

Seasons Whirl at Reflections This Weekend

WARM SPRING DAYS will give way to a hot, balmy summertime, the colorful, windy wonderland of autumn, and the bleak white-blanketed days of winter tonight and tomorrow when "Calendar Girl," this year's Reflections Revelries, will be presented in the auditorium at 8 p. m.

The largest cast in the history of Reflections, 181 students, will perform in chorus lines, novelty acts, solos, dance and musical numbers depicting all the seasons of the year plus most of the major holidays. A special Shindig section will highlight the review, while numerous transitional acts will help bridge the time gaps. Calendar girls will welcome the months and seasons.

"A GREAT EMPHASIS has been placed on building up the wardrobe this year, and approximately \$900 has been spent to purchase elaborate costumes," asserted Mr. Alvin Schwartz, head of the Drama Department. "This is in contrast to last year's show, in which the majority of costumes were rented."

However, he went on to say that very few stage sets will be used.

According to Mr. Schwartz, the split between East and North at first affected Reflections. "There are many talented people at East, but few of them were willing to

come forward—we had to go looking for them," he said seriously.

VARIETY IS STILL a weakness in the show, he admitted, because the students do the same types of acts every year. "Shindig will help

give us the variety we need," he stated. "It should appeal to the audience—to the students more so than the adults. And," he boasted,

"ours is better than what the people see on television."

The student arranged and choreographed show has been in rehearsal for eight weeks. "It is comparable to last year's in quality, and ticket sales have been very good," Mr. Schwartz smiled assuringly.



REARDING THEMSELVES

whose work on Reflections will crystalize

for tonight's performance of Reflections Revelries, three Japanese dancing girls finish their colorful routine. These three are but a small part of the 181 students tonight at 8 p.m. in the auditorium...

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Two Boys Named James Scholars

SENIORS LAURIE BARON and Mitch Paradise were recently informed by the Director of the University of Illinois Honors Programs that they were accepted into the elite Edmund J. James Program for Superior Undergraduate Students.

The opportunities afforded for a James Scholar at the U. of I. include a special faculty honors adviser who will help these superior students gain the most appropriate programs of study.

The James Scholar may enroll in honors courses and may participate in specific honors programs in the field he chooses as his major.

HE MAY USE study rooms and lounges in the Edmund J. James Center, and he enjoys privileges such as preregistration and access to the library stacks. The James Scholar has a strong competitive advantage in applying for admission to graduate or professional schools, and in competing for fellowships such as the Woodrow Wilson, Fullbright, and other graduate awards.

On commenting about his acceptance into the James Scholar Program, Laurie said, "I feel I made it by working hard for three and one-half years."

Senior To Attend Scout Roundup

SENIOR MARY POTTER was recently named as one of the 12 delegates from the Girl Scout Council of Northwest Cook County to the National Girl Scout roundup scheduled for July at Farragut, Idaho.

According to a newsletter circulated by the Council, Mary was chosen on the basis of her girl scout career, references, and scouting experience. She will be trained to meet the specific situations she is apt to meet at the camp.

"Girl scouting is a fine experience although a lot of people consider it corny. I have always enjoyed it," said Mary.



REHEARSING for his coming recital with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra is Junior Roger Malitz.

East Soloist in Concert Recital; Appears with Chicago Symphony

HAVING PERFORMED this month as cello soloist for a Chicago Symphony Orchestra Youth Concert, Junior Roger Malitz has settled back to the routine of a Nilehi student—but only temporarily. He will repeat his performance at Orchestra Hall on February 23 and March 9.

Roger was selected as one of two

first place winners from the Chicago area.

He denies being nervous at the January audition. "No," he corrected, "I was scared to death." He spent "a long agonizing week-end" awaiting the judges' decision and finally was notified of his selection in Mr. Karl DeJonge's history class. "My mother was so excited when she found out that she called school to notify me," he explained.

DESPITE THE INTRICACIES of his selection, Boellmann's Symphonic Variations for Cello and Orchestra. Roger has rehearsed only once with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. "It only took one practice session for them to learn the music," he explained. "I do most of the practicing on my own."

How does he react to performing before a huge audience? "Most of the nervousness comes immediately before the concert," he admitted, "but I'm never entirely at ease during the program, either." But to compensate for occasional jitters,

he had his own temporary dressing room at Orchestra Hall.

Roger, whose name and picture have appeared in Chicago and suburban newspapers, admits that publicity "does kind of change you." His music teacher warned him, however, that "he'd stop teaching me if I got a swelled head about this, but I'm afraid it's too late," he laughed.

"BUT PLAYING with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra will be a tremendous door-opener for a career," he continued seriously. Roger plans to study music at the Chicago Musical College and hopes eventually to become a cello soloist. A member of the Niles East orchestra, he also will perform on NBC-TV's Artist's Showcase.

"I am not exactly sure when we are going to do the tape for the Artists' Showcase program, or it will be on the air," Roger explained. "However I am really looking forward to appearing on television."

Cars, Poise at Assemblies

ALL NILEHI BOYS will receive tips on safe driving from a veteran racing driver, and all girls will be given pointers on charm and good grooming from a charm and fashion expert at two separate special assemblies Friday, February 26.

The racing driver, who has yet to be named, will be chosen from top-ranking drivers such as Chuck Stevenson, Johnny Boyd, and Troy Ruttman.

Speakers at the girls' assembly will be Mrs. Lee Goodrich, assistant director of the Metropolitan Charm School, and Mrs. Ethel Burge, fashion editor of the "Chicago Daily News."

THE DRIVER WILL SHOW a short racing film made at the Indianapolis Speedway, illustrating the stringent safety measures enforced on the course, and then will address the assembly on the importance of mental alertness, constant courtesy, and a well-serviced car.

"Mrs. Goodrich and Mrs. Burge will emphasize the importance of making a good first impression," declared Mr. Robert Botthof, counselor. "They will also dwell on the qualities of a good personality, and tasteful dress."

"The assembly for girls is being sponsored by the Business Education Department, Home Economics Department, Girls' Physical Education Department, as well as the Guidance Department," he explained.

"IN REALITY, this assembly stemmed from a discussion between the members of these four departments," Mr. Botthof contin-

ued. "We all feel that this kind of instruction would be of benefit to the girls."

"It is hoped that the program will be of help and interest to the student body," stressed Mr. Ted Beranis of student activities. "This is a fine example of the type of programs that we would like to be able to present to the school in the future."

'Birdie' to Shake East Musical

WATCH THE BIRDIE!

Watch the spring musical, "Bye Bye Birdie," grow from an empty stage into "one of the biggest and best productions Niles has ever presented," Co-director Earle Auge stated confidently.

Mr. Auge explained why "Birdie" is of particular interest to high school students.

"The musical comedy is a tribute to the American teenage set. 'Birdie' allows the cast to poke fun at their peers with characteristic good taste."

Story 'Rocks'

"Bye Bye Birdie" is a musical spoof showing what happens when a drafted rock 'n roll singer, Conrad Birdie (Al Gerber, '65), invades a small Ohio town to bestow

"One Last Kiss" upon a Teenage Fan, Kim MacAfee (Carolyn Dowlin, '67).

Other members of the cast are Senior Andy Spores as Conrad's Manager, Albert Peterson; Sophomore Carole Propp as Albert's secretary, Rose Alvarez; and Freshman Debby Gerwitz as Albert's meddling mama, Mae.

Senior Gil Rotkin and Freshmen Shelly Kramer and Bruce Brown comprise Kim's family. Elliot Kroger, '67, has the part of Kim's shy but jealous boyfriend, Hugo, and Ursula Merkle, Kim's giddy best friend, is played by Elaine Gallis, '68.

The most recent musical ever to be produced at Niles, "Bye Bye Birdie" will be presented in the school auditorium on April 9 and

10, almost five years to the day after the musical first bowed on Broadway.

Sets To Revolve

"Several technical innovations will be used in 'Birdie,'" explained Junior Tom Gordon, co-student director. "Scenes will change right before the audience's eyes, and a revolving stage will be used for several scenes."

Other members of the production staff are Miss Virginia Stemp, co-director, and Mr. Richard Tendick, technical director. Mr. David Burgett, Industrial Arts Department chairman, is supervising the building of a shadow box to be used in the "Telephone Hour" scene.

Junior Barb Ferguson is co-student director, and crew coordinator is Junior Kitty Wanaski.

Out Prom at Last

THE NILES EAST SCHOOL BOARD, acting on the recommendation of Dr. Clyde Parker, has approved a proposal allowing Niles students to hold their prom out of school this year. The NILEHILITE commends the East Junior Cabinet for its hard work, but feels that students should be aware that with this privilege comes added responsibility.

Last year's prom was plagued by the same "disease" that seems to have an unbreakable grip on Niles—paltry attendance. If this year's prom is not an improvement over last year's, it is quite possible that the prom will never be held outside the school again. After all, why go to the trouble of holding an affair at a loop hotel, if only a fraction of the students attend?

THE BEHAVIOR OF STUDENTS both to and from the prom itself is of utmost importance. Certainly, the School Board would reconsider having the prom out of school next year if students fail to accept their responsibilities. Thus, the administration plans to have the prom fully chaperoned, to have students sign-in when entering and leaving the prom, and to prohibit students from returning once they have originally left. The NILEHILITE feels these precautions are completely justified.

In a sense, this year's prom will be a test or experiment for future years. If students demonstrate that they are mature enough to accept the added responsibilities, it is likely that the prom will be held out of school again. If not, next year's Junior Cabinet will have little to stand on when it asks for this same special privilege.

The NILEHILITE, though, views the prom optimistically. Since this is the first year in several years that East students have been granted this permission, everyone surely realizes the importance of mature judgment.

UFD Everyone's Duty

EVERY YEAR STUDENTS of Nilehi East are given an opportunity to contribute to charity during the United Fund Drive. Last year the amount collected fell far short of the goal set by Council. Although very little comment was made after the drive last year, the NILEHILITE is sure that the student body was disappointed with the results.

This year the goal for the UFD is approximately \$2,000 or \$1 a student. To raise the money, Council is sponsoring the traditional fund raising breakfasts, will sell beanies, and will allow students to contribute directly. Hopefully, the present plans will be sufficient to raise the estimated amount, but the only way the drive can be successful is for students to take upon themselves the duty of raising the money.

ACTUALLY, CONTRIBUTING to the UFD should not be considered something beyond what is normally expected of a student nor as a handout to the poor. Rather, giving to charity is a responsibility that we have as young adults in a well-to-do community and as American citizens. Falling short of the goal would be an indication that we have ignored the religious and civic leaders of the community and our own personal feelings of human compassion.

The NILEHILITE, though, believes that students will be benevolent and will reach the goal.

Billboard

A Letter to Mac

by Bill Nigut

TO: Secretary of Defense Robert MacNamara

Dear Mr. MacNamara,

As an American, I have always tried to fulfill my patriotic duties to my country. I think I have acted in the past properly regarding service for the United States. During the 1958 recession, I spent more money than I normally would have during a normal economic period; during the Cuban crisis, I smoked only AMERICAN tobacco; when Eisenhower said that we did not have a U-2 plane, I wrote to my cousins in Minsk telling them that I was right and that they should convince the Russian government; when the steel workers went on strike, I refused to wrap my sandwiches in tin foil; and when Johnson announced that many Americans were living in dire poverty, I stopped sending my shirts to the laundry for a week.

YOU CAN SEE that I have been a true patriot. But recently things have gotten out of hand. Just what is going on in Viet Nam? When we

first sent troops in several years ago, I accepted it. I figured, "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you." When the first American was killed there and we didn't do anything to retaliate, I felt, "Turn the other cheek, and love thy neighbor," and I shrugged it off.

But last Thursday night while I was watching "Peyton Place," right in the middle of the show, at the most important point, an announcer broke in and said, "We switch to Washington for a special announcement concerning the Viet Nam crisis." And just like that, "Peyton Place" was off. Well, you can probably imagine how burned up I was. I mean, I missed the whole rest of the show while this somber announcer in Washington spouted off how American planes had just bombed North Viet Nam bases.

WELL, LET ME TELL YOU, Mr. MacNamara, the people of the United States will go only so far in making sacrifices in order to avert the carnage of the next possible

war. I hope that in the future you will realize that we can take only so much.

Thank God that the announcement didn't come one night earlier during "Shindig."

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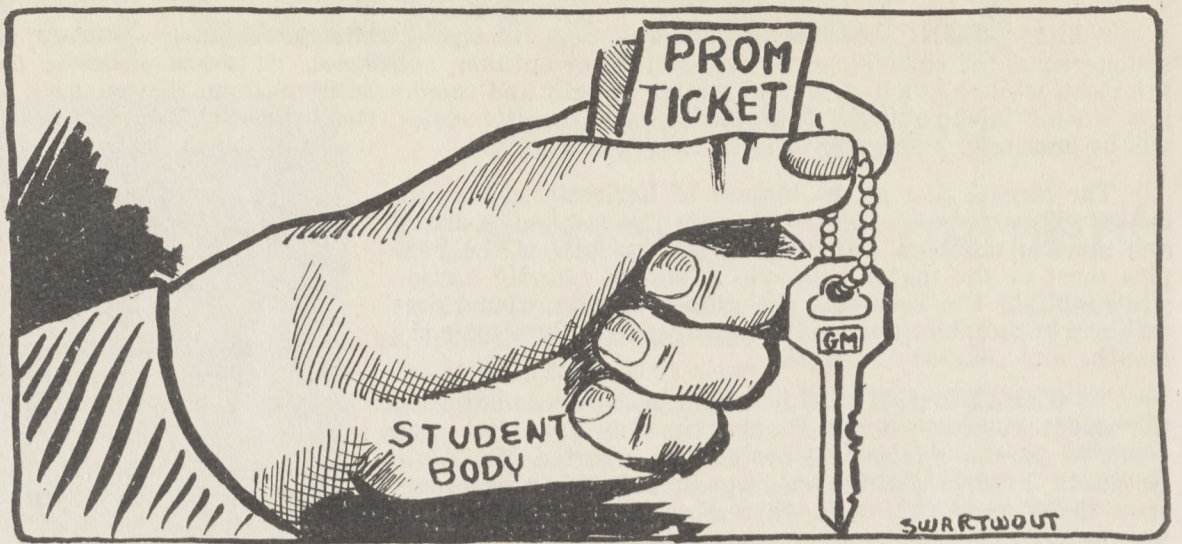
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The Keys to Responsibility



Big Tests No Problem For Niles Scholars

FIGURES COMPILED BY Dr. Arthur Ryden, director of guidance and testing, prove conclusively that the general level of instruction at Niles Township is considerably higher than in most school districts.

The most complete measure of the general level of intelligence at a school is the median IQ. At Niles (all three schools) this figure is 112, which is noticeably higher than the average of 100. The scores on college entrance examinations also show a significant difference between Niles and the rest of the country.

On the American College Testing Program exam (ACT), the class of '64 had an average composite score of 23.8, the class of '63 had a 22.4, and the class of '62 made a 23. The national average for this test is 20.5 while the state average is 21.6. In other words, most Nilehi students scored in the 75th percentile in the nation or better! It also should be noted that the national average we are using is that of college-bound seniors, not of all seniors.

DR. RYDEN'S FIGURES ALSO indicate that boys at Niles usually score higher than the girls do. The mean score for boys on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) is 517 in the verbal section and 588 in the math section for a total of 1,105. The mean for girls, though, is 522 in the verbal and only 487 in the math for a total of 1,009.

Yet both boys and girls at Niles

score better than most college-bound seniors. The average Nilehi boy makes the 72nd percentile in the nation in both math and Eng-

icipated in the tests, 55 received advanced placement and college credit, 27 received college credit, and 14 received advanced placement or course exemption. The total number who received benefits was 96 or 69 per cent of those who took the tests.

"The results of this testing indicate conclusively the high level of

SAT (mean scores)	Verbal	Math
Niles Township Seniors	519	538
National Seniors (college-bound)	374	412
ACT (mean scores)	Comp.	
Niles Township Seniors	23.8	
National Seniors (college-bound)	20.5	

lish, and the average Nilehi girl makes the 63rd percentile in English and the 60th percentile in math. **THE RESULTS ON LAST YEAR'S** Advanced Placement Program tests (APP) are even better than those of ACT and SAT tests. Of the 139 senior students who par-

education and ability that we have at the Niles Township High Schools," said Dr. Ryden. "On the basis of this evidence, we can feel satisfied that our students will be well prepared for the careers they pursue after high school."

minority report by ken seeskin

Sniff

EITHER I'M GOING CRAZY or a surprisingly large number of boys have started to put on cologne or after-shave lotion before coming to school. They must because the halls have smelled better this year than during any other year since I've been a student.

A week ago I went to a drug store to investigate this phenomenon and find out what I was smelling. I had the druggist open one bottle of everything from Father John's Cure-All Home Remedy to Revlon's toenail polish remover for people with oily skin. After one hour of sniffing and sneezing I discovered that the smell that is permeating the halls belongs to the men's cologne known as English Leather.

The interesting fact about English Leather is that one can buy it in the form of cologne, pre-shave lotion, after-shave lotion, talcum powder, all-purpose lotion, bath soap, and roll-on deodorant. I was going to ask the druggist when English Leather toothpaste, bathroom tissue, drippy hit-and-miss spray, mouth wash, hair cream, dandruff remover, acne medication, hair restorer, and bandaids were going to come out, but was interrupted by the druggist's showing me a bottle of cologne called Sweat.

NOW I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT the smell of sweat was something to be shunned like the plague: it's the most choking, sickening, repulsive odor I know. Yet it seems that people are paying money to have the same aroma as that of the indoor track. Well, if you see after-shave lotions called Horse Manure or Peat Moss on your next trip to the drug store, don't be surprised.

I'm not suggesting by my cynical tone that people should go around smelling like cesspools, but when the water in the swimming pool smells from Bryllcreme, the towels in the locker room reek from Clearasil, and the scent of Desenex athlete's foot medication emanates from three-fourths of the books in the library, someone's going too far. And if you don't believe me about any of these smells, you either have a cold or an insensitive olfactory nerve.

Confidentially, the very paper you are reading is scented with an ancient Arabian perfume known as "akumakuaki." To test your sense of smell, put the paper up to your nose and inhale. If you can smell it, then you probably know what I've been talking about all along. If not, your NSAT (Nasal Scholastic Aptitude Test) is below 400 and not good enough to get into any sweet smelling college.



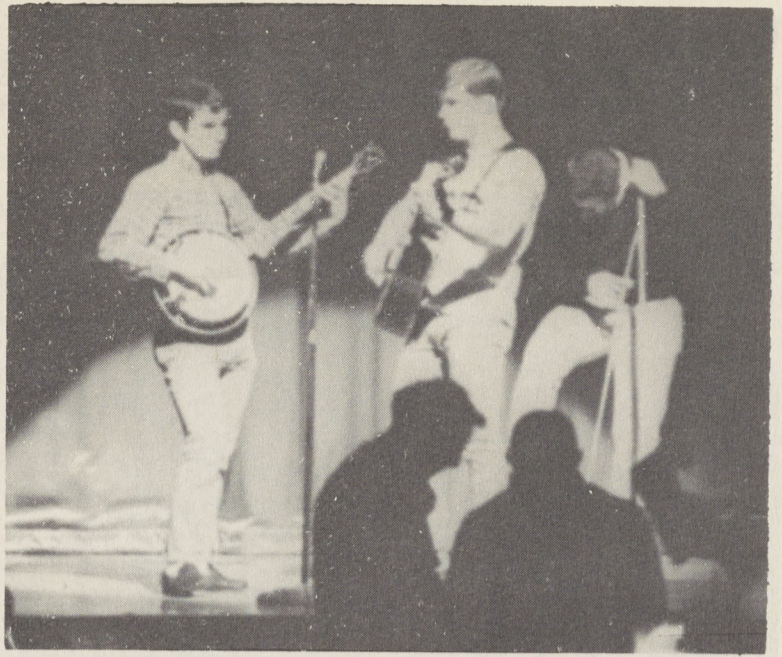
Reflections '65

Behind the scenes in busy preparation for this weekend's show, students rehearse their acts. A total of 181 students are taking part in the production.

At upper left, Seniors Andi Brainin, Donna Welstein, and Sharon Siegel iron out one of the Shindig numbers.

Foreign Exchange Student, Noriko Inoue (lower right), practices the Japanese dance that she will be performing.

At upper right, Seniors Dan Donile, Fred Poindexter, and Steve Weiss rehearse a song, while Junior Ruth Kaufman (lower right) prepares her number.



Andi, Donna Reflect Efforts

"WE'VE BEEN WORKING on the show since November!" sighed exhausted Seniors Andi Brainin and Donna Welstein, student choreographers for Reflections Revelries, which will be produced tonight and tomorrow night at 8 in the auditorium. "When we began planning the show, it seemed so far away—as though it would never arrive. But it's tonight!"

The girls could not even roughly estimate the amount of time and effort that they have put into the production.

"We've helped Mr. Schwartz with the dance auditions, and we have choreographed the opening chorus line and Shindig numbers," they said. "Plus—" Donna added, "we've tried to help some of the individual dance groups with their

acts. We've been kept pretty busy."

Add 'Sophistication'

Evaluating all of the acts in the show, "Calendar Girl," Donna feels that this year's production is more sophisticated than those in the past. "The show has a little more glamour," she believes. "Using Calendar Girls dressed in elegant costumes as background for several

of the numbers lends a sophistication to the presentation."

The show holds many memories for the duo.

"Choreographing the Shindig numbers was the most fun for me," Andi remembers. Trying to co-ordinate the frug, jerk, swim, and other popular dances into a unified number was quite a challenge!" she laughed.

"FOR ME, the most fun has been choreographing the 'By the Sea' act, an old-fashioned beach number," Donna joined in. "We have six boys in the number, and we had some trouble teaching them the steps. They simply could not master the Charleston!"

"Of course there are some acts in the show that we weren't involved with," they joked.

"There are some excellent instru-

mental and vocal numbers, including several combos and folksing groups," the two continued. "And the audience will get an extra bonus with Calendar Girls appearing throughout the show."

Talent Is Diversified

"But what we feel is really an 'extra bonus' about this year's Reflections is that a wide variety of students with diversified talents are participating," commented Andi and Donna. "Talented students who have never participated in school productions are taking part this year, and tonight and tomorrow night, when the audience views our performances, they will know that the best combined efforts of students and faculty members have made it possible."



Cub Reporters Bat 1000

by Gail Rotkin, Journalism 2

A GUILTY CONSCIENCE, a snake, and a mounting telephone bill were among the problems which confronted Journalism I students at the end of last semester as they scurried about Chicagoland in quest of celebrity interviews.

Students Meet Task

Mr. Norman Frey, journalism instructor, assigned each of his budding reporters to conduct an interview with a local or visiting celebrity. In the past, students have in-

terviewed such notables as Comedienne Phylis Diller, Mayor Richard J. Daley of Chicago, and Charles Percy, Republican gubernatorial candidate.

Teen Learns Abstinence

With lofty principles in mind, Junior Rhona Berkowitz interviewed Mrs. Ruth Tooze, national president of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, which fights to ban liquor consumption. Following the interview, Mrs. Tooze overloaded Rhona with pamphlets on abstinence.

"Ironically," Rhona says, "my

father brought home rum cookies that night. Mrs. Tooze had influenced me so much," she added, "that I actually felt guilty when I ate them."

An even more unusual situation confronted Senior Steve Greenwald when he interviewed Don Saunders, a 1953 Niles graduate. Don keeps a boa constrictor in his basement, and Steve went down to see it while Don was finishing a card game upstairs. Steve's questions and Don's answers were relayed by Don's brother Phil, a senior at Nilehi East, who stood on the basement steps during the "conversation."

Phone Bill Mounts

Sophomore Carole Propp's problem was her mounting telephone bill as she attempted to arrange an interview. Carole contacted and was turned down by Actors Dick Kallman and Sam Wanamaker, Publisher Hugh Hefner, and Columnist Ann Landers. She finally was able to arrange an interview with Edan Wright, who writes an advice-to-the-lovelorn column in the "Chicago Daily News."

Your Write To Say It

Niles Pilgrims Progress on Daily Death Defying Journey

by David Urman, English 61

THIS IS A JOURNEY not to be undertaken by the weak or faint-hearted. This is a journey upon which students have embarked without ever being heard of again. This is a journey from which none will emerge unscathed and from which only the hardest will emerge at all. Shoulder your pack, see to your provisions, bid your friends adieu, and step into the hot lunch line.

Within a few days of slow travel you pass two of the hazards for which the perilous trek is infamous: the Valley of Humiliation, in which you notice that all the freshmen have gotten into line ahead of you, and the Slough of Despond, an enormous quicksand bog, at the bottom of which lie the bodies of students who, despairing of ever reaching their destination, cast themselves into the mire to be drowned.

STILL, YOU SUMMON your waning determination and move on . . . Ah! Some pen more skillful than this must chronicle the wearisome hours of waiting . . . your fall from grace so far that you play poker with underclassmen, the desolate and God-forsaken places you must cross with no source of strength but faith in your purpose, the barehanded combat with Beelzebub in the form of a faculty supervisor, and finally the entrance through a glass partition into the caves of fire.

BUT AT LAST you emerge, replete with dishes fit for the gods as proof of your perseverance and perfect faith. An angel in pure, unsullied white garments hastens to minister to you, and a dulcet and euphonious "chink! chink" emanates from the instrument she is playing. As you move past her you hear a hymn of greeting being sung for you by the divine voices of Ron Riley and his Birds of Paradise, and tears of pure joy roll down your cheeks as you join in the hymn, ecstatic in the knowledge that you indeed have surmounted all obstacles, and dwell at last among the ineffable blessings of the Celestial Cafeteria.

Coming Up

February 19-20
Reflections Revelries 8 P.M.

February 20
ACT Testing (West)
8:15-12:30 P.M.

GAA 8th Grade Playday
8:00 A.M.

February 22
NO SCHOOL

March 4
NEDT Testing (Sophs)



Exclusive Society Announces

Neat Guy New Senior Idol

TO BE NUMBERED in the future with such Niles East institutions as Student Council and the NILEHILITE is the newly formed James K. Polk Club. Like the Tropical Fish Club, this society still is obscure, and like N-Club, its membership is exclusive, confined only to those seniors in Homeroom 235.

When asked the purpose of the James K. Polk Society, self-appointed president Ken Levitan candidly replied, "To give us another club to put in our senior activity lists for the yearbook. Everybody in the homeroom is a member, and Glen Sidon, Wayne Goodman, Ron Siegel, and Glen Solberg volunteered to be officers—but no one is quite sure what office belongs to whom," he added laughingly.

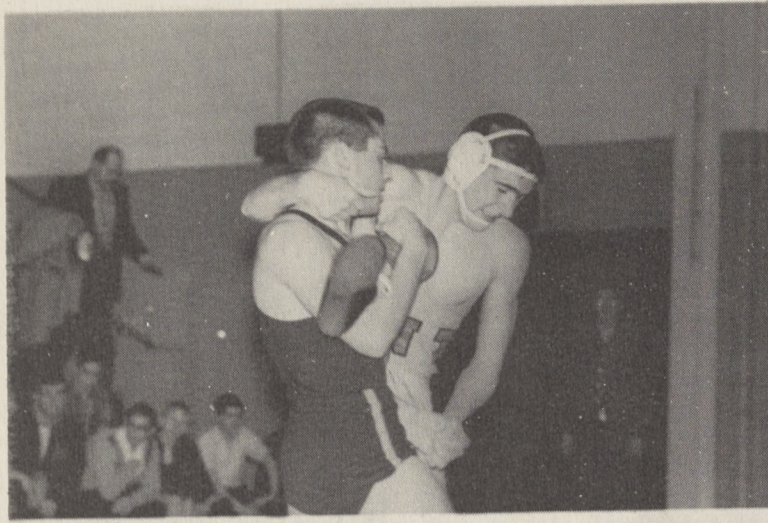
BUT PRESIDENT POLK and his proteges suffered a temporary setback when the Reflections staff refused to include any activity not recognized by the school. Not beaten yet, the officers persuaded Mr. Donn Wright to sponsor the group.

"But I don't want anyone to think that we're a do-nothing orga-

nization," Ken said with mock seriousness. "How many meetings have we had so far? Well, we had one the day before Christmas vacation, with dancing and doughnuts." He insists, however, that the fan club did discuss James K. Polk, "even though I'm the only one who knows anything about him."

"IT'S ABOUT TIME somebody appreciated what a really neat guy President Polk was," remarked Ken, tongue in cheek. Perhaps the James K. Polk Society will set a precedent at Niles East for fan clubs for underdogs. Anyone interested in forming a John Wilkes Booth or Nikita Krushchev fan club should leave his name in the NILEHILITE office . . .

Wrestlers Take 3rd in District



A TAKEDOWN against his New Trier opponent is executed by Sophomore Barry Kite. Photo by Rothmann.

TROJAN GRAPPLERS led by first place medalists Senior John Smart, at 145 pounds, Junior Ron Pontecore at 180 pounds, and Sophomore Tim Cech at 120 pounds captured third place in the State District Tournament held last week at East.

Copping second place medals were Senior Bob Machacek in the 112 pound bracket, Junior Scott Siegel in the 133 pound division, and Junior Jim DeGraffenreid at 165 pounds, while Sophomore Vic Mittleberg won a referee's decision for third place in the heavyweight class.

Smart Upsets Cook

Smart upset New Trier's Barry Cook, who finished fourth in last year's state wrestling meet, in a breathtaking duel. The match was deadlocked 3-3 with only 20 seconds left in the final period; then Smart skillfully escaped for the one point needed to win the match.

New Trier, which qualified nine wrestlers for the upcoming sectionals, wracked up 110 points for first place in the tournament. Evanston took second with 91 points and

East took third with 66 points. Niles West, Niles North, and St. George were the other participating high schools.

All wrestlers placing first or second in the district meet qualify for the sectionals being held February 19 and 20 at Mundelein High School. At the sectional meet, wrestlers from the East district will compete against the Waukegan district. The first and second place winners will go to Champaign for the Illinois State meet.

Downstate, New Trier looks like

the team to beat, while last year's state champs, Waukegan, are not especially strong.

Surprise Crowd

Smart was the real surprise in last week's district meet. He had wrestled a fair season, but had not been one of the real standouts on the team until his upset of Cook in last week's meet.

"I thought I could beat him the first time I wrestled him during the season," commented Smart. "Instead, I lost to him during the season, and beat him in the district where he should have had the psychological advantage over me."

Another welcome surprise for the Trojans was Sophomore Tim Cech's victory in his weight class. Cech has done a commendable job during his first year of varsity wrestling, and Coach Howard Byram expects much from him in the future.

East Cagers Still Looking For First SL Win

THE TROJANS ARE TRAVELING tonight to meet a formidable foe—Highland Park.

The Highland Parkers presently post a record of five wins against six losses, placing them in sixth position in the standings.

The Little Giants overcame their adversaries in two consecutive wins during the past two weeks. This broke a losing streak which dogged them during the entire season.

Giants Prove Tough

Fred Lind, Highland Park's all-state candidate, continues to be the spark which inspires the Little Giant squad. He has achieved top leadership in the Suburban League scoring column with a total of 299 points. Glenn Solberg claims the title of highest scorer on the Niles roster with a 192 point season total, which ranks him fourth in SL scoring.

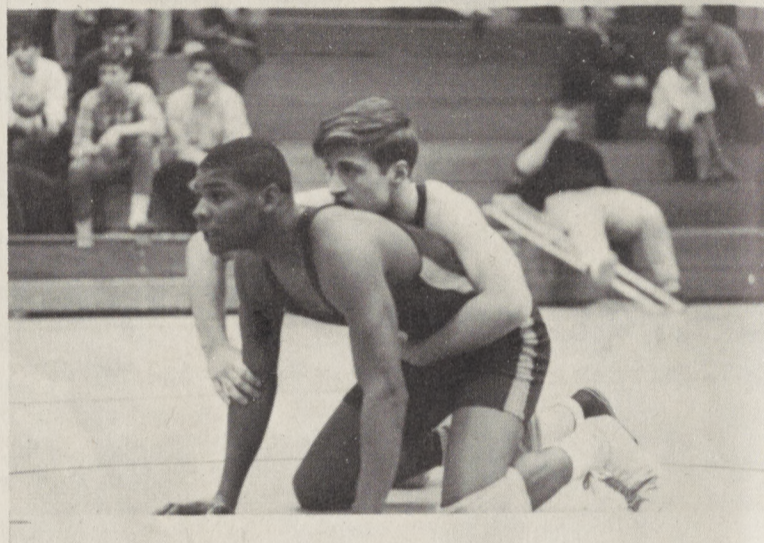
The key factors which contributed to the Little Giants' poor early season showing were the inability of the squad to break opponents' defenses and the inability of the team's guards to move the ball upcourt. However, the Parkers have high hopes for guard Tom Gmeiner, who together with six foot seven inch Lind, may insure victories in their remaining games. The Parker's first opportunity in this direction will be afforded to them tonight when they meet the stalwart Trojans in the

H. P. gymnasium.

Proviso Drops Trojans

The Trojans, in the meanwhile, continue to be the sole squad in the SL that cannot boast of a league victory during present season play. The men of Troy this past weekend fell victims to the stronger cagers hailing from Proviso East. Proviso presently ranks in fifth place in statewide competition and first in the league.

From the onset of the game, the Niles men trailed their overpowering opponents. At the conclusion of the first half, the scoreboard posted a 54 to 25 lead for Proviso.



AWAITING the referee's calling is Ron Pontecore in the state district meet. Photo by Rathmann.

Gymnasts Await Proviso; Face Tough State Meet

SPORTING AN 11-4 OVERALL RECORD and a 3-2 Suburban League mark, the Niles East varsity gymnasts will travel to Maywood tomorrow to take on the Proviso East Pirates.

Being the last league meet of the year, tomorrow's contest is a crucial one for the Trojans. The Pirates, according to head coach John Riccitelli, are strong enough to place high in the state meet in March. "If the boys hit, it will be very close; if not, Proviso will beat us by 20 points," predicted Riccitelli.

In past years our meets with Proviso have always been close. However, Niles has managed to outperform the Pirates twice in the last three years.

IN PREVIOUS ACTION, the Trojans lost to Evanston by six points, but quickly recovered by beating Morton East, Proviso West, and Oak Park, successively. The gym-

nasts lost to Arlington, though, the day after the Oak Park meet.

Now that the season is closing, the state meet is the major concern of the boys. Already Barry Slotten, Steve Alleman, John Davis, Steve Wolf, Mark Kaplan, and possibly Marc Lazar have demonstrated potential for qualifying in the state meet.

HOWEVER, NILES' chances this year for a high finish are considerably less than they were last year at this time. Instead of a possible first place finish, the Trojans will have to be satisfied with a finish in the top ten.

The state districts and finals will be held on March 6 and 13, respectively.

GAA Sponsors Playday For Eighth Grade Girls

THE NILES EAST GAA will present its annual eighth grade playday on Saturday, March 13, at 8:30 a. m. in the girls' gymnasium.

"The principal purpose of the playday is to permit eighth grade girls to come to East and Lecombe acquainted with the GAA organization, with the present GAA members, and with other girls from

Skokie junior high schools in the Niles East vicinity," explained Miss Barbara Ray, Girls' P. E. Department chairman.

Girls attending the playday program will participate in tumbling, gymnastics, swimming, basketball, volleyball, and badminton activities. The program will include entertainment provided by members of the Orchesis modern dance group.

"Usually about 250 girls participate in the program," Miss Ray pointed out. "We are always glad to see as many as possible come to the high school."

"GAA STIMULATES ATHLETIC competition among girls. The playday, it is hoped, will help stimulate a keen interest in the GAA program, as GAA members are eligible for several college scholarships," Miss Ray elaborated.

Niles East is one of more than 600 high schools in Illinois having a GAA program under the supervision of the Illinois League of High School Girls' Athletic Association.



SINKING A FREE-SHOT is Dennis Bailen, leading junior hoopster.

Swimmers 4th in SL; State Districts Next

HAVING FINISHED FOURTH in the Suburban League Swimming meet last Saturday, the Trojan tankmen are preparing for the State District meet to be held tonight at 9 p. m. and tomorrow at 2 p. m. at Niles West.

In last Saturday's League finals, the Trojans were led by Senior Marty Chalfie, who placed third in the 100 yard butterfly, and fourth in the 200 yard free-style. Helping Chalfie were Seniors John Cech, who placed sixth in diving and Jim Harrington, who was sixth in the 400 yard free style. Other placing tankmen included Sophomore Al Greene who finished sixth in the backstroke, and Don Wichert, a junior who placed in front of Harrington in the 400 free style.

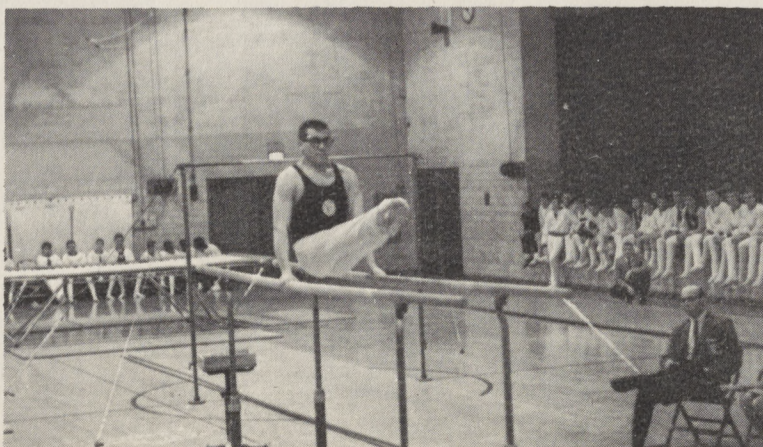
IN THE FINAL EVENTS, the Trojans finished one-half point out of third place, which they lost to Highland Park. As a result, the swimmers finish their Suburban League competition in fourth place.

Tonight the Trojans face one of the toughest district meets in the state, with most of their competition coming from top ranked Evanston High School.

Evanston, which took second in last week's Suburban Meet and is expected to place the same in state competition, is led by Senior Bill Swisher, one of the top high school swimmers in the country today. Swisher can be expected to swim in about any event, and win it.

CHALFIE IS THE TROJAN'S best prospect for state honors. He is ranked well within the top ten butterflyers in the state, and could finish fourth with luck and work.

Two weeks ago, the Trojan Frosh swimming team finished sixth in their League meet at Highland Park. The Frosh were sparked by Tom Harrington and Tom Nigut. Both boys are fine varsity prospects for next season.



JOHN DAVIS executes an L in the East-Oak Park meet.