Smiling TOM ARENAS can easily be called one of the most popular Achievers in New York. He has successfully led his survey company through two profitable years as its President, and this year was elected President of the Achievers Assn. of New York. Tom is now turning sights on the formation of inter- J. A. sports contests.

Hail to the Chief! President ROBERT PRESTON of NAJAC. All of his loyal subjects are looking forward to seeing our Chief Executive again.

One of New York's prime contributions to this year's NAJAC will be in the person of WARREN KAUFMAN. This personable lad has kept N. Y.'ers buzzing, and he has been the life of many a gathering. We are all quite positive that we will hear WARREN play the Moonlight Sonata AGAIN, AND AGAIN, AND AGAIN. . . .

"PEORIA YOUTH IS NATIONAL ESSAY WINNER". This young man is J. A.'s JIM BATEMAN, Sales Manager of the award winning Big Four Broadcasting Company. An accomplished saxophonist, lover of good food, music and women in general, gives you some idea of the wide talents of this live-wire Peorian.

WILLIAM BURK is a hot sax man from way out in Lemay, Mo, Sales Manager of the Perfect Plastic Company this year, he hopes to join a radio construction company in the Fall. Radio is also Bill's hobby.

Many of the old-time NAJACers will remember Jersey City's NORMAN GENSER. An Achiever from way back in '46, NORM's interest in chemistry has usually led him into some sort of a combustable enterprise. It is good to see NORM back in the fold again.

IRMA ANITA BELLIE, states that she is somewhat uneasy about not knowing anyone at the Conference. Knowing NAJACers as I do, and after seeing IRMA's picture, I am sure this condition won't last very long. Beside her many J. A. activities, IRMA is very active in the social whirl of Dayton.

A leader of Bridgeport's Achievers for several years has been GENE GRAZE. An active speaker for J. A. and Treas., for the famed J. A. Radio Workshop in conjunction with college and his work in the Public Relations Office of the University of Bridgeport all helps make Gene a very interesting person to know.

They say that the energy and interests of the American Teen-ager is inexhaustible. I agree. The activities of one NANCY MIKOLIC are so varied that I will just be able to list a few of them. The Cavalier, dramatics, Latin Club, modern art, architecture, dancing, music, philosophy, etc, etc.

LEONARD WEINSTEIN is a relative new-comer to J. A., this being his first year. However, in this short time he has made his mark on the staff of Hi-Sports and on Achievement Magazine.

"Batter Up!" and up steps PERRY PETERS. He is a rabid baseball fan with a literary turn. PERRY was President of Hi-Sports Magazine and has been recently appointed Assistant Editor of Achievement. A point of information. PERRY is a widely traveled young man and I bet he has some good stories to tell.

Though AL SIMON has only been in J. A. for a year, he has already taken his place as one of our top Achievers. He has been very active in his radio company, in the local Association, and as a member of Achievement Magazine. AL will go far in J. A.
KURT MEYER is a hard-working Achiever from New York. He has for the past year been Secretary of the Achievers Assn. of New York and President of his company. KURT is a photographer of reknown, so keep your eye on the birdie.

GEORGE "CHRIS" CHRISTOPHOLOS is the tall dark type, so watch out you unattached females. Chris' energy is channeled into many fields. A main-stay of the N. Y. baseball team, Veep of the New York Assn. and Pres. of his Achievement Co.

President of his plastics company, CHARLES HOELE has a real liking for fishing and most other sports rate a close second. He's offered to help us out with the refreshments at NAJAC. Guess its the experience he's had as an apprentice meat-cutter.

A great girl for pitching in is ALICE HALPRIN. Alice has been Secretary-Treas. of her journalism company and a member of the Jr. Executive Board at Chicago. With her third year in J. A. coming up, Alice plans to go along with her old company, which resumes operations in the Fall.

Vice President of his J. A. Business Aids Company and Vice Chairman of the Chicago Achievers Assn. is JAMES CHRYSTOKOS. Being your product is efficiency engineering, we'll look forward to your help in making this NAJAC a smooth-running affair.

With the 148 NAJAC behind him ERNIE GROTH returns this year plugging for Milwaukee. ERNIE has been President of his company and also headed the Milwaukee Achievers Assn. Say ERNIE, is it really true what they say about that "Schlitz" making your home town famous?

Hailing from PA. DANIEL KANE has been a member of J. A. since 1944. As Pres. he led his wood products company through the 148-149 season and plans to reorganize same come September. That load of experience in J. A. should prove profitable to all at NAJAC.

ROBERT BRINKMAN, hailing from St. Louis has been President of his metal products company. Bob led his company through the big 148 season and hopes to do again come September. Wonder if he's going to try to sell us any of that aluminum his company was dealing in?

That fellow you may see peddling "hand lotion" is only plugging for his company Chem-Teen, Inc. AARON RENTANK has been Treasurer of his firm and quite active in J. A. Come September, AARON hopes to return to his old gang.

Treasurer and Editor of the Journalism Award company, Hi-Sports, is ED FALK. Quite a boy with the pen ED has been active with Achievement Magazine and is also on the staff of his school paper. In the Fall when the boys resume their journalism company ED will surely be among them.

One of Chicago's bright young delegates EDWARD KASMAR, not only is a sports enthusiast; he also sings. His pet peev is the girl on whom "you spend ten dollars and then receive a fifty-cent squeeze and kiss". Even with fifty-cents worth, ED, you'll come out ahead here, 'cause NAJAC doesn't cost a cent.

BERNICE GOLDBERG of New Bedford is our idea of a real executive. She is Pres. of her J. A. Company and her high school class, Secretary of a religious organization, and a camp counselor. She has written for Achievement Magazine, and is seriously considering radio work for her career.

Does anybody need a pin-ball machine repaired? Quick, call Dayton, Ohio's L. J. "JOE" RICHARDSON; his hobby is rebuilding electrical devices. JOE feels that the key to a J. A. Company's success or failure is the degree of cooperation among its members.
Versatile, effervescent, ARlene Reisman, has been President, Sales Manager, and Treasurer of the Plastikids, first Chicago J. A. Company to exceed $1,000 in gross sales. She enjoys associating with people who shoulder their responsibilities ably and are genuinely interested in other people.

A real sports enthusiast is Robert Kuenkerknecht, football, baseball, tennis, and accordion playing East St. Louisian. Speechmaker and company president, Bob's chief peeves are rain on days that he's supposed to play ball, and the immutable fact that dates have to come to an end.

Elizabeth, New Jersey's delegate John Shubeck, JR. is a popular, industrious, and ambitious future printer. He is Production Manager of his J. A. printing company and will study design and layout at Columbia University night school, while serving his six-year apprenticeship. John apparently possesses the rare talent of not only knowing what he wants, and how to gain it, but also of working to attain his goal.

Inge Kaufman, Hartford, Connecticut delegate was Treasurer of her J. A. Company a member of the advertising staff of her school paper, and member of an arts and crafts club. She enjoys music and its physical counterpart, dancing. Inge hopes to make many new friends and have lots of fun at NAJAC.

One finger piano playing, sports following, Margaret Volz, "Peggy" is one of Toledo's foremost gifts to NAJAC. She states that "though this will probably shock you, the thing I like most is school", "Nothing wrong with that Peggy. Everyone's entitled to one peculi--er, that is, idiosyncrasy.

Milwaukeean, John Battovsky typifies the "regular" American fellow. He likes sports; enjoys the company of the "average American girl", is a member of his school's speech, dramatics, and radio clubs, writes for several school publications, and works at a paper warehouse. John hopes to help "Make Milwaukee's J. A. the biggest and best in the nation'.

Mary Anne Sueltholz, Milwaukee delegate, belongs to the J. A. Publishing Co., wants to write for Achievement Magazine; works for the Milwaukee Journal; is studying journalism at college; enjoys journalism, publicity, any kind of writing "as a hobby"; and edited her school paper. Guess what she wants to be. That's write it. How did you ever guess??

And now, a few short sketches of those whose questionnaires we have not as yet received.

William J. Coyle is the Sales Manager of his company, J. A. Photo Industries. He intends to continue his membership in Midletown Junior Achievement.

Doris Jeanne Smith is a Freshman at Bradley University. Her Junior Achievement activities center around the Glamourette Modeling Company.

John Zeolla sports the title of Vice Pres. of the Patton Krafteers. Their product is plastic flowers. John is a sophomore at Duquesne University.

Another Achiever from the Glamourette Modeling Company is their Vice Pres. Ronna Vollbrecht. In her Local Assn., Ronna was Chairman of Special Events.

And still the models pass in review. This time it is June Trestrail, of the Star Gazers, also from Milwaukee.

Arnold Paul has run the gauntlet of company offices. He is also V. P. of the Chicago Assn. This is Arnold's second year in NAJAC.
BRUCE STONE is President of the newspaper firm known to Chicagoans as the Quill and Scroll. Bruce also can be proud of his other title, Chairman of the Junior Board.

Atomic Chemco's Secretary and Business Manager, ALICE SANDERS shall grace this year's NAJAC Conference. ALICE is a Senior in High School. If you have some ashes that you don't quite know what to do with, speak to ALFRED FODELL. ALF is President of the Genco Ashtray Company of Dorchester, Mass.

CHARLES J. PLITTITI is Publicity Manager of the Student Broadcasting Company and his local Achievement Assn. CHARLES is a Senior in High School.

WILLIAM MAXWELL was the recipient of the Medal Award, which means a free trip to NAJAC. BILL was a member of the Futuristic Products Company of Chicago.

I can see that the observatory at Denison will be well patronized for we have another Star Gazer with us, MARGIE KROMENAKER. MARGIE is the very model of a Star Gazer.

Lynn, Mass., is sending to the conference this year, JANE KENNEALLY. Her company, which is the Mouldtime Company, makes school emblems and JANE is the Sales Mgr.

JAMES THOMAS KEMP is Publicity Manager of the J. A. Company, WPFB Talent Bureau. With all of the talent running around the Campus at Denison, JIM ought to have a field day.

FRED M. KAPLAN's the Vice President of his stationery printing company, Hi-Art. FRED is also going to college this year.

The Sales Manager of Chicago's Guild Laboratory is BILL CHRYSOKOS. Though he helped turn out hand cream, I have an idea that BILL's first love is photography.

A real old-time J. A. er is JANET LOUISE BERARD, who first joined the organization in 1946. JANET was previously in an information research company. This is her second NAJAC.

FRANK KALITA is attending this NAJAC as a Graduate Achiever. FRANK is a real member of the Old Guard, first joining the program in 1941. He is still active in J. A., being President of his photo company.

Another Graduate Achiever is DONALD C. HOWARD. He is President of the Student Broadcasting Company, and also Junior Achievement Bay State Assn. DON has just graduated from high school.

With this issue of Conference News, the preparatory work for NAJAC 1949 draws to an end. We have endeavored to make this the greatest gathering of Achievers ever held, and from here on in, it is up to you, the delegates, to make this NAJAC go down in history as a landmark in the onward march of Junior Achievement.

The time has come also, I think, to give credit to those that have labored hard and long in compounding these papers. The one that heads the list of those that deserve all our thanks is HERB MATTER, Editor, who has been the guiding light through these past weeks. It has been upon his efforts that the success of this news sheet has rested.

Others whose assistance has been gratefully received are Tom Arenas, Warren Kaufman, and Al Simon. We owe much to you all.

Associate Editor