



NILEHILITE

MERRY CHRISTMAS
TO ALL —
AND TO ALL
A GOOD VACATION

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Council Planning Donkeyball, 'Hoot' To Spur U.F.D.

FILL YOUR stomach . . . listen to soothing folk music . . . laugh at the antics of a wayward donkey

How? By supporting the Student Council United Fund Drive.

"This year we want Nilehi students to have fun while we achieve our U.F.D. quota," says Junior Gail Shapiro, Council's U.F.D. chairman.

"We have many projects planned: a series of breakfasts, a donkey basketball game, and a school-wide hootenanny."

The U.F.D. is the only charity drive during the school year. The drive provides money for many charities such as cancer research and heart funds. U.F.D. also provides money to support an American Field Service exchange student.

The hootenanny, Council's next step toward its \$2900 goal of \$1 a student, will take place Thursday, January 23. All folk singers on the program will be Niles East students.

"Council hopes to reach the goal without the usual 'canning,'" Gail adds.



PRESENTING the NILEHILITE's contribution to the United Fund Drive is Senior Doug Clarke, NILEHILITE business manager. Accepting the newspaper's check is Junior Gail Shapiro, Student Council chairman of the U.F.D.

Holiday Party Brings Early Christmas to Spanish Club

CHRISTMAS CAME early this year for Nilehi's Spanish Club when its members celebrated a traditional Spanish Noel with Spanish food, songs, and dances. The annual Christmas party and banquet was held Wednesday at the Belgian-American Hall in Chicago.

Starting with bistec a la Mexicana (beef) with tortillas and ending with ice cream and mangos (fruit), the members tasted typical Spanish food prepared by the Mi Casa restaurant.

Entertainment included Senor Perrusquia and his daughters, who presented traditional Spanish folk songs and dances. Helen and Flora Dragon, a Nilehi junior-sophomore duet, danced special Mexican folk dances which the sisters learned when they lived in Mexico.

The evening ended with the breaking of the pinata, a container filled with toys and candy, and the singing of Spanish Christmas carols.

pal John Harris, has spent the past month planning the Open House.

SENIORS on the committee are Janice Newman, Irene Silverman, Betty Levin, Jean Anderson, Arlene Sager, and Dave Boyer.

Junior committee members are Joan Tanner, Barbara Harrison, Paul Orlov, Jim Rubin, Gerry Walters, and Ira Zarov.

The Open House will begin at 7:30 with a general session in the auditorium where speakers, including class officers and guidance counselors, will make introductory remarks.

Later the gathering will break into smaller, informal discussion groups, divided into large college, small college, and mixed groups. The Open House will conclude with refreshments and additional discussions when the collegians will answer individual questions.

'Reflections Revelries' Coming February 7, 8

by Helene Levin

"WINDY CITY Revue," an all-new "Reflections Revelries," will be spotlighted February 7 and 8 in the East auditorium.

According to Mr. Al Schwartz, drama supervisor, the former all-school talent show has become a revue this year instead of a talent contest.

90 Minutes?!

(Editor's Note: So that you don't get drunk with your two weeks of holiday fun and freedom, here is a sobering thought—the final exam schedule. First semester exams will be "open campus" finals, which means you only have to be in school for your final exam periods. Another sobering thought — the testing periods have been extended this semester to 90 minutes instead of 75. Have a happy vacation.)

Tuesday, January 21
School in session all day
Period 6 — regular classes 1:46 — 2:06
Period 7 — exam 2:12 — 3:42

Wednesday, January 22
Period 1 — exam 8:15 — 9:45
Period 3 — exam 10:00 — 11:30
Period 4 — exam 11:45 — 1:15
Buses leave at 1:30

Thursday, January 23
Period 2 — exam 8:15 — 9:45
Period 5 — exam 10:00 — 11:30
Period 6 — exam 11:45 — 1:15
Buses leave at 1:30

Friday, January 24
Staff Records Day — No School

"The idea of this year's 'Reflections' is that of students pooling their talent to present a good show, not to win individual prizes," explained Mr. Schwartz. "There will be no talent competition in this year's show due to this pooling of talent."

Plan Two-Hour Show

Five or six production numbers plus various individual acts and novelty numbers based on the Chicago theme will comprise the two-hour show. An orchestra of Music Department members will provide the accompaniment.

Assisting Mr. Schwartz in choosing the acts for "Reflections Revelries" and planning the show is a steering committee of 10 students. Mrs. Jill Boldt, Miss Julie Brazil, and Mrs. Evelyn Siegal of the faculty are also on the planning committee.

Acts Filmed, Reviewed

Motion pictures of segments from each act that auditioned for the show were taken and later reviewed by the planning committee and faculty sponsors to carefully select the talent for "Reflections."

STUDENTS, GRADS CONFER

Alumni Open House Monday

by Al Schaps

DO YOU HAVE to join a fraternity or sorority to be "in" at college?

Nilehi juniors and seniors will be able to learn the answers to this and other questions about college life when Nilehi graduates return Monday for the annual Alumni Open House.

Former East students from 25 U. S. colleges and universities will confer with upperclassmen beginning at 7:30 p.m. Monday.

A combined Senior-Junior Cabinet group, headed by Assistant Princi-

Mark Newburger Named New '64 Class President

SENIOR Mark Newburger was installed as the new president of the Senior Class last week. Mark was former vice-president of Senior Cabinet but was elevated when Jeff Sandler resigned as Class of '64 president.

'Impressive' New Code Lacks Funds

"IT'S IMPRESSIVE!" stated Senior Corrie Carlington, chairman of Student Council's Code of Ethics Revisions Committee, commenting on the revised code.

"We feel we have designed an attractive pamphlet to contain the revised code and colorful illustrations."

Council recently revised the 1952 code because of conflicts with state laws regarding drinking, smoking, and gambling.

"Our only problem now," noted Corrie, "is how to finance the booklet's printing."

THE COST of publishing the new code will exceed \$300, says Steve Bernstein, Council president.

"Council has enough money to publish the code," says Steve, "but we don't want to sacrifice other planned projects."

"Now we are trying to enlist financial aid from the administration so that we can print the code and still have money to carry out Council's future plans."



SENIOR Perrusquia and his daughters provided the entertainment at Wednesday's Spanish Club banquet and Christmas party.

Forum

'With Charity for All'

DURING THE HOLIDAY season, the thoughts of many students turn to the fun and excitement of a joyful vacation filled with numerous social and athletic events. However, while most Nilehi pupils are out delighting in the festivities, there exist a great number of people who cannot even enjoy life's barest essentials, let alone participate in any gay celebration. Right here in the prosperous village of Skokie, a number of needy families live greatly concerned about the source of their next meals. Attempts should be made to correct this shameful situation, and Nilehi students must play their part.

THE CHARITABLE natures of a few school clubs and organizations must be commended. Most notable of these benevolent bodies is Student Council. This year Student Council has continued its year-round support of Yang Hong Shik, our Korean War orphan, while joining in the Christmas spirit by presenting the youngster with a long-desired baseball glove. Council sponsored the United Fund Drive, the proceeds of which are distributed to a number of charities. In addition, this exempletive organization distributed boxes of canned goods to a number of Skokie's needy families, worked diligently with the American Field Service Program, and donated generously to American orphans throughout the country. Future Nurses also unselfishly contributed to the welfare of a number of underprivileged families in Skokie.

HOWEVER, a vast majority of Nilehi's organizations have demonstrated few such charitable propensities. Many clubs do little more than meet once a month to make plans for a dance, banquet, or other social affair. These groups should follow the excellent examples set by Student Council and Future Nurses, and join in with the true spirit of Christmas.

'Nation's Strength Revealed' Asserts Dr. Kavanaugh

OVER THE WEEKEND of November 22 you saw a democratic nation reel under the staggering blow of the abrupt loss of a President. This beloved man epitomized the spirit of youth, vigor, and statesmanship which became a symbol both to the free and communist world.

As the nation was able to overcome its shock and regain its composure you were able to see, in many tangible ways, a democracy at work healing the breach created by this great loss and then see that nation moving ahead again to maintain its initiative in a rapidly changing world.

Evidence of the strength of our form of government is dramatically portrayed as our government gained momentum after coming to a grinding halt on that terrible Friday afternoon.

LET US be thankful we are living in a country that can absorb such a blow and still function effectively.

Let us be thankful that our form of government is so conceived that it allows for development of leadership within its organization.

FINALLY let us be thankful that we have a new President with the experience and ability to give significantly to our country and to the world.

J. Keith Kavanaugh, Principal

Letters to the Editor

Call North: Kennedy High?

Dear Editor,

DURING THAT tragic weekend of November 23, I had an idea which, no doubt, must have occurred to many other persons, and which I would like to present to the administration and students of the Niles Township High Schools. I believe that the new North Division high school should be dedicated to the memory of our late 35th President and named John F. Kennedy High School of Niles Township. Not only would the name be a fine memorial to Mr. Kennedy, but it would also give prestige to the school, probably one of the first in the nation that would be named after him.

Thank you for your consideration.

Robert L. Cohn, '65

Because it seems incongruent to refer to "East," "West," and "Kennedy" high schools, we suggest instead that one of North's four halls be named for the late President.

— Ed.



DECORATING the Christmas tree in the SSO office is Senior Al Nissenson, SSD department chairman.

'Most Excellent Gift of Charity'



Collegiate News

NEARLY 400 four-year scholarships of \$200 to \$2000 each are available through the General Motors Corporation to students entering 207 colleges next fall, according to a recent bulletin of the organization. Several other scholarship offerings were announced lately:

Lockheed Leadership Fund — Applicants to 15 participating colleges and universities are eligible for 15 awards (10 in engineering) for full tuition and basic fees, plus \$500 a year for personal expenses.

Alfred P. Sloan National Scholarship — All boys entering any of 35 colleges may apply for one of the 110 awards of \$2000 each.

For further information concerning any of these scholarships, interested students should consult the Guidance Office.

Golden Galleon's Log Records 15 Year History

by Bill Nigut
Journalism 1

NOW HEAR THIS! Niles East's very own ship is celebrating its 15th anniversary this year.

The mighty clipper, Golden Galleon Magazine, which was launched in 1948, has been sailed to 1963 by a huge crew of creative Niles art and literature students.

In 1948, the original shipbuilders, Juniors Bill Comstock, Lyle Dye, and Don Christensen, drafted their plans in Mr. Paul Eberhardt's English class when he suggested the idea of a student-written magazine.

AFTER RECEIVING faculty permission for their venture and collecting manuscripts from students, the boys christened and sailed the ship for the first time in the spring of 1948 with the help of Mr. Eberhardt, the original sponsor.

No one seems to know why the boys chose the name Golden Galleon.

The three original skippers have long since disembarked from the Galleon, but the sea-blood of creativity stayed with them. Don Christensen is now

an engineer after graduating from M.I.T.

LYLE DYE attended Drake University and now teaches drama, while Bill Comstock, a University of Wisconsin alumnus, writes for the "Milwaukee Journal."

In 1950, Mrs. Robert Rice, a former Niles East English teacher, became skipper of Galleon and later established the Golden Galleon Guild, a club for students whose works have been published in Galleon.

Mrs. Rice served as sponsor until 1962, when Miss Jean Canning, English teacher, assumed the role of captain. Miss Canning is on leave of absence this year.

TODAY Miss Verniel Lundquist and Miss Gail Dent, both English teachers, steer the Galleon.

Subjects in Golden Galleon have ranged from a story of an orphaned boy to a critical analysis of noses. The 1949 edition even included a boy's reaction to learning that he would be permanently blind.

Any student may submit works to Golden Galleon '64 until mid-February, according to Miss Lundquist.

Remarks... by Marc Zwelling

I HOPE you've all done your Christmas shopping by now, but if you haven't, I have some gift suggestions for you. Give toys. Yes, toys. You'd be surprised at how many people would like to wake up Christmas morning and play with toys. Here are my suggestions to you late shoppers.

You might buy that new scale model cafeteria. It works on batteries. Once you get it assembled, you push a button and 2,000 two-inch-high students run screaming down three flights of tiny stairs, charge recklessly into miniature lunch lines, pick up teeny little trays and yell "Hey! Got any peanut butter and jelly?" The deluxe edition has two animated teachers who walk around and ask the two-inch-high students who butt into the tiny lines to move to the ends of the not-so-tiny lines. Even a child can assemble this scale model cafeteria. The batteries and child are extra.

PERHAPS YOU want to buy someone a junior cafeteria kitchen set. It comes complete with three tons of chopped meat and a copy of the new cookbook "101 Things To Do With Chopped Meat."

A gift you boys will want to give that special girl on your Christmas list is the Little Miss Hair Care Kit. The kit is just like mommy's, only bigger, with 41 oversized rollers, 15 yards of head band, a fire hydrant full of hair spray, and a full-length mirror.

You may want to give someone a Maierhofer School bus model. It looks just like the real thing, even to the little sign inside that reads, "Maximum Seating Capacity — 68." You can't see the sign, though; there are 130 kids standing in front of it.

CHEMISTRY SETS are thoughtful gifts to the aspiring scientist on your gift list. A chemistry set is an educational toy. Perhaps some enterprising young scientist will use his chemistry set to find a solution that will dissolve old gum on desks, or at least a solution that will dissolve old desks.

Wind-up dolls are also big favorites this year. I recommend the Bus Driver Doll. Wind it up and it says "Where's your pass? Where's your pass? Where's your pass?" Wind up the Gym Student Doll and it does excruciating exercises for 20 minutes and then falls on its face. Wind up the Nilehi Student Doll and if it doesn't try to sell you something it's broken. Wind up the SSO Supervisor Doll and it wanders aimlessly through the halls. Wind up the Cheerleader Doll and it screams at you.

AS I'M SURE you can see, with so many toys it's so easy to show your Christmas spirit. So come on — show your spirit.

Grad Awarded Art Prize

A 1961 NILEHI graduate and currently a student in the painting, design, and sculpture department at Carnegie Institute of Technology, Marilyn J. Hirsch, has been awarded the Leisser prize for 1963 for her outstanding achievement in the field of art.

This prize is granted by the department to students in order to encourage personal and professional initiative, intelligent self-direction, and coherent self-appraisal of summer activity. Each student awarded the prize received \$100.

This is the second consecutive year that Miss Hirsch has won the Leisser Prize. Last year she also received a Scarfe May Scholarship which helped pay her college tuition.

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Meet the Chad Mitchell Trio

by Larry Rand

THREE YOUNG MEN sat and talked in a Nilehi dressing room after entertaining a capacity crowd in the East auditorium Thanksgiving Eve.

"The reason we called ourselves the Chad Mitchell Trio," joked the group's leader, "is that we couldn't think of anything else; my name just sounded the best, I guess."

The trio, which consists of Chad Mitchell, Mike Kobluk, and Joe Fraizer, was organized at Gonzaga University, where Mike and Chad sang in the glee club. Joe, however, joined the trio after a previous member dropped out when the group turned professional.

Reflecting on the evening's performance, Joe Fraizer explained several characteristics of a high school audience.

"I like to play before a high

Music and Languages Not 'Foreign' To Paula

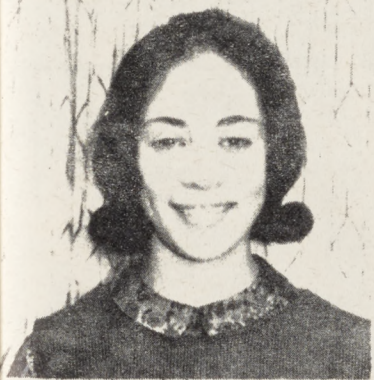
GRACEFUL CATS and agile gymnasts are the favorites of Paula Rest who marvels at the poise of her cat, Cleopatra, and gazes with awe at the control of East's gymnastic team.

"Because of her stateliness and beauty, I love my cat," Paula explained, "but please don't associate me with her name — that was my sister Betsy's idea. I just call her 'cat.'"

Possibly because Cleopatra was an Egyptian, Paula, who is president of both the French and Russian Clubs, is somewhat prejudiced.

"I prefer French or Russian to any other language," she emphasized. "After I graduate, I'd like to join the foreign service and travel as a diplomat through Europe."

During her sophomore year, Paula utilized her linguistic talents.



Paula Rest

By writing short French poems and stories, she was accepted into Golden Galleon. Now, she is short story editor.

"Anything I write in English sounds trite," she explained, "but since I haven't read much French literature, my writings seem more original."

Paula also dabbles in Spanish and German but manages to keep her languages separate.

"The only time I goofed," she remembered with a smile, "was when I printed Russian letters in an English note."

Besides English notes, Paula also spends her time with music notes.

"I always wanted to play an instrument with a group," Paula remembered. "so I took up the cello. But, I suppose like most other people, I must leave it in the middle of the room or I never remember to practice." Paula plays the cello in the school orchestra.

school crowd because it is usually receptive and enthusiastic. Once in a while, though, satire which is appreciated in college circles is missed by high school students," he said.

Satire has, in fact, been a mainstay of the trio. One major source of this widely-sought after material, according to Joe, has been the satirical off-Broadway revues in New York. He calls them "Second City with music."

Setting the singing group apart from other folk singing groups is the fact that none of the singers play musical instruments.

Mike Kobluk explained, "This does more for us than just setting us apart from other groups; it allows us to move around the stage and 'perform.'"

Chad Mitchell also commented on "Hootenanny," the television show on which the trio has appeared often.

"'Hootenanny' is wonderful for the group who wants to make a name for itself," he confided, "but with everything going on around you, it becomes difficult to work."



MUSIC MAKER Chad Mitchell smiles along with Junior Cabinet members Laurie Baron, Steve Weiss, and Leslie Jacobson, and Chad Mitchell singer Joe Fraizer.

SSO Revises Monitor System

TO "EVALUATE and increase the effectiveness of SSO," changes in the hall monitor system have begun and gradually will continue, revealed Mr. Ted Beranis, director of student activities.

Different periods of the day have different volumes of hall traffic,

SSO discovered as part of its newly-initiated program of self-improvement. As a result, first period monitors have been replaced by two hall patrols. During seventh hour, there is a modified monitor system supplemented by hall patrols.

"These patrols walk through the building checking passes and watching for students who try to 'beat the system,'" Mr. Beranis explained. "Violators are brought immediately to my office, and serious offenders are issued faculty detentions."

Other Periods Studied

"Though this system is purely experimental," he continued, "it has many advantages. The patrols can locate violators more quickly than monitors can. Also, SSO is coping with each period individually. Periods 4 and 5, with peak hall traffic, present the most difficult supervisory problems."

The Executive Board also plans to be more selective in choosing monitors. "We don't want people who 'us' the system just to get out of study halls," Mr. Beranis stressed. "We want conscientious students who will carry out their function of serving the school."

Guide System Planned

Hoping to add a new service to its list of achievements, SSO is

planning a guide system, under which monitors would be responsible for giving directions to visitors at East.

"I have been pleased with the cooperation I have witnessed among faculty, students, and monitors. Changing any system is difficult, but I think students have been responding to our efforts to evaluate our services and make the changes needed."

Nilehi Helps Celebrate Christmas in Korea

CHRISTMAS IN KOREA should be joyful for one young boy this year, when he receives \$25 and a baseball glove from Niles East.

The boy is Nilehi's foster child, Yang Hong Shik. Student Council sent the glove after Yang had expressed a wish for one in a letter sent to the school.

Athletics take up much of Yang's time because Yang is still too young to be interested in girls. According to Yang, in Korea students don't start dating until late high school, and boys and girls of high school age are not allowed to dance.

Yang will also be issued a winter uniform, a much more useful item than a baseball mitt for protection during Korea's cold winter.

EASTERN ART EXPANDS

By Peg Gillie
Journalism 1

PLASTER SCULPTURES stood on the tables. The room seemed alive with the smell of tempera paints and glue. Sitting on an art stool, sketching on the paper-covered table as she spoke, Mrs. Hazel Loew, Niles art teacher, talked about the remodeling of the Art Department and art credit.

"When I came to Niles six years ago, there were only 85 art students; I was the only art teacher. Now there are 316 pupils in art classes and three teachers," said Mrs. Loew.

All art classes were held in one room at that time. Now there are four art rooms — an audiovisual-library room, pottery room, main art workshop, and the newly-added graphic arts room, where etching is taught.

In addition to the general Art Department remodeling of the rooms, which cost about \$50,000, there is also a new kiln, "big enough to toast a giant," chuckled Mrs. Loew. The Kiln fires the pottery in the classes of Mr. Pete Carr, also an art teacher.

'Art Shouldn't Be Mandatory'

When asked if she would favor art as a course necessary for graduation, Mrs. Loew shook her head "no."

In some cities, art is a mandatory graduation requirement. Mrs. Loew feels that students who enroll in art should do it of their own free will. "The only requirement for being in art classes is interest and talent."

The projects undertaken in a year's Art 1 class may include simple line drawings, a sketchbook and assemblages of material, put together to represent a word such as "musty," "exotic," and even fish soup." Students also make plaster of paris sculptures as one of the year's projects.

Nile-Eye-Lites



IT'S LIKE PULLING TEETH is one explanation of the dentistry profession, represented by Mr. Robert Navatny at the Dec. 10 career seminar.

X-changes made

by Doug Clarke
Exchange Editor

THE MENTAL HEALTH ORGANIZATION of East Leyden High School (Northlake, Ill.) recently held a Christmas pizza party. While munching on pizzas, the members, faculty, and parents heard a guest speaker talk on "The Citizens' Role in Mental Health."

AN ENGLISH TEACHER tells Tom Swifties in her lectures. According to Tucson High School (Tucson, Ariz.) Miss Carie Farr recently used Swifties in class to teach spelling and vocabulary. Tucson defines Tom Swifties as "immature writing with the adverbs used to show emotions."

LIKE MANY OTHER HIGH SCHOOLS this holiday season, Maine East (Park Ridge, Ill.) will present Handel's "Messiah." This presentation is unique in that this is the 16th annual presentation of this musical production. This year's presentation will feature four professional soloists and 400 students from the Music Department.

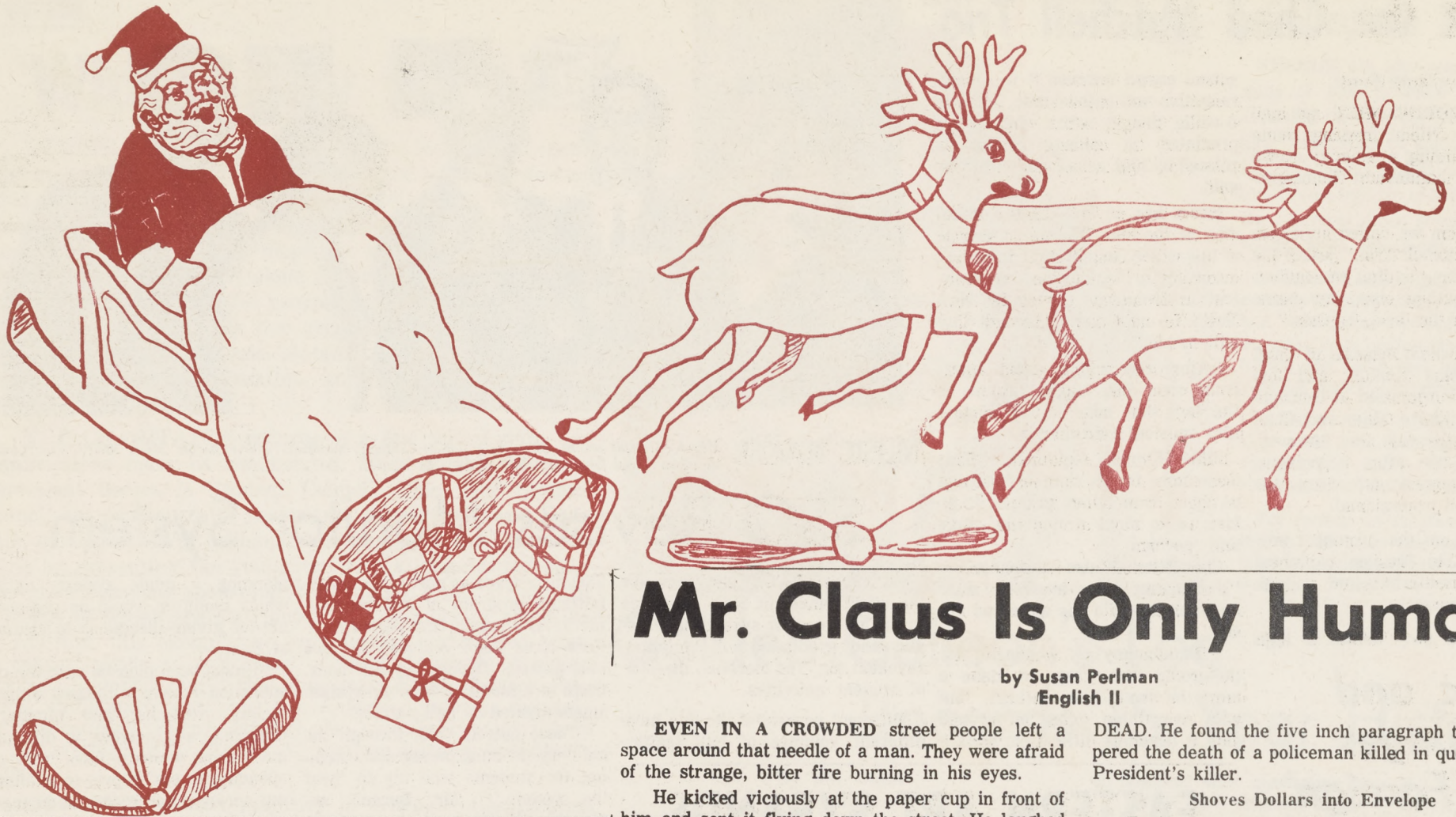
FAIR PARKS SCHOOL (Port Allen, La.) has a victory bell, The gigantic bell, which is rung after all Fair Parks' touchdowns, was once a cast iron farm bell. The bell is painted gold and is mounted on a black wheeled cart.

FENGER HIGH SCHOOL (Chicago, Ill.) has some gifts to suggest now that the "Christmas season that began in August is almost



Coming Up

- MONDAY, DECEMBER 23
Winter Recess Begins
- THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26
Proviso West Holiday Tournament
- FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27
Waukegan Christmas Tournament
- MONDAY, JANUARY 6
School Resumes
- FRIDAY, JANUARY 10
Riverside Brookfield Invitational
- SATURDAY, JANUARY 11
CEEB Test
- FRIDAY, JANUARY 17
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Mr. Claus Is Only Human

by Susan Perlman
English II

EVEN IN A CROWDED street people left a space around that needle of a man. They were afraid of the strange, bitter fire burning in his eyes.

He kicked viciously at the paper cup in front of him and sent it flying down the street. He laughed mockingly at the Salvation Army Santa Claus jovially ringing his bell in the cold. He glared at the department store windows with their colorful display. He shouldered his way through clusters of giggling children, and stunned, they stared after him.

It was the week before Christmas and the world was blanketed in holiday spirit. But, where he walked, gayness fled in dismay.

Four blocks later he turned into another world. Taverns and diner spots lined the streets. Rooming houses towered over the man, mocking him with their shuttered, gray, paint-chipped eyes. He just sneered back at their ugliness.

With Chuckle, Smashes Bottle

He entered one of these establishments and began to climb the steps. He noticed a bottle in a dark corner. Reaching over, he placed it in the middle of the stair. Swinging his foot with one free movement, he shattered the glass. A mirthless chuckle escaped his lips as he continued up the stairs.

The room the man lived in mirrored his temperament. In a weak moment he had hung colored pictures on the walls with scotch tape. Now he scorned the childish effort.

He crossed the room. Stretched across a littered table, a dirty, rumpled paper shouted its five inch headline to the world: YOUNGEST PRESIDENT

DEAD. He found the five inch paragraph that whispered the death of a policeman killed in quest of the President's killer.

Shoves Dollars into Envelope

Two sparse tears rolled down his cheeks and lodged in their wrinkles. He began a methodical search of pockets and room. A few crumpled dollars were shoved into an envelope. He fought a silent battle with the stamp that had no glue left on its back. With a pencil stub he carefully printed the address.

The tall, thin man left the letter on the table. He walked over to the closet and threw open the door. A sound, half laugh, half choke, emerged from his lips. There hung a cherry-red suit, black, shiny boots, furry cap, and long white whiskers.

A half hour later the man descended the steps. It had taken longer than usual to put on the bulky underthings that gave him his Santa Claus shape. The letter was in his hand.

He reached the crowded downtown streets. People stopped to point, to smile. Children tugged excitedly at Mommy's hand. Jeeringly he smiled; carelessly, he pushed past.

Carefully Puts Letter in Mailbox

His eyes scanned the streets for a mailbox. There was one in front of the department store. He stuffed the letter down the chute — carefully so as not to dislodge the stamp. Then he turned, squared his shoulders, and arranged his lips into a very large, stiff smile. He opened the door and walked into the heat and bustle of the department store.

"Hey, kids. Santa Claus is here!"

Window Wonderland

by Merle Jacob
English 71

THE WINDOW caused sidewalk traffic jams.

On display was an elf dressed in white satin pants and shirt, pointed red shoes, red bolero jacket, and a white satin nightcap topped with a gold tassel.

He was three feet tall. His cotton candy beard covered his face, except where the round orange nose and huge blue eyes popped out. His fat tummy gave him a roly-poly appearance.

No Cookies for Reindeer

Santa's helper stood on tip-toe to hang a ginger cookie out of the reach of a huge reindeer. On his hind feet, the deer gobbled colorful train-shaped cookies.

With a long-handled gold broom, another elf tried vainly to push down the final corner of a sign reading, "Santa's Christmas Theater." A grey brown bird held aside the tinsel curtain. Underneath the sign was a white ladder under which stood an elf holding a brown wreath. Obviously the elf wasn't superstitious.

Perched precariously on top of the stage was another elf. As one hand carried a gold pail overflowing with holly and mistletoe, the other held a chain decorated with Christmas stars. At the end of the chain, a glitter-covered ball turned slowly.

Uncle Mistletoe Carries Chain

Uncle Mistletoe, an onlooker, seemed to be laughing. His familiar red frock coat and black top hat contrasted with his white wings. In his hands, he cradled his trademark, a long chain of mistletoe.

A third elf was entangled in the white branches of a tree. One hand gripped a branch tightly while a long purple and green package dangled from the other.

With his head tilted back a little boy in a blue snowsuit seemed to be reading the sign. In his hands was an empty pail — empty because the window trimmer had begun to take down the display.

The sidewalk traffic jams had ceased for 365 days.

Disaster—A Lesson in Faith

by Marcia Paul
English 51

ALAN WAS becoming hysterical now. I knew I must try to keep calm and think of some way to get out of the sealed tomb.

A few hours ago an explosion in the mine in which we were working caused the beams to collapse pinning Alan and me in a subterranean crypt.

"Maybe we'd better start praying and hope to God the searching party comes soon. Which reminds me," I said trying to spark some hope in Alan's crestfallen face, "tonight's the first night of Hanukah, isn't it?"

His only reply was a grim, bedraggled countenance staring with unseeing eyes at the dirt walls and fallen timbers.

'Wait and hope — It's Hanukah'

"Come on, Alan. Snap out of it. There's nothing we can do but wait and hope," I angrily snapped at him. "It is Hanukah, you know."

"Yeah, what about it? Just 'cause you're so religious doesn't mean everyone has to get excited about his religion. In my house the only important thing about Hanukah is the gifts received."

"But that's not the real significance of Hanukah. Our forefathers had to fight for religious freedom. Hannah's sons chose to be slaughtered, rather than

to kneel down to pagan idols. The candles we light resist darkness, the darkness of ignorance, evil, prejudice, and hatred."

Doesn't Know True Meaning of Hanukah

My voice had risen to a shrill crescendo. I didn't know why it had suddenly become so important for Alan to understand the true meaning of Hanukah. What difference did it make here, or anywhere for that matter? People are all blind.

"Well, 'Rabbi,' are you through with your little speech?" mocked Alan.

"Yes," I answered sheepishly, "I'm through." "You mentioned lights. Well, the guiding light on the front of my helmet won't last forever, a few more hours at the most. Yours is broken, isn't it? Let's see if your God can help us now."

"Remember that story where some guy found a container of oil in the remains of some temple? It was supposed to last barely a day but 'miraculously' lasted eight days."

Starving to Death in Darkness

"Yes. That's why we celebrate Hanukah for eight days," I said quietly. His insulting attitude saddened me. He'll learn some day if he just opens his heart.

Two days later the searching party found us, starving to death, in darkness.



No More Santa for Him . . . A Big Guy Goin on Three

by Gail Shapiro
English 52

'TIS THE NIGHT before Christmas and I have resolved
The mystery of Santa Claus at last I will solve.
I have been very careful — left nothing to fate,
This year I'll catch Santa as he enters our gate.

EACH YEAR mom and dad tell me with devilish glee
That the man that delivers my presents is he.
But all of that kid stuff doesn't fool me,
'Cause now I'm a big guy, goin' on three.
TONIGHT MOM and dad tucked me snug in my bed,
With delusions of fooling me still in their heads.
They think they've imprisoned me here in my crib,
But I'll scale the walls and slide down my bib.

NOW MOMMY and daddy are creeping around,
Trying their best not to make any sound.
Piling my presents under the tree,
Thinking they've put something over on me.

THE MYSTERY of Santa Claus now I have solved,
As in the beginning I had resolved.
Well, now I know. They can't fool me,
'Cause I am a big guy, goin' on three.

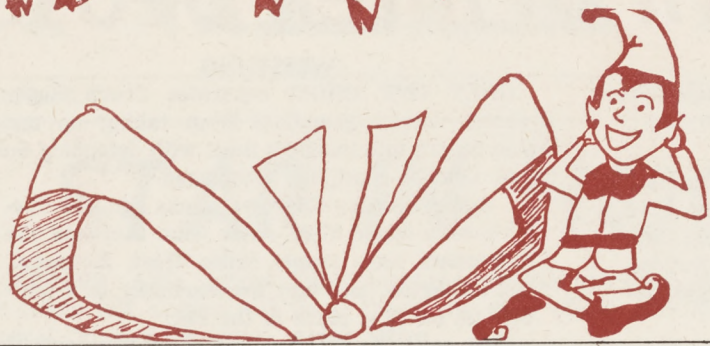


Happiness

by Lee Cohen, Joe Gordon
English 32, 31

HAPPINESS IS opening the tiniest Christmas package and finding the car keys . . . sitting next to the door in an all-school assembly . . . having a detention appealed . . . opening a peanut butter and jelly sandwich and not finding any butter . . . having a locker all to yourself . . . a fire drill during a six-week exam . . . winning a basketball game . . . having the nurse tell you you're sick when you're actually not . . . eating doughnuts at a UFD breakfast instead of oatmeal at home . . . getting out of the reserved book line after school in one piece.

NO HOMEWORK over Christmas vacation . . . no homework over Spring vacation . . . no homework . . . a P.A. announcement seventh period . . . eating lunch before 5B . . . driving to school so you can sleep until 7:45 a.m. . . . lighting the last Hanukah candle . . . having a teacher who gets off the subject easily . . . sitting in the row next to the window . . . the bus being late when you are . . . finally getting to stay up after midnight New Year's Eve.



St. Nick's Diet

by Alan Schaps
English 72

SANTA'S TOO FAT, the chimney's too thin
The chubby old boy'll never get in.
He sits at the North Pole, most of the year
Eating rock candy and guzzling beer.
The reindeer threaten to strike on the grounds
That they just can't fly with those extra pounds.
Mrs. Claus worries and says, "Don't you eat,"
But Santa says, "How else am I to stay sweet?"
So kids, on this Christmas when Santa comes 'round,
Don't be surprised if he comes via the ground.
Just leave the door open, but that isn't all,
Don't give him cookies, just cold Metrecal.

... And All Through the School Not a Creature Was Stirring

by Larry Rand
English Literature

SOME PEOPLE have all the luck, but Jon was not one of them. It was Christmas Eve, and he had been delegated to watch the school building in which he worked as a janitor.

The fact that it was Christmas, coupled with the snow piling up in the 30-degree weather, led to his observation that it would be an uneventful evening.

So quiet was the corridor that it made the maintenance man stop to scrutinize the dim, desolate passageway. Missing were the hordes of girls sauntering down the hallway exchanging the day's gossip, he noticed with a sigh of relief. Also gone were the smirking boys who loitered before school at the entrance to the janitor's dressing room.

Pleased at the absence of the usual tumult, Jon walked into the Accounting Office. Here he looked upon a countless assortment of papers. "Odds and ends left by the never-too-efficient staff," he told himself.

Next, his visiting took him to the girls' gym, the most hated structure in the entire edifice. The maintenance of the room was enormous, largely due to the dances and other floor-wrecking activities. The gym conformed to character — it was dark, chilly, and drafty. Jon settled for a quick probe around the room with the flashlight he carried.

Window Left Open in Art Room

His return to the hall was hailed by a chilly blast. Quick investigation showed the art room to be an odorous icebox.

"Some kid," thought the janitor, "forgot to close a window." The scent of burning pottery also contributed distastefully to the effect. Jon quickly shut the window and left.

A right turn brought the handyman to the gym foyer overlooking the merrily decorated houses across the way. This hurt him. Jon had a wife, and there were also two children who were spending their last years in the belief of Santa and his entourage.

Breaking away from the sentimental scene, the janitor walked briskly through the serene conformity of the newer addition back to the warmth and security of the dressing room.

'All the World is Right Tonight'
He gobbled a sandwich and drained a glass of Christmas cheer. Soon he settled down to a long winter's nap, thoroughly convinced that God was in heaven, and all the world, at least this night, was right.



The Shopping Crisis

So I Ran All the Way Home

by Al Nissenon
English 71

MY PROBLEMS started the first day I went Christmas shopping. Driving to Old Orchard, I encountered a traffic jam. By the time I entered the parking lot and found a space, the stores were all closed.

The next day I took the bus. When I got on, there were, of course, no seats. I then realized how those eight great tomatoes feel in that little bitty can.

I arrived in Old Orchard a little bruised, but still anxious to do my shopping. Many prosperous stores hire extra salespeople to aid shoppers during the Christmas rush. As soon as I entered the Fair, I was attacked by no less than six salespeople, all anxious to offer gift suggestions.

I politely thanked them for their trouble and told them I would browse for a while.

As I began to look through a rack of \$12.99 jackets, someone queried, "May I help you?"

"No thanks" was my reply as I quickly moved on to a pile of \$5.00 shirts. I almost was able to see what size shirts I was looking at before a loud voice rasped, "May I help you, please?"

"No thank you," I replied with a shrug of my shoulders.

I finally decided to buy myself a pair of earmuffs. I took the pair I wanted off the counter and proceeded to the nearest cash register. Much to my dismay, all of the salespeople had disappeared.

After waiting ten minutes, I pretended to look through a pile of socks. Immediately salespeople swarmed around the counter.

Although I hadn't bought a single gift, an idea was knocked into my head. From now on, I will order all my Christmas gifts through the mail.

I am now sitting, Montgomery Ward catalog in hand, going over my Christmas list. Wonder how much mail is misplaced annually . . .

Ye Olde Christmas — Who Said It Isn't Commercial?

by Stewart Spies
English 71

WHEN CHRISTMAS time comes our way
The thoughts of people go astray,
Billie Sol Estes, perhaps now the wiser,
Forgets for the moment his white fertilizer.
When Mr. Profumo makes the holiday scene,
He lets his thoughts wander from Darling Christine.

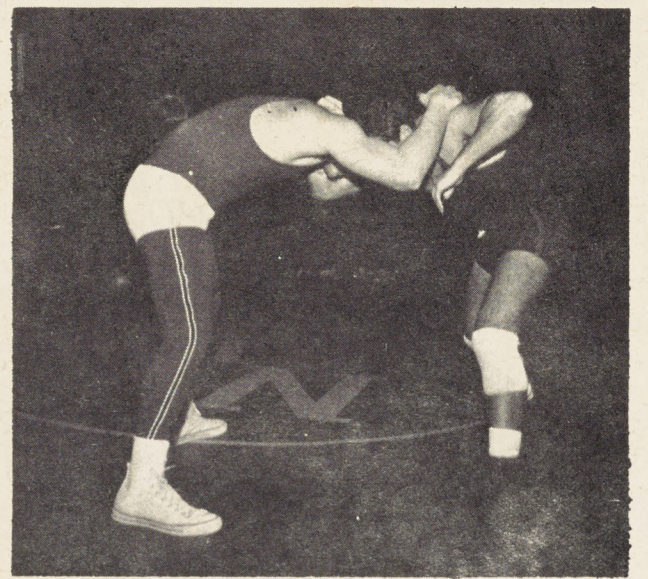
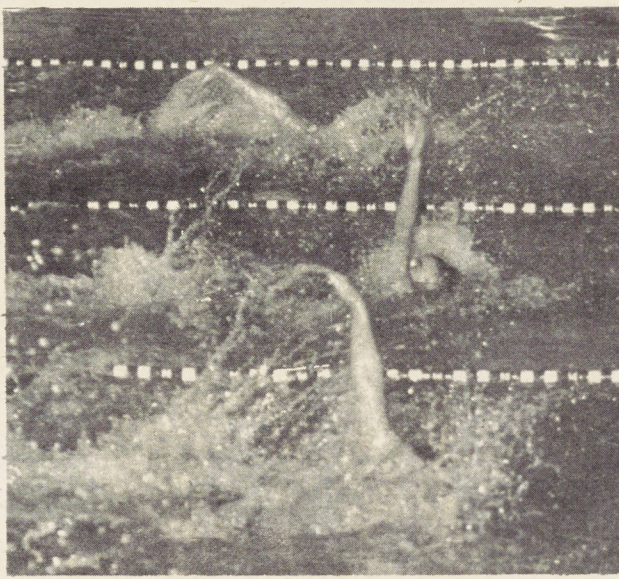
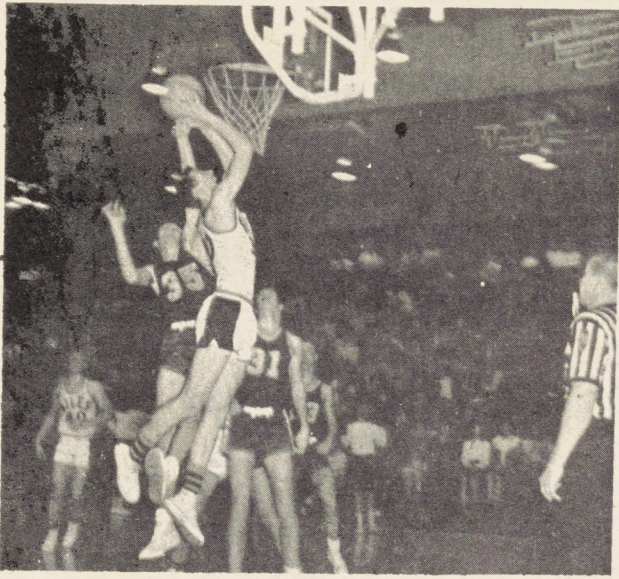
GRISSOM AND SHEPHARD set their sights
On co-educational orbital flights.
But the thoughts of all good little boys
Are inevitably turned to the subject of TOYS.
Long ago there was a day
When bat and ball sufficed for play.

TREASURES DEAR were lizards and rocks,
Little kids would play with blocks.
But today for a toy to be good at all

It has to use batteries or plug into the wall.
A look at some of the latest devices
Will help to illustrate the current toy crisis.

THERE'S MR. MACHINE with his ringing bell,
Toy planes fly high or they won't sell.
A chemistry set is a genuine must
To allow you to make your own genuine rust.
An ancient knight with powered lance —
Talking dolls who wet their pants —

PRITHEE, Mr. Santa Claus,
Don't you think we need some laws
Against the selling of these creations
These mass-produced abominations?
Like how about a mechanical date
Who doesn't talk and can stay out late?



Holiday Tourneys Highlight Winter Season

BASKETBALL

NILES EAST'S surprising cagers travel to Waukegan tonight hoping for their third straight win.

Next Thursday the Trojans, who had lost 23 successive games until two weeks ago, will meet Riverside-Brookfield in the first round of the Proviso West Holiday Tournament. The tourney has doubled in size since its debut in 1961 and now has 16 competing teams.

Although the Trojans' two straight wins make them optimistic, the Bulldogs lead the SL, and Riverside-Brookfield holds first-place in the West Suburban Conference.

The Trojans won their first game in more than a year two weeks ago when they topped East Leyden 67-60. Juniors Gil Ravelette and Glen Solberg led the cagers with 23 points each.

The Trojans made it two in a row Friday as they downed the Evanston Wildkits. Ravelette was again high scorer, this time with 16.

The Trojans started fast and led 17-10 at the end of the first quarter. The 'Kits fought to within one point at the half, 26-25.

In the third period the Trojans outscored the 'Kits by nine points, and at one time had a 14 point lead. Evanston fought to within five points, but the Trojans held as Junior Doug Kornelly hit for 12 points in the last quarter.

Jim Campbell led Evanston with 13 points.

SWIMMING

FIRST PLACE in the Riverside-Brookfield Invitational Meet is the goal of the Trojan swim team, says Head Coach Don Larson.

The swimmers, who were disappointing in last year's invite, are a much improved team and have lost only once this season. According to Coach Larson, the swimmers are "determined to beat Proviso East and West, the defending co-champs, and become the '63 title holders."

Leading the mermen have been Senior Leon November and Juniors Marty Chalfie and John Cech. November is a freestylist, while Chalfie is butterfly specialist and Cech is a diver.

Coach Larson and his assistant, Mr. Jose Rusk, believe that the Trojans could finish as high as third place in the difficult Suburban League competition.

"I believe that New Trier will again be the SL champs," says Coach Larson, "and they will be followed by Evanston and then, I hope, Niles East."

"Naturally, a third place in our league is going to take a lot of determination and hard work on the part of the swimmers, but I feel that they can do it," he added.

Friday, the Trojans were crushed by Evanston. Both November and Chalfie took seconds against the 'Kits. Tonight, the swimmers host Waukegan in a meet starting at 7:30 p.m.

WRESTLING

ONLY ONE POINT separates Coach Howard Byram's varsity grapplers from taking an undefeated record into tonight's meet with defending Suburban League champion Waukegan.

Against Maine East two weeks ago, the Trojan's were edged 21-20. Aside from that loss, the Easterners have topped Niles West, Evanston, and Arlington, and they are currently in a four-way tie for first place in the SL.

Next week the Trojans return to Waukegan for the Bulldog's Holiday Wrestling Tournament. Coach Byram hopes several boys can place high enough in the tourney for the Trojans to finish high in the team standings.

Coach Byram is counting heavily on Senior Howie Rosenbaum, and Juniors Ken Isaacson and Rob Machacek. The trio, wrestling at 103, 95, and 112 pounds, respectively, are undefeated this season and have given the Trojans at least a 9-0 lead in each meet.

Two East seniors who finished the semi-final round of the state district meet last season are also expected to aid the Trojans against Waukegan and at the tournament. They are Jeff Isel, 138-pounder, and Bob Heller, at 145 pounds.

Both Isel and Heller started the season slowly, but against Evanston Isel won 10-1 and Heller followed with a 10-0 victory. Also at Evanston, 165-pound Senior Mark Newburger lost for the first time.

Gymnasts First in Evanston Invitational; Coach Riccitelli Eyes SL, State Crowns

CRIS OF "Take State" echoed year when they were edged by Proviso East, 76.5-76. Defending state through Beardsley Gymnasium Friday as Niles East's high flying gymnasts came from behind to defeat Illinois' best teams and win the second annual Evanston Invitational Tournament.

The Trojans amassed 97 points in their triumph, 21 more than last

the 'Kits by six.

Hardt, the '63 state trampoline champ, won his specialty by scoring 171 points, the highest total for any event in the meet. Senior Marc Sloten tied for first on the sidehorse to give the Trojans three blue ribbons out of six events.

Prospect placed third with 58 points, and was followed by Proviso West and Rich East.

Tomorrow night the Trojans travel to Harvey to meet Thornton Township and Oak Park in a triangular meet. The Men of Troy are undefeated in four meets in their drive for state-wide honors.

With the defeat of the Wildkits, Coach John Riccitelli believes his Trojans are now definitely one of the teams to beat for both the Suburban League and state titles.

SUBURBAN LEAGUE STANDINGS

BASKETBALL

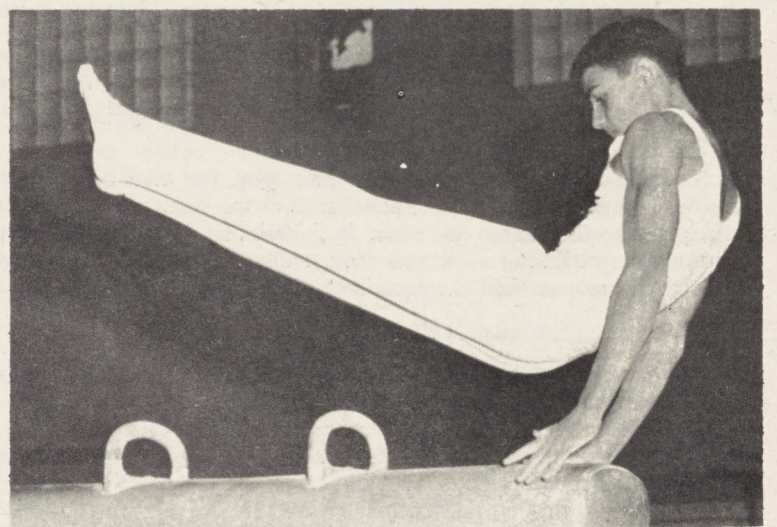
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Proviso East	2	0	164	108
Waukegan	2	0	110	107
New Trier	2	0	144	106
NILES EAST	1	1	107	110
Morton East	1	1	113	110
Evanston	0	2	101	112
Highland Park	0	2	106	154
Oak Park	0	2	108	154

SWIMMING

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Evanston	1	0	1.000
New Trier	1	0	1.000
Waukegan	1	0	1.000
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Highland Park	0	1	.000
Morton East	0	1	.000
Proviso East	0	1	.000



A SERIES of double leg circles is demonstrated by Senior Marc Sloten on the sidehorse. Marc placed third in the state on the "horse" last year and is undefeated this season. In the Evanston Invitational he tied for first with 166 points.

Trojanettes

Poise, Grace Gained in GAA

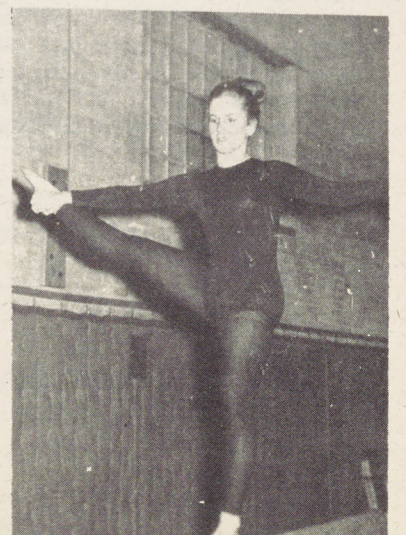
"MANY STUDENTS think that if a girl is interested in athletics, she loses her femininity, but this just isn't so," commented Senior Marilyn Beilin, of the GAA gymnastic team. "From athletics a girl gains poise, grace, and trimness."

Marilyn, who works on the balance beam and tumbles, became interested in gymnastics after seeing the boys' gymnastic meets in her freshman year.

"Girls' gymnastics differs from boys' gymnastics in that girls don't have the strength that boys have. So girl gymnasts strive for form in their routines," added the petite blond.

"I feel that there shouldn't be any athletic competition between the sexes. After all, there's enough competition without athletics."

The future P.E. teacher feels that gym is an important part of the day since it puts a girl in top physical condition.



Marilyn Beilin

BARRY'S BANTER

by Barry Perelgut
SPORTS EDITOR

CONGRATULATIONS are in order for Coach Dick Haselton and his varsity basketball team on their two successive wins after a drought of more than a year. Two weeks ago the Trojans topped East Leyden 67-60, and Friday they cut down the Evanston Wildkits 56-51.

Their wins, after losses to Niles West and Morton East in the opening games, earn the cagers the title of the most improved team in the school. They never stopped hustling, even in practice, and their spirit and determination finally paid off.

In all sincerity, at the beginning of the winter season I thought the cagers would probably go winless again. After the West game, which the Big Red won by more than 20 points, I was sure that it would be a long, dry season.

I thought the Trojans would, like last year, play good ball for one quarter, perhaps even a half, and then fall apart. I was wrong. In both the Leyden and Evanston games, the Trojans didn't crack; their opponents did.

In the second halves of both games it was the Trojans who were calm, capable, and pulling away, while their opponents treated the ball as if it were a hot potato they wanted no part of.

Once again, congratulations to the cagers and Coach Haselton.

ALTHOUGH THE Evanston Invitational Gymnastics Tournament consisted of five teams, it was only a two team meet.

So highly regarded were the Trojans and Evanston that the electric scoreboard in Beardsley Gymnasium listed only their total scores and no others.