

Four Junior Girls Hold New Positions As SSO Head Secretaries

"The girls already know their jobs backwards and forwards after only two weeks," exclaimed Senior Norm Glutzer, Head Chairman of SSO, while describing Corrie Carlington, Arlene Sager, Joanne Morris, and Barb Fogel, the new secretaries added to SSO this semester.

These four junior girls assumed positions previously occupied by seniors so that they will be experienced and well-organized for next September.

Corrie Carlington, new head clerk of SSO, described her position as "an awful lot of work, but well worth it." It is her duty to issue and okay detentions, and to take notes at the meetings of the Executive Board.

Arlene Sager is the head secretary of SSSH. It is her job to check gray passes in addition to absence records of student-supervised study halls.

Barb Fogel, head secretary of SSD, processes all lock warnings and library sheets.

Joanne Morris is the new head secretary of SSM. Her list of duties includes the processing and filing of hall warnings, pink slips, and "boner sheets." She best summed up the attitude of all of the new secretaries in saying, "Although I spend about two hours every day at my position, I feel that every minute of it is excellently apportioned."

BULLETIN!

HARRIET VERBIN is the 1963 winner of the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizens Award.

Her selection made by a Senior Class vote and a Faculty Scholarship and Awards Committee decision based on dependability, service, leadership and patriotism was announced to the NILEHILITE yesterday.

Nominees, with Harriet, selected by the Senior Class were Barbara Finder, Kathy Finn, Sue Furster, Tina Kroon, Lisa Mandel, Shelley Mandell, Judy Mehlman, Glee Miller, and Darlene Schmidt.

Destinys and Daisies Supply Entertainment at Mixer

The Destinys will supply the rhythm and the motion picture "Please Don't Eat The Daisies" will supply the comedy at this year's third Student Union Mixer, Saturday, February 9, from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Tickets will be sold at the door for 75 cents.

The highlight of the third mixer of the school year will be the initiation of Nilehi's newest N Club members, sure to provide entertainment for all those who attend.



SURE AND IT'S A GREAT DAY for Niles East when Og, the mischievous leprechaun, arrives to star in "Finian's Rainbow," this year's Spring Musical to be presented April 5 and 6 in the auditorium. Saying hello to Og are Mr. Earle Auge, musical sponsor; and Seniors Loretta Trendler and John Isaac. Tryouts for "Finian's Rainbow" will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 9, and will last all day.

Reflections '63 To Tell Story Of Disneyland

Tryouts are over and the 22 acts chosen for Reflections Revelries '63, the all-school talent show, are busily rehearsing for their March 1 and 2 performances.

"The audience will visit the four worlds of Disneyland on its opening day, when the curtain opens on 'Fact and Fancy,'" commented Miss Virginia Stemp, Reflections' director.

Seven chorus lines, seven dance numbers, and eight vocal and instrumental acts will lead the audience through the make-believe world of Fantasy Land, Frontier Land, Adventure Land, and Tomorrow Land.

"Once-A-Year Day," a freshman chorus line, will open the show and take the audience down Main St. U.S.A. The chairman is Marsha Felzer.

The other acts in order of their appearance are Vocal Solo, "Mira," Harriette Goldstein; Dance Duet, Marilyn Silton and Sande Salstone; Baton Twirling, "Telstar," Judy Holzwarth; Piano Solo, "Clair de Lune," Dale Kreis; Chorus Line, "Don't Fence Me In," chairman Bobbie Mechanic; Vocal Solo, "The Three Wives of Walt Disney," Lynn Weiss.

More numbers include Dance Solo, Gail Kozlov; Chorus Line, Sature on Walt Disney, chairman Helene Harwood; Instrumental and Vocal Duet, Susan Gordon and Donna Zee; Chorus Line, "Triplets," chairman Arlene Morishita; Chorus Line, "Davy Rocket," chairman Barb Fisher; Song and Dance Solo, "If I Only Had A Brain," Marlene Blitstein; Acrobatic Dance Solo, Linda Singer; Instrumental and Vocal Trio, Donna Orbach, Sue Sernovitz, and Linda Wolcott.

Other acts are Modern Jazz Dance, Andrea Cheszek; Chorus Line, "You're Late," chairman Harriet Verbin; Oriental Dance, Linda Singer and Raya Konrad; Vocal Novelty, Bonnie Sussman; Dance Duet, "The Hunt," Sande Salstone and Chuck Solomon; Instrumental Duet, "A Shanty In O'd Shanty Town," Larry Brenner and Shelly Plotkin; Chorus Line, "Trolley Song," chairman Ellen Levine.

Golden Galleon Accepts Entries For '63 Book

What is an American high school literary magazine?

Usually it is a collection of short English themes and stories; however, Nilehi's literary magazine, Golden Galleon, has an added attraction!

This unusual publication contains not only essays, poems, and short stories, but also features foreign language literature and illustrations.

"Galleon will be accepting manuscripts from the student body until February 20 and art work until March 13," stated Miss Jean Canning, faculty sponsor. All essays, poems, stories, and foreign language pieces should be submitted through classroom teachers.

Students whose manuscripts or drawings are published in the magazine will become members of the Golden Galleon Guild and will be initiated into the honorary society at the Guild's spring banquet.

"Everyone should feel free to contribute to Galleon," encouraged Miss Canning. "Since the class year of the student is submitted with his manuscript, there is no competition among classes.

"We would especially like to see more foreign language manuscripts this year," Miss Canning continued. "This provides a good opportunity for language students, as well as English students, to write for publication."

In addition to the written content, this year's Golden Galleon will contain several pen-and-ink sketches which will illustrate themes used in Chinese, Japanese, Siamese, and Polynesian poetry.

Students interested in drawing for the magazine should see either Miss Canning or Miss Verniel Lundquist, co-sponsors.

Smiling Faces, At Your Service



ONE BIG HAPPY FAMILY! The new SSO Head Secretaries pose with the SSO Executive Board. Top row from left to right: Senior Chuck Vetzner, SSSH head supervisor; Senior Ken Gordon, SSM head Supervisor; and Junior Joanne Morris, SSM head secretary. Middle row, left to right: Senior Rich Randel, SSD head supervisor; and Junior Arlene Sager, SSSH head secretary. Bottom row, left to right: Junior Barb Fogel, SSD head secretary; Junior Corrie Carlington, head clerk; and Senior Norm Glutzer, chairman of SSO.

Commenting on the Student Union mixers, Senior Ted Roper, Student Union Board president, said, "The turnout has been poor so far, but we are hoping for better attendance at future mixers."

The Student Union Board, sponsored by Mr. John Moshak, consists of about 25 seniors. The officers are Ted Roper, president; Bill Lorr, vice-president-treasurer; and Janet Olson, secretary. The Board plans the eight school mixers and the annual Christmas Dance.

Later this year, questionnaires may be picked up by juniors interested in a position on next year's Student Union Board. The present Board will select next year's staff.

Photographer Needed For Nilehilite Staff

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ganization with plenty of room at the top and with opportunities to work with top-flight people such as our prize-winning photographer Howard Kaste? If you answered any or all of these questions with a resounding "Yes," and are interested in working as a photographer for the NILEHILITE,

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On The Line

Drop-Outs at Nilehi

Although the problem of high school drop-outs is of primary concern to national educators, the rate at Nilehi is comparatively low. In some communities as many as 30 per cent of the students entering high school fail to graduate. At Nilehi the rate has been about 2 per cent, of which over half eventually return to school.

Nilehi's commendable record may be attributed to two basic factors. First of all, there is an excellent staff of guidance counselors with whom students may discuss their individual problems. When a student first enters high school, he is assigned a counselor who advises him through his next four years.

Secondly, there is a high community regard for education. This atmosphere may be attributed to the many college-trained professional people in Skokie, who, from their own experiences, know the value of good education. Parent interest is evidenced by attendance at school functions.

The rate of student drop-out at Nilehi is much lower for seniors than for any other class. With only one year remaining until graduation, many seniors recognize both the proximity and the value of a high school diploma. Younger students sometimes do not realize the importance of completing high school until they drop out, and when they are unable to find a job, become disillusioned and often return to school. But in the meantime, they have lost valuable time and have interrupted their program.

Nilehi East should be justly proud of its excellent record in regard to the drop-out rate, an important factor in the school's contribution toward an enlightened and informed community.

The Plague of Troy

There are several varying ideas as to why Nilehi has had losing teams in most sports during the past two years. Some people believe that there is an inadequate number of boys out for the teams. Some feel that a lack of school spirit has caused a lackadaisical attitude toward athletics. Others insist that the teams suffer because the training the athletes receive in the grammar schools could be more extensive and uniform.

No one answer to the dilemma plaguing the Trojan squads is available. Rather, it is a combination of the above reasons. However, we feel that the last reason plays the leading role.

When compared to other Suburban League schools, Nilehi comes in a poor second athletically, largely because elementary school programs leave something to be desired from the standpoint of the high schools. Almost all other S.L. schools have, for instance, some sort of tackle football program in their elementary system. New Trier's district starts football in sixth grade. Waukegan begins a well organized wrestling program in fifth grade.

Nilehi could have such a program. This is a desire of many Nilehi coaches. They feel it is much harder to start from scratch with their teams, teaching fundamentals to their players, while athletes of other schools have already received this basic training in grammar school. This is especially noticeable in football and basketball. Trojan coaches must spend much valuable time in teaching their players rudiments of the sports, which coaches at other S.L. schools need not do.

A thoroughly organized athletic program of elementary instruction in the various sports will be necessary in order to help improve the athletic condition at Nilehi East. Until then, climbing into the upper S.L. echelons will be a more difficult task.

From Our Mailbox

Dear Editor,

Although the United Fund Drive has now reached an end, and most Nilehi students have contributed generously, one student deserves special commendation.

Leslie Garland, a junior confined to home because of illness, sent a letter to the Student Council Cheer-up Committee regarding the drive. Hearing that the desired goal was \$2500, Leslie voluntarily sent \$1 as her contribution.

This act shows genuine school spirit.

Thank you,
Susi Siegal
Chairman, Cheer-up
Committee

Dear Editor,

We have experimented over the last several months with our new facilities (gym and auditorium), and have determined what seems to be the most workable solution to the problem of effective assemblies — a double-shift morning assembly.

In the future, we have scheduled assemblies for the American political advisor to the United Nations, the band, council elections, athletic awards, and sports demonstrations.

Next semester we hope to rearrange the time schedule so that half the school will be in class while the other half is in assemblies, thus avoiding classroom time loss.

Thank you,
Mr. Spatafora



"FIXED!" cried Sophomore Ken Seeskin when a balloon covered with shaving cream burst in his face at the annual Senior Class Carnival, "Panic '63," held last Saturday.

Charles H. Percy Says—

Drop-Outs Go Through Life Dropping Out

by Steve Bernstein

"If a student doesn't have guts enough to stick out four years of high school, he won't have the guts to stick out anything during his life."

These were the words of 43-year-old Charles H. Percy, chairman of the board of directors of Bell & Howell Corporation, on describing the problem existing with high school drop-outs.

Mr. Percy acquainted himself with the drop-out problem while doing research for a speech, "Education for Industry in the Years Ahead," which he gave at Cornell University in June of 1962.

"For the unprepared, the future holds only dismay and disappointment," he remarked. "Of the 4 million new jobs available each year, not more than 3 per cent will be given to those whose education and training are insufficient to cope with the world in which they live."

"Education is an essential in those who go on to college face," he added, "is that after these college problems end, the rewards are great, while drop-outs suffer all their lives because of their one mistake."

Raising the drop-out age from 16 to 18, he commented, would not serve any worthwhile purpose.

"Nothing would be gained by a student going to school against his will for the additional two years," he stressed. "The goof-offs who have no interest in school and want to quit at 16 should be allowed to do so."

Mr. Percy, the father of three, emphasized that teen-agers must want to go to school, without having to be pressured in any way.

"Some kids will continue to leave high school, no matter what is said," he sadly stated.

"The only difference between the problems which the drop-outs and

Money Talks: Education Has High Value

If you have ever considered dropping out of high school, read on—

You cannot measure the personal satisfaction and cultural benefits of education; but, the value of education in dollars and cents can be measured.

According to statistics released by the United States Census Bureau, the average lifetime income of a man with eight years of formal education is about \$130,000.

However, a man with one to three years of high school education will probably earn close to \$212,000 during his life. Furthermore, the man with a high school diploma is expected to have a lifetime income of approximately \$258,000, or about \$46,000 more than the high school drop-out.

Those who are able to attend college for four years may earn over twice as much as the drop-out (to be exact, \$435,000).

What's the point of all this? Simple. Try to get as much education as possible. Before you drop high school, think of this: your expected lifetime income increases with the amount of education you have. Aside from the cultural and personal benefits, your education has monetary value as well. Or, another way, more education equals more money.

Taking Aim



A BULLSEYE is what Junior Mel Haskell is hoping for at one of the many booths of "Panic '63."

Report Card

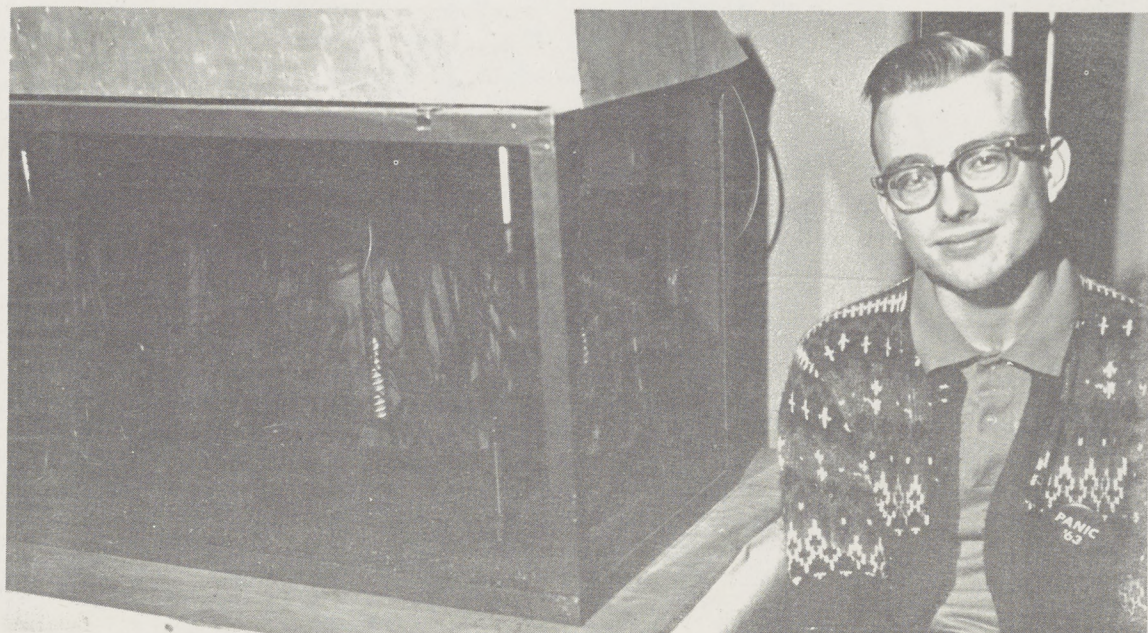
Direct Student-Faculty Mailbox

QUESTION: Are students allowed to use the small study rooms in the library?

ANSWER: If the student wishes to use one by himself, he gets an OK from one of the librarians.

If a teacher wishes two students to study together, the instructor adds a note to the library pass requesting a conference room.

Miss Mary Walker,
Librarian



WITH A FEELING of accomplishment, Senior Joe Wilson proudly displays his finished product, an aquarium made in Mr. Andrew Maggio's Metals 3 Class. The aquarium, which holds 50 gallons, took six weeks to complete, and cost Joe only \$5. The tank would retail for more than \$25.

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New Teachers Evaluate Their School, Pupils

DESERVING AN A is an exception to the rule, according to most teachers who recently finished their first semester at Niles. Instead, they feel that students are not working up to their capacity.

Mr. Anthonie Kort, a new math teacher, feels "there is an aggressive attitude toward learning which is hindered by an over-emphasis on grades."

He Likes Facilities

Mr. Kort is pleased with the facilities here.

"My desk and place to study in the Math Office are excellent, and the professional math library is helpful beyond words."

Agreeing with Mr. Kort, Miss Marilyn Levy, English instructor, says, "The emphasis at Niles is on getting A's, rather than on knowledge. There is a great potential that remains untapped."

Frosh Want To Learn

Are freshmen on the bottom of the list in willingness to learn?

Miss Levy and Mrs. Joanne Starkey, new social studies teacher, say "no."

"Generally, the freshmen are willing to discuss, whereas my sophomore students try to 'glide along,'" Miss Levy asserts.

Mrs. Starkey added that upper-classmen act bored with the knowl-

edge they have gained, but freshmen are ambitious and studious.

Mrs. Starkey's main complaint about Niles is in the teachers' lounge.

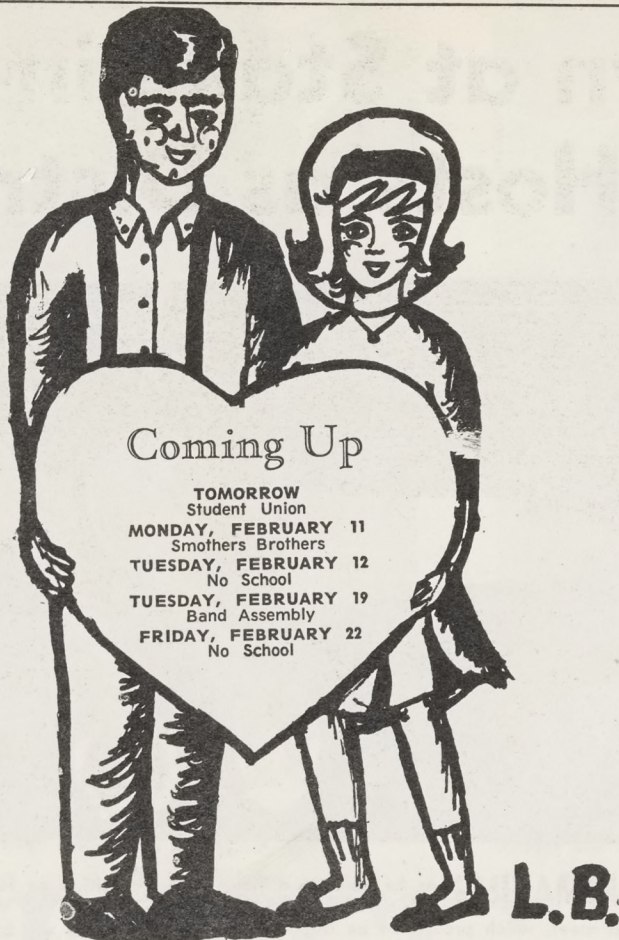
No News In Lounge

"The room is comfortable," she says, "but the only news I can get from the television is an occasional buzzing and a mass of dots."

Mr. William Henderson, driver education teacher, rates Niles as the best in the country. However, he is disappointed by the lack of school spirit.

"Niles would be twice as good if the students had more pride," he said.

A new English teacher, Mr. Richard Tendick, thinks students expect too much to come too easily. He added that because he is a bachelor, "the cafeteria food is the best," and said he eats all day!



Students Asked To Practice Skill In New Library

"LIBRARY USE IS a skill, and skill can be acquired only through practice."

Miss Irene Garrigan, Nilehi librarian, said this recently while discussing East's new, modernly equipped library.

The library consists of six sections. Off a central area housing fiction books are four non-fiction research rooms for English, science, history and the arts. The sixth section is a classroom which many teachers have scheduled regularly.

Conversation Allowed

"This research room arrangement allows students to converse softly while browsing for books, without disturbing others who are studying or doing research work," Miss Garrigan explained.

Miss Kay Taylor, a new member of the library staff, commented, "Boxes of books which couldn't be shelved in the old library are only a portion of the books we can display in the new."

Common Goal Asserted

Miss Taylor and Miss Garrigan agree that not all students take advantage of the library facilities.

"The four librarians and three desk clerks have a common goal," they asserted. "That is, to help all students so no one will ever leave the library without finding what he wanted."

According to Miss Garrigan, "One of the most important college prerequisites is a working knowledge of a library, and we would like to invite all students to come in and prepare for their future."

Students Don't Just Stand There -- They Sit

by Shelley Mandell

EVERYBODY'S DOING IT. No, not the Bossa Nova, just plain sitting. There are two classifications of sitters at Nilehi—those who definitely sit and those who seem to be doing everything but sitting.

Three examples of the latter are Topsy-Turvey, Willy-Nilly, and Harum-Scarum. Those who fall in these three categories are related because they all have a disjointed, shapeless, slovenly air about them. They sit crosslegged and sprawled over their desks, which are cluttered with books, paper, and gum wrappers.

Another type of sitter at Nilehi is Fashion Model Infatuated Fran, who looks like she just stepped out of "Seventeen" or "Vogue." To this sitter, sitting is an art, carefully planned and perfectly carried out.

Asks Herself Questions

Is her left leg placed at a 63-degree angle? Is her pencil poised, ready to take the notes she never seems to get because she's too preoccupied with achieving that "just right" effect? These are the important questions Fran asks herself as she executes her sitting.

Adding a note of humor and pathos to the atmosphere are the Snoozers. These teens don't sit, but sleep through all of Monday's classes due to hectic weekends which afforded them no sleep.

Charlie In First Seat

A bit more alert, but not much, is Charlie Cool. Charlie usually has the first seat in any row so he can stretch out his long, lanky legs. With only the middle of his back touching the chair and his legs outstretched, Charlie assumes the task of throwing spitballs into the wastepaper basket.

Last, and most annoying of all, is Gidget Fidget. Gidget calmly sits down and appears to be quite normal. But soon she crosses and uncrosses her legs, snaps her

bubble gum, thumps her nails on her desk, and constantly turns around to see what time it is.

You never noticed? Just look around you. Everybody's doing it. Just plain sitting.

The Teen Crier

PREPLINE, USA—

South African schools have no skirt length problem, reports an Indiana exchange student, because girls are required to wear skirts three to four inches above their knees with black knee socks.

No shoes were allowed at Waukegan last week when a school-sponsored sock hop featured prizes for the most original socks.

During Class Separation Week, Thornton junior and senior girls wore T-shirts, neckties, sport coats, and suspenders. Frosh and soph girls wore men's shirts and bow ties, and boy's donned earmuffs and vests. Thornton's Sadie Hawkins Day had girls opening doors and holding coats for boys, and a junior demonstrated the by-gone fad of swallowing live goldfish.

Contemporary Thought, studying the social and political ideas of the

last century, is a new course at Lyons.

Chinese is offered at Williams-town High in New Jersey.

Evanston is sponsoring a Career Week featuring occupational movies and speakers from various vocations. West Hartford, Conn. students also may attend similar conferences.

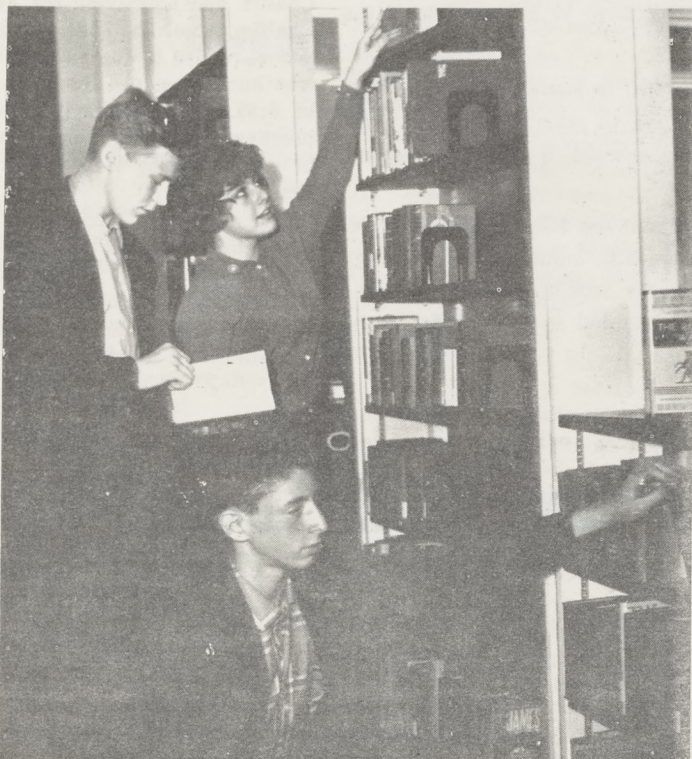
A Mather senior is the youngest member of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Chorus.

Two Beverly Hills (Calif.) High students modeled for "Seventeen" magazine.

Fairfax High students in Los Angeles are wearing peace buttons with the slogan "Down the Bomb."

And the quick thinking of a South Shore sophomore saved four children recently in a fire.

Nile - Eye - Lites



REACHING FOR KNOWLEDGE and enjoyment are Junior Nils Stangenes, Senior Eileen Libby, and Junior Stan Rossman, in Nilehi's new library.



THE LAST SALE of a Golden Galleon program at a basketball game is made by Senior Judi Elias to Senior Mike Bauer. GG no longer sells the programs because players' names and numbers are listed near the scoreboard.

Remarcs... by Marc Zwelling

IN THIS AGE OF specialization, it's not surprising to find so many different kinds of doctors. There are pediatricians (doctors who specialize in the care of babies), obstetricians (doctors who specialize in the care of mothers), and infantricians (babies who specialize in the care of doctors' mothers). I wouldn't be surprised to soon hear of a doctor with a T.N.M. degree—a doctor of teen-age medicine.

I wonder what sort of ailments the teen-agetriician would cure? He might treat cases of Freshie-Foot, a disease prevalent in one of every two freshman girls. It is easily recognized by the position of the feet when standing—both flat on the ground, yet one perpendicular to the other. The cure: promotion to the sophomore level.

The doctor of teen-age medicine will no doubt see cases of indented rib, a serious malformation caused by years of carrying books at one's side. The constant pressure on the fourth and fifth ribs scars many teens for life.

Although the specialist in teen-age diseases should be an all-around doctor, he may have to call on a dentist to cure exdentatitis, or loosening of teeth caused by chewing gum too vigorously.

A relatively simple disorder to diagnose is cafeteria affliction, caused by eating too much cafeteria food. Stomach distress is the prime symptom.

A doctor of teen-age medicine will also have to treat infrapod, a foot ailment caused by wearing the same pair of gym shoes for a great length of time. The symptoms are hot foot and curious odor. The cure: new gym shoes.

Severe inflammation of the upper arms strikes many teen-age boys. It is caused by suspension of the arms for long periods of time while combing the hair.

The field of medicine is waiting for a doctor to specialize in teen-age ailments, and so, for that matter, are all those ailing teens.

S. L. Crown at Stake in East-Wildkit Clash; Matmen Hosts as District Campaigns Open

New Trier Meet To Close Season

The Niles East Trojan grapplers will host the Illinois State District Wrestling Meet February 14th and 16th, next weekend. Six teams, including Evanston, New Trier, Highland Park, Lake Forest, Niles West, and the Trojans will battle it out. Preliminaries will be held Thursday night, while the semi-finals and finals are scheduled for Saturday.

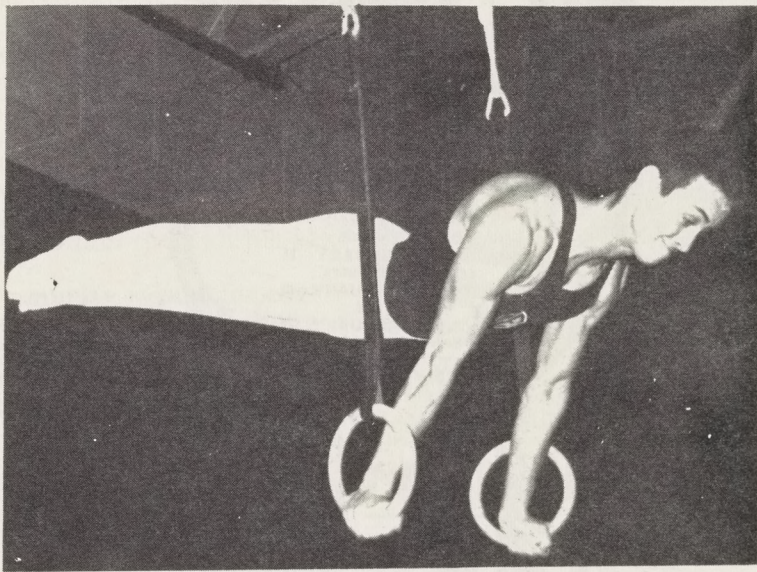
Season Closes

Tomorrow afternoon the matmen close their regular dual meet season at New Trier. The Trojans now possess a 7-4 over-all record, and a 3-3 Suburban League ledger. A victory at New Trier, in addition to doubling the number of victories over losses, will give the Nilesmen a winning S.L. mark.

Win Two of Last Three

The Trojans won two of their last three outings, all S.L. matches. Against Highland Park, the matmen won easily, 43-8, as the Trojans produced wins in almost every weight class. The following weekend the Trojans captured a 22-20 squeaker over Oak Park.

In their most recent encounter,



GRIMACING as he holds a difficult plange position on the still rings is Senior Ike Heller, performing during the Waukegan-Niles East meet, which proved to be the fourth Suburban League win for the Trojans.

the Trojans fell three points shy, as they lost 20-17, winning five matches and tying one other. Winners for the Easterners were Bob Machacek at 95 pounds, Howie Rosenbaum at 103, Jeff Isel at 138, Bob Heller at 145, and Mark Newburger at 180. Stu Richter tied 1-1 at 112 pounds.

Conditioning Program Reaping Muscular Gain

How athletes can keep physically fit in the off-season was a problem entertained by Varsity Football Coach Pat Rooney.

As a solution to this problem, Coach Rooney decided to sponsor a conditioning program for varsity athletes not out for sports in the winter season.

The result is an excellent, well-rounded program, where sophomore and junior athletes meet three times each week to weight-lift, skip rope, and do isometric contractions, a scientifically developed method of building muscle tone.

Hoopsters Battle Evanston Tonight

THE EVANSTON Wildkits visit Niles East tonight as the Trojan varsity basketball team searches for its first victory of the term.

In their first meeting, the Evanstonians emerged victorious 59-34, as Wildkit forwards Arnie Moschim and Bob Reece harried the Trojan defense, and quick-handed guard Roamy Taylor put on a one-man defensive spectacle.

Current Suburban League standings find the Evanston quintet in fifth place with a 4-5 record, while the Easterners are situated at the bottom of the heap with an 0-9 record.

Last week's encounter with the Morton East Mustangs resulted in a 70-42 loss for the Nilesmen. The Trojans led in the early moments of the game, and were behind only 41-33 late in the third quarter, when the Mustangs ran off eight straight points.

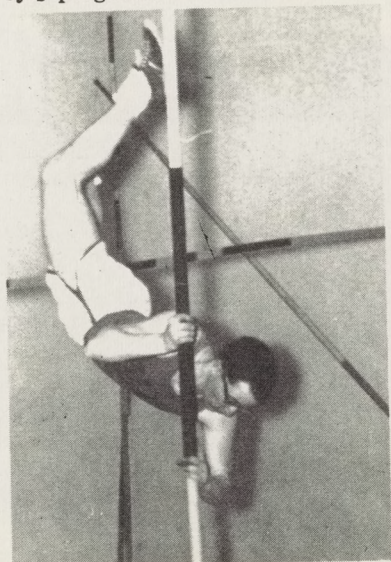
This, added to a 21-point Morton fourth quarter spurge, buried the Nilehiers' hopes.

Bill Posen led the victorious Mortonians with 23 points, while Soph Doug Kornelly collected nine for the Trojans.

FENCERS PLACE 2ND

March 9, two Nilehi East fencers, Chuck Suritz, a sophomore, and Harvey Gersh, a senior, will compete in the Illinois High School state fencing meet.

The fencers, in their latest meet, took a second place against two other teams. They defeated St. Mel's of Chicago 14-13, and lost to Horace Mann High School of Gary by a 20-7 score.



ALLEY-OOP! On his way to a first place tie in the Schurz meet is Sophomore Pole Vaulter Neil Chertack. He vaulted 10 feet to tie teammate Tom Lund.

According To Art

by Art Rotstein
Sports Editor

Will Niles' teams get better?

This question was posed to me recently during a conversation about athletics at Nilehi. The problem at Troy is a complicated one which has coaches and athletes thinking and possibly worrying. I don't profess to know the answer to the question. However, I can attempt to reach some sort of conclusion.

Since the East-West split two years ago, Niles East has been plagued with losing teams in most sports. This is especially true in the team sports, such as football and basketball, where the Trojans have been blanked of victory at every attempt this year.

MANY PEOPLE are worried — one "expert" even went so far as to prophesize that the Trojan gridders would not win another game in three years. I don't claim that they will rip through the league during that span of time, but I feel that they will find their way out of the dredges and by rebuilding, will climb up the ladder of the Suburban League.

The coaches at Nilehi have been working hard during the past two years to rebuild what was three seasons ago one of the powerhouses of the league in almost every sport. In some cases, they are succeeding. The best examples of this are gymnastics, swimming, and cross-country.

In other instances, there has been a regression. Football and basketball bear this situation out. Undoubtedly, the major answer is that the manpower simply isn't there.

The coaches seem to be looking to the future, for the main hope lies there. A winner cannot be built overnight. To do so takes long days of hard work and many sacrifices on the part of the athletes. And this is what the athletes at Niles will have to get used to if the situation is to improve.

I FEEL that a low ebb has been reached in some sports. The Trojans can't go much lower — they will have to start moving up soon. But in order for them to make their move upward, it will be necessary to work and want the goal of winning.

The future holds the key to winning for the Nilesmen and to regaining their place on the top rungs of the S.L. ladder. The rebuilding has already begun; but before there can be winning teams, the idea of sacrifice and work will have to be implanted in the minds of the athletes and accepted by them.

Trackmen Optimistic

Seven First Places Pace Track Squad

The Nilehi East Varsity Track own school record by almost a Team topped Schurz of Chicago 58-42 last Friday, largely upon a total of 7 first place finishes.

Coach Dave McCarrell's charges also were victorious over St. Patrick's of Chicago, losing only to Morton East.

School Record Set

The Schurz meet was highlighted by Shotputter Ron Banion's 51 foot 1 1/4 inch heave, which bettered his

East Tabbed District Site; Trojans Seek 13th Victory

CONFRONTING NILES EAST'S undaunted varsity gymnasts Saturday afternoon in a meet that may likely determine this year's Suburban League champion will be the high-riding crew of Evanston Wildkits.

The last obstacle between the Trojans and the conference title appears to be the Wildkits, who, along with the Trojans, boast four straight Suburban League wins. With a weak Morton squad the only league foe remaining for the Trojans, who, in addition, own eight non-league triumphs, they can, if they beat Evanston, take the crown.

However, the Evanston team presents a serious challenge to the Nilesmen, for only last weekend they toppled powerhouse Proviso East, as the Trojans had done a few weeks earlier.

LAST WEEK Trojans added wins 11 and 12, edging West Leyden by three scant points, 67 1/2-64 1/2, and then trouncing Waukegan 76-56.

Tallying firsts for the Eastern-

ers in the first meet were Mark Slotten on the side horse, Ike Heller on the parallel bars, Mark Kann on the rings, and Rick Block in tumbling.

Kann and Block repeated their performances in the Waukegan tilt, along with Dale Hardt on the tramp, and Heller on the side horse.

Following the regular season schedule, the Trojans move to Evanston March 2 for the annual Suburban League meet, which Proviso won last year. In that contest, the Trojans placed fourth among the seven teams.

Nilehi then hosts its first State District meet, the following weekend, March 9.

Tanksters Slam Elmwood Park

NEW TRIER'S defending state champions will provide the opposition for Nilehi's tankers tonight as the Trojans go after their third league win.

In their last league outing, the mermen shellacked the Morton East Mustangs 57-38, but were outshone by their frosh-soph counterparts, who scored an 86-9 shutout.

Individual winners for Niles in the varsity meet were Leon November in the 50 and 100 yard freestyle, Stan Chicowski in the 200 yard freestyle, John Isaac in the 100 yard breaststroke, and John Simon in the 100 yard backstroke.

THE VICTORY brought the varsity's Suburban League mark to 2-4 and an over-all record of 4-9, while the frosh-soph team's slate was boosted to 4-2 in league competition and 8-5 for the season.

During the week, each squad added another win, as they triumphed over Elmwood Park by identical 61-34 scores.

In the upcoming meet, frosh-soph coach Joe Rusk will count heavily upon butterfly Marty Chalfie and freestyler Ira Zarov. Chalfie, who has broken every school record in the butterfly and who has swum the 100 yard race in 0:59.9 already, will face his toughest competition tonight when he goes against Winnetkan Tom Peck.

The varsity, sophomore, and frosh teams have set eight new pool records so far this year, with the varsity members contributing four, the sophs three, and the freshmen the remaining mark.

Optimism Prevalent

The frosh-sophs fell to Schurz 71-28 1/2, and hold a 1-2 record, having beaten St. Pat's and lost to Morton East.

Members of this year's team are optimistic about the chances for an improvement over last year's record. As Junior Joel Weinstein put it, the present squad is "much better."