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Editorially Yours....

Do Nilehiers look at their school through rose-colored glasses? Certainly we have a right to be proud of Nilehi, and any of us would defend it against criticism, but does our school look quite as good to others?

When we look at our building, we see with pride a beautiful modern building, attractively landscaped, surrounded by an enviable campus. However, if we shook the gold dust from our eyes, and took a good look, would we be proud to see paper and candy wrappers lying about, students showing disregard for the grounds, or groups of kids smoking out at the corner.

Our halls, schoolrooms, and facilities are up-to-date, bright, and well-kept. But could we take pride in seeing congested halls between classes, the running and shoving, or the yelling?

And underneath the surface, would we notice all the little cliques, exclusive and hard to break into, not mixing with others? Would we hear gossip, catty remarks, or criticism of those we don't like?

How about our assemblies and games? Do we see the whole student body, enthusiastic, strongly supporting our cheer leaders? Or do we hear occasional "boo's", protests, and distracting noises?

Sure, Nilehi is a wonderful place. But we want others to think so too. Let's take off those rose-colored glasses and make Nilehi a school we can really be proud of!

U. of C. Offers Scholarships

The University of Chicago has been active in awarding these scholarships in the last ten years. This year the university will award ten scholarships to high schools in the suburban area.

It is possible for Nilehi students to enter the university after only two years of high school. Applications must be entered no later than April 1 of this year. The scholarship test will be given on April 23.

Polio Fund Drive Nets \$140

Results of the Nilehi polio drive sponsored by the Skokie March of Dimes campaign, under the direction of Mrs. W. C. Griffin, were given out last week.

The donations were: seniors, \$21.70; juniors, \$27.11; sophomores, \$23.40; and freshmen, \$65.30.

Those contributors who didn't put their names on the cards added \$6.60 to the homeroom total of \$137.51, which made Nilehi's contribution \$144.01.

Red Cross Starts Home Nurse Course

Home nursing will be taught here at Nilehi for senior girls, according to Miss Gertrude Montgomery, Nilehi physical education teacher. The class meets during the senior girls' gym periods every Wednesday under the supervision of Mrs. Florence Graham, American Red Cross registered nurse.

A Red Cross certificate will be awarded to girls who pass the course. The certificate will be given on the basis of attendance and satisfactory work. Girls with high ratings will be eligible to take part in a test for a scholarship given by the Red Cross.

The Home Nursing course consists of lectures and practical work. Girls are taught how to make a bed properly and how to care for the little emergencies and sicknesses that arise in the home. "They are also taught personal hygiene, necessity of sanitation with the sick, and the facts about communicable diseases," Miss Montgomery said.

Photographers, Writers, Essayists; All Get Their Chances at Prizes Offered in Contest

Nilehi seems to be the scene of several contests, some of which are nationwide.

For the journalists and amateur writers, there is currently a scholastic writing contest which will extend until March 4. There are several categories

Reflections Revelry Acts Get A Weeding Out

Nilehi talent has again been uncovered for "Reflections Revelry" to be given in the boys' gym on March 4.

Mr. Ronald Van Arsdale, English teacher, has reviewed more than 30 acts. Mr. Van Arsdale began "weeding out" the students at the beginning of this week.

This year Mr. Van Arsdale is having the skit revolve around a "bookie" in a theatrical agency, who dreams about all the acts seen and reviewed during the day. The theme will be "The Bookie's Nightmare."

Proceeds from "Reflections Revelry" will go to help finance the 1949 Reflections, school yearbook.

1949 Water Show a Circus

The 1949 Nilehi water carnival, to be presented on March 31, April 1 and 2, will be in the form of a circus, "The Greatest Show on Earth," according to Mr. Anton Schubert and Miss Gertrude Montgomery, faculty sponsors.

Eight different numbers are planned, in which there will be seals, balloons, clowns, funny and fancy diving, ballet, twirling and tumbling. Practice has already begun.

Tickets on Sale For Watkins Concert

Tickets have been on sale in the cafeteria of Nilehi, under the supervision of Miss Grace Harbert, Social Science teacher, so that as many students as possible may have the opportunity to hear their classmate, Armin Watkins, play at his professional debut of both piano and violin on Sunday afternoon at 3:30, February 13, in Kimball Hall, in Chicago.

This is the first American debut of its kind, since it has been generally frowned upon by the music world as being highly impractical and nearly impossible.

Armin, who is a senior at Nilehi, has studied under several well-known private teachers. Included in the program is "Hebraisk" by George Perlman, his violin teacher.

The program will begin with the piano, and the violin will follow the intermission. Compositions to be played, according to Armin, are the following: *Partida* by Bach, *Sonata in D major* by Mozart, *Prelude in C sharp minor* by Chopin, *Rhapsody in B minor* by Brahms, *Sonata in C major* by Dolius, *Sphar Concerto in A major* by Hebraisk, and *Rondo Capriccioso* by Saint-Saens.

in both the junior and senior divisions, the two sections open, including short stories, essays, poetry, news stories, feature stories, and such. Rules are posted in Room 216.

For photographers and those that fool around with those things called cameras, the National High School Photographic Awards contest is now in progress. Starting on February 1, it will run until May 7. Prizes range up to \$600 for the grand prize winner. Information for entering this contest can be had from Mr. Carl Burgener, Nilehi photographic instructor.

The last contest that we know of is the twenty-third Annual United Nations Contest offering cash prizes, four college scholarships, and a trip to Europe. Contestants must have their applications in no later than April 1. Details about this contest can also be found in Room 216.

Morocco Comes to Nilehi Assembly

All the romance, color, and intrigue of Morocco will be set before Nilehi students in an all-school assembly next Tuesday, February 8 when Victor Griffin, noted traveler and authority on Morocco, will present his colorful lecture entitled "Romance in Morocco".

Mr. Griffin has mastered the difficult language and dialects of Morocco, and has visited the place often. "Morocco is still a place of almost barbaric splendor," he states, "and it has resisted all European and Western influence so far."

Two on Basketball Court Interviewed; Reveal Favorites, Ambitions, Graduation Hopes

Meet Jess Porter!

He's tall, slightly shy, and seldom seen without a broad grin.

Cornered over a drawing board in fifth-period mechanical drawing, Jess decided that the most outstanding thing that has happened to him so far in high school was the 45 hours that he spent in detention hall when he was a freshman.

Hunting quail is his favorite pastime but he likes spending Saturday nights at George's. After refusing to admit just who George is, he changed the subject by saying his official hobby is collecting stamps.

In spite of the fact that long skirts have been around for a long time now, Jess still likes his "wimmin" old-fashioned. And while on the subject of the female of the species, blondes are definitely his preference, and non-swearing, if you please.

Basketball is his favorite sport, and his six feet, five inches is familiar to everyone who has watched the Trojan quintet this season.

Although he enjoyed biology and thinks Mr. Mackey is tops, Jess didn't hesitate a minute to reply what he likes best about being a senior: "No more school!"

Apparently Jess doesn't mind school too much, though, because he hopes to enter Carthage College in Southern Illinois next fall.

Meanwhile, his secret ambition, that won't be secret any longer, is just to "keep someone happy."

The athletic department of Nilehi has a new stenciling machine. Stencils are being made for each student in the school and all gym equipment will bear his name.

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FACULTY ADVISERS

M. Eberhart, Clement Meier

Although she wasn't at the Inaugural Ball, she is still called "Pres." You ask why?

Well, in her junior year she was president of the Ushers Club. In this—her final year—she is president of the Red Cross Club, captain of the cheerleaders, and business manager of the Dramatics Club.

Yes, we can see that some of you are still wondering who our little girl of dynamite is. But don't get in a tither because Uno her as Kay Jaeger.

Kaye's secret ambition is to be in a major play this year, recalling the excitement of her sophomore year when she appeared in "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay."

Kaye's hobbies are collecting chahms, and Uno lots of other things.

Kay's favorite food is chop suey, and she thoroughly enjoys laughing.

To prove that Kaye isn't out of the ordinary, she perfectly enjoys spending Uno's money.

And last, but certainly not least, Kaye plans to get married.

*Familiar Night Song:
From Now on.....!*



Pressure Gauge

Dear Sirs:

Here is a question which has been asked for many a year. Why doesn't Niles use the three tennis courts that they have? Are the courts too far gone that they cannot be repaired, or just don't Nilehi students like tennis? If they don't, or if the courts are too badly off, why is this ground going to waste?

P. H.

Attempts have been made in the past to start a tennis club, but a faculty sponsor and instructor has not been found. All the courts need in improvements is nets and weed-cutting. Otherwise they are in good condition.

Editor

SHORT CUTS

Ed Archibald, Don Verlenden, John Young, and Ashley Graig were the Nilehi debaters chosen by Mr. John L. Betts to compete in the Augustana College tournament at Rock Island today and tomorrow, February 4 and 5.

Two Nilehi debate teams journeyed to Elgin on January 22 to represent Nilehi in the Elgin Invitational Tourney. Those entered were Jim Arthur and Tom Shields in one team, and Nancy Gerhardt and John Young in the other.

Nilehi tied for last in this debate. John Young and Nancy Gerhardt won one contest over Argo, while Tom Shields and Jim Arthur lost four.

Frosh homeroom 121 has adopted a mascot—a little squirrel. Gus Carlson has taken the responsibility of feeding Mr. Squirrel every morning.

Never let it be said that homeroom 102 can't make a record and keep it! With the exception of about three monthly reports, this homeroom has remained on the bottom of the absentee list since 1945!

Miss Grace Harbert, problem's teacher, has recently been appointed to the committee on Illinois History by the Illinois Council of Social Studies. The purpose of this committee, which has just been formed, is to write a history of Illinois.

Miss Harbert says that she has been very interested in this kind of work for the past several years.

The Keen Teeners from N.T.H.S. are Rick Tamburino, Sandy Ravencroft, and Mary Morse, seniors.

Nilehi representatives in former years have interviewed such celebrities as President Truman; General Eisenhower; Jack Benny; and Marilyn Maxwell.

Peggy Lee, Dave Barbour, William Holden, Jane Powell, and Kay Summersby.

This organization gives high-school journalists the chance to actually interview personalities. The experience they gain could not be obtained in a class room.

Student operators of the Visual Aids club presented the film "Mutiny on the Bounty" plus "Aqua-frolics" and the 1948 World Series for interested students on January 12.

Did you know that angles equal to equal angles are equal?

—Geometrical Genius

The Poet's Corner; Frosh Take Over

DAY

*The ring, the noise, the streetcar bell,
The merchants with their wares to
sell,
The tall grand buildings along the
way
Are all a part of the day.
The bang of the big accounting
books,
The buzz of telephones off their
hooks,
The busy factories along the way
Are all a part of day.
The typewriter and its bell and
click.
The hospital and its weak and sick.
There are many more along the way,
That all are part of any day.*

— Norma Throop

NOISES

*As I sat on the turf
There came round the bend
The roar of the surf
And the whine of the wind.
The chirp of the crickets
The hoot of the owl
The deer in the thickets
And the cluck of the fowl.*

— Eric Mell

WINTER TREES

*Their long crooked arms reached
upward, as if to
Beg forgiveness for not keeping
their summer foliage.
The barren black boughs seem tense
against the sky;
They seem to wait for their winter
clothes, the snow.
When it comes, falling gently, softly,
They seem happy
And begin to look contented and at
home
In their new, soft, white world.
Their branches no longer struggle
toward the sky,*

Oh, to be a part of the boys' gym class!

That's exactly what Lois Lenberg, junior, was a few days ago during fourth-period girls' P. E. when Jane Bastow and Barbara Daly, also juniors, kindly picked Lois up and threw her into the adjoining gym which was full of boys. With a red face and a weak smile at "Coach Ike," Lois picked herself up and scampered back into her own gym.

1929 — Mother had a caller
Who had a timid heart.
When they sat together,
They sat—this far apart.
1949 — Whenever daughter's steady
calls,
He greets her with a kiss.
When they sit together,
Theysitcloseuplikethis!

This 'n' That - Nilehi Grad New Cinderella

A phone call may not be a very spectacular occurrence, but if Mr. Marvin Ihne, sophomore adviser, had been home to answer his phone Tuesday, January 11, things might be a little different for him today.

The call was from a radio quiz program, and \$2,195 would be his if he had been home to name the sponsor of the show.

Because no one answered the telephone, the sponsor, Libby Furniture Stores, sent Mr. Ihne, a \$25 certificate payable in merchandise at any of the Libby stores.

During the last two weeks, the clothing and food classes have had a visitor. The first day many of the girls thought she was a new student. But when she came just every other day and had a special chair without a desk, the girls began to wonder.

Later, however, they found out that she was Mrs. Brough, a student at the Illinois Institute of Technology. Mrs. Brough came to Nilehi to observe a home economics course in full force.

Nilehi Scene Proves As Fickle as Weather

California weather isn't the only thing that changes. Many Nilehiers can remember 'way back when.....

Mr. Van Arsdale and Mr. Eberhardt wore mustaches.

N. T. H. S. played their football games after school or on Saturdays.

There were no Heinigers at Nilehi. (Or can they?)

Senior girls ate hearty lunches.

The girls ruled the cooking classes in 317.

The Prom leaders were a steady couple.

Hot rods were unheard of.

Girls wore their hair long and their skirts short.

The Prom was held in the boys' gym.

Sack dresses were all the rage.

"Iggy" Mueller dropped in baskets from the center of the floor.

Uno made "Comoe!" echo up and down the halls.

Nilehi beat Waukegan in the regionals.

The driver ed. Ford had no dents in it. (Mr. Suydam can, too!)

Everyone was singing "Open the Door, Richard!"

N.T.H.S. usually headed the Northeast Conference.

The Nilehilite had six pages, and when it would come out was anyone's guess!

Any girl who came to school in stockings was questioned all day: "Where are you going?"

The cheerleaders wore orange and blue satin slacks instead of short skirts.

Classes lasted only forty minutes. (The good old days!)

Nilehi graduate turns Cinderella!

Betty Burns, class of '45, was recently claimed Chicago's newest Cinderella by the Sun-Times and Chicago Herald-American newspapers.

Betty will be married to Mr. Frazer MacMillan, son of a California millionaire oil man, within the next two weeks.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Burns, 7924 Keystone avenue, Skokie. Her sister, Marilyn, graduated from Nilehi in 1946. Betty was very active in dramatics and cheerleading.

Nilehi has: PER DUE, not Notre Dame; HAMLET, not Othello; FISHBACK, not horsehead; HICKS, not dudes; DICKENS, not Shakespeare; GATHERCOAL, not pick-up-sticks; HOLMES, not apartments; MICKEY, not Minnie; NIPPER, not pinch him; LEACH, not junebug; KETTEL, not pot; BRAUN, not muscle; BLESSING, not grief; SCHRIMPF, not halibut; OWEN, not free of debt; BARBOUR, not beautician; STRAW, not hay; POPP, not beer; PEPPER, not salt; GROSSE, not net; WITTE, not dull; ADAMS, not dentyne; JUUL, not gem; WALZ, not foxtrot; COLEMAN, not iceman; DAY, not night; BALL, not bat; SCHUH, not glove; NICKEL, not dime; LANE, not road; DALY, not weekly; LEE, not Grant; SOMMER, not winter; HILL, not valley; CORNELL, not Yale; SCHAAL, not hat; COOK, not sew; OATES, not barley; ASH, not maple; CARSON, not Boone; CHURCH, not jail; MOHLAR, not wisdom; SEARING, not cool; WHITNEY, not Edison; BISHOP, not Rabbi; YOUNG, not old; BLACK, not white; ROBB, not give; CLIFF, not plateau; WISE, not stupid; WEST, not east; and SHADE, not sun.

— Carol Tiedman



With the end of the semester, Nilehi students should be older and wiser. And so this week we asked: "What did last semester teach you?"

Mari Cysewski, senior: A little bit of everything; not much of anything.

Kay Haefel, senior: Don't bother to apple-polish a teacher before a test.

Beverly Dilley, junior: The art of hypnotism in Mr. Adams' English class.

Jean Votava, junior: I finally learned to sew a zipper on a dress straight.

Nancy Gerhardt, junior: An awful lot about a little history.

Joanne Kendler, sophomore: I learned a lot about the boy I like.

Lee Corduan, sophomore: I learned how freshmen boys operate!

Ashley Craig, junior: I'll have to start going out (with girls?)

Barb Kokum, junior: I learned how to say no.

Varsity, Sophs Trounce Belvidere, 49-34, 34-31

Nilehi fans got a good look at the varsity Trojans in victory as they trounced an inaccurate Belvidere five 49-34 on the N.T.H.S. floor Friday, January 21.

The outcome was never in doubt as the Nilehi cagemen led 21-5 at the close of the first quarter. With the substitutes in the lineup, the Trojans still led 27-15 at half time.

Jesse Porter and Ed Beebe continued to pour in baskets against the hapless Bucs as Nilehi led 45-25 at the end of the third period. Porter racked up 16 points for the Trojans while Beebe poured 14 markers through the hoop as the Nilehi varsity walked off the floor 47-34 victors.

The Niles Township High School sophomore basketball team won a thrilling decision from Belvidere High School, 34 to 31, in an overtime game played on the Nilehi court, January 21.

The Trojans, using Kenny Howard, a freshman, in their lineup, held a 15 to 12 half time advantage.

Nilehi led until the closing minutes of the game, when Belvidere tied the score, 25-25. Pouring in nine points in the overtime period, the Trojan sophs came out on top, 34-31.

Cagers Drop Games To Mooseheart, De Kalb

Free throws, free throws—who's got the free throws! That's no longer a nursery rhyme to the Nilehi varsity Trojans, as they dropped their fourth contest by one basket or less. The Mooseheart Red Ramblers were the victors this time, 39-38, Friday, January 28, on the Nilehi floor. De Kalb High School outscored the Trojans on the following night 65-54 in a free scoring game at DeKalb.

After holding a five-point lead over Mooseheart at the close of the third period, the Trojans could count but six points in the final quarter. Fred Brei and Jesse Porter tallied eleven points each, while Ed Beebe followed close behind with ten. The 18 charity tosses proved to be the snag, however, as coach Robert Mackey's boys failed to count on 11 of them.

The DeKalb Barbs, rated number eight team in the state by the Associated Press, uncorked their scoring power for 64 points on Saturday, January 29. Jesse Porter showed his liking for the DeKalb backboards as he racked up 19 points for the lost cause.

The next home game brings Marmion Military Academy to Nilehi on February 4, in another twin bill of varsity and sophomore games.

The Trojan junior bucket-men lost to a rugged Proviso team on January 19, by a score of 53 to 38. The game, played on the Nilehi floor, was the fifth straight defeat for Coach Harold Isaacson's cagers.

Maine, Morton Down Varsity Swimmers

The Trojan varsity swimmers fell to Maine Township on January 25, 45-30. Despite the loss, Bob Lindahl, Nilehi senior swimmer, broke two pool records, swimming the 50-yard free-style in 24.9 seconds and the 100-yard free-style in 57.6 seconds. Dick Provost took first place in the diving.

The frosh-soph tankers came through with a victory over Maine, 39 to 27, on January 24. The relay team, Paul Rugen, and Dave Tegtman all took firsts in this meet. Rugen swept both the 50-yard and 75-yard free-style events. Tegtman captured the diving.

Morton High School of Chicago defeated both the varsity and frosh-soph swimming teams from Nilehi on January 17, at Morton.

The varsity fell 42-33, while the frosh-sophs lost, 42-24. Morton took all but three first place points in the varsity meet. Lindahl won the 40-yard and 100-yard free-style events, while Provost swept the diving.

The swimmers meet Morton High School at Nilehi on February 21, according to Coach Anton Schubert.

Arlington Heights High School received a trophy for winning the 1948 Northeast Conference football championship. It seems Arlington feels that Niles, Leyden, and Arlington still make up the Northeast Conference.

Contenders Battle for 'Crown'

By Bill Graefen

The final move was about to be made. The audience was tense and excited. A murmur of mixed and mingled voices moved through the stadium.

Beads of perspiration were seen trickling down the forehead of the opponents. One side was dressed in red and the other in blue. It looked as though it was going to be a complete walk-away for the team on the left.

A hand was raised; but wait—yes, it was coming back down. The fans leaned forward in their seats. Oh! That was a terrific change of pace.

A roar went up from the crowd as Joe Custabiano moved in for the kill. Joe's hand was raised; but no, he thought better of this action and pulled it down again. Max Nuggethead, on the opposing squad, felt that he was trapped, but in one final gesture of defiance he charged! Whew! That was a close one for Max.

But wait! Something was wrong. Yes, ladies and gentlemen, something was wrong. Custabiano's attendants were running to his aid. The judges signaled. Yes, it was a hang-nail! That was a bad break for Joe.

Play was resumed and Joe seemed to be in fine condition. Then, suddenly, there was another disturbance. Nuggethead's second was on his feet. They were arguing that Custabiano's finger nails were too long, thus allowing for the use

Glamazons

By Danna Barbour

"New semester, new game" is the Glamazons' motto. As we have already bid farewell to basketball season, volleyball has definitely taken over.

Home Nursing

The Home Nursing course will again be given to the senior girls. It will be held on Wednesdays during the periods 5-6 and 9. Mrs. Florence Graham, a Red Cross representative, will instruct the class. Each girl will receive a Red Cross certificate upon satisfactory completion of the course.

G. A. A. Tidbits

Formal initiation will be held February 16 in the school gym at 8 p.m. for new members into the G. A. A. Entertainment will be provided by the girls in the form of a basketball game and square dancing. Refreshments will also be served after the ceremony.

To date, the junior girls are in the lead for basketball-tournament honors. They have won four games and lost none. The freshmen have won one game and lost one, while the seniors have the same record. The sophomore gals have won one while losing four other games.

Ah, It's Over

Looks like the girls in 5-6 gym class are really glad the basketball season is at an end. Mary Ann Keegan and Pat Klump were recently found in a corner counting all their bruises. As "Keegan" says, "It was rough."

Niles Fourth in First Freshman Invitational

Capturing two first in the first annual Niles Township Freshman Invitational Swim Meet held at the Nilehi pool, Saturday, January 22, the Trojan frosh totaled 20 points to place fourth over Waukegan.

Charles Lind finished first in the 50-yard free style event, and Don Tegtman finished fifth in the final of the event. Lind's winning time was 28.2 seconds.

Fred Rummel copped fifth place in the 75-yard free style race, and Frank Keppler finished in the same position in the diving competition.

The frosh mermen were again victorious in the free-style relay with the team of Don Tegtman, Dick LaVeau, Robert Kennedy, and Charles Lind winning in one minute, one second. The medley relay team of Jack Reveret, Don Bitniff, and Fred Rummel finished fifth.

Totals for the meet: Highland Park 38, Evanston 35, Proviso 28, Niles 20, and Waukegan 14.

of unsportsmanlike tactics.

And there was the final move. Yes, it was all over but the shouting. Nuggethead shook Custabiano's hand and the seconds busily cleaned up the field of play.

And as the cheering subsided, Max, speaking in low, breathless tones, said to his opponent, "Joe, tomorrow let's play checkers instead. I'm tired of chess."