

Heating system freezes up

by Tim Peterson

With record low temperatures hitting Pinellas County, the school's main heating unit, which heats over 50 classrooms, is still not operating, even though the county maintenance department at High Point was notified of its failure on September 9.

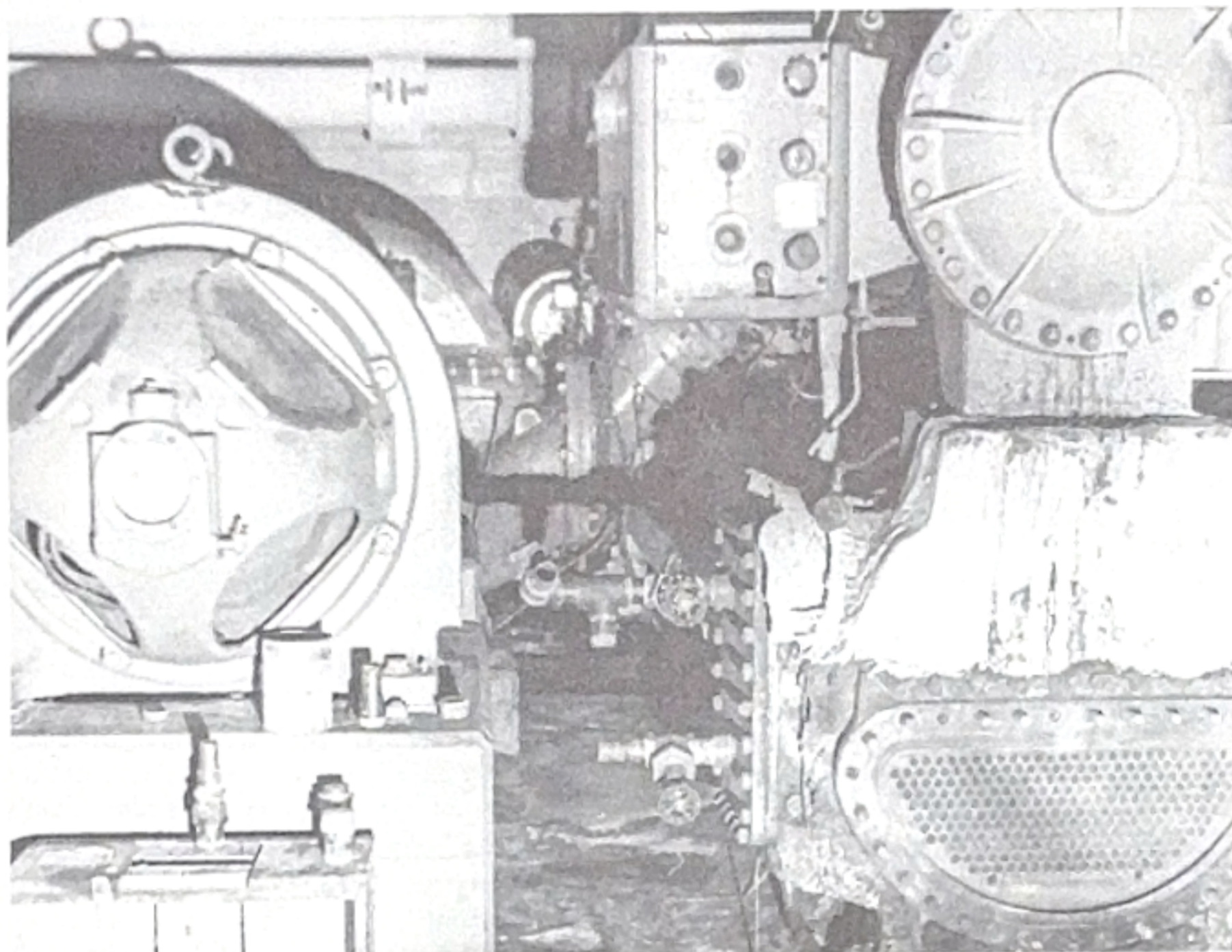
The unit that is down is the one that heats the gym, business wing, guidance suite and the registrar's office. The broken heating/air conditioning unit also Buildings 7 through 16.

"The unit originally went down last spring, then we had to wait for the Board (the school board) to approve money to repair the unit," said J. Tom Zachary, NEHI principal. He also said, "They worked on it over the summer and had it working when school started. It worked for one week and then went down again."

"We called High Point (maintenance center) on September 9th, and they came out the 10th or 11th with the Carrier people who had worked on it over the summer. They diagnosed a new problem early in September," Zachary added.

After a diagnosis is made, then exact specifications of what needs to be done must be made up, then bids must be taken for the job. After all the bids came back, a company is selected to do the job, usually the low bidder, and they are given approximately 20 days to complete the job.

"Area Superintendent Cecil Boris is conducting an investigation to find out who dropped it (the heating project) and why the work wasn't done," according to Mr. David Quarles, math department chairman.



A corroding NEHI heater.

Photo by Newel Cabra

Boris said she was not conducting an investigation, but was aware of some delays in getting the unit fixed. Zachary said that it was not entirely true that Boris was conducting an investigation. He said, "Mrs. Boris was concerned that there appeared to be about six or seven weeks that perhaps there wasn't much going on, and she wanted to know whether or not that was true and why it did happen if it did."

The six or seven weeks in question are from between the early September date

when the problems was diagnosed to the late November date when the job was put out for bids.

The bids came in by December 19. The Carrier Company was the selected company, but they closed for a few weeks over the holidays, so work on the heating unit did not begin until January 9, four months after the problem was originally discovered.

The failure of the heating unit forced Zachary to call Dr. Gus Sakkis, Pinellas County school superintendent, on

Monday January 12, because with 27 degree (F) temperatures due that night, Zachary wanted permission to close the school Tuesday, January 13. Sakkis made the decision to close Northeast on Tuesday and also to go on a shortened school day on the following Wednesday and Thursday.

Quarles has been monitoring the temperatures in his classroom. It reached an all time low of 49 degrees (F) at 9:04 A.M. Thursday January 15. Quarles started monitoring his room temperatures December 15. The week of the 15th his room averaged 62 (F). When he came back to school in January, the average temperature was 56 (F), but the week of the 12th was the coldest, with temperatures averaging 50 (F). Quarles said, "Students have complained how the cold makes it hard to write and how cold the desks are. Also, their feet get very cold."

With the Canadian jet stream expected to bring more cold fronts, no plans for taking care of students during another cold spell have been made because, "We couldn't close the school if we wanted to, only the superintendent of schools can," said Jack Stabler, assistant principal. He went on to say, "We have talked to the teachers and gotten their ideas, which range from doing nothing, to closing down completely, to doubling and tripling up in classrooms with heat."

"We felt it (the heating problem) would still be dragging on," said Stabler, "if it wasn't for our area superintendent (Mrs. Cecil Borris) and some board members."

Cafeteria finally opens

by Karla Weiskopf

After about the fourth such announcement, the cafeteria finally opened, as scheduled, on January 27th.

The cafeteria manager, Phyllis Peel, was busy in preparations for the cafeteria's opening. Peel said that all the equipment was being brought back into the kitchen and supplies and employees are being organized.

There will be four serving lines, and a choice of two menus, a make it yourself salad bar-soup, and a snack bar. The snack bar will contain such items as: milk shakes, french fries, sandwiches, yogurt, cookies, etc. There is a good possibility of hot chocolate being served in the future, for cold winter days.

There will be a new system for serving. Instead of the traditional plate, every item will be served in its own dish.

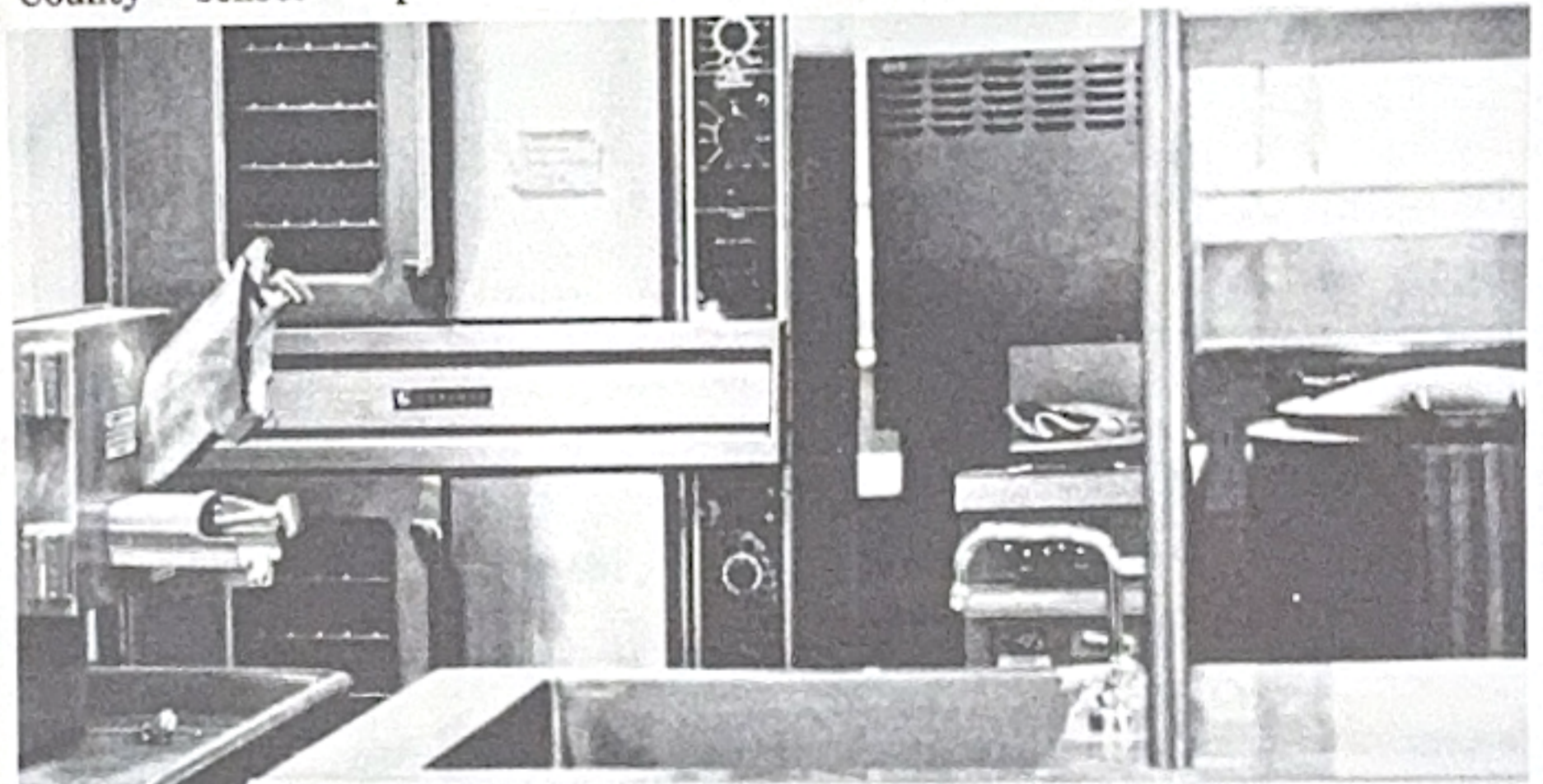
Therefore, the three out of five system will be implemented.

According to Peel everything is running smoothly. One main reason for the cafeteria's delay in opening, was that not all the machines had arrived. Some of the machines are new milk shake and french fry machines.

There is a plan called the "dime system" which might be implemented so that the lunches will cost \$.90 with the stipulation that when you return your tray and dishes that you will get back the extra dime.

Some students expressed their thoughts about the cafeteria. Freshman Rick Dannenmiller said, prior to the opening, "When the cafeteria opens, I hope it will be a little bit better."

Senior Greg Geegan exclaimed, "I just hope the food is better when they start serving regular lunches again!"



A look at the new NEHI kitchen.

Photo by Marc Frye

The cafe committee, which is composed of student government members is busy planning cafeteria related activities. Here is what is scheduled for the following months: a jukebox in the cafe,

a nutrition poster contest, a questionnaire, a film on nutrition filmed at school, a bulletin board to post the menus, and two booths for the senior cafeteria.

SHORT CUTS

Bloodmobile comes to NEHI

Blood, was the main subject on campus in the returning week of school in January as the Blood Mobiles once again returned to Northeast.

Only approximately 100 pints were collected; Rojans was hoping for 200 pints.

The average number of pints taken in a blood drive is about 160, but according to Karla Weiskopf, the turnout was low.

The reason the for the low turnout was due to the fact that before the holidays vaccinations for the measles, mumps,

and rubella were given, and those receiving the vaccination couldn't give blood.

However, the students who did give blood were given gifts of appreciation ranging from McDonald's coupons to hats and frisbees.

Students wishing to donate blood will have another chance March 10 and 11. The Blood Mobiles will again be taking blood from donors 17 years of age and older who haven't had a cold or flu or suffered from any type of infection.

Also, those students who wish to donate blood may reach the local bloodbank by calling Bayfront Medical Center or by looking in the white pages of the phone book under the section for the City of St. Petersburg City.

SAT test dates

The State Student Assessment Test, given to all 11th grade students in October, assesses achievement of basic skills in reading, writing and mathematics.

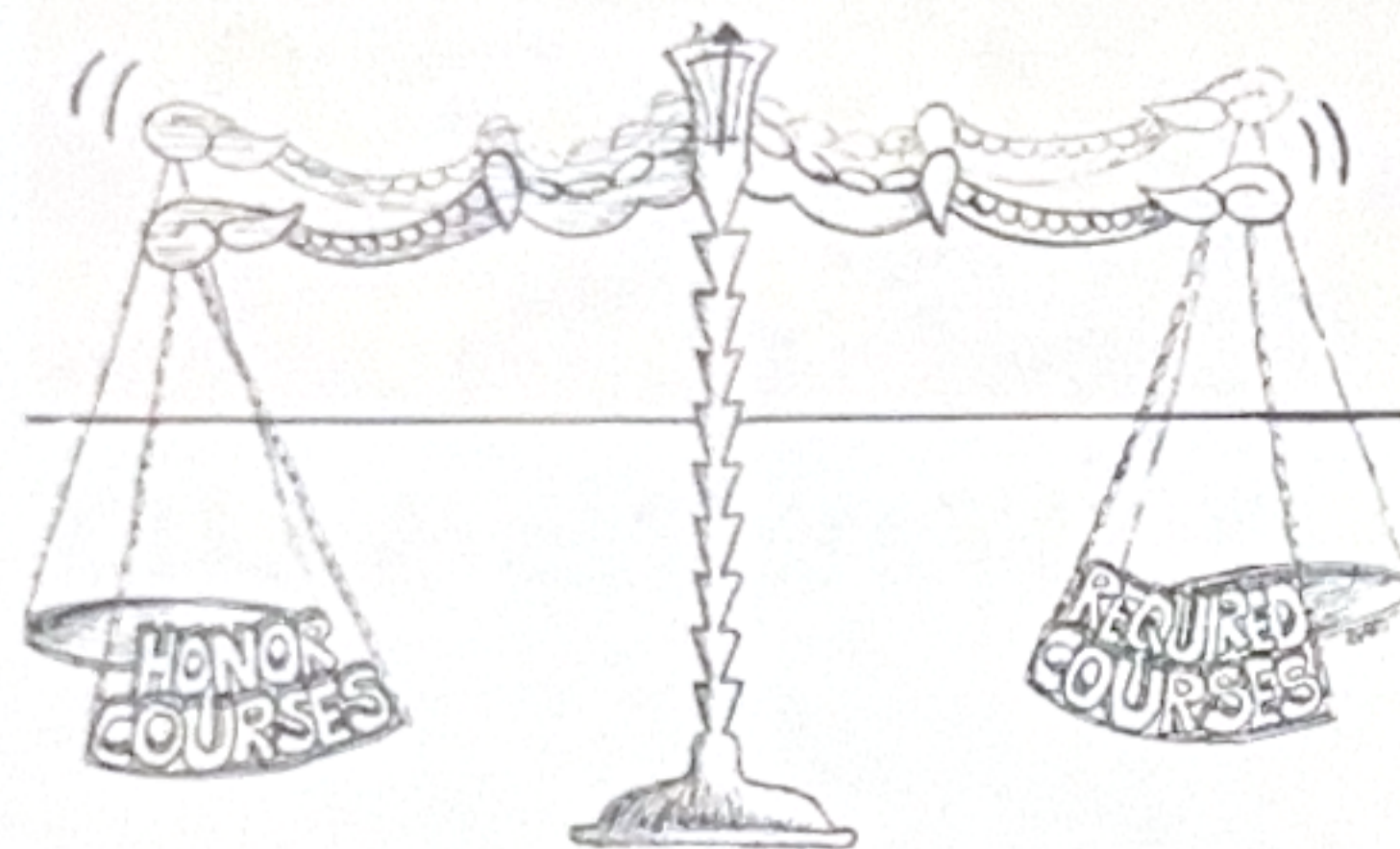
"The students last year did better on the test in the mathematics section than this year's students did, while the students this year did better in communication skills than last year's students did," stated Mrs. Betsy Mc Clure, head of the State Assessment Testing.

Part I of the State Student Assessment Test (SSAT) shows whether the student has mastered the state

adopted minimum performance standards, and a passing grade is required for graduation.

Part II of the State Assessment Test measures the student's ability to apply what they know in the basic skills to practical situations. Part II is not required for graduation until the year 1982-83, because of a United States District Court ruling, that will require Part II to be passed by all high school juniors.

Students that failed to pass the State Assessment Test, Part II, will be given an opportunity to retake the test in the spring. Students who fail will either be assigned tutors, or special remedial classes will be made available to them.



Honors system questioned

The present system of determining the class rank of individual students in Pinellas County has seemed like a fair one and has never raised any eyebrows. But is it a fair one? No, it is not according to Eileen Fitzgerald, a senior at Northeast High School, who recently raised the question to the school board, the County Curriculum Committee, and the Students' Rights and Responsibilities Committee. Mathematically, the present system is incorrect, but there is a mathematically correct system.

To start off, why is class rank important? First of all, many colleges request a statement of your class rank in their application forms. This is a very significant college criterion for a student's admission. Secondly, what about the individual recognition for honors or special recognition? A clear cut example is the selection of the class valedictorian and salutatorian. Thirdly, there is the psychological bearing associated with class rank. Students who are highly accomplished seem to be more concerned about their class standings relative to their peers. Let's face it, class rank is important and affects many individuals. Its precision and reasoning must be undisputed.

The present system for determining class rank of students in Pinellas County seems to be logically mathematically logical. Each student's numerical grades are averaged and the result is called the Grade Point Average (GPA). A student's class rank is determined by comparing it with other students in the same class.

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		6.75			5.75
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		27.0 ÷ 6.75 = 4.0 GPA			23.0 ÷ 5.75 = 4.0 GPA

Where's the heat when NEHI freezes?

The cold weather has arrived, and as the weathermen predicted cold fronts that would sweep Florida's west coast, the Northeast High School administration was predicting cold days and cold classrooms for the students.

The administration at Northeast has had to endure the bureaucratic red tape, and while delays are part of the society in which we live, Jack Stabler, assistant principal at Northeast has stated that from the time they had reported the heating problem, there had been delays.

High Point is the maintenance headquarters for the Pinellas County's school system. The references of breakdowns are recorded on work orders which are then called into High Point and placed numerically in a ledger that is held by Pete Couture, head custodian here at Northeast.

"As soon as a problem arises we call it in," stated Couture.

The heating problem had arisen before, and after review, was repaired, but only half a job was done. Only enough money was appropriated to repair half of the ailing unit, which according to Couture, needed total repair. The upper-half was repaired while the lower half was left with the aged machinery. When the system was then "operable" and deemed to be repaired by county workers, it was turned on and almost immediately turned off. The older lower half was unable to operate with the new upper half.

Couture stated, "They should have overhauled the whole thing instead of doing half the job."

Then the problem had again arisen five months ago, and since the day it was reported, it suffered from, as Stabler said, "delays in reaction time."

The delays were due to school board debate on whether or not it would be practical to replace the system or it would be better to simply repair it.

"The decision was made to repair it (the heating system)," said Stabler.

The bidding was then opened by the school board to public contractors which took three months and presented frustrating delays to our administration. In December a contractor was chosen, but work could not be started until after the holidays. Obviously, another delay was added that disappointed and somewhat angered an already frustrated administration.

The holidays ended and the contractor began his long awaited task of repairing the ailing unit.

"The county wouldn't get off their G--- d--- butts, this machine should have been operating," said Couture, "if we had parts we could do 90 percent of the work ourselves."

Inefficiency appears to be a major problem in Pinellas County's school board actions. While it is true they repaired the unit once it was obvious that the job was only half done. When a problem as pressing as no heating in 60 percent of a high school occurs where over two thousand students attend, then some sort of immediate action should have been taken.

The inability to obtain decisions for problems in a quick, decisive manner and to execute the answers to these problems in the same way, could seriously hamper the efficient future operation of our school system.

When it takes months to begin to overcome a problem which was foreseen in the summer months suggests that perhaps the school board has lost sight of its purpose. The school board should be at the helm of our schools, and should handle any problems that come along quickly and efficiently.

Cases where problems that have been brought and reviewed for public scrutiny, dot the history of our present school board.

Some sort of attempt should be made to review the list of priorities the school board uses to determine which problems or subjects are pressing and which are not.

On a larger scale, it may not seem as though a heating problem that is shared not only by Northeast, but by other schools as well, isn't pressing. To the students of those cold schools, it is a very important issue.

It is a necessary part of our curriculum to study in an atmosphere where thinking isn't clouded by the sight of you breath, and where writing isn't painful because the tips of your fingers are frozen. The county goofed, a comedy of errors that lead to the closing of our school and the embarrassment of officials.

The parents were unhappy, the students were left with the feeling that although we did get a free day off, we did get cheated out of three valuable days of constant review for final exams. School operated on schedules that were best for the time (three classes one day, three classes the next), but they were only a temporary answer.

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What are your second semester resolutions?

by Newel Cabra Photos by Newel Cabra



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Raburta Steele-grade 9-"I will tie my shoes!"



Cathy Finek-grade 9-"To bring up my World History grades, and to keep out of trouble."



Lisa Leithausser-grade 12-"I don't need to make any, I'm perfect, and I will help Eileen."



Eileen Fitzgerald-grade 12-"I will destroy the school before I graduate!"



Anthony McKenzie-grade 11-"Stay out of trouble and get good grades."



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Student Profile

Patti Miller: A career in modeling

by Wendy Rowley

Patti Miller beams enthusiastically as she talks about her recent participation in The Cover Girl Modeling Pageant.

Patti received first place in the swimsuit category during the regional competition and will go on to compete in the national contest held in Miami this April.

"I heard about it on the radio and a friend also told me about the contest," explained Patti.

Patti's first interview for Cover Girl was held at the Bayfront Concourse. She was not prepared, but had decided to enter at the last minute.

"It was about 7:00 when I decided to go, and you had to be there at eight. I was

babysitting, so I had to call up my mom. I was rushing around so much that I really didn't have very much time to get myself psyched up."

Patti then went on to Coral Springs for the competition of the southeastern region. She placed first in the swimsuit category there.

Patti described her opponents as, "very friendly and willing to help out." She also added, "there were girls from all over, even from the Bahamas."

This April, Patti will travel to Miami for Cover Girl's national contest. When describing her chances for success in the national pageant she replied, "I really can't say because I haven't seen any of the other girls yet."

Though Patti has never previously attended any modeling classes, the man that she babysits for is a teacher at John Robert Powers School of Modeling and has arranged for her to take a few classes to help her prepare for the pageant.

Miller hopes to make modeling a career.



Miller is a model at 17.

Photo by Newell Cabra

Babysitting and dancing class take up most of her spare time after school. She also enjoys getting together with friends.

"We usually go to parties or just get together and sit around and talk," said Patti.

Describing her feelings concerning education she commented, "Actually, school and I really don't get along very well; maybe it's because I feel

that what I'm learning won't help me with what I plan to do with my life."

Patti's future goals include a career in modeling, though she revealed that she could always change her mind.

When asked if she enjoys all the attention she's been receiving, Patti reflected, "I really like it, but sometimes I don't know what people expect of me."

TIPS offers services to NEHI students

by Norma Hetrick

Many teenagers find themselves scared and confused with the many questions and problems that arise in their lives. They try to find somebody to talk to, only to realize they're all alone.

Teenage Information Program for Students (TIPS) is open to these students who have a problem or a special need. TIPS gives the students the help and counseling they really need.

TIPS was started seven years ago by the Pinellas County Schools. One of the social workers, Ms. Debi Boyd, comes to NEHI on Wednesdays to talk to students. She also talks to students at Boca Ciega and Lakewood High Schools. Her partner, Ms. Claudia Smith, counsels at Clearwater, Largo and Pinellas Park high schools.

Boyd enjoys working with the students. She tries to help them out and give them the right advice. "I like the high school age because they're more open and fun to talk with," says Boyd.

One of the main areas about which she talks to students concerns relationships.

Many students come to her with dating problems and/or problems with sex in that relationship. Boyd said, "Some of the students feel a lot of pressure about having sex. They feel like it's expected of them. They need some reassurance that it's O.K. not to do it."

Another reason for the program is to help students who think they are pregnant. If a student thinks that she is pregnant, Boyd will talk to her about the places she can go to get a test. Boyd also has many booklets on the subject.

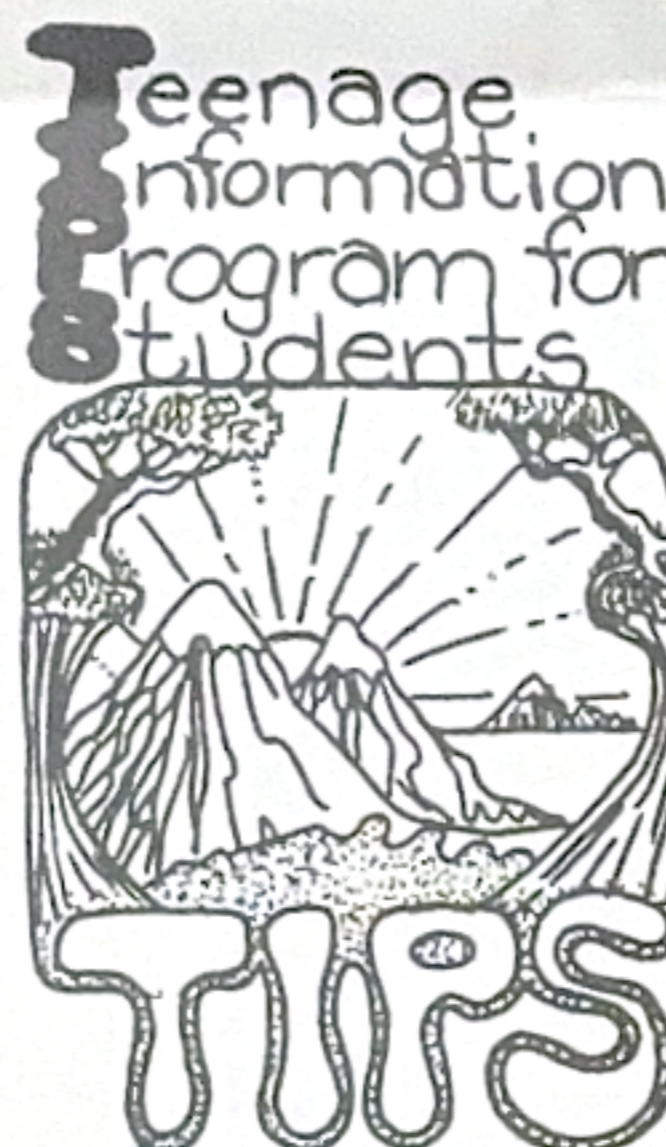
The school will not let a student leave to get a pregnancy test during school hours. "The school can't allow a student to leave campus without parent permission, because if anything happens to the student on the way, the school will be held responsible," said Boyd.

If the student finds that she is pregnant, she can go to Boyd or Mrs. Edna Lucas, the psychology teacher here at NEHI, and talk to them. They will discuss the three alternatives: keeping the baby, adoption or abortion.

They also have a divorce group. This group is for the students at NEHI whose parents are divorced or who are in the process of getting a divorce. This group has from 10 to 15 students in it. The discussion is lead by Boyd and Mr. Jim Scott on Wednesdays. It gives the students a chance to talk about their feelings about their parents' divorce.

"The students feel more comfortable to talk to someone they don't see everyday," commented Lucas. The students shouldn't feel insecure talking to Boyd or Lucas. Everything that is said is confidential, unless it's about child or sexual abuse. Then Boyd will have to report it to the police.

If you feel the need to talk to someone in TIPS, or if you just want to find out more about the program, speak to Lucas in Building 17 (F wing) Room 17 for more information.



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Foreign Exchange students come to NEHI

by Donna Race

Thousands of students walk the hall of Northeast every day. To all the students here and to the teachers, they are the average, all-American, stereotypes of a teenager. But, if a person looks closely, there are a few students at NEHI who aren't quite the same as everyone else. These students are the foreign exchange students who are here visiting America.

Simone Reichelt, 18, and her sister Rosane Reichelt, 16, are just two of the students presently staying with a NEHI student. The two girls are from Brazil, and are staying for eight more weeks with Karla Weiskopf, a junior here at Northeast.

It all started, according to the girls, with a letter in the mail that explained the whole foreign exchange program that was offered to students all over the world. The girls applied and Karla Weiskopf received all the information of the girls. Now, along with the other

exchange students, Rosane and Simone get the guided tour of Florida, which includes Disney World and rock concerts.

Back home in Brazil, the girls had taken a combined total of eight years of English. School in Brazil is very difficult as compared to the schools in Florida. Brazilian students start by going to one school for eight years, which is called their first grade. Then they graduate to high school for an additional three years. The teachers come to their class, and there are different classes each day.

In Brazil, the language is Portuguese, and the weather is hot. The girls say that they do have many American movies, such as "The Blue Lagoon", and, like America, rock and roll is very big in Brazil. Groups, such as Led Zeppelin, Abba, and Queen are popular at their home town.

Unlike America, in Brazil a person

must be 18 years of age before he can drive, and working isn't as necessary for a teen as in the states. To Brazilians, alcohol is not an illegal part of society for young adults. Anyone of any age can get alcohol in Brazil, but drugs, as in America, are highly illegal.

When the girls were asked what they like best about America, they said, "We don't know many places yet!"

Another foreign exchange student staying with one of our NEHI students is Maria Teresa Quinones, 15. She is presently living in Lima, Peru, and is now staying with Tammy Randall, a sophomore at Northeast.

Maria Teresa started her journey to America with a notice on the billboard in her school. She decided to head for Florida, and Tammy was the lucky girl to receive Maria Teresa as her guest.

School in Peru is just as different there as it is in Brazil and America. In Peru,

Maria Teresa went to kindergarten first, and then transferred to another school for 11 more years, and a different subject is taught each day. Like a lot of foreign schools, the teachers come to the students, and every class has the same people in it every day.

According to Maria Teresa, "It is very hard at school, much harder than here."

But like Northeast, there are many restrictions in the school where Maria Teresa attends. In Peru students are forbidden to smoke on campus. Yet, they still go into restrooms during breaks to catch a smoke, and the administration at her school keeps an eye open for smokers.

Whether in Peru, Brazil or America, teenagers in high schools, will be teenagers, and are welcome wherever they may travel in this vast world.

Drama team succeeds at competition

by Allyson Adams

The Northeast High School drama team ranked "superior" in drama competition sponsored by the Seminole Theatrical Society on Saturday, January 17, 1981.

The dramatic talents of Ron Pate, Chrissy Young, Ward Smith and Lillian Booker were given superior votes by the judges in the competition.

"I'm very proud of my drama crew. This is the first time in over five years that I've even caught the interest of any of my drama students for competition and the time and effort it takes to make good," says Mr. Robert Challenger, Northeast drama director.

Five hundred students from our district's schools participated in the theatrical event held at Seminole High School. There were only four representatives from NEHI, but each had more than enough talent to do the job.

"We practiced hard for about a month and a half. It paid off because competition was really hard. I'm surprised we did so well," said Ron Pate, a drama member.

Challenger was privileged to be a judge at the competition. However, it was not his votes that led our representatives to honors.

The dramatic talents of Ron Pate and Chrissy Young's performances from *Born Yesterday* and their duet improvisation rated superior which is the best that can be made. Ward Smith and Lillian Booker's duet performance from Shakespeare's *Hamlet* got an excellent which is second best. Ward proved to judges that he was not just a duet actor who could win honors, but that he is also an individual who could go it alone with his monologue from Noel Coward's *Blythe Spirit* which also rated superior.

The drama competition may have been NEHI's first in five years, however, their honors say they were some of the best competitors in the competition.

Pate, Young, Smith and Booker have earned their way to state competition which is to be held in Miami in March.

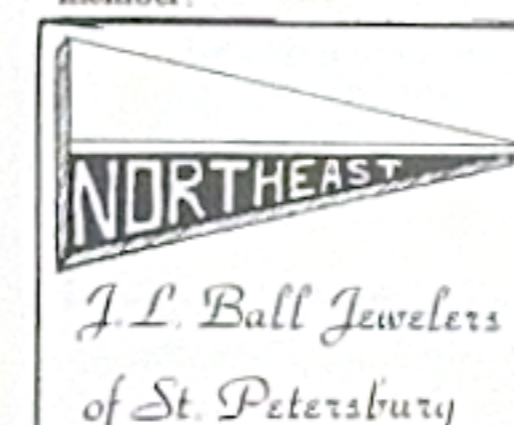
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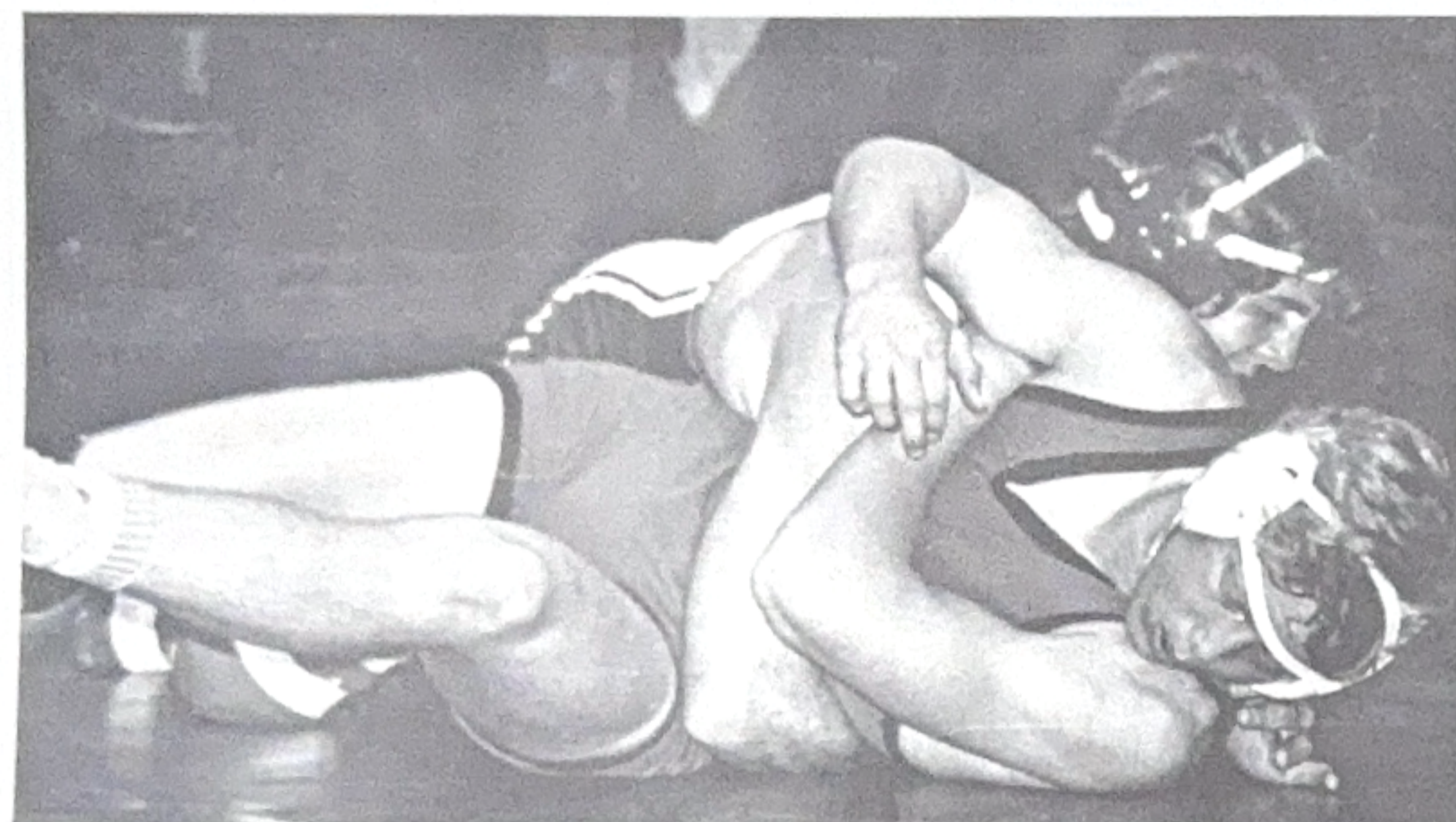
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Wrestling team performs better than expected

by Jeff Roslow

Wrestling is a sport that used to be thought of as a sport for the football players to keep in shape after the season is over. However, at Northeast the varsity wrestling team is one of the major sports on the NEH campus. Frequently outdrawing such sports as basketball and baseball, NEH wrestling always promises to be exciting.

"The amount of fans at a match is amazing, and they really cheer a lot," heavyweight Paul Caan said.

Exciting is exactly how the Vikings are wrestling this year. After losing five superior wrestlers to graduation this year, Coach Bill Dudley was speculating a .500 season. However, with the Vikes' record standing at 7-2, they rank second in the Pinellas County Conference, behind Dixie Hollins, 9-1 and Pinellas Park, 9-1. This has changed Dudley's view on the team's potential.

"I expect to finish probably second or third place, no lower than third," Dudley explained.

His change in view is attributed to the heavyweights coming through better than he had originally anticipated.

"For the most part I have two big kids. One of them is Paul Caan, who is a junior. He's going to be very good next year. And Dave Kelly is doing a fine job. He's a senior," Dudley said.

Rizzo... 'I'm going to win'

by Paul Caan

"He is one of the best wrestlers that has ever wrestled in this school's history," wrestling coach Bill Dudley said of NEH's Phil Rizzo. "He has got what it takes to be a real winner," Dudley added.

Rizzo, a senior, is now in his fourth year of competitive wrestling at NEH. He was introduced to the sport by his older brother Chris Rizzo when he was still attending Meadowlawn Middle School and immediately was interested in it. When he arrived at NEH in 1977, he joined the wrestling team, and Dudley was sure he had some potential. "During his freshman year, he got dedicated to weightlifting," said Dudley, "after that he just got progressively better. His junior year was the turning point."

His junior year was satisfying, yet disappointing, according to Rizzo. Wrestling in the 129 lb. weight division, he posted a 25-4 won-loss record, but he did not qualify for state competition. "Coach Dudley went to watch anyway, and I saw the guy I beat last year, Sam

Dudley holds a lot of confidence in his unlimited wrestler, Caan. In a recent match against the Dunedin Falcons, Caan was put up against the number one wrestler in the county, Moses Thompson.

Thompson is a 300 pound giant who is the drawing card of Dunedin. He is not only undefeated, but no one has ever gone a full round with him.

Caan went out there hoping to finish the first round. Although Caan ended up losing the match, and even got pinned, he is the only wrestler in Pinellas County to finish a round against him.

"Paul did a super job," Dudley said. "He was aggressive, and it will pay off."

There was a point in the match where Caan could have won it, though.

Thompson picked Caan up in the second round and body slammed him to the mat, an illegal move in Pinellas County rules. Caan could have remained on the mat and have taken the forfeited win or he could have continued on. Caan rose up with fire in his eyes, ready to finish the match. Coach Dudley enjoyed the determination Caan displayed, and when he was asked if he would have preferred Caan to take the forfeit, he said, "No, if he was able to continue, I wanted him to go."

Pruit of St. Pete High School, win state. I knew if he could do it, I could do it. After the tournament, Coach Dudley told me that my season was just starting, meaning that I would be going to as many tournaments as possible. Two weeks after that, I entered my first tournament. It was a freestyle tournament which is mostly all takedowns. It's fancy style wrestling, and I won that tournament and started entering others," Rizzo said.

Rizzo took first place in almost all of the tournaments he entered except for the qualifying tournament for national competition where he finished third. He lost to Glenn Goodman of Tampa in the 132 lb. weight class. Goodman's statistics are impressive in that he had an overall won-loss record of 111-0. Goodman was voted to the All-American wrestling team, the U.S.A. Scholastic Team, and finally the U.S.A. All-American "Dream Team."

When this year's season started, Dudley felt, "Phil has all the tools he needs to take him all the way to win the

The middleweight division is where the Vikings' strong point is. The middleweights range from 129 pounds to 158 pounds. Although the Vikes are missing some quality middleweights due to injury, that part of their attack remains the strongest.

"The reason why it (the middleweights) is the strongest is because I have several options. I can move kids around and they can wrestle different weights," Dudley said.

The middleweight losses of Mark Newell and Eric Scheminik to injuries are devastating ones, and they are missed a great deal, but such wrestlers as Harold Babcock, Bob Damron and Mark Erickson make up for those losses.

The toughest match remaining on Northeast's schedule in Dudley's eyes, is their biggest rival, St. Petersburg High School. Although the Green Devils are only 3-4 in the conference, Dudley believes it will not be an easy match because both teams will be up for it. The outcome should be interesting to see.

state title." But in a surprising upset, Rizzo lost his first match while wrestling out of his normal weight group. But he bounced back by winning his next eight matches in a row. He is not egotistical, but he speaks in a confident manner about the state title. "I am going to win it this year!" he said.

Many other teams' coaches must respect Rizzo's confidence because they often juggle their lineups in order to try to avoid putting their best wrestlers against him. "That's a compliment to Rizzo is captain of the 1981 wrestling team and Dudley feels, "He has excellent leadership qualities, good temperament, and a good knowledge of wrestling." His knowledge of wrestling is so vast that he is often taunted with the nickname "Coach Phil" by some of his fellow wrestlers.

him saying, "you're good and there isn't anyway I can beat you," explained Dudley. "When you get in a match, you juggle your lineup to get the most points. Sometimes they feel that they have a better chance of winning by doing

SPORTS CUTS

Baseball Season Opens

The '80-'81 Northeast baseball season has begun practicing. The team has been practicing for about five weeks with their new head coach, Mr. Howard Godfrey.

The team's season opens March 5 against Pinellas Park High School in a preseason tournament sponsored by the Warhawks of Seminole High.

Anyone interested in baseball and who would like to be manager for the Vikes, contact Godfrey in the time out room, Building 8, Room 6.

Tennis Team

The boys' and girls' tennis teams are playing Dixie Hollins High School for their first matches of the season. The starters for the boys' tennis team are: eleventh graders Greg Sturz and Robert Blanco, tenth graders: Scott St. Denis, George Baduna, David Wells, and ninth grader: Nam A Phan.

Starting off for the girls' tennis team are: eleventh graders: Janice Sewell, Janice Budreau and Angela Saunders. Tenth grader: Joy Sewell. Ninth graders: Adriana Baduna and Jill Sewell.

The first match of the season was against Dixie Hollins held on February 9 here on the Northeast tennis courts.

Swimming At NEH

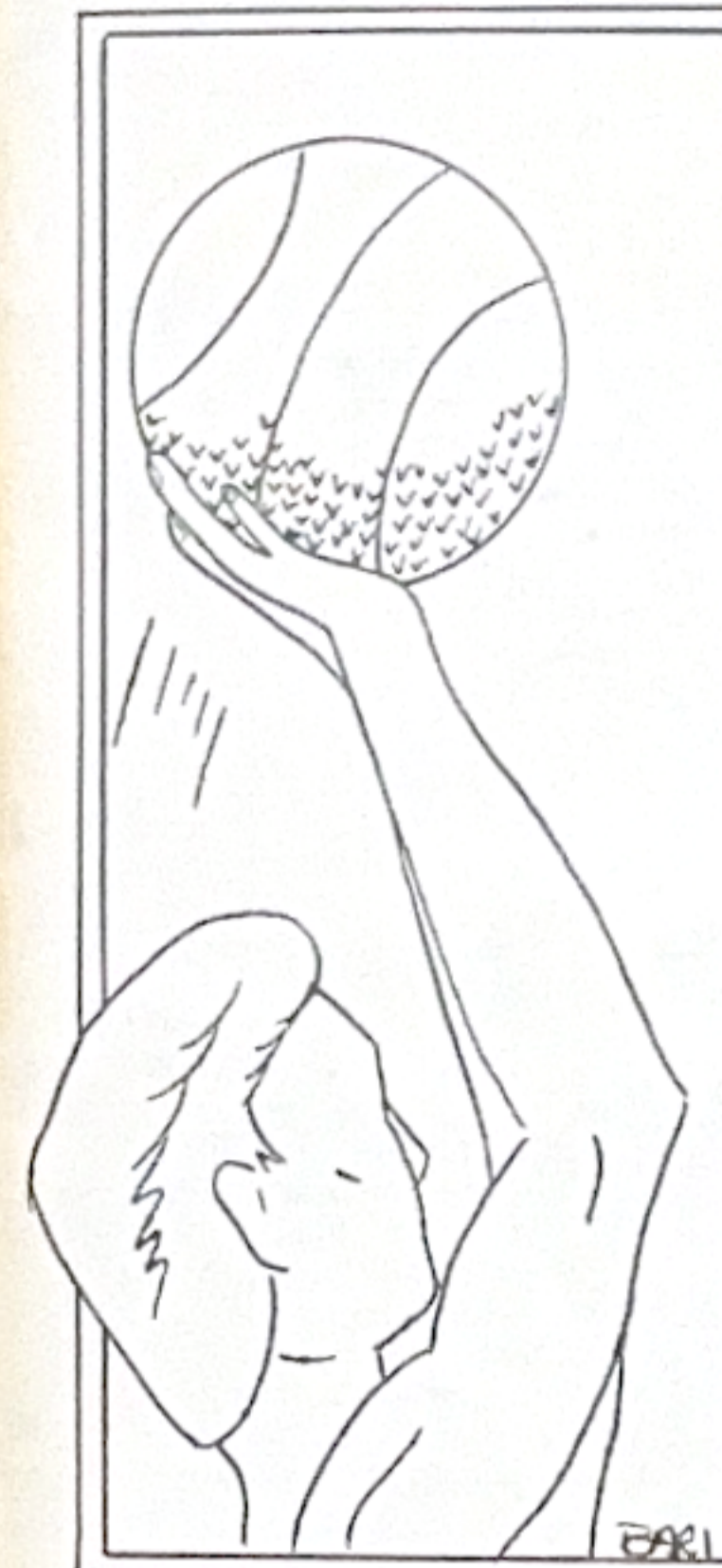
Coach Ned Allen, NEH swim coach, is getting the "Nedfish" ready for another upcoming season.

The team, which consists of many seasoned members, has been running and lifting weights to keep in shape for their long season ahead. The cold weather is preventing the team from swimming in the pool.

Their first meet will be held at Fossil Park pool against the Dixie Hollins Rebels in the first week of March.



that. I do it too. It's all a part of wrestling strategy," Dudley also said. Dudley feels Rizzo is a favorite to win the title this year, and as Rizzo says, "I am going to win it this year!"



Basketball season off to disappointing start

by Jim Yarbrough

With the first half of the season behind them, the basketball programs are playing steadily, but becoming frustrated.

The varsity boys' squad, which had high aspirations for this season, has been playing sluggishly and falling by the way—side of the Pinellas County Conference (PCC). The team is presently 2-6 in conference play and 4-7 overall. Ever since the quick 2-1 start of the season, the team has played off and on throughout. The team did look like it was going to come out of its slump after handily defeating St. Pete Catholic 70-60.

However, three days later the Vikes played Lakewood, a PCC contender, and played until double overtime before a frustrating 61-54 defeat.

Tom Hockensmith, one of the team's captains, credits the poor first half of the season to "not playing to our potential, and we should be doing better."

Keith Rolla felt, "We can just try to salvage the rest of the season."

The second half of the season awaits the boys' squad as does the PCC tournament where the team can hope to redeem itself.

The girls' squad is in a similar position. "We are doing great up to this point, but I know we can do better. We have the potential," said player Val Ziegler.

The season started slowly for the girls' varsity, but now that the team has been playing together, they have been rolling over opponents. The teams' record is currently 10-4.

Once again Val Ziegler and Lisa Leithauser are having sensational seasons, as are newcomers Cindy Switalski and Cindy Graffinius.

The last five of six games the team has been on a tear with easy victories over Pinellas Park, Dixie Hollins, Clearwater, Lakewood and Manatee. However, the team suffered a disappointing loss to Boca Ciega.

Bruce Buck, the coach of the boys' junior varsity, had felt his team would have a strong season. Surprisingly, the team has had many bright spots, but it has a dismal record of 2-8. The team's individual talent is very good, but they seem not to be able to play together yet, although they have played well the last three games.

The girls' junior varsity and Coach Jill Delanis must be disappointed in their performance this year. The team has two victories and is trying to play well the second half of the season. Theresa Armstrong, since coming down from the varsity, has played extremely well and is now leading the team.



Soccer team 'gaining momentum'

by Wendy Rowley

The mighty Viking soccer team has had an energetic first season, competing against various other teams in Pinellas County as part of the new soccer program.

Led by captain Jerry Guidice and co-captain Brian Mason, the team has a record of four wins, three losses and two ties.

The first game of the season against Dixie Hollins was a 3-2 victory for the red and white.

Opposing Boca Ciega, the Vikes defeated the Pirates 6-11.

NEH's biggest win was against St. Pete in an overwhelming victory of 7-1. Goals were made by Keith Hathaway, Brian Mason, David Maxon and Jeff Seely. Kenny Betz made two goals.

Betz is the leading scorer of the Vikings with a record of ten goals this season to date.

Four more games remain in the season before the city tournament begins.

Junior Trip Segars stated, "It's important for us to establish dominance over the



city teams since that's who we will play in the opening rounds of the tournament."

Though NEH's record gains strength as the team finishes out its season, may injuries happened during their bout with Countryside where neither team scored a goal.

ankle, but they are expected to be able to play in the county tournament on February 14. Jim Caramello was also injured this season and suffered torn ligaments in the ankle as a result of a tackle received during NEH's bout against Bogie.

Their next game was against Dunedin where the Vikings tied their opponents with a final score of 0-0. The same thing happened during their bout with Countryside where neither team scored a goal.

Putting an end to their losing streak, Northeast defeated Lakewood by one goal in a final score of 3-2.

There were upsets in the next three games as the Vikes were

defeated by Clearwater, Seminole, and Tarpon Springs.

"We got off to a slow start, but we have been gaining momentum since our fifth game against Lakewood," stated team member Jim Caramello.

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Club members cause controversy off campus

by Bob Carr

Three members of the Northeast Interact Club, including one of the club's officers, were suspended from school for three days following an incident which occurred during the annual Christmas tree sale.

The three students were suspended after they drove over to St. Petersburg High School in the early morning hours of December 13, and pointed a BB gun at officers working at the St. Pete High School's Interact Christmas tree sale.

According to one of the suspended Northeast students, earlier in the week students from St. Pete High were riding in "an old looking green or blue truck," and pulled up to the Northeast tree lot while the NEHI students were in the camper and spun dirt onto one of the member's cars. "They were guys," the Northeast student said, "which we have seen in the past week or week and a half that have been coming through there about every single night squealing (their tires), yelling, throwing firecrackers and that sort of thing."

This same student recalled that the Northeast students then drove up to the St. Pete tree lot "kinda fast", locked on the brakes, stuck out the gun and yelled, "Freeze!"

The gun, he explained, was "a little BB gun that wasn't even loaded," and he added that there was never any intention of shooting anybody.

After the Northeast student pulled the

gun, the boys in the car "sort of squealed away" and headed towards 16th Street. They then turned left on 16th to go to 22nd Avenue to get back on Interstate 75.

"And when I was ready to make a left-hand turn," the Northeast student said, "that big truck (one driven by a St. Pete High student) pulled up right behind me, and he was tailgating me, and from what I assume, a cop pulled over the truck for tailgating. From what I understand, that's when they (the St. Pete students) told them (the police) the whole story about my car."

The Northeast student then took his car home and switched it for another, for fear that if the St. Pete students came back to Northeast and saw his car there, they might damage it.

At about 4:30 Saturday morning, two police officers, D.W. Marshall and another unidentified officer, pulled up to the Northeast lot accompanied by one of the Northeast students' fathers. The police told them to get everybody out of the camper and to come out and unlock the gate. The police asked them what had happened; and the students explained what they had done and how St. Pete students had been coming over, yelling, throwing firecrackers and "disturbing" them. The police took down all the boys' names, and explained how the situation could have been serious. He said that if a police officer

had been present, he would have been forced to draw his weapon and possibly to shoot. The police did not think it was serious enough to file a report, however, and the police left the responsibility of the disciplining the boys up to the parents.

The St. Pete High student who is the alleged driver of the truck which is reported to have harassed the tree sale attendants said that nobody was at St. Pete that night had ever harassed the Northeast tree attendants. He strongly added, "There is no way I went over there (to Northeast). I don't care whether you believe me or not."

The St. Pete student said that after the Northeast students fled the scene, that he gave chase in his truck. The St. Pete student said he caught up to the NEHI students and was tailgating them in an attempt to get the license plate number. It was at this time that the police car pulled him over. He explained what had happened, and the police took it from there.

Northeast Principal J. Tom Zachary said, "The whole act was just an absolutely stupid thing for anyone to do, and they (the Northeast students) could have been charged with aggravated battery. The police chose to turn it over to the parents and the school in hopes that they would take care of it. And I'm sure the parents did their part in taking care of it, and of course, we suspended

them from school."

One of the students who was suspended said that the administration told him he was suspended under an "unwritten policy" when he asked why he had been suspended. He added, "They slapped a three day suspension on me for some 'unwritten policy', and I don't even know what that is!"

Another one of the suspended students said, "They didn't explain nothing. Mr. (Jack) Stabler came in and got me and just said, 'You're suspended for three days,' and that was it."

Stabler countered, "Aw baloney. We explained it to them."

Zachary said, "The youngsters were suspended because it was written in the school policy that actions at any school function shall be those actions that are acceptable during regular school day."

Two of the suspended Interact members thought that it seemed like the administration was just starting to crack down on Interact this year, but Zachary said that he remembered as far back as the 1960's when students were suspended for pulling pranks on St. Pete High School. "There's no crackdown," said Zachary in reference to the Interact Club. "If you do something dumb, you pay the price. Kids have done dumb things as long as there have been kids," he said.

Club News

Rojans

Rojans, a very popular all girls' club at Northeast High School, is planning a very productive second semester.

The Rojans, who presently have 85 members, are now accepting applications from any girl who wishes to be a member of Rojans. The club will be inducting between 20-25 new member, and the initiation for the new members will be in February.

Also in February, the Rojans will be working on Easter Seals for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Members of the Rojans will go down to the muscular dystrophy building where the patients live and clean the inside of the building as well as wash the windows.

On March 11-12 there will be another blood drive in which the Blood Mobiles will be back. In April, there will be an installation and senior honors dinner. The dinner presents deserving seniors with various honors, and the Rojans will be selling candy to raise money for the dinner. On May 27-28 the Rojans again will be going to the Blood Bank.

As in the past, the Rojans will be donating Gatorade to the girls participating in the girls' sports, according to Mrs. Marty James, sponsor of Rojans. The club will also be donating trees for the Waters' Annex desert.

At end of the year, the Rojans will be giving four or five college scholarships to deserving seniors.

Key

The Northeast High School Key Club has started out the new year by holding different fund raising activities.

According to vice president David Brooker, on January 9 eight of the Key Club's female members were recruited by Sun Banks of Florida's 34th Street North branch to wash customer's windshields as they drove into the bank's drive through, and to distribute balloons and cake to the customers.

Sun Banks paid Key Club one hundred dollars for the girls' help.

The Key Club also held a candy sale. They sold Snickers and Three Musketeers candy bars for \$.30 each, according to 10th grade director, Larry Sharer.

Anchor

The Anchor Club is starting off its second semester with many new activities, beginning with Anchor's annual candy grams, which will be sold February 4-10.

Anchor is also doing something new this year. They are selling green carnations for Saint Patrick's Day. Also, in March a Rock-a-thon will be held, sponsored by Anchor. And throughout all of these upcoming activities, Anchor will be accepting new members. Interested persons may contact president Anne O'Connor or sponsor, Miss Joan Vernozy.

Jr. Exchange

The Junior Exchange Club of Northeast High School, like the St. Petersburg Exchange Club, is dedicated to helping the community and to bettering our city. The organization is currently involved in raising money for "stadium improvements, from the front entrance to the concession stand," according to Coach Mark Wiszowaty, sponsor of the club.

In order to raise money, the club will hold a candy sale and bottle drive. "We will also appear at Lake Maggorie for the annual Southland Regatta in February

to sell programs and refreshments," said Wiszowaty.

The Junior Exchange would like to invite any new members that would like to join the organization. Please contact Wiszowaty or Ann Schlemmer, president of the club.

FBLA

Under the leadership of president Curtis Corbett, the Northeast chapter of the FBLA is over thirty members strong. Meetings generally take place during activity periods and during the Cooperative Business Education class which is held during fourth period.

"To prepare students for the business world is one of the main purposes of The Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)," stated faculty sponsor Ms. Kay Plank.

The Future Business Leaders of America has been in existence since the late 1950's, and through activities such as the Tom-Wat Christmas sale and annual breakfast rally, the business student has had the opportunity to learn and to experience the true-to-life business world in a controlled setting.

At the end of the school year, the FBLA holds an employer-employee banquet.

Northeast males affected by draft registration

by Jim Bullard

Under a Selective Service Act enacted under former President Jimmy Carter, all 18 year old males must pay a visit to their local post office within 30 days of their birthday to register for a possible draft. Penalties for failing to register may culminate in imprisonment for a maximum of five years, a fine up to \$10,000 or both.

The purpose for registration is to keep a running list of those who are eligible under the Selective Service Act to be drafted in a time of national emergency. The draft, if implemented, would require a special act of Congress.

Prior to the latest implementation of the draft

registration system, Former President Carter's own director of Selective Service stated, that approximately seven days would be saved with registration in advance of need. This time estimates at the time ranged from 7 to 120 days.

According to Brayton Harris, public affairs officer for the Selective Service System, four to five weeks, or approximately 28 days have now been discovered to be the time needed to set up the registration. Harris also claims that in those same 28 days, the country with registration already implemented would have 100,000 uniformed men ready to augment existing forces.

Since the re-enactment of

registration last summer until mid-December, "95 percent of the eligible population had registered," according to Harris, "with late registrations coming in on a daily basis." The five percent of unregistered men in numbers equals approximately 200,000 men. These figures are to be checked out for validity by the General Accounting Office. "...for 1973 (the last year for which complete registration data was available) the eventual compliance rate was above 99 percent."

Objectors to the registration of young men argue that registration will unquestionably lead to a draft, stating it always has been so in the past. Registration without an actual

draft occurred from 1972-75 under Richard Nixon and later Gerald Ford.

If you are required to register go to your local U.S. Post Office, pick up a form, fill it out, and give it to a postal clerk. The clerk will need to be shown some form of identification. To verify to others that you registered, a

letter of verification will be sent to you in the mail within 90 days.

"You don't buy a hunting rifle unless you plan to use it.

You don't start up draft registration unless you intend to start up a draft," commented Lisa Talbot, a NEHI senior.

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