

# Alpern, Kreger, Schubert National Merit Scholars

SENIORS MICHAEL Alpern, Joel Kreger, and Kenneth Schubert have been awarded National Merit Scholarships while ten other Niles East seniors have been named finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Foundation program, according to Mrs. Lorraine Rubin, guidance counselor.

Michael, who plans to attend Yale University, will major in psychology. Joel will attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and major in math; Kenneth will attend Oberlin University and major in English.

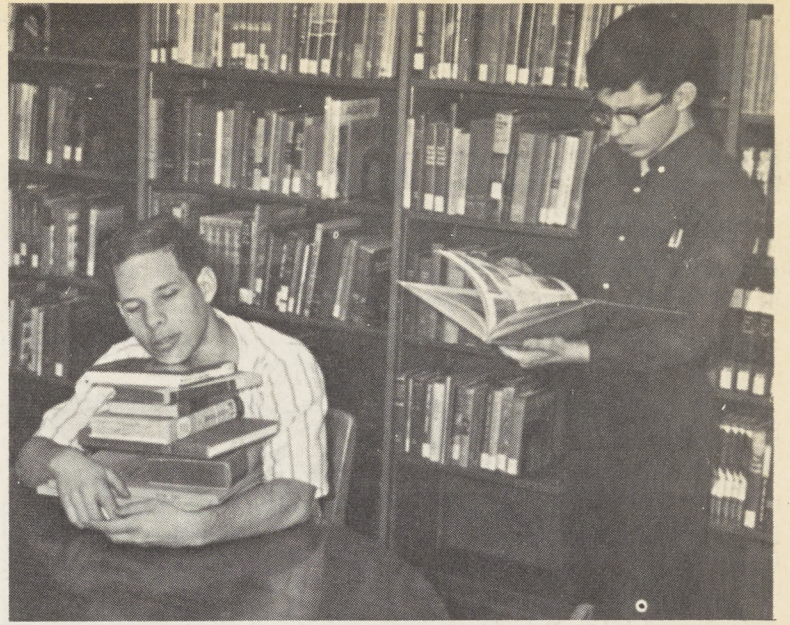
The other finalists are Gregory Arenson, Stanley Bedows, Edward Chalfie, Michael Gerber, Ian Gilson, Joseph Gordon, Steven Kadish, David Urman, Arlene Weiss, and Anita Wolff.

SCHOLARSHIPS are awarded on the basis of student's scores on the National Merit Scholastic

Qualifying Tests given each year; high scores on the NMSQT were named semi-finalists in September. To become a finalist, the semi-finalist must take the SAT in December and also complete a record of extracurricular activities, achievements, interests, and high school honors.

The school submits the student's academic record, an evaluation of the student, and an endorsement of the student. According to Mrs. Rubin, 97 per cent of all semi-finalists become finalists.

Each finalist receives a certificate of merit, although if sufficient funds were available, all finalists would receive scholarships. Every Merit stipend is individually determined. Some scholarships are provided by the National Merit scholarship fund, while other scholarship funds come from sponsoring businesses, colleges, professional associations, and individual contribution.



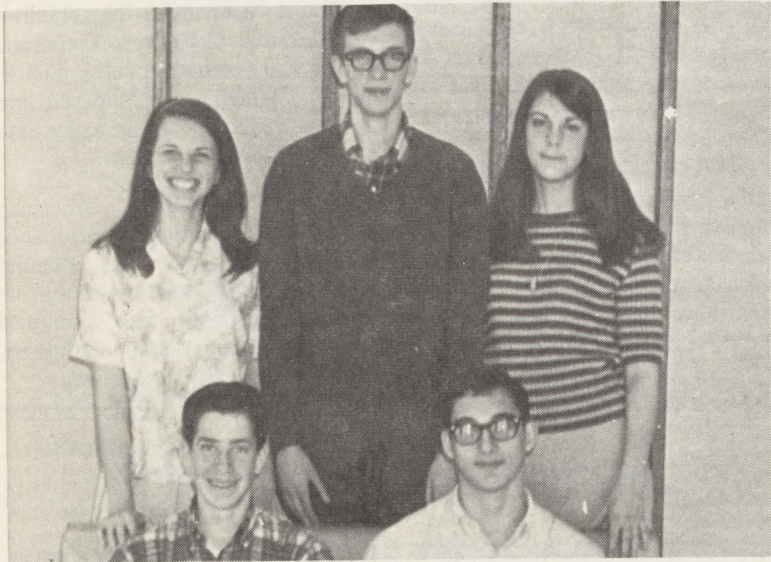
NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS Ken Schubert and Joel Kreger show the way to wisdom. Not pictured is Mike Alpern.

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CONGRATULATING new Student Council officers Jim Heinsimer, president; Hal Brody, vice-president; Sue Tarantur, secretary and Renita Bernat, treasurer, is past president, Clifford Rudnick.

## Graduation, Picnic, Brunch Awaited By Eager Seniors

GRADUATION is approaching fast, and thoughts have begun to turn toward preparation for Senior Class Weekend.

Illinois State Beach Park in Zion is the site of this year's picnic, according to Paul Gustafson, Senior class president. Tentatively set for June 10, the picnic will feature activities being planned by Committee Chairmen Andy Gutter and Paul Gustafson. Buses will provide

the transportation, and Senior Cabinet will provide refreshments.

A special program will highlight the Senior Brunch Saturday, June 11. The program will precede the brunch, and graduation practice will follow the meal. Class wills and the Senior Issue of the NILEHILITE will be distributed.

"This is the first year our brunch will be catered," said Chairman Inger Hauland. "There will be a charge of approximately \$1.25 per person to attend."

Graduation will be held Sunday, June 12 at 5:30 p. m. in the Football Stadium. Approximately four tickets will be distributed to each student for the graduation ceremonies, according to Mr. Virgil VanCleave, class sponsor.

## Soph Barb Kruglick Awarded Scholarship For Art Workshop

BARBARA KRUGLICK, '68, has been chosen as the art student from Niles East to participate in a week long intensive study session of various phases of art to be held at Allerton Park, Monticello, Illinois, during the coming summer. She will attend the session on a scholarship sponsored by the Woman's Club of Skokie that is awarded to one student from each high school every spring, according to Miss Barbara Fitzgerald, Barb's present art teacher.

The classes are held at the beautiful estate, Allerton Park, and taught by University of Illinois faculty. Barb and the other students will live on the estate as well as study there. At the end of the week there will be an art show and prizes will be given to the students who have done the best paintings, pottery, drawings, etc.

## Galen, Rubin, Plotkin Selected As Next Year's Executive Board

### New Editors, Quill and Scroll Named

EDITORS FOR the NILEHILITE and REFLECTIONS '67 Yearbook were announced last Friday at the annual journalism banquet.

NILEHILITE editors for 1966-67 are Danae Prousis, Editor-in-chief and Page Two Editor; Gail Seeskin, Managing Editor and News Editor; and Linda Lorence, Feature Editor.

Next year's REFLECTIONS editors are Ellen April, Editor-in-chief; Nancy Dunn, Managing Editor; Barb Dubrow, Education Editor; Joyce Ellis, Senior Portraits Editor; Gail Estrin, Underclassman Editor; Arlene Rotkin, GAA Editor; Susan Tarantur, Activities Editor; and Karen Weinberg, Occasions Editor.

Also announced at the banquet were new members of Quill and Scroll, the national journalism honor society.

New members from the NILEHILITE are Rhona Berkowitz, Jeff Bonner, Jim Rathmann, Sue Schatzman, Ellen Shapera, Alan Sutton, David Urman, and Karen Waysdorf.

Reflections' new members of Quill and Scroll include Ellen April, Mark Davis, Vicky Dunn, Sue Goldberg, Joe Gordon, Jan Schectman, Wendy Schuman, and Marcie Swider.

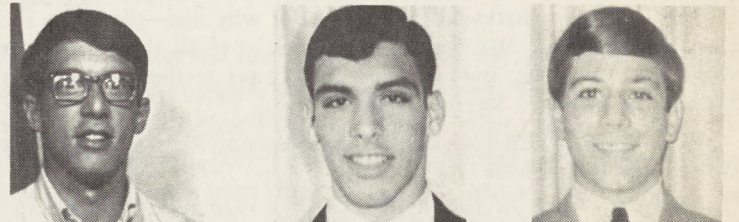
JUNIORS Richard Galen, Steve Plotkin, and Mike Rubin have been appointed members of the 1966-67 SSO Executive Board. These appointments were released today by Board Members Mike Gerber, Rich Gershenzon, and Elliott Hartstein. Rich, Steve, and Mike were chosen from among 17 applicants, all junior boys.

Rich Galen, a varsity tennis player, has been in SSO for two years. This year he is an SSH Chairman and SSD Supervisor. He is also a Student Council alternate.

Varsity Basketball Player Steve Plotkin has also been in SSO for two years. He was an SSSH Chairman last year, and is currently an SSD Supervisor. He has been a member of his class cabinet since his freshman year.

Mike Rubin, who has served on SSO for two years, was an SSSH Chairman last year, and is an SSD Supervisor this year. He is also a member of Junior Cabinet.

Rich, Steve, and Mike have already indicated that they have many completely new plans for next year's SSO.



Galen

Rubin

Plotkin

## Golden Room, Skits Rule Over Prom

KING MIDAS' "Touch of Gold" prevails over Niles East's 1966 Prom.

"Although I am highly prejudiced," remarked Junior Cabinet Secretary Ronna Cook, "I feel that this year's prom will be the best Niles has had in recent years." One reason why Ronna feels as she does is because of the healthier atmosphere accompanying prom. "Because of changes in the prom procedure such as no canning to raise funds, tactics of the candidates will be a lot cleaner and less animosity will be felt among the participants." Short skits will be presented in lieu of floats.

This year's Junior-Senior Prom will be held in the Gold Room of the Pick-Congress Hotel Friday night, June 3, at 8:30 to 11:30. The announcement of the royal couple will take place at the prom itself whereas in previous years it was made at a student union the week before. The coronation will be held at 10:30.

Eight couples are competing for the honor of reigning over Niles East for prom weekend. They are Joel Feldman and Rose Kovarsky, Lanny Malfar and Ellen Shapera, Barry Wolpoff and Donna Brown, Ron Pontecore and Linda Warren, Jeff Gentleman and Ellen Bernat, Dick Shallcross and Sue Swartwout, Bill Ronan and Kathy Jones, and Danny Ponto and Linda Wichita.



QUILL AND SCROLL members received their journalistic awards after hours of work on the NILEHILITE or Reflections. Al Sutton and David Urman not pictured.



Forum

# Dead Men Do Speak

A BOY RECENTLY out of high school is shipped to Viet Nam as part of the United States Armed Forces. In a typhoid-infested village, he is killed by a Vietnamese guerrilla.

Near Old Jerusalem a nineteen-year old boy struggles with an Arab and dies when he is too weak to keep fighting.

Across the border in Amman, an Arab is killed by a hand grenade built in the cellar of an Israeli's home.

These youths backed their respective nations in what their countries thought were fights of liberation of freedom or liberty. Yet, the boys' parents thought that they were wars of unjustified death. They asked if it were ever worthwhile to give up or take a life for an ideal, for transient ambitions and hopes.

THIS SAME QUESTION HAS PROBABLY been asked by the families of those who died in past wars. In the United States alone, 291,557 died in World War II, 53,402 in World War I, 618,000 in the Civil War, and 4,435 in the Revolutionary War, according to Pentagon figures. The doubt burned in the minds of friends and family: Is any belief as important as a human life?

The answer probably depends on the specific instance. A nation would be justified in asking its men to die for its belief if the enemy were so harshly subjugating a part of its own people that their death or true living death were imminent.

A NATION probably does not have the right to ask its men to die just because the other nation has different ideals and beliefs. The country that espouses freedom is acting inconsistently if it fights because a second country adheres to another way of life.

Of course, nations that fight for selfish reasons, as to extend boundaries, are not justified in forcing men to die. It seems that there are more cases of a nation's not having the moral right to ask its men to die than otherwise. Nations must seriously consider its motives for fighting. For words like liberation are vague and intangible. To those dead in Viet Nam, Israel, and Jordan, they will never again mean anything at all.

K. A. W.

## 'What Mighty Contests Rise From Trivial Thoughts'

THE WAR IN VIET NAM is progressively escalating higher and higher . . . Cut out all excess spending says LBJ . . . A man lives for more than two days on an artificial heart . . . Moon shot set for '67 . . . End all wars . . . 'We want freedom—NOW' . . . Who were the neighbors on 'Ozzie and Harriet?' . . . Who was the tiger on "Crusader Rabbit?"

It's ludicrous to consider these thoughts in the same paragraph. Why the last two remarks are so trivial. But why not—that's the name of the game, isn't it? We tax our memories to recall the words to the Pinky Lee theme song, but we sweat and cower at the thought of the draft and the Selective Service Exam!

BUT WE'RE YOUNG, and the problems of the world are a game—so far away—so trivial . . .

What was the name of the civilization that was lucky enough to be able to laugh in the ebb of tragedy?

## Verbatim

# No One Is Safe From 'Disease'

by Jeff Bonner

**IGNORANT IS** the high school student who has yet to hear of Senioritis, that sometimes fatal disease that affects the high school senior. However, Senioritis is not the only "class" disease that is contagious at Nilehi. The NILEHILITE staff has recently discovered the existence of the illnesses: Freshmanitis, Sophomoreitis, and Junioritis. Thus, the following is the collected data of our observations.

**FRESHMANITIS:**

**Female Specie:** The female freshman contracts freshmanitis immediately upon setting foot into the halls of Nilehi. **Symptoms:** Chronic speech behavior about "older boys." The freshman girl seems to suffer a high degree of "delusions of maturity." **Physical Characteristics:** A Bright, silver, glimmering object can be seen installed in the mouth. **Native Habitat:** Can be found gaping in front of any mirror in any washroom in the school.

**Male Specie:** The male specie is most prevalently characterized by a high squeaky voice and lily white skin. The freshman boy lives in constant reminiscence of his eighth grade days when he was the school hero. He can be heard singing, "I was a big man yesterday, but boy you ought to see me now." Lives in constant anticipation of becoming a sophomore boy so he, too, will be considered an "older man" and thus become eligible to date a freshman girl (who, of course, will be suffering from "delusions of maturity.") **Characteristics:** Gullible, naive, foolish, innocent, but sweet. **Differentiate:** He is the only one who lets the SSO monitor see his hall pass; can always be seen carrying his gym suit home on

Fridays to be cleaned; is the type that wouldn't dare ask his teacher for a nurse's pass.

**SOPHOMORITIS:**

**Female:** Has not cured her chronic speech pattern about "older boys."

**Male:** Now lives in constant anticipation of becoming a junior boy so maybe the freshman girls will finally look at him. **Signs of Depravity:** Openly admits that he would readily sell his mother for a driver's license. Shaves.

**JUNIORITIS:**

**Female:** Eh? Lives in constant anticipation of prom but refuses to go with the male specie of juniors who are still "too young."

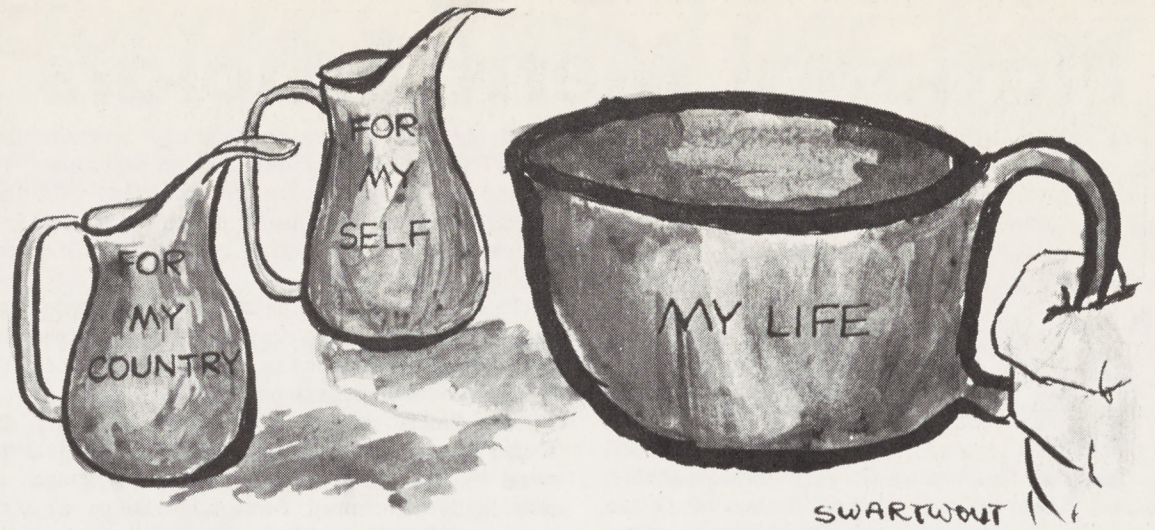
**Male:** Receives driver's license, but lacks courage to ask a girl for a date. Begins to wonder if he'll ever be considered an "older boy?" Makes the interesting discovery that "in-class" themes are most successfully achieved when written at home the night before.

**SENIORITIS:**

**Female:** Guess!

**Male:** Suffers in great magnitude from "delusions of divinity." Lives in constant fear of senior girl who is looking for the senior boy because she is in constant anticipation of going to the prom which she missed the year before as a junior. **Upsets:** The senior boy calls a freshman girl and asks for a date, but is turned down because he is "too old" for her. Lives in hope of becoming a college man so he can start all over again. **Life Span:** 'Till seventh semester. No more.

## WHICH DRINK SHALL YOU HAVE?



In the Beginning . . .

# Colonial Schools Revisited

FROM GENERATION to generation the American student has held the popular misconception that when God made this planet Earth, his first creation was not the biblical Adam and Eve, but the school.

To look at ultra-modern Niles North or even the slightly older East and West Divisions, one can hardly imagine a school as being an ancient concept. Yet our modern institutions strongly exemplify the progress made from the first crude structures of early America.

One-room log structures, the schools of yesteryear were constructed on the least valuable piece of property in town. It was common to find a school situated on top of a rock-infested hill or at the bottom of a rain drenched valley.

Not only did the townspeople hastily construct the school, forgetting such essentials as a door, but they had no foresight into what facilities would be needed.

THE MAJORITY of schools possessed no blackboard, nor a map. Equipment of any sort was unheard of. It was the status-seeking community that would provide its school with a globe.

Besides these minor mechanical handicaps, early American students attended school from sunrise to sunset. Except for the shorter school day during the dark winter months, class would begin at 7 a.m. and conclude at 5 o'clock that afternoon.

Nilehi students today would envy only the lunch periods of their ancestors. Beginning at 11 a.m., the lunch period continued for two hours. The luxury of this extended lunch, however, is misleading. Since the Earl of Sandwich had at that time just developed his namesake,

the bag lunch was unheard of among colonial mothers. Thus students, some living more than five miles away, would have to run home for their meals.

MOST TEACHERS during the colonial period received a salary ranging from \$9 to \$12 a month. In the wealthier districts the teachers were given the comparatively substantial amount of \$20 a month for their year of teaching.

## Steve Kadish

# Senior Spotlight

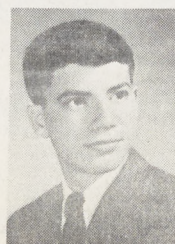
## Barb Ferguson

"POSHLEE K LETOO-CHEEM SHESTAM, RABEEN!" chants Senior Steve Kadish.

For those who are not linguists, the preceding statement is actually the Russian transliteration for, "To the Bat Poles, Robin!" Steve, a third year Russian student, reminisces that his most interesting, if not most pleasurable experiences, have occurred during Russian class.

"One day last year while in class, I suddenly was possessed with the inspiration to get out of my desk, open the window, and climb out. Of course, because the Russian Room is located on the second floor I would only climb out half-way, but the facial expressions of my teacher and fellow students was as amazing as if I had left completely."

In a pleasurable manner, Steve recalls his summer vacation in New York City, a metropolis the gold honor pin recipient has taken a special affection for. "New York is a world within itself; its diversity is incomparable." Steve, with a subtle smile, mentions seeing the widely acclaimed Broadway play, "The Persecution and Assassination of Marat as Performed by the Inmates of the Asylum of the Sharenton Under the Direction of the Marquis de Sade." "Don't be frightened," jokes Steve, "the title is no indication of the length of the play."



STEVE, a National Merit Finalist who ranks in the upper 3 per cent of his class, plans to attend either Brown University or the University of Pennsylvania. Steve anticipates receiving an Engineering Degree and eventually continuing in Law.

When summer vacation originated it had a definite purpose. Because the United States was at that time a country supported by an agricultural economy, the children were needed to harvest the crops during the summer months. Subsequently, school was dismissed late in June and reopened in early September after the harvest.

Though physically, American schools have changed greatly since the colonial period, that essential quality for a successful nation, continuous progress, has remained within our educational institutions.

SHAKESPEARE SAYS that music is the food of love, but Senior Barb Ferguson must believe that music is the food of life.

"I'll always remember working on the musicals and making many close friends," recalled Barb, student director of "Bye Bye Birdie" and "Oklahoma!" "The musical was especially exciting this past year because it was my senior year."

Currently President of Choir, Barb has been active in the Music Department since her freshman

year when she sang with the Girls' Glee and Lorelei. Last year she served as Secretary of Choir and Lorelei.

Besides her music activities, Barb has been active in "Reflections" and her class cabinets.

After graduation, Barb plans to attend Western Illinois University to major in speech therapy and hopes to assist children with speech correction.

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**That Magnificent Boy in His Flying Machine**

# Berg Rides the Clouds

GETTING A LICENSE is always exciting. In fact, when Junior Rich Berg got his last wheelz, he felt so light-headed that he started flying. After all, he had just become a licensed pilot.

Rich has always been precocious where flying is concerned. While most kids were just learning to walk on the ground, he was flying with his dad, who has been a pilot for many years, and who owned at that time a private plane. At 12, when the other guys were racing on their bicycles, Rich was learning to fly.

"But I knew I was too young to solo, so I quit for three years and started flying again when I was 15," added Rich. "I continued my flight lessons, and when I was 16 I began to solo. By the time I got

my license, I had 54 hours of solo flight experience."

To get a pilot's license, one must have at least 40 hours of solo flight time, pass a 3½ hour written examination, and take a practical flight exam in the air.

Rich, who either rents a plane or borrows a friend's, flies a Cessna 172 out of Sky Harbor Airport in Northbrook.

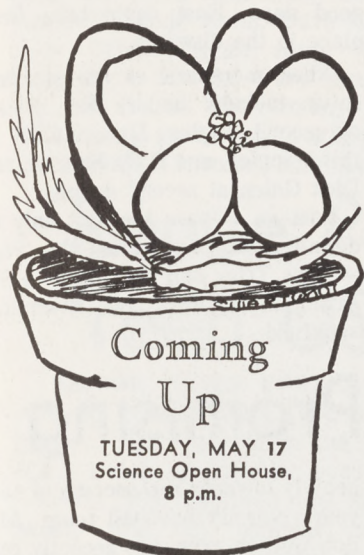
"The Cessna 172 is a single engined plane which flies a maximum of 120 m.p.h. They're not really speedy, but they get you where you want to go," he commented.

"I'll never forget what happened when I was soloing on a shorter run to Rockford," recalled Rich. "Everything was going smoothly until I saw a tiny speck miles in front of me. There was no way of telling which way the speck, which I knew was another plane, was going. All of a sudden the speck

turned in a Caravel Jet Airliner — and it was coming right at me! I started turning the wheel as fast as I could, but the jet was gaining on me much faster than I could turn. Fortunately, the jet saw me at the last minute and veered off. It was really close, and I'm not ashamed to say that I was terrified."



**NEW PILOT** Richard Berg proudly displays his Cessna.



## Discovery '66

### Spearheads Revolution

REVOLUTIONARIES have taken the first offensive and a major battle is under way! Throughout the country, espionage agents are uncovering the tactics of an elusive force — learning.

Our Social Studies Department, headed by Mr. Jack Spatafora, is currently taking part in the so-called revolution by conducting a series of dialogues on learning and teaching methods. The Department has agreed, explained Mr. Spatafora, "that students must become more individually involved in their work, and become more intellectually independent. "However," he added, "the conflict arises in discussing the various possible methods to achieve this goal."

The most recent development in this dialogue is a discussion of the "discovery" method of teaching. The discovery method of individual conclusions formed during the free, loosely-structured class discussions, is based on the assumption that students have a natural curiosity for knowledge. Eight student volunteers, led by Mr. Spatafora, and viewed by members of the Department, recently engaged in an experimental discussion to demonstrate the discovery method.

THE STUDENTS from APP, honors, and regular social studies classes were given reading material about a week before the experiment. Without rigid guidelines, they discussed the general concepts which they "discovered" from the readings and from each other. After the discussion, the students and teachers had a two-way question and answer period about the merits and draw-backs of the discovery method.

Junior Gary Kurc, a volunteer, believes that "students are motivated to study more if they are encouraged to freely discuss ideas after individual evaluation." History Teacher Hayward Wood explained that "the fact that one student 'discovered' a concept during the experimental discussion is evidence that perhaps the discovery method can be successful." Mr. Spatafora added that the discovery method makes the student less dependent on the teacher and the textbook.

THE MOST SIGNIFICANT result of the experiment to the students, believes Junior Gail Seeskin, is that "now we realize that teaching methods are being studied and changed

in order to benefit the students."

In conclusion, Mr. Spatafora stated that "the student must not be forced to learn, he must desire to learn; he must not have ideas imposed upon him, he must discover ideas by himself."



### DISCOVERY '66

is evaluated by (l. to r.) Junior Gary Kurc, History Teachers Hayward Wood and Jack Spatafora, and Junior Gail Seeskin.

### From the Ivory Tower

## And Then the Walls Caved In

I WAS advancing my token to St. Charles' Place, but as I turned down Rue Morgue this enormous blue and gold cop stopped me and asked me if I had a street pass. I asked him what division he was in, and he said the S. S. "O," I said, "I thought the S. S. sailed at 4:35." And sure enough, it was just 4:35 when the sun began to darken. I had the whole court in the palm of my hand then, and made Arthur release me from the stake. But Merlin hated me, so he spread a rumor that I was a beatnik, and I took off down this yellow brick road. After a while I came across this scarecrow with a pole up his back. "Man," I said, "you are hung up," but as soon as I touched him to help him down he turned fierce and the walls caved in and these sirens started going and bells clanging, and I cut out with the Mounties on my heels. I lost them in the sewers and sat down to rest under a tum-tum tree, but I was still pretty bushed when this guy tiptoed up carrying a huge club and asked me if I was participating in an authorized activity. I said that

just living was a 24-hour job, but that got him mad and he called me a no-good greasy punk and charged at me with the club. I jumped off the cliff and landed smack into the middle of a detachment of Marines, whose leader got real red in the face and screamed, "Don't you know the difference between right and wrong?" He had me courtmartialed for a Communist on the spot, and when I asked to call a lawyer he said "No, we must follow the

accepted procedure," and handed me over to a P.F.C. for a pistol-whipping. I took off and didn't stop until I saw this naked man and woman about to eat an apple. "Hey, don't eat that," I shouted, but this snake started coming for me, and I started running again, and haven't stopped since. Expect me when you see me, but man, if you find a good hole, you hop in and pull the hole in after you and don't let anybody in. Not even me.

## Open the Door to Adventure

BY NOW, almost the last month of school, most of you have probably trod a path from your first period class to second period class, and so on. But going from room to room need not be humdrum if you know the "scenic routes." Discovering some of the secluded and secret rooms at Niles, rooms that are tucked in forgotten corners, can be as interesting as finding a mythological griffin or the secret of the Minotaur's Labyrinth.

Start the day by entering school at entrance 21, leading to the Assembly Room. Nearby, an unobtrusive brown door stands tightly locked; this is the old ticket center, used in the days before the auditorium was built. Across from the ticket counter is a flight of dark stairs. The 50 twisting steps lead to a room hardly ever seen by Nilehi students. If you have time before the bell, take a look inside; you'll see the Yearbook Office, 218 D.

THE OFFICE, used by the yearbook editors, is tiny but filled with chairs, a desk, typewriters, bulletin board, a broken radiator, and dozens and dozens of yearbooks. Hanging over the bookcase, a three dimensional portrait of Snoopy Now make sure that you can find grins at the bulletin board decorated with cartoons and old valentines.

When you go down the stairs again, stop at the second floor. Right below 218 D is the AVA Room, where films shown in classes are stored. AVA, large and brightly lighted, contains not only projectors, tape recorders, and slides, but sometimes a borrowed TV.

ONCE OUTSIDE, you'll find yourself next door to the library. Right down the hall is the auditorium, well-known to everyone. But under the auditorium stage is a room unfrequented by most people. Here stage crews build the props for school plays. Piled on top of each other are the carousel from "Carousel," the bunks from "Stalag 17," the bright yellow ticket booth from "Bye-Bye Birdie," and the smokehouse from "Oklahoma."

After disentangling yourself from chains, chairs, and paint-speckled boards, go up the stairs and through the side doors to the section seen by only a few — the music wing. The halls here are narrow; the floors tilt upwards and then suddenly slant downhill. Some of the practice rooms, hardly bigger than closets, will make you look twice; they have five walls. Now make sure that you can find your way out. For there's more to Niles than first meets the eye!





**TRYING TO EXTEND** his hitting streak to 8 games in last Wednesday's game against Morton East is Jim Tripp. Troy beat the Mustangs 3 to 1 and upped their SL record to 5 and 3.

## Bishop Defeats Armstrong; Netmen in Districts Tomorrow

The Niles East netmen, riding high on their 9 and 5 overall record, 2 and 2 in SL, are proving their ability as a team. Tomorrow, however, in the Evanston state district tournament, the team ventures out against opponents as six individuals, each hoping to gain a berth downstate.

If the team has shined thus far in the season, its most brilliant portion has been Sophomore Mark Bishop at number one singles. Mark has been defeated only twice in 14 meets thus far in the season, and Tuesday at Oak Park he defeated Dave Armstrong, SL champ in 1964-65 and last year's runner up in the State Finals. In the districts his main competitor will probably be Pete Heyneman of University High School.

East is expected to place another pair of netmen, Juniors Al Rosenfeld and Barry Lemperi, at first doubles, very high in districts. If the doubles team and Bishop have good days, East could take first place in the districts.

Other members of the starting seven include Juniors Ken Batko at second singles, Dave Kalish at third singles, and Dave Kritzler and Dick Galen at second doubles.

East as a team has lost only to definite state contenders this year — New Trier and Oak Park in SL, Arlington, Ottawa, and Riverside-Brookfield.

## Batmen in Districts Next Week

THE NILES EAST varsity baseball team, which started the season off like wildfire after the initial loss to Morton East, has cooled off and is having trouble keeping even with the league. The Trojans hope to break their slump in the districts next week.

After concluding a three game winning streak by beating New Trier, 7 to 2, the Trojans went to Oak Park and literally threw away the ball game by making eight errors.

### Hitting Attack Strong

Although the Trojans had a strong hitting attack led by Gary Buzil's home run, they could not overcome the deficit that was handed to Oak Park through the sloppy defensive playing.

Pitchers Gary Lindley and Mike Kelly did their jobs as they held the Huskies to only five hits. Lindley, relying mainly on his excellent control and his knuckle ball, struck out six men in five innings. Kelly came in and struck out two men in one inning.

COACH ODLIVAK told the team to forget about the loss at Oak Park and concentrate on the Proviso game on Monday. However, after the first inning, two errors, and three unearned runs, the Pirates had all they needed to beat the Trojans 3 to 0.

Again the Trojan pitching or hitting attack were not to be blamed. Led by the hitting of Jeff Gendelman, the Trojans collected eight hits. However they left 10 men on base. Steve Ricci and Mike Kelly combined to pitch a four hitter.

### Errors Hurt

The errors that the Trojans made seemed to cost them the ball

game. Another thing that has been losing games for the Trojans is the mental errors that they have been making.

The Trojans are not out of the race yet. They have a 4 and 3 record, while the leading team has a 5 and 2 record. Niles meets Waukegan which is at the top of the league, in a double header at the end of the season. Therefore, if the Trojans don't lose any more games they will end up one game ahead of the Bulldogs.

ON MAY 9, the Trojans start their district play for the state final against St. George. If Troy wins, they will either meet Niles West or Evanston.

## Future Diamondmen Promising

WHILE MANY TROJAN baseball fans are worrying about this year's varsity, many others are wondering about Trojan baseball teams of the future.

The JV team which will place many of its members in the starting lineup next year, has only played two games so far. They beat Evanston 2 to 1 and they tied Waukegan 3 to 3.

The Junior Varsity has been led by the big bat of Gene Rotberg and has been sporting a fast outfield using Juniors Phil Shane, Bruce Gershonzon, and Larry Acker.

On the Sophomore level, Coach Odliwak will be pleased to know that he will be getting many well qualified candidates next year. As a team the Sophs haven't performed extremely well, however, there are some individuals who might be able to make the big jump from the Sophomore starting lineup to the Varsity starting lineup.

heavily towards the success of next year's varsity baseball team. Also Bob Gottlieb, who was recently converted to catcher, may have a large influence on next year's team.

On the Freshman level, the coaches are still talking about the no hitter that Todd Bonner threw last week against Waukegan. Bonner is one of the most outstanding Freshman baseball candidates.

With the help of the boys on the lower levels of baseball it is likely that the Trojans will be known as a team that is hard to beat for many years to come.

## Golfers Break SL Losing Streak; Should Win Several More: Coach

THE NILES EAST varsity golf team won its first conference match in two years by defeating Morton East, 250 to 254 in a 13 hole match last Monday. Andy Gutter was low man with 39 for nine holes.

Today, the team will play Proviso East at home at 4 p. m. The squad will consist of Senior Andy Gutter, number one man with an 85 average; Senior Dave Herman, second with an 86 average; and Juniors Ron Adelman, Mark Muzio, and Dave Hachberg.

"If the boys play up to their abil-

ity, we should win several more matches in the league," says Coach Tom Kiviluoma.

In the match with Evanston, though we lost 343 to 325, the team tied for their lowest score in the past two years. Juniors Ron Adelman and Mark Muzio were low men, both with 85.

In the first two matches, the team beat Maine East, 180 to 181 and lost to Waukegan, 354 to 324.

Other members of the golfing squad are Seniors Bob Schmidt and Jeff Gale.

## BULLETIN

THE VARSITY baseball team won another Suburban League game last Wednesday afternoon as they defeated the Morton East Mustangs 3 to 1. Gary Lindley went the route to gain the win. Troy's record in SL competition is now 5 and 3.

Our tennis team recorded a non-league win last Wednesday over Maine West. Winners for Troy were Mark Bishop, Dave Kalish, and the doubles team of Dave Kritzler and Rich Galen.

THREE PITCHERS, Steve Jacobson, Don Siegal, and Dave Diamond, most likely will contribute

## Bleacher Beat

by AL SUTTON

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THIS YEAR'S SL baseball race appears to be one of the closest ever with the first two teams tied at 5 and 2 and the next three teams, including our Trojans, tied at 4 and 3. Coach Odliwak certainly knew what he was speaking about when he said that the first place team would have at least four losses.

OUR GOLF TEAM seems to be doing quite a bit better than it did last year. They already have two wins and with two star juniors, Ron Adelman and Mark Muzio, returning next year, hopes for a much improved team seem well supported. The standings in the Suburban League again should be headed by Waukegan, Highland Park, which recently had a win streak of 23 dual meets broken by the Bulldogs, and New Trier.

THE ISHA CERTAINLY is making it harder to compete downstate in the Illinois State Track Meet. Most times must not only be faster than last year, but only the first five players who have broken the qualifying time will be able to compete downstate. In preceding years, anyone who broke a qualifying time or distance would be able to compete downstate.

The reason for doing this is that the meets have become too crowded. According to ISHA officials, too many preliminary heats were required for most of the events last year.

RICH GERSHENZON, senior pole vaulter, is due an apology from the NILEHILITE. After suffering a leg injury, Rich was thought to be out of action for the remainder of the track season. However, Rich has recently been practicing with the team and is trying to regain the form he had before his injury. If he does, Rich looks like he could be a genuine contender downstate.

ALSO COMING BACK from an injury is Senior Stu Widman. "Woody" injured his leg during the football season, and after aggravating the injury in basketball, it was thought that he would not be able to compete for the diamondmen. However, Stu is now starting at third base.

THOUGH BOB BARYS is known to Trojan track fans as primarily a hurdler, he may have found success in a new event. The quarter mile, which Bob ran last year, could be his specialty as he turned in an excellent time of 50.8 for his leg in the mile relay at the Waukegan Relays. The school record is 50.0.

## Cindermen Travel to Mooseheart

THE TROJAN CINDERMEN in the past two weeks blazed to two strong showings in the Lake Shore Track Meet and Waukegan Relays.

Bolstered by the return of Senior Pole Vaulters Rich Gershonzon and Senior Hurdler Jeff Schact, the Men of Troy are primed for Saturday's Mooseheart Relays, an important tune-up for the May 7 districts.

"I believe that we have state contenders in Bob Barys, Neil Baskin, Pete Lanners, Rich Gershonzon, and Neal Kamin," declared Coach Bill Collien.

SENIOR HURDLER Barys swept both hurdle events at the Lake Shore meet and ranks as one of the best hurdlers in the Chicago area.

Senior Discus Thrower Neil Baskin, placing first in his specialty at Lakeshore and fourth at Waukegan, hopes to qualify for the state meet after missing by 11 inches last year. At Lakeshore he broke his school record of 149' 1" by throwing 153' 5 1/2". State qualifying is 150 feet.

Senior Rich Gershonzon, is now back in service after weathering a broken leg. With Gershonzon teaming with Junior Neal Kamin Troy should be strong in this event.

IN ADDITION, the Trojan 880 and mile relay teams have been running well all year long and should remain so in the weeks to come.



**HEAVING THE DISCUS** is Senior Neil Baskin who recently set a new school record at 153' 5 1/2".