, recently pledged Kappa Kappa Gamma at Monmouth College, Monmouth, Illinois.

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Carl Micklas, '54, pledged Theta Kappa Phi; Tom Peterson, '54, pledged Tau Kappa Epsilon; Gerald White, '54, pledged Pi Lambda Phi; and Judy Swinehart, '54, pledged Alpha Gamma Delta at the University of Illinois.

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Larry Johns, '54, is on the football team at Montana University. Dick (Red) Barrow, '54, is on the junior varsity football team at Northern Technical College in DeKalb.

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Marlene Austermuehle, '54, pledged Gamma Phi Beta at Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Illinois.

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Don Jefferson, '54, was elected president of his pledge class of Delta Tau Delta at the University of Wisconsin. Frank Gutowsky, '53, is rushing chairman for the Kappa Sigmas at the University of Illinois.

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John Macaluso, '53, now in Korea, "watches" while others sleep. John is stationed on a mountain and contacts planes from midnight until 6 a.m.

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Jeanne Pilkington, '53, and Roger

67 Per Cent of Seniors Plan to Go to College

A QUESTIONNAIRE filled out recently by Nilehi seniors reveals that more seniors than in any past year are planning to continue their education after graduation from high school.

At a recent assembly of college-bound seniors, Mr. Harold Ohlson, senior adviser, stated that 67 per cent of the '55 graduates are going to college.

Business courses will claim 12 per cent of the seniors while 21 per cent will enter schools of technology, engineering, and medicine. Five per cent will enroll in business or trade schools.

A breakdown of these percentages shows that 39 seniors will be enrolled in the liberal arts course, 31 in the business administration course, and 29 in an engineering course. Twenty-seven seniors plan to become teachers and 18 plan to study in the medical field.

BECAUSE OF the increased number of students going to college, Mr. Ohlson urged seniors to get busy and begin applying for admission. Tips were given at the assembly as to how to gain admission and how to stay in college.

Otte, '53, are cheerleaders at Carroll College in Waukesha, Wisconsin.

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Jan Tanenbaum, '54, pledged Sigma Alpha Mu at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

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Jack Brandon, '54, has been issued the rank of corporal and named assistant squad leader of C company in the ROTC battalion at Kemper Military School, Boonville, Missouri, in a special order by Lt. Col. Walter W. Davis, head of the ROTC unit at Kemper.

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Carolyn Forsberg, '53, and Lois Lauter, '54, pledged Sigma Kappa at Bradley University, Peoria, Illinois.

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Jerry Weissburg, '53, was elected president of the pledge class of Alpha Epsilon Pi at the University of Wisconsin.



THIS WEEK your Inquiring Reporter asked the freshmen: "What is your attitude toward seniors?" Barbara Norris: "I think they're great!"

Judy Chiet: "Hardly cool!"

Adrienne Lee: "They're just tall 'things' walking around the building."

Bob Glassberg: "I have to say they're nice. My big brother is a senior."

Judy Ringle: "I wish there were more of them."

Joan Matheson: "Several monitors are the only ones that aren't nice."

Susan Bell: "I think they are a wonderful bunch of kids. They're lucky, too, to have gotten through so many years of school."

Anita Auer: "I think they're a lot nicer than the ones in past years. They're much easier to get along with."

Beverly Crist: "I think they're a little stuck up because they don't make friends with us freshmen very easily."

John Verden: "They make us follow the school rules, but they don't pick on us like the sophomores and juniors do."

Twila Wells: "I think they're real nice, and friendly, too."

Rosalind Lonn: "I love them all, but especially the boys when they wear suits and ties."

Joyce Kortanek: "Some are polite while some aren't. But they all dress nice and look swell."

Vinnie Fazil: "They're a lot nicer than I expected them to be."

Scott Etter: "These seniors aren't as tough as the ones in Chicago. They're just as nice as any of the other students here."

John Dragisic: "There's only one thing they are good for. That's sitting at the monitor's desk and checking passes."

Sandy Bischof: "I think that there are some seniors who are as swell as they can be, but of course there are others who are not."

Lois Gerber: "They're fine, but sometimes they are bossy."

THE ANNUAL Alumni Dinner for the 100 Per Cent Club alumni will be held on December 1, at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Trojans Host Leyden Wed.; Tounce Glenbrook in Practice

Beat Leyden

BOLSTERED by a top notch quartet of returning lettermen including one all-suburban Al Karnatz, the Trojan varsity basketball squad will open the hoop season next Wednesday evening against Leyden in a non-league encounter on the Trojans' hardwood.

Last year led by Karnatz's 16 points, the Trojan quintet nosed Leyden, 37 to 36.

KARNATZ was second in total points in the Suburban League last year with 295 and was chosen all-suburban as a junior. His field goal average was .368 and his free throw average was .717 with a season's average of better than 14 points a game.

The team last year ended the season with 1100 total points, free throw average .585, field goal average, .326 and a nine won—12 lost record.

1953-54 Varsity Basketball Record		
Niles 37	Leyden 36	
Niles 57	Waukegan 51	
Proviso 68	Niles 55	
Highland Park 56	Niles 54	
Oak Park 69	Niles 54	
Niles 54	Bradley 53	
Niles 63	Joliet 55	
Morton 67	Niles 45	
Niles 56	New Trier 44	
Morton 51	Niles 43	
Maine 52	Niles 49	
Evanston 57	Niles 55	
Waukegan 63	Niles 60	
Niles 62	Proviso 50	
Niles 46	Highland Park 40	
Oak Park 59	Niles 56	
Niles 59	New Trier 55	
Morton 59	Highland Park 42*	
Waukegan 44	Niles 40*	
*Regional Game		
9 Wins, 12 Defeats		

The Trojans' first Suburban League encounter this year will be against Waukegan's Bulldogs on December 3 in Waukegan. Last year the Men of Troy won, 57 to 51. In that game Karnatz hit for 13 points, Jim Elliott, returning letterman at guard, made 13 and Dave Winchester, returning letterman at forward, made 11. The other returning letterman is Shel Mikkelsen.

VARSITY coach John Sheahan listed the boys who have looked exceptionally good in practice: Shel Mikkelsen, Jim Elliott, Al Karnatz, Dave Winchester, Bill Schofield, Ray "Chico" Pasini, Kim Stevely, seniors; Dale Kaiser, Roger Peterson, Dave Chevrier, Ken Walter, and Joel Fabel, juniors.



AL KARNATZ hits for two points with his famous hook shot in the Glenbrook practice game last Saturday. Karnatz, in dark jersey, made 41 points in the two-hour battle to lead the Trojans to a 150 to 86 trouncing.

Last Saturday the Trojans met Glenbrook in a pre-season practice game in Trojanville. Tomorrow the N-Men will journey to Glenbrook for a return match.

Saturday's battle was a complete routing by the Trojans, 150 to 86. Karnatz made 41 points in the massacre to lead both teams. Second was big Dave Winchester with 21. Elliott posted 13.

THE FIRST Trojan quintet and reserve teams never once were threatened and displayed fine defensive ability along with powerful offensive patterns against Glenbrook.

Club Honors Girls

AFTER having the winning float in the Homecoming Parade, the "N" Club has decided to give the girls who were on the float honorary membership.

"This has been done in previous years and will be done again this year," said George Simmons, "N" Club president.

PLANNING the annual "N" Club Faculty basketball game also is on the agenda for the letter winners.

Mikkelsen and Pearson Named To All-Suburban First String

ALTHOUGH the varsity gridsters could do nothing better than last place in the Suburban League, two veteran Trojans were named to the first-string All-Suburban team chosen by the combined efforts of all eight league coaches.

Shel Mikkelsen won first-string honors for offensive end and John Pearson was selected because of his outstanding defensive talent. Both boys are seniors.

Coach Mike Basrak met with the other Suburban League coaches last week at New Trier high school to bid for first and second string positions and honorable mention.

Senior Jerry Best was named to the second string defensive unit, while Fred Melberg, also a senior, who had played in only three league games because of injuries, was first choice for offensive tackle on the number two team.

LINEMEN Bill Kuchar and Bob Bonebrake, and backs Jim Elliott and Bill Barranco were given honorable mention on the offensive squad.

Frosh Cagers Play Leyden

"BIGGEST turnout we've ever had," exclaimed Leo Hoose-line, Nilehi's freshman cage coach. Nearly 70 boys were present for the opening practice of the frosh basketball team.

Last year the freshman Men of Troy had a fair record of five wins and seven defeats, but they have high hopes of improving on that record this year.

The schedule includes Evanston and New Trier twice and all the other Suburban league teams once. Non-conference teams on the agenda are Glenbrook, Arlington Heights, Palatine, North Chicago, and Leyden.

Leyden will supply the opener for the Trojans at the Leyden Township gym. The game will be played on Wednesday, November 24 at 4:30 p.m.

HOOSELINE said that he will carry 25 boys on two separate freshman squads this year.

FINAL STANDINGS

	Won	Lost
New Trier	6	1
Oak Park	5	2
Evanston	5	2
Highland Park	3	4
Proviso	3	4
Morton	3	4
Waukegan	3	4
Niles	0	7

Swim Opener Next Tuesday

NILEHI'S varsity tank squad will travel to Winnetka Tuesday to meet New Trier in the 1954-55 Suburban League opener.

Since 1950 Nilehi mermen have not been too successful against the New Triermen. In their initial Suburban League meeting in the 1950-51 season the Trojans were drowned, 68-7, winding up the season with a three and ten won-lost record.

The following year, however, paced by George Lockwood and Dean Ness, the Men of Troy rose victorious 38-37 and ended the season with five wins.

The 1952-53 winter saw the Trojans rack up three wins against eight losses. Niles' swimmers were stopped 50-25 by New Trier that year.

Last year the Trojans were victimized 57-18 by New Trier while winning three meets and dropping nine.

This year's varsity squad would be greatly strengthened if several leading freshman swimmers had not transferred to the new Glenbrook high school in September, 1953.

WITH last Tuesday's non-league meet at Maine under their belts the boys will try to even the New Trier score and place Niles high in the Suburban League standings. To be relied on heavily are returning lettermen, Bob Petersen, Doug Stryker, and Charles Marks.

Giants Defeat Niles, 25 - 13

NILES closed the football season at Highland Park two weeks ago after showing 24 minutes of superb, winning football.

The Trojans, however, dropped the season's final, 25 to 13, but displayed a brilliant aerial attack and fine defensive maneuvers when they thrilled Nilehi fans by blanking the Little Giants in the second half.

PASSES from quarterback Jim Elliott to end Shel Mikkelsen, the favorite pass combination throughout the season, proved good for more than 100 yards and an extra point.

A Trojan touchdown was scored by Leo Breden when he pounced on a blocked kick in the Giants' end zone. The kick was blocked by all-suburban John Pearson.

Senior halfback Bill Barranco scored the second tally when he bowled over from the 3.

SENIOR end Dave Brownlee was taken to the Highland Park Hospital at the half after he was taken out of the ball game early in the second quarter. Brownlee suffered neck injuries.

Booster Club Fetes Dinner

THE NILEHI Booster Club is a newly formed organization of parents and coaches of Niles' athletes.

They sponsored a pot-luck dinner recently for frosh-soph football players and cross country men in the cafeteria. The cheerleaders and all parents were also invited.

During the '54 football season the Boosters provided tea and oranges between halves for the varsity, frosh-soph, and freshman teams. A committee of 19 parents represents all the athletic teams at Niles.

Officers are Al Beck, president; Joseph Miresse, vice-president; William Kuchar, treasurer; Mrs. John Sheahan, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Fred Melberg, recording secretary.

THE BOOSTERS meet the third Wednesday of every month in Nilehi's cafeteria.

Hoopcrazy Seniors Convert Hayloft To Basketball Court

Award Winners To be Honored

FALL SPORTS award winners will be honored at the annual Fall Sports Banquet sponsored by the Skokie Rotary Club next Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Nilehi. Major and minor letters will be awarded for football and cross-country. Captains and Most Valuable Players will also be honored.

Major "N" winners in football are Darry Bach, Bill Barranco, Jerry Best, co-captain; Bob Blowers, Bob Bonebrake, Leo Breden, Jack Breden, Dave Brownlee, Dave Chevrier, Jim Elliott, Lloyd Gadau, Jack Hagman, Ron Hein, Chuck Holler, Don Hoppe, Bill Horning, Bill Kuchar, Ken Man-augh, Fred Melberg, Shel Mik-kelsen, co-captain and Most Valuable Player; Gary Mills, Lenny Miresse, John Pearson, Bill Pegausch, Bruce Reinger, Bill Scho-field, Roger Simpson, Jim Stoner, and Ken Walter. Minor "N" winners are Bruce Debes and Bob Drake.

WINNING their major "N" in cross-country are Steve Baron, Bill DiGilio, Charles Gunsaulus, Ken Kay, Neal Martin, Leroy Ren-is, and Lou Sefick, Most Valuable Player and captain. John Faust and Ed Malecki will be awarded minor "N" 's.

Improve Shooting Percentage:Phipps

NILEHI'S sophomore basketball team has begun practice and are ready for their first non-league encounter with Leyden next Wednesday at 7 p.m. on the Niles hard-wood.

"We'll have to improve our shooting percentage and become more aggressive if we are to offset our height disadvantage and improve upon last year's record," said Coach Jim Phipps. He continued, "It's too early to tell yet, but we are on the lookout for an accurate shooter who can help with rebounding."

ALTHOUGH football and base-ball were the main talk this sum- and fall, basketball has been on the minds of four senior boys who have made a basketball court out of an old hay-loft preparing for their last season on the Nilehi hardwood.

After cleaning out the hay-loft of senior Al Karnatz's father's barn located on Golf road two blocks west of Milwaukee avenue, Al Kar-natz, Dave Winchester, Shel Mik-kelsen, and Kim Stevely put up a wooden backboard which Al and Shel made in woodshop last spring.

MR. KARNATZ bought the boys a plywood floor to put over the barn floor. The boys then bought a steel backboard and rim to match that of the Nilehi gymnasium.

"The only thing they have to give in return is a Kankakee trophy, Suburban League crown, Regional and Sectional first place trophies, and a tussle in the 'Sweet Sixteen'," said Mr. Kar-natz.

Sheahan Paces J.V. Hoopsters

BEGINNING this year for the first time since 1952, Nilehi will be represented in the Suburban League with a junior varsity basketball team.

The idea behind having a J.V. team is to give more junior boys who didn't make the varsity team an opportunity to play and to prepare them for their senior year, according to Coach John Sheahan.

The J.V.'s will play host to the Waukegan Bulldog's Saturday, December 4, for their first of nine Suburban League games.

NORTH CHICAGO will be the only non-conference game for the J.V.'s this year.

HOPING to improve on last year's record of one win and nine losses, the frosh-soph swimming team has started practice. John Harmon, frosh-soph swim coach, said that about 25 boys came out this year.

Trojanettes

RIPPLETTES attended North-western's water show entitled "Bot-toms Up" presented November 10, 11, 12, and 13. The group saw ad-vanced techniques some of which they wish to incorporate in their show.

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Tryouts for the senior duet in the water show will be held on December 16. The senior girls that are interested must write, stage, and swim their own num-bers. Experienced judges will choose the girl. This year they are Nancy Placek, member of Northwestern's swim club; Mrs. Rita Gauer, ex-teacher of swim-ming at Mundelein College; and Miss Shirlee Wilson, Nilehi swim club sponsor. The boy half of the duet will be chosen later in the year.

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EVERY girl on the cheerleading squad has a chance to be captain for a two week period. The job is then rotated to the next girl for the following two weeks. This ro-tation system is being tried for the first time in Nilehi's history.

Varsity Grapplers Boast 10 Lettermen

HOPING to avenge last year's two-won 10-lost record, the Nilehi varsity wrestlers will begin their first meet of the season on Nov-ember 24, against Leyden.

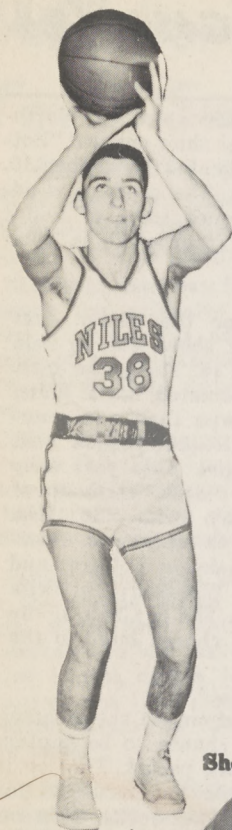
To prepare for their eight Sub-urban League meets, the Trojans have seven non-conference meets, starting with Leyden, before they meet New Trier, on January 7, for their first league match.

BOLSTERED by 10 returning lettermen, the Trojans should make a good showing this year, accord-ing to coach Howard Byram.

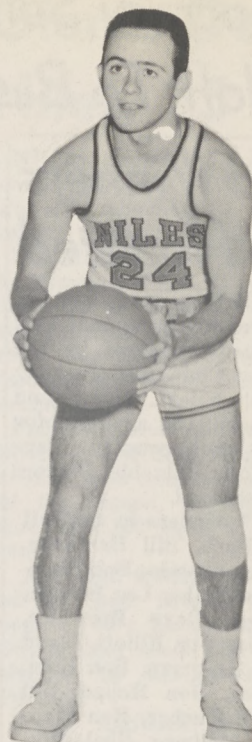
The returning lettermen are headed by Bill Albert, senior captain; Bob Trendel, senior; Bill Kuchar, senior; Dennis Moore, senior; Lenny Miresse, junior; Bill DiGilio, junior; Jim Esbrook, junior; Ron Hein, jun-ior; Roger Simpson, junior; and Dale Wright, sophomore.

Returning Lettermen

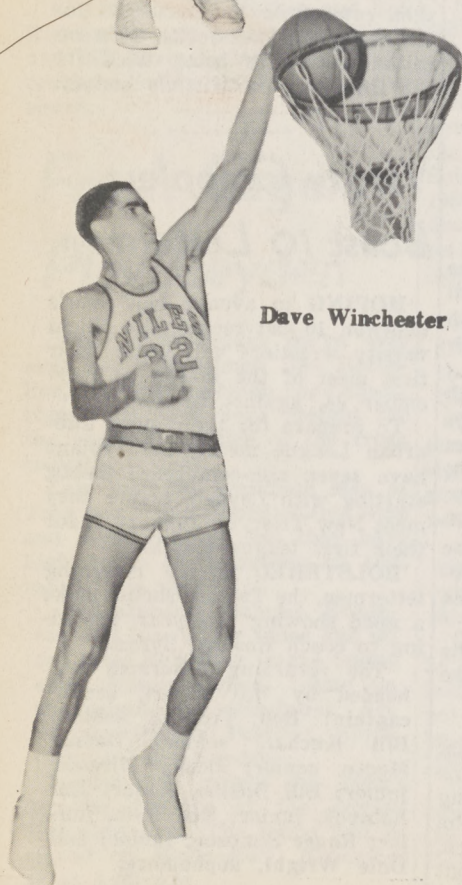
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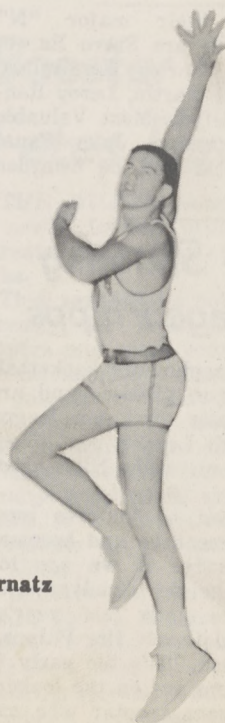


Jim Elliott



Dave Winchester

PICTURED here in their most familiar poses are the varsity basketball returning lettermen and coach John Sheahan. The Trojans will open the hoop season next Wednesday evening when Leyden Township High School invades Trojanville. Last year the Men of Troy whipped Leyden 37 to 36. Al Karnatz, hook and jump shot artist, finished the season last year as all-suburban guard and second in total points in the Suburban League with 295. The first League game of the season will be against Waukegan on December 3 on the Bulldogs' hardwood.



Al Karnatz