

# NILEHILITE

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## Breakfast, Practise, Then Diplomas End Seniors' High-school Life

June 12 is the last active school day for the class of '47. Four years ago most of the students entered the doors of Nilehi thinking they would be there practically a life time. Before they know what happens they will be solemnly standing on the school stage getting their diplomas.

The last class reunion will be a class breakfast in the school cafeteria. This year Miss Jean Small and her committee made all the plans for table decorations, seating, the program, and speakers. Bob Farr will act as toastmaster.

After a breakfast of scrambled eggs, ham, rolls, bread and butter, coffee or milk, and grapefruit and orange juice, Miss Helen Hughes, Mr. Ronald Van-Arsdale, Miss Clara Klaus, Mr. Clifford Collins, Mr. John Wilkins, Mr. Harold Isaacson, Mr. Harold Ohlson, and Miss Margaret deBooy will present awards to the deserving students. Dr. Biehn will be included among the speakers.

The class Will and Prophecy, written by Paul Reiland, Herb Knapp, Shirley Baumhardt, Evelyn Windmeier, and Alma Patzke, will be read by Jim Todd and Gene Lewis respectively as part of the breakfast program. Adviser was Miss Doris Tillmann.

As part of the entertainment the senior sextet will sing. Mr. Marvin Ihne and Miss Marjorie Ronalds will act as guests along with the other senior home-room teachers.

Twenty-six girls will start serving at 9 o'clock.

After the big feast the seniors will retire to the gym to practice for the big night—graduation.

The same night they will come back at 8:15 to receive their diplomas. This year the program is different from those of previous years. It is divided into three activities: music, student activity, and adult activity.

The music is supplied by the school orchestra and choir and senior sextet.

The student activity consists of speeches shared by Robert Farr, Betty Jerger, and Linda Larson. Candidates for the valedictory speech are Linda Larson and Betty Jerger.

This year something different has been done about having an outside speaker. The class will have a class mother and a class father. They will be Mrs. Henry P. Wetmore and Mr. Forrest Lewis, parents of two of the graduates.

Mr. Ohlson will award the scholarships and attendance awards and Dr. Biehn will give a presentation of the senior class, followed by the awarding of the diplomas by Miss Mildred Tess, president of the Board of Education.

The commencement activities were planned by students and teachers. Chairman of the breakfast committee was Miss Small; of the Program for graduation

## Add 22 New Members To Honor Society

In an impressive ceremony held in the Nilehi gym on May 9, 22 new members were welcomed into the National Honor Society by its former members. This organization, a tradition at Nilehi, consists of the upper 10 per cent in scholarship among the junior and senior classes.

The seven girls and four boys presented the new members with red roses and scrolls. Character, scholarship, leadership, and service, the ideals of the National Honor Society, were represented by the former members of the society.

These students took the oath and thus pledged themselves to the ideals of the society: seniors—Betty Jerger, Margaret Donavan, Janet Larson, Jane Sparkman, Marilyn Gustafson, Nadine Kodani, Bernice Kozak; juniors—Bill Bierbaum, Don Biehn, Don Christensen, Mary McNamara, Hilda Boneguro, Patricia Carlson, Janet Johnson, Elsa Tamminga, Pat Hartung, Jackie Keesey, and Bill Wokoun.

## Hope for June 10 Yearbook Delivery

Every Nilehi student 20 years from now, if he or she has been wise enough to preserve it, will turn the leaves of the 1947 Reflections with pride and fond reminiscence.

This year's edition is now in preparation and the general staff, under the direction of Mr. Paul Eberhardt, hope to have it out by June 10.

Nancy Hall, editor, and Bonnie Webster, associate editor, have been working with Marilyn Smith, copy editor; Mary Helen Miller, photography editor; Don Christensen, sports editor; Pat Olson and Florence Miethke, staff members, to make the 1947 Yearbook worth waiting for. It's all up to the printer and the binder now!

man of the breakfast committee was Miss Night, Miss Theresa Kranz; seating and staging chairman, Mr. Lester Galitz; and cap and gown and announcement, Mr. Ohlson.

## Commencement: The Beginning of What?

By Betty Fortman

*"Lives of great men all remind us  
We can make our lives sublime,  
And, departing, leave behind us  
Footprints on the sands of time—"*

Another graduating class-rows of solemn students receiving their diplomas, and singing the last hymn, and soon it's all over but the congratulations.

Commencement: the beginning of what?

We can't help wondering if everyone on graduation day is filled with the doubts and uncertainties that we feel at this time. What have we to offer? Will the class of 1947 leave their "footprints on the sands of time?" Our high-school days are over—what next? Can we make the able executives, laborers, mothers and fathers of the future? What do we want from life? Happiness—success?

The teachers at Nilehi have endeavored to instill in us such qualities as honor, sportmanship, courtesy, and initiative while we studied our history and mathematics and all the rest.

Our high-school days are over, but our education does not stop there, for we are constantly learning. And as long as we have these basics and practice them, Niles Township High School will have done its job well.

*"Let us, then, be up and doing,  
With a heart for any fate;  
Still achieving, still pursuing,  
Learn to labour and to wait."*

— Longfellow

## 'Schaef' Awards Pins At Bowling Banquet

On May 15 the first bowling league banquet in the history of Niles Township High school was held at the Tally Ho Tea Room in Park Ridge. Here entertainment was given and the winners were awarded their pins.

Miss Mildred Schaefer presented awards of the Monday league. First, second and third place went to teams 11, 16, and 14 respectively. Awards for Wednesday league went to teams 3, 13, and 16.

High game medal awards went to Phyllis Ambler whose high game was 200. High series medal was presented to Polly Wettengel with a high series of 475.

The boys of the Monday and Wednesday bowling leagues were combined and the boys who had the best attendance were awarded buttons.

First place was awarded to August Ziehlke with 72 games to his credit, second Dick Fuhr, 51; third, "Bubs" Bailey, 50; fourth, Bill Van Horne, 48; and Hal Sivertsen, 42.

High-game medal went to Hal Sivertsen, whose high game was 222. High-series medal went to Dick Fuhr with a series of 546.

## Teens Tell Adults What Is Wrong

By June Pence

For once the teen-agers expressed their ideas to the adults.

The Chicago Daily News Keen Teens for the past year and a half have been interviewing celebrities who are visiting Chicago. But May 19 and 26 the "teens" were quizzed!

Several juvenile authorities of Chicago met with the Keen Teens May 19 to discuss problems of racial tolerance, teen-age allowance, and youth centers. Summarizing the answers to the question: What's wrong with the youth centers? the answer is "too much adult help." Also there is a tendency to make the kids feel that they are delinquents, the "Keen Teens" said.

The Keen Teens invited their parents to a discussion at the Daily News Building last May 26.

Much of this time was spent trying to set a deadline for the teens to "hit the hay." It was finally decided that no special time can be set for week-ends or school nights. The "teens" believe it depends upon the individual (amount of sleep he needs and amount of home work). On week-ends it depends upon the place to which you go.

## Were You a 'Joe Dumb' At the Junior Prom?

By Lyle Dye

He huddles in a corner and shudders everytime some mean soul mentions the Prom. He wonders if life is really worth living or if he should take his slide rule and plunge it into his heart—ending it all. You see, Joe Dumb really enjoyed himself at the Prom last week, and it's certainly a night he'll always remember but he made a few little mistakes that simply made the evening "unforgettable."

1. He brought Rosie (his date) red roses for her dress. "So what?" you say. So Rosie wore a pink formal!

2. Gallantly escorting Rosie onto the "L", Joe tripped over his father's rather long overcoat and tore a hole in the knee of his pants. (By the way, Joe rented his suit.)

3. Arriving at the dance, Joe was rather embarrassed to find he was the only fellow wearing brown shoes. (We heard him comment later, "Golly, why don't people tell me these things?")

4. Leaving the dance early and breaking his neck (almost) to catch the 12:00 Skokie "L", Joe's wildest dreams were crushed when he found the Prince Castle had closed a mere 15 minutes before he and Rosie arrived.

5. Walking Rosie home, Joe again hid his face in shame when he stepped on Rosie's dress and made her ask for his father's long overcoat to wear to cover the rather revealing hole in her dress.

## Math, Meat, Ball, Is Bierbaum Way

By Marion Carlson

Well, well! We might have a cannibal in our midst! When asked what his favorite food was he replied, "Any form of meat." We're talking about Bob Bierbaum, senior from homeroom 101. He's 5 feet 11 inches tall, has black hair and blue eyes. At the present time his favorite song is "April Showers." (Do you pick a new one every month, Bob?)

The subjects he likes best are math and science.

In answer to the question, "What is your nickname?" Bob replied, "Well, what do you think, with a name like Bierbaum?" (Cheer up, Bob, there are lots worse!)

Bob's favorite sport is baseball. He started playing it in grade school, which, by the way, was Golf. This is his fourth year of baseball in high school. The awards he has won are the frosh shield, minor letter (second year) and major letter (third year). Bob thinks there is no other sport as intriguing and interesting as baseball, and he never wants to stop playing it.

When asked for his opinion on girls, his reply was, "I think girls are O.K., and I've found nothing wrong with them yet." (No pushing, "gals," the line forms to the right.)

Bob has no particular ambition in life, but would just like to have a nice job

In addition to being a top-notch baseball player, Bob is also a member of the National Honor Society.

## Latin Newspaper Is Nilehilite Competition

Extra! Extra! Get your copies while they last! We mean copies of the Tuba Troiana, the Nilehilite's newest competitor—among the Latin classes. The Tuba Troiana (Trojan Trumpet) is a semi-monthly newspaper put out by the second-year Latin classes under the supervision of Mrs. Dorothy Hind, Latin teacher.

This free-distribution paper, which is written entirely in Latin, "rolled off the presses" for the first time on April 25, and the next issue appeared May 9.

Some of the features of the first edition were a crossword puzzle and news items which the Latin classes were currently studying. The songs of the month were "What Do They Do on a Rainy Night in Gaul?" and "How are Things in Glocca-Mora?"

Jeanne Day and Ralph Smith were the official "Por Mensis" or "pair of the month." At the very top of the page was an illustration by Frances Monahan of a Roman soldier blowing a trumpet.

Gerry Seltzer is editor-in-chief of the "Tuba Troiana", and Mary Musson and Ann Morrison are literary critics.

## Mary Musson Wins State Latin Meet

When Colonel and Mrs. Kenneth Musson return home from China, where they have been for the winter, they will have many interesting things to tell their daughter Mary. But, she will have something to tell them, too!

Mary, a Nilehi sophomore, won the state Latin contest May 3 at Northwestern University. The two and one-half contest, sponsored by the Junior Classical League of Illinois, was taken by about 66 Latin students from all parts of the state.

Mary first went to the district meet where she took top honors. At the sectional contest she also made the top score. Thus she was qualified to enter the state contest.

If Mary had been a fourth-year Latin student and had won, she would have received a scholarship to one of six universities. As it was, she won a gold medal.

## SHORT CUTS

Lyle Dye, junior at Nilehi, has just been accepted by the National Institute for High School Students at Northwestern University in the Speech Division.

Lyle really had to get a lot of things together besides his application which was secured in the first place by Miss Helen Hughes, dramatics teacher. He had to write a 300-word autobiography, get five letters of recommendation, a health certificate, a picture of himself, and last of all, his entire list of grades had to be sent in by the office.

After measuring up to all this, Lyle was sent a letter of acceptance for the five-week course of speech and dramatics this summer.

Pat Hartung and Pat Carlson, juniors, will start their summer vacation by spending a week at MacMurray College in Jacksonville, Illinois.

The American Legion Auxiliary of Skokie and Morton Grove are sponsoring and paying the expenses of the two girls in the seventh annual Illini Girls' State Meet at the college. This is a mythical state patterned after the State of Illinois and following Illinois governmental procedure as closely as possible.

A Fine Arts Assembly was held May 16 to give credit to the students at Nilehi whose special abilities otherwise would go unrecognized.

Louis Kettel was the master of ceremonies and introduced Mr. Ronald Van Arsdale, public speaking; Mr. Clifford Collins, instrumental music; Miss Helen Hughes, dramatics; and Miss Clara Klaus, choral music. These teachers presented major and minor awards to deserving students.

## Why Get Sentimental At a Time like This?

By Dolores Wells

There I go, watching the clock again. I'd better stop day-dreaming or I'll never get that story written for the Nilehilite—my last story for the Nilehilite.

No more rushing to get last-minute stories. No more dashing down to the print shop to make sure the headlines fit. No more wracking my brain for new ideas. No more worrying about whether we left out something we should have printed or printed something we should have left out. No more—What a happy thought!

It was kinda nice seeing in print the stories we wrote. There's something about a "by-line" over that story you worked so hard to write that—but why am I getting sentimental now? All seniors should be happy. After all, we're graduating! We're leaving Nilehi after four long years. Well, maybe they weren't so long. It does seem a short time ago, that day when we first heard the familiar first-period gong.

I was "scared stiff"! Such a huge building and all those big upperclass-

Then there was G.A.A. initiation, really "rough" in those days, but we didn't mind, not really. That was the year they held the first "Jean Jump" and there was the Hayride and "Hobo Day" and—but why talk about it now? That's all

## Poll Reveals Gals Prefer Foreign Men

By Cathy Thompson and Carol Krause

"Is he from Evanston, Taft or New Trier? Or is he only a goon from here?"

This is a result of a recent poll taken by two members of the Nilehilite staff. They found that there are many girls at Nilehi, who date 'fellas' from other schools in preference to "local talent."

Evanston is first with 28 and New Trier running a close second with 22. Other schools represented are Taft, 19; Senn, 6; Maine, 6; Sullivan, 5; Schurz, 3.

Carbondale, Waupaca, Wis., Hinsdale, Cheshire Academy, in Cheshire Connecticut, Newhall High in Iowa, Boomfield, in New Jersey, De Paul in Minnesota, and "Alibie's School of Fine Arts" and "Lower Slobbovia."

What's wrong with Nilehi fellows?

That old saying does make sense, "The grass always seems greener on the other side of the fence!"

over; remember, we're leaving.

Yes sir, we're done! No more homework or detentions or tests; we're leaving. Of course it isn't as though we were leaving forever and couldn't come back for basketball games and plays and things. Guess it won't be exactly the same, as though we were really part of it, but—

No more freezing in the bleachers at football games. Hurray! The lighted field was nice though. Remember the thrill of seeing our team win a "close" game and heading for "Cooley's" in somebody's jalopy, with the gang to celebrate. Of course we're through with that "kid-stuff!"

No more long monotonous play rehearsals. No more memorizing lines or fussing with messy greasepaint. What a relief! Of course when the curtain went up and we saw the audience out there—but why get sentimental at a time like this?

Hello. No I'm not studying; sit down. You're a freshman, aren't you—pardon me, a sophomore now!

Yes, I'm graduating. Naturally I'm glad to get out! No more exams or homework or—anything.

What's that? Thanks, I could use a handkerchief. Guess it must be hayfever; my eyes keep watering. I'd better get back to work. I'm writing a story for the "Nilehilite." My last story.

## What Happens Here Before 8:20 Bell?

by Milly Zavrel

Wouldn't you just love to know what goes on in school before the 8:20 bell rings? Nine out of ten Nilehi students get here two seconds before class time, but what about the others? Well, for the past few mornings I've been walking through the halls in the "wee-hours" and here are just a few of the things I've observed:

Every day Ellie Bomark has to beat her way to the locker because neatly seated around it are the same fellows day after day.

As I started to go by the office I whipped past Pat Freeding and Red Williams sitting on the stairs leading down to the cafeteria taking up where they left off at 3:11 yesterday.

Showered with pencils, erasers, books, and anything else that's handy, from the group of boys hanging over the balcony, I started for the second floor.

Running into home room 210 was George Pasek to finish his chemistry, and right behind him was Evie Windmeier to finish her chemistry also, but I can't quite see it.

On either end of the second floor you'll find two groups of fellows sitting on the window ledges. "Rain or Shine" they'll be there.

## School Daze

By Herb Knapp

As a condemned man walks his "last mile" so will 200 seniors march up to the assembly stage on June 6, to receive their diplomas. The moment that the seniors have longed for during the past four years has arrived—Graduation!

This column is dedicated to the problem of "How to Behave at Graduation." First put on the front that you're extremely joyous over the occasion and you can't wait.

Don't act like a kid when you receive your "sheepskin." Your mind will probably be going back over the events of this past year. Uno Larson's "Comoe" cheer, standing in the rain at the snake dance, "Horton for Boehning," or a basketball player being fouled out of a game. Perhaps it will be of your last few fleeting moments on the campus. The Senior Breakfast, where you tried to eat, talk to everyone, show off your new clothes or a wrist-watch; or maybe you'll be thinking about the embarrassing position your name appeared in, on the senior will.

Then as you remorsefully sing "Nilehi" for the six-thousandth and final time, keep looking straight ahead. Your neighbor may have the sniffles from a late spring cold (?)

Remember not to have your tassle hanging over your eye in a Veronica Fake style, and no matter how much your gown itches—don't squirm around during the speech making.

Whatever you do don't detour in the least from your objective in life. If you want to be an inventor and invent a cactus sandwich so that you can eat and pick your teeth at the same time—go ahead. Or if you are musically inclined, go ahead and compose. You may even write a song like the one about the Iroquois hitch-hiker called "Indian Thumber."

As this is my last story for the Nilehilite, it brings to mind some of the few I've written. I once wrote a story so terrible that Mr. Eberhardt had to rewrite it before he threw it away! And now I feel it's time Jeff Douglas, Gertrude Gink, and yours truly packed up their pen and ink so—

To the school daze column we must bid adieu,

I hope it's brought you a chuckle or two.

# 1946-47 Trojan Athletic Teams Prove to Have Successful Year

By Bill Comstock

The last of the baseball games and track meets are now over, bringing Nilehi athletics of 1946-47 to a close.

There were some disappointments for our athletic teams this year, but as a whole, this season brought the highest degree of success that our school has ever enjoyed.

In football our school's teams lost only two games. The varsity finished higher up in the Conference than ever before, and the freshmen went through the season to become the first frosh team in school history to have an undefeated season.

Cross-country also got a new start this year after the war lay-off. The highlight of their season was a triangular meet, which they won from Proviso and Evanston.

The swimming teams had 12 meets, taking on some very tough competition.

## Trojan Baseballers Win Conference Championship

By winning the Northeast conference championship for the second year in a row, the Nilehi Trojan baseball team concluded a successful season. The Trojans won seven conference games while losing none.

Bob Bierbaum, Trojan shortstop, led the Trojan hitters with a blistering .381 average. Uno Larson was runner-up with a neat .372 average.

Don Biehn was the leading Trojan pitcher with a record of five wins and no losses. Dick Rattray and Dick Eichelberg each won one game and lost none.

The Trojan's closest game was against Leyden, whom they beat 6 to 5 in extra innings. Woodstock was their easiest victim as they ran up an 18 to 5 count.

Lester Galitz should receive a lot of credit for coaching this fine team.

## '47 Varsity Gridders Play Six Night Games

The Nilehi Varsity football team will play a total of six night games under the arc lights during their 1947 schedule.

Five of these will be played on our home field, the sixth night game will be played at Woodstock, according to Harold Isaacson, Nilehi football coach.

Varsity and Frosh Soph teams managed to win four and three meets respectively, while setting many new school records.

Basketball was one of the school's big disappointments this year. The varsity got off to a bad start by losing several games by one point. The Jay Vee's got off to a slow start, but played some good ball at the end of the season. The Frosh were the only basketball team in the school who were able to win half their games. They finished up with a five and four record.

Spring brought the gold and blue of Nilehi to the top rung of the ladder of success. The baseball and track teams both took top honors in the Conference. The trackmen preceded their conference title with a victory in the Palatine Relays. Our golf team also had a highly successful season, and for the first time, a Trojan golfer placed in the state. He was Bob Dombrowski, who was second in this field.

## Muscle Maids

By Caroline Gylden

Well, it finally happened. Yes, after after four long years of waiting, it finally happened. "Schaefer" went in swimming, and can she swim!

The senior "fifth-sixth" swimming class finally convinced Miss Schaefer she ought to go in. Before "Schaefer" started, everyone gathered around, some wrapped in towels, some 'half and half,' and the speedy ones all dressed.

"Schaefer" started the exhibition with a super-duper racing dive, as everyone who saw it described it. Following this, she did a short ballet consisting of ballet legs, surface dives, side stroke, breast stroke, crawl and back stroke. Now everyone can graduate knowing she has seen everything.

When asked why after 4 long years she finally decided to swim she said "I've been heckling that class for a long time and I didn't like the looks of their left eyes!"

### No More Straight Hair

No more swimming and therefore no more straight hair. Today was the last day for all make-up swims and regular swims. Tell me now, it wasn't so bad, was it? We did have fun, didn't we?

## Ache of the News

By Ward's Arch

This will probably be the last issue of *The Ache of the News*; whether it will be continued next year is up to next year's sports editor...*The Ache* wishes to thank all of its contributors and especially Herb Knapp, who kept the column alive in its infancy with his choice jokes and stories...Although it wasn't an original column (with apologies to Arch Ward of *The Tribune*) *The Ache* seemed to go over big with the students.

### Pet Peeves

Exams, brother, that's all!  
—The Joker

Fast boys in a slow car  
— Gertrude Gink

### A Fadin' Maiden

Down in the kitchen a maiden fair,  
Out of the hash is picking her hair.  
— T. W. Jackson

### Dizzynitions

Promise — Carol Holmberg  
— The Joker

Lovely — What Eva Lou does  
— Stan Hoppidity

Yule-tide — To lend (loan me a Fiver and Yule-tide me over)  
— Jeff Douglas

### Infamous Last Words

"Oh, there are never any cops by this stop sign."  
—Dapper Dan  
"With only a coupla' days left, it's all right to ditch now."  
— Porky Pig  
"But I couldn't read that small print on the bottom of this detention notice."

### Do You Remember Back When

At this time of the year we were thinking about how many more years we had before high school?  
— The Sheepish Wolf

## Trojan Golfers Finish With 5 Wins, 3 Losses

Bob Dombrowski finished the Nilehi golf season by shooting a birdie at Urbana Country Club in the state golf meet Saturday, May 24.

In summing up the golf season this year, we find that the team has won five matches and lost three. Led by Captain Dombrowski, the team took two matches from Crystal Lake and Leyden, split two with Maine, and lost two to Arlington Heights.

In the 146 holes of golf played this season, Bob Dombrowski averaged the lowest number of strokes per 18 holes with 72.3; Hank Bobowski, 81; Gene Hegarty, 85; Ken La Plant, 86; and Pete Reiland, 90.

### 1947 VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Friday	September 19	8:00 p.m.	West Chicago	Here
Friday	September 26	8:00 p.m.	Leyden	Here
Friday	October 3	3:30 p.m.	Warren	There
Friday	October 10	8:00 p.m.	Crystal Lake	Here
Friday	October 17	8:00 p.m.	Arlington	Here
Friday	October 24	8:00 p.m.	Woodstock	There
Friday	October 31	8:00 p.m.	Libertyville	Here
Friday	November 7	2:30 p.m.	Lake Forest	There