



## Language Students See Mexico During Their Spring Vacation

Kochimilco, Zocalo, Cuernavaca, Tasco, Ocoatlan, Oaxaca . . . Few at Niles besides Spanish students can pronounce correctly these names of Mexican towns and sights, but any present or former language student will be able to see these places on his spring vacation.

The annual trip to Mexico, sponsored by the Language Department and under the direction of Mr. Gentil Da Rosa and Mr. Donald Blair, Spanish instructors, will be taken April 6-13.

A bullfight will highlight the busy second day of the trip, and will feature the colorful "Parade of the Matadors" before the fight.

### Trip to include University of Mexico

On Tuesday the students will visit the modern University of Mexico, which is decorated with beautiful old-world murals and mosaics. In the afternoon students will visit Cortez's hacienda, Vista Hermosa, when they go to the garden resort in Cuernavaca.

"I think we had the most fun at Cuernavaca," says Senior Karen McCarthy, who went to Mexico last year. "It's like a little world of its own."

### Oaxaca Concludes Tour

The seventh and eighth days of the tour will be spent taking in the sun and the sight of Oaxaca. Late in the afternoon of Saturday, April 13, the students will fly back to Mexico City, where they will catch a plane for Chicago.

Niles East was the first school in the suburban area to sponsor such a trip, explained Mr. Da Rosa, who has gone to Mexico with the tour six times. The idea has spread to several schools in the area since 1953.

### Language Barrier Poses Problems

The language barrier presents a problem even to Spanish students. Mr. Da Rosa recalls that one year when a student ordered a coke, he got tea and completely confused the bellboy at the hotel.

"I've seen those kids drive hotel personnel crazy because of the language problem," he laughed.

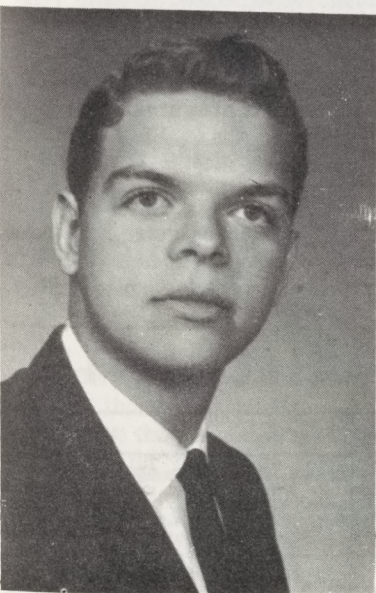
## 'Use Foreign Language' Says Steuben Award Winner

"The best way to learn a foreign language is to use it as much as possible," advised Senior John Kroger, 1963 winner of the seventh annual Steuben Award for outstanding work in the field of German language study.

"I try to think in German," John continued, "and attempt to convert English phrases into German in order to gain fluency in the language."

John, a member of Miss Kay Beck's fourth-year German class, was honored on March 23 at a banquet in the Germania Club, together with 20 other German students and their instructors from Chicago area high schools.

Each student, selected on the basis of consistent excellence in the field of German and in all other



major subjects, received an engraved Steuben watch and a congratulatory plaque.

"I hope to continue studying German in college," John stated. He plans to attend either Navy Pier or the Illinois Institute of Technology and major in civil engineering.

## Seniors Dominate 'Tea House' Cast

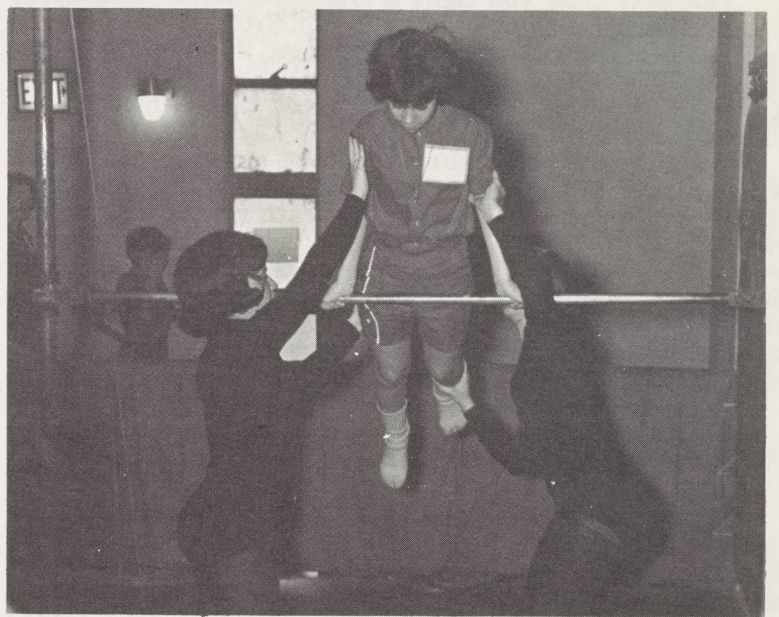
"Teahouse of the August Moon" will soon make its Niles East debut. The two months of rehearsal will terminate on Friday, May 3 and Saturday, May 4 when the play will be presented in the auditorium.

The spring production is composed mainly of seniors. The cast for the play features Pete Sereni, Sakini; Joe Fagan, Sgt. Gregovich; Bob Greenberg, Col. Wainwright; Sharon Lewisberg, Miss Higa Jiga; Ray Dean, Captain Fisby; Arlene Morishita, Lotus Blossom; and Chuck Solomon, Captain McLean.

Also featured are Ira Miller, Mr. Seiko; Karen Slotky, Old Woman's Daughter; Mike Kassin, Mr. Oshira; and Bob Fahrenbach, Mr. Omura.

The Student Director is Junior Wendy Arbit, with Senior Judie Siegal as her assistant director. Production Supervisor is Junior Lonnie Gerstein. The faculty advisor is Mr. Alvin Schwartz, while the technical end is being handled by Mr. George Fink.

A special feature of this production will be the stage lighting and play set. A technique of using ultraviolet light on props specially treated with a chemical paint will allow the audience to see the action in total darkness. The technical aspects will be directed by "Tecnis," the stage and lighting club of Niles East.



WITH ASSISTANCE, this future Nilehier is helped to somersault over the horizontal bars during the GAA "playday," held Saturday morning, March 16. The purpose of the playday was to introduce the many GAA activities to eighth grade girls who will enter Niles East next September.

## Finian Finds Gold at End of Rainbow

After this year's April showers fall, a colorful rainbow will appear in the auditorium when Niles East presents the Broadway musical hit "Finian's Rainbow" on April 5 and 6.

This musical comedy, which features such hit songs as "How Are Things in Glocca Morra," "If This Isn't Love," "Old Devil Moon," and "Necessity," will be Niles East's first full scale Broadway production.

"Finian's Rainbow" revolves about the hope of an elderly Irishman that the crock of gold he has stolen from the leprechauns will multiply in the fertile soil adjacent to Fort Knox, and the fight of an engaging group of sharecroppers against encroachments of a demagogue named Billboard Rawkins from the state of Mississippi.

The Irishman has an attractive

daughter, and the sharecroppers are led by a handsome young man. The leprechaun who comes in search of the gold falls in love with the hero's sister, who "speaks" with her feet because she is deaf.

Because of the magic properties of the gold, the Senator is transformed into a likable person: the sharecroppers retain their land; and the curtain falls on a rousing finale.

Commenting on the upcoming production, Senior Bob Finn, co-student director, remarked, "This is the first really professional school-sponsored production. It is an excellent show with great songs and I feel 'Finian's Rainbow' will be the first of a long line of Broadway hits to be presented here in the future."

## Nilehiers Attend Mock Constitutional Convention

Aided by 29 Nilehi students, delegates from nine north suburban high schools proposed a new constitution for Illinois in a mock constitutional convention held last weekend at Highland Park High School.

After two days of party caucuses, committee meetings, cloak room lobbying and "politicking," and floor debates, the teens drafted a model constitution that:

1. Abolishes cumulative voting for representatives by dividing each three-representative district into three one-representative districts.
2. Creates annual sessions for the
3. Raises the minimum age requirement for a state senator or representative to 25 years, and
4. Sets a minimum salary for General Assembly members at \$10,000, and in effect, creates full-time legislative jobs.

### Two Chosen Finalists For AFS Program

"It doesn't seem real," exclaimed Junior Jean Anderson, who was chosen along with Junior Liz Kramer as finalists in the American Field Service Student Exchange Summer Program.

Jean and Liz made no preference as to where they would like to spend the summer. Arrangements for homes are being made now by the New York AFS office.

"I'm a little scared," Liz commented when asked how she felt about living in a foreign land with people who speak another language. Liz, however, hopes that she will be able to pick up the language of the land.

Mr. John Hallberg, Student Council sponsor, explained that for the first time the Student Council will pay part of the exchange students' expenses with the money collected during the United Fund Drive.

General Assembly.

Furthermore, in a hotly-debated issue, the teen delegates retained 21 years as the voting age.

The Niles East delegates included:

Seniors Ray Dean, Howard Bittman, Heather Nissenson, Elyse Bloom, Janice Davidson, Katie Cohen, Al Winter, Elaine Sezer, Dan Wershow, Kathy Finn, Sue Furstner, and Harriet Duhl;

Juniors Jerry Baren, Diane Davis, Harold Kaplan, Fred Streicher, Cathy Bobera, and Marc Zwelling;

Sophomores Paul Harmon, Seymour Bearak, S a n d e Salstone, Bruce Myers, and Steve Rukin; Freshmen Jamie Heller, Vic Elias, Ellen Beaver, Wally Lazar, Maurene Fuenfer, and Susan Rasnick.

The students were selected to participate by their social studies teachers. The convention was sponsored by the Illinois League of Women Voters.

## Niles Alumnus Compares High School and College

by Barry Perelgut

"The high school student must realize what is important for greater success in his later life," stated Paul Williams, '61 Niles grad, now a sophomore at the University of Michigan.

Paul wishes that he could pinpoint the main difference between high school and college academic work, and he explains that college students have much more independence than they did during their high school years.

"In some of my classes at Michigan I had no written homework or tests for a full semester. The only grade a person receives in a course like that is his score on the semester final."

Is Fraternity Man

The stocky, 20-year-old sophomore is a member of the Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity.

Belonging to a fraternity at a college having a wide cross-section

of students adds a touch of home to a lonesome student, said Paul.

"There's always something happening at the 'frat' house. One day your clothes may be tied in knots. The next day they could be soaking wet, and the day after that you might not even find them at all. Incidents like that usually get a person's mind off any homesickness he might incur."

Dates Only on Weekends

At Michigan Paul dates only on weekends. The University always has outstanding talent to entertain the student body of more than 30,000 persons. For example, Paul mentioned that the folk-singing trio of Peter, Paul, and Mary recently appeared on the Michigan campus.

Paul is an ardent booster of Michigan and is quite proud of his school.

"West of the Appalachians," he stated, "they call Harvard the Michigan of the East!"



Forum

# Don't Stop Smoking

DON'T STOP SMOKING — you may live longer.

The next time you light a cigarette, think first about all the wonderful things you will gain from it. As you inhale the luscious smoke into your lungs, think of the pleasure which you will derive, the benefits your body will receive. Above all, think of the taste, the great taste which only a cigarette can fulfill.

Don't worry about the evils that smoking can cause. Although the death rate in the United States has gone down 18 per cent in the last 30 years, the death rate of lung cancer victims has increased only 953 per cent during the same period. The chance of contracting lung cancer is only eight to 21 times greater for a smoker than a non-smoker. What difference does dying a few years earlier make? What difference does it make that once you contract lung cancer your chances of curing it are one in 20?

During the teen-age and young adult years smoking habits are developed. A teen's attitude toward smoking will likely determine whether and how much he will smoke in later life.

If you haven't started to smoke, by all means do. Just think of the pleasure you will miss if you do not take up the practice: the hacking cough every morning, the chest pains, the loss of appetite, the equivalent of a half-pint of tar in your lungs for every year you smoke—which, by the way, does wonders to improve the functioning of the lungs.

You don't want to miss out on all this. So remember—don't stop smoking.

*(Ed.'s note — Student leaders recently attended a conference on "Cigarette Smoking" sponsored by Northwestern University and the American Cancer Society.)*

Report Card

## 'East Progresses' - Dr. Harris

**QUESTION:** There has been talk among students that Niles is less progressive than other high schools in the area. Schools such as New Trier and Evanston have initiated classes on five ability levels, experimental courses, and classes consisting of fewer than 15 students, while Niles has maintained its standard system. What is the administration's position on these matters?

**ANSWER:** Niles East has shown itself to be a progressive institution in three major areas: new courses have been added to the curriculum, teaching techniques have been introduced, and new programs such as SSO and the APP programs have been initiated with great success.

New courses which have been introduced include non-western civ-

ilization, political science, art history, music theory, child development, and notehand.

The Science Department has initiated new teaching techniques in chemistry, physics, and biology. The Foreign Language Department is as progressive in moving to modern techniques as any department in the area.

There is no evidence to prove that a particular number of ability levels is ideal in all schools. Each must attempt to serve its own student population as well as possible. Currently, New Trier is reducing its number of levels. It must also be kept in mind that no school district with which we are being compared is growing at a rate that approaches our rate of expansion.

Dr. John Harris, Assistant Principal

Letters to the Editor

## 'Summer Soldiers' Rapped

Dear Editor,

The subject of "school spirit" has been kicked around so many times that I hate to give it another kick, but recent events have brought the ink in my pen to a roaring boil.

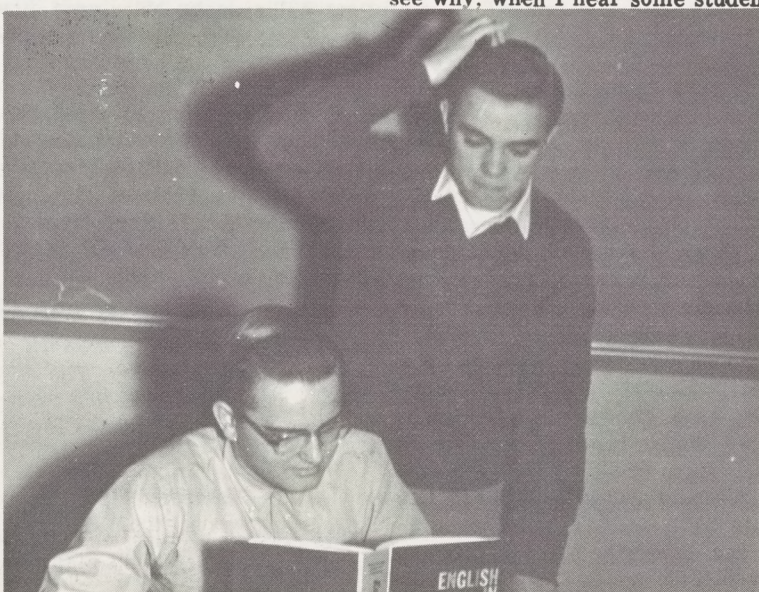
Nilehi students have shown great energy in supporting our excellent gymnastics team. The "school spirit" was overwhelming when the almost undefeated gymnasts traveled along the road to the state meet.

But where were those same students when the swimming team, basketball team, and wrestling team were meeting opponents with the same determination and sacrifice as the gymnastics team?

I truly hope it was not because only the gymnasts could beat a majority of their opponents. But I am sure my hopes are in vain, for we have a large number of "summer soldiers" and "sunshine patriots" who walk the hallowed halls of Niles East.

At Nilehi, "school spirit" means winning athletic teams. Is this our sense of values? A little "soul searching" is in order for most Nilehi students.

Dick Wollack, '63



**BONING UP** on their English are Senior Raul Blanco (top) and Junior Jorge Blanco (seated). The boys came to Niles last year from Cuba.

## That First Sign of Spring



# Council Head Answers Critics

by Jeff Siegel  
Student Council President

**THE BLOB STRIKES BACK.** It has heard every form of verbal abuse from being called a pussy-footed puppy to a ratty radical. What is this so-called Blob that haunts Nilehi, but according to general opinion, does nothing? Student Council, of course. Besides running the school store, the student lounge, the United Fund Drive, the AFS program, freshman orientation, and the leadership training conference; and supporting the Cheer-up Committee, the Korean orphan, special days, and community and school service projects, "Student Council does nothing!"

Besides ordering class sweat-shirts, getting a jukebox in the student lounge, handling bus problems, ordering clocks for the halls, handling cafeteria problems (more food 5B and installing fountains and menus), sponsoring buses to athletic events, arranging the Donkey Basketball Game and Student-Faculty Switch Day, Student Council does nothing for the students.

I'm sorry not all suggestions were passed. We couldn't get a four-day school week, coffee in the cafeteria, a student smoking lounge, padded seats on desks (students will have to use their own "padded seats"), elimination of freshmen (suggested by seniors), elimination of seniors (suggested by freshmen), co-ed gym classes, and pheasant under glass in the cafeteria.

### Raps 'Do Nothing' Charge

We can't do it all, but you can see why, when I hear some student

who knows everything about anything say "Student Council does nothing." I could crown him with my trusty gavel.

What is Council REALLY like? Student Council is not merely a name; it is a nationwide association. Our Council is a member of the NASC, the National Association of Student Councils, and represents Nilehi at district and state conventions. On the other hand, our Student Council is different; our main functions are not planning dances and cleaning up the campus; our main responsibility is representing the will of the student body. (I know, that same old song again.)

### Links Students, Faculty

It is the only co-ordinating group between the students and administration. Almost every suggestion brought to Council gets to the administration. It is true that Student Council has no power — it cannot tell the administration what to do, but it does present every wish. The students are heard and sometimes, believe it or not, are listened to.

What I am trying to say is that if the Blob is to serve Nilehi, it needs your support. Council is here; all you need to do is take advantage of it.

## Cuban Brothers Flee Castro, Become Precocious Nilehiers

Two years ago Raul and Jorge Blanco were "A" students in a Catholic high school outside of Havana, Cuba. Today they attend Niles East.

The man chiefly responsible for this switch is Fidel Castro. As Raul said, "We left Cuba to escape Communism."

The two boys might be called precocious by American standards. Jorge is 14 and a junior whereas

Raul is a 15-year-old senior. Raul says he thought his new life in America would be a vacation, but changed his mind when confronted by Chicago's sub-zero temperatures. The boys would like Chicago if it weren't for its weather and its overwhelming size.

Jorge and Raul are impressed by our assemblies and extra-curricular activities, but they don't like an eight-hour day.

"In Cuba we went to school for five hours," observed Raul, "and we didn't have any study halls or compulsory lunch periods."

Raul remarked that American adolescents are "more liberal" than he expected in their relations with the opposite sex. "For example," he said, "one would never see a boy walking down the hall with his arm around his girlfriend in Cuba. Kids don't go steady until they're 17 or 18."

The boys stressed that while nearly all Cubans go to school for eight years, only one-half go to high school, and very few go to college.

## Health Council Seeks 5,000 Healthy Students

"Our goal is 5,000 healthy students," observed Sophomore Al Feder, when discussing the newly organized Niles Township High Schools Health Council.

This group is composed of student representatives from East and West Divisions, and nurses and physical education instructors from each school.

Thus far, the Council has spent most of its time discussing nutrition and school diet. Al stressed that "most teen-agers do not realize the importance of a good breakfast." He pointed out that "more than one-half of the students who go to the nurse, go during third or fourth period. This," he emphasized, "is usually due to headaches or stomach troubles caused by insufficient breakfasts."

"Even worse," Al concluded, "is the group of students who make a breakfast of cigarettes, thus ruining their eating habits and their health."

Chairman of the Council is Mr. James Heiniger, director of physical welfare for the two schools.

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Once a Student

... Now a Teacher

# Miss Dent, Nilehi '56, Recalls Her Springtime School Days

by Barb Harrison

"AS SPRING APPROACHES and students dispose of boots and heavy winter clothing, I often think I see my friends walking down the halls, or some suspicious character in my locker, or my best friend playing the cymbals in the band."

Such are the thoughts of Miss Gail Dent, Nilehi '56, now an English teacher here.

"Except for the building additions, Nilehi is more the same than different," she commented with a smile. "However, during my school days I romped in my glorious blue gym suit where I now teach English!"

Now, with Nilehi's 2600 students, assemblies are held in the auditorium. Miss Dent, however, can remember that just seven short years ago the student body would gather in the boys' gym (now the girls' gym).

"My friends and I would crowd onto the bleachers and push and squirm until we could find a seat. Often someone ended up on the floor!" she laughed.

To Miss Dent, the cafeteria situation is still the same.

"The lines were always hectic," she reminisced, "but Mr. Ellis was always trying to 'calm the crowd.'"

When asked about the difference in being a student looking out and

a teacher peering in at student activities, Miss Dent replied, "Now, some students who group themselves in cliques don't care about the student body. They worry only about themselves, thus lacking school loyalty."

Judging from Miss Dent's activities as a student, she did not lack this "school spirit." She was a member of the French Club, Golden Galleon, Debate Team, National Honor Society, and Reflections Revelries.

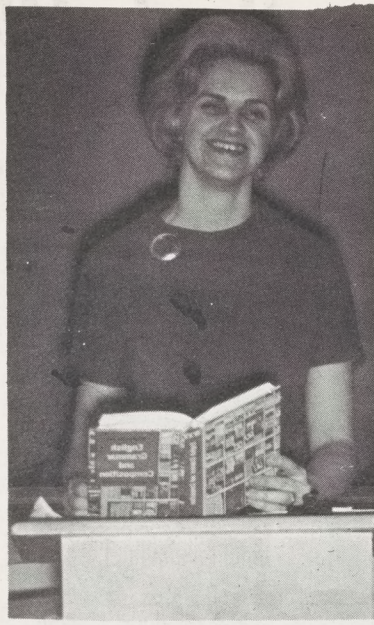
Miss Dent says she enjoys teaching, and is especially pleased when she can "enlighten a befuddled student and see a gleam of understanding in his eyes."

## A Harvest in Spring? SSO Reaps Abundant Crop in Lost and Found

SPRING CAME EARLY in the SSO office, where a dense growth of lost items in the Lost and Found was weeded out recently, in anticipation of a new spring bloom of found articles.

The early harvest in the Lost and Found reaped mostly articles of clothing.

Found in the early raking were seven different gloves, six odd sneakers, and four assorted sweat-



"A GLEAM of understanding" in the eyes of a student is Miss Gail Dent's assurance of progress.

ers. The Lost and Found was a horn of plenty for girls' clothing, spilling forth a dirty white blouse, a snow boot, a white blazer, two ballet shoes (one black, one white), two pairs of slacks (brown and green), and a black belt.

More "wild oats" sowed in the found department were a black trench coat, a blue scarf, a Nilehi jacket, a compact that says "I Love You" on the front, two ski caps, and a ragged white purse containing lipstick and Bayer aspirin.

Planted amidst the garden of clothing were two bottles of ink, a notebook, two ping pong paddles, and a ping pong ball.

But the weirdest crop harvested was a large plastic bag holding a variety of items. Inside were found two compacts and several assorted cosmetics, a key chain, an ID bracelet, another bracelet with the name "Susan" on it, and three Oldsmobile car keys.

The early harvest also smelled of the "scent of mystery." A girl's white leather shoe was exhumed, and inside was found a note! Could it hold the clue to the whereabouts of the shoe's owner? If only some clever detective could interpret the invisible writing . . .

### Coming Up

FRIDAY, MARCH 29  
"N" Club-Faculty Game  
7 p.m.  
FRIDAY, APRIL 5,  
SATURDAY, APRIL 6  
Spring Musicals  
"Finian's Rainbow"  
MONDAY, APRIL 8 —  
MONDAY, APRIL 15  
Spring Vacation  
MONDAY, APRIL 15  
Student Council Election  
Campaigns Begin

# Remarcs . . .

by Marc Zwelling

THE CUSTOM OF KISSING is as old as the hills (which is where a lot of kissing is done). As a show of affection, kissing dates back to primitive cavemen (which shows that they weren't so primitive after all). Cavewomen would cuddle their children and probably developed the kiss. The women spread their affection around and kissing also spread.

The history of kissing is obscure in many centuries, but kissing re-appeared in France about seven hundred years ago. One year the vineyards failed miserably. Few grapes were produced, and those that grew were sour.

## In Spring, A Young Man's Fancy Turns To Thoughts of KISSING!?

However, the French insisted on making wine. Now there is only one kind of wine that can be made from sour grapes, and that is sour wine. The French soon discovered that the sour wine puckered their lips, and so, they did the only natural thing—they kissed! Even though the grapes were sour, it proved to be a vintage year.

News of the puckered French reached Italy, where winemakers anxiously awaited the formula to make sour grapes. When the French told them there was no recipe for making sour grapes, Italy panicked. Not ever having experienced puckered kissing, the Italians knew they needed a stimulus to activate the pucker muscles in their lips.

"A non-puckered kiss is like spaghetti without sauce—blah." This was the Italians' battle cry as they ravaged the country looking for something to pucker their pucker-less lips.

Finally, in the village of Fanafanni, a spaghetti maker named Luigi Antipasto announced that he had the answer to the pucker problem.

"It's simple," Luigi explained. "All you gotta do ees put a piece a spaghetti in a your mouth, and suck it in. That puckers your lips."

The Italians were elated. They showered Luigi with kisses (they could pucker now, you know) and peace was restored to the country. Later in his life, Luigi again brought order to Italy when, at the request of the country's teen-agers, who grew tired of just kissing, he invented pizza.

From Italy kissing spread to all the dimly-lit corners of the world. There was kissing in Kentucky, necking in Nairobi, and making out in Moscow.

The hereditary trait of being able to pucker was passed on through generations down to present times. Now kissing is as commonplace as breathing, and both are done in some rather common places.

However, science is looking out for our personal welfare, and just last year it was announced that each kiss spreads five to 10 million germs. Yes, kissing is dangerous, and sometimes fatal. But what a way to go!

## When the Student Council President Wears Bermudas - It's Spring!

A Surer sign of spring than the robin is Jeff Siegel's appearance in bermudas. In the spring Jeff's thoughts turn to summer and "everything but school."

He daydreams about the country and the ranch camp where he has spent the past five summers.

"It's just like the Triple R Ranch of Spin and Marty fame, but it's co-ed," said Jeff, who will return this year as a counselor.

That's where he met his first love, a horse. Jeff claims his "loves" are still horses and cookies.

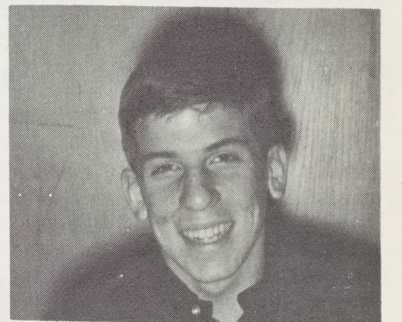
The senior feels "the administration should give students more responsibility, especially through the

Cabinets and Council." He said, however, that "we first must show more respect for the faculty and each other."

Among Jeff's personalities for the year are Og, a leprechaun in "Finian's Rainbow" and Ed Carmichael, a glockenspiel-playing printer in "You Can't Take It with You."

The Student Council President is a member of National Honor Society and Thespians. He was also the accompanist for the Reflections' "bunnies" and Tinkerbell.

Jeff hopes to attend Cornell University next year and follow a pre-med course. Possibly, the



LEPRECHAUN, glockenspieler, Thespian, equestrian and president—that's Senior Jeff Siegel.

horse-lover will become a veterinarian.

Almost a fanatic about school spirit, Jeff never misses a game or meet. He said he felt proudest of Niles at the baseball finals downstate two years ago.

"We were way behind and there wasn't a chance of winning. Suddenly, although discouraged, everyone stood up and started cheering the team. That's real spirit," he reminisced.

## Nile-Eye-Lites



"LOST SOMETHING?" asks Senior Sue Scholnick, seventh period receptionist in the SSO Office, as she digs into the Lost and Found.

## Recollections of a Winning Act in Spring - A Memory of Reflections

by Sue Berberick  
Journalism 2

CLOWN SUITS, RAIN COATS, rabbit ears, and river boats: it takes all this and more for an act that will make Reflections.

And so, the all-school talent show, Reflections '63, was in the making. Ideas for acts were forming in the minds of spirited Nilehiers since summer.

July — and the days wearily pass by. Suddenly someone asks, "What are we going to do for Reflections?" A plan is set and energy is applied.

"It's raining, it's pouring, the old man is snoring . . ." The rainy day suggestion sounds fine. Songs are added and revised; the dance is uniquely devised.

School starts. The leaves turn gold, homework pours in, but the work goes on.

"I don't like the rain idea," someone says; so turning from books and football games, more brain power is put to work.

"Gray skies are gonna clear up, put on a happy face"; and the girls decide to impersonate clowns. A song, a dance, but they decide this act wouldn't be original enough.

"Attention: The theme for Reflections '63 will be — Disneyland."

It's settled. The girls will portray Negro workers of Mark Twain river boat fame. A dance, a song, but, "I don't want to wear cos-

tumes like that," one girl complains.

Time is going fast. One night — a catchy tune:

"I'm late, I'm late, for a very important date . . ."

"That's it!" the girls exclaim. "We'll be bunny rabbits, and wear pink, and have tails, and sit on stools!"

One week before tryouts the girls perfect their routine. On January 6 they perform; but qualified acts will not be announced until January 11.

The results are finally posted. "Act 17, I'm Late, . . ."

"I don't believe it! That's us!" The girls are in the show.

Ahead lies rehearsals, quick dinners, no sleep, rehearsals, homework finished in the dark auditorium, costumes, and more rehearsals. But the girls always say, "I hope it will never end."

And now it's over . . . the excitement, the butterflies, the hot foreheads, the sudden illnesses, the lights, the smiles, the laughter, and the wonderful applause.

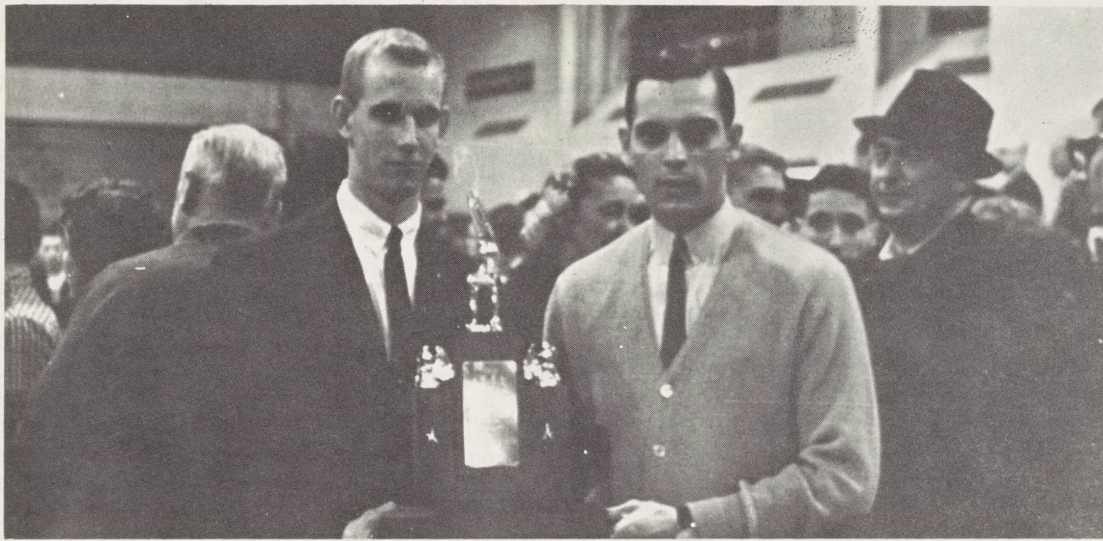
And there were winners . . . a pianist and a drummer, a leopard and a hunter, a Hollywood critic, a jazz acrobat, and nine hopping, happy, bunny rabbits.

The underclassmen — they happily will dream of the years ahead and other Reflections Revelries.

The seniors — they nostalgically will remember that show, whose memory never will be forgotten.



# Gymnasts Sweep to 2nd Place in State Meet



**HOLDING** the second place prize which their disciples won for them in the state gymnastics meet last weekend are Head Coach John Riccitelli (right) and Frosh-Soph Coach John Burkel. The Trojans earned the trophy by netting 54 points in the meet, largely on the strength of a first, two seconds, and two thirds.

## Eight Vets Head Squad

# Hurlers Key to Baseball Success

by Art Rotstein

**THE 1963 BASEBALL** season, which opens April 1 for Niles East's Trojans with a game against Nilehi West, may provide many pleasant surprises for Trojan fans. In addition to new uniforms (with New York Yankee pinstripes), many new faces will color Coach Nick Odlivak's crew, augmenting a handful of veterans from last year's squad.

Returning are Seniors Marv Kay, Bill Toelke, Stu Richter, Ross Bendel, Bob Lis, Ron Ratner, and Mike Cavanaugh. John Papandrea is also on the roster, but last year's starting outfielder has not been at practice.

Coach Odlivak is quite optimistic about the forthcoming season, and feels "the spirit and hustle the boys have shown so far has been great."

He thinks that the team should boast good power, fair speed, and good pitching. In fact, the Trojan coach thinks pitching will probably

be the Nilesmen's strongest point this season. Back for another year of mound performances are Marv Kay and Bill Toelke, with four juniors, Bob Gevirtz, Mike Mehl, Bob Walner, and Al Mamasin battling for both starting and relieving positions.

Leading candidates for starting



**WARMING UP** for the upcoming season is outfield candidate Stu Richter, one of eight returnees from last year's varsity squad.

outfield berths presently are Lis, Richter, Papandrea, and Mark Newburger, a junior who also doubles as a catcher. The infield will, except for Bendel and Ratner, be composed almost entirely of juniors, with Bob Shearn, Dick Minors, and Jeff Wolf among the highly considered candidates.

# Hardt Bounds to First Place, Three Teammates Also Tally

**NILEHI EAST'S** gymnasts finished second in the state meet held at York High School last weekend, tallying 54 points while taking a first, two seconds, and two thirds in the finals.

Junior Dale Hardt became the Trojans' second state gymnastics champion in two years, as he captured the first place crown on the trampoline. Senior Ike Heller swept to second place finishes in both all-around and parallel bar competition, while Juniors Rick Block and Marc Slotten each turned in thirds, in tumbling and sidehorse, respectively.

Hardt, who tied for third place on the event last year, totaled 183 points Saturday night to secure first. Elliott Pearl, last year's state still rings champion, was the first Trojan to bring home a state championship.

Evanston, the state champion, compiled 67 points to dethrone Proviso East and slip past the Trojans. However, they were unable to capture a single individual title.

Prospect, led by all-around and parallel bar champion Gary VanDerVoort, and high bar winner Dañ Price, finished third with 46 points. Proviso East was fourth in the finals.

This second place finish better last year's performance, when the Nilesmen were one point shy of a second place tie with Willowbrook and York.

Coach John Riccitelli feels that his team is in an excellent position for next year, losing only Heller and Ken Gordon through graduation, while Evanston, Prospect, and Proviso East find a majority of their varsity squads being depleted by graduation.

# Net Coach Sees Successful Year, Many Surprises

**THREE SENIOR** lettermen, two juniors, and a sophomore will form the nucleus for Nilehi's varsity tennis team this season, according to Head Coach Steve Morgan.

The Trojans finished with a .500 mark in Suburban League competition last year, but lost four of their starters of the past season via graduation. Coach Morgan is optimistic, however, and believes that his men can produce another successful season.

He said that the squad is "in for a lot of surprises," one of which may be the development of Sophomore Ron Siegal.

Besides Siegal, the Trojans will depend heavily on Seniors Ricky Kaye, Gary Sax, and Larry Wolfinsohn, and Juniors Bob Poindexter and Dennis Dicks.

Kaye played third singles last year, while Sax and Wolfinsohn played second doubles. Poindexter and Dicks, playing as a doubles unit on the soph level, swept to a second place in last year's S. L. meet in first doubles.

The Trojans open their 17-meet season April 5 against Hinsdale's Red Devils.

# According To Art

by Art Rotstein  
Sports Editor

**FOR THE SECOND YEAR** in a row, Nilehi East's gymnasts proved themselves among the elite as they sauntered to a second place finish in the state gymnastics meet. A year ago, they finished fourth, a point away from a three-way tie for second place.

Their performances during the past two years have certainly been remarkable, considering that only four years ago the gymnastics team was founded at Niles, and that three years ago the Trojans had only three interscholastic meets.

Hard work and the desire to take the whole thing were largely responsible for the fine work the Nilesmen turned in this past season, but natural ability also had much to do with it. The first, seconds, and thirds turned in by Dale Hardt, Ike Heller, Rick Block, and Marc Slotten attest to this.

**WHAT PAINTS** an even more rosy picture is the fact that Hardt, first on the trampoline; Block, third in tumbling; and Slotten, third on the sidehorse, will all be back next year. In addition, several other highly talented members will be returning for Troy. In fact, the only two to depart this term will be Heller and Ken Gordon, who finished eleventh on the sidehorse in the state tourney.

So, Coach John Riccitelli and Nilehi East have the makings of the 1964 state championship team. The entire team which won the Suburban League crown last year as sophomores will be back, supplemented by two SL champs from this year's sophs. If desire and ability can produce a state champion, it seems to me that Niles will have one next year.

**A CONTRIBUTION** will be made to the Firemen's Benevolent Fund by the N-Club next Friday evening, March 29, when the annual N-Club-faculty game is held.

Coach Pat Rooney, sponsor of the letter-winners' organization, explained that there would be two games. The first game will pit the junior N-Clubbers against the firemen, while the second game will witness the senior N-Club members in their annual battle with the faculty.

# Five Starters Return for Linksters

**"THE VARSITY** golf team will be a much improved squad over that of last year," exclaimed Mr. Thomas Kiviluoma, Trojan golf mentor. The 1963 linksters will have gained a complete year of experience while having their entire team returning from last year.

Back are five lettermen, including Seniors Jack Berger and Chuck Anderson, and Juniors Ron Rojo, Ron Perlman, and Bob Ruttenberg. Juniors Mike Rothman, Bob Tupper, and Pat Nevill, a transfer student who will become eligible before the season starts, are others vying for the top posts. However, only 11 men tried out for the first five positions. Consequently, quality will have to reign over quantity.

# Panthers Rip Cindermen

**AFTER FINISHING** sixth in the recent SL indoor track meet, the Trojan varsity trackmen dropped a 57-43 decision to the Interim League champion Proviso West Panthers.

Providing the Nilehier's six points in the SL tilt were high jumper Bill Lorr and shot putter Ron Banton, each of whom placed third in their respective events.

Leading the Easterners' surprising showing against Proviso was Junior Phil Becker, who copped first place in the fifty-yard dash and broad jump, and aided in the victories of the four-lap and mile relay teams.

Senior miler Mike Purcell, who finished sixth in the S.L. meet, managed a second against Proviso as did quarter miler Art Galen.

Pole vaulter Neil Chertack grabbed the final Niles first place against Proviso.

The sophomore squad filled the cellar spot at the SL meet, and were dropped by Proviso 65½-34½.

First places for the sophs were recorded by high hurdler Dave Edelman, shot putter Bill Nigut, and the four-lap relay team, while the mile relay ended in a tie.

# Two Fencers Place in State

**NILHEI SENIOR** Harvey Gersh and Chuck Suritz, his sophomore fencing compatriot, finished fourth and fifth respectively at the Illinois High School Fencing Championship held at the University of Illinois March 9.

State fencing champion was George Churinoff of Chicago's Austin High.

Gersh and Suritz fenced 21 bouts each in competition with 68 other contestants representing 12 Illinois high schools, and in their final matches fenced contestants with four years' experience, as compared to the Easterners' one.

Fencing at Niles East, under the tutelage of Mr. Robert Keen, has just completed its first year of interscholastic competition with a 1-3 meet record. The swordsmen gained their lone victory over St. Mel's of Chicago.

Besides Gersh and Suritz, other Trojan fencers were Freshmen Gary Bain, Harvey Harris, Al Wentink, Lee Nudelman and Peter Trobe; Sophomore Bill Peterson; and Juniors George Kite and Gene Mendel.

# Trojanettes

# Twelve Positions Open for Novice Cheerleaders

by Christine Citro

**ALL GIRLS** with an academic average of C or better are invited to try out for sophomore and varsity positions on the Niles East cheerleading squad. There will be eight varsity and four sophomore positions open for competition.

Requirements for tryouts are a partner cheer, cheer of choice, and a required cheer. Stunts may be either a cartwheel, roundoff, or flip. In addition, an ability to demonstrate the straight, flex, and arch jumps is necessary.

The 1963 cheerleading clinic will convene Tuesday, April 2, to Friday, April 5. The purpose of the clinic is to allow the present cheerleaders to explain and demonstrate the various stunts and cheers.

The preliminary tryout session will meet April 17. On April 19, judges will assemble with the finalists in order to select the winners.

Prospective cheerleaders will be judged by the presidents of Student Council, Pep Club, N-Club, GAA, and SSO. Additional judges include varsity cheerleaders, cheer advisors, principal, and boys' athletic director.