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# NILEHILITE

Graduation  
Set for  
June 18

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## Junior Prom Tomorrow Night



THE STAFF of the 1953 yearbook, *Reflections*, pose for the NILEHILITE photographer, after completing their work on the 128 page edition. In the bottom row, left to right are Jane Jeffress, editor-in-chief; Isabelle Kerr, associate editor; and Judy Vogel, art editor. In the second row are Roger Yost, sports editor; Diane Von Eitzen, copy editor; Carol Wolter, photography editor; and Dave Hansen, staff photographer.

## Yearbook Nears Completion

AFTER SEVERAL MONTHS of make-up, copy writing, and editing, the 1953 yearbook, *REFLECTIONS*, will be ready for distribution to the school at the end of next week.

The book will be 128 pages in length, 16 more than the '52 edition and will sell for three dollars according to Mr. Harold Dauernheim, annual staff adviser.

THE COMPILED COST of the publication, which includes printing, engraving, binding, photography, and miscellaneous expenditures, exceeded 4,500 dollars.

Jane Ellen Jeffress is the editor.

Another senior, Isabelle Kerr is associate editor. Diane Von Eitzen is copy editor; Judy Vogel handled

the art work; Roger Yost edited the sports section; and Carol Wolter is the photo editor.

DAVE HANSEN, senior, teamed up with Root Studios of Chicago to supply all the necessary pictures.

## Crystal Ballroom Is Site of Dance

WITH VISIONS of a wonderful weekend ahead, the Nilehiars attending the 20th annual Junior Promenade tomorrow night, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Edgewater Beach Hotel, are waiting with excitement for the gala event of the school year.

TOMORROW NIGHT, June 6, the doors of the Edgewater Beach Hotel will open at 9 p.m., and approximately 400 Nilehiars, faculty members, plus Board of Education guests will enter the Crystal Ballroom. Greeting them with his music will be George Dorman and his orchestra.

There will be a guest book, for those attending to sign, and the grand march, which will be led by Dick Meyer and Kay Baumann, senior prom leaders.

## Senior Class Will Graduate June 18

THE TUNE "Pomp and Circumstance" will begin the 1953 graduation exercises on June 18. Richard Meyer, senior class representative will give a welcoming address which will be followed by the choir singing three selections.

The Reverend Mr. Edward D. Gates, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Peoria, Illinois, will be the main speaker.

Mr. Joseph A. Mason, superintendent, will recognize the valedictorian and salutarian. Mr. Harold Ohlson, senior adviser, will present other special awards, after which Mr. Mason will present the class of 1953.

THE CLMAX of the graduation exercises will be the presentation of diplomas by Mr. William Meyer, President of the school board.



# Let's Review the Past Year; And Set Standards for Next

THIS EDITORIAL PAGE has contained 20 written editorials during the school year 1952-'53. the NILEHILITE has dealt with 13 different school situations. At the beginning of the year the paper ran an editorial dealing with school spirit and respect for school property. This was followed up by two stories urging a larger, more enthusiastic attendance at home football games.

Next came a series of articles discussing whether Niles should remain in the Suburban League, followed by a humorous bit on abolishing homework. Smoking in and near the school grounds was taken up in two issues. The desire for students to be treated to more assemblies was printed in the NILEHILITE. Problems concerning the construction work and the Senior Dance were also aired.

STUDENT COUNCIL AFFAIRS, and the representatives' duty to their homerooms were dealt with in two separate issues. The boost in home sports events during the past basketball season was mentioned. The annual appeal for increased attendance at the spring sports followed soon after. The possibility of student-put-on assemblies was suggested, and a sort of farewell to the students leaving Niles for Glenbrook was printed also.

The NILEHILITE staff has attempted to act as a megaphone for student opinion on the editorial page during the past nine months. The "Voice of the Pupil" column, which has appeared in each issue is an open invitation for students to relate their opinions on subjects they think merit attention of the school. The NILEHILITE welcomes these letters to the editor. (On only two occasions were letters not printed because of their contents.)

**YOU SHOULD DECIDE.** If you wish this editorial policy to continue, support it next year—if not, let the NILEHILITE staff know what you would like to replace it.



THE ABOVE PHOTO of the school building has a double meaning. To the graduating seniors it can revive the memory of experiences encountered in high school. To the frosh, sophs, and juniors, it is a picture of the building they will be spending some more time in. It is up to these classes to decide just how the time will be spent, and under what conditions.

## The Voice . . . . . . of the Pupil

Dear Editor,

Do the students of N.T.H.S. want all-school assemblies? If they do, their attitude at the all-school assembly of May 26 was a poor commentary of it. But general restlessness and lack of respect of the audience could, I am sure, be felt by the speaker.

Granted, the speaker's subjects must have been dry and too many, but let's all act like N.T.M.S. students and give our speakers the respect and backing they deserve.

John P. Holmes

## Average Nilehier Studying Diligently For Final Exams



## NILEHILITE

The NILEHILITE is about the students, written by the students, and primarily for the students. It is intended for the enjoyment of its readers and to stimulate pride in the Niles Township High School, Skokie, Illinois. Mr. Joseph A. Mason, Superintendent-principal.

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## Tri-G Club Holds Banquet; Initiation

THE SCENT of native Hawaiian blossoms, the fresh smell of black printer's ink on the 1953 Golden Galleon, plus the odor of southern-fried chicken filled the Nilehi cafeteria Wednesday evening, June 3, at the annual Golden Galleon banquet. The banquet was attended by Tri-G members, Golden Galleon associate members, and new initiates.

The tropical flowers were sent by Joyann Wright ex-53' who was chairman of the Tri-G Board prior to moving to Hawaii last January.

THE 1953 edition of the Golden Galleon, which was made available to Nilehi students today, was presented to members during the affair.

Twelve new members were initiated during the banquet, having earned their membership by submitting original manuscripts for publication. The new members are Dick Searles, Janet Carlson, and Rosemarie DiGilio, juniors; Bob Below, Anna Otipka, Charles Hunt, and Rudolph Malz, sophomores; Michael Dean, Kathryn Heidenfelder, Judy Beloian, Bette Halvorsen, and Donna Vanderwall, freshmen.

## Nilehi Receives Honor Medal

A LAUREL was added to Nilehi's history when the school received the Freedoms Award Foundation's George Washington Honor Medal during the Citizenship Day-Code Day assembly Tuesday, May 26.

The award was presented in acknowledgment of the school's Student Code of Ethics. The Code had its first anniversary on the day of the presentation.

## Jim Busch is Given University Award By Harvard Club

JIM BUSCH was presented with the Harvard Award given by the Harvard Club of Chicago at a junior awards assembly held Thursday, May 21. He was cited for his scholastic achievements and extra-curricular activities.

THE HONORARY award, given annually, has been presented to junior boys for the past 10 years. Mr. John Hastings, a representative of the Harvard Club who presented the award, explained that the club selects high schools of their choice to which they wish to give the award. Mr. Hastings said the junior boy chosen represents the ideal student every college looks for.

NILEHI DID not officially obtain the award until last Wednesday, when Miss Grace Harbert received it for the school at a special Freedom Foundation gathering. The document was sent ahead, however, so that Nilehi was able to have it for the anniversary celebration of the Nilehi Code.

Miss Harbert, problems teacher, nominated the code for the award by sending it in to the Foundation which considered it deserving of the honor.

## Juniors Receive Scholastic Awards

Bronze pins were presented to 21 juniors at a recent class awards assembly, and 15 students received honor certificates. Those receiving pins were Sharon Bell, Phil Bennet, Peteris Bormanis, Diana Burgess, Jim Busch, Marvelle Chandler, Carol Christensen, Cathleen Clevon, Joanne De Love, Roger Erickson, Kit Horton, Don Jefferson, Shirley Johnson, Lenore Le Claire, Dick Lewis, Pat Podolski, Helen Schwinn, Barbara Simpson, Robert Smoak, Betty Swanson, and Judith Wiebold.

Those who received honor certificates are John Banghart, Jeanne Burghard, Earnest Carlson, Janet Carlson, Neal Cochran, Eileen Crowe, Rose Di Gilio, Margaret Drane, Nancy Fresche, Beverly Horn, Roger Papesch, Bill Proft, Roberta Reagan, Bob Starr and Joan Wight.

## Two Art Students Given Scholarships

Judy Vogel and Diane Von Eitzen, seniors, were recently awarded scholarships to an art school summer camp. The girls will spend a week in Monticello, Illinois, at Robert Allerton Park. The scholarships were given to these art students by the Skokie Women's Club in recognition of their artistic talent.



FOUR G.A.A. OFFICERS who will guide the girls' group throughout the 1953-54 year are (left to right) Bertie Jorgesen, secretary; Barb Berner, president; and Joanne DeLove, vice-president. Dona Baumann (standing) will act as treasurer. About 250 girls selected the above quartet at a recent club election.





This week the NILEHILITE, instead of an inquiring reporter question, asked seniors what some of their summer plans are. We present them here.

**Jerry Cornell:** working in a summer resort in Wisconsin.

**Tom Yocum:** driving brother's car to Texas, then working and diving.

**Don Girard:** going to a pre-med school in Arizona after summer school.

**Judy Borchert:** working at Dahm's department store until August, then counselling at Camp Echo Y.M.C.A. camp in Michigan.

**Dick Pick:** working in an electrical laboratory or in summer theater.

**Dave Hansen:** working as a life guard at Bryn Mawr Country Club.

**Joan Erny:** vacationing at Eagle River, Wisconsin.

**Barbara Bauman:** vacationing with her family; then working at Bell & Gossett as a secretary.

**Joyce Maierhofer:** vacationing at Lake Geneva with her family.

**Dorothy Crain:** working as a stenographer at either Baxter's or Searles.

**Barbara Greene:** working at Farley's.

**Anne Hickey:** working; then a trip to New York.

**Caroline Puechner:** working at the Checkerboard; then a three-week vacation with Jane Burge to Wisconsin.

**Nancy Nickel:** working at Prince Castle; then vacationing in the East.

**Jerry Mohrbacher:** driving a delivery truck, then a trip to Savannah, Georgia.

**George Schmidt:** vacationing for three weeks in California, then working as a machinist at H. Neuman Co.

**Pat Miller:** working as a receptionist at the Wrigley building.

**Gary Gopperton:** working at All-State Insurance Company after summer school.

**Judy Signorello:** going to summer school; working at Farley's, and then going to a comptometer school in Chicago.

**Jim Pierce:** vacationing in Cal-

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## Students Will Have Choice Of 10 New Courses Next Year

"TIMES HAVE changed" and so have the curricula for the 1953-54 school year at Nilehi. Beginning next September, Nilehi students will have a choice of 10 courses of study to follow. The purpose of the new courses is to make the educational guidance systematic in principle and method.

The following are the courses to be offered: the academic curriculum, for students who plan to attend a liberal arts college; the general curriculum, including the set of subjects required of all students, plus electives, to provide the 32 credits required for graduation; the stenographic and secretarial curriculum; the clerical curriculum; the college preparatory curriculum in commerce; the pre-engineering curriculum; the science curriculum; future nurses' curriculum, which due to the widely varying admission requirement will meet the most exacting requirements of schools of nursing or collegiate courses of pre-nursing study; the natural science curriculum, recommended for students planning to study the medical and biological sciences on the college level, and the home economics curriculum.

Next year's school term will see reorganized and special new subjects being offered. In the business education department, a course entitled secretarial practices will be offered to seniors, giving them stenographic and secretarial training. Another course for seniors is clerical practices, designed to give students with marked skill practice in filing, in use of calculating, duplicating, and transcribing machines. Record keeping, a one-semester subject, will be offered to give training in the "personal use" type of account and record keeping. To develop an understanding of the elements of business organization and business law, a course entitled business practices and business law will be offered.

THE DRAMATICS program will include interpretation, acting techniques, production, radio and tele-

vision, and performance in the course of study. Modern world, a study of the economic geography of the United States, Latin America, Europe, and Asia is the added subject in the social studies department, while senior English 7E, similar to this year's English 17, 18 course, will deal with the study of the literature of the Elizabethan Age and English 8E will familiarize the students with writers of centuries 18, 19, and 20.

The music department has a host of newly offered subjects. Among these will be a beginning which is an intermediate group from which students may be advanced to the Varsity Band; band technique class; and a strings technique class. In the vocal division a general music class stressing music appreciation and a music survey class including work in music theory; harmony, and ear-training have been added.

Next year's freshmen will be required to take orientation, a social study course which is designed to help the freshmen emotionally, socially, ethically, vocationally, and educationally.

Seniors next year will substitute health for physical education. This course will include one semester's study of first aid training and one semester studying the human body and its care.

Other changes will include the period length which will be 56 minutes in length, compared to the present 40 minute period. The day, which will begin at 8:10 a.m. will be divided into eight periods instead of 10. School will be dismissed at 3:26 p.m.

Ray Kittridge, senior, recently got his invitation from Uncle Sam telling him to report for his physical examination to qualify him for the armed forces. Ray is thinking about joining the Navy.

Bette Halvorsen, freshman, was recently awarded a scholarship trip to Lake Villa Conservation Training Camp near Lake Villa, Illinois, by the Woman's Club of



# Nilehi to Lose Many Active Underclassmen to Glenbrook

GRADUATION DAY will mean the end of a high-school career for Nilehi's seniors, but it will also be the climax of the high school career at Niles for about 200 underclassmen, for these students will enter the new Glenbrook High School next fall.

Not only will Nilehi lose the students scholastically, but extra-curricular organizations will lose many of their members.

One of the hardest-hit organizations will be the Nilehi band, under the directorship of Mr. Richard Parker. The band will lose nine graduating seniors and an additional 11 underclassmen. Mr. Parker remarked, "I hope that they work as hard and become as valuable in the music groups there as they have been here."

Another organization that will miss valuable members is the Girls' Athletic Association. According to Miss Helen Heitmann, G.A.A. sponsor, the club will lose four girls who were on this year's board: Marcia Mattner, Pat Shirling, Lenore Le Claire, and Marilyn Palmgren, all of whom are juniors. Miss Heitmann also said that G.A.A. will lose a valuable group of freshman girls, who in future years would make excellent leaders and officers. "The best thing for the Niles G.A.A. girls to do next year is to set up another excellent club at Glenbrook as an example of what they learned over here," stated Miss Heitmann.

MR. ANTON SCHUBERT, Nilehi swimming coach, stated that eight freshman boys, who were on this year's swimming team, will enter the new school. "These boys have fine possibilities for making the varsity team in the future, but since the new school does not have a swimming pool, the boys will be unable to do so."

According to Miss Clara Klaus, Nilehi music teacher, the choir will not be affected very much. However, Dick Searles, junior, "one of the outstanding baritones," will leave this musical organization.

According to Mr. John L. Betts, debate coach, the debating teams

will not lose any members other than one or two freshmen who haven't had much debating experience this school year. "I expect to see some of this year's freshmen debating on the Glenbrook team next year," commented Mr. Betts.

## 'Thanks Dad'



## Graduation to Be 'Family Affair'

A HEARTWARMING experience will take place on the night of June 18, when the class of 1953 holds its graduation ceremonies.

The president of the senior class, Dick Meyer, will receive his diploma from the newly-elected president of the school board, Mr. William Warren Meyer, better known to Dick as "Dad."

This experience happened once before to Mr. Meyer when his son, Bob, who is now in the navy, graduated from Nilehi in 1951. Due to illness, Dr. Walter Bornemeier was unable to attend the graduation ceremonies and Mr. Meyer, the secretary then, took his place.

BUT DR. Bornemeier wasn't left altogether, for in 1950, the important year of his daughter's life, he was able to personally hand Beatrice Bornemeier her diploma.

Also Dr. Albert Biehn, former school superintendent, had the same honors of handing the diploma to his son, Don, in 1948.

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In Mr. Paul M. Eberhardt's period 8 journalism class, junior Barb Berner sneezed. Marv Farwell, senior, threw his hands up and yelled, "I surrender!"

## \$6000-plus Awarded To Lucky Seniors

Money, money! They'll never see it. But it's riches nevertheless.

Already over \$6000 has been awarded in scholarships to Nilehi seniors this year, and more are coming up.

Charles King has a scholarship from Harvard University worth \$1000 per year. It is renewed each year if Chuck keeps his grades up.

Judy Borchert has two \$1000 scholarships offered her. One is to Carroll College in Waukesha, Wisconsin, and the other is from the Illinois Congress of Parents and Teachers Association to any school of education in the state of Illinois that she chooses to attend. Upon graduating she must teach for more than two years. Judy has chosen Eastern State College in Charleston, Illinois.

Bill Below also has two scholarships offered to him. They are M.I.T. worth \$450, and California Tech.

Jerry Weissburg is another lucky student who has two scholarships offered him. The one to Ripon College in Wisconsin is valued at \$200, and the other to the University of Wisconsin about \$1000 per year. The latter one is under the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps and will take care of all expenses even a summer cruise.

Roger Yost competed with students from all over the nation to win a special-interest-in-journalism scholarship to Grinnell College in Iowa. This scholarship is renewable each year.

Anne Hickey and Frank Schmidt have both won scholarships to Northwestern University in Evanston. Anne's is worth \$150 and Frank's \$300.

Kathlyn Clavey has been awarded a \$150 scholarship to Elmhurst College in Illinois where she is planning to attend.

Jerry Cornell has been awarded a \$200 scholarship to Ripon College in Wisconsin.

Many seniors have applied or are going to take tests for scholarships and have not received notice as of yet.



## Only Two-thirds of Original Class Of '53 Have Finished Four Years

THE CLASS of 1953, which will graduate from Nilehi on the evening of June 18, boasts only about 2/3 of its original members. 75 students, or almost a third of the original freshman class, have not finished their four year high school career at Nilehi.

By looking through the yearbook published in June of 1950, a reader will note that the frosh class section contains 257 names and

### Inquiring Reporter...

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ifornia with Jim Lawton and then going to Texas with his family, then work.

**Jim Geard:** working at Crescent Industries inspecting phonographs.  
**Sandra Seegren:** working as a secretary.

**Joel Pries:** working at H Hoffmann, a florist's shop, in Wilmette.

**Sylvia Smith:** working, probably as a bank clerk.

**Marlene Milazzo:** working, probably in her father's office.

**Vivian Carlson:** working in a music store or publishing company.

**Midge Mueller:** undecided.

**Jacquie Marshall:** working in a department store.

**Lynne Marshall:** working in a department store.

**George Lockwood:** working as a greenskeeper at the Evanston Golf Club or going to a summer surveying camp in Wisconsin.

**Gil Bonebrake:** working at Niles doing general maintenance jobs. Might take a trip to California in August.

**Fred Christiansen:** driving a truck for about six weeks and then loafing the rest of the summer on a fishing trip in Ontario.

**Don Nellesen:** working for Johnsson-Coppock Co. Flexographic Printers.

**Jim Bennett:** working on a lake steamer and visiting Niagara and Washington.

**Bob Lopina:** taking a trip west to Arizona and working in a flooring and wall tile company.

**Wayne Lemke:** working for a Walgreen's office and going golfing with Gil Bonebrake as his caddie.

**Jean Runge:** standing up at her sister's wedding, fixing up an apartment, working in Lincolnwood Village and then going to New York for the whole month of August.

**Coy Clavey:** working at Lake Shore Country Club in the hotel

photos. The reader of the 1953 yearbook will find only 172 of that class listed in the current edition of Reflections.

**INCLUDED IN** the 138 boys and 119 girls listed were two brother combinations, two sister combinations, and two brother-sister combinations. Only one of the six combinations still exists on the class listing. That is Lynne and Jacquie Marshall.

Of the 75 who have left the original class, many are attending other schools and many of the rest are employed. Two students are dead, two girls have married, and three boys are in, or have served in the armed forces. One member of the class is in jail.

## Plan Program for Senior Breakfast

The graduating class of 1953 will hold its annual Senior Breakfast, June 18, in the school cafeteria. The time set for the Breakfast is 8:30 a.m.

Miss Alice Line, and Mr. Carl Burgen are in charge of the decorations, menu and waitress committees. Chairmen of the committees are Judy Borchert, menu; Gleni Martens, waitresses; and Lois Hylen, decorations.

Joe Preis, Dick Pick, and Larry Williams are working hard on the program committee, under the direction of Miss Helen Johanss.

Fourteen junior girls will wait on the seniors. (Last year there were twice that many, but due to the confusion, it had to be cut down.)

After the breakfast there will be a commencement practice. The length of the breakfast and practice is not yet known.

and dining room as head page and switchboard operator.

**Bill Below:** going to be an apprentice machinist and tool and die maker.



### Reversal

Nancy Egner, senior, made a brilliant statement while putting on her socks in room 100 after the choral assembly: "Before I put my socks on they had holes in the heels; but now they have heels in the holes!"

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### Catastrophe

Senior Sandra Malecki was one of the patriotic girls selling poppies on the "dewy" morning of May 22, but she didn't return to school until eighth period. Miss Alice Line, 315's homeroom teacher, gave Sandy an admit slip with this ambiguous explanation on it: "Poppies got wet."

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### Lacking (Moisture?)

When Carol Lee Collins, feature editor, announced to the period-8 journalism class that the Corn Crib held only one joke, Mr. Paul M. Eberhardt said, "Looks like there's a draught in the corn belt."

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### Genes, Jeans

In period 8 biology class, one student, while talking about eye-color heredity asked, "What would happen if you had one blue gene and one brown gene?"

Came a voice from the back of the room, "You'd have a silly-looking pair of jeans."

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### Smoother Passage

Overheard on a bus going to the recent Starved Rock trip when the bus stopped at a railroad crossing: "The reason they always open the bus doors when they stop at a railroad crossing is to let the train go through."

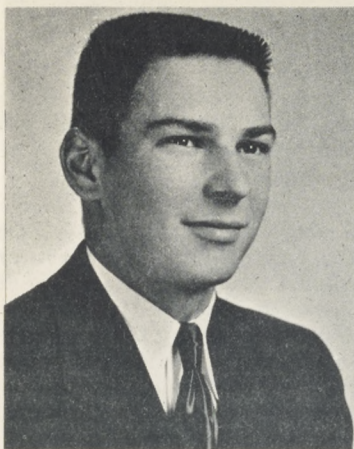
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### Two Sides!

A N.T.H.S. faculty member was bragging about his ability to give orders around his own home. Just then his wife said, "Jump."

His reply was, "How high, dear?"





## Introducing... The Outstanding Senior Athlete

Jim Foran, the "Most Valuable Player" in both basketball and baseball, and leading scorer in football, was the unanimous choice of the NILEHILITE sports staff as the senior athlete of the year.

Jim, who stands 6' tall, and weighs 170 pounds, has been active in the three major Nilehi sports since his freshman year. Starting with his junior year, he earned six major letters.

His favorite sport is baseball, although he has the ability to be outstanding in anything that he participates in. He led the varsity nine in batting this year with a .382 percentage, besides pitching in 12 of the 17 games the baseball squad played.

The outstanding senior netted 212 points during the basketball campaign, to rank third behind Connie Bartels and Dave Baylor. His shifty ball-handling and fleet play-making ability induced the metropolitan newspapers to place him on their all-Suburban League roster. Jim seemed to think he played his best against Waukegan and Evanston.

During the grid season, Foran crossed the goal line on four different occasions to pace the Trojans in the scoring column. It also placed him among the high-point-getters in the league scoring.

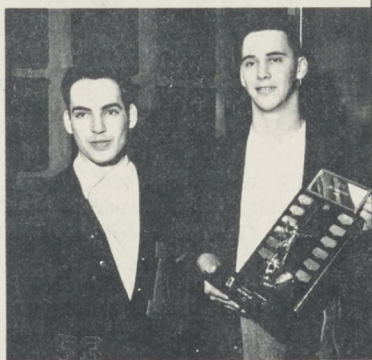
Jim performed from both end

# Spring Sports Award Banquet Fetes 32 of Nilehi's Athletes

THE THIRD and final athletic awards banquet of the 1952-53 school year was held last Tuesday, June 2, when 32 participants in spring sports were presented major letters.

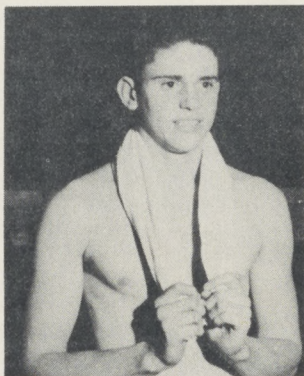
The American Legion and the VFW of Skokie sponsored the annual event, and presented trophies to the "Most Valuable Player" in track and baseball.

## Grid Stars . . .



**Dick Rosenberg  
Larry Beuder**

## State Champ . . .



**George Lockwood**

and quarterback during the eight game schedule, and played well at either post. During the 65-12 setback from Oak Park, Foran carried the pigskin from his own 22 yard line 78 yards across his opponents goal line. It was the last play of the game, and it took away some of the pain absorbed in the defeat.

JOHN KRUEGER accepted the golden trophy from the Legion for being the most valuable on the cinder squad, while Jim Foran, one-man pitching staff and leading batsman of the varsity nine accepted a similar award from the VFW.

This is the second successive season that Krueger, who is the Trojan's mainstay in the 100, 220, and 440 yard dashes, accepted the award. Another outstanding senior trackman, Marv Farwell, was recognized as "Honorary Captain" at the banquet.

COACH HARMON presented major "N's" to 13 participants who met the requirements of the track sport. They were Dick Barrow, Jim Busch, Joe Cysewski, Marv Farwell, Jack Hagman, Bill Horning, Ed Hartigan, Jim Kohls, John Krueger, Ken Manaugh, Sandy McPeak, Bill Schmiegelt, and George Simmons.

Baseball Coach James Phipps handed out letters to 13 of his diamondmen. Those gaining the chenile "N" were Larry Beuder, Bernie Edwards, Jim Foran, Jim Elliott, Harry Heeres, Fred Holzl, Larry Johns, Jerry Krueger, Randy Koser, Bill Pohlson, Jan Tanenbaum, Dave Petrie, and Frank Riccio.

AT THE BANQUET accepting awards for the tennis team were Gil Bonebrake, Glen Appel, Bob Kretschmar, Marv Lundin, and Bob Weldon. John Sheahan is head coach of the "racket men."

To qualify for a major award on the golf team, a competitor must have compiled an 85 or less average for season's play. Charlie Tawse, "Honorary Captain" of the squad for the past two years scored an average of 78 to receive a major "N" from Coach Thomas Kiviluoma.



# Nilehi Athletics Went Like This in '52-53 . . .

By Roger Yost

IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN CUSTOMARY that the last issue of the NILEHILITE be used for review purposes. It was quite obvious, that Niles didn't produce a championship team or even a contender in any phase of athletics, but the 1952-1953 year did have its glimmering moments.

**THE TROJON FOOTBALL SQUAD**, "a scrappy bunch of little men," termed by Coach Virgil Van Cleave, stepped onto the gridiron last fall to play out a schedule with some of the best grid squads in the state. New Trier initiated Niles into Suburban League play with a thundering 68-0 triumph. In two weeks the men of Troy bounced back against Waukegan, but dropped the contest in the last 30 seconds, 13-12. On October 11, Niles, sparked by the running of halfbacks Dick Rosenberg (Honorary Captain), and Ray Riha, tied Morton of Cicero in the annual Homecoming tilt 12-12. After that the Nilehi representatives suffered defeats at the hands of Oak Park, Evanston, and Highland Park. Statistic wise, Jim Foran was listed among the high league scorers by tallying four touchdowns. Larry Beuder, "Most Valuable Gridder," was named top center and defensive line backer in the Chicago area by prep sportscaster Wayne Osborne. Other stalwarts in the Trojan line-up were Dick Meyer and Fred Holzl, quarterbacks; and Bill Carroll, Larry Johns, George Wagner, Bill Pohlson, John Krueger, and Dave Petrie, linemen.

**WHEN PLAY TURNED INDOORS** for the winter months, the varsity basketball squad was greeted by a new coach, John Sheahan. With such standouts as 6'5" pivotman Dave Baylor; 6' guard, Connie Bartels, who was voted "Honorary Captain"; Jim Foran, the "Most Valuable Player," and Ray Riha, 5'8" guard, from the '51-52 regional champs, the Trojans were selected as the "dark horse quintet" in the Suburban League. A pair of victories over Evanston, a slaughtering of Highland Park, and an upset 61-58 win over Morton highlighted a 10-won 11-lost record. Bartels was leading scorer, with Baylor and Foran runners up. Such juniors as Ron Hicks, Bill Pohlson, and Larry Johns were all vital cogs in the team work displayed by the Trojan Courtmen.

**WHILE THE CAGE SQUAD WAS IN ACTION** on the hardwood, Coach Anton Schubert's swim team was rewriting the school record book. George Lockwood, "Most Valuable Swimmer," was in the lime-light most of the time, by setting records in the 100-yard breaststroke, the 150-yard individual medley, and being a member of the 150-yard medley relay, when they set a new mark. Lockwood's time of 1:03.5 for the 100-yard breast gave him first place in the state, and a ranking of eight nationally. Don Larson was second fastest free-stylist in Illinois, and twentieth on a national scale, with a time of 24.5.

Don, who was voted "Honorary Captain" of the aqua-squad, led the team in scoring with over 90 points. (Five points are awarded for each first place in a dual meet; three for second; and one for third.) Lockwood trailed Larson by two points. Tom Yocum and Dave Hansen tallied many of Nilehi's meet points through their talent in fancy diving. Yocum placed fourth in the annual state meet, in which Niles themselves ranked fourth.

**THE WRESTLERS OF COACH CARLO TRAFICANO** failed to enter the win column over the winter months, but they did boast of one consistent winner. Bill Carroll, 165 pounder, bested 10 opponents in 12 bouts to lead the squad in scoring. Two top flight junior men, George Simmons, (154), and Randy Koser, (145), will return next year as co-captains of the grapplers.

When sports moved back outdoors in the spring, Trojan athletes could boast of no great conquests, for each of the baseball, track, golf, and tennis squads lacked needed depth. Coach James Phipps' baseball nine compiled 14 losses in 17 games; the tennis team dropped nine out of 10; the track squad won one dual meet, their first since 1950; and the golf squad failed to play up to par, as they showed a record of one win below the .500 percentage.

**JIM FORAN PACED THE VARSITY** pillsockers with an average in the .380's. John Krueger, voted "Most Valuable" trackman in both his junior and senior years, led all scorers in the cinder sport, while the quartet of Krueger, Marv Farwell, Bill Horning, and Bruce Debes revived the old standard for the mile relay event with a time of 3:31.8. Horning, only a sophomore, established a new school record for the half-mile jaunt, with a time of 2:02.6. In golf, Charlie Tawse, a member of the '51 link's squad that tied for the Suburban League championship, once again paced Coach Thomas Kiviluoma's men, by going through the season with a .78 average.

**WITH THE HELP OF SUCH LOWER CLASSMEN** as Jim Elliott, Bill Barranco, Al Karnatz, Shell Mikkelsen, Dave Brownlee, Bruce Debes, Jerry Best, Ken Walter, Jack Hagman, Chuck Holler, Roger Peterson, Joel Febel, Dave Chevrier, Dick Hallem, Bill Horning, Kim Steveley, Lennie Miresse, Phil Holubek, Ken Mannaugh, Jerry Rosenberg, Bob Bacon, Fred Melberg, and Buzz Kenning, along with this year's juniors, Nilehi should have some enviable athletic squads next year.