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Cafeteria furniture ordered

By Chris Stephens
Staff writer

New furniture for the cafeteria is on its way, according to assistant principal Mary Miller. Included in the order are 125 new plastic chairs and 75 new tables.

NEHI has been given the money for new furniture from the Pinellas County Schools approaching budget, according to Miller.

The senior cafeteria will also receive new furniture, as well as new paintings on the walls, Miller said.

All of the wooden chairs will be taken out of the cafeteria and replaced with plastic chairs and others already in the cafeteria, Miller said. The tables will be hexagonal or square with red and white tops.

A new floor plan has also been arranged so there should be more room between the tables, Miller said.

The furniture order has already been filed, and Miller said she hopes the furniture will arrive during Christmas break.



Library

Several new items and policies are now in effect in the NEHI library.

First, students may now check out encyclopedias overnight for research use. The only requirement is that the books are returned the next morning.

Also new is the student bulletin board which allows students to list books and magazines that they would like to have in the library.

A conference room for students is now open which will accommodate groups of eight. Students may only use the conference room during class time with a pass from the teacher sponsoring the activity.

Three new volunteers are now helping out in the library. They are Joan Curtis, Karol Moffit and Marcy Mizele.

Semester schedule

Changes have been made this year in the way class schedules are handled. For example, at the end of the last school year, students chose their full year of classes for this year.

The only changes allowed second semester will be schedule corrections with the exception of physical education classes, which can be changed. Corrections will be made the first week of the second semester. Changes will be made only if a student was in the wrong class because of computer error or failure of the class first semester.

In the honors and skills level English classes, there has been a change this year. In those classes, composition classes only were conducted first semester. Only literature classes are scheduled for second semester.

As the result of yet another change this year, students will have the same teacher second semester as they did first semester in their math, science, social studies and foreign language classes. However, students may not necessarily have their classes during the same periods second semester as they did first semester because of necessary master schedule changes.

Band competes

The Viking Band competed Oct. 29-30 in Jacksonville at the Northeast Florida Marching Festival, placing fifth in the gold division.

On Nov. 18, the band traveled to Ft. Lauderdale for the Goldcoast Marching Festival. The band placed third in parade competition there, and received best woodwinds, gold division and overall.

Play-goers on stage

By Candy Curella
Guest Writer

As Ken Harrison spoke his lines in "Whose Life is it Anyway?" he was very aware of the audience.

After all, the audience was hard to ignore. It shared the stage with the cast of NEHI's fall play.

"The reason for the unusual staging is that usually school plays only draw an audience of about 60 people," said director Don Jones, head of the drama department. "The fans seem lost in the big auditorium."

So instead Jones accommodated his audience, which sat in chairs on risers, right on the stage.

"I like the intimacy of the audience being on the stage," Jones said. "The audience is able to grasp the intensity of the play."

Junior Matt Capobianco, one of the leads, said, "I like having the audience on the stage because it creates a bond between the audience and the cast." "I don't think that it's a good idea to do all plays like this; it depends on the play," he said. He also likes doing big shows which he said could not be done this way.

The set of the play was composed of three small "offices" divided on the stage. Most of the scenes took place center stage, so the audience basically had a clear view.

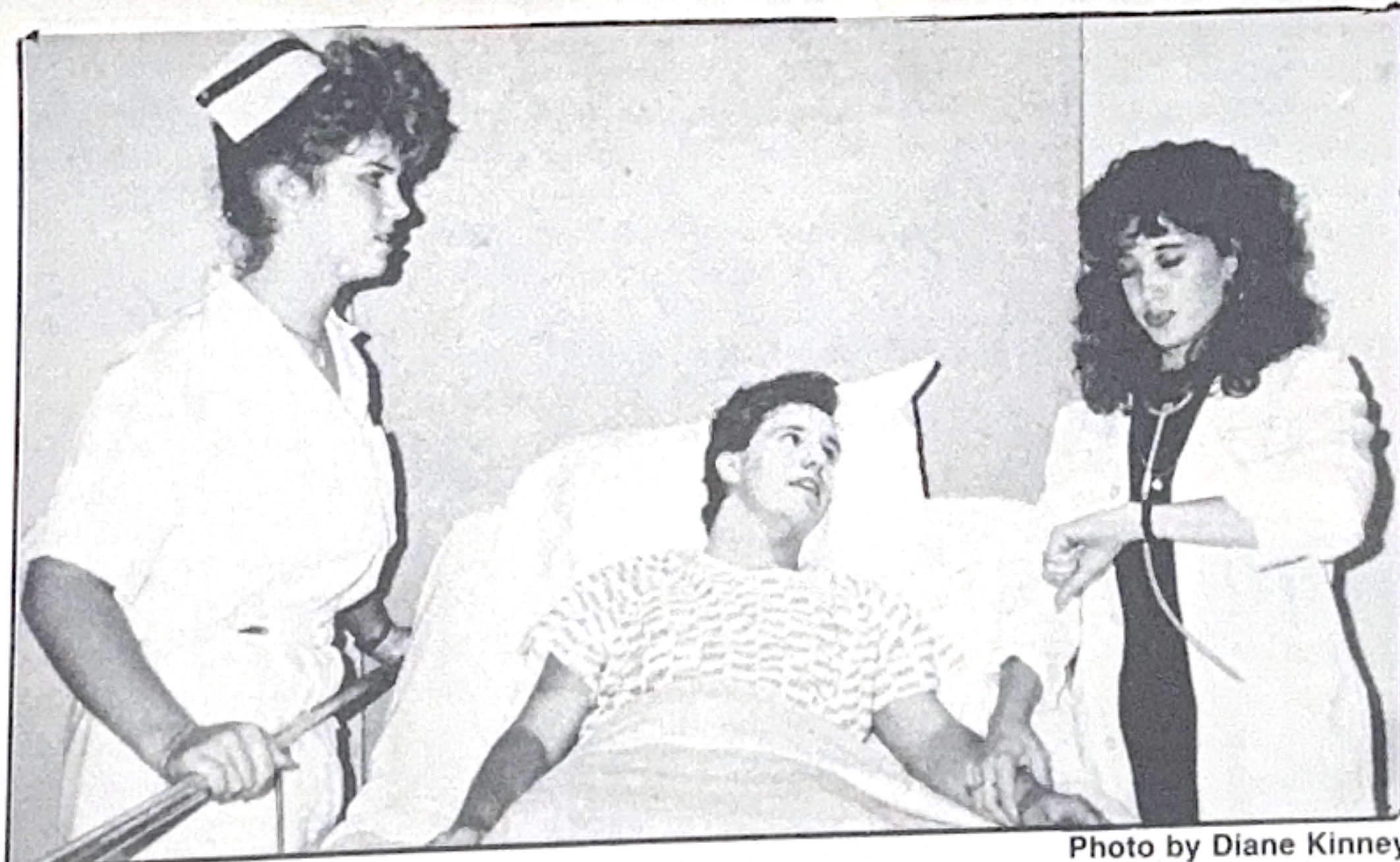


Photo by Diane Kinney

Matt Capabianco stars in the drama department's fall play

The few scenes which were staged off center created a minor viewing problem for some of the audience.

Senior Brooke Mc Nichol, the assistant director, believes the play could have been done either way, but "the audience gets a deeper feeling of the play because it is on the stage."

The play deals with an important subject: life or death. "I like this play because of its important question of life or death,"

Jones said.

In the play, a paralyzed man wishes to stop receiving medical aid which is keeping him alive. The conflict is between him and the hospital; if he has a right to make the decision to die.

Capobianco, who plays the part of the hospitalized man, said, "I like the topic of the play. It makes people stop and think."

The decision to seat the audience on the stage was made after the play had been selected. Last year, the one-act plays were also performed in this style of audience.

The cast of the play included Copobianco, Nancy Donelan, Nicole Hearn, Peter Krasulski, Lynch, Paul Krasulski, Christina Metz, Kenn Schoonover, Candace Curella, Mark Cressman, Robert Brown, Raoul Farer and Martie Hood.

The production staff included Mark Muncy, stage manager; Allison Williams, prop committee; Angel Mormon and Mark Satler, business; Brett Vonlisse, light captain; and Brooke McNichol, assistant director.

Graduation set for Bayfront

By Dave Chapman
Staff Writer

Graduation ceremonies for the class of 1989 once again are scheduled for the Bayfront Center.

For several years in the past, the ceremonies took place at the Bayfront and after much debate it was decided that commencement exercises will again take place there, although some county schools

will have outdoor ceremonies on the premises.

One reason some other schools are having the ceremonies on campus is that the county school board is allotting only \$340 per school for graduation ceremonies. The amount is 50.7 percent of the \$670.50 given to each school last year. The drop in graduation funds means each school would have to raise another \$700 for Bayfront Center rental fees.

In this edition... Nor'easter Christmas messages

Holiday season not just X-mas

For many of us, Dec. is the best month of the year. It is the holiday season and that makes most people think of one thing: Christmas.

However, for many others, Christmas is not celebrated. On television and in newspapers, it appears Christmas is the only celebration of the month, but there are other important holidays this month.

Christmas is the day on which Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. Dec. 25, Christians observe Christmas and people exchange gifts and decorate their homes with holly, mistle toe and christmas trees. The custom of exchanging gifts began in memory of the gifts which the three wise men presented to Jesus.

The mainstay in the christian holiday is Saint Nicholas, better known as Santa Claus. Santa sets the season's feeling of good cheer and hapiness.

But Christians don't have a

monopoly on celebrations.

Another holiday in December is Hanukkah, a holiday celebrated by Jewish people all around the globe. Hanukkah is formally known as the Jewish Feast of Lights or the Feast of Dedication. The holiday starts on the eve of the 25th day of the Hebrew month of Kislev, and lasts for eight days.

Hanukkah originated in 165 B.C. The Jews in Judea defeated the Syrian tyrant Antiochus. Festivities were held in the Temple of Jerusalem. After cleaning the temple of syrian relics, only one small crucible of oil was found with light holy lamps. Miraculously, the oil lasted for eight days. The Jewish leader Judas Maccabaeus then proclaimed a festival to be observed by Jews.

During Hanukkah, people exchange gifts and make contributions to the poor. Each evening, a candle is lighted on the Hanukkah menorah (candelabra). On

the eighth day, all of the candles stand lit together.

Another example of a holiday that falls during this time of the year is Epiphany. It is a holy festival observed on Jan. 6 in the in the Eastern Orthodox church.

Originally, Epiphany celebrated both the birth and baptism of Jesus, but since the time of 300 A.D., the day has especially honored the meeting of the three wise men with the infant Jesus.

Traditionally, one big gift is given to each member of the family. Everyone eats traditional Russian foods and dances and sings to Russian folk music. It is a time of happiness and joy.

People should think of other holidays besides their own. Recognizing that different people have different holidays shows respect for what others believe.

Whether you celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah or Epiphany, we wish you a happy and safe holiday season.



Don't you hate it when...

DON'T YOU HATE IT WHEN
—you walk into class and see a TV and VCR and find out it's for the floating teacher who shares a room with your teacher?

—you have to see the same "coffee" stains on the ceiling everyday?

—you're in class writing the most important paper of your life and the ant that was in the empty M&M box on the floor is now mysteriously sitting in the middle of your paper and you don't know if you should squash it and hope it doesn't leave a spot or hope it goes away?

—The mouse that lives in your classroom gets stuck and dies in the heater?

—the paint on the windows obscures beautiful blue skies? You get the feeling the windows

are covered with bars?

—you look at the clock and it's 2:30 but your watch says 2:00, and you know it's not your watch that's broken?

—six janitors walk into your classroom, talk to each other loudly, stare at the ceiling for a minute and walk out?

—the air conditioner in your classroom is broken all summer, but is working properly on the first really cold day of the year?

—your best friend leaves early...without you?

—hamburgers, pizza and french fries are served at 10:15 in the morning — the proper time for a late breakfast?

WON'T YOU HATE IT WHEN

—Jan. 3 rolls around?

Letters to the Editor

Why isn't there any music in the senior cafeteria? Seniors should have that privilege, because we have earned it. Did the stereo break down or was it stolen? No. It is in working condition, but for the time being it is just collecting dust.

Senior class president Nancy Donelan tried to remedy the situation by bringing in her own extension cord to operate the stereo, but it was taken away from her. Why?

This kind of thing would not be happening if former assistant principal Rick Miscenti were still here; he would get his seniors all sorts of special privileges. The seniors this year seem to have few, if any, privileges at all.

Ken Stephens, Keri Port, Scott Satchwell, Curt Moyer, Tom Vincent, Jeff Stebbins, Becky Dyer, Angie Papania, Judi

Brandy Friedemann, grade 11

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VIKING VIEWS

By Tomara Staggs



Bill Spedding, grade 11: "For my good teachers: more time off and more pay (they deserve more). For my bad teachers: a "How to Teach" manual and some Vivarin so they might get a hint about some of their exciting lectures"



Cynthia Martin, grade 12: "A donut and a nail"



Charles Kard, grade 10: "Money. All teachers need money"



Derek Cole, grade 9: "Come time for Christmas, most students give teachers apples, cards, or other insignificant gifts. Well, this year we should give teachers the best gift of all: a day off. So all you students out there, stay home and give the teachers a break"



Minh Tran, grade 9: "Chip in all the class money and send the teachers on a Sea Escape cruise to the Bermuda Triangle."



Scanlon, Charlie Rodes, Nancy Donelan.

I find it very disturbing and difficult to understand why the newspaper didn't publish anything about the volleyball team in the last issue of *Nor'easter*. The volleyball team had a great season this year and we've worked hard to gain some recognition from the other teams. We ended up the season with 13 wins and 4 losses. We also ended up being the third best team in the conference.

In your last issue you printed articles about football, cross country, swimming and soccer. The soccer season hasn't even started yet. The next time you write an article o sports please take in consideration all sports involved at Northeast High, especially volleyball

Kim Yi Kyung, grade 11: "Teachers deserve a day with students willing to learn and giving them a chance to teach us what they want to, not what they have to."



Tracy Beacom, grade 11: "I think a good Christmas gift for teachers would be an award given to each teacher recognizing their achievements and dedication by being a teacher here at NEHL"



Evangela Carter, grade 12: "I think they should be given pencils and pens since they loan theirs out to students all day."



Michele Lambert, grade 11: "A package of detention slips, hall passes, and referrals."



Tina Fesko, grade 10: "How about a sense of humor? Some of my classes are really boring. And the teachers wonder why we all fall asleep in class! If they made them a little exciting, we'd stay awake."



Erin Chase, grade 11: "I think a good Christmas gift for a teacher is something you make yourself like cookies. Even if they are gross, cookies show the spirit for the holiday and that time and effort were a part of the gift."



What do you think would be a good Christmas gift for teachers?

Merry Christmas

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Students videotape campus scenes

By Ken Stephens
Guest writer

A brand new approach has been given to an old class this year. The course, called Understanding Mass Media, basically was a "textbook course" until this year. Students are learning through hands-on experience, with all students learning to work with the camera, edit with VCR equipment and plan their sequence of shots.

The course, taught by A.B. Windham, gives students a look at the behind-the-scenes work it takes to make a movie. Students study film, radio, TV, magazines

and other sources of media. Activities include the opportunity for students to create their own television commercials.

Early this school year, Windham was asked by the Media Center to create a documentary of the entire school, to be shown during orientations, replacing the typical slide show. The Mass Media class also has been commissioned by the senior class to film a 30-minute video to be shown at the prom. However, the project has evolved into something more: a video yearbook of the senior class, which will be sold at the end of the year.

Events included in the senior

video are: all pep rallies, luncheon scenes, Valhalla, Homecoming and the Dixie Hollins football game, which includes NEHI's award-winning band's half-time performance.

Senior Keri Port said, "I think that it's a really good idea because the seniors will get to look back on their high school days and have great memories."

The response from the senior class is great according to class president Nancy Donelan, who said, "the Senior class at NEHI has a video yearbook to call its own."

The class making this video tape is not large consisting of on-

ly 13 students, and has to make do with the equipment it has, or rather what it can "scrounge".

The Mass Media class has to borrow the video camera from the media center when it is available, borrows a TV-VCR set-up from the special education department and uses the English department's Panasonic VCR when it is available.

Although the course basically consists of hands-on experience, there is also bookwork, concerning photo angles, different types of shots and the purpose of each shot. The filming itself takes a long time—about six hours of film-

ing for every two hours of completed (edited) work.

The Mass Media Class also does the editing, which is a tedious and time-consuming task. Every inch of video tape has to be examined, timed and approved by the majority of the class before it can become the final copy of the video tape.

According to Windham, orders for the video tape will be taken at the Prom on May 5. The tape will cost \$10.

"Northeast has never had a video yearbook," Windham said, "and our students are really enjoying making the video."

Tree sale underway

By Ian Abrahams
Staff writer

One of the biggest problems families face in the holiday season is picking out the "perfect" Christmas tree. This problem is being simplified, if the NEHI Interact Club can help it.

The annual Interact Tree Sale is going on right now. The sale started on Nov. 30 and will continue until all the trees are sold.

Busloads of trees come to NEHI each year. The sale is annually Interact's biggest money-raising endeavor. Approximately \$15,000 dollars is raised for the club. Sponsor Jerry Hires and Interact President Scott Hearn hope this year's sale will produce a record amount of money.

The more money that is raised, the better for Northeast. The money raised in the sale is used for school needs. Past purchases have bought the Viking sign in front of the auditorium and computers for several places on campus.

The trees are shipped in refrigerated buses from Patton, Pa. The sizes of the trees will range from 5 feet to 14 feet. Families should not have a problem finding the tree of their choice, because there is a large selection. The prices will span from \$25 to \$100.

Trees will be sold from the end of each school day until 9 p.m., on the weekend days, sales start early in the morning and end late at night. During each night there will be a dog to protect against vandalism, robbery and tampering.



Members of FEA are ready for guests at their recent luncheon for faculty members. From left, back row: Tamara Staggs, Katrina Gray, Chrissy Metz, Cindy Martin, and Sara Peterson. Front Row: Michelle Honaker, Sandi Warnock, Kim Hoogendyk and Raye Berk.

FEA sponsors faculty lunch

By Tomara Staggs
Staff writer

If teachers were late for class following their lunch period, Friday, Nov. 15, don't blame them, thank FEA. FEA (Future Educators of America) sponsored a luncheon to express its appreciation of teachers.

"This is the first time in the 14 years that I've been here that anything like this has been done."

I know I appreciated it," said Alan Blessing, one of the many educators and administrators who attended.

The luncheon, a barbecue catered by Sonny's Barbecue, took place in the culinary arts dining room during all three lunches. The members of FEA decorated the room and served the food.

Members are president

Kimberly Hoogendyk, vice-president Christina Metz, secretary Katrina Gray and treasurer Raye Beck plus Yvonne Boring, Michelle Honaker, Charlene Onley, Sarah Peterson, Tomara Staggs and Sandi Warnock. Faculty sponsor is Pat Coldiron.

Some civic organizations and business groups that supported the luncheon are: Bay Industries, Creative Color, Inc., Elkin & Zahn, P.A., Farkas Chiropractic Clinic, George Kemp Insurance, Herff Jones Co., Hicks Rental Properties, International Travel Study, Northeast High School Athletic Booster Club, Northeast High Concert Choir, Obsessions, Pelican Landing, Specialized Distributors, Inc., Swim Zone, The L.J. Parham Company, Wallace, Welch and Wellingham, Inc., and Westside Optimist Club of St. Petersburg.

Holidays more than gifts

The holiday season is quickly descending upon us, making many of us wonder what its true meaning is.

For much of the younger generation, the holiday season means presents and more presents. Gifts have always been included in American holiday traditions and yet that inclusion has overwhelmed the original

meaning.

—The holidays are for giving and sharing and being with the family — Scott Geisler, grade 11

—Love and happiness and being close. — Merideth Brown, grade 12

Spending time with my family and being around those I love most. — Debbie Blews, grade 12

NEHI news

Key club

Members of Key club will go Christmas caroling to several nursing homes in the St. Pete. area including the Shore Acres nursing home.

Hi-Y

The Hi-Y sponsored Miss NEHI pageant is scheduled for Jan. 7. In February, Hi-Y will go to its annual convention in Tallahassee. The group attended a weekend retreat in Orlando on Dec. 9-11.

SGA

Student Government will be having its annual Salvation Army canned food drive and will be Christmas caroling this holiday season.

Seniors

Signature sweat shirts will be on sale Jan. 3-14. Caps and gowns and graduation announcements should have already been ordered and paid for.

Registrar

All students must register for the Jan. 28 SAT by Dec. 23. There will also be a preparation class available for students. The classes will begin Jan. 10 and will end Jan. 26. Students must register no later than the night of the first class; the fee is \$3.60.

Sophomores

The sophomore class will be selling boxer shorts in preparation for spring break, and fortune cookie messages to celebrate the Chinese New Year.

Exchange students enjoy U.S. visit

By Melissa Early
Features Editor

Traveling abroad can be an exciting and adventurous experience for most teenagers. The four exchange students here are enjoying their visits to the states and are looking forward to Christmas.

Asa Hagman-Schmalenbach, an 11th grader from Stockholm, Sweden, has experienced quite a change in lifestyle from that of her hometown.

"What I like with the school here is everyone is involved with something, things like sports or clubs. In Sweden everyone rushes home after school," she said.

The 16-year-old is surprised at how much easier NEHI's school system is compared to her school at home. She explained that there is less homework in Sweden but that the tests are much harder. In Sweden she had a total of 18 subjects spread over one week, which is something like our colleges, she said.

Hagman-Schmalenbach is a bit homesick once in a while for her Swedish Christmas, which is celebrated much like ours but is held on Dec. 24. That day is a big family time.

As a result of her travels to the United States, Hagman-Schmalenbach hopes to gain more experience in learning English and more insight into another culture.

"People ask me how I like the United States. They ask me if I like it better than my home country. I say no! I like the United States but my home country is the best because I grew up there," she explained.

Vicki Borsberry is a senior visiting from Newcastle, England. She is looking forward to Christmas in Florida.

Borsberry explained that Christmas is more commercialized in the States than in England. Although she tends to be a bit homesick for her home in England, she is excited to be here.

Like most foreign exchange students, Borsberry feels that school here is much easier. She says that more people want to be involved in school and more effort is put into it.

In England, Borsberry said that only a few selected people go to the Universities. Studies in England are not as serious because most people are encouraged to work than to study.

"I love it here and I want to stay. If there is any way I could



Asa Hagman-Schmalenbach



Vicki Borsberry



Raoul Farer



Birgit Pfeiffer

stay I would," she said.

Raoul Farer is one of the two students from Germany who walk the halls of Northeast. He is 17 years old and in the 11th grade and is from Essen, Germany.

Farer believes that school in Germany is much harder than in the United States. At NEHI he has experienced more homework, but easier tests. The opposite is true of his German school, he said.

Farer believes that teachers

here are more friendly and more concerned about the students than teachers in Germany are. All in all, he thinks that school here is more fun.

When Farer is not busy with school he enjoys the same activities as American teens. He likes to go to the movies and out with friends.

Christmases for Farer in Germany consist of skiing, the exchange of presents and decorating trees. He thinks Christmas in the States "will be

fun, of course."

Birgit Pfeiffer is a senior from Velzen, Germany. She learned of the exchange program through an organization called Euro Vacances.

Pfeiffer agrees school in Germany is much harder than at NEHI. German students are much more serious about their studies than Americans are, she believes. To stay in school in Germany, students must make a regulation grade.

Pfeiffer's free time in Ger-

many is spent much like American teens'. She enjoys music, movies, going out with friends and playing her favorite sport, soccer.

Like most people, Pfeiffer is looking forward to Christmas. She is anxious to experience a major American holiday. At home, her Christmas consists of going to an evening church service and exchanging presents. School holiday vacation in Germany consists of two days, usually Dec. 25 and 26.

Junior pushes toward dance career

By Rhonda Schrull
News Editor

"I need to keep pushing and pushing, harder and harder," said Jobyson Smith, a junior at NEHI. Smith has been dancing for 11 years, working his way up the ladder of success in the world of dance.

Smith started dancing at the age of 5 in a class at the Northwest Community Center. He now dances over 22 hours a week and trains at the Judith Lee Johnson School of Dance.

Smith is enrolled in the co-op program and both works and dances at the studio.

For a 16-year-old, Smith has little spare time. Directly after school, he goes to the studio for work and classes. When he is done working, it is often late and he usually goes straight home for dinner with school work still left to do. Even with his busy schedule, he must keep his grades up.

When Smith does have spare time, he likes to rest and go out with friends to clubs to dance, not surprisingly.

The NEHI dancer has come a long way since he started dancing. He has won three summer scholarships to the School of American Ballet (SAB) in New York, two to the Boston Ballet, and scholarships to the Houston Ballet, Chicago Ballet and the Pennsylvania Ballet, as well as others.

Smith is a very versatile dancer. In addition to ballet, he dances tap, modern and jazz. He recently did a jazz tour called

"Magical Mystery." His classes at Judith Lee vary between these types of dance.

His parents are supportive, he said.

"My parents placed me in different classes and I ended up liking them all," Smith said.

One of Smith's favorite dancers is Mikhail Baryshnikov. He had the honor of watching and performing with Baryshnikov and his trainer, Jurgen Snyder at

SAB, and Snyder taught Smith a few lessons.

Smith wants eventually to go to SAB and achieve principal

After his dancing career, which he hopes to continue until he is 35 or so, Smith said he would like to try acting and singing.

"If I could do it all over again, I would've worked harder on my dancing when I was younger," Smith said.

Duke leaves Northeast

By Lisa Nault
Staff writer

After 15 years as a teacher and guidance counselor at NEHI, Diane Duke left Nov. 3 after being promoted to a position at the county school board office.

Her new job will be as a resource teacher in charge of summer school for the whole county, grades K-12. Her duties will range from registration to transportation.

"I have a lot of fond memories of my years at Northeast," Duke said. "The students and teachers

are the greatest. Although I won't be working here anymore, I'll be a Viking fan!"

Duke's first job at NEHI was as an English teacher; she taught English for eight years. She then was a guidance counselor for seven years. As coordinator of the guidance department, Duke was in charge of testing, staffing, scholarships, awards assemblies, and registering students for GOALS.

Duke was also a cheerleading sponsor for nine years at NEHI.

Two of the squads she sponsored were state champions and one went to national competition in Dallas, where it placed twelfth in the nation.

Carol Aamodt was a substitute for Duke for two weeks until her official replacement started Dec. 12. Her replacement Glenda Gatlin was previously an assistant principal at Land of Lakes High School in Pasco county. She also was a guidance counselor at both Dunedin and Countryside high schools.

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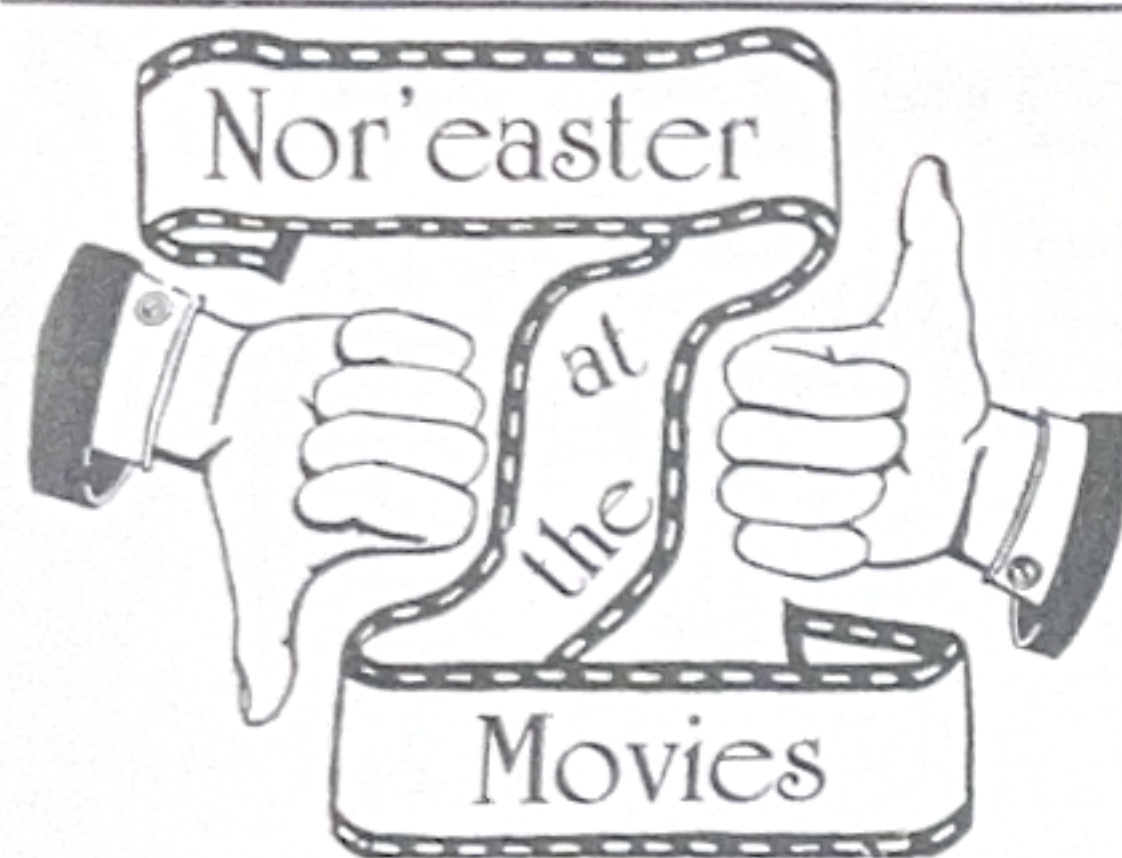
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Hollyscopes

Freshmen: Seasons Greetings! Well guys it's that time of year again. All through the air there's a special spark that distinguishes this holiday from all the rest. The outlook for the rest of the month is good as long as you remember what it's all about. Now is the time to express your appreciation of friends and family. That extra word to that special person may make all the difference in his or her holiday spirit. Interplanetary motion suggests a laid back and mellow vacation that should help prepare you for the new year.

Sophomores: 'Tis the season to be jolly, and you sure are! The stars predict much hustling and bustling during the last few days of shopping. Be extravagant and show those friends and loved ones how much you care. Take caution, though, or you will run into pecuniary difficulties come time to pay. Spread a little holiday cheer by giving a hand to the needy. Remember, it's better to give than receive, and you're sure to reap many rewards later! Happy Holidays!

Seniors: Merry Christmas! You should be in the spirit of giving this month, for you will surely receive. This will be a Christmas to remember, so savor each moment and extract from each the flavor of the season for a lasting memory. The constellations shout for you to play secret santa to that special person you admire. Slip a little gift into his or her stocking to show you care. Things may seem tense in a relationship with friends (What else is new?), so make the effort to alleviate the pressure and make the holidays a memory to treasure. See ya next year!

Juniors: "Deck the halls with boughs of holly..." If there ever was a time for you to be creative, this is it. The heavenly bodies will bestow a gift upon you. They will give you sudden inspirations and bright ideas meant to illuminate this special season in all hearts. Use this gift in a manner others will appreciate and enjoy. Get fancy with your tree decorations or even your clothing. When else can you wear red and green and be in style? Be sure to hide presents where no one can find them, and beware of mistletoe.

Iron Eagle 2

"Iron Eagle 2" is a hit movie full of the reality of how it might be if Americans and Communists really did have to work together to save lives, and not just their own.

At first the crew members seem just about ready to kill each other. Then just when things seem bad they get worse. "Iron Eagle 2" is full of daring plane scenes, rides and the excitement of challenges between countries. The reality of death hits close to home and deep in your heart. Overall, if you like action, romance, and a little comedy in between see "Iron Eagle 2." Thumbs Up!

The Land Before Time

"Land Before Time", directed and written by nationally acclaimed Steven Spielberg, is an animated success. It is a story of discrimination, cooperation and friendship told by a group of lively, adorable dinosaurs who are separated from their loved ones in a continental movement. Thumbs up to this hope-filled movie, a must see!

They Live

"They Live" was a wanna-be horror flick which didn't quite make it. It sensationalizes those who make money and creates monsters out of the rich. A definite thumbs down to this disastrous waste of money!

Child's Play

People looking for suspense and a good laugh all in one movie should catch "Child's Play." Chucky, in his small doll body, puts up a giant fight to get into the human body of a six-year-old boy. "Child's Play" will keep you on the edge of your seats until the ending, which is the same old "kill the bad guy" finish. Overall "Child's Play" is worth every cent if you have a student discount card. Thumbs up!

Fresh Horses

Molly Ringwald and Andrew McCarthy do an excellent job playing a couple in a relationship that just doesn't seem to work in "Fresh Horses," but the story was too confusing to follow.

Although the actors did an excellent job playing their roles, the directors and writers could be criticized for failure to unify their material.

If you go see this movie pay attention or forget it. Thumbs in between.

Without a Clue

Another Sherlock and Holmes plot which is meant for mystery lovers. In this version, Holmes creates Sherlock in fiction and then hires an actor to fulfill the part for the public. Humorous and well-written with a deserved thumbs up.

Michaels hit in Tampa concert

By Lara Weaver
Entertainment editor

George Michael never lost the interest and excitement of his crowd for his two hour set at the Tampa Stadium on Oct. 26.

Michael opened with his hit song, "I Want Your Sex," following with others such as "Faith," with his famous dark glasses, guitar, and leather boots, which he surprisingly had every one sing first before he would sing himself. This led the crowd to jump right out of their seats, screaming for more.

For his grand finale, Michael had multi-colored smoke blowing onto the stage and into the audience, while singing his extended version of "I Want Your Sex." Meanwhile, his stage suddenly turned into a cage of bars that surrounded him.

Programs were sold at the concert that contained full-color photographs of George Michael, along with his many t-shirts.

Overall, the concert was full of energy and excitement that carried on even after the concert was over.

New Year resolutions

It's that time again — time to make those new year resolutions. For those who can't think of anything to promise not to do, here are a few suggestions.

1. To lose that extra 10 pounds.
2. To get better grades next semester.
3. To get a job.
4. To save money.
5. To clean your closet.
6. To take more responsibility.
7. To quit smoking.
8. To get in shape.
9. To be on time.
10. To get along better with your parents.
11. To forget all of the above.

Christmas top 10

1. Grandma Got Run Over By A Reindeer
2. Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer
3. Silent Night
4. Jingle Bells
5. White Christmas
6. Frosty The Snowman
7. Santa Claus Is Coming To Town
8. Silver Bells
9. Winter Wonderland
10. Chestnuts Roasting On An Open Fire

Basketball season begins

Boys' team planning another top season

By Greg Gainer
Sports Editor

The boys' varsity basketball team will attempt to repeat the performance of the '87-'88 season, in which the team ended with a 29-4 record. Last year's team went to the state tournament, but suffered a 84-82 loss to Miami Carol City.

The team lost four of its starting five players of last year's team to graduation but their spots will be well-filled by this year's player's.

If this year's football players—seniors Rod Macon, Cedric Taylor, and Kelvin Weddington and juniors Ben Gainer, Jay Austin, Antawn Parnell and Mike Stoffer—come into the basketball season with the aggression they displayed in making the football team successful, the basketball team is sure to be a county powerhouse.

The Vikings will be vanguarded by third year starter Antonio Lovett.

The team will also attempt to disprove high school basketball critics, who estimate the Vikings to place fifth in the Southern Pinellas County Conference.

Other members of the squad are seniors Rhett Austin and Rudell Betsy, and juniors Derrick Johnson, Mark Potter and Patrick Wurdeman.

The junior varsity team will try to give fourth-year coach Jeff Hall his fourth consecutive winning season.

Last year's team posted a 15-7 record but its star players have moved up to varsity. Now the team will depend on returnees Mason Haynes and Anthony Davenport and newcomer Cregg Stevens for another successful season.

Boys Basketball Schedule

Dec. 16	Manatee	H
26-31	Eckerd College	A
Jan. 3	Manatee	A
4	Gibbs	A
6	Dixie Hollin	H
10	Lakewood	A
13	St. Petersburg	H
20	Boca Ciega	A
24	Osceola	H
25	Countryside	A
27	CCC	A
31	Gibbs	H
Feb. 1	Sarasota	A
3	Dixie Hollins	A



Girls' team fields 11 veterans

By Sname Linton
Sports Editor

Eleven players are returning on the Lady Viking basketball team, which had a record of 13-14 last year. The team reached the finals last year in districts where they lost, making the team runner up in the competition.

"We have the potential and the physical ability to win our conference and districts and be involved in the state finals, if we come out and play as a team," head coach Marshall Gotte said.

The Vikings' biggest games this season are Lakewood, Osceola, and perhaps Gibbs.

"I expect 100 percent dedication to team basketball every night, 12 kids willing to be winners," Gotte said. "After districts we will know what we have to do to win." Gotte has been coaching basketball for 13 seasons, six years at Northeast.

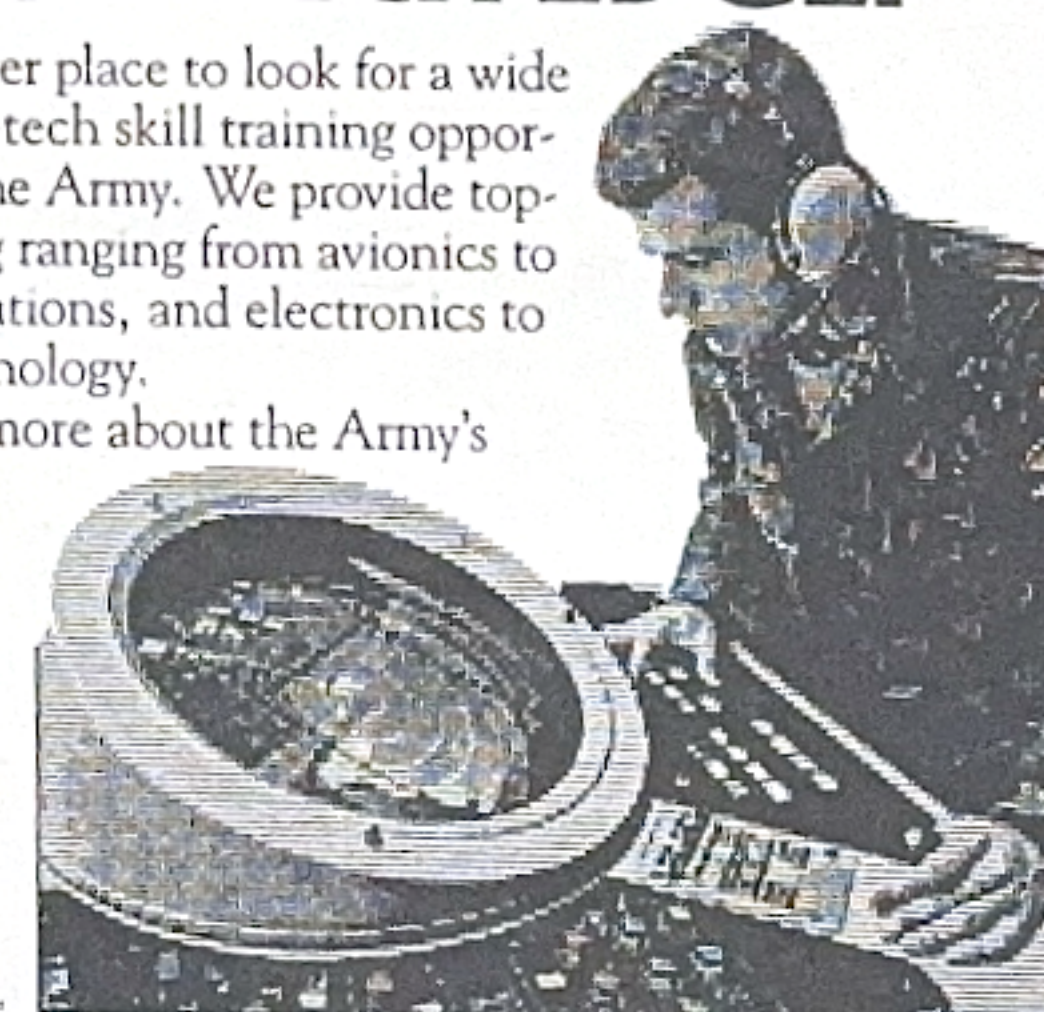
The Vikings are led by seniors Cheryl Roberts, Melanie Dunbar, Wanda Bennett, Megan Ballenger, Barbara Whitson, and Barbara Dowling.

Junior Antonio Lovett is expected to lead the boys' basketball team.

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Soccer teams surge forward



By Ian Abrahams

While this year's boys' soccer team is touted as one of the best in the county, the girls' team is rebounding from a 4-11 record last year.

The girls' coach is three-year veteran Amy Chesnut who is assisted by John Tipton. Chesnut believes the team is mentally ready to have a good year. Captain Kristi Bogue agrees saying, "We have a lot of motivation, are going to make a better effort."

Although the lady Vikes lost the Nov. 17 jamboree to St. Petersburg High, things are going better now. This year's team has more players with a more aggressive winning attitude. Improvement over last year is almost guaranteed with the return of 1987-1988 top goal scorer Bonnie Hansen.

The girls' next game is tonight at NEHI against Dixie Hollins at 6 p.m. The season ends with the Pinellas County Athletic Conference Championship on Jan.

27. In all the girls will play 14 games.

The boys, who are coach by Craig Thompson play tonight here against Dixie Hollins after the girls game. Their regular season will end on Feb. 5. Seniors Mark Cressman, Kevin Shoenrock, Tom Vincent, Kevin Vosburg, Ray West and Jeff Wyatt are ready to bring Northeast a county championship.

Girls Soccer Schedule

Dec. 14	Dixie	H
Jan. 4	Gibbs	H
6	Boca Cieg	A
9	St. Pete	A
11	Lakewood	H
13	Osceola	H
20	Dixie Hollins	A
23	Gibbs	A

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23	Gibbs	H



Front Row, l-r; Asa Schmalenbach, Heidi Gagnon, Kathy Hite, Sarah Peterson, Natalie Owings, Melissa Gheen, Vicki Woodard, Second Row, l-r; Mona Kenmanivong, Christina Hurt, Valerie Hearson, Denise Dalrymple, Tracy Walton, Jennifer Owings, Bonnie Hansen,

Wrestling season gets under way

By Todd Easterman
Guest Writer

Fireman's Carry. Lateral Drop. Scoop II. Crunch Cradle. These names may not mean much to most students, but to those people in the sweaty halls of the wrestling room, these are

the names of a few of the moves wrestler's want to perfect.

The men in the wrestling room sweating their tails off everyday, learn what hard work it takes to be a wrestler. Their daily two-hour practices build up their strength and endurance for a six-minute match.

For those who haven't seen a scholastic wrestling match before, it isn't like the Hulk Hogan and Andre the Giant type of wrestling. It is a very disciplined sport that requires speed, agility, balance and strength. Wrestling is a sports for the small man as well as the big man. Wrestlers

compete in weight classes ranging from 103-275 pounds.

Of the 14 varsity wrestlers of last year, about six will be returning. Junior varsity wrestlers placed fourth in the county last year and are sure to be good help for this year's varsity team.

NEHI's most promising returners are seniors Steve Halle, Bill York, Frank Telegdy

and Steve Whaley and sophomore Chris Sulimay. All should be good competitors throughout the season.

"We're working real hard this year," head coach Bill Dudley said. "Last year is last year. I'm worried about the future." Last year the team posted a 16-4 record. Paul Ware will be the team's assistant coach.

Volleyball team has winning season

By Shane Linton
Sports Editor

The Viking volleyball team ended its season with a record of 13-5 and a conference record of 11-4. The team lost its final game of the playoffs to Cyprus Lake which went on to the district competition.

"I was pleased with this season because the kids were super nice and very dedicated. We had a most successful record and the students made my job more enjoyable," said head coach Jody Kay, who has been coaching volleyball here at Northeast for five years.

"My outlook for the season was

to have the best season we ever had," Kay said. "They have the potential for next year and are a super group of kids."

Key players on this season's squad were Melanie Dunbar, Tammy Henderson, Debbie Warnock, Brandy Freedman, Robin Hass and Larizza Cermancho. Dunbar and Henderson were named the team's most valuable players.

The Vikes' biggest win of the season came when they beat Lakewood in two straight games. Other big wins were against Countryside and Dunedin.

Viking football team looks to future

By Greg Gainer
Sports Editor

For the seniors, their high school football careers are over and all they have to live on is memories. Some will move on to play in college, each going his separate way. Maybe an elite group will make it to the pros. The players have played their last game as teammates. For some, they have played the last game of their lives.

For the juniors and returners for next year, though, it's time to

step up and take the leading role.

The 1989 Northeast High School football team will be led in full force by the arm of junior Jay Austin at quarterback. On the offensive side of the ball, tight-ends Ben Gainer and Mike Stofer, running back Tim Davis and receiver Donny Dillard will combine with Austin to maintain the winning tradition at NEHI.

On the defensive side of the ball, sophomore Tony Swain and juniors Dante Gilliam and James Swain will keep the opposing offenses under control.

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