## NileHILITE



Busily rehearsing a scene for the spring play, "Time Out For Ginger," are Ken White, Ginger Golden, and Ron Shabel. Ken plays Ginger's boy
friend, Tommy Green; Finger plays Ginger, and Roı plays Ginger's dad, Mr. Carol. The play will be presented tonight, tomorrow night, and Sunday.

## Guild Accepts I8 Members

TWELVE FRESHMEN, sophomores, and juniors were invited to join the Nilehi creative writing club, the Golden Falleon Guild, on Tuesday, May 7.
These twelve students were the authors of material submitted for judging for the magazine which gained the number of points necessary for publication.

They are Donna Norman, Joan Eggersted, George Behr, and Sharon Buchman, freshmen; Sue Weiss, John Beyer, Judith Godell, and Amy Wulf, sophomores; and Jayne Thomas, Ronald Prebish, Joan Comiano, and Micki Tatman, juniors.
IN ADDITION TO THESE twelve, six seniors had material published for the first time. They are Karen Frenzel, JoAnn Lotz, Rosemary Nitsche, Barbara Simon, and Brenda Martinez.

This banquet will be held on June 4 at Dahl's Morton House for the present active and associate members, and the new inductees.

## 332 To Get Diplomas Soon

JUNE 14 WILL be the day 332 Nilehi seniors, including the six who graduated at mid-term will receive their diploma of high school graduation.

The senior's day will begin about 8:15 a.m. when all will assemble in the boys' gym for the senior breakfast. Immediately afterwards, caps and gowns will be distributed.
The seniors will then march to the boys' gym in rehearsal for the inside ceremony. After this they will rehearse outside in the parking lot.
ASSISTING AT THESE rehearsals will be the men senior homeroom teachers. About one or two o'clock the students will be free for the rest of the day.

At 7:30 p.m. the senior graduating class of 1956 will meet for their evening graduation ceremony.
BOYS AND GIRLS of the junior class will be ushers under the direction of Margaret deBooy, coordinating adviser, and Dorothy Lungmus, social studies teacher.

## Tonight Is Opening Night

THE ANTICS OF A footballcrazy teenage girl and the bewilderment of her parents make up the basic story for the Nilehi spring play, "Time Out For Ginger."
"Time Out For Ginger" completed a two-year Broadway run about three years ago, when the cast starred Melvin Douglas as Mr. Carol and Nancy Malone as Ginger.
The Nilehi cast includes Ron Shabel, senior, as Mr. Carol; Gayle Backway, junior, as Mrs. Carol; and Ginger Golden, sophomore, as Ginger Carol.

OTHER MEMBERS OF the cast include Sue Weiss, Mike Sheahan, Norm Garland, Margo Calamaras, Marilyn Barnett, and Ken White.

Under the direction of Miss Virginia Stemp, dramatic coach, the three-act comedy will be presented on May 18, 19, and 20 in the Nilehi Assembly Hall.
Tickets are $\$ 1.00$ for adults and $\$ .75$ for students.

## Junior Red Cross Gets Nilehi Pres.

JAY WOLLIN, junior, was elected president of the Chicago Chapter of the American Junior Red Cross, the largest chapter in the world, Saturday, May 5. Ths chapter includes 1150 schools.
Last year Jay was a memebr of the advisory board of the Chicago Chapter. The board plans and runs the meetings and appoints the people who go to the conventions and training centers.

Jay received an award for the Chicago Chapter from the city of Chicago at the Palmer House, May 10. The award was won by the Chapter for doing the most to promote international understanding.
Jay will attend the National Convention of the American Junior Red Cross in St. Louis, June 4,5 , and 6.

## Examination of Homerooms-Are They Good or Bad? ?

SOCIOLOGY STUDENTS, studying the pragmatic theory, have learned that a chair is to sit in, a hole is to dig, and food is to eat. In other words, everything has a purpose for being.

Let's look into a subject familiar to us all, homeroom, and examine its reason for existence.

The word itself causes us to think of it as our home at Nilehi. What is a home? It is one's place of residence, that place where those around you try to help you in all situations.

We are led to believe, then, that our homeroom is a place where those around us will aid us in solving our problems. If we don't know what subjects to take next semester, our homeroom teacher will talk with us until we know which courses will be the best for us. If we don't know what college to attend, our homeroom teacher will make recommendations and guide us toward a proper decision. If we are puzzled about school life, activities, or even home difficulties, our homeroom teacher will understandingly help us work out our troubles.

In this sort of situation, we feel close to fellow homeroom members. We may make up songs proclaiming the glory of our homeroom, we may form a baseball team and compete with other homerooms, we may work together on a homecoming float or select a year-long project.

These homerooms are ideal. There are many like them, but there are many completely opposite.

SOME HOMEROOMS exist as study halls. Studying is fine, and school is one of the best places for it-for that reason, most of us attend at least two study halls a week. The faculty members in these homerooms are too busy with their own duties to have time to worry about their students.

Another type of homeroom is just a spot where we students congregate either before or after lunch, with a completely free rein. We talk and laugh of parties we went to last week, our dates for the :nming weekend, or our newest dress outfits. Teachers in these homerooms seem not to care about us. They spend a whole period looking out the window or at the ceiling, ignoring the chaos and the students wainting in line to be the first out the door.

A third homeroom type functions for the sake of keeping an accurate record of our careers at Nilehi. Conferences, supposedly for guidance, consist of going over our files. The period is totally quiet while announcements are being read. Then the period becomes absolutely silent or drowned in noise, depending upon the teacher.

The ideal homeroom, which many of us have, warrants two and a half hours a week. During that time we learn about ourselves and others, we develop a strong school spirit, we work on school, class, and homeroom projects.
The other three homeraom types are a complete waste of time for both the students and faculty members. The period drags and becomes the longest of the day.

HOW CAN this problem be solved? It isn't fair to make some of us give up our favorite period of the day; but it seems equally wrong to require others of us to suffer through the same period of time.
seems that the only solution lies in compromise. A 10 -minute peric three times a week would allow ample time for announcements to be read, report cards to be passed out or collected, and absence excuses to be checked. A 30 -minute period two times a week could be used for discusion, guidance, and work on projects.

Homeroom periods would then become balanced and satisfactory to all of us.


Dear Editor:
Congratulations to Marilyn Escher, Sarane Crowther, and Henry Feuerzeig, apprentice editors, for the last issue of the Nilehilite.

Janet Minors
Junior
ED. The whole journalism staff agrees with you, Janet.

## Dear Editor:

As a graduating senior, I would like to express a "Thank You" for the wonderful courses offered at Nilehi.
I think that few students realize how fortunate they are to be able to take college level courses such as composition, economics, and sociology.

## Barg Simon Senior

## Dear Editor:

Some students in this school seem to think that the chairs in the Assembly Room were invented as "penny crushers." Almost every chair contains a bent penny.

Something should be done about this soon, since it is a federal offense and also our new chairs are suffering.

## Marion Carter Junior

## Nile HIlite

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## Seniors Plan <br> Graduation

WHILE MOST SENIORS are dreaming about graduation now that June 14 is barely a month away, six committees of the senior cabinet, along with senior homeroom teachers, are now planning the details of the big day. These committees are under the general chairmanship of Mr. O. T. Hendrickson, Business Education teacher.

Under the chairmanship of Sandy Bruening and Mrs. Pricilla Baker, English teacher, the Program Committee is now preparing the program information. Included will be the musical numbers to be played, the choir's selections, and the processional and recessional of the graduates.
About the middle of this month, Miss Dorothy Lungmus, Social Studies teacher, and Mrs. Doris Freutel, English teacher, the announcements committee will complete its work with the passing out of printed announcemetns and name cards.

THE TICKET COMMITTEE, under the leadership of Barb Larsen and Mr. O. T. Henrickson, is now overseeing the ticket printing. Tickets will be printed in two colors; one set to be used for the outside ceremony held in the parking lot, the other to be used if the ceremony is held in the boys' gym because of rain.
The tickets will be distributed during the first week in June, each senior receiving six for the outside ceremony, four for the inside.

All seniors have been measured for their caps and gowns and collections were made during the weeki of April 23-27 for the rental fee.
These jobs were undertaken by the Caps and Gowns Committee, under the chairmanship of Bob Koif, Mr. Carl Burgener, science teacher, and Mr. Paul Eberhardt, journalism and English teacher.

UNDER THE DIRECTION of Dick Fehns, Mr. George Adams, English teacher, Mr. Carl Burgener, Mr. Charles Hussey, science teacher, and Mr. Tom Kiviluoma, math teacher, the Staging and Re-


Flanked by Rodger Peterson and Jim Wall, seniors, Joyce Holtz as Daisy Mae dreamily walks along in the prom leader
campaign parade. Joyce won the election for prom queen along with Jim Hartman, who will be prom king.
hearsal Committee is also at work. This committee must see the arrangement of seating and are using all the folding chairs in the school plus 2,900 rented chairs, because both the parking lot and boys' gym must be prepared. A platform has already been rented, and the contract for lighting and sound is soon to be signed.
Now in the process of getting the decorations planned is the Decorations Committee, under the chairmanship of Bette Vosnos, Miss Helen Heitman, P.E. teacher, and Mr. Donn Wright, Social Studies teacher. A background or backdrop will be used and more elaborate decorations than in the past are promised by the committee.

THE SPEAKER COMMITTEE, under the direction of Phil Quigley, and Mrs. Parepa Rice, English teacher, is also at work. Al. ready chosen as guest speaker is Mr. Karl Robinson, professor of speech at Northwestern University.

As one of the few times, a graduating senior, Phil Quigley, will also speak, "Something which is not ordinarily done," stated Mr. Hendrickson.
CHAIRMAN Ela ine Shuman, Miss Joan Coon, Business Education teacher, and Miss Helen Smith, English teacher, and their Breakfast Committee are now

## Jim Is King; Joyce, Queen

JOYCE HOLTZ and Jim Hartman are the 1956 prom leaders.

They were elected Friday, May 11, when about 700 juniors and seniors cast their votes for their favorites of the eight candidates running.

Earlier in the day a parade wound its way through the halls with the praises of the candidates being shouted and sung by their supporters.
HILLBILLIES, Li'l Abner and Daisy Mae style, was the theme of Joyce's and Jim's part in the parade, while Bob Martin and Carol Schweger followed in a nautical line.

Jack Hagman and Nancy Harris protrayed an Ariabian prince and princess, and Bill Di Gilio and Elaine Shuman were in a relaxed mood as they appeared in pajamas.

At the prom to be held June 1 at the Palmer House, Joyce and Jim will lead the Grand March.
making plans for the senior breakfast.


Pictured above are the Outstanding Award winners of the recent Science Fair. Behind the two girls are Richard Kihl-
strom, freshman; and Ed Pollock, junior. In frout of them are Marilyn Escher, junior; and Susan Backus, freshman.

## Girls Rated Outstanding In Science For First Time

NILEHI TIED for second place in the State Science Fair held at Springfield May 4 and 5.
Topped only by Maine and tied by Charleston High School of Elast Central, Niles placed four Outstanding Awards, 16 first places, and five second places out of 25 entries. None of the Nilehi entries placed lower than second.

Outstanding Award winmers were Marilyn Escher and Ed Pollock, juniors, and Susan Backus and Richard Kihlstrom, freshmen. This is the first time that a girl from Niles has beem ratel outstanding in the State Fair.
FIRST PLACE WINNERS were Joel Michael and John Winters, juniors; Judy Frankfurt, David Turner, Jim Chandler, and Jim Eischen, sophomores; Aaron Block, John Carlson, Jay Doneger, Wyn Dorian, Richard Genther, Ronald Krone, Charles Ragland, Betty Stine and Ray Thomas, freshmen.

Second places were captured
by Cynthia Johnson, senior;
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the Illinois representative to the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Each year one high-school student is clected by the adult members to representt the state at the $\mathbb{A}$. $\mathbf{A}$. $\mathbb{S}$. comvention to be held in New York next December.
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## Introducing

## Claudia Joslyn

LOTS OF sleep, convertibles, fried chicken, pizza, Mexico, and classical music are the likes of this smiling senior, Claudia Joslyn. "I'm long haired in more ways than one," she laughed.
"My pet peeve," she commented after thinking awhile, "is people who are unsentitmental." Then she quickly added, "Oh, I have others too, like homework on weekends, and when we're planning a union and find out there's no plăbe for it."
.. Claudia's most exciting experiences at Nilehi were seeing Kay Christiansen as Prom Queen last year and working in the Musicale.
CHOIR, VIVACE, Union board, Finance Staff, Pep Club, Ushers Club, Notianal Honor Society, Spanish Club, French Club, and Swim Club, are among the many activities Claudia has participated in during her four active years at Nilehi.

When asked what she did in her spare time, Claudia replied that she likes to make ceramic jewelry.
"I just want to be happy," she commented when asked what she plans for the future. She then said she will attend the Liversity of Illinois and take a liberal arts course.
"I'LL MISS all the kids at Nilehi, but I don't regret leaving," she concluded. Then she quickly added, "I hope we get a youth center; we really need it."

## Cleaner, Editor, Golf Pro Are Interview Subjects <br> WHO ARE you going to inter-

view? Are you going to interview a celebrity? When are you going to interview him?
These statements were just a few of the many which were recently heard around Room 219 during the period 8 journalism class.

Every year the Nilehi journalism classes, under the direction of Mr. Paul Eberhardt, have annual spring interviews. "The interviews are conducted in order to give the students an opportunity to meet the people professionally for the enjoyment which is usually obtained," stated Mr. Eberhardt.
THIS YEAR there is one journalism class with only 17 students. Despite this fact a wide variety of interview subjects resulted, from a local cleaner delivery man to the teacher of famed "Babe" Didrikson Zaharias, outstanding woman athlete of the last half century.
The students are informed of the interviews, which they have to present before spring vacation. After spring vacation, an interview prospectus is submitted. This prospectus gives the information about the subjects who the students plan to interview. The interviews are then presented to the class during the month of April.

On the whole most of the interviews were conducted with people in the field of journalism. Barbara McKaig, News Bureau Chief, interviewed Mrs. Louise Ryan, the Editor of the Life of Niles Township and thus gained herself a job for the summer.
BARBARA KITCH, Feature Editor of the Nilehilite, interviewed Mr. Pat Patten, Assistant Feature Editor of the Sunday Magazine of the Chicago Tribune. Barbara Neuman interviewed her boss, Bob "Rollo" Moore, Editor of the Skokie News. Mr. Neil R. Gazel, former Chicago Cub and Chicago

White Sox sports writer for the Chicago Daily News, was the subject of Henry Feurzeig.
The last two in the field of journalism were Jack Mabley, noted sports columnist for the Chicago Daily News, who was interviewed by Dorothy Collin, and Mr. Paul Eberhardt Nilehi journalism teacher, who was the subject of Dennis Burke's interview.

Norman Ross, television star, was interviewed by Sarane Crowther. Jim Lounsbury, television and radio disc jockey, was the subject for Janet Minors' interview. Roberta Rice interviewed a policeman who wouldn't give his identity because of the case he was working on.
MR. KEITH HERTWECK, Nilehi psychology teacher was interviewee of Barbara Simon, Nilehilite News Editor. Marcy Pritikin chose Judge Thaddeus V. Adesko, chief judge of the Superior Court and cleaner delivery man, Arney of Cook County. An opera lover Rodenberg, was interviewed by Judy Burt.

All of these interviews, except two, were conducted orally in front of the class after the students had interviewed their subjects. The other two, Mr. Eberhardt and Mr. Stan Kertes were interviewed personally in front of the class.

Mr. Kertes, who was interviewed by Henry Feurzeig, is the head pro at the Bryn Mawr Country Club, and told the class of the many stars he had taught. The Marx Brothers, the Ritz Brothers, Robert Taylor, Dean Martin, Jerry Lewis, Harry James, and many others were named.


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## PROM LEADERS



Joyce Holtz and Jim Hartman

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## BY DOROTHY COLLIN

ON WEDNESDAY night, May 2, the pages of a nautical newspaper unfolded before the eyes of 200 spectators at the Ripplettes Water Demonstration, "Nautical News."

Opening the show was M.C. Norm Garland, dressed as a newsboy.

He introduced numbers which featured such journalistic themes as "Meet the Press," "The Weather Predictions," "Travel," "Obituaries," "Sports," "Fashions," "Comics," and "Society," the senior duet, which was swum by Carol Schweger and Doug Stryker.
"Natatographers" were in charge of planning the show along with Mrs. Sharlee Changnon, Riplettes' sponsor.

THE BANQUET for the Girls' Bowling Club was held April 30 at Wellers Restaurant.
Trophies were given to Shirley Ahrens for the highest average and for the highest series.

Shirley, Karen Holmberg, Marion Ruesch and Sandy Paul also received trophies for being members of the winning team.
The girls attending were Karen Carlson, Judy Sodemann, Phylis Roubal, Roberta Simmons, Iris Sonkin, Anne Marie Bachmann, Shirley Ahrens, Marion Ruesch, Sandy Paul, Karen L. Holmberg, Linda Fogarty, Helene Neer, Ronny Goldman, and Helene Fisher.
The club's sponsor is Miss Betty J. Schmidt.

DATES for G.A.A. members to remember:
May 19, the eighth grade playday with nine grade schools attending;
. May 24, the Formal Initiation, when the new members will be initiated into the club in a candlelight ceremony and old members will receive awards and honors;
May 26, the G.A.A. picnic, which will be a very informal gathering between the members of the club to close the season for the G.A.A.


## Presenting

## Bob Nordlie

SPORTS AND reading are two of the main interests of this tall, dark, good looking senior.
Bob Nordlie has been a member of the wrestling and golf squads for two years. He has made great improvements this year as he won his major " $N$ "" in wrestling and became fourth man on the golf team.
He also was on the football squad, but "I spent most of the time on the bench."

Bob isn't disappointed about
the lack of fans at the golf matches because "it's much too hard for them to get to the golf courses. The only spectators we have are the parents who bring us lunch at the ninth hole."

Like many athletes, Bob is as interested in honors that come to his teammates as he is in those that come to himself. One of his most exciting experiences came when Len Miresse and Jim Esbrook won the state sectionals in wrestling. His own-most exciting experience came when he had an eagle on a par 5 hole at Tam O'Shanter.

BOB'S LIKES include pizza, good books, and golf. He feels that golf is a good sport to participate in because you can play it when you get older. "This isn't true of wrestling, football, basketball, "he added.

His dislikes are broccoli, bookkeeping practice sets, hoodlums, and girls who smoke.

Although he would secretly like to be a beachcomber in the Ba hamas, he has an eye on the practical things in life. He plans to go to Miami University in Florida to study to become a business administrator.


BETTY SCHMIDT, sponsor of the Nilehi Girls' Bowling Club, shows a trophy to seniors Shirley Ahrens and Karen Holmberg. Both Shirley and Karen were members of the winning team, and Shirley held the league's highest average of 139 .

"N" CLUB MEMBERS had the shiniest shoes in school Wednesday, May 9. Initiates into the club had to shine the shoes of 15 members. Henry Feuerzeig, junior, can almost see a reflection of his face in the shoes of Ted Swanson, junior.

## Diamondmen Defeat Fenton <br> North Chicago Defeats Nilehi

 In TourneyTHE TROJAN baseball nine defeated Fenton Saturday at Glenbrook in the first game of the State Sub-District baseball tournament.

John Rice, third baseman, led the team in hitting with three singles and one run batted in.

BILL IHNE, first baseman, batted in a run with a three bagger.

Hal Neimer, pitcher, struck out nine of his opponents.

Trojans who saw action were Bill Pegausch, Ron Korsan, Rog Whitsett, Dick Nelson, Ted Pristash, Bruce Reinger, Jim Tomsik, Leo $\overline{\text { F }}$ - eden, Ken Walter, Len Miresse, Dave Chevrier, Ihne, Rice, and Neimer.

The Trojans had 6 runs and 10 hits for 32 trips to bat.

Fenton had 3 runs and 4 hits.

THE NILEHI varsity track team gained five firsts last Thursday, May 3, but couldn't halt North Chicago as Niles was defeated 71-47.

Jack Hagman was the only Trojan to gain two firsts as he won in the shot put and the discus throws.

Other firsts were taken by John Seffick, pole vault; Dave Wilson, half mile run; Bill Johns, high jump; and the mile relay team of Wilson, Tom Bauman, Dick Rosenfield, and Frank Fortuna.

Seconds were taken by Don Hansen, Ed Jaster, and Rosenfield in the mile run, discus, and the quarter mile respectively.

JASTER ALSO took thirds in the pole vault and shot put.

Larry Wolf, Dick Pankey, and Fortuna accounted for the rest of the Trojans points by taking thirds.

## SPORTLiGHFs)

THE "N" CLUB, for Nilehi letterwinners, held its initiation for winter sports participants Wednesday, May 9.
The initiates had to wear kneelength shorts, sport shirt on backwards, a tie, and gym shoes without socks.

Each of them carried a pillow.
They had to shine the shoes of 15 "N" Club members.

EACH TIME they saw a member of the club they had to repeat, "Good morning (or afternoon) most honorable ' N ' Club mem. ber!"

## I2I-5B Wins First Baseball Tourname nt

O. T. HENDRICKSON'S homeroom 121-5B won the first homeroom period baseball tournament of the year by defeating Paul Eberhardt's homeroom 219-5B 11 to 7.

Short-center fielder Bob Paolella accounted for six of 121 's 11 runs. He belted out two homeruns with two men on base.

Eberhardt's homeroom jumped off to a quick lead of 4 to 1 in the first inning.

Hendrickson's homeroom picked up two runs to make the score 4 to 3.
Homeroom 121 picked up eight runs in the last two innings to gain victory.
DAVE LINDQUIST was the winning pitcher. His battery mate was Ken Shenfish.

Other players for 121 were Chuck Gunsaullus, first base; Lou Tomsik, second base; Bruce Reinger, shortstop; Jim Hartmann, third base; and Melvin Singer, right field.

Other homerooms participating in the tournament were Priscilla Baker's 221-5B and Helen Heitmann's 208-5B.

