

Dual credit courses prove helpful for college-bound students

By Mary Gill and Ed Lizowski

Starting this semester, Northeast is offering two dual credit classes with St. Petersburg Junior College. The students, at the completion of this one semester course, will have earned three college credit hours. Not only will they be receiving this class time free of charge, but they will receive books and other class materials that they get to keep at no expense.

The courses offered this semester are Freshmen Composition and American Government taught by Mr. Richard Hoest and Mr. Alonzo Colquitt respectively.

Hoest feels that this type of class will be a big help for students in a new educational environment. He also says that these courses will put them "one step ahead of the majority of college freshmen."

Although this is the first time that this type of class will be

offered at Northeast, a number of Pinellas county high schools have been offering these courses for many years.

"I think it's great," says junior Wyndy Greene. "It gives me a chance to improve my writing and prepare for college at the same time." Greene is currently enrolled in Freshmen Composition.

Unlike Advanced Placement English and Advanced Placement History which are both college level classes in which students can "clep out" of their Freshmen schedule while they receive an extra grade point (ie: 5 points for an 'A', 4 points for a 'B'), students taking these dual credit courses do not get any extra points added to their grade point averages.

No one at Northeast is taking both the J C Composition and A P English, but most would agree that Mr. Rick Coffman's A P class is harder and worth the extra point (unlike the college

course). Pam Allen, who is currently taking Hoest's class said, "Even my earlier advanced classes were harder than this supposedly college level course."

On the other hand, there are a few students who take both history classes. Flo Wobse is one of them. "I wouldn't say the J C history class is harder (then the A P course)...just different." She feels that, although the American government class is difficult, most of it (at least the topics for the beginning of the semester) she previously learned in the A P history class.

This course, legally, only meets three days a week. This is because they are a "three credit hour course." Colquitt's class works on three days and the students can either go to the library or work in class on individual classwork the remainder of the week. "He (Colquitt) is a really good teacher. On the days we do work, we really get down to business," said Wobse.

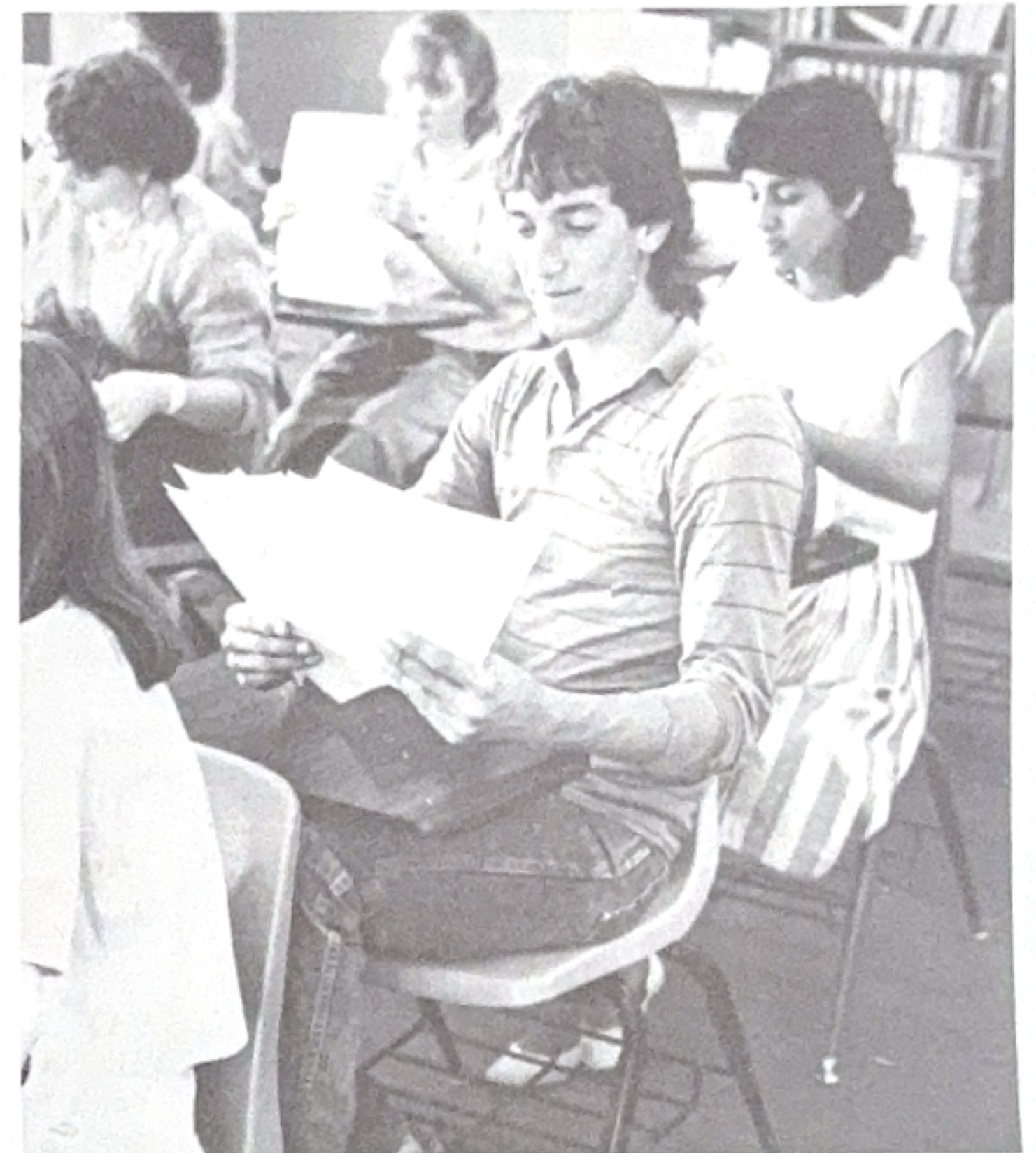


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Seniors Mike Noble, Marianne Rodriguez, and Pam Allen are just a few of the students taking advantage of the freshman composition course offered at NEHI.

New intercom system gains ground



Photo by Erwin Hoffman

Dangling wires and ladders are plainly visible with the installation of a new intercom system underway.

By Noel Decker

Mr. Thomas Cooper's first period class won't be the only ones yelling and clapping their hands when the pledge of allegiance is said on the morning announcements. With the new intercom system being installed throughout Northeast's uphill and downhill campus, most everyone will join the celebration in appreciating clearer communications.

Work on installing a new system began the first week of second semester. The installation, which is being done by a subcontractor under Randy's Electric, work mainly at night. A money grant from the School Board has made this improvement possible.

According to Assistant Principal, Mr. Jack Stabler, the new intercom system is a long-awaited improvement for Northeast. In the past years, everytime Northeast added on to the campus, a different system was used for communications. As a result, Stabler terms the present system as being "barely adequate" and one which is basically old. Some classrooms have intercoms which are barely audible while others are too loud.

The whole system is generally being replaced by this new equipment. Old "carriers" which are used to support wires, are being replaced as well as pulling out wires to replace them. After this task is accomplished, new speakers will be installed in the classrooms as well as a new intercom system which is centrally located in the administration office.

Stabler says that after all the groundwork has been done, a series of "checks" on the system will be done to insure that the new system functions properly. However, Stabler finds that this "won't hurt the classroom atmosphere or attendance," because this portion of the job will be done when students are out of school (such as spring break).

Another reason that the system will be worked on at night and during vacations is because the intercom system is also the bell system which dismisses students from class. By disconnecting the old system and installing the new one during such times, students and administrators may be spared from disturbances.

Stabler jokingly added "For me to stand and yell 'ding' might not get the attention of students to go to class."

'The heat is on' at NEHI?

By DeDe Hicks

When students arrived at school on the cold morning of January 22, they found many of the classrooms without heat. Assistant Principal Jack Stabler said it was not the fault of the heating system, but of some of the teachers. "The heat is working," Stabler said, "Some teachers just don't understand how to use it."

During the past year, a new computer-controlled heating system has been installed at NEHI. Only buildings one through nineteen are affected by the new system. The problem came about when teachers were unaware of the fact that

they had to turn valves on. The "hill" is still using the individual room heaters which frequently break down. With the use of the new system an extra boiler was needed, along with the older one being updated.

Another renovation during the past year was the repair of the blowers in each room. This will aid in the circulation of both hot and cold air in the room. Also, new thermostats have been installed; these will aid in the control of the temperature of each room. With the thermostats, teachers will be able to control the temperature of their own room.

"There are still many bugs to be worked out, but as soon as it is programmed

correctly it should run smoothly," said Stabler. When programming is completed, the system will turn on when the temperature drops and will turn off when a certain temperature is reached. The computer will control the flow of hot water, through the pipes under the floors. The valves must be opened to allow the water to flow through the pipes, if they are closed no water will flow, thus giving off no heat.

"As with any new system there will be problems will be worked out and the system will become flawless. The teachers are now aware of how to use the system and hopefully all heating problems will be set aside," said Stabler.

News Digest

Graduation requirements gain credit

As a result of an error in the county office this summer, current seniors need one less credit than they should have had in order to graduate, while the class of '86 has just had its credit requirements raised.

Originally, students who are now seniors were supposed to have 23 in order to graduate from high school.

Credits for present juniors have been raised from their needing 22 credits to 24 to graduate. Not only does this mean some schedule changes but these students need to have 17 credits before even entering their senior year. This also makes early graduation tougher.

Students who are presently sophomores will need 25 credits to graduate while those following will need 26. They will also be required to have a 1.5 grade point average (approximately C-) in order to graduate.

Work continues on Building 17

Construction on a new roof for Building 17 is in the process after a delay in selecting a contractor to do the work. The building will continue to be closed because the use of hot tar is a potentially dangerous environment for both the students and administration.

Assistant principal, Mr. Jack Stabler, also states that he is "not optimistic" that the building will be opened this year.

Let's talk . . .

By Steve McCreery
and Chris Buehlman

It seems as though there is always something to talk about. Be it of major importance or merely of minor happening, these things are always opinionated by someone. Below are a list of these things that we feel need to have an opinion expressed about. Instead of writing a story for each of them, we have decided to compress them into one editorial.

Flourescent clothing. I sometimes notice, while walking down the hill here at Northeast, an incredibly bright glare striking me in the face. I then realize it to be nothing more than a person dressed entirely in flourescent yellow or orange clothing. At first, I am startled. Then, after that, I laugh. Then I think to myself, "Why?" How can anybody completely cover themselves in such distasteful neon apparel, including shirt, pants, shoes, socks, earrings and purse, all while they chew a piece of gum matching this? I have even tasted the gum, for about ten seconds before I quickly disposed of it. There must be something in the school dress code about wearing radio-toxic materials to school. If these people are so worried about being run down on U.S. 19 at night, let's issue them a standard Hartz reflective collar!

The 7 period day. Need more be said about this topic?

Cindi Lauper. I feel sorry for all the pre-teen bops worshipping this 5 and dime trash queen. Anyone who dyes her hair flourescent orange on one side and takes a waffle iron to the other does not meet my standards for a heroine. What is this rock-and-wrestling garbage connection slime MTV is abusing its audience with? The little muff stages a fake attack on her person to rally her "fans" and the number one cable channel in the nation proceeds to flag us with it? I wouldn't mind so much if she had really been attacked. I would have found it very interesting if someone had grabbed a chair and brained the little tart for real. Give me blood and I will applaud. Otherwise, don't force me to put up with the SPCA reject. We don't need it. I think I'm going to be ill . . .

Frankie say. I cannot seem to understand why the American public pays millions of dollars for those cheaply, mass produced and badly worded and phrased T-shirts. **FRANKIE SAY RELAX, FRANKIE SAY DON'T DO IT,**

FRANKIE SAY GO TO HOLLYWOOD. Well, **STEVIE SAY FRANKIE GO TO H---,** and I don't mean Hollywood. They have some nerve to charge 20 dollars for a shirt that probably cost two dollars to manufacture. That is the same thing as paying someone to advertise for you. It's just absurd! Other types of apparel have been noticed by me such as **CHOOSE LIFE**, but these have not matched the trampling effect of those distasteful **FRANKIE** shirts. I have even been so unfortunate as to hear this groups music (if you wish to call their loud, impure series of booms and vocals that sound as though they were coming from a traumatized gorilla) and this only makes my feelings for them even greater. All I have to say about them is, **FRANKIE GO BACK TO LIVERPOOL** and torment them for a while. Give us a break!

Cabbage patch kids. Alas. We, as people, have reached an intellectual low. Our culture, sadly, is one in which we emulate dolls who's front ends cannot be told from their bottoms. Cabbage patch

dolls resemble mutants who have been bathed in Clorox and caught in heavy machinery. I personally would not give one of these things to any kid aside from one I wished to traumatize. Be glad our generation did not roll over in the crib and have to see one of these horrors staring glassy-eyed at us.

Smoking in the bathroom. It does not impress me to walk into a public bathroom only to be accosted by an unusual amount of white smoke. Then, not to my amazement, to be greeted by a distasteful young person wearing an Iron Maiden T-shirt and a throwing star around his neck saying, "Hey dude, let's catch a high wave and a cool buzz." This distresses me to no end. The restroom is a place of serenity—a place where one's thought can be looked over in a fortress of solitude. It is not a setting for a foggy London morning, "bloody thick as pea soup." To solve this enraging situation, I have sincerely thought about following someone who was smoking in a bathroom, meet

him in a smoking lounge, and use it as a restroom. I think that this would cure him of his "illness" and make him think twice about "sparking it up" in a public restroom again.

City workers. It is beyond me why the City of St. Petersburg pays so much money for the salaries of their workers. It would do just as good to pay a bunch of dogs to climb a tree—it just does not happen. It bewilders me to no end why it takes two city workers to hold up a slow/stop sign, or why it is at all necessary for one to stand on the side of the road and look at all the cars that go by. It doesn't do me any good. Once, while I was driving by a road-construction sight, I saw three workers talking to each other, two holding up one sign, one just standing there looking into space, and no work was being done.

Counselors. We will write this article but only if you will sign in and wait until Armageddon first. Unfortunately, this doesn't meet the proper criterion for an editorial. Have your mother sign this article and bring it to me by March 1. Unfortunately, I'll be on break until June. I work for crumbs! Let me tell you what to do with your life! 'Nuff said!

(Editor's note: This article expresses the opinion of the writers and not that of the staff as a whole.)

Advise Digest

- Never bathe in Clorox.
- Never snort acid rain.
- Never ask us for money.
- Never purposely stick sharp objects into your eye.
- Playing stickball on U.S. 19 can be detrimental to your health, but if you like Cindi Lauper, we strongly recommend it.
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Club dance failure in more ways than one

"Due to the lack of club spirit and ignorance in scheduling, the annual Rojan/Interact Dance has been cancelled." Hey Rojans, does this sound familiar? How about you Interact? The way the sponsors and supposedly concerned club members sound, the non-participants seem to be a bunch of no-good, anti-social whimps. Somehow this seems far from the total truth.

Officers and club sponsors decided to schedule the dance on the last day of exams and the first day of a three day weekend. One would think that after days of intense studying, students would be too exhausted, both mentally and physically, to be worrying about a

dance. Also along these lines, many students weren't even in town because this rare extended weekend gave them the opportunity to take a short, well-deserved breather. After all, how many people really felt like dancing with bags under their eyes so droopy that they impaired walking?

Unless you had a steady, another problem was getting a date. This dating situation is so severe that members of student government have been referring to Northeast as "Sadie Hawkins High School."

Student Gov. Pres. Nancy Roslow: "Our next dance will be

a Sadie Hawkins Dance." Voice from the Crowd: "Oh, you mean it's going to be like every other dance at Northeast!"

This problems has progressed to such a degree that some Interact members blamed the failure of the dance on the girls lacking the courage to ask the guys.

Now they've announced that the dance has been rescheduled for March 16 at the Kapok Tree Inn. So as not to miss out on the festive event, one group of Rojans (with well-over ten at the latest count) have decided that going stag would be their best bet. (Take the hint Interact members!)

This only makes people begin to wonder about the Prom. Will it fall under the same turmoil? Seniors were the ones who bought the least tickets to Rojan/Interact so what makes them think the Prom will be much better? Some people feel it would be better to cancel it now and save a lot of hassles and heartaches to those involved. But that seems a little drastic, for now.

It seems a shame that Northeast has lost all of the fun it had in earlier years; not to mention its tradition. It is now up to the students to "hold it together." Good luck, Northeast, you're going to need it.

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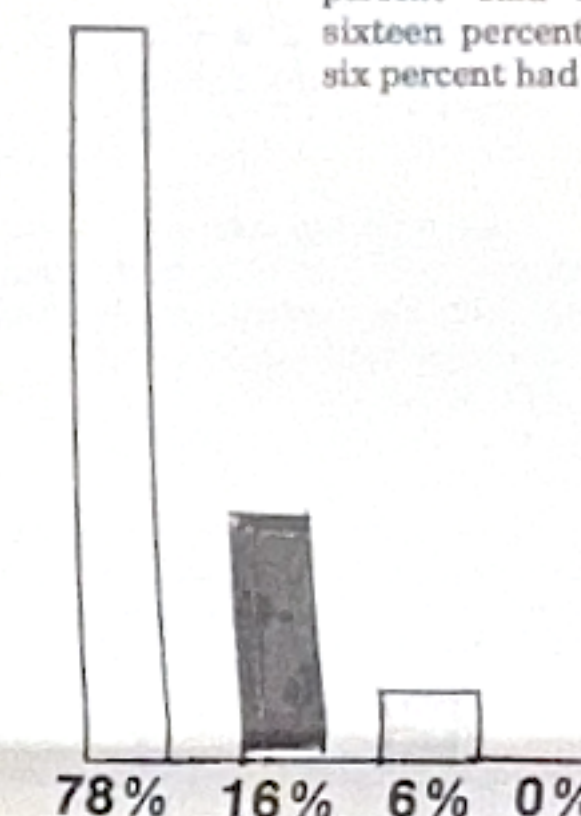
By Pam Allen

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Question:

Do you feel that the lack of building 17 has had an effect on school spirit?

Of the fifty students surveyed 78 percent said the lack of building 17 had a negative effect on school spirit, zero percent said it had a positive effect, sixteen percent said it had no effect and six percent had no opinion.



yes negative
no
no opinion
yes positive



Tori R. Eva, grade 12: "The building seemed to bring the student body closer physically and socially. Also when its cold outside the only place to go is in your classroom, who wants to be in class ten minutes before the bell rings."



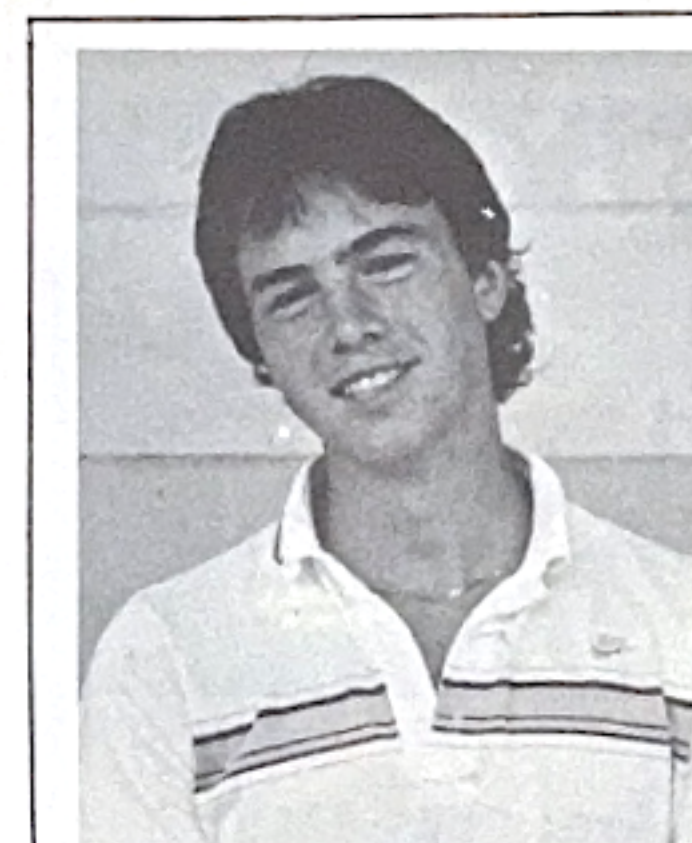
Heather Coulter, grade 10: "The students were told building 17 would be open by this semester. I feel very disappointed that it has not been finished and I know a lot of other students feel the same way this has cerentally put a damper on school spirit."



Tiffany Chennelville, grade 9: "I don't think it has any of the new freshman because we didn't know what it was like having it anyway."



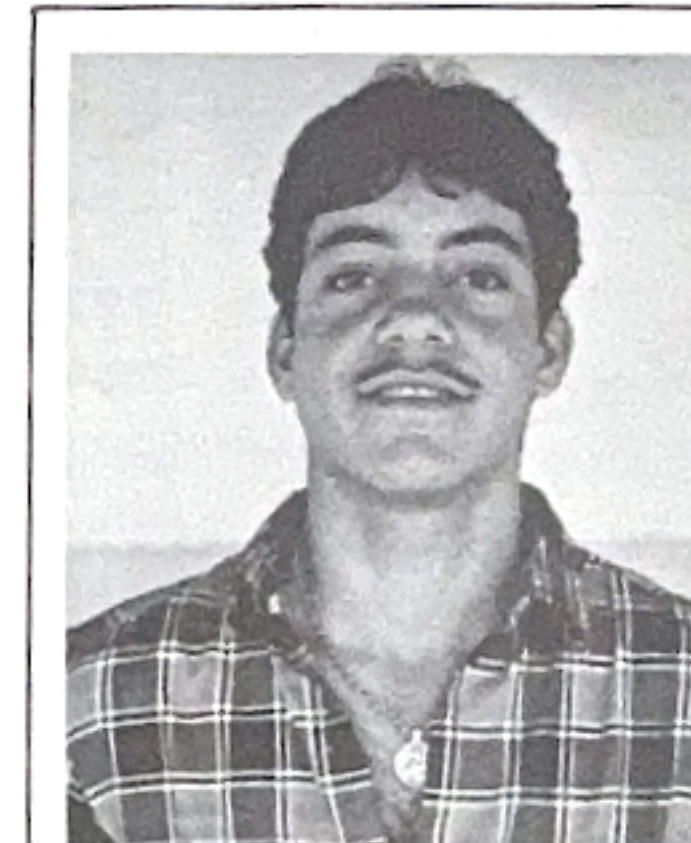
Steve Hammons, grade 12: "When we lost building 17 we lost more than just a bunch of classes with no air conditioning, we lost a place where everybody could talk about the upcoming weekend."



Keith Fredericks, grade 9: "The lack of building 17 had definitely lowered school spirit. The administration found it easier to do away with the crowded hallways and decorated lockers that gave spirit to Northeast!"



Natalie Hempstead, grade 12: "Building 17 was the only place with the proper lab equipment. It also is really upsetting to the seniors who lost their only legal 'hangout'."



Joseph Hernandez, grade 10: "Building 17 had nothing to do with school spirit. The people who love Northeast, and are very proud of their school and nothing will stop their spirit at NEHI."



DeDe Driver, grade 9: "Because people just don't have school spirit over a certain building, people are school spirited because they're proud of their teams and the school they belong to."



Joe Jaskiewicz, grade 11: "Without building 17 everybody's popular 'hangout' between classes is gone, we all feel lost without it."



Marianne Rodriguez, grade 12: "School spirit is not effected by the environment it is determined by people's attitudes towards the school."



Candice Means, grade 12: "Because students are not in a close as a relationship to eachother as in the years past which makes spirits lower."



Diane Aspinall, grade 9: "If people have school spirit they are going to show it whether or not we have a locker."

Meg Hester: one of NEHI's finer leaders

By Lana Chiariello

Meg Hester has swept through Northeast only to land at the top of her class, as well as guiding it.

"Busy as a bee" is the old cliché that can be used to perfectly describe Hester's life in general. She has accomplished many tasks, she has received many awards, and she certainly has been honored many times.

Hester gives her all to the school, and withdraws knowledge and a sense of leadership from Northeast.

Presently, Hester is the president of the senior class, which takes a lot of effort. But she has had lots of practice. In her freshman year at Northeast, Hester was the treasurer in her class. Also in her sophomore and junior years, she was president of her class. That makes four years she has been involved with student government, and each year she has held an official position.

"I really enjoyed working with the different people and sharing ideas throughout the years. I've made a lot of friends through student government. It was fun working with the different sponsors in each class. I learned a lot through planning activities and organizing dances," said Hester.

One of Hester's many bright spots are her academic abilities. She is presently in the National Honor Society, and has been for two years. Her grade point average is a Whooping 4.368, as of last semester. She is currently the number one ranking academic achiever in her class. She is also in the Spanish Honor Society. It is a wonder that she maintains such a high achieving level in her academic standards, since she is faced with a rigorous academic schedule everyday. She upholds an "A" average in anatomy/physiology, CPS, Biology II, analytic geometry, and composition 12A.

Hester does not let her high standards in school weigh her down. She also takes part in two Northeast sports teams. Last season she dove into eighth place in the state, as she showed her unique diving abilities in the state finals. She received a lot of help from her coach, Breck Amick.



Photo by Doug Delory

Meg Hester is a vital link to the senior class successes.

"I have known him since I was about ten years old. He's the best coach I have ever had. He used to train me during the summers when I was younger."

This is Amick's first year at Northeast. He was the boys and girls diving team coach.

"I could always depend on him to be there, and he was always there, not just for me, but for everyone. He turned out a lot of new divers, like Mark Ackett, into state finishers," said Hester.

Hester has served four years on Northeast's diving team and has turned out to be a true asset to it.

"I like diving because it takes a lot of concentration. There is quite a bit of anxiety involved in it, and I really enjoy the challenge. I plan on diving in college," Hester replied.

Tennis season is just beginning and Hester is all over the court sweating it out. But actually, she is relaxing.

"Going out on the court is more of a relaxer, it is really fun, and it is great exercise."

The season starts on February 19th and Meg is ready for her first challenge. This is her second consecutive year on the tennis team.

Hester has proven to be a very athletic person. She thrives on being in good physical shape.

In one day in the life of Hester, she arises to go to school and do her best in each and everyone of her classes. After school, she goes to tennis practice four times a week, and aerobics classes three times a week. Somewhere in there she does her homework, and does it well.

Having her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Marcotte, a school teacher here at her school may contribute to her good study habits.

"I don't like to watch T.V. I never watch it except when it is required, like for CPS."

Hester has always been involved with her school. She was once the Science & Engineering president. She belonged to the Rojans for two years, and was in the Spanish club.

She was once featured in the Evening Independent as "Athlete of the Week", and broke city and state diving records in the eleventh grade.

Recently, Hester was named Rotary Student of the Month. The teachers nominated students and Mr. Zachary made the final decision.

"I was taken out for breakfast at Jerry's and they gave me a certificate along with a \$50.00 savings bond which was nice."

As for her future plans, Hester wishes to attend John Hopkins University and major in biology.

"I hear they have a good diving coach and I can do some research there."

Hester was born in Fort Dix, New Jersey and has an older sister, Mandy, who is a graduate of Northeast.

Features Digest

Former J.V. cheerleader honored

Junior Varsity cheerleader Kristin White won the title of All-Star cheerleader after being selected to compete with cheerleaders from all over the district.

White attended a cheerleading camp this past summer along with girls from Northeast and other Pinellas County schools. The cheerleaders were closely observed for one week. Five girls, including White, were selected to represent Pinellas County in the All-Star competition.

This competition took place in Pinellas County, where girls attended from all over the district were judged on their abilities. Each girl was required to carry out certain jumps, chants, and cheers. After being judged, White was named All-Star Cheerleader from Pinellas County. The contest was held throughout the nation, and one girl was picked from each state.

White was given the opportunity to travel to the Aloha Bowl in Honolulu, Hawaii, where she led cheers with girls from forty-eight other states, during this past holiday season.

Besides being a cheerleader at Northeast, White was also the president of the freshman class. She has recently moved, and is now living in Dallas, Texas with her family.

Senior prom promises fun times for all

By Lana Chiariello

"The Best Of Times" aptly describes the theme of the 1985 Senior Class Prom, as it promises to be the most memorable highlight of the senior student's final year.

"The prom committee promised from the beginning that this year's prom would be the best that Northeast has ever seen—and we weren't kidding around. We've been shooting for quality in every aspect of the prom. I think the seniors are going to be in for a very special surprise," said the prom committee chairman, Phil Graham.



Photo by Doug Delory

Prom design was done by senior Deanne Sharer.

The prom will be held at the Bayfront Concourse/Holiday Inn Hotel on April 20th. The hotel is presently undergoing renovations which are expected to be finished in late March.

"There's been a lot of talk around school that the prom should be out at the beach. There are some really ritzy places out there, and the fact that it is out at the beach even makes it better, but the proms in the past have shown that the farther you have to travel, the fewer the people that show up. The new Holiday Inn Hotel is right between both sides of town—and with the new renovations of the Bayfront Concourse, well, we just couldn't pass it up. It makes it so easy for everyone to enjoy the prom," said Graham.

Sponsoring this year's prom are Mrs. Edna Lucas, the senior class advisor, and Mr. Earl Wilson, a teacher and sponsor of Interact. Also heading the prom committee with Graham is senior Holly Ackett.

Wilson also sponsored the Rojan-Interact dance which was to be held in mid-January, but was cancelled due to the lack of response in ticket purchasing.

"I feel there will be a very good turnout to the prom. For the first time, Northeast has hired a very expensive band (Stinger), with a big name around the Bay area, which is very appealing to the students. There is no connection between the interest aroused by the Rojan-Interact dance and the senior prom," said Wilson.

"Our success depends on

candy sales and the amount of spirit and interest in the senior class," Wilson stated.

The Holiday Inn has earned five stars. It includes such fine qualities as a huge ballroom, a "Bennigan's style lobby", and valet parking. The location is suitable and easily accessible from all sides of town.

The art design was covered by the "very impressive and creative" senior Deanne Sharer, a student at Northeast. With her finesse, the design is sure to be a winner.

The theme that the senior class voted on earlier this year is "The Best of Times"—by the group Styx. The seniors feel that this theme will depict their past experiences at Northeast.



"Stinger is undoubtedly the best and hottest band in the Tampa Bay area. We are very lucky to have them play at our prom," commented Graham.

Stinger's instrumentation consists of keyboards, drums, and two guitars. All of the members of the band are vocalists.

"I can guarantee that no other high school in the next three counties will have had better entertainment at their prom than Northeast High School," Graham said.

At the prom, Stinger will entertain the seniors with mostly "Top 40 Hits". They play all kinds of music. They are not a heavy metal band, but a dance music band. When Stinger is not playing, a disc jockey will play continuous music that is requested by the senior class.

"They've got a professional style, an impressive sound and a shocking light show. After all, dancing to the music of the band is what the seniors will remember most about their prom. And believe me, with a band like Stinger, the memories will be crystal clear," Graham said.

Mrs. Lucas, the advisor of the senior class, is in high hopes and has high expectations.

"We are hoping the renovations will be complete. I am very happy that we have hired a good band for their entertainment. We are all confident that this year's prom will be a major hit," Lucas said.

Student government has begun to role out '85

This year student government, under the direction of sponsor Harry Brown and led by president Nancy Roslow, is planning an abundance of events designed specifically to help the once uneventful second semester

become exciting and fulfilled as the first.

The plan is called "Roll Out '85" and it includes such activities as a Saily Hawkins Valentine's Dance, which is scheduled for February 15 in the gym. Also a fifties sock hop and a Spring

Fling are in the planning.

Student government secretary, Mary Gill, summed it up by saying, "It's a great way to produce school spirit and show the students how active a group like student government can be."



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Three good reasons for soccer success

By Kim Stuart

This year's Viking soccer team is comprised of many talented individuals. Three of the team's finest in athletic ability and team leadership are Bobby Shea, Chris Skey, and Doug DeLorey, captain.

Bobby Shea, sophomore, has been playing soccer since he was five years old, which gives him eleven years' experience. Since childhood Shea has also participated in various summertime soccer camps and city leagues.

Shea is modest concerning the many compliments he receives on his talents; however, he does not hesitate to lavish praise upon his fellow teammates. Said Shea, "This year's team is more experienced than last year's team, and the unity and quality of the playing has obviously improved."

Currently Shea is the leading scorer with six goals, and has started every game. However, he is in danger of missing a few games due to some minor knee surgery for fluid retention that may be necessary in early or mid-February.

Shea is sure that with his many years of experience and the experience of the rest of the team, next year's soccer team will be a difficult one to beat.

Another outstanding player is sophomore Chris Skey. Like his good friend and teammate Shea, Skey has had many years of experience playing soccer. He started playing in fourth grade when he lived in England, and when he returned to the States, played in many city leagues and other award-winning soccer clubs.

Skey shares many of Shea's opinions concerning team unity and improvement. However, he did add that sometimes the team feels a bit too overconfident, but also added that quality is helpful because "nobody ever gives up, no matter how far the team is down, everybody always keeps trying."



Photo by Pat Curran

Chris Skey, Doug DeLorey, and Bob Shea: soccer's terrific trio.

Skey has three goals so far this season and is looking forward to even more in the future games. He is confident that he as a player, and the team as a whole, will be even better next year.

Captain Doug DeLorey is also a fine and experienced player. The members of the soccer team look up to him and respect his decisions.

DeLorey, a senior, has been playing soccer for six years. This includes the junior Raiders soccer club at Riviera Middle School. He has also won various awards. The Under-16 Soccer Club named him the Most Valuable Player, and last year Viking Varsity soccer team named him the Most Valuable Defender.

DeLorey feels that both Shea and Skey

are fine players and have a lot of potential. "Shea has a lot of playing potential and he's got good speed," he said. "Skey never stops, and holds the whole team together. He gives 115% each game and is easy to get along with."

All of the varsity soccer team's players are talented and devoted to their sport. And with the leadership of Doug DeLorey, Bobby Shea, and Chris Skey, they hope to continue to improve their playing skills. Skey and Shea also both look up to DeLorey, and DeLorey helps them. It's easy to see that these three are the foundation of team unity. And with their good examples to observe, it is easy to see why the Vikings are the city champs with a record of 6-3-2.

Sports Digest

Tennis begins season

Once again the Northeast tennis season has started. Miss Ann Cantlin, the boys and girls tennis coach, is looking forward to the season. The team is made up of a lot of freshmen but Cantlin said, "That is not going to keep us from having a good year or a heck of a good time."

Todd Sarmiento, boy's captain, is a returning letterman who is ranked top in the school. He feels the team "will have a good year with a lot of new players."

Returning is junior Jodee Sewell who is the girl's captain.

All-Academic team

Several members of Northeast High School have been recognized this month for their achievements in sport and studies in the 1984-1985 St. Petersburg's Evening Independent all academic team. Holly Ackett, Carrie Bullington, Kevin Collier, Anne Marie Caserek, David Forbes, Meg Hester, Fred McCoy, Deanne Sharer and Dan Wiziowski were honored for having maintained a 3.5 GPA and contributed to their respective teams. Our swim team placed more members than any other high school team covered by the competition.

Baseball team: young yet optimistic

By Linda Donelan

Once again the cracking of bats and slapping of balls against leather can be heard at Northeast's baseball field. Tryouts were held on January 7-16 and 20 players were chosen by third year coach, Scott Miller. The season officially starts on February 25 with a pre-season tournament, but Miller had the team sweating early in the "marathon" game on February 16. A "marathon" game is an inner squad game in which the players play all day. This is also the time when the players play the parents.

According to Miller, this year's squad is a considerably younger team than last year's. There are only three seniors, six juniors, nine sophomores, and two freshmen.

"This year more younger players will be playing a lot," commented Miller. "We are going to be a building team this year, yet at the same time we will be competing for the PCC championship."

"This year we are younger but the majority of us have had a lot of playing time. I think that will make the difference," commented junior Brian Griffith.

Miller, a teacher in NEHI's math department, hopes to concentrate on the "finer things" such as bunting.

"I also hope to be able to steal more bases this year, especially considering we only stole 15 last year," Miller mentioned.

There have been many changes with the team such as the addition of the scoreboard at the baseball field. Also the team is hoping play as good as they look in their new uniforms.

Miller and his assistant, Coach Chuck Collier, are counting on the "nucleus of juniors" to have a

good year since they are in the "key" positions.

Juniors Sam Harris, Danny Bench, and Griffith will make up the pitching rotation. Miller said that they are good but still untested.

"The pitchers will do good because they know who the hitters are from winter and summer leagues," said Harris.

Miller also commented, "If they (the pitchers) are good, then we as a team are good."

The starting line-up has not been made official but Miller has some ideas. At first base will be senior Frank Green, junior Matt Anderson at shortstop, and sophomore Ray Busch at third. Miller is hoping for a good year from Busch. Sophomore Wesley Mudd is a likely candidate for center field and sophomore Robby Rabb is probable for right field. Left field, second base, and catcher are still up for grabs.

"The teams to beat this year in the PCC appear to be Seminole,



Photo by Patrick Curran

Junior Matt Anderson takes batting practice with sophomore Pete Coture catching.

Pinellas Park, Dunedin, and St. Pete," Miller said. It is hard to say how the loss of last year's seniors will affect Northeast.

"Of course, Mike Coad and Bryant Sturz will be missed since they both batted over .400, as well as Jerry Devore and Eric Campbell who batted over .300

piece. But," Miller said optimistically, "there are enough young kids to replace them."

Miller said that unfortunately, there isn't enough intrateam "rivalry." "They are not being pushed by competition, so they need to work harder on their own."

Varsity basketball ends a rough year

By Cassandra Butler

Victories have not come easy for the Vikings this season. This year's Varsity team is not the best in the county, but they strive to get better. The 1984-85 squad is a ball team with a lot of ability and it is steadily improving.

On January 24, the team visited Sarasota, which was rated 16 in the state, with a record of eleven wins and three losses. The Vikings defeated Sarasota 73-72.

"We were very happy because we certainly needed a win," said Coach Dave

Redding after the game.

Another win against Tarpon Springs on January 25 gave the Vikings more hope for getting better, with a score of 78-66. Although those were the only two wins that came to the Vikings during January, they also got a chance to play at the Bayfront Center, on January 29 against Boca Ciega, just prior to a Tampa Bay Thrillers game.

"In spite of losing that evening, everyone had fun and enjoyed the experience of playing in those kinds of surroundings," according to junior Andre Bradley.

Bradley says he also feels that the record will get better toward the end of the season.

The team's record is 3-16 and 2-7 in the Pinellas County Conference (PCC).

The loss of Tony Ferguson, Tori Eva, and Jimmy Campbell, all seniors, was thought at first by the team to be the loss of some key players.

According to Redding, "We are just finding out who our key players are and have yet to lose any of them."

This year's leading scorers, according to Redding, are Nathaniel Stone and Andre Bradley. Also, the top rebounders are

Nathaniel Stone and Scott Geren.

Another fine ball team that NEHI is proud of is the boy's junior varsity team. This squad is one of great ability and skill, according to head coach, Dave Agosta.

"They want to be the best at everything they do. Also, no one wants to let the rest of the team down, so each player works hard on the court and in the classroom."

According to Agosta, there is a good balance of players with their positions, so when someone is out, there is always the confidence that the replacement will do a great job.

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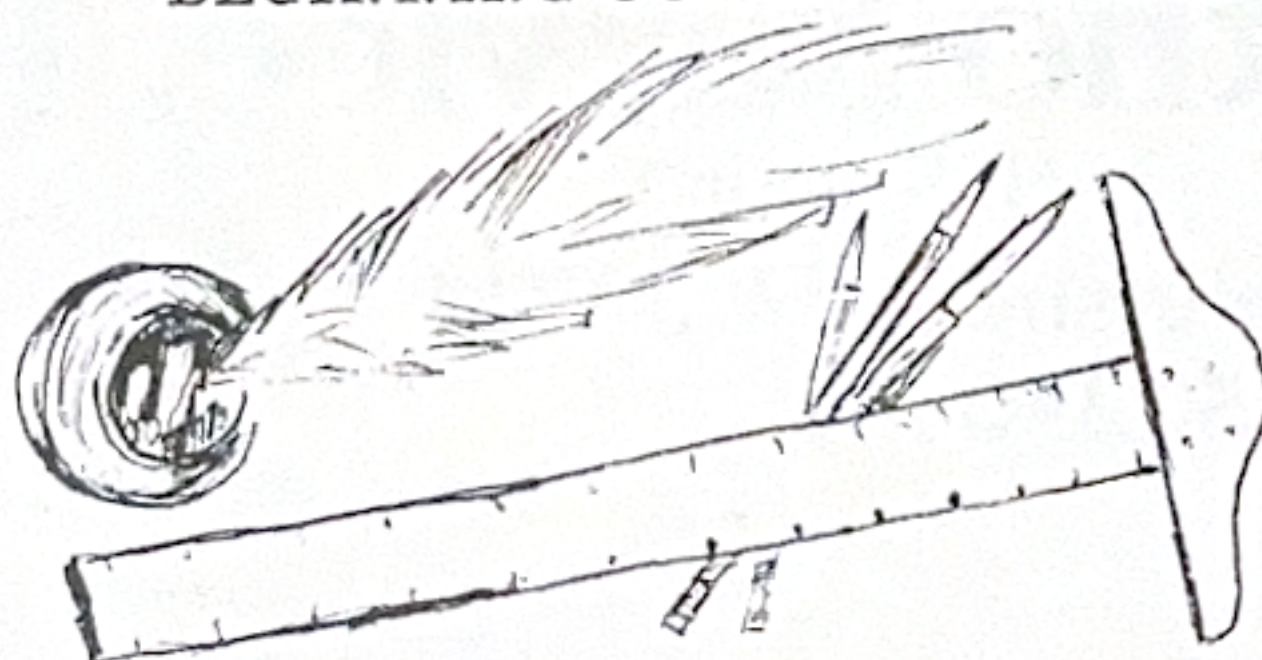
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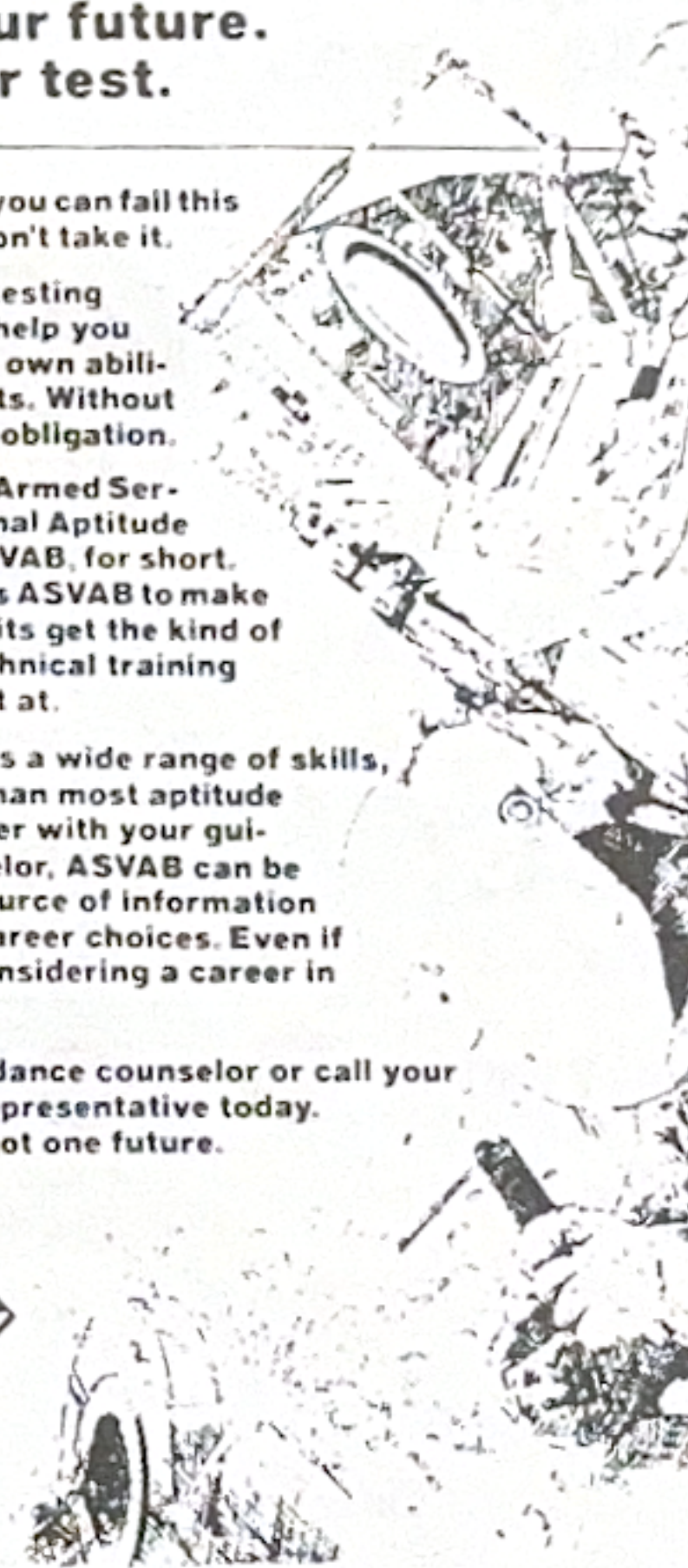
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Wrestlers have another winning season

By Sharon Bench

The Varsity Wrestling at Northeast High has exploded to a 12-3 record and two second places in large tournaments, the latest in the Pinellas County Conference match on February 2.

The wrestling team is a well balanced and well organized team. They have had a pretty terrific season," said Coach Bill Dudley.

With Tom Brady and Gary Guarino leading it, the team was destined for a good year.

Brady, at 117 lbs., was the only Viking to win a weight class in the Conference tournament. Freshman Billy Fitzgerald made a strong second place finish in the 103 lb. class as did junior Mark Orgera in the unlimited class. Junior Steve Wilsey, senior Greg McDonnell and junior Steve Diaco faced well in their weight classes, all claiming third place.

Dudley's summary of the team is "a group of great individuals. Any weakness we may have, the rest of the guys balance it out. They are also a close knit group; no jealousy here." Dudley was commenting on the lack of upper-weight class wrestlers.

Dudley thought that this year the wrestling team could go undefeated. "Of the three lost matches, two should not have been lost. We had lost one to Countryside though, a real tough team," said Dudley.

Although the regular season is over, the team has the district, region, and state tournaments coming up. Dudley said, "There is no reason why ten or eleven cannot place, but realistically, eight or nine probably will." This was in reference to the Conference tournament.

Dudley feels that Brady is the most promising team member. "I'm Tom Brady's biggest fan. He's a great wrestler and he hasn't lost a match in two years. He will be missed, not only for his wrestling talents, but his leadership qualities as well."

Dudley mentioned two other wrestlers. "Paul Ivory and Mike Alton have wrestled some real animals and done well," said Dudley.

This year northeast broke the record for the least number of pins in a year. They also set scoring records this year for an average of 32 points per match. That is



NEHI wrestler Chris Turner fights to pin his opponent.

Photo by Erwin Hoffman

great considering you get 6 points per pin.

"Even though the team started lapsing in their wrestling, those three matches they had the determination and ability to bounce back.

The team members are really excited about the state tournament and Coach

Dudley feels the team will have a "good shot".

Coach Dudley estimated that Northeast would send four or five wrestlers this year.

"Northeast has been pretty lucky. It is awfully hard to send kids to the state," said Dudley.

New coach for softball team

By Steve Diaco

The Northeast Viking girls softball team is practicing and pulling together for their long season ahead.

This is Coach Jodi Kay's first year on the faculty at Northeast. She is a coach in the physical education department. This is also Kay's first year coaching a girl's softball team at a high school, but she receives help from

the assistant coach, Mrs. McArdle, or "Ms. Mac". McArdle is a teacher at Dunedin Elementary School. She comes to Northeast after her school day to help coach the softball team as a favor to Kay.

As of February 1, there were eight players on the softball team. The tryouts were held in the third week of January. Since there are ten players needed to play softball, the team is not yet fully stocked. Most of their players are now tied up in either basketball or soccer season. As soon as those seasons are complete, a number of girls will

be transferring to softball. Kay and McArdle have not been able to designate positions because of this.

Two girls, junior Buffy Cinnamon and freshman Heather Bolton are up for the pitching position. Cinnamon and Bolton now practice by alternating between shortstop and pitching.

"As of now, the teams work well together. So far I think we look pretty good. When the new girls come in, we will have to learn to adjust to a new playing style all over again, so that means we will have to practice a lot more," said Bolton.

Another player on the team, sophomore Barbara Dattalo commented, "I think that our team has a lot of potential and that we should go far with the help of our outstanding coach."

All the girls on the team seem to come to the general consensus that Kay is a very good coach and that she is very good for the team.

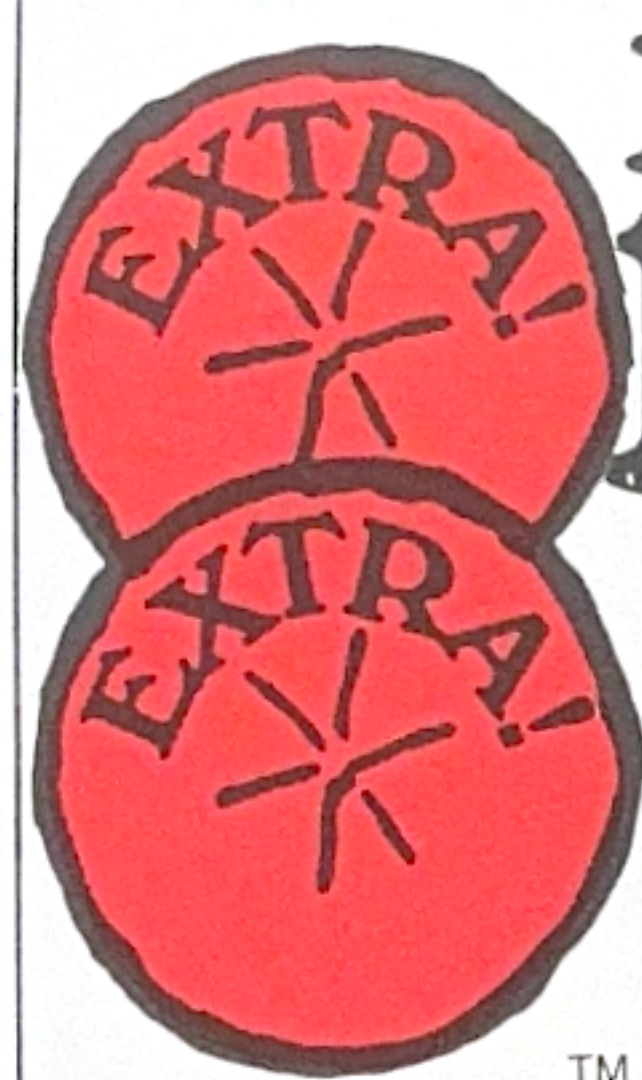
Bolton, who is putting in her first year on the girls softball team, thinks Kay is "...a good coach. She expects a lot out of us - so we try to please her."

Other players in their second year, like Dattalo say, "I think

that we will do better this year because we have a good coach."

This is freshman Angela Boiselarie's first year on the team. She feels that so far the team is looking very good. "Everyone is interested in the team and we all want to play. Coach Kay is very nice and patient, therefore she helps a lot."

While the girls are still in training, the pre-season tournament is already creeping up on them. The tournament starts February 28th.



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