

Seniors Offered College, Career Orientation Program

A program of Career and College Orientation Activities was offered the seniors from Friday, December 2, through Monday, December 12.

On Friday, December 2, a questionnaire on educational and vocational plans was distributed.

On Monday, December 5, Dr. Frank Endicott, placement director at Northwestern University, spoke on "Vocational Forecast for College Graduates." The questionnaires were completed on Tuesday. On Wednesday, December 7, Mrs. Margaret Halligan of Illinois College, spoke on "How to Choose a College."

Thursday, December 8, brought a trades specialist to talk to the boys about entering the "skilled trades" and on Friday, December 9, there was a program specifically for those students who intend to find permanent jobs right after graduation.

Miss Linda Crosby of Katherine Gibbs School spoke to the senior girls on "Career Girl, 1950" on Monday, December 12, to conclude the Orientation Activities.

All Singing Groups Perform At Annual Vespers Program

Christmas songs resounded through the gym last Sunday, December 11, when the annual Christmas Vespers program was presented. Miss Clara Klaus was director.

The Girls' Glee Club sang "Oh Holy Night," "As Lately We Watched," "No Candle was There," (by request) and "Behold That Star." A guest director for the spiritual was Mr. Robert Damman, an alumnus of Niles Township High School.

"The Song of Christmas," by Roy Ringwald, was the cantata sung by the choir, with Barbara Olson as narrator.

The audience participated in singing several familiar carols.

The final number was "Hallelujah Chorus" sung by combined groups, and augmented by a number of alumni who sang the chorus in their high-school days.

'Standing Room Only' at Play

The cast of "Dear Ruth" played to "standing room only" audiences each of the three evenings that the play was presented.

Exactly 644 students and 313 adults saw the play. A \$150 profit was made, according to Miss Virginia Stemp, director of the play.

Classes See Noted Actor



—Photo by Jim Dilley

Marilyn Reiland, the head in the above picture, probably got a better view of Mr. Ronald Van Arsdale and Mr. Charles Laughton than did the cameraman. The picture was taken after Mr. Van Arsdale's impersonation of the famous actor following a program at Waukegan Township High School.

Christmas Holidays Offer Time for 2 Class Reunions

On the evening of December 22, there will be a class reunion for the graduating class of '49. It will be held in the Assembly Room and all class and faculty members are invited.

For further details refer to Bill Graefen at his home not earlier than December 19.

The class of '48 will hold its second annual reunion December 28 at the Columbia Yacht Club located on the Outer Drive in Chicago.

Besides a buffet supper to be served, there will be dancing and also singing, according to Gertrude Brua and Don Carlson.

The Crystal Ball

DECEMBER

Fri. 16 Failure and Warning Notices Due
Basketball — Niles vs. Taft (here)
Basketball — Frosh vs. Oak Park (there)

Sat. 17 First day of Christmas Recess
Basketball — Juniors vs. Oak Park (there)
Snow Flurry — G.A.A. Christmas Dance

Fri. 23 Basketball — Niles vs. Arlington (there)
Tues. 27 - Fri. 30
Basketball — De Kalb Tournament (there)

JANUARY

Tues. 3 First day after Christmas Recess
Wed. 4 Dental Survey — All school

Fri. 6 Basketball — Niles vs. Arlington (here)
Tues. 10 Swimming — Niles vs. Waukegan (there)

Fri. 13 Basketball — Niles vs. Oak Park (here)
Sat. 14 Freshman Invitational (here)
See Chicago Club — Museum of Science and Industry

Tues. 17 Swimming — Niles vs. Maine (here)
Fri. 20 Basketball — Niles vs. Belvidere (there)
Thur. 19 "Know for Sure" movie

Snow Flurry Tomorrow; Music by Frankie Hart

"If Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer could dance, he would probably be making plans to come to **The Snow Flurry**," said the members of the G.A.A., who are hoping their Christmas dance will be a success.

The dance will be presented Saturday, December 17, in the Assembly.

From 9 until midnight, Frankie Hart, his seven-piece orchestra, and a vocalist will provide music for the dancing.

Bids, which have been on sale all week, are two dollars per couple, according to the G.A.A. board.

The dance will be informal, but "very dressy."

Committee chairmen for The Snow Flurry: Bev Dilley, dance chairman; Pat Walne, tickets; Doris Christensen, publicity; and Joyce Baumann, decorator.

Sophs Give Original Skit In All-Class Assembly

A two-act skit, "Homeroom Dilemma," written and acted by Homeroom 121, was the entertainment at the sophomore assembly for December.

To open the program, Beverly Gubins, accompanied by Joan Van Horne at the piano, sang "Over the Rainbow."

Doris Smith was chairman of the group that wrote the skit, and Kenny Howard was M.C. The principal characters were **Mary Ann Frownfelter**, Ed Meyer, Warren Jarvis, Dan Boneback, Barbara Gunsaulus, Norma Throop, Betsy Buell, Judy Higgins, and Janet Klopf. The remaining students in Homeroom 121 took the part of the homeroom in the skit.

Dancing Lessons to Be Given

"Ouch, my aching foot." This may well be the utterance of many juniors and seniors soon because of the new ball-room dancing lessons to be given at Nilehi.

Mrs. J. J. Wallace, of Skokie, who has her own studio, will instruct the classes.

Classes will be every Monday beginning January 9, from 3:30 until 4:30 in the Assembly Room and will continue for six weeks.

Buses will be available for transportation home after the lessons.

The remaining schedule for assemblies: January, 313, comedy of grandparents criticizing the younger generation; February, 216, talent skit; March, 110, not decided; April, Library, not decided; May, 208, television skit.

Christmas Adorns Halls; Work by Junior Council

"Gee, Mike, don't the decorations look nice? They make you feel so Christ-nasy—don't they?"

"Yeah—the Junior Council really did a fine job and don't forget Mr. Wilkins and his able artists."

Yes, the Junior Council did work, and according to Miss Margaret de Booy, junior adviser, the following juniors are responsible: Chuck Owen, chairman of the tower scene, and his committee: Bob Richter, Bill Perrin, Richard Dolder, Bob Meyer, Bob Raveret, Rex Hennion, Astrid Halbrendt, and Larry Britenstine.

Walter de Stories, chairman of the stairwells, and his committee: Ronald Gawrys, Ronald Vodicka, Bill Cattern, Dottie Bowles, Nancy Mohlar, Ruth Waehner, and Fran Wirsig.

New German Club Formed

The Advanced German Club, sponsored by Miss Theresa Kranz, recently met for the first time and organized with Elsa Stromberg, president; Joyce Bruening, vice-president; and Marcia Saar, secretary and treasurer.

The club will carry on regular third-year German work. The group plans to study German culture including poetry, songs, science, and opera.

On December 7, members attended Richard Strauss' German opera "Rosenkavalier."

Teachers, Parents Meet

The first meeting of the year between teachers and parents of the freshman students was held Tuesday evening, December 6, to discuss each individual student's progress.

"This meeting was held to promote cooperative understanding between parent and teacher," according to Miss Marie Green, freshman class adviser.

Freshmen Display Talents

Even those little freshmen have talent, as proved at a recent hobby assembly.

Charles Bussiere exhibited a number of oil paintings and a model gas airplane; Jerry Weissburg demonstrated magic tricks; Larry Jung showed his stamp collection; and Judie Gunnarson displayed her pet canary, which does tricks.

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Clubs Frolic at Xmas

Spanish Club

The Spanish Club Christmas Party was held last Wednesday in the assembly.

The program began with the group singing Christmas carols in Spanish. Bruno Dal Corobba read a Spanish scripture. Neil Adams gave "The Pinata" skit, and Joan Laurent presented a bullfight play. John Thompson acted as moderator in a Spanish quiz program. Bob Stoothoff was Master of Ceremonies. Miss Jean Small and Mrs. Anita Hannum were faculty sponsors for the program.

Faculty Club

Santa Claus visited Nilehi at a faculty Christmas party held December 12, according to Mr. John Betts, president of the club.

Miss Virginia Stemp, dramatics teacher, presented a monologue, "The Three Breakfasts." A skit was given by the members of the social committee: Mr. Charles Suydam, Mrs. Lou Ann Moran, Miss Helen Heitmann, Mr. Arthur Rylen, and Miss Virginia Stemp.

The grab-bag gifts were hidden in a big chimney, and tied to each gift was a brightly colored ribbon. Each faculty member pulled a streamer and received a gift.

Latin Club

An unusual grab bag strangely arranged by the "Romans" was seen at the annual Latin Club Christmas party yesterday, December 15.

Seated in a large circle, each student held his gift in hand. When Virginia Wead, sophomore, began playing the piano, each person passed his gift to the person on his right. The gifts continued to pass from hand-to-hand around the circle. When the music stopped, the package in hand was theirs.

A short play entitled "Io Saturnalia" written by Mrs. Dorothy Hind, Latin instructor, was given by the second-year Latin classes.

French Club

Christmas carols sung in French and charades were two of the events highlighting the second-year French class's Christmas party, December 15, according to Miss Jean Small, French teacher.

Diane Zimmerman read the Christmas Story in French, and Nancy Lane gave a talk about Quebec.

The French custom of selecting a king and queen of the "Galette" was enacted when the group had refreshments. The refreshments were based on a French supper, Le Reveillon, during the Christmas season.

Club Visits Maxwell Street; Has Dinner in Chinatown

"Fine overcoats for \$12! Make it \$10! I'll give it to you for \$7!" These were some of the sales talks thrown at the masses of people in Maxwell Street on December 4. About 120 members of the See Chicago Club heard them all, and had a good time doing it, according to Miss Grace Harbert, sponsor.

From Maxwell Street to Chinatown was one easy jump: There you could shop to your heart's content in the cosy art shops, which just about drowned you with incense.

Dinner in Chinatown was quite the thing—chow mein, chop suey, egg foo yung.

After dinner Nilehiers wearily plunked themselves in their buses and came home, accompanied by their little bundles containing their purchases.

Psychology Class Visits

Dunning State Hospital

Nilehi seniors from the psychology class took a trip to the Dunning State Mental Hospital recently with Mr. Leo Babcock, psychology teacher, to get an inside view of how state mental hospitals operate.

The day began with a lecture on psychiatry delivered by Dr. George Fenyes, staff psychiatrist at Dunning. After the lecture, the students were taken on a tour of the hospital.

The tour ended with a question and answer period conducted by the head nurse. The nurse stated that over half the hospital patients are over 60 and that there are very few under 20.

Students Attend Convention

Among the 1,000 journalism students from all over the United States attending the National Scholastic Press Association convention were seven from Nilehi: Barbara Kokum, Joyce Swartz, Barbara Olson, Joan Lacey, Paul Slusser, Beattie Bornemeier, and Carol Enke, all seniors.

The convention was held at the Stevens Hotel on the Friday and Saturday of Thanksgiving vacation.

A few highlights were lectures by Chicago Daily News Reporter, Frederick Bird, co-author of a series of articles on Skid Row. Also Julian Bentley, WBBM news editor, gave a mock news-broadcast.

Dramatics Class Gives Play

The major dramatics class at Nilehi is presenting "The Littlest Angel" during eighth and ninth periods on December 16, in the assembly.

The play is the story of a sad little angel and his gift to the Christ Child. It will be done in pantomime and narration. A musical program by the Music Department will follow.

Election Battle Held In Problems Classes

"Hear ye, hear ye, the polls are now open." These are familiar words to Miss Grace Harbert's problems classes which have been holding a mock election to get an idea of how a real election is held.

In the primary election, two students ran for representative in Congress, two for senator, and two for governor of the state. Since there were two parties there were twelve candidates running for the various offices.

Before any electing was done, the candidates made campaign speeches; then the students were registered to see that they were qualified to vote.

After the primary election, which eliminated six of the candidates, came the general election. The result of this election gave the final winners.

From the four problems classes, the final results made Marilyn Reiland, Tom Brice, Lenny Lange, and Chuck Hansen as governors; Shirley Timberg, Dick Swanson, Bob Jaeger, and Dick Carver as senators; and representatives were Glenn Meyer, Al Hartig, Gordon Smale, and Bill Straw.

Unusual Articles Found

Pens, pencils, purses, jewelry, gloves—no, it isn't a Christmas list but just a few of the many things that have collected in Nilehi's Lost and Found during a few years. Everything from glasses to overshoes have found their way into the office, to wait there for their owners.

Beginning last year, the policy of the Lost and Found has been: if the finder brings the article into the office, his name is taken, and if the owner doesn't claim the object in two weeks the article is given to the finder. Watches and money are claimed readily, but that still leaves a large collection of clothing and miscellaneous items.

According to Miss Harte, if the articles in the Lost and Found are not claimed by Christmas vacation, they will be given to a welfare agency.

Nilehier Meets Bob Hope, Santa Claus in Crashboat

Meeting Santa Claus and Bob Hope were two of Janet Hamen's experiences on November 19. Captain Donald L. Hills, Janet's stepfather, is commanding officer at the Glenview Naval Air Station.

A Glenview crashboat, belonging to Captain Mills, recently accompanied Santa Claus and Bob Hope to Chicago. Janet was present and talked to Bob Hope.

"Bob Hope is very nice and has a real sense of humor," said Janet. She also had her picture taken with Bob and got his autograph.

Janet, a sophomore, is new at Niles and previously came from Rhode Island. She has also traveled to Honolulu, California, Maryland, and to Glenview where she now lives.

Our Team

By Mary Winters

Ralph Bruck is tall but that isn't all,
When he shoots, the nets swish with the ball.

Points from here, points from there,
Speedy Jim Johnson gets in their hair.
When Fred Brei shoots, Niles wins,
He's so good, we wish he were twins.
Those beautiful long shots anger the foe,
When made by a Niles "guy named Joe."

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Lange's on our side and aren't we glad,
If he were for Leyden things would look bad.

Howard is fast and oh, so slick,
His many baskets sure turn the trick.
What about Meyer, first name Bob,
He makes the other team shout "We was robbed!"

And there's Walters, not mentioned before,
Who makes all those points and baskets galore.

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We've got Heiniger, as good as his brothers,
But when he's gone there won't be another.

Of course there's Budai, so fast on his feet,
With him in the team, we'll be tough to beat.

Erickson's a ball of fire,
With each of his baskets, the score goes higher.

There's Kenny La Plant, so full of vim,
With him on the team, we're sure to win.

Molding these fellows into a team, takes lots of work and time,
So here's a cheer for Mackey and a job that's mighty fine.

Frogs and Puffball Invade Nilehi Biology Classes

Things are jumping in the biology room of Nilehi lately. The reason for this, according to Mr. Charles Hussey, biology teacher, is the 135 frogs sent to the school by Dagmer Franson, a Niles graduate of '43.

Dagmer is a chemist at the Baxter Laboratory of Morton Grove. The frogs are all female and were being used at the laboratory in connection with a form of bacteriological research.

Dagmer remembered that the biology classes at Nilehi use frogs for dissection, so when the laboratory was through with them, she called Mr. Hussey, who accepted the frogs without hesitation.

Mr. Hussey said that it took five people to get the frogs into a box so that they could get them to Nilehi.

The biology classes are studying the external and internal structure of the frog. The frogs are given ether before they are dissected by the students.

Another strange specimen, which is

Super Salesmen Sell Class Dishwasher and Shampoo

If you are in need of a cleaning fluid, a dishwasher, or a good shampoo, just drop in Room 110 during one of the salesmanship classes. The students are choosing their own product and selling it to the class as part of a project.

Jim Kennedy used a cleaning fluid for his project. As part of his demonstration, Jim took grease out of a piece of carpet and removed gum, lipstick, and permanent ink from pieces of fabric. "Jim did such a good job of selling, that I'm going out to buy a bottle of that fluid myself," said Mr. Eugene Napier, salesmanship teacher.

Jack De Stories was a dishwasher salesman. He replaced the regular faucet of the sink in Room 110 with a special faucet with a hose that had a brush attached. Jack washed the dishes while he explained his product.

Nancy Duncan, Lois Cliff, and Donna Groll demonstrated two shampoos. While Lois and Donna washed Nancy's hair, first with one shampoo, then with the other, they compared the two products. The girls used fictitious names for their products.

Future Weathermen May Predict White Christmas

If you'd like a White Christmas, maybe the boys in Mr. Roth's second-period general science class can help you out.

As a class project, the boys have set up a weather bureau. Every day a student committee made up of Don Eastman, Don Girard, and Tom Bodeman, make their predictions. The percentage of clouds, wind velocity, wind direction, cloud types, and state of weather are recorded daily.

The maximum temperature for the last 24 hours, the minimum, and the temperature as it stands, are recorded every morning at 8:30.

In the display case outside Room 316 is a recording barometer keeping a continuous record of air pressure. By means of this, every student can make his own predictions.

Don Cook, freshman, has made an electrical wind indicator, which may be seen on top of the building. In the room is a compass which indicates the wind direction as it is recorded.

Joe Duenser, freshman, has made a rain gauge which is also on the roof.

used in the study of fungi, found its way into the biology room lately according to Mr. Hussey.

This specimen, as large as a basketball, was found on Mr. Hussey's desk. It also had a strange odor, was not appreciated by Mrs. Valerie Gallagher's mathematics class, which meets in the biology room. When Mr. Hussey returned to his room, he found his specimen on a table near an open window.

This specimen was a puffball, which was furnished by Ronnie Gawrys, junior, who found it in a field near his home.

Frosh, Seniors Reveal Ideas of 'Perfect Date'

If you are the athletic type you will make a big hit with all the girls, but if you are an "A" student, the senior girls don't want to date you, although the freshmen girls do!

These were some of the facts revealed in a "Perfect Date Survey," which was recently taken by the NILEHILITE in order to see how the ideal date differs between the freshmen and the seniors.

She's five feet six inches in height, weighs 120 pounds, has long brown hair, blue eyes, say the senior boys about their ideal date. They like their dates to wear clothes to fit the occasion, while acting neither loud nor quiet, but a happy medium. Personality is the special characteristic a girl must have, although the first thing a senior boy notices about a girl is her figure.

The freshman boys choose girls who are shorter—five feet two, but heavier—123 pounds. The frosh like to see their dates in sweaters and skirts. They also want a date to have personality, but the first thing they notice is the way she is dressed. Both freshmen and seniors agree that they don't want their dates to smoke.

Senior and freshman girls like their dates to be six footers, and also the same weight—155 pounds. Senior girls go for boys with blond hair and blue eyes, while freshman girls prefer brown hair and blue eyes. Crew cuts are no longer in favor, according to the seniors.

Sport clothes for school, suits for dates, say the senior girls, while most freshmen do not care what the boy wears so long as he is neat. Manners, personality, and a sense of humor head both lists for the special characteristics the girls want in their dates. Senior girls notice a boy's eyes first, while freshman girls notice his personality.

'Trig' Helps Class To Solve Problem

How far is the distance from the cross atop St. Peter's Catholic Church to the cross atop St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Skokie?

Maybe the answer to this question is of no importance to you but it was to a trigonometry team from Mr. Harold Ohlson's "trig" class for about a week. The team consisting of John Young, John Krupka, Helen Nachbauer, Al Buthman, and Ashley Craig were stimulated by the opportunity suggested by Mr. Ohlson to do some surveying and field work.

Ashley suggested the problem and with the aid of trigonometry and a transit given to the school by the construction company that built Nilehi, the team set to work to solve it.

For a week after school the team collected angles and data from the transit located at the corner of Dobson and La Verne about three blocks west of Nilehi.

This 'n' That ---

A'l's well that ends well, or so Mr. Leo Hoosline will tell you. Glen Meyer saw that Mr. Hoosline made only one basket in the Lettermen-Faculty game recently, so he made a little wager on the best of 20 shots.

Glen thought he had a sure thing because he was going to shoot from the free throw circle and Mr. Hoosline was going to throw from the middle of the floor. He was more than a little disappointed when Mr. Hoosline beat him by three baskets.

In response to Bill Graefen's feature story in the last issue, the NILEHILITE staff received a letter from Ralph Smith, '49 graduate now attending United States Merchant Marine Cadet School in Pass Christian, Mississippi.

Ralph said he could not help drawing a comparison between Bill's experiences at college and his own. The school is run on the demerit system like Annapolis. Ralph is taking nautical engineering and really enjoys the school.

Because of the Thanksgiving vacation, the awards assembly was crowded with alumni.

Some of the former Nilehi students seen there were, Margie Lind, class of '49, now at Beloit College; Jim Heiniger, class of '48, now at Bradley University; Mari'yn Pearson, class of '48, now at Augustana College; Bill Bruce, class of '49, now at Drake University; and Don Biehn, class of '48, now at Rutgers University.

Marilyn Reiland and Glen Meyer, after being elected officers in the recent problems class election, showed their appreciation by handing out lollypops and candy cigarettes to their loyal supporters.

After returning from a hunting trip on which he saw no rabbits, Mr. James Phipps commented, "I saw two of them before I left, but they were in my own back-yard, so I couldn't shoot them."

Frosh Uses Art in Latin

"It's fun," said Judy Vogel, freshman, "to make clay figures!" It took her just one hour, using her fingers and a few tools, to make the head of Julius Caesar, which is now in Room 214. She used a picture as the model.

Judy also made a Goddess doll, with a wire through the arms to make them movable, and other statues for the Latin Christmas play.

"Whenever I feel like it, I make Chinese Buddhas to sell," said Judy.

After a few interested inquiries from people living in the area as to what they were doing, they had the information needed to arrive at the answer, they said.

Santa Brings New Mirrors To Nilehi Girls' Locker Room

"Hey, you, move over, I was here first." "Oh, darn, where did that bobby pin go?" "Hey, Betty, are my stocking seams straight?"

All these statements should be things of the past, since the girls' locker room has received a Christmas present of three new, full-length mirrors. Two of them replace the small ones over the tables, while the third is placed so that each girl may take a "last look" before she leaves the room.

A future in nuclear physics is the aim of Jack Brown, junior, who recently gave a 20-minute impromptu talk about some of the fundamentals of atomic energy during his ninth-period junior English class.

The class had been studying about the "Atomic City," Oak Ridge, Tennessee, when Mrs. Baker asked if anyone could explain about atomic energy. The students in the front row turned to Jack, who was thereby elected.

Christmas came early for Mr. James Phipps, Nilehi gym instructor. On December 3, Mrs. Phipps presented her husband with a six pound, five ounce baby girl. The new addition has been named Suzanne. Mr. Phipps passed out cigars and candy to the faculty.

Kaye Jaeger, graduate of '49, was married to Uno Larson, graduate of '47 on November 23.

Kaye was Prom Queen last year and also captain of the cheerleaders. Uno will be remembered by the upperclassmen for his famous "Comoe" cheer.

Jack Kirkby, alias "Albert Kummer" in "Dear Ruth", seems to be quite the Charleston dancer as he proved at the cast party held after the play on Saturday, November 19.

After receiving the same answer from several students during fourth-period history, Mr. Betts now believes that the most popular three words among high-school students are "I don't know."

English Classes Record Dickens's Christmas Carol

Christmas wouldn't be Christmas to most of us without hearing Dickens's famous Christmas Carol at least once. Mr. Ronald Van Arsdale chose a cast from his junior English classes to make a recording of this famous selection.

By popular request, Mr. Van Arsdale played Scrooge, Clair Strand played Bob Cratchit, Jim Dilley and Neil Adams were the ghosts. Pat Iphoefer was cast as Scrooge's servant, Jerry Heflin was the nephew, Jim Dilley was Jacob Marley, and Dick Dolder played the young boy. Jim Dilley worked the sound effects and Neil Adams was narrator.

Merry

Christmas

Little Known Facts About Cagers Revealed

Here are some lesser known facts about well-known people — the Trojan Varsity basketball squad.

Bob Meyer, junior, 5' 9", 153 lbs., likes Jane Bastow and sports; dislikes people who complain; won a major letter in baseball at the Western Military Academy last year.

Don Walter, junior, 5' 8", 150 lbs., likes sports and Jane Tamburino, earned letters in football and track.

John Budai, sophomore, 6', 155 lbs., likes Sue, dislikes girls who smoke.

Marty Seidler, senior, 6', 165 lbs., likes sports, earned major letters in track and football.

Pete Heiniger, senior, 5' 10", 165 lbs., likes sports, music, and art; dislikes girls who smoke. He also earned letters in track and football.

Jim Johnson, senior, 6' 1", 160 lbs., likes sports, dislikes people who stand in the middle of the hall and talk.

Ken LaPlant, senior, 5' 9", 150 lbs., likes sports, dislikes girls who smoke, earned letters in football and golf.

Joe Donavan, senior, 5' 10", 150 lbs., likes sports, people in general; dislikes girls who smoke and juke boxes that you can't hear. He earned a major letter in football.

Fred Brei, senior, 6' 2", 185 lbs., dislikes girls who smoke, earned letters in basketball and baseball, is known as "the bashful kid."

Ken Howard, sophomore, 5' 7", 145 lbs., likes basketball, dislikes school ("I don't really hate it, though"), also dislikes girls who smoke.

Neversweats Win Play-off

In the intramural touch football play-offs held Wednesday, November 7, Dick Baumann's fifth-sixth period Neversweats won three games in a row to win the school championship. The Neversweats defeated Bob Van Abel's period four team 13 to 6, Harold Siemsen's period two team 6 to 0, and in the final game defeated Don Tegtmeier's period eight team 20 to 0.

The following is the lineup of the champion Neversweats: Robert Fuller, back; Raymond Ruesch, back; Jack Nettland, lineman; John Ryan, lineman; Charles Serum, lineman; Edward Lembke, lineman; Dick Baumann, back.

The Nilehi bowling league, under the sponsorship of Mrs. Lou Ann Moran, has begun its season.

Due to the great number of girls who signed up for teams, the teams bowl on both Tuesday and Thursday at Gabby's.

11 Nilehiers Picked In Poll by Coaches

Eleven members of Nilehi's 1949 grid team were honored on the Illinois All-Independent football squad. The teams are selected in a comprehensive poll by league coaches.

Seniors James Kennedy, center; Mike Henry, guard; and Marty Seidler, back, received mention on the first team. Al Hartig, end; Walter Popp, tackle; and Lenny Lange, back, also seniors, were placed on the second team.

Honorable mention went to juniors: Ronald Gawrys, end; Rodger Doyle, tackle; Don Walter, back, and senior Pete Heiniger, back.

Morgan Park Military Academy was chosen as the best independent team with a 7 and 1 record. Their only defeat was a 20 to 12 shellacking dealt by the Men of Troy in the first of the Trojan four-game winning streak.

Men of Troy Win Opener; Lose Next Three Cage Tilts

The Nilehi Trojans opened their 1949-50 basketball season November 18 by defeating La Grange 50 to 41. Ralph Bruck led Niles in points with 14.

On the following night, November 19, the Trojans fell to the Evanston Wild-kits on the Evanston floor, 60 to 44. Fred Brei tallied 17 points.

The Trojans fell before Waukegan's Bulldogs 58 to 41 Tuesday, November 22, on the Waukegan court. Don Ruckabeil sank 11 points to pace the victors while Bruck paced Nilehi scorers with 8 points.

The Men of Troy lost 49-38 to the Leyden Eagles December 2, at Leyden. Sam Mascia led Leyden with 18 points, Ken Howard led the Trojans with 10 points, while Joe Donavan followed with 9 points.

Kennedy Gets Award

Jim Kennedy, Nilehi senior, received the Most Valuable Player award for football at the annual fall awards assembly, held November 23.

A veteran of three years on the varsity, Jim was elected Captain by his teammates three games before the end of the season.

In a post-season election, Jim was voted most valuable player by the narrow margin of one vote over Halfback Lenny Lange, and two over Mike Henry, guard.

Game Tonight - here

Trojan Rebounds

The newly-formed Tennis Club held its first meeting on December 5, according to Mrs. Valeria Z. Gallagher, sponsor. The club elected its officers: Paul Lange, president; Dick Carver, vice-president; and Barbara Olson, secretary-treasurer.

The club will include both singles and doubles teams and will play other schools eventually. Until the courts are paved and the weather is warmer, the team members will learn the rules and techniques of the game. An instructional movie was shown at the meeting on December 12.

The Nilehi Lettermen's Club is making plans to hold a Grade School basketball tournament, to be held sometime next spring. It will be composed of all grade schools in Niles Township and will be held to determine the best basketball team from these schools.

The club, with the assistance of Mr. Robert Mackey, varsity basketball coach, will sponsor and direct the tournament. Last year this tournament was held for the first time and was very successful. It was won by Morton Grove public school.

The Nilehi Lettermen's Club held its first dance of the year last Friday night in the Assembly Room following the Niles-East Rockford basketball contest.

The musical portion of the evening was presented by Rollin Oliver's BLUE NOTES. Mr. James Phipps, faculty sponsor of the 'N' club, and Mr. Leo Hoosline acted as chaperons for the dance.

According to Jim Kennedy, president of the Lettermen's Club, the Men of Troy are planning to hold several after-game dances before the end of the basketball season.

The Snow Flurry, Christmas dance sponsored by the G.A.A., is to be held Saturday, December 17, in the Assembly Room. Frank Hart and his orchestra will provide the music.

The "round robin" tournament, a preliminary to the inter-class tournament to be held later, began recently, according to Miss Helen Heitmann, sponsor. Six team captains were chosen: Evelyn Hartig and Pat Walne, seniors; Joan Searing and Jane Heath, juniors; Barbara Heim and Patsy Patek, sophomores.

In a game at Nilehi Saturday morning, December 3, the Proviso junior Pirates defeated the Niles junior Trojans 49 to 34.

The Pirates were paced by Robert Basarech, who racked up 19 points. Ronald Gawrys and Rodger Doyle led the Trojans with eight points each.



HAPPY NEW YEAR



VARSITY SWIMMING RECORD

Coach, Anton Schubert		
Waukegan	53	Niles
Maine	60	Niles
Highland Park	56	Niles
New Trier	68	Niles
Amundsen	31	Niles
Evanston	68	Niles

24
15
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Coaches Choose Top Nilehi Teams and Players

Nilehi coaches have seen teams and players come and go. Some have been good, others poor. Regardless of how many good teams and players they have coached, each member of the Nilehi coaching staff remembers one team, player, or game which he considers outstanding.

Mr. James Phipps, Varsity baseball coach, considers the 1948 Varsity baseball team, which lost to Granite City in the semi-final round of the state tournament, as the most outstanding team he has coached at Nilehi.

Mr. Robert Mackey, Varsity basketball coach, received his biggest thrill coaching at Nilehi when his "poor little boys" defeated Waukegan, which was rated as the fifth best team in the state, at the regional tournament in 1948.

A touchdown pass from Don Walter, junior, to Ronnie Gawrys, junior, which enabled the freshman football team to defeat Libertyville in 1947, gave Mr. Arthur Ryden, assistant freshman football coach, his biggest thrill. Mr. Ryden received just as much pleasure in seeing Don Byrd, who had never entered the mile run, win this event at the 1948 conference track meet.

Mr. Anton Schubert, Varsity swimming coach, has the 1948-49 Varsity swim team at the top of his list. Mr. Schubert's 1948-49 swim team was the first Nilehi team to place in the state meet. The team placed sixth.

Mr. Harold Isaacson, Varsity football coach, says that seeing his 1943 Varsity football team score four touchdowns in eight minutes against Lake Forest gave him the most pleasure. The 1943 Trojan gridiron scored a touchdown on an 85-yard run the first time they had possession of the ball.

Mr. Thomas Kiviluoma, golf and cross-country coach, believes seeing Bob Dombrowski, '47, qualify for the state golf meet during a heavy rain at Highland Park in 1947 and seeing Ed Buerk, senior, qualify for the 1949 state cross-country meet to top his list.

Mr. Charles Hussey, varsity track coach, received the most satisfaction coaching at Nilehi when his 1947 Varsity track team qualified for the state meet. Coach Hussey's boys were rated the "Darkhorse" of the state meet.

Top Physical Condition Reveal Facts on Cagers Saves Life of Alumnus

Standing on an airfield waiting for a transport plane to take him home, Sergeant Ray Nitch was feeling in better humor than he had for many months of grim Pacific warfare.

Suddenly there was an explosion. The motor of a crippled plane which was about to land fell on a pile of oil drums next to which Ray was standing.

Days later he woke up in a hospital, the right side of his body badly maimed and swathed in bandages. When he left the hospital, Ray's right hand was paralyzed and his body still carried scars of his painful accident.

"Ray was one of the many top athletes who were graduated from Nilehi and then entered the service," said Mr. Harold Isaacson, Nilehi athletic director, "Ray was one of the most agile boys ever to play on our varsity. His perfect physical condition was probably one of the main factors which saved his life."

After years of practice with his paralyzed right hand, he is able to draw and is now employed as a commercial artist in Chicago.

Ex-Nilehier Plays With Illini Despite Paralyzed Hand

"Twelve major letters in four years of high school! That's what made Dick Eby one of the best all-around athletes ever to graduate from Nilehi," says Mr. Harold Isaacson, Nilehi athletic director.

After a brief but successful career in the Golden Gloves, Dick joined the Marine Corps and was sent to the Pacific. His luck finally ran out at Iwo Jima, where he was wounded in both arms.

After receiving a medical discharge, he attended the University of Illinois, where he majored in journalism despite the handicap of a partially paralyzed hand, and tried out for the football team. With his grim determination and natural ability he gained the quarterback position on the varsity B squad. Although he had to use rubber bands to control his paralyzed fingers, which had resulted from his arm injuries, he was able to pitch several touchdown passes during the season.

Upon graduation from Illinois, Dick turned to the field of advertising and is now employed in Chicago.

Twirlers Seek Teacher

Although the twirlers at Nilehi did not have an instructor during the first part of the school year, Dorothy Bowles, Charlene Eifler, Arlene Hoffman, Ruth Wachner, who twirled as sophomores

Many athletes have won various honors at Nilehi, but the highest honor of all is to be voted the most valuable player. What were some of the most valuable basketball players noted for? Well, here are a few comments about former Nilehi basketball players who were voted the Most Valuable Player award, which were made by Mr. Robert Mackey, varsity basketball coach.

1938-39 — RICHARD EBY, a guard, averaged 17 points a game in 1939 and was the most valuable player for two years.

1940 — EDWARD BOYK, a forward, averaged 20 points a game and was called "hotshot" by the coaches.

1942 — ROBERT PODRAZA, a forward was noted for his deadly accuracy.

1943 — ROBERT GLATZ, a forward, was also an excellent shot.

1944 — CHARLES LEIBRANDT, a center, was a member of the first Nilehi Northeast Conference basketball champs, which proved he was a fine basketball player.

1945 — ARTHUR ANDERSON, a guard, was called "automatic." Art was also a member of the 1944-45 Northeast Conference championship team, which won the Waukegan regional tournament.

1946 — JOHN LANE, a center, averaged around 20 points a game. He is now attending Illinois Wesleyan College.

1947 — FRANK WILLIAMS, a center and brother of the 1941 most valuable player winner, played on the varsity squad in his sophomore year.

1948 — HOWARD SIEGEL, a forward, was a member of the 1947-1948 Northeast championship team. Howie is now attending Eastern Illinois State Teachers College.

1949 — EDWARD BEEBE, a forward, started slow but developed into a fine player. Ed is a freshman at De Pauw University.

Mr. James Phipps and Mr. Leo Hoosline have been keeping in shape by playing basketball for Dick Longtin's Sports Huddle in the Niles Township basketball league.

Other teams in the league are the Skokie Lanes, Nor-enacs, Biegert's, Morton Grove Lion's Club, and Niles.

last year, have twirled at football games. There were 12 additional twirlers at the homecoming game October 28. The plan is to have 16 twirlers at every basketball game according to Mr. Clifford Collins bandmaster.

There is a class of 16 new twirlers who have signed up for lessons on Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the girls gym. A nationally known instructor, Mr. Robert Abbot, will have charge of this class.