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## Grades Weighted To Give Credit to Honors Courses

A SYSTEM FOR assigning an extra point value to all Honors Courses has been devised and released by the administration, according to Dr. Stuart A. Anderson, administrator in charge of Nilehi's curriculum.

The regular grading system whereby an A equals four points, a B is three points, a C two points, a D one point, and an F no points was not considered equitable for those students enrolled in Honors Courses. As a result of this, the teachers of these courses and guidance counselors recommended a

new system.

The new system, which will be retroactive only to September, 1960, for all grade levels, will be determined by the following schedule, an A receives 5 points, a B receives 4 points, and a C receives 3 points credit; was approved by the administration.

However, any grade lower than that of a C does not receive this consideration. These grade point assignments will be used to determine class rank and the honor roll.

The Honors Courses included in this revision are in the English, Social Studies, Science, and Math departments.

They are English 11, 21, 31, 41, 51, 61, 71, 81; Biology 11, 21, 91, 92; Physics 11; Chemistry 11; Algebra 11, 21; Geometry 11, 21; Mathematical Analysis; and the advanced placement program American History.

According to Dr. Anderson the curricula is never static and new

courses are continually under discussion and consideration.

The above course, however, are the only ones for advanced credit for the school year 1959-60 under the new system, and no other courses are included in accordance with this plan.

The plan was devised primarily because of complaints from members of the Honors Classes themselves. Dr. Anderson said that the real purpose of advanced courses should be the opportunity of being exposed to more advanced and extensive material and is a reward in itself.

However, students seem to have a more materialistic attitude than was thought. This program affects such a small number that, even though colleges are aware of the caliber of the courses and consider only an approximation of a student's rank, it can be put into operation.

## Council To Hold Its Fund Drive February 15-19

TWO THOUSAND dollars has been set as the goal of the Nilehi East Student Council in the annual United Fund Drive to be held February 15-19.

On these days council representatives will seek to collect a total of a dollar from each student in his homeroom. If this goal is achieved, last year's record contribution of \$1723.77 will easily be surpassed.

The United Fund Drive was instituted last year when it was thought that students were annoyed at having to contribute constantly to numerous charities and organizations, according to Council President Lenny Engstrom.

Student Council then consolidated the collection for these charities into one drive. The United Fund Drive will be the only fund drive this year.

The Foreign Exchange Student Plan, heart disease, leukemia, and cancer are among those charities to which the contributions will be donated. The drive will be held simultaneously at the East and West Divisions.

A thermometer display is planned at the East Division for the purpose of measuring the daily increase of funds.

## First Girl Exchange Student Returns From Norway Trip

THE FIRST GIRL to participate in the American Field Service program from Nilehi has returned with a multitude of experiences to relate.

Senior Mary Masselli, who traveled to Norway as a foreign exchange student, lived right outside the town of Halden with the Ringstad family, with her Norwegian "sister" Eva-Brit, 18, and brother Stein, 17.

"The biggest difference between Norway and the United States," Mary related, "is in the people. Everyone is everyone's friend, they're more relaxed, and no one ever snubs anyone."

"The Norwegian people love food, and they love to eat. If they have company the first thing they do is offer their guests something to eat, and the food is always beautifully prepared," Mary said.

Mary, who claimed that she had language difficulties only the first four months and then spoke largely Norwegian, showed her facility in the Norwegian language when she interspersed expressions and then stopped and exclaimed, "They don't say that in English, do they?"

Feeling that Nilehi students would be interested in the more superficial aspects of her trip, she commented that, similarly, her Norwegian friends were interested in how long the girls wear their skirts (Norwegian girls wear their skirts above their knees and teased Mary about her long ones), and were most puzzled about American cheerleaders because they couldn't imagine what the cheerleaders did.

As souvenirs of her "wonderful experience" Mary brought some Norwegian ski sweaters, a Laplander hat, (pictured), reindeer slippers, and a great deal of jewelry, mostly in pewter and silver.



Mary Maselli shows a sweater, cap and basket which she brought back from Norway.

THE SCHEDULE of activities for Devonshire Community Center has been revised, according to Paul Heinze, Student Recreation Council chairman.

Ping pong, table games, television, a juke box, and soda bar are available to Center members on the following schedule:

Monday and Wednesday nights . . . . 7:30 - 10  
Monday through Friday . . . . 3:30 - 5:30  
Friday night . . . . 8 - 11:15

Special activities which have been planned include a semi-dress night dance on February 19 from 8:15 to 11:15 and a Mardi Gras celebration on February 26. Celebrators are asked to wear costumes and required to wear masks.



Cynthia Weber, senior, is putting her prize-winning cherry pie in the oven. She is representing the North and Northwest suburban area in the contest sponsored by the Northern Illinois Gas Co.

## Girl Wins Pie - Baking Contest, To Compete in Finals at Aurora

SENIOR CYNTHIA Weber was chosen to represent the North and Northwest suburban area in the Northern Illinois Gas Company's cherry pie baking contest.

Cynthia, who competed on Saturday, January 23, with thirteen other students, will participate in the finals on February 20 at Aurora, Illinois.

The preliminary contest was held at the Northern Illinois Gas Company office in Glenview. For win-

ning the role of this area's representative, Cynthia will receive an inscribed cup in addition to an all-expense paid weekend with dinner, a theater visit, a stay at a downtown hotel, and breakfast.

Nine other girls will participate in the finals for the selection of the Cherry Pie Queen. Besides being crowned queen of the cherry pie bakers, the final winner will receive a \$400 scholarship. The runner-up will receive a \$150 scholarship.

## German Girl Leaves for Home; Relative's Illness Shortens Stay

THE YEAR LONG visit of Doris Greiner was ended abruptly January 29, 1960. She left because her grandfather had become ill.

Doris had planned to stay in America for a year mainly to study English. She lived with her aunt and a cousin in Skokie. In addition to English, she took French, shorthand, and typing, in comparison with the 16 subjects she would have had to take in Germany.

Doris graduated from her German high school last year. There she went to school six days a week and on some days for ten hours. A person at the age of ten in Germany decides whether or not to go to high school but he first must pass a test.

Doris found many differences between the U. S. and German teenagers, but the main one was maturity. The U. S. teens are much more mature than German ones, according to Doris. No teens in Germany have cars, as in America. They ride bikes and motor bikes.

Also the dances are sponsored by the town and are called Coca-

cola Balls. During her short stay Doris saw several movies, such as "Gigi," and read books such as "Our Town."

She also decided that her favorite American dishes are chicken and steaks.



Sety, Nilehi's second foreign exchange student, says good-bye to Doris Greiner who returned to Germany after spending one semester at Nilehi. Sety and Doris were in the same French class.





EDITORIAL

Who Should Get Blame?

ONE OF THE BIGGEST REWARDS that a high school journalist receives for his work is the development of courage to support his printed opinions once he has developed the courage to express those opinions.

In high school the newspaper editor, when criticizing some part of the school which he attends, invariably must criticize his own classmates and friends.

And the classmates and friends of the Nilehite editors are involved in one of the most disgusting practices which could be present in an educational situation, that of cheating.

Cheating is a practice which is, it is reasonably safe to say, indulged in throughout the country; it is not peculiar to students at Niles and is, therefore, up to the individual student's integrity.

It is well to talk about such idealistic concepts as integrity, honor, and value, but futile. After all, the students say, if a teacher allows his pupils to cheat and if practically all the pupils in a class do it, why shouldn't I?

Since, in many classes, grades are determined on a curve basis, the students who approach their tests without a pony are, beside the obvious fact that they studied, at a mathematical disadvantage.

Of course, the teachers say, the student who studies will learn more and eventually the cheaters will get "caught up with."

Since Niles is going to maintain such a grade conscious attitude, since we are fairly materialistic, and since most of the cheating element make it out of this school and often out of this world without getting penalized this attitude should be refuted.

Many honest and sleepy-eyed scholars would like to see the cheating students get caught while they are still around.

Of course, the pacifists say, what can one do about it? Since high school students are mature enough to do so many things about which they brag, one would think that they would be more honest.

But if they were more honest they would probably be less human, for, of course, the realists say, the whole world, this modern, sophisticated world, is one full of payola-tears, racketeers, and just plain sneaks.

One can't expect a student to be honest on his own, and the sooner the teachers face up to this situation, to borrow a slang expression, the sooner they're going to give every class a different test, separate their students, and patrol the silent, "honest" room.



Inquiring Reporter

Since Valentine's Day is supposedly uppermost in someone's mind during Leap Year we thought we'd find out what was really closest to Nilehi students' hearts by asking: If your house were on fire, what object would you carry out first?

- Carolyn Otto, senior: Food
Gary Gineff, senior: All my money
Jim Dahiman, senior: My dog
Rick Kroon, senior: Me
Roberta Djidich, junior: My Vivace music
Bob Selby, junior: My brother, Dick
Fred Denkman, junior: My girl friend's picture
Howie Alder, junior: My girl friend
Jim Tune, junior: The refrigerator
Alice Johanson, senior: Burn ointment
Jeanne Lovering, senior: All my mail as of January 5
Barbara Lawler, senior: My boy scout handbook
Bob Saltzman, senior: Me
Bob Levin, senior: Barbara Davis' picture
Janet Anderson, senior: My paycheck
Carol Block, senior: Something to wear
Sue Getman, senior: I don't know what I'll take, but I'll throw out my text books
Sue Anderson, junior: My tranquilizers
Karen Hepburn, senior: My toothbrush (oops, my toothpaste)
Jim Mertes, junior: My school books
Sally Kruger, senior: My dog
Frank Warda, senior: My club sweater
Steve Aronin, senior: My Shelley Berman album
Kitty Pelzman, junior: My dog
Lynn Lieberanz, hall guard: Stop evading the question; just give me your pass
Dr. John Betts, teacher: My grand piano
Marlene Andalman, senior: My diary
Judy Rosenfield, senior: My telephone

Letters to the Editor

Dear Shelley,

I am totally nauseated by the cheating situation at Nilehi! As a student, I see what the teacher observes (although many students fallaciously believe that the teacher "sees and hears no evil") and, often, a good deal more.

Not only is there a constant use of ponies, but giving and taking information (both equal sins) before and during a test is also a too common wrong-doing.

The practice of getting "help" before the examination is especially prevalent. Anyone taking a test during the afternoon or taking a make-up test will almost positively have a better score than those who took it first.

The only reason I can offer as a cause of this disgraceful situation is the over-emphasis on grades and class rank which exerts an enormous pressure on all students.

This emphasis is for the purpose of developing more intelligent students with better minds—but isn't it just as important to develop honest and ethical humans. Something must be done to alleviate the cheating situation!

JILL WINE

To The Editor:

Concerning the weighting of grades for the students enrolled in advanced courses, several points should be noted which appeared in the editorial on this subject in the last issue of the NileHiLite.

"The ideal class ranking system would leave room for testing students' scholastic potential . . ." Life itself is not a system in which one's merit is determined according to his work which approximates his capacity or potential, but merit is based on its absolute value.

How can the potentials, including scholastic capacities, of a person be determined? Whether any flawless system exists or possibly can exist is a worthwhile question for the editor.

"Under the present plan the student who is hurt is the one who fails to take an advanced subject in which he is interested merely because he wants an "A."

This student is not hurt by the present plan; he is protected, and, if anything, aided. By not taking an advanced course his chances for a higher grade in the subject are much greater because in taking the regular course he isolates himself from the stiffer competition and more adult subject matter and presentation of the honors course.

Contrary to the editor's statement that "The projected plan will hurt those who work to their capacity in a regular subject," the new plan would give those students in their regular classes their deserved grades, and more credit for more work given to the special students.

In answer to the question on judging students on an equal basis who have teachers whose grading systems differ, it should be asked whether teachers can ever be made to grade and teach on the same set of inflexible standards. Once a method to accomplish this is devised, there will remain no problem dealing with "hard" and "easy" teachers.

"...in any system there are bound to be people who will benefit and people who will be hurt." This, editor, is the essence of life itself. Life is a struggle in which those with an advantage survive over the unfortunate.

This is not good, nor would the weighting of grades help to promote this, but instead would award students justly for their efforts, not with the intent or effect of trampling students who may not be as bright, ambitious, or interested as others.

The administration cannot remove the struggle which is present, but it can revise the existing situations so that they are more just.

ART DOVER, senior

Cupid Pays Visit to School Dance, Arrows To Fly at 'Key to My Heart'

FEBRUARY 13, 1960, the day before Valentine's Day, brings "Key to My Heart," Nilehi's annual Valentine Dance to Nilehi East.

The dance, which is sponsored by the Senior Cabinet, will be from 8:30 to 11:30 with the music of Tony Marterie and his band. Bids, which are \$3 a couple, go on sale approximately one week before the dance. It is an all-school affair.

A large heart and key will be the centerpiece with murals on the wall. The murals are being done by Harriet Schacter. Lattice work and an archway will decorate the stage.

ANITA MUSGRAVE has been chosen as the senior girl who best exemplifies good citizenship at Nilehi.

The contest, which was sponsored by local Daughters of the American Revolution, was conducted by Senior Cabinet representatives.

Each homeroom suggested 3 candidates. These names were compiled and Cabinet then released a list of ten girls for election by the entire '60 class.

Faculty members made their selection from the three finalists of this election.

Student Council Sets Semester Goals, Continues Some First Semester Projects

A SECOND "Bermuda Day," a record United Fund Drive, and participation in the Suburban League Council are planned as the major goals of the East Student Council for the second semester.

According to Student Council President Lenny Engstrom, Council hopes to surpass last semester's achievements.

Several projects are already in progress. The Student Lounge will be continued with the same operation as in the first semester.

The sales of the recently released and enlarged Student Directory and the sponsorship of the School Store will also be continued.

Last semester Student Council produced the 1959 Homecoming "Nilehi Snaps the Past" as its largest undertaking of 1959, according to Lenny.

Other projects included the proposal of the advanced grading system and representation at the Northeast-Northwest Council.

Student Council also plans to send representatives to a summer workshop in Champaign, Illinois.

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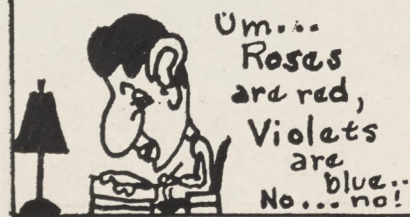
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# IN THE LIAN'S DEN

BY IAN LANOFF

## Happy Birthday

THE GHOST OF A MAN entered the school and no one noticed. He wore an old fashioned black suit, a top hat, and had a beard.

He had always wanted to visit a modern high school and since his one hundred and fifty-first birthday was but a week away, he decided to give himself a present: this trip.

He first entered a homeroom where a student was giving a half-hearted student council report. He noticed not only the representative's attitude but the students' disinterest as well. He knew that this organization was truly not a "student" council.

He drew an analogy between this and one of his remarks: "If you call a tail a leg, how many legs has a dog? Five? No; calling a tail a leg doesn't make it so."

As the bell rang he entered another classroom. Here a test was being given. He was amazed at the amount of dishonesty and cheating going on.

He reflected that all modern day students should well heed what he once told his sons: "You can fool some of the people some of the time, but you can't fool all of the people all of the time. Most of all, you can't fool yourself."

Next the 150 year old gentlemen entered a room for studying supervised by students. He noticed these "privileged" few conversing freely while other students were told to be quiet. "I thought all men were created equal," he mused.

The next class was involved in discussion and he noticed how the less intelligent hard working students were discriminated against and forgotten, while those with above average intelligence, who put forth little effort were rewarded. He wanted to tell these luckier ones what he told his friends in 1863: "I do the best I know how—the best I can to the end.

If the end results in all that is right what is said against me won't amount to anything. If the end brings me out wrong, ten angels swearing I was right would make no difference."

A disillusioned man left the school at the end of the day. "Perhaps," he thought, "I will have enough courage to return in another one hundred and fifty years."

## Look Ma, No Niles

"THE GENEVA CITIZENS COUNCIL recently sent a comprehensive questionnaire to teachers and administrators at 120 leading American colleges and universities.

Among other things, these students were asked to name the high schools which consistently supplied them with the best qualified students.

Eight schools from the Chicago area turned up repeatedly in this survey. These are Lyons Township, Glenbrook, Lake Forest, Highland Park, Evanston, Oak Park, Maine, and New Trier high schools."

The above appeared in a recent issue of the Chicago Sun Times. Conspicuously missing from the list, which totaled 44 high schools throughout the country, is Nilehi. Why is this?

There are a number of things listed as prerequisites for the top flight high school. Among these are longer school days, more academic groupings (advanced subjects), more difficult homework and tests, and emphasis on creative writing.

In my next two columns I will reveal my findings as to our qualifications for entering the top 44 and our progress in the things mentioned. Perhaps I can find the answer to the question which is gnawing at my mind: "Why isn't Nilehi a top producer of college material?"

# Senior Spotlight

"ARE YOU EATING again, Pete?" sums up Carol Peterson's favorite pastime, when she isn't cheerleading, of course.

Carol "Pete" is best known at Niles for being co-captain of the Varsity cheerleaders and having a huge appetite. Though she unsuccessfully competed for cheerleading her freshman and sophomore years, she finally made it in her junior and senior years.



But Carol's activities aren't limited to one thing; she is also second vice-president of the senior class and has served on cabinet for years. She was treasurer of Tri-Hi-Y in her freshman year

and has been a member for three years.

Carol disclosed her greatest thrill as being selected for Varsity cheerleading. She describes it as a great experience, one which has given her an opportunity to meet many people and see many exciting games and places.

When asked if she remembered any particularly embarrassing moments she burst out laughing. "I've had so many, but none you could print!"

"I don't like people who try to be something they're not;" Carol admitted. "Also, people who leave games a few minutes before the end disgust me. You'd think their life depended on it."

If "Pete" could change Niles in one way, she said, "I'd split Niles up into about four schools and have smaller student bodies."

## Leap Year Here; Beware of Girls

IN 1288 A LAW was enacted in Scotland which stated that "it is stated and ordaint that during the rein of his maist blissit Megeste for ilk Yeare knowne as lepe Yeare, ilk maydenlayde of bothe highe and lowe estait shall har liberte bespeke ye man she like abe'd he refuses to taik her to be his lawful wyfe, he shall be mulutedin ye seem and pundis or less, as his estait may be; except awis gif he can make it appeare that he is be-throth'd one ither woman he then shall be free."

Translated this means that during leap year any woman can ask a man to marry her and he must, unless he can prove that he is already engaged. This is of interest this year, because, once again, it is leap year.

Julius Caesar's astronomers settled the solar year as 365 days and 6 hours in 46 B.C. To make up for this overlapping, every fourth February has 29 instead of 28 days. Every year divisible by four without remainder is a leap year except the concluding years of centuries.

These must be evenly divisible by 400 since adding a day every four years is too much. Great Britain and the English colonies adopted this system in 1752.

The idea behind woman doing the wooing during leap year is unknown, but in the 15th century Florence and Genoa passed laws similar to Scotland's.

During Henry VIII's reign a law was passed by Parliament which stated that people born on February 29 should celebrate their birthday on February 28 during those years which are not leap years.

The name leap year probably comes from the idea that during this year the calendar takes a "leap."

ON FEBURARY 29, 1836, Giorgio Tossini, an Italian, was celebrating his seventy-second birthday having been born on February 29, 1764. Laughingly he declared that he was only eighteen and was going to give up the extravagances of his youth. Tossini forgot that 1800 was not a leap year, and, according to his method, he was only seventeen.



Members of Miss Butler's Foods 3 class are freezing pies and rolls they have baked. Shirley Wesley is showing Karen Senger, Betty Backer and Judy Johnson her coffee cake.

## Cafeteria Staff in Competition With Advanced Home Ec Class

THE CAFETERIA STAFF has competition. The fourth period advanced home economics class prepares their own lunches about once a week.

The class meets period four, and when the lunches are prepared and served the girls remain in the class through 5A and 5B. As most of the food prepared comprises complete meals, some is made ahead of time and stored in the food freezer.

Thirteen girls comprise the class and they are divided into four groups. Each group has a special assignment such as preparing the main course or dessert.

The girls in the class are Susan Anderson, Elizabeth Backer, Darlene Deters, Nicki Fisher, Judy Johnson, Sally Krueger, Kay Mahoney, Sandra Mueller, Virginia Mueller, Karen Senger, Judy Tor-

geson, Shirley Wesley, and Dona Zalud.

The lunches always have a main dish of either meat or seafood, and the remainder of the meal consists of a vegetable, salad, and dessert. Sometimes a casserole is served as the main dish.

Last week the girls made Baked Alaska using packaged angel food cake and chocolate ice-cream. After baking in the oven it was brought to the table with flames. A secret formula was used to make the flames. The girls pay a nominal fee for these lunches.

"Although this class has been in existence for several years, we have been able to prepare the lunches oftener in the last two years because of fourth period," says Miss Butler who teaches the class.

## Saints Losing Heads Leads To Our St. Valentine's Day

ST. VALENTINE'S Day is named after three men and each was beheaded.

The first was a Roman priest and doctor who was relieved of his head about A.D. 269. The second is believed to have lost his head in Rome about A.D. 273. The third was an African martyr about whom very little is known.

Since it would seem silly to

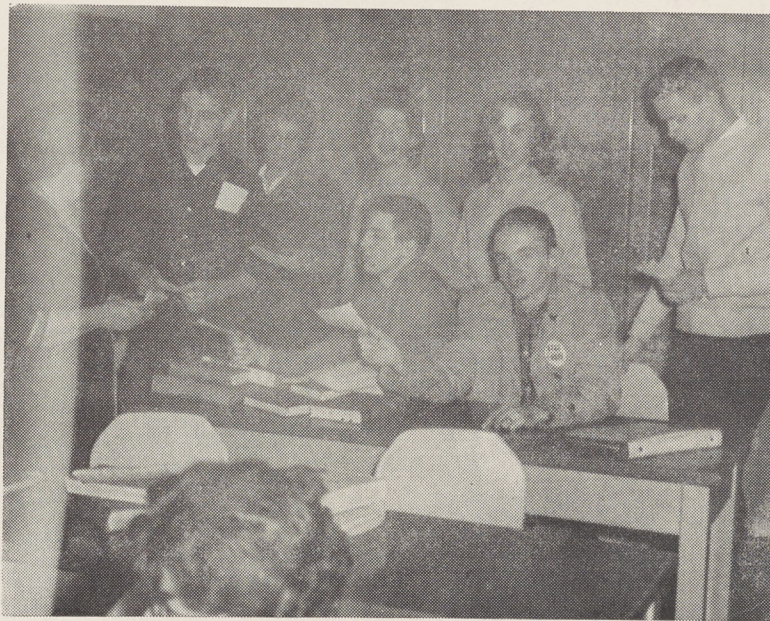
celebrate such things as beheadings, it has been proven that the customs of St. Valentine's day have little to do with the lives of these saints.

There are several different explanations for the customs of sending greeting cards and love tokens on this day each year. All of them are probably inaccurate. The most plausible explanation is that St. Valentine's Day is a survival of a Roman festival held on February 15.

It was then custom to draw lots to decide which young men and women should be each other's 'valentine' for the coming year. The couples would then exchange gifts, and sometimes even become engaged to be married.

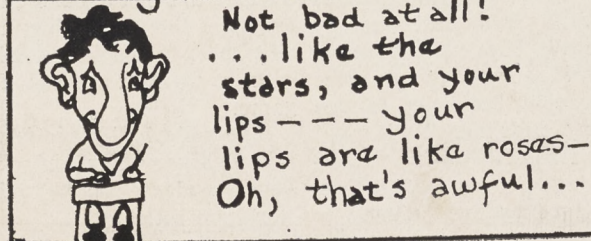
Sentimental valentines and gifts of flowers and candy are still commonly given by men to women in celebration of Saint Valentine's Day in the United States. The custom is not widely followed by the British. Today, American school children exchange valentines and sometimes hold valentine parties.

The best known valentine, made in 1790, can be found in the Metropolitan Museum in New York City. It is a conglomeration of hearts, flowers, and other designs. In the early nineteenth century, raised paper designed valentines were the rage.

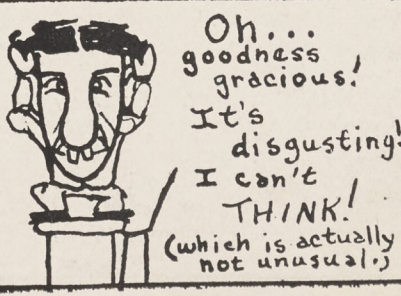


With their second semester schedule cards in hand, students in Miss Myra Robinson's junior homeroom wait in line to receive their report cards.

### Harvey cont'd.



Not bad at all! ...like the stars, and your lips --- your lips are like roses--- Oh, that's awful...



Oh... goodness gracious! It's disgusting! I can't THINK! (which is actually not unusual.)



Well, this will have to do... I suppose. Ho! hum... how tiring!



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY... Harvey



After Game Dance

"It's Here Is Here!"  
Is Here Tonight!

The day is here when "IT'S HERE IS HERE!" is here. "IT'S HERE IS HERE!" tonight's dance after the Morton game, will be presented by SILVER CLIPPER.

The dance will feature Jim Carder, folk singer and tennis star. Jim has done programs for school clubs in the past. He is soon to appear in Reflection Revelries, and, according to his agent, is about to make his first recording on a label other than "Oblivion."

The purpose of the dance, according to Burt Michaels, Silver Clipper Publicity Chairman, is "To raise funds for the spring publication, SILVER CLIPPER. This is necessary because we sell this Nilehi West literary magazine for 50 cents, although costs are double this."

The Silver Clipper Literary Guild urges students to submit their best writings for possible publication. Guild members and a faculty advisory committee, consisting of Miss Mary Ann Herold, Miss June Kraus, and Mr. Thomas Koerner, will make the final selection for publication.

Manuscripts are now being accepted for this spring's issue. The deadline is March 15.

Manuscripts will be judged on the basis of originality, theme, style, presentation of idea, humor, etc. (Short stories, poetry, free verse, essays, and dialogues are acceptable. Students are asked to keep in mind that short pieces are given preference.

The rules for submitting an article are as follows:

- 1) All manuscripts must be type-written, double-spaced, and lacking identification.
- 2) Attached to each entry must be an envelope with title of article only on it.
- 3) Inside the envelope must be the author's name, homeroom, English teacher, English room and English period.
- 4) Articles must be original. No pseudonyms are permitted. Articles printed previously in other publications, as well as English themes, are acceptable.
- 5) Entries are to be placed in the box in West Division office.



From the picture files of the Nilehilite comes this picture of Lincoln as he visited the Union troops at Antietam, Md., on October 2, 1862.

The Value Of  
Good Timing

BY KAREN OSNEY

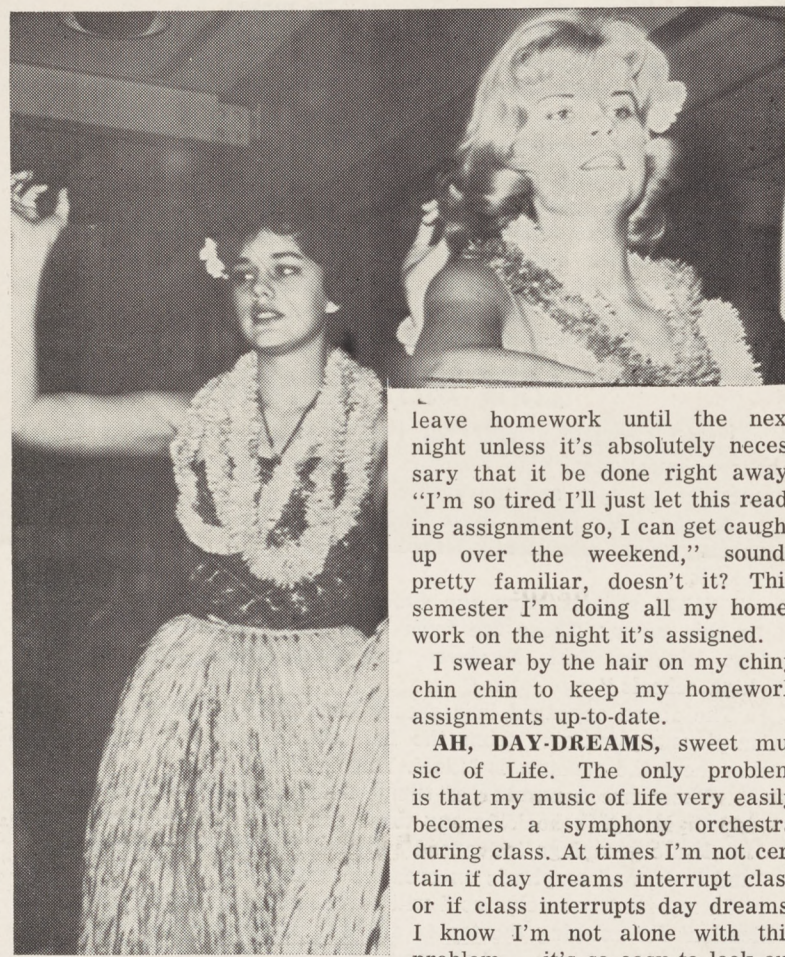
Albert Einstein and the Sophomore Cabinet obviously hold one opinion in common; the importance of time. With a little additional help from "space" Einstein based his famous Theory of Relativity. With the aid of some fresh originality, the Soph Cabinet carried off one of the most talked-about events ever held here.

The January 28 "Breather" clearly proved the importance of good timing. With finals over and tensions at a peak, the Cabinet offered a perfect opportunity to let loose and relax. They also grabbed themselves a honey of a date. More like a big party than a school dance, everyone attending was able to take that long awaited "Breather."

Attention Sophomore Cabinet: G.A.A. has the annual turnabout, Student Union Board the Christmas Dance, Junior Cabinet holds the Prom. If you're on the ball, Sophomore Cabinet will hold the after-finals dance . . . ANNUALLY!

Ever wonder why some students pass with 2 D's and two F's while others get the "Summer School or Else" routine? And while we're on the subject what does two A's and two B's average into? Volly, volly simple . . . it's timing!

If the higher grades are those of the semester exam and the third six weeks most teachers agree that the higher ought to be your final grade. But try starting out with a bang in the beginning of a semester, and then fall down towards the end . . . On second thought, don't try it.



Diane Stevens, left, sophomore, and Joan Dahlman, sophomore, seem to know the "Aloha" technique.

United Fund  
Drive Begins

During February 15-19, the students of Niles Twp. High School will be given the opportunity to participate in the 1960 United Fund Drive. The organizations benefiting from the proceeds include Muscular Dystrophy, Cancer, Leukemia, Heart Disease, American Field Service and the Foster Parent Plan. The drive will also directly benefit Nilehi by helping the student exchange program.

"Last year our school averaged less than thirty cents per person, while other schools in our district averaged over one dollar and thirty cents per person," says Jerry Zimberoff, President of student council. "We are hoping this year for at

least one dollar from each student," Jerry continues, "I'm sure the students of Niles don't wish to be known as tightwads, especially where such a worthy cause is concerned."

The responsibility of collecting contributions will be handled completely by Student Council. Students will give their money to homeroom council representatives.

A contest will be held between the Freshman and Sophomore classes to see which group will reach it's goal of one thousand dollars first. Huge thermometers will be located at various points throughout the school to record incoming funds.

Report  
At  
Random

Naturally we asked what you'd want for Valentine's Day. Pretty odd requests.

Dennis Moberg, Sophomore: "A simple card saying 'Sorry to inform you that the failing notice you received is void.'"

Jane Barnett, Sophomore: "If we could capture the spirit of Valentine's Day all year, the type spirit shown in a garage on Valentine's Day 1927 . . . or rather the mob."

Judy Kamps, Sophomore: "An all expense paid trip to Hawaii would be nice—another 'Breather.'"

Valentine Biruch, Freshman: "I want to change my name. My mom called me (Valentine) and my sister (Joyce) because she wanted happy names for us. I really like the name but my friends always tease me about it. I no longer think it's funny when they ask 'Will you be my Valentine?' Also, I like St. Valentine — but he was a boy and . . . well, I'm a girl!"

European countries to add true authenticity. Before each dance an interesting story is told telling the meaning of the dance and adding to one's knowledge of the country in which the dance originated.

Don't forget that on February 18 a tour through Europe in a dashing whirlwind of color, music, and action will be conducted by the dancing feet of Bob and Carlyn Galati.

Attendance  
Procedure

"The new semester will bring heavier penalties for truancy and tardiness," said Mr. Anton Schubert, Director of Attendance. "These changes have been made necessary because of increased enrollment. Eventually we shall be able to handle all attendance through automation."

Besides changes in methods of reporting attendance, a deduction in the grades of continually tardy students is possible. After four late passes, an hour detention will be given for each additional pass. Students persisting in excessive tardiness will be turned over to the administration.

Freshmen See "Europe"

Freshmen: Here is your chance. Have you ever longed to see the color and excitement of the glamorous European countries? On Thursday, February 18, Europe, in the form of Bob and Carlyn Galati, will come to the West Division Auditorium for the third outside talent assembly for fresh-

men. The Galatis become interested in European Folk Dancing while in Europe and they have toured America extensively performing for many different audiences. Performing the dances in colorful native costumes, the Galati's dance to music recorded in various Eu-



Bob and Carlyn Galati in colorful native costumes

Relief!

BY PAM KIRK

Well, this semester's cramming and worrying over finals are finished. We can finally relax and cool our fervored brows. Text books are shoved under the bed and soon all we so carefully memorized will be forgotten. But hold on, I just remembered something that has shattered my dream world—NEXT SEMESTER'S EXAMS.

It seems that as soon as one batch of semester exams is over, there is another one waiting. Now as I think over the nights of frantic cramming I'm ready to make a few resolutions.

Instead of just putting my class notes any old place, I hereby resolve to set a certain spot away just to keep them. On the weekend before exams I decided to hunt up my notes from the first six weeks. I searched the basement, my closet, and all my drawers. All I succeeded in finding was last summer's sun-burn lotion, a letter I forgot to mail, and my General Science notes from last year. I thought about how nice it would have been if I had kept my notes in one place — I'm going to this semester if it kills me. (And it may)

I learned something this semester that I never realized before. Almost all of us are inclined to

leave homework until the next night unless it's absolutely necessary that it be done right away. "I'm so tired I'll just let this reading assignment go, I can get caught up over the weekend," sounds pretty familiar, doesn't it? This semester I'm doing all my homework on the night it's assigned.

I swear by the hair on my chin chin to keep my homework assignments up-to-date.

AH, DAY-DREAMS, sweet music of Life. The only problem is that my music of life very easily becomes a symphony orchestra during class. At times I'm not certain if day dreams interrupt class or if class interrupts day dreams. I know I'm not alone with this problem — it's so easy to look out the window and in no time at all be a million miles away floating on a cloud. This semester I'm going to lasso my dream cloud-even if I pull my arm out-of-joint trying.

As I look over my last semester, I have two thoughts. My grades may improve and there are only seventeen more weeks until summer vacation.

G.A.A. Makes  
Plans

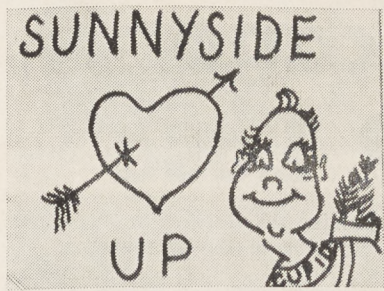
On February 5th, 1960, in the girl's gymnasium, the Girl's Athletic Associations' basketball champions will close the basketball season with a final game against the girls' physical education teachers. All students are invited to attend the game and watch Miss Rosemary Racine, Miss Helen Heitman, Miss Nancy Young, Mrs. Betty Hannebuth, Miss Carole Kenny, and Miss Sandra Halliday battle against the G.A.A. girls.

The winners of this year's G.A.A. basketball playoff are teams No. 1 and No. 2, whose captains are Carol Krienick and Cheryl Bohart.

The G.A.A. board along with its sponsor, Miss Helen Heitman, is working to bring to our school more events of this type. They are planning to open the volleyball season with a "G.A.A. versus Faculty" game.

The volleyball playoffs will begin February 16th and all interested students should register at the gym office.





BY BOBBI TEITEL

In the courting days of our grandparents, our grandmothers received valentines of sweet, romantic prose in dainty settings of hearts and lace. They read:

VALENTINE GREETINGS TO MY BELOVED

NEVER; OH NEVER; ANOTHER CAN BE, SO GENTLE, SO KIND; AND SO SMILING AS THEE.

or

VALENTINE DEAR: YOU ARE THE LOVLIEST

YOU ARE A DREAM YOU ARE AS SWEET AS PEACHES AND CREAM. BE MINE FOREVER.

Today's gems, accompanied by the atom bomb, are: "YOU DO SOMETHING TO ME DEAR VALENTINE — MAKE ME SICK."

or

VALENTINE: "I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'D DO WITHOUT YOU— BUT I'D SURE LIKE TO TRY."

Revised version of an old favorite:

ROSES ARE RED VIOLETS ARE BLUE SUGAR IS SWEET AND SO ARE YOU BUT THE ROSES ARE WILTED THE VIOLETS ARE DEAD, THE SUGAR IS LUMPY AND SO IS YOUR HEAD; HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY?



Mrs. Blake



Mrs. Haufschild

New Faces In Faculty

The new semester will bring the loss of two West Division teachers, and the arrival or their replacements.

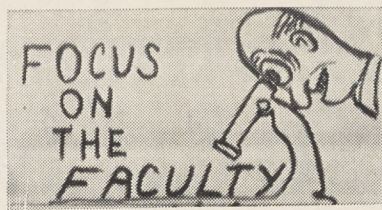
Mrs. Jack Shelley, speech correctionist at Niles and sponsor of Tri-Hi-Y, is taking a maternity leave.

Mrs. Shelley will be replaced by Mrs. Ray Blake, who has been working in the Niles Township Department of Special Education. Mrs. Blake studied at St. Olaf's College and received her M.A. at Northwestern University.

Miss Lorna Warren, English teacher and Spotlighter sponsor, is leaving because of ill health.

Mrs. Lois Klimstra, English teacher and assistant librarian, will take over Miss Warren's duties.

Mrs. Haufschild, who has attended Wisconsin State University and Marquette University, will teach typing and will assist Miss Garrigan, the librarian.



Mrs. Rosenthal

"Any time you deal with people the work is always very interesting and satisfying." This is the feeling of Mary Rosenthal, Niles Township West's visiting guidance counselor.

After her years of social and guidance work, Mrs. Rosenthal gives determination as a characteristic of her model person. She also admires people who are "sincere, honest, and face facts—no matter how unpleasant they may be."

Born in Michigan City, Indiana, Mrs. Rosenthal moved at the age of two to the Windy City where she attended the Bryant Grammar School. After graduating from Harrison Technical High School, she attended Loyola University where she received special training in social work and graduated with a Bachelor of Philosophy.

With her training in social work she went to the Civil Relief Administration. She worked here dur-



ing the depression years helping families in need. "These were really rough years. You don't remember — but ask your parents." She added that many case workers had up to two or three hundred families with which to work.

She later returned to Loyola for a year and then worked with the Aid to Dependent Children. Mrs. Rosenthal came to Niles in September, 1958, as a visiting counselor and "loves it."

A typical American, Mrs. Rosenthal loves all kinds of food, "especially hot dogs and hamburgers." Such personalities as Victor Borge and Maurice Chevalier are her favorites, and, upon hearing Elvis, she voiced an emphatic "Uh Uh!"

Have You Noticed?

That Freddie Krause has cancelled his subscription to the Nilehilite?

That Gayle Levin can't pull trump?

That Jerry Zimberoff is going with the Arts Club?

Sue Kaplan's knees?

Janice Kamps is now giving out locks of hair?

Mr. Gragg? Howie Berger without his sweater?

Mr. Templeton's name tests? Norm Finartz eating with chopsticks in the cafeteria?

How short skirts are this year?

A growing friendship between

Mr. Odlivak and Mike Stavy? 'STAY LOOSE' buttons?

That Jim Carder's agent, Burt Michaels, is trying to get him

on Columbia and succeeding? That first audition is Wednesday!

That there are only a dozen "Universities of Wisconsin."

"High class, dignified dancing" at the "BREATHER?"

That Silver Clipper is accepting manuscripts for the spring publication?

"IT'S HERE IS HERE!" is here? (Don't ask where-or when-or what-or who-or why).

That the St. Valentine's Day Massacre is listed under "Important dates in American History?"

That "STAGE LIGHTING LIMITED" has a monopoly?

3rd Period classes waiting until the meat gets ready?

Get Well!

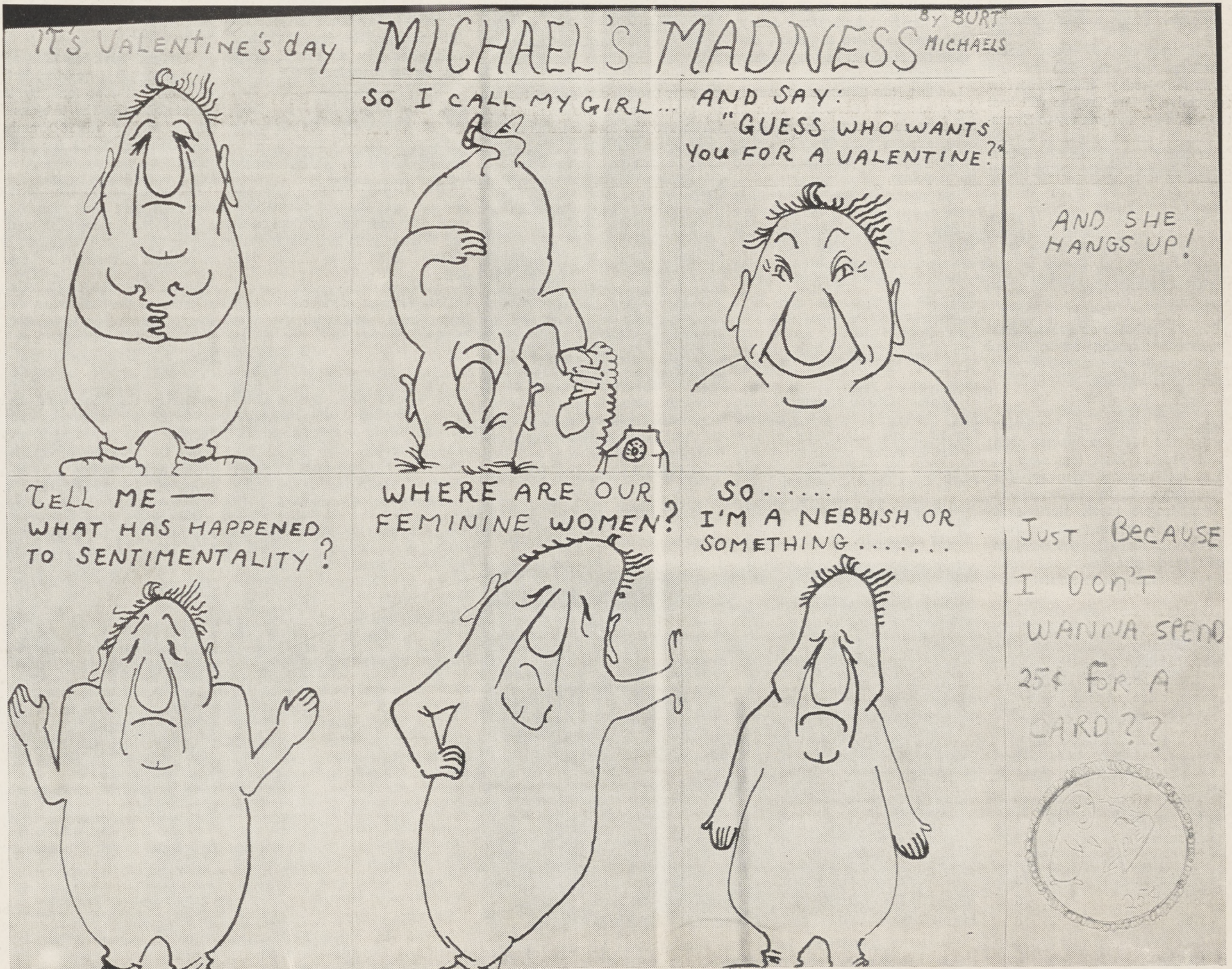
MRS. PAT KEYES, former 'Girl Friday' of the West Division office, has recently taken ill and is convalescing at the Owensboro Davies County Hospital, Owensboro, Kentucky.

Letters and cards from her old friends at Niles will be most gratefully received. In the meantime, we all wish her a speedy recovery—and lots of luck!

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# Rhu Barbs

BY MIKE RUBY

WITH ONLY five games left on the Suburban League schedule, the conference is shaping up to pre-season predictions. The pre-year favorite Proviso East is leading the circuit with an 8-1 mark, followed by Evanston with 7-2 and Highland Park with the same mark. Waukegan trails the first division with a 6-3 mark.

A mid-season all-star team could probably be picked from performances given thus far. At the center spot would be Dick Rochelle, Evanston's giant center. Andy Hankins of Waukegan and Dick Gritschke of New Trier would make up the forwards with Terry Somenzi and Bob Reum at guards.

Other players, of course, could be mentioned as candidates for the all-league team. Proviso's two big men, Dave Kwiatkowski and Ron Buchanan, both would be represented in the top ten players. Marv Staehle of Oak Park and Highland Park's Tim Russell and Dave Jolley, a Trojan forward, could also be included.

Against the New Trier Indians Jolley played only half the game but still managed to score 13 points. It makes one wonder what Dave could have done if he had played the whole game against the Green Wave.

Trojan wrestler Dick Isel has lost to only one opponent thus far in the season. Unfortunately Dick has lost to him twice, once in the dual meet between Niles and Waukegan and once in the Waukegan invitational. His name? Rick Bay, last year's state champion in his weight division.

This weekend the Trojan basketballers take on Morton and Evanston, today and tomorrow respectively. The Trojans will host the Mustangs and journey to Evanston for the Saturday game. A week from today the Nilesmen will take on Waukegan at the Niles West gym.

Tomorrow night the varsity grapplers take on perennial Suburban League power Proviso on the Maywood mats. On February 15, the matmen wrestle Maine West in an away meet.

The "JV's" take on Proviso East tomorrow morning at 9:30 and wrestle Maine West next Thursday, both meets at Niles.

The swimmers have a busy weekend, taking on Glenbrook today at 4:30 in the Spartan pool, and Proviso East tomorrow at 7:30 at Proviso. Monday, the swimmers will meet Hinsdale in a non-league meet, starting at 4:30 in the Trojan pool. On February 12 and 13, the Trojans will participate in the Suburban League meet at Morton.

The gymnasts take on Proviso West today, there, and Morton next Thursday at Niles West. Both meets begin at 4:30. On February 17, the gymnasts will face LaGrange, there, at 4:45.

## SUBURBAN LEAGUE BASKETBALL STANDINGS

Team	W	L
Proviso East	8	1
Evanston	7	2
Highland Park	7	2
Waukegan	6	3
Morton	3	6
New Trier	3	6
Oak Park	2	7
NILES	0	9

# Matmen Whip North Chicago 30-11; Highland Park, OP Lose

IT SEEMS THAT the only team winning consistently in the winter season is coach Howard Byram's varsity wrestlers. Last Tuesday they won again, this time whipping North Chicago 30-11 in a non-league match.

Steve Shipka, the Trojan 95 pounder, started the meet by tying his opponent. Lou Lutz won his match 3-1 as did Jerry Dulkin. Dulkin, however, won his match on a forfeit when his opponent couldn't make weight.

Steve Weiss lost the first Trojan match but Bill Carr, captain and 127 pounder, won 3-2 as did John Papandrea. Papandrea, a freshman, won his match by the same score as Carr.

Howie Alder lost his match but

## New Trier Edges Roundballers

RECORDS ARE being set constantly at Niles and it seems that the Trojan varsity basketball team isn't exempt. The Trojans ran their league losing streak this year to nine last Saturday with a 61-59 loss to the New Trier Indians.

At one time in the game, it seemed that the Nilesmen had a scant chance of winning when they led 43-52 at the end of three quarters.

The Trojans matched the Indians in field goals, each compiling 23. But the Green Wave connected on two more free tosses to give them the winning margin.

Leading scorer for the Trojans was Jim Dahlman with 16 points. Frank Warda scored 15 points, 12 in the final half. Dave Jolley managed to score 13 points, despite the fact that he played only half the game.

Leading New Trier as he usually does was Dick Gritschke with 21 points, nine on free throws. However, another New Trierite entered the picture as Dick Etnyre piled up 21 points.

The previous day, the Trojans were romped 66-51 by the Oak Park Huskies. Len Sjostedt led scorers with 11 points, his high total of the year in league competition. Warda scored 10 even though he didn't start the game.

The previous weekend the Trojans dropped another game, this one to Highland Park 80-69, the latter figure the Trojan's top point output of the year.

Another 1959-60 basketball first was set when Dave Jolley poured in 26 points, high total of the year. However, guard Terry Somenzi of the Little Giants poured in 28 points for the game's scoring honors. Tim Russell, also of the Giants, hit for 18 and John Poser scored 15.

145 pounder Jim Miresse won easily 5-0. Jim Tune followed Miresse with another win, 8-4 and Dick Isel won on a forfeit. He wrestled an exhibition match, however, and pinned his man.

Denny Debrowski lost to his

North Chicago opponent but Bill Fisher, the heavyweight, edged his man 4-3 to give the Trojans the win.

Over the past weekend the Nilesmen had one match and won it handily over Oak Park,

holding the Huskies to only three victories in the 12 matches.

Shipka won his match as did Lutz, the latter on a pin. At the 112 pound weight division, Jim Fung whipped his foe. 120 pounder Steve Weiss dropped his match but Carr followed him up with a win.

Papandrea won his match and Alder followed with a close 8-7 victory over his Huskie opponent. Jim Miresse again blanked his opponent, winning 4-0 this time. Dick Isel whipped his 154 pound opponent.

At the 165 pound weight division, Tune wrestled last year's state champion, Terry Isaacson, and was beaten 10-2. Debrowski also lost, his defeat at the hands of Bill Benson. Bill Fisher again finished out the evening with a win.

In another Suburban League meet, the Trojan grapplers trounced the Highland Park Little Giants 32-8. Shipka started the activities off with a pin and his was quickly followed by decision wins by Lutz and Fung.

Weiss won his match but Bill Carr was pinned by his HP opponent. John Papandrea again won as did Howie Alder. Miresse scored his third shutout in his last three matches when he topped his foe 2-0. Tune, Isel, and Debrowski all won while Fisher dropped his match.

## Sophomores Wallop HP

UNDER THE coaching of Mr. Jim Phipps, the Nilehi sophomore basketball team whipped the Highland Park Little Giants 58-51 behind a 17 point performance by Paul Bishop.

Highland Park led 18-14 at the end of the first quarter, but the Trojans cut that lead by three points at half. The Trojans won the third period 16-9 and the fourth stanza 14-13 for the victory.

Behind Bishop in the scoring department were Dick Ingersoll with 12, Ken Borcia with 10, and Jim Hart with 10. The Nilesmen hit on 57 percent of their free throws.

Last Friday the Trojans dropped a game to the Oak Park Huskies 60-43, due mainly to an OP 23-9 third quarter and a 12-8 fourth period. The Nilehiers led at half-time 26-23.

Borcia led the Niles scorers with 15 points, followed by Ingersoll with 11. Once again poor free throw shooting hampered Niles as they hit on only 43 percent of their charity tosses.

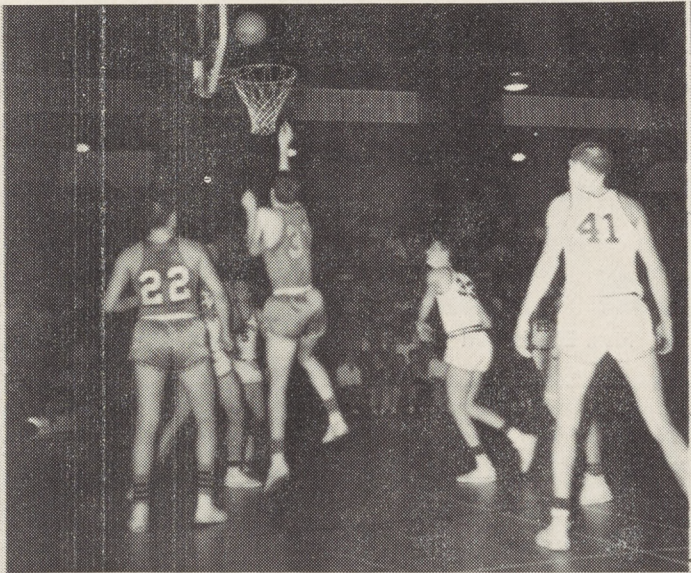
On the following night, the Trojans dropped a heartbreaker to New Trier 51-49 in a double overtime. At the end of the regulation time the score was 45-45 and 49-49 at the first overtime's end.

Ingersoll led scorers with 13 points with Bishop getting 12 and Rick Artwick scoring 11.

The frosh team, however, had better luck against the Huskies as they whipped the Parkers 37-24. Mike Baer led the Niles scorers with 10 points followed by Bob Epstein with seven.

The Trojans also topped Highland Park 36-29 with Bob Lis leading the way with 12 points. Baer got seven for the second high. The frosh shot very well on free throws in this game. Jerry Berman played a good defensive game and rebounded well.

The "B" team has a 5-1 record with Mitch Joffe leading the scorers thus far.



Dave Jolley, a senior, takes his first shot of the New Trier game. Niles lost the game 61-59.

## Trojan Tanksters Beaten By Huskiemen 53-33

THE NILES TROJAN varsity swimmers got off to a bad start against the Oak Park Huskies and lost to them 53-33 while taking four firsts.

In the first event, the 50 yard freestyle, Yantis of Oak Park won the event in a time of 25.4. Marshall Claasen, a junior, was second, finishing in a time of 25.5. Rick Kroon, the top Nilehi swimmer in the event to date, finished in fourth place.

In the 100 yard butterfly the Nilesmen fared no better, but a little bit worse. The Huskies took the first two places, giving them a 14-4 margin after two events. The Trojans took their first first place in the 200 yard freestyle when Raul Martin won it in a time of 2:05.7. Dave Katz, the other Niles swimmer, finished in third place.

In the 100 yard butterfly, Oak Park again won. Bob Kirschner took second place, his time at 1:07.2. The other Trojan swimmer finished fourth, giving the Huskies a 23-13 edge. The host Huskies increased their lead in the 100 yard breaststroke as they took the first two places. Walt Isaac, the top Trojan in the event, finished third, his time being 1:14.7.

Another Trojan first occurred in the 100 yard freestyle when Phil Karafotas took the event in a time of 54.1. This cut the Oak Park lead by one point to 35-19. In the diving event junior Jim Nelson won with Bruce Betty in third place, giving the Trojans a

6-3 in the event. In the 200 yard individual medley Karafotas took his second first place in a time of 2:20.8. Martin finished second giving the Nilesmen a clean sweep.

The 200 yard medley relay team lost to the Huskies by seven seconds. The team is composed of Kirschner, Isaac, John Peterson, and Jan Janse. The 200 yard freestyle relay team did a little bit better in the fact that they didn't lose by as much. They lost by 4.6 seconds.

## Nilehi Gymnasts Whip W. Maine

THE NILEHI varsity gymnasts, in their first year of competition, won their first varsity dual meet, last Friday, when they whipped the visitors from West Maine 74½-57½.

The Trojans, coached by Mr. John Cress, split with the West Mainers in first places in the six events.

The first event, the trampoline, was won by Steve May of Niles who compiled 50½ individual points. Hardt of Niles took second place and Bob Deck took third for a clean sweep by the Trojans, compiling a 16-6 team point edge in the event.

In the side horse event, Ken Gallagher, a junior, won with 52½ individual point total. In team points the Nilesmen edged the Mainemen 12½-9½.

On the horizontal bar, the two teams split in team points with each getting 11. Jim Sass of West Maine took the individual honors by winning the event with 64 individual points.

Sass took his second first place on the parallel bars by piling up 58½ individual points. However, the Trojans took the team point honors with a 12-10 edge, since they took second, third, and fourth place.

The fifth event, the rings, was won by Sass once again. Ken Matzick of the Trojan team finished in second place and Weinstein finished third.

The final event of tumbling was also won by Maine West but a 2-3-4 finish for Niles gave them a 12-10 edge in team points.



Jim Nelson, a Trojan junior and leading diver on the varsity, takes off on a dive in a recent meet.