

Seniors Hold Assembly; Discuss Credits, Dance

"Gosh, what about those credits I need? Whose band should we have for the senior dance?" These were some of the questions on the minds of the seniors after the senior assembly on Wednesday, January 11.

Mr. Harold Ohlson, senior adviser, explained the need for seniors to check their credits for graduation, and turned the meeting over to Joe Donavan, president of the Senior Cabinet. Joe and other Cabinet members explained some of the plans for the senior dance to be held on March 11.

Mr. Leo Hoosline, faculty member in charge of the dance, ended the assembly with a few words encouraging the class to make the dance a success.

Reveal Condition of Teeth In Recent Dental Survey

Of the 816 students checked at the recent annual dental survey at Nilehi, it was found that 43 per cent of the students had teeth in perfect condition, while 57 per cent needed dental care. Of this group there was an average of 2.9 cavities for each student, said Miss Kathleen Atkinson, Nilehi nurse.

The checking "men in white" were Drs. Folmer Nymark, Ashley Craig, Robert Huerlin, Arthur Bruening, John Lane, and Walter Nock.

All the dentists are fathers of Nilehi students or alumni.

Assembly Proves Expensive

"It costs \$100 every time the rubber pops out of the bottle," according to E. A. Cortiss and Jack Reily, presenters of the recent General Motors Assembly. The equipment used in the complete show is valued at \$10,000.

The show originated from the General Motors Exhibit at the Chicago Worlds Fair in 1933. Since then, the show has been greatly enlarged due to the many new discoveries made in the G. E. Research Laboratory.

Students See Broadcast

In the audience at the broadcast of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra on January 18 at the Eighth Street Theater were 75 students from Nilehi.

According to Miss Clara Klaus, music director, Chicago Title and Trust sends tickets each week to various high school music departments. This is the fifth year that Nilehi music students have had the privilege of attending the rehearsal and broadcast.

Spotlighters to Present Valentine Dance Feb. 11

It's new! It's different! It's the first time the Spotlighters have ever presented a dance.

"Cupid's Capers" will be given on February 11, from 9 p.m. until midnight, in the Nilehi Assembly room.

Music to put a strain on your heart will be played by Frankie Hart.

Bids will go on sale February 6, and the cost is \$1.85 per couple. Dress is informal, but "wear shoes", say the dance committee.

Highlights of the dance will be the unusual decorations and intermission entertainment consisting of previews of coming plays.

"This should be one of the most interesting dances of the year," said Miss Virginia Stemp, faculty adviser.

Barbara Banghart, president of the Spotlighters is in charge of all committees. The chairmen: Mary Winter, bids; Barb Olson, tickets; Barbara Kokum, publicity; Bob Jaeger and Joan Lacey, decorations; and Margie Kirscht and Doris Lyde, entertainment.

The slogan is "Spotlight your Valentine at Cupid's Capers."

Plans for Spring Trip to Washington Underway

"Are you going to Washington? Get your reservation in!" This is the advice now going around among the juniors and seniors as plans for the spring trip to Washington D. C. get under way.

The \$95 trip is open to all juniors and seniors, and reservations are being taken now, according to Miss Grace Harbert, sponsor. Itineraries and letters to parents have been sent out.

The trip will extend from April 2 to April 7 and will be the fifth of its kind since the birth of Nilehi. The idea was originated by Miss Harbert in 1938, when she took her first small group to the capital. This year the group isn't so small, as there are 180 tentative reservations.

The Crystal Ball

JANUARY

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| Fri. | 20 | Basketball Niles vs. Belvidere (there) |
| Sat. | 21 | Basketball Niles frosh vs. Evanston (there) morning |
| Sat. | 21 | Basketball Niles juniors vs. Evanston (there) morning |
| Thur. | 26 | Semester Exams |
| Fri. | 27 | Last day of first semester |
| Fri. | 27 | Swimming Niles vs. Amundsen (here) |
| Sat. | 28 | Basketball Niles vs. DeKalb (here) |
| Sat. | 28 | Basketball Niles frosh vs. Proviso (here) |
| Sat. | 28 | Basketball juniors vs. Proviso (here) |
| Mon. | 30 | First day of second semester |
| Tues. | 31 | Swimming Niles vs. Thornton (here) |

FEBRUARY

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| Fri. | 3 | Basketball Niles vs. Marmion Academy (there) |
| Fri. | 3 | Swimming Niles vs. Highland Park (here) |

Varsity Debaters Win Two Recent Tourneys

The Nilehi varsity debaters won their second consecutive tournament at Rockford East High School, January 7.

John Young and Ashley Craig, negative, won three out of four debates, while Allan Weissburg and Jack Nettland affirmative, won all four of their debates.

Barbara Shields and Nancy Gerhardt, negative, won one debate out of four. Junarden Williams and Marcia Saar won three out of four debates.

Marcia Saar and Junarden Williams were the top varsity debaters at a debate at Marmion Military Academy, January 14, according to Mr. John L. Betts, debate coach.

The state topic was debated at both the January 7 and 14 debates.

The next debate for the boys on the varsity debating team will be the Augustana College Invitational on January 27 and 28.

'The Wizard of Oz' Chosen As Water Carnival Theme

The theme, "The Wizard of Oz," has been chosen for the 1950 Water Carnival production, and plans for swim numbers have been made.

The executive committee has been split up into working divisions with Marilyn Martin in charge of music; Beattie Bornemeier, script; Carol Enke, costumes; Evelyn Steward, properties, and Nancy Lebbin, art.

"The Wizard of Oz" will be presented in the Nilehi Natatorium on March 23, 24, and 25. Miss Gertrude Montgomery and Mr. Anton Schubert are co-sponsors.

It's That Time of The Year

What happens every year about this time? That's right—Exams! Semester exams will be given on Thursday afternoon, January 26, and on Friday morning, January 27.

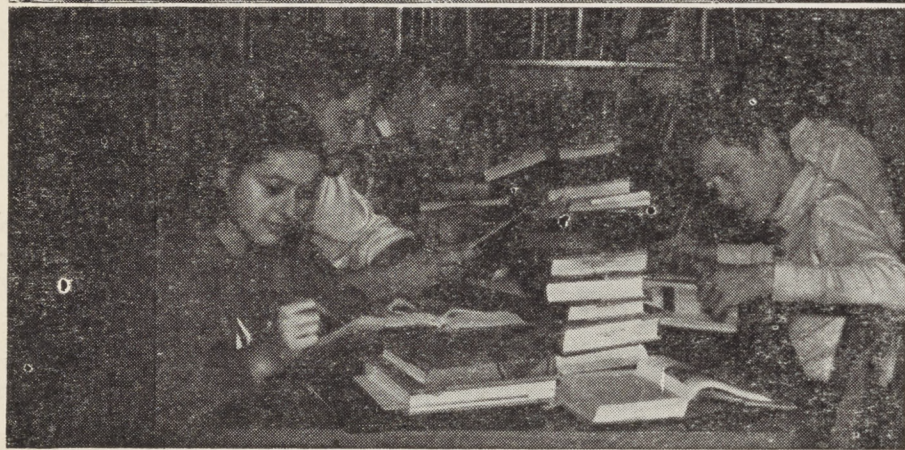
Exams for periods 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 will be given January 26. On January 27, exams for periods 2, 3, and 4 will be given.

'Courtesy on Dates' Discussed

"Courtesy on Dates" was the topic of discussion by the Hi-Y Club at a meeting on Monday night, January 16.

The guests were 35 girls of the Tri-Hi-Y from Evanston Township High School. Afterwards there was a session of square dancing, and refreshments were served later.

Do You Have Those 'Day Before Exam' Jitters?



The Pressure Gauge

Dear Editor:

What has happened to old N.T.H.S.? It seems that the old days of good, lively pep assemblies are a thing of the past. I know we have a basketball team because I've been to most of the games, but where are the team's real fans?

I think a good (and by good I mean one that doesn't drag) pep assembly once in a while might let the team know that the school is really behind them—win or lose.

This might be one of the needed remedies to spark the real (not put on) enthusiasm needed to bring school spirit back to life.

— A Senior

This letter was received before the pep assembly on January 6. Did this answer the question?

— Editor

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Conscience May Bother You

If your conscience bothers you, you will probably admit that most of the year you spend your study hall time the way the people in the top picture are doing. Left to right: Andrea MaHeras, Russell O'Grady, John Thimios, Diane Pickford, and Bill Provost.

If you are an "A" student, you probably study in study hall, or as the students in the bottom picture are doing, you study just the day before the final exams.

Dear Editor:

On page 28 of this year's "Student Bulletin" it states: "A bus will be provided again this year for students who remain after school... It will leave the high school at 5:15 o'clock."

I have never seen this bus or heard of anyone taking it. Would you please find out if this bus for students in extra-curricular activities is available?

—Nancy Bell

There have not been enough students showing an interest in such a bus. However, there is a bus at 4:30 following the dancing lessons now being given on Mondays.

—Editor

School Has Elevator

If you're one of the students of Nilehi who make some money selling elevator passes, Barrington High School might be the place for you. They really do have an elevator!

Strictly Senior

The senior cabinet has been very busy lately, contacting the parents of '49 graduates to get present addresses of all members of the class.

This is being done for two reasons: to keep the former students in contact with each other if they wish to do so, and to have a mailing list for a special alumni edition of the NILEHILITE for which the cabinet has tentative plans.

They contacted some parents by phone and the rest by mail. About 85 per cent of the parents have replied with the addresses.

College is the main topic of conversation among the seniors these days with graduation in the near future.

Some of the seniors have been accepted at various colleges throughout the United States.

Barbara Daly, Mary Winter, Lois Lenberg, Jane Bastow, and Joan Hamlet, have been accepted at Stephens College in Missouri.

Beattie Bornemeier will follow in her sister's footsteps by entering Purdue University in Indiana next September.

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In a recent survey conducted by Mr. Arthur Ryden to find out what percentage of seniors are going to college, the results showed that out of the 203 seniors asked, 108 are planning to go to college. The remainder are planning part time schooling and work.

Of those who are planning to work, 34 per cent are going into office work.

Most of the students that are seeking work are planning to apply in the vicinity of Niles Township.

President of the senior cabinet, basketball player, football player, and one of Nilehi's cindermen. Who? Well, Joe Donovan, of course.

Joe has gone to Nilehi for four years. He likes sports, Joan Andrews, and food. Dislikes juke boxes that aren't loud enough.

After graduating Joe plans on entering a veterinary college.

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"Got that spirit? Yeah man!" When you think of cheers and cheer leaders you're bound to think of Marilyn Reiland.

Marilyn has been a cheerleader since her freshman year, and is now captain of the squad. She likes cheerleading, 4th period gym class, dancing and swimming. She dislikes bossy people, short skirts, and the nickname, "Mare".

Marilyn's plans for the future are rather indefinite. She says she may go into nurse's training or a business school.

Movie To Be Shown

The movie "Jane Eyre" will be shown in the assembly, February 1, after school, according to Mrs. Dorothy Hind, visual aids sponsor.

Faculty Visits, Swims, Works During Vacation

While the student body of Nilehi was enjoying Christmas vacation, a few members of the faculty were enjoying their trips.

Nilehi was well represented in Florida. Mr. Anton Schubert traveled to Fort Lauderdale and Miami where he attended the College Coaches' Swimming Convention, and caught his first blowfish.

Mrs. Dorothy Hind visited Del Ray, Florida, and did some swimming and bicycle riding.

Miss Gertrude Montgomery also visited Florida. She attended the Women's National Aquatic Forum at Hollywood, Florida, and did some canoeing in Florida's Everglades.

Mr. Paul Eberhardt took a trip to Ohio for a family get-together at Christmas.

Miss Theresa Kranz went to St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minnesota to be with her family at Christmas. Miss Kranz also visited Shakopee and Hastings, Minnesota.

Mr. James Phipps worked at the "Sports Huddle" during Christmas vacation. Mr. John L. Betts also worked, but at the Evanston Post Office. He said, "I had a vacation reading the backs of postcards, and shaking coins out of envelopes."

Mr. Eugene Napier didn't have much Christmas spirit during vacation, according to his students, because he made up exams during Christmas vacation.



Because final exams are the main topic of classroom conversation now, these two questions were asked: "What is your opinion of semester exams?" and "Would you like to see them stopped at Nilehi?"

Mrs. Baker, English teacher: "They coordinate, unify, and summarize the subject. By reviewing, the student pictures the entire course. They should not be discontinued."

Joe Donovan, senior and member of the National Honor Society: "Semester exams are just the thing to punish Joe Stalin with. Naturally, I would like to see them stopped at Nilehi, at least until I graduate."

Dottie Bowles, junior: "Find me a student who really enjoys any type of exam! I'd like to see them done away with, but I know that's wishful thinking."

Ed Hartigan, freshman: "They are a lot of work, but the review is worth it. If they were stopped we would pass on to new subjects with the old ones just half learned."

This 'n' That -

No one stayed at Nilehi during the Christmas vacation. Well, almost no one. The mice in the biology room didn't leave. Mr. Hussey, biology teacher, made a daily journey to the school during the holidays to bring the mice their meals.

Something new has been added to Room 118. Mr. Carl Johnson, Nilehi's visiting counselor, has a new part-time secretary, Miss Virginia Atherton.

Ken La Plant, senior, recently bowled a 244 game, in competition with older men, at the Skokie Bowling Lanes in the Tuesday night league. This was the highest game of Ken's career, and is the highest score posted in the league this year.

Ken also leads the league with an average of 171.

When Mike Henry, senior, attended a get-together at the Furniture Mart which was held by Michigan State University for all first-string Chicago newspaper football teams, he won a large chrome-plated bottle opener and ice crusher as a door prize.

The major dramatics class has thoroughly enjoyed Mr. James Michael's substitution during Miss Virginia Stemp's absence.

The enjoyment is mutual, according to Mr. Michael. "If all classes were as much fun as this one, I'd give up social science and turn to dramatics," he said.

If you would like to slow up the vibrations of a tuning fork or stop a stream of water in order to see the individual droplets, then you might use the stroboscope in the showcase across from the assembly.

Guy Love, sophomore, who made the instrument this year for the school, has used it in experiments for the Science Club.

Nancy Mohlar, junior, spent most of her Christmas vacation at West Point where she visited Bill Campbell, '49 graduate, who is now studying there.

Bill is the only freshman photographer on the staff of the "Pointer," the West Point Newspaper.

If you were one of the Nilehi students who saw Miss Gertrude Montgomery and Miss Helen Heitmann swimming in a record booth at Hudson-Ross in Evanston, don't worry about it.

Nilehi's girls' physical education teachers went to Evanston to listen to records suitable for background music for the Water Carnival. The only way to find out if the tempo was right was to try swimming strokes in time with the music. Both teachers were standig in a little glass record booth doing the arm movement of the side stroke when to their embarrassment, they turned around to find three Nilehiers watching them.

Turnabout Is Fair Play in Boemmel Family

Probably one of the strangest Christmas gifts was received by Marion Boemmel, sister of Jim Boemmel, sophomore.

Last Christmas Marion gave her brother the wool for a pair of argyle socks and this year, the night before Christmas was very quiet except for the clicking of her knitting needles as she finished Jim's gift—the argyle socks.

Jim decided "turnabout was fair play," so he brought her a present of some rough boards and told her that he would make her a record cabinet for next Christmas.

Need a short order cook? Ted Mayer, Nilehi junior, may be your man. Ted scrambled 15 dozen eggs for his parents' New Year's breakfast early on January 1. After scrambling 180 eggs, Ted had his breakfast—a dish of scrambled eggs!

Imagine a boy waiting three hours for his date while she finishes her dinner!

Americans may not have to do this, but Miss Florence Butler, home economics teacher, found while attending the Foreign Food Fare classes that it takes the Chinese at least three hours to finish their main meal.

Raincoats, which were ordered last September for the parking lot patrol boys arrived January 5, but all of them were too small. They have been sent back to the factory, and larger ones will be purchased.

If you hear Mr. Robert Mackey, auto shop teacher, called "The Angel of Skokie," don't be surprised. The boys in the advanced auto shop class gave him this title recently when he purchased another car for the auto shop. This is the fourth car purchased.

New Year's Eve found Ronald Schultz, senior, repairing the roof of the stall of his horse, Velvet.

'Trig' Problem Is Solved

In case you can't sleep nights wondering about the "trig" problem printed in the last issue of the NILEHILITE, this will put an end to your insomnia.

Here are the results resolved by the "trig" team in Mr. Harold Ohlson's trigonometry class. From the cross atop St. Peter's Catholic Church to the cross atop St. Peter's Evangelical and Reform Church the distance is 950.79 feet. From St. Peter's Catholic to St. Paul's Lutheran Church spire is 1515.94 feet. From St. Peter's Evangelical and Reform to St. Paul's Lutheran is 808.16 feet.

There were many humorous inquires about the nature of the project, and says Ashley Craig, who submitted the final answer to Mr. Ohlson, "Things such as this together with Helen Nachbauer's cookies made the project enjoyable."

Trojans Meet Belvidere Tonight - There

Records Made, Broken At Frosh Swim Meet

Five records were broken and two more established for the first time, as Highland Park won the Niles Freshman Invitational Swimming meet January 14 before a capacity crowd at the Nilehi pool. This marked the second consecutive year Highland Park has won the meet.

Don Larson of Niles swam the 50-yard free style in 27.2 seconds to smash the record of 28.2 seconds, set last year by Chuck Lind of Niles. Larson also placed second in the 75-yard free style.

The final standings were as follows: Highland Park, 48; New Trier, 41; Evanston, 25; Waukegan, 17; Niles, 15; and Proviso, 5.

Girls Roll Up Points In Nilehi Bowling League

In the Thursday girls' bowling league, team three is in first place, team seven is second, and team four is in third place.

Bev Shade, junior, is high series leader with a score of 453. Evelyn Steward, junior, takes second place in the high series with 440, and Donna Groll, senior, is third with 428.

First place in individual high games goes to Evelyn Steward with a high game of 174 and an average of 133. Bev Shade has 165 points to her credit to take second place and has a game average of 132. Donna Groll's high game is 157 with a 125 average.

In the Tuesday league, Harriet Larson, senior, has a high game of 198 and a 131 average. Edwina Zielinske, junior, takes second place with a 171 high game and an average of 128.

80 Girls to Be Initiated Tuesday, February 7

About 80 new members will be inducted into the G.A.A. at the formal initiation Tuesday night, February 7, in the boys' gym, according to the G.A.A. Board.

After the ceremony, a basketball game will be played, and a square dancing exhibition will be given for the parents of the new initiates. Refreshments will be served to conclude the evening's entertainment.

Hi-Y Has New Coach

Mr. Charles Sinclair, father of Reed Sinclair, a freshman, has been doing some coaching recently for the Hi-Y basketball teams.

Mr. George Roth, Hi-Y sponsor at Niles, said Mr. Sinclair coaches the Niles teams during practice and at the games.



He's waiting for those wiseguys in the stands to yell shoot.

Nilehi Gridmen Feted

Recently the Nilehi football squad was guest of honor at an annual Rotary Club football dinner.

The main event of the afternoon was the awarding of the "Most Valuable Player" trophy, which was received by James Kennedy, who captained the '49 squad in their five-win, three-loss season.

Harold Isaacson, coach of the squad, gave a preview of the team's success and introduced each player.

After the dinner was over, a movie of the Chicago Bears '47 football season was shown.

History Repeats Itself, Say Nilehi Tankmen

History repeats itself! At least it did with the Nilehi Varsity tankmen, who lost to Waukegan 53 to 22 January 10 at the Niles pool. The Trojans, who dropped the season's opener November 15 to Waukegan by the same score, were defeated by a convincing margin; but they remained in contention until the last two relays, both of which Niles lost.

Arnie Nordquist, senior, who won the 100-yard breast stroke, was the only Nilehi swimmer to place first. Second place honors were won by Jim Rugen, junior, in the 50-yard free style; Fred Bussey, sophomore, in the 100-yard back stroke; Elmer Wegener, senior, in the 150-yard individual medley relay; and Fred Yocum, junior, in diving.

Waukegan's swim team seemed to have pulled out the plug on the Nilehi frosh and sophomore swim teams as they defeated Nilehi by a frosh score of 50 to 16 and a soph score of 34 to 32.

Junior Basketball Scores

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| January 6 | Niles, 21 | Arlington, 20 |
| December 17 | Niles, 47 | Oak Park, 53 |
| December 10 | Niles, 31 | Evanston, 30 |
| December 14 | Niles, 27 | Barrington, 49 |

Reveal Facts on Five Top Nilehi Frosh Cagers

The Nilehi freshman basketball team may be small but when the "pixies" play, they seem to make up for their smallness. Although winning only one and losing five, these freshmen have shown much improvement and spirit. They are truly "pixies" of the hardwood, reports coach Charles Hussey.

The freshmen have lost to such teams as, Proviso, Leyden, Evanston, Barrington, and Oak Park. Their only victory was against Arlington. They have scored 137 points to their opponents 209 and have made 44 out of 134 free throws, which is almost half of all free throws made. The opponents have had most of the jumps and rebounds, but the men of Troy have shown many signs of willingness to cope with them.

Here are just a few of Mr. Charles Hussey's top men.

Irl Ihrecke, five feet six inches, 112 pound guard, has shown that smallness is no handicap for a basketball player. He is leading in scoring with 31 points and he also leads in fouls with sixteen.

James Foran, five feet nine inches, 131 pound forward, is another smooth ball-hand'er. He ranks a very close second with 28 points and is one of the main spark-plugs of the team.

Bo Butterworth, five feet four inches, 105 pound guard, is the smallest boy on the first string and has racked up 26 points which proves also that smallness is not his handicap.

Karl Wicker, five foot eight inches, 133 pound forward, who helps in getting rebounds. Although he has scored only six points he has proved himself a great help to the team.

Jim Thurlwell, six feet one inch, 173 pound center is one of the main reasons why Nilehi has come close to winning some of their games. He, like Wicker, has scored only six points, but has helped get many of those badly needed rebounds.

Competition Toughens as G.A.A. Tournament Closes

"Round Robin" tournaments in G.A.A. basketball are still being played, but at this time, Patsy Patek's team is in the lead with a 4-0 record. Close behind is Barbara Heim's team with 3-1.

Other standings: Evelyn Hartig's, 1-1; Jane Heath's, 1-2; Pat Walne's, 1-3; and Joan Searing's with 0-3, according to Jennie Weinberg, basketball manager.

In tournament play so far, Barbara Heim, sophomore, leads in scoring with 46 points. Pat Walne, senior, has racked up 40 points, while Phyllis Brei and Patsy Patek, sophomores, have hit the hoop for 31 and 21 points, respectively,