

Guide to Elections 1980



In order for a voter to make wise decisions in any election, he must be informed. There is more involved than the candidates, their platforms, qualifications, and the election issues. An enlightened voter must be familiar with the duties of each office: what does a candidate do after he's elected?

First of all, NEHI's student government is composed of two groups: the executive board and the class boards. The executive board includes the president, vice-president and secretary treasurer of student government. The class boards consist of the president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer plus the senators of each class. Following are the duties of each office:

President of the Senate — has the power to call meetings of the executive board when he deems necessary. Presides over these meetings. Is the official representative of all students at Northeast. Serves on school, county and state committees to voice student concerns.

Vice President of the Senate — Assists the President in any and all capacities. Assumes the duties of the President in his absence. Serves as Parliamentarian and Chairman of Inter Club Council.

Secretary/Treasurer of the Senate — Keeps accurate records of business at all meetings and records of committee reports. Reads minutes of previous meeting immediately following roll call. Is responsible for all senate funds. Shall be prepared to report on the status of senate financial affairs at each meeting.

Class President — Has the power to call meetings of his class board and shall preside over each meeting. May appoint committees. Votes only to break a tie.

Class Vice President — Assumes duties of the President in his absence. Assist President in all capacities. Serves as parliamentarian.

Class Secretary — Keeps records of committee reports and business at all class meetings. Reads minutes of previous meeting immediately after roll call.

Class Treasurer — Responsible for all class funds shall be prepared to report on class financial status at each meeting.

Class Senators — Attends all class and senate meetings and functions. Responsible for upholding the Northeast Constitution and seeing that the students are well represented.

Ponessa unopposed for president

This year's race for student government president could be decided by one vote: Joe Ponessa is running unopposed.

"I feel I have the qualifications to lead the school," said Ponessa. He has been involved in student government for three years, serving as vice president and chairman of Inter Club Council in his junior year. In addition, Ponessa is president-elect of student government in this district.

"I am running unopposed and yet that is my true opponent. The fact that none had interest enough to try for the office is a prime example of the apathy which I will hope to defeat," commented Ponessa.

Contending for the office of student government vice president are Eileen Fitzgerald and Karla Weiskopf.

Fitzgerald, who will be a senior next year, has been active in student government for three years, having served as vice president, treasurer and president of her class. Fitzgerald served as Inter Club Council secretary and feels the direct experience she received will help her to do an effective job as chairman of ICC (a main duty of the vice president).

Weiskopf has been president of her class for two years. She participated on several student government committees, notably ICC, the Student Advisory Committee, the Cafeteria Committee, and has attended meetings of the Student Rights and Responsibilities Committee. Weiskopf was involved

in organizing several assemblies and is a reporter for the school newspaper.

"I feel that the student government needs leaders that have strong leadership, have school spirit and pride, are out-going and that will work hard to get things done," stated Weiskopf.

Fitzgerald's and Weiskopf's main concerns regarding Northeast differ, the exception being their concern with closed campus.

Fitzgerald proposes to work toward revisions in the dress code and the addition of more "club days" per month.

Fitzgerald sees the lack of time available to students to ask teachers for extra help or instruction as a major problem. "Possible solutions include the introduction of a study hall period or course," Fitzgerald said.

Weiskopf feels that NEHI needs more assemblies "to recognize the students . . . who really deserve it."

Weiskopf is also concerned over the lack of communication between student government and the student body. She proposes weekly updates on student government activities over the intercom and that the bulletin board be utilized more effectively.

Weiskopf has several unique ideas that would boost student involvement and school spirit, most notably the election of a Homecoming King.

Both candidates stated that they would work hard to achieve their goals if elected.



Student Government candidates (l to r): Pauline Brandt, Sandy Nelms, Eileen Fitzgerald, Joe Ponessa, Maria Cox, Karla Weiskopf.

Senior Class

Junior Class

Sophomore Class

Candidates campaign for student senate

Competing for the opportunity to serve as secretary/treasurer of student government are three members of the Class of '81, Pauline Brandt, Sandy Nelms and Maria Cox.

Brandt served in this office for the 1979-1980 school year and is running for re-election. She served as alternate secretary/treasurer in her sophomore year.

Nelms has been a Rojan member for three years, has served on its board as sophomore representative and as the float committee chairperson. She served as secretary for the Science and Engineering Club in '79-'80 and in that same year as secretary of the scuba club. Nelms is active in Junior Achievement and National Honor Society.

Cox has been secretary of the Latin Club for the past year and a member of the Key Club Board of Directors. She has served as alternate junior class senator and feels that her experience working with candidates for other offices is one of her main qualifications.

Brandt is greatly concerned with the present parking situation, over-discipline of students by administrators and open campus.

She would like to see student government work to re-establish the senior cafeteria and library privileges for all students during fourth period. Brandt takes an active stand on fund-raising.

Nelms feels next year's student government should deal with the problems of the dress code, lack of school spirit and closed campus.

"I would propose a resolution whereby a persons freedom of choice should not be restricted concerning dress unless reasonable judgement is not used," said Nelms.

Nelms also feels NEHI needs more pep assemblies.

Cox also feels that the dress code and "closed-campus" are major concerns. She also feels that "club day" should be held every two weeks instead of once a month because, "it is the only time some clubs have to meet."

Cox feels that student government should work to unite the student body as do Nelms and Brandt.



Senior Class: Three offices unchallenged

President

Running for the office of Senior Class President are Patricia Calayag, Jon Reed and Christa Barbel.

Calayag served as vice president of her class for her first two years of high school in New York. She participated in several sports and business clubs as well as in fund-raising projects. Calayag served as an alternate senator in her junior year at Northeast. Calayag feels that as a newcomer to the school she can contribute new, different and untried ideas to the Senior Class.

Reed has served as Freshman Class treasurer, Sophomore Class president and Junior Class senator. He has also been active as Spanish Honor Society vice president, Scuba Club treasurer, and as representative to ICC. Reed has served as treasurer in Junior Achievement for three years. Reed has served as Anchor Club admiral, Spanish Honor Society president, and a member of the Science and Engineering Club, all in his junior year.

Barbel has participated in student government since her freshman year. She served as Freshman Class senator, Sophomore Class vice president and Junior Class senator as well as the chairman of the Homecoming Spirit Chain Contest. She has participated in sports and as a member of several

clubs.

All three candidates agree that there will be major problems with closed campus next year, and suggest some sort of compromise be reached with the administration in regard to privileges. Each candidate cited restrictions on parking and use of the library as major problem areas.

Calayag is concerned specifically with lack of school spirit, and suggest that the denial of privileges may be the cause of student apathy.

Reed feels, "that only by getting in on the ground floor can one successfully express his own views and make such things get done. . . . If a person is to get involved at all, he should get his ALL involved." Reed has several unique ideas involving "arena scheduling" a system in which students may select not only their classes, but their teachers and class periods as well. He states fund-raising as a priority for the Senior Class.

Barbel states that lack of communication between student government and the student body is a major problem at NEHI. She also feels that a few fall activities should be added to the Senior Class agenda in addition to the many spring events. Fund-raising is also on her list of priorities if elected.



Senior Class Candidates (standing l to r) Brenda Richards, Marqe Gressle, Patricia Calayag, Sheryl Alexander, Lisa Gonzalez, Paul Griffith, (seated l to r) Christa Barbel, Jon Reed.

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The candidates for the offices of Senior Class vice president, secretary and treasurer are each running unopposed.

Paul Griffith, candidate for Senior Class vice president, is the state chairman of The Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program. He is president-elect of the Northeast National Honor Society and president-elect of the district National Honor Society.

Griffith sees improving student-teacher relations as a prime concern facing next year's student leaders. He feels learning conditions at Northeast should be improved. As Senior Class vice president Griffith would favor "activities that would produce almost total class participation."

He adds, "What activities exactly is up to the class to determine."

Lisa Gonzalez, candidate for secretary of the Senior Class, has served as the Junior Class secretary for the past year. She states that her typing ability is an important qualification for the office.

Gonzalez is concerned with lack of school spirit and suggests that student government take more active steps toward promoting unity and pride. Another concern is the

constantly malfunctioning bell and alarm systems.

"Now its to the point where students never take a fire alarm seriously," said Gonzalez.

Lack of communication within the school is a major problem Gonzalez hopes to deal with successfully if elected.

Marqe Gressle is the sole candidate for the post of Senior Class Treasurer. States Gressle, "I have never been treasurer of any club at school but I have been vice president of French Club for one year and senator for my class for a year."

Gressle feels that student government should deal with the problems of lack of spirit, closed campus for next year, and the school food.

She would like to see the Class of '81 become more unified and involved in the school.

Juniors race for vice presidency

Competing for the office of Junior Class president are Julie Hubbard and Bill Vincent.

Hubbard was active in student government in middle school and served as vice president of the sophomore class in '79-'80. She is a member of Rojans where she has had experience in fund-raising activities.

Vincent has served as senator for the Freshman and Sophomore classes. He is a member of Interact, March of Dimes Walk-a-Thon representative and has been a reporter for the school newspaper. Vincent is also an excellent student.

Both candidates are concerned with fund-raising for the Junior Class. "I would like the Junior Class to possibly have a dance, another skating party or something that would help

increase the spirit of the class of '82," stated Vincent.

Hubbard would like to have additional fund-raising projects such as candy sales and car washes.

Vincent feels that student government should get involved in preserving open campus as a senior privilege and in raising school spirit through more pep assemblies.

Hubbard considers the communication gap between student government and the student body is the only problem of major proportion at Northeast. She stresses the need for student input.

The most hotly contested race for a Junior Class office is that of Junior Class vice president. The three candidates for the

post are Mark Gabriel, Renee Beder and Norman MacAuley.

Gabriel has been involved in student council and other student organizations.

Beder served as senator in her freshman year and attended many after school activities.

MacAuley has served as a Sophomore Class senator and is very involved in Interact. He has served as treasurer of the Navigators.

All three candidates express concern for school spirit and suggest more assemblies and fun activities that students would want to get involved in.

Gabriel and Beder would work to get open campus reinstated as a senior privilege, while MacAuley feels that vandalism of

school property is a greater concern. MacAuley reasons that if the students feel the school is more their own property and responsibility they will be less apt "to sit there and watch people destroy NEHI."

All the candidates see a weakness in student-teacher relations and express a desire to strengthen these relations through student-teacher activities.

Beder is greatly concerned with school courses and curriculum. "Stressing as much of an education as possible should be done from the beginning of high school if not from the start of middle school," said Beder.

MacAuley and Beder would like to see next year's Junior Class involved in the traditional sales and other activities.

Senators

There are six candidates seeking positions as Junior Class senators in the 1980-81 student government.

Denise Rozwarski served as vice president of Navigators in her sophomore year, and a member of the Latin Club. She is a member of ICC and an honor student. Rozwarski feels that student government should deal with open campus policies and lack of school spirit. She would like to see her class involved in "candy sales, car washes, spirited activities and some small services."

Gary Bergeron has been involved on the Nor'easter and Soundings staffs and as an ICC representative. He feels that student government should work to secure more club days, assemblies with definite purposes, to make curriculum changes and to define students' rights and responsibilities more clearly. Bergeron would like the Junior Class to work at fund-raising through more creative avenues such as a dance-a-thon or class party. "As a senator I would give my total effort toward any project or activity attempted by my class and will try to make it as enjoyable

as possible for the students," said Bergeron.

Melanie McPherson served as a Sophomore Class senator and as a member of Key Club, German Club and Navigators. McPherson is concerned with the closing of the library during lunch, lack of school spirit and assemblies and disorganization in the front office and administration. She is in favor of more field trips, dances and class parties.

Thomas Lloyd has in the past held several offices in rifle clubs, boy scouts and other youth organizations. He participated in the Toastmasters' public speaking program and is familiar with governmental procedures. Lloyd feels the three greatest problems at Northeast are closed campus, over crowding on some bus routes and disrespect by students. He would like to see student government work to resolve these problems and to change the ten cent deposit on trays in the cafeteria. Lloyd would like to see continued support for the cafeteria juke box and the new soccer program.

Other candidates for Junior Class senator are Anita Reece and Pamela Roberts.



Junior Class candidates (standing l to r) Julie Hubbard, Connie Lewis, Bill Vincent, Laura Jackson, Melanie MacPherson, Gary Bergeron, Mai Ann Pham, Denise Rozwarski, (seated l to r) Mark Gabriel, Renee Beder, Norman MacAuley.

Sec./Treas.

The only Junior Class candidate running unopposed is Laura Jackson for the office of secretary.

Jackson has served as secretary of the sophomore class. "I enjoyed working in this office this year and would like to do it again next year," said Jackson.

The two candidates for Junior Class treasurer are Connie Lewis

and Mai Ann Pham. Lewis served as Sophomore Class senator and was a member of Rojans and the varsity swim team.

Pham was involved in several school activities in her previous home of Tulsa, Oklahoma. She served as special advisor to the National Junior Honor Society in eighth grade and as treasurer of the

math club. Pham also served in these positions in ninth grade. She served as a Freshman student council representative and maintained high academic records.

Both Lewis and Pham feel lack of student interest in school spirit and in learning is a major problem. Pham suggests that more field trips be scheduled to promote

student interest.

Lewis says, "I think we should Lewis also believes student government should work to beautify the school campus."

Pham feels that there is a lack of proper discipline in class and that students do not fully understand their responsibilities although they take full advantage of their

rights. "I think student government should clarify each category to the student body and emphasize the significance (of each)," said Pham.

Sophomore Class shows spirit

Next year's Sophomore Class is all ready showing its great enthusiasm for taking part in the school. None of the candidates are running unopposed.

The candidates for Sophomore Class president are David Brooker, Tammy Kling and Todd Adair.

Brooker was active in junior high school at Meadowlawn where he served as student council president, photographer and assistant editor of the yearbook. He was also sports

editor of the school newspaper. As a NEHI freshman Brooker served on the Viking Log staff and as a Key Club member.

Kling served as the 1979-80 Freshman Class president. She is a Rojan member, and served in student government in junior high.

Adair served as a Freshman Class senator and states, "I am acquainted with the job and duties that go along with being class president."

Brooker feels the major problems facing



Candidates for Sophomore Class vice president (l to r) Wendy Rowley, Brenda Peoples, Luanne Lawson.



Sophomore Class presidential candidates (l to r) David Brooker, Tammy Kling, Todd Adair.

his class are the lack of interest by many students, the lack of activities to create interest and the high price of the 1983 senior prom.

"The Sophomore leaders should try to keep the price of the 1983 prom as low as possible," stated Brooker. His suggestions for achieving this goal are raffle sales and other fund-raising.

Kling feels the Sophomore Class should get more involved with fund-raising and

field trips. She states, "I would do everything I could to respond to everyone's suggestions."

Adair is concerned with class unity. He feels more activities, both fund-raising and social, should be organized.

All the candidates stated concern for the future of open campus and for the amount of locker facilities. They feel the student government should be active in meeting the needs of all students.

Senators

There are several candidates running for the five Senior Class senatorial posts.

Sheryl Alexander has served as Junior Class senator, Latin Club treasurer and as corporate secretary of her Junior Achievement company. Stated Alexander, "I feel the best way for anyone to hear what you have to say is to take an active part and say it."

Alexander favors the idea of a study hall period for students, especially for seniors who will be required to take five classes next year. She also believes student government should take an active role in securing open campus as a senior privilege and in improving conditions in the cafeteria.

Brenda Richards, a second candidate for senator, has had experience as a Red Cross Volunteer which she feels has made her very sensitive to the needs of others. She feels this quality is important in any student representative.

Richards would like to see the Class of '81 get involved in the issue of open campus and with senior privileges. She sees the Fourth period library situation as a major problem and would like student government to get more involved in meeting the needs of the students.

Other candidates for Senior Class senatorial positions are Jay Smith, Mike Frederick, Aubrey Hoffer and Karen Ruggins.

Sophomore Class Vice President

Running for the office of Sophomore Class vice president are Wendy Rowley, Brenda Peoples and Luanne Lawson.

Rowley served as Freshman Class secretary and feels the experience afforded her the needed ability to be Sophomore Class vice president.

Peoples served as Freshman Class vice

president and on ICC. She is a Rojan and a member of the yearbook staff.

Lawson was a student council member in junior high at Riviera and is an above-average student. "I enjoy working with fellow classmates and I like to meet new people," said Lawson.

Rowley feels her class should become

involved in more fund-raising and service activities. "I would like the Class of '83 to work with the incoming freshman (sic) on another outstanding JV pep assembly," stated Rowley.

Peoples also sees a need for more spirit activities and especially field trips.

Lawson would like to see the Sophomore

Class involved more in student activities.

The candidates hold different views as to the main problems the school faces. Their ideas range from the leaky roof to the dress code, but all agree that student government should be ready and willing to voice student ideas and concerns.

Treasurer

In the race for treasurer of the Sophomore Class, incumbent Joy Sewell is challenged by Diane Rodas and Scott St. Denis.

Sewell states "I was treasurer last year and I know how to take care of this position in our government for my class."

Rodas served as treasurer of FHA in middle school and as a Freshman Class senator.

St. Denis served as FHA secretary at Meadowlawn Middle School and enjoys math.

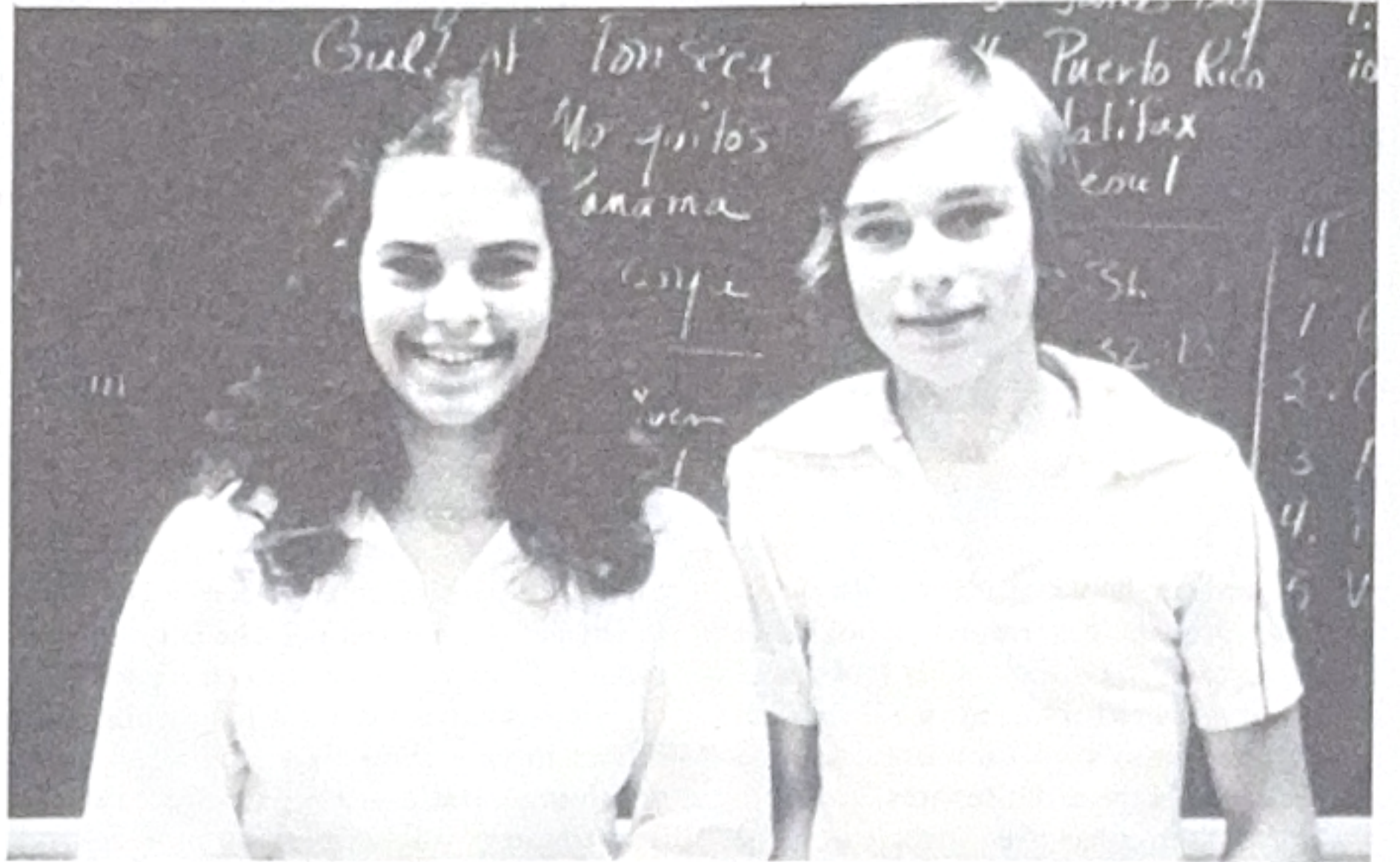
All the candidates feel that school spirit needs boosting. All

are in favor of more field trips, class projects, dances and parties.

Sewell has strong convictions concerning freedom of speech. "(Students should be able to) state their thoughts about our school to make it better," said Sewell.

Rodas feels the various school organizations should work together to deal with fund-raising for the television/audio project.

St. Denis feels for any activity or project to be successful more students have to be willing to get involved and work hard.



Candidates for Sophomore Class treasurer (l to r): Diane Rodas, Scott St. Denis.

Secretary

Three candidates are seeking the office of Sophomore Class secretary: Maria Viking, Kelly Anne Goldberg and Lisa Hamm.

Viking is active in Key Club and the marching band. "I learned how to work out problems with my peers and how to solve them successfully," said Viking.

Goldberg served as a Freshman Class senator and was a secretary of Job's Daughters for the state of Pennsylvania. Goldberg also served as chairperson of the Patriotism and Pledge of Allegiance Committee.

Hamm has been a member of Rojans for one year. She states that "although I have no past experiences in school activities but I feel I would make a good Sophomore

Class secretary because I'm an above-average student and I know I could handle the job."

Viking would like to see next year's Sophomore Class involved in more field trips.

Goldberg thinks more dances, a mini concert, plays and carnivals are necessary. She would like to see her class more involved in serving the community.

Hamm proposes that the sophomore council take surveys of the students often to determine their needs.

All three candidates agree that closed campus will be a major difficulty next year. Other concerns are vandalism and the dress code.



Candidates for Sophomore Class secretary (l to r): Maria Viking, Lisa Hamm, Kelly Anne Goldberg.

Sophomore Class Senators

The Sophomore Class shows great concern for its future at Northeast with eight candidates running for senator. The candidates for the five senatorial positions are Jeff Green, Melvin Ethridge, Kevin Singletary, Angel McGowan, Craig Smith, Stephanie Lyons, Jane McPherson, Deene Patterson, and Patty Getker.

Green served as appointed senator for the Freshman Class and as class president in grades seven and eight. He feels that students at NEHI suffer from loss of class activities, library privileges and lack of school spirit. Green pledges to work as a class senator to organize student activities.

Ethridge was active as a Freshman Class senator and likes to voice opinions, both his own and those of his fellow students. Ethridge hopes to get the lunch ticket booth moved to a new location to facilitate ticket purchases. He would like to see more assemblies and field trips and dislikes class distinctions via senior privileges. "I'd have the whole school equal," commented Ethridge.

Singletary has been active in student government in middle school and at NEHI for the past three years. Singletary feels the cafeteria needs improving and there are not enough student activities or representation. Singletary is concerned also over the poor hall locker facilities.

McGowan was a member of student council in the seventh grade. As a freshman at Northeast McGowan was a member of Key Club, FHA and student government. She also served on the Homecoming dance

committee. McGowan feels three of the greatest problems at Northeast are lack of school spirit, lack of student interest and lack of activities. "Sports and clubs only appeal to or center around small groups of people, leaving many out in left field. I believe we need to have more activities that could involve everyone." She advocates more competition between the classes.

Smith is an honor roll student and has a perfect attendance record at Northeast. As do the other candidates, he feels more activities are necessary. Smith also proposes competitions between the classes to raise spirit and participation.

Lyons was a member of the chorus at Riviera Middle School and worked in the administration office for one year. She has served as treasurer of the youth choir at her church for four years as well as general secretary of the Sunday School department. Lyons would like to see more competition between upper and lower classmen. She feels that detentions are often issued unfairly and that student government should play a role in rectifying the situation. Lyons proposes that each lunch period be extended for five minutes and that the food be improved.

McPherson was an elected senator during her freshman year and served on the Patriotism and Pledge of Allegiance Committee and the cafeteria committee. She is also a member of the Art Club. McPherson feels there is not enough recognition for girls' and boys' J.V. sports nor enough school spirit. She feels there should be more time



Sophomore Class senatorial candidates (standing l to r): Jane McPherson, Deene Patterson, Kevin Singletary, Jeff Green, Stephanie Lyons, Angel McGowan, (seated l to r): Craig Smith, Melvin Ethridge, Patti Getker.

between classes when the Hill becomes part of the regular campus, and longer lunch periods.

Patterson is a Boy Scout patrol leader and feels this position is his main qualification. "In order to be a patrol leader you have to have strong leadership qualities and you have to be well organized." Patterson is concerned over the lack of school spirit. He suggests field trips, more "dress-up days" and competition among the classes. He feels

a day during which students who have been absent can make up work is necessary. Patterson states that all classes should be treated equally where open campus privileges are concerned.

Getker was an active participant in Homecoming Week and cross country track. She feels that lack of interest, activities and spirit are the main problems at Northeast. She states that student government should give all sports equal attention.