

# Nor'easter

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## Prom plans in motion

By Lana Chiariello  
Editor-in-Chief

The plans for the senior class prom have been set in motion and the prom committee is geared up for the event to be held May 6 at the landmark downtown dance hall, the Coliseum.

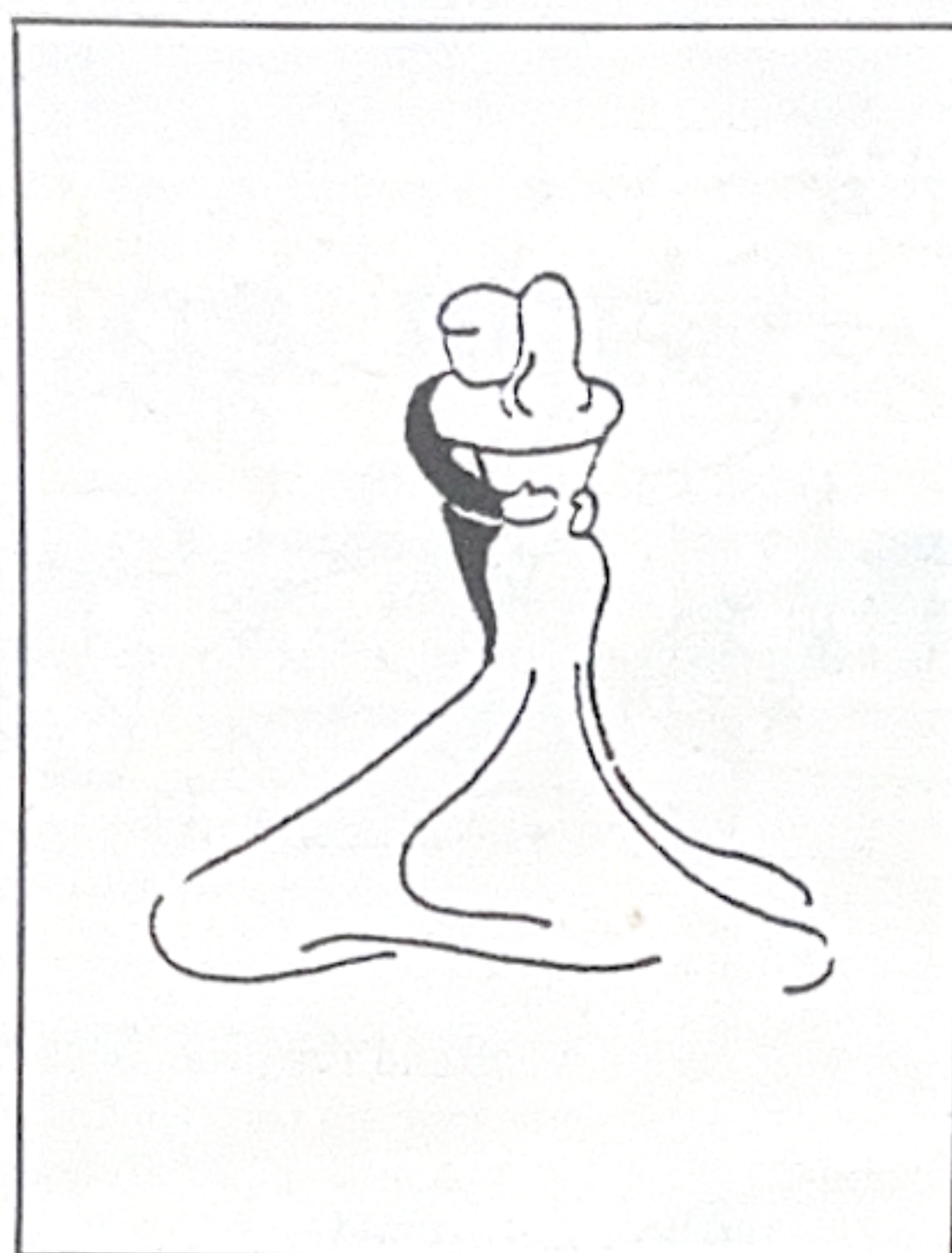
The senior prom is unique this year because Northeast is the first high school to reserve the Coliseum as the prom site.

"Since we are the first high school to think of this, we will most likely get media coverage," said senior class president Amie Hurst.

It is true that Northeast was the first school to reserve the Coliseum, but other schools will have their prom there before May 7.

"Other schools found out that we had planned to have our prom at the Coliseum and thought it was a good idea, so they wanted to have it there too," said Hurst. "Our school is significant because we had the idea first."

Another big change in the prom this year is the transition from a dinner-dance to just a dance. The cost of the prom tickets is \$36 a couple, although a dinner



Pictured is the 1988 prom design by Carrie Kosarek and Jason Hulfish.

will not be served, individual hors d'oeuvre desserts will be served.

The price of the ticket includes the

unlimited Coca-Cola bar for each student.

A new rule was made for this year's senior prom which banned sophomores and freshmen from going to the prom. Also, special permission was needed for seniors who wished to invite escorts who are more than one year out of high school.

"Underclassman have no business attending the prom," said Principal Tom Zachary, "I bet you the parents are relieved that their daughters are not allowed to attend."

A petition was sent around the senior class this year, but nothing came of it.

"People out of high school are much more mature to attend the prom," said Zachary. "It is an event which should be saved for seniors."

Zachary correlated this rule to the rule made about Grad Nite three years ago. "Grad Nite was open to people other than seniors, but people got out of hand. I'm sure next year, the class will accept this new rule, just as those seniors did."

The theme for this year's prom is "Good Times," which is also the prom song sung by INXS.

Carrie Kosarek and Jason Hulfish designed this year's prom cover.

## Speech winner chosen

By Lana Chiariello  
Editor-in-Chief

Senior Dan Spiegel has been chosen to give the commencement address at the 1988 graduation ceremony.

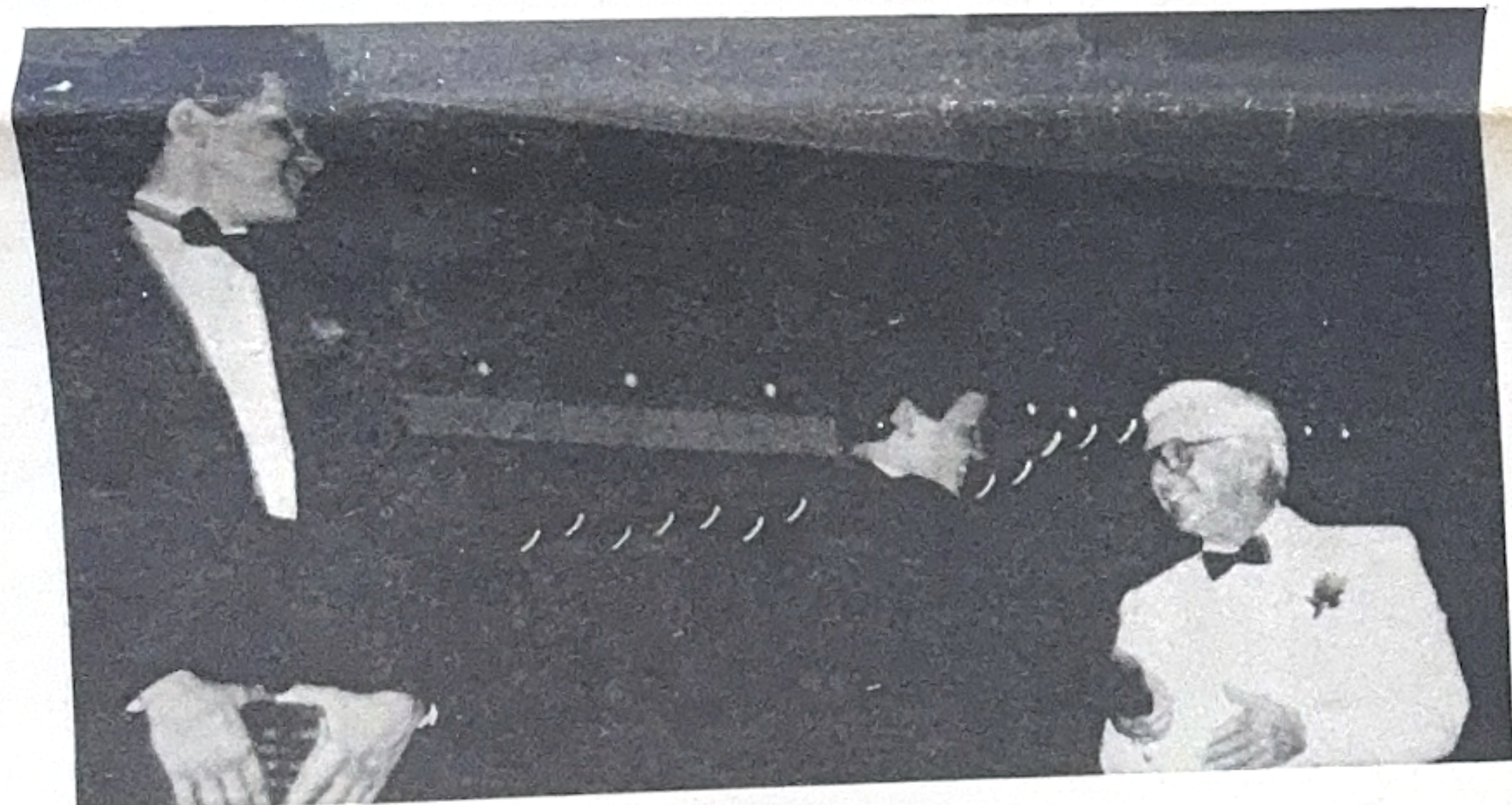
Spiegel competed with two other seniors, Andrea Laiosa and Veronica Baggett, for the honor. All contestants gave a speech limited to five minutes. The three seniors were judged on overall presentation, poise and clarity and volume, according to Assistant Principal Mary Miller, senior administrator, who was one of the judges.

"Basically, we wanted to choose the person who the students could best relate to. Of course, we don't want someone up there mumbling," said Miller.

The commencement speaker is not chosen by class rank as is the tradition of various other schools. Contestants must be in the top percentage of their class and fill out an application concerning their leadership and involvement. It has been the tradition at Northeast to allow eligible students the opportunity to make the commencement address instead of automatically choosing the valedictorian.

According to Miller, it took almost 20 minutes after the speeches were given to come to a consensus on the winner. The judges included teachers Mary Alvord, Joan Vernotzy, Al Colquitt, Jill Dileanis and Dave Hoest.

Also addressing the class will be senior class president Amie Hurst.



Dan Spiegel was elected "Mr. Striking Viking."

## Spiegel voted 'Striking'

By Frances Thomas  
Staff writer

Senior Dan Spiegel was crowned winner at the recent, and first, Striking Viking contest. The pageant was sponsored by the Hi-Y club. Spiegel, sponsored by the Spanish Honor Society, sang and played "Allentown," by Billy Joel, on the piano.

First runner up was senior George Rohrer, sponsored by the Gondoliers, who played a Spanish ballad on the classical guitar. Second runner-up was junior Greg Basham, sponsored by Los Amigos, who played an original saxophone composition entitled, "Sarah." Basham also won the Mr. Nice Guy Award.

Contestants in the pageant also included: Shawn Holley, sophomore, sponsored by sophomore class, who dance-cheered to "Tell it to My Heart;" Paul Krasulki, junior, sponsored by Rojans, who played "Pete Gun" on an electric guitar; David

McLaughlin, junior, sponsored by the junior class, who cooked blackened barbecued grouper; John Picket, senior, sponsored by the senior class, who sang "New York, New York;" Jobyson Smith, sophomore, sponsored by the concert chorus, who danced to a mixed version of "Catch Me, I'm Falling" and Lamon Williams, senior, sponsored by Future Homemakers of America, who sang "Tomorrow."

The six judges were: Jim Henderson, Lisa Fisher, Debbie DeFrancisco, Christina Herbert, Ed Hazley and Marguerita Timmel. The pageant was judged on five categories: grade point average, citizenship, talent, athletic ability and poise.

For special entertainment, Yolanda Godfrey, "Where do Broken Hearts Go?" and Jennifer Dudley sang "Friends."

Jerry Hiers and Shannon Langford were masters of ceremony.

## News Digest

### Students of Month

For the month of March, the entire varsity basketball team was chosen as the Rotary students-of-the-month. The team made its way to the state tournament where they were defeated by the Miami-Carol City basketball team 74-72. This year was the first time the basketball team has gone to the state tournament under the coaching of Dave Redding.

### Driver reigns

Senior Diane Driver was chosen Miss Junior Sun Goddess in April.

Driver was one of the few runners-up from Northeast High. Also in the competition were seniors Amy San Marco and Tiffany Treadwell and junior Brandi Hughes.

In addition to the crown, Driver won a two-year scholarship to college and will use it at the University of South Florida after attending St. Petersburg Junior College for two years.

### Outstanding students

Lana Chiariello and Dan Spiegel are the chosen recipients of the St. Petersburg Rotary Club "outstanding achievement" award.

Two seniors, a male and a female, were chosen from Northeast.

Chiariello and Spiegel will attend a banquet May 20 to receive the award.

### SGA surveys students

According to a student government survey, a great majority of the students at Northeast feel there is a definite problem with NEHI's bathrooms.

Among the top complaints were: stopped up toilets, constant cigarette smoke, flooding, inadequate supplies such as toilet paper, soap and paper towels, the odor, broken and leaky faucets and general uncleanliness.

Some possible solutions to the problem that students gave were: have a separate bathroom for smokers, refurbish all bathroom with ample supplies, start a fundraiser to clean NEHI's bathrooms, have bathroom monitors and invest in air dryers.

It was suggested by the students that students who were caught breaking the rules should be punished in the following ways: students should be forced to eat lunch in the bathroom, clean the bathroom, have a three-day suspension or serve time in the bathroom.

# 27 days and counting...



# Seniors 'indebted' by prom

Prom. The cups will runneth over but the pockets will be eth empty.

Prom is supposed to be the highlight of a senior's year—the highlight of a person's high school year. Unfortunately, by the time a senior is done paying for the prom, he'll never get to college.

Let us run through a typical senior's prom expenses. Since the expenses vary for each sex, we will combine the expenses, assuming a girl is not cruel enough to make her date pay for everything.

To begin, one must pay for the tickets before savoring the thought of attending the prom. The tickets this year are \$36 a couple. That's \$18 a person. This amount of money covers only the admission to the dance hall.

Second, seniors have to pay for some sort of dinner before the dance at 8:30 p.m. and most choose to dine out. Since the prom is a big event in a senior's life, a typical couple may wish to dine somewhere extravagant. The average cost of dinner, realistically, will be \$40.

Most seniors will want to arrive at the prom in style, so many resort to taking a limousine. The average limousine fare is \$50 an hour, with a six-hour minimum. The average time that a senior

will need the limousine, including dinner, dance and final destination, will be seven hours. That's \$350 for the night.

Let's not forget what to wear. The average cost of a girl's attire is \$275. This includes the dress, the shoes, the pantyhose, the earrings, the bracelet and other accessories.

If a girl wants to go all out, she will have her hair, face and nails done at a cost of approximately \$40.

For the guys attending the prom, attire is simple but expensive, the average cost of a tuxedo this year will be \$60.

Most couples will want to have some way to remember the prom and will buy loads of film, which will run about \$10. It all adds up.

And, one mustn't forget about the tradition of getting your date flowers. For the guys, this means a corsage which could run anywhere from \$8-\$25. Girls are the lucky ones, because the average price of a boutonniere is \$4.

If we want to get realistic about the prom night, many seniors will be renting a hotel room to share in the festivities with their senior classmates. The average cost of a hotel room is \$70.

After the prom, the seniors will need money for post prom



"refreshments" which will cost about \$20.

Did we forget anything?

One thing that won't ever be forgotten is the big hole that prom will leave in our pockets. If you've added all this up as you have gone along, you'll find that the AVERAGE cost for a couple

to attend the prom is \$922. Sure, you can say that we don't have to go out and spend all this money, but would you want to eat at McDonald's before the prom?

While we are lamenting over our empty bank accounts, let's remember one piece of information and thank the senior class

for working so hard to cut the cost of prom tickets. In 1985, the seniors had a dinner-dance at the Don CeSar. The cost of the tickets were \$35 a couple. This year we voted to have just a dance to save money. The cost of the tickets are \$36 a couple. What is a senior to do?

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I was shocked and surprised at the way you misquoted me in the article you wrote for the February 25th edition of the Nor'easter. It is my policy to be positive in my approach to teaching and I would never subtract points from any student's earned total for any reason other than as required by county policy.

During the interview, I handed you a copy of the letter, explaining my policy, which was sent home to parents. Obviously, you did not take time to read the letter and get your facts straight before you wrote the article. The letter states that students may earn points for being in class and available to participate in the learning experience. As you can see, your erroneous interpretation completely changes the meaning and points toward a

negative outcome.

Also, in regard to my description of the absence policy, you quoted me as saying that "It stinks." I may have indicated my displeasure with the results of the current absence policy but did not use that expletive to describe it.

I think a written (published) apology is in order based upon the above facts, and feel personally that if this is an example of Nor'easter journalism, we are in trouble here at Northeast.

Sincerely,  
H.M. Brown,  
science instructor

From the Editor:

The Nor'easter regrets any misunderstanding which may have resulted from our February 25 article, which mentioned Mr. Brown's grading policy.

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# 'Speech, speech...'

"I am up here today to address the senior class on this wonderful day of graduation..."

Who gets the honor to address the senior class with a commencement speech on graduation day?

At Northeast, a contest is held to decide who will make the graduation speech. It is a "given" that the senior class president gives a speech at graduation, but why not the valedictorian?

According to Principal Tom Zachary, graduation is not just the valedictorian's day, it's the senior class's day. Well, we ask this, why is it the senior class president's day?

Consider this: the valedictorian started as a freshman and worked hard all through high school to achieve the honor of graduating first in his class. Usually, the valedictorian is aggressive and goes for a goal, and probably would be a leader in the school. Even if he isn't, who would be more respected in the senior class than someone who represents dedication to all the educational processes than the valedictorian? After all, why are we in school? We thought it was to get an education, but obviously that is not honored as being elected class president.

Although it's not true this year, consider this possibility. Here comes a person who never worked hard for the senior class, a person who never held any leadership position within the class and then one day decides he is going to run for senior class president. It just so happens that the senior class likes this idea because it is sick of the old class president and is ready for a change. So, this person is elected and ends up doing nothing for the senior class.

Does this person make us pro-

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ud? No. So why should we want to hear this person talk about how dedicated he was to the class? We don't. Probably most seniors would rather hear the valedictorian address them than the senior class president, because anyone with a 1.5 GPA can become president, but only one special, dedicated and gifted person can reign as valedictorian. Graduation should be his

day to stand up and say "Hey, look at me -- I did it." That would make us proud.

In the past, with very few exceptions, the valedictorian has also been the one chosen to give the speech. We feel this should be a "given," also. By the end of his senior year, the valedictorian is through with competing and it should be his time to sit back and be proud of himself.



Travis Earls works on Sam Crooks' and Randy Butler's rocket prior to the launching.

# Rockets? Eggs-actly

By Jeff Allen  
News Editor

NEHI's Space, Technology and Engineering class has recently been conducting a technological engineering experiment.

The object of the experiment is to launch an egg 50 feet into the atmosphere and then retrieve it unbroken, according to Henry Frazee, the teacher of the class.

Direct human power is not allowed, and at an altitude of 50 feet or more, the egg must be allowed to return to Earth and land.

"The most obvious choice for most students was to design a model rocket which could do the job," explained Frazee.

A popular model this year, according to Frazee, was one called Eggsphere. The Eggsphere rocket can be bought at a model store and is made to carry an egg to a 300-foot height and then parachute the egg back to the ground unbroken.

Some groups decided to alter other designs in order to carry an egg. Page Garrison and Jehu Guardiola used a model called a V-2. The nose cone of the rocket was large enough to carry an egg, so the two rocketeers only had to design a safe recovery system.

Sam Crooks and Randy Butler, however, had a slightly more difficult task. Their rocket, a homemade design too small to carry an egg, had to be practically rebuilt. A small carriage was added onto the side of the rocket to carry the egg. Crooks and Butler then had to redesign the fins on the rocket to compensate for the uneven weight distribution.

"The rocket did have problems in flight," said Butler of the redesigned rocket's launch, "but the egg came back down unbroken."

The V-2 rocket had numerous mishaps in flight. The first launch almost ended in disaster.

The parachute failed to open and the nose cone containing the egg plummeted downward and hit the ground hard. Miraculously, the egg remained unbroken.

Garrison and Guardiola sent their rocket up for a second time without an egg in order to perfect the rocket's recovery. This time the ejection charge failed to work and the rocket embedded itself two inches in the ground.

Mary Jewett's rocket, an Eggsphere, caught on fire during its launching and continued to burn the whole flight. Her egg also returned unbroken.

Most of the flights went well, however, according to Frazee. "Even when the rockets ran into problems, the eggs usually were unharmed," Frazee said. "The students managed to pack the eggs real well."

The class has also had other projects this year, Frazee said, such as building model bridges and mousetrap-driven cars.

# A place to get 'hypa'

By Greg Basham  
Staff Writer

Hypa Hypa, a teen, non-alcoholic night club, has recently opened in St. Petersburg.

Hypa Hypa is St. Petersburg's answer to Clearwater's Off Limits. Now St. Petersburg's young adults do not have to drive to Clearwater to go dancing and be among friends.

Hypa Hypa is located at 4600 Fourth St. N., in a building formerly occupied by the Lemon Tree Health Spa. The club's regular hours are 7p.m.-1:30a.m.

Admission is \$6.

Co-owners Samek Solomon and Sita Dovenpart spent five weeks preparing for the opening of the club, to give teens someplace to go where they will not have to deal with alcohol.

"I've always wanted to open a place like this. I've always wanted to have somewhere to go and party without having a bunch of drunks hanging around," Solomon said. "Even though I don't believe in bouncers, I do believe in cops. I think if teens see those with

authority to arrest at the site, Hypa will be the kind of dance club we want."

Hypa Hypa regularly has lip-synch, arm wrestling and dance contests. Solomon is optimistic about its success.

"Our goal is simple. We want to help teens get off the streets. Nobody wants them around nowadays," Solomon said, "but we want to combine health and fitness with dance and music. We'll have aerobic classes, karate, racketball and lots of room for dancing. It's going to be fantastic," she said.

# Career program offered

Jenny Gustafson  
Staff writer

The Executive Internship Program (EIP) is geared to help college-bound seniors explore a career-oriented business and decide if it is the career choice they wish to pursue. By interacting with professionals in a career field of the student's choice, he or she will be able to prepare for life after college.

"The program gives students business contacts and recommendations for future use and sometimes even post-program jobs," Dr. Deldra Honeywell, coordinator of the Executive Internship Program, said.

Unlike the Cooperative Education Program, EIP gives students a professional outlook.

Students receive no payments for internship, but obtain overall benefits from the program.

Qualifications for EIP are simple. A student must have a GPA of a 3.0, an interest in a specific career field and space in his or her schedule. Students attend the internship at a given location for three hours a day, five days a week. The program is dual-enrollment, meaning a student acquires one and one-half high school credits and three transferable junior college credits.

For the active student who has no extra room in his or her schedule, there is also a summer program. Beginning June 20, students will attend internships for five hours a day, five days a week.

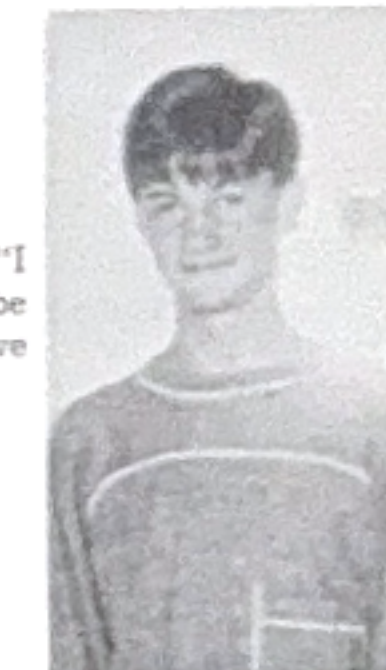
Students who qualify for the summer plan are required to have a GPA of a 3.3 and must exhibit high levels of maturity and leadership.

"The Executive Internship Program is one which will save many students from making the wrong career decision and also one which will reassure many other students that they have made the right decision," Honeywell said.

# Viking Views



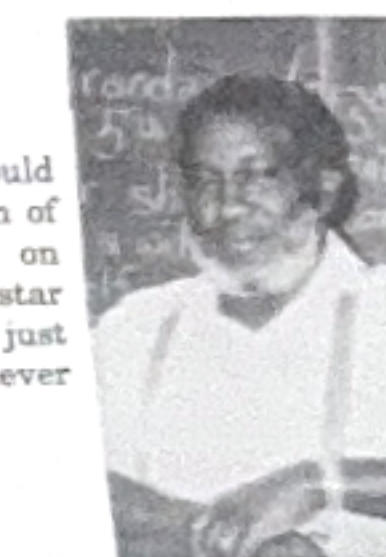
Jenny Lamerson, grade 12: "I would like to see a re-cap of the whole year, with a special feature of the class of '88."



Craig Pearson, grade 9: "I would like to see the seniors be put down like the freshmen have been this year."



Jennifer Nicholl, grade 10: "I would like to see a picture of Mr. Dorsett without his beard."

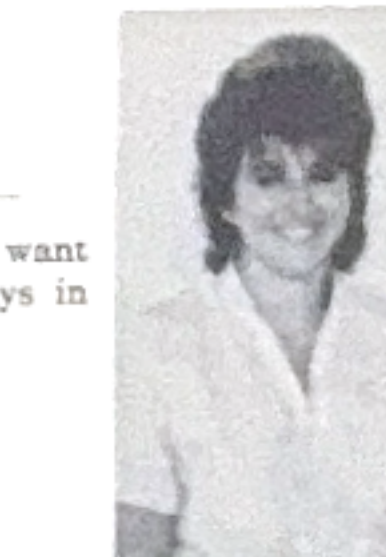


A. Colquitt, teacher: "I would like to see in the last edition of the Nor'easter profiles on students who are not star students or athletes but just everyday youngsters who never receive any attention."

What would you like to see in the next edition of the Nor'easter?



Ron Fairchild, grade 11: "I would like to see past and present pictures of the teachers and different areas of the school."



Angie Shaw, grade 10: "I want to see the five hottest guys in school."



Rhonda Hines, grade 9: "Something positive about the freshmen class."



Robert Brown, grade 11: "I would like to see some student fiction in the last issue in place of some of the derogatory news."



Mark Mujone, grade 9: "Stuff to do during the summer or what the teachers do over the summer."

By Rhonda Schroll







# SADD/SGA kick off Health Fair

## 'Choose Life'

"I am somebody...I might be winning...I might be losing...Sometimes moving, sometimes cruising...But still I am somebody."

Scott Bruner, the author of the book "Choose Life," introduced "Health Fair" week by addressing a group of students about suicide.



Scott Bruner, author of "Choose Life."

Since it was very early on Monday morning, he used some gross stories to get the students to realize that if a friend is in need of advice or is in an awkward situation, the student should get help for his friend.

Bruner made his point by telling the story of a Northside Christian student who took his own life after telling four of his close friends that he was thinking about doing it. It was made very clear to one of the girls that he was going to kill himself.

Bruner warned people that "you have to be concerned about your friends...because you can make a difference."

## Dusty Cooper

On Tuesday, Dusty Cooper, one of the sponsors of the teen rap session, "Monday Nite Live," came and spoke about teen suicide.

Cooper enlightened students on the fact that one suicide per day is attempted in Pinellas County alone. During the assembly, Cooper stated, "while we are in here today, 34 people will attempt suicide." He also said that in 24 hours, over 1,000 people will attempt suicide, and 18 will succeed. "If you can call it succeeding."



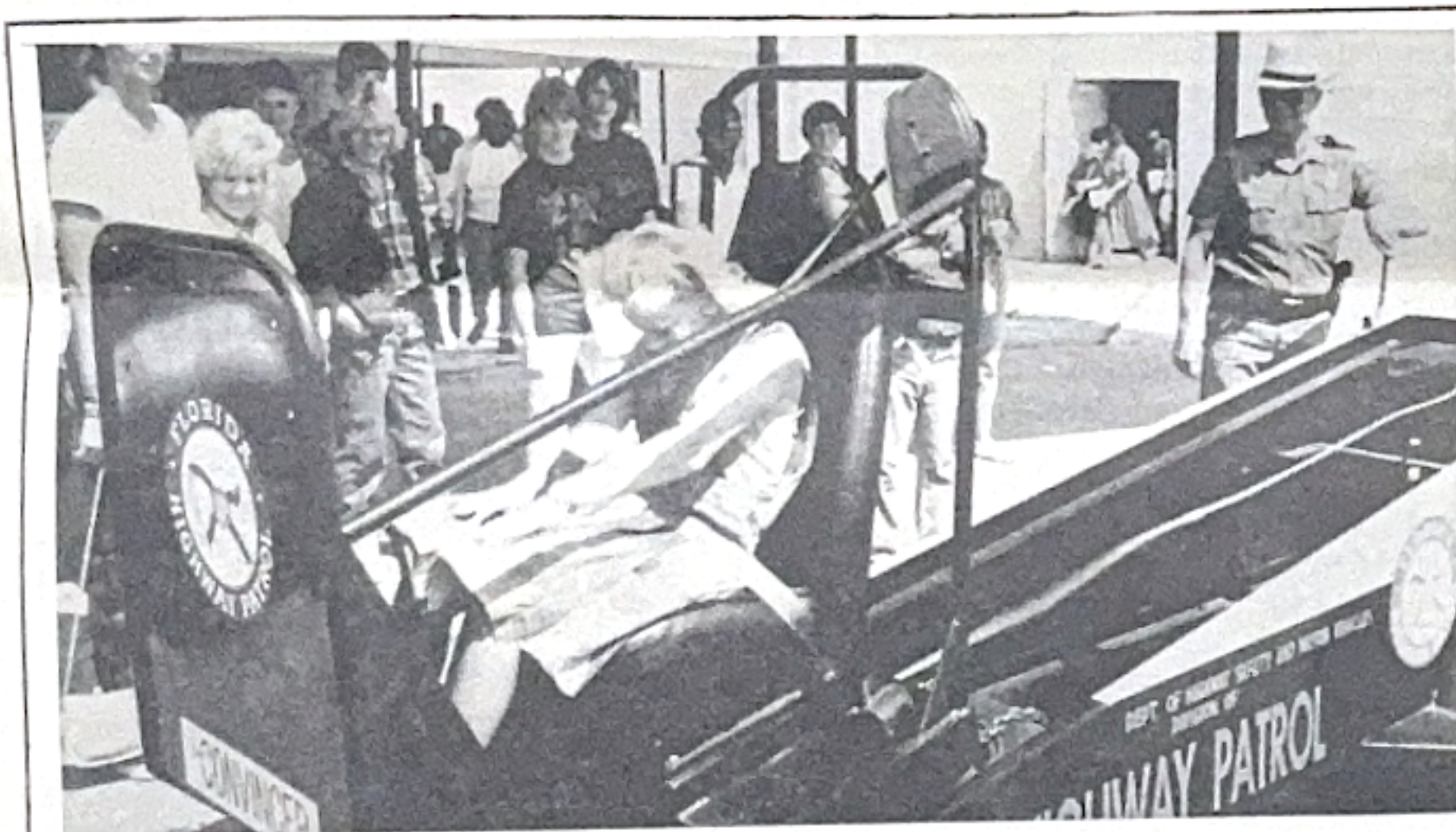
Members of the Interbay Academy of Taekwondo techniques.

## Self-defense tips

On Tuesday, April 12, a karate demonstration for students took place in the front bus circle. All demonstrators were from the Interbay Academy of Taekwondo. The two instructors present were John Footman and Bill Ferkile.

both are second degree black belts. Also participating in the demonstration were two Northeast students, James Emmons and Danny Lawrence, who are both blue belts with red tips.

The purpose of the demonstration was to show that karate is a discipline rather than an art. "We build self-confidence and mainly teach self-defense," said Ferkile, one of the instructors.



Shannon Langford takes a ride in the "Convincer," which demonstrated the force of impact at 10 m.p.h.

## Alcohol prevention

On Friday, the week ended with a stress on alcohol prevention. Student representatives from Alateen handed out pamphlets in the media center. Also, SADD showed a film to the students and MADD showed a video tape. Representing these

groups were Vicki Gilbert, the vice president of the county chapter of MADD and Ricky Busch, the president of SADD.

## Teen pregnancy

On Tuesday, Joanne Welch, the director of the Teenage Information Program for Students (TIPS), had a presentation on teen pregnancy. Welch deals with pregnancy among teenagers, especially in the high schools, and she counsels Northeast High students twice a week.

## Rape prevention

On Wednesday, April 13, two women from the St. Petersburg Victim assistance, Mary and Jeannette Williams, spoke to a group of students on rape prevention.

A quiz was passed out and students were chosen from the audience to answer true and false questions about rape. One aspect of rape that was emphasized was the increasing rate of "date rape."

## Tampa Vice

On Wednesday, April 13, students at Northeast were presented with hard facts concerning such issues as drug dealing, prostitution and pornography by Tampa Vice Detective Tuvall, who has been with the Tampa police for approximately seven years.

Greedy, he said, was the motivation factor of any drug dealer, and because it is so profitable, the problem of dealing has skyrocketed. Drug use has also skyrocketed, he said, particularly in cocaine abuse. He said usage has increased because the cost of the drug has decreased.



Detective Tuvall

Prostitution, too, is now causing an alarm. According to Tuvall, one out of three prostitutes in the Tampa Bay area is an active A.I.D.S. carrier.

The second most money making activity for organized crime, said Tuvall, is pornography.

# Gondoliers sing at capitol

By Robin Nicholas  
Associate Editor

NEHI's Gondoliers traveled to Tallahassee recently to represent the Northeast District for Music Education Day at the capitol. The Gondoliers were the only senior high school group from Pinellas County to perform.

The Gondoliers performed their award-winning show in the rotunda of the capitol for legislators from throughout the state. They were also privileged to meet the representative of the Northeast District, Peter Rudy Wallace, and to sit in on the legislative session of the House of Representatives.

The Gondoliers were then invited by Rep. Wallace to visit and sing in the governor's office. Unfortunately, Governor Martinez was out of town, and the group



Gondoliers perform at the capitol building.

was unable to meet him. While at the capitol, the Gondoliers also viewed many of Florida's landmarks, such as the

Supreme Court and the oldest bank in the state, and took in the view of Florida's capital city from the 22nd floor of the capitol building.

After touring and singing at the capitol, the Gondoliers visited the campus of Florida State University and received a tour of the campus by a student guide. The group was shown the cafeteria, inside a dorm and the book store, where many students from the group shopped, and brought back souvenirs. The Gondoliers also recieved a tour of the School of Music at FSU.

For their participation in Music Education Day at the capitol, the Gondoliers were awarded a ribbon, and a Certificate of Recognition from Jim Smith, secretary of state, presented by Rep. Wallace.

# Ice skaters glide to fame

By Luiz Lima  
Staff Writer

Northeast sophomores Marcus Joyner and Tammie Snyder recently achieved heights never before reached by Florida Special Olympians. They each won a gold medal at the Special Olympics Southeastern Ice Skating Championships March 24-26 in Stone Mountain, Ga.

Both Joyner, 17, and Snyder, 16, are expected to receive invitations to the International Special Olympics meet in Nevada next year. Meanwhile, the two are staying busy preparing for this competition and giving demonstrating performances at Sun Blades Ice Arena in Largo.

"I know we're going to make it," said a very confident Joyner. He's not only confident that they'll both get to compete in the Internationals, but he has strong hopes of winning another medal. Snyder feels the same way.

These two have shown great courage and spirit the past few months that has, in their opinion, been a victory for all mentally handicapped children. Jorge Valle, one of their skating instructors, said he is amazed at the determination set forth by Joyner and Snyder to learn figure skating.

"I was scared at first. But after a while, I just got used to the ice," said Snyder, referring to the first

time she tried ice skating. She first started skating two years ago with friends in Tennessee. She and Marcus have only been taking lessons for a little more than six months, which makes their recent success even more meaningful.

Joyner had never worn a pair of ice skates until six months ago. He actually started figure skating about a month after Snyder. He's come a long way in a short period of time, said Valle, who believes that Joyner's great involvement in sports as well as his determination to get the movements right has made it easier for him to catch on. Jorge and Helga Valle, their

skating instructors, have played major roles in the success of the young skaters. Without them, it would have been impossible for these two athletes to come as far as they have, the students agree.

Both Jorge and Helga coached at the 1980 Winter Olympic Games in Lake Placid, making it an honor for Joyner and Snyder to have such professional coaching available to them.

Even if Joyner and Snyder do not win anything in future competitions, they know that in their own way they are already winners. And they know that everyone is special in his or her



Marcus Joyner and Tammie Snyder

own way, a lesson emphasized in the Special Olympics program.

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## CRACK KILLS!

WHAT IS CRACK COCAINE?  
Crack or rock cocaine is a highly addictive, highly pure form of smokeable cocaine.

WHAT DOES CRACK LOOK LIKE?  
Small, irregularly shaped rocks, tan or yellowish in color.

WHERE CAN ADDICTS GET HELP?  
Cocaine Hotline - 1-800-COCAINE  
Telephone counseling and referral services  
Parents, Teachers, School Resource Officers, Doctors, Counselors,

WHAT EFFECT DOES CRACK HAVE ON THE COMMUNITY?  
Increases criminal activity  
Users turn to prostitution to support their habits  
Increase in number of illegal weapons on the street  
Theft from family, friends and strangers  
Families are torn apart  
Financial burden on family and community resources  
Citizens are fearful for their lives and property

WHAT ARE THE SIGNS OF CRACK ADDICTION?

**PHYSICAL**  
Rapid weight loss, decreased hunger  
Increased blood pressure, stroke  
Rapid heart beat, heart attack  
Brain hemorrhage  
Slow digestion  
Damage to lungs, respiratory collapse  
Chronic sore throat and hoarseness  
Elevated body temperature  
Irregular sleeping habits  
Neglect of personal hygiene  
Runny nose  
Seizure, convulsions  
Very addictive, instant high  
CRACK CAN KILL

**MENTAL**  
Violent, aggressive behavior, extreme paranoia  
Extreme mood swings  
Confusion anxiety, depression and memory loss  
Hallucinations  
Lack of motivation  
Willingness to sell all possessions  
Loss of interest in former activities and friends  
Disregard for the safety of others and self

HOW CAN THE CRACK EPIDEMIC BE STOPPED?  
Break the cycle of supply and demand through:

Education  
Prevention programs  
Neighborhood watch programs

Public awareness programs  
Drug rehabilitation directed toward the "crack" user.

COCAINE IN ANY FORM CAN KILL!





Members of NEHP's tennis team sit on a bench after a long game.

## Redding: Top Coach

By Felica Feaster  
Features Editor

Coach Dave Redding has been selected as teacher of the month for April. Redding has been teaching at Northeast for 12 years, and coaching boys' varsity basketball for seven years.

Redding attended Eastern Michigan University and participated in college baseball and football. He teaches geometry and Introduction to Computers.

Coach Redding's basketball team reached the state semi-

finals at Lakeland this year, and he was named Coach of the year in the Pinellas County Conference.

Since teaching and coaching take up most of his time Redding said, "I wish I had more spare time to spend on my hobbies." His hobbies are fishing and spending time with his family.

Coach Redding believes in achieving goals and working hard. He said, "This year's state championship gave us a goal to shoot for next year."

I really would like to thank the



Dave Redding

students, administration and faculty for all the support they have given us in this fine year in basketball."

## Baseball winds it up

Shane Linton  
Sports Editor

"All in all, our pitching has improved to the point that I feel we are a definite dark horse in the district. If our fielding (overall fielding average .938) and hitting continue at the rate we're going now, look out Sarasota," baseball head coach John Ash said.

The Vikings have an overall record of 12-8 and a conference record of 8-2. They have lost three big games: to Seminole, 3-2,

Dixie Hollins, 13-8 and Clearwater, 7-4. Against Gibbs the Vikings won 17-1 on 20 hits and they defeated Pinellas Park 11-0 on 14 hits.

Senior catcher Rick Busch has been selected to play in the state North-South game. Busch has been hitting second in the country for a couple of weeks with a .473 batting average. Earlier this season, senior centerfielder David Nilsen had a 13-game hitting streak going which was broken during the Easter tournament.

"Tim Cyr did an excellent job shutting out Boga Ciega, Trey Bond is very consistent around the plate and Jehu Guardiola has hit his stride and did a fantastic job against Pinellas Park giving up five innings in a 11-0 shutout," Ash said.

Tim Cyr has an earned run average of 3.50 and a record of 1-1. Trey Bond is 3-2 with 2.97 ERA, Jehu Guardiola has a record of 3-3 and a 1.71 ERA and Jeff Linton is 3-1 with a 3.73 ERA.

## Sports Digest

### One strike: he's out

Shane Linton  
Sports Editor

Last year Nick Nanos was on the Northeast baseball team, but this year he finds himself in an altogether different kind of ballgame.

Nanos lived in the "red zone" last year, which placed him in school at NEHI, but his family moved out of the zone at Christmas time. As a result, Nanos was told he would not be able to play for the Vikings this season, receiving the news a week before the baseball season

started.

Nanos has tried to get a special permit to play. He has asked several school board members for permission to play, but has been refused. The school board is letting Nanos attend school here, but will not let him play baseball.

"I'm a senior this year. I have played baseball with these guys during winter league and on the high school team," Nanos said. "I have so many close friends on the baseball team. This has been a big let down to me because I'm a senior."

### Softball in full swing

By David Bowser  
Staff Writer

As the Pinellas County Conference fast pitch softball season began, the Viking girls were asked to defend their 1986-87 conference title. With the loss of only one player from last season's team, senior Roberta Grounds, the Vikes were expected to fare well coming into this year's season. The season's record to date is 12-8 overall and 8-3 in the conference.

The team still has a legitimate shot at winning the conference and must win all conference games to have a shot at holding their championship title.

The team is led by Sheila Lindsay, Angela Borzelleri and Julie Brandes. Brandes is the key starter in the pitching rotation and has pitched more games than all the other starters combined. She leads the team in wins and starts. The Vikes are now down by two games in the P.C.C. race and have three conference games left.

In the latest game, the Vikes chalked up a 30-10 win over "that school to the south," St. Pete.

The Vikings should lead into districts in good shape to take the district title. Again this year, the district games will be played south of the Skyway bridge.

### Track team crosses finish line

The boys' track team has had a good season, considering the number of people participating; there are only 26 members on the team.

The Vikes opened the season with a victory over St. Pete High, but haven't put in a full season; three meets have been canceled this year because of bad weather.

Leading runners on the team are Travis Earles, who runs the hurdles, the long jump and the triple jump; Donny Dillard, who long jumps, triple jumps and runs relays; and long distance runners Eric Cinciripini and James Dills.

The girls' track team has had mediocre success because of the number of participants, which is fewer than 10.

### New squads chosen

New cheerleaders for the 1988-89 sports year were selected April 8 by judges from the National Cheering Association Constructors organization.


Chosen for varsity squad were returners Kim Bloomquist, DeDe Harder, Marla Hicks, Blonde Horton and Heather Khouri.

Newcomers chosen were Tammy Baecher, Laura Beckham, Mitzi Cohen, Tina Hetrick and April Melquist.

Chosen for the junior varsity squad were Tiffany King, Libby Marconi, Shaey Redding, Kathy Schulmeister and Heather Torrey.

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