

## SGA back to old ways

By Lana Chiariello  
Editor-in-Chief

The Student Government Association (SGA) has undergone many changes this year, including the revamping of the student government constitution.

The first change is the prescribed meeting time. Beginning this semester, SGA is meeting during school hours on the second Tuesday of each month.

Pat Coldiron, SGA sponsor,

stated several reasons for the change. Among these are the elimination of transportation problems and conflicts with extra-curricular activities, the addition of psychological prestige to SGA and the encouragement of future involvement.

In addition to the monthly in-school meeting, SGA will have an open campus meeting every six weeks.

As the Constitution is once again being closely followed, so will the election procedures listed in the Constitution be followed.

Beginning Feb. 29 through March 8, candidates for an SGA office will have the opportunity to campaign over the intercom, according to Coldiron. The entire student body will vote for these candidates March 9.

"During this election, I would hope people would vote for someone who will do a good job," said Coldiron.

Class officer and senator elections are scheduled for April. In accordance with the Constitution, each class will elect a president, vice president, secretary,

treasurer and five senators. After the election, each class will appoint five senators.

"This way, if a person loses (in an election), he can be appointed by his class," Coldiron said.

A question that has been raised since the talk of the election began is whether a student can hold two presidential positions of groups on campus.

"We took a consensus at the SGA meeting and most senators felt that a student should hold any one position as president," said Coldiron.

## News Digest

### Prom previews

Specially selected seniors attended a fashion show, "The Time of Your Life: Prom '88," on Feb. 24 in the Media Center. The show was sponsored by Deca, the fashion merchandising class.

Representing women's prom fashions from CC's were models Lisa Sabrey, Susan Irving, Lisa Thomas, Lisa Hencke, Bonnie Hansen, Laura Schmid, Laurel Sibley, Fay Oliver, Deanna Ripple and Stacie Wagner. These models were chosen for modeling experience by Deca.

The senior class is working on prom, which is scheduled for May 6 at the Colliseum Ballroom in downtown St. Petersburg.

Only seniors, juniors and people one year out of high school may attend.

Prom is being chaired by Kevin Fredericks and Julie Costanzo. Prom faculty sponsor is A.B. Windham.

### NEHI P.R.I.D.E.

Northeast High has once again chosen its P.R.I.D.E. award winners. For the 1988 school year, they are: Science: Erik Dohm; English: Andrea Laiosa; Social Studies: Kelly Randall; and Math: Damon Robertson. Winners were judged on cumulative grade point average in the area in which they mastered, and SAT scores.

Other qualifying students will receive a P.R.I.D.E. certificate.

### Math Field Day

Eight students from NEHI will enter the Math Field Day contests at Osceola Middle School, Saturday, March 5. The contest will involve competition in all four grade levels.

Students attending are: Dan Spiegel, 12; George Rohrer, 12; Anthony Salliotte, 11; Greg Gainer, 11; Rick Silva, 10; Yi Kyung Kim, 10; Steve Spiegel, 9; and Huy Nguyen, 9.

Students in grades 11 and 12 have the opportunity to compete in chalk talk—a speech on a topic of their choice.

Students in grades 9 and 10 will be competing in either a math bee or board games.

## New faculty welcomed

By Beverly Creadon  
Staff writer

Three new teachers were added to the NEHI faculty second semester.

Jenny Eckhardt teaches speech and language therapy.

Although she has had many hours of formal training which has included teaching, this is the first time Eckhardt has taught five classes a day. She believes that "patience, organization and the ability to explain course content to students in a way they can understand," combined with creativity, are qualities which make a good teacher.

John Sheridan teaches biology and compensatory reading.

The new teachers find the

faculty and students at NEHI to be friendly and cooperative.

"A sense of humor, love of kids, and not romanticizing their own past," according to Sheridan, are qualities which make up a good teacher, while "talking pride in their accomplishments as a learner (and) a sense of worth" are qualities which make a good student.

Linda Vaughan teaches composition and literature.

Vaughan believes that a good teacher is someone who has a "love of subject, knowledge of subject, desire to communicate and a sense of humor" while a student should have "intrinsic motivation, sense of responsibility and a sense of humor."



## Tardy rule draws criticism

By Lana Chiariello  
Editor-in-Chief

The tardy policy at Northeast is causing a major controversy and officials are questioning whether it is too strict.

As the policy is enforced now, according to Assistant Principal Mary Miller, the first two times a student is late to class, he or she receives a one-hour dean's detention. The third time the student is late, his/her parents will receive a warning call at home, and the fourth time a student is late, he/she will be suspended for three days.

"The penalty is so severe in order to get the attention of the students. Where do you finally get a student's attention?" Miller asked. "It is important for them to realize that they need to be in school."

Principal Tom Zachary said that the county is looking for an alternative tardy policy.

One of the direct problems that the present tardy policy causes is a skyrocketing absence rate.

"A student would rather have an unexcused absence rather than sign in late and serve an hour-long detention," said Miller.

According to the absence rule, a student can have an unexcused absence and the only penalty is one letter grade off the assignment for the day missed. So, in effect, students are taking advantage of the liberal rules, according to Zachary.

The effect of the new tardy policy is obvious in that the number of absences is up five percent from last year, administrators said.

On the other end of the stick are the teachers who are becoming angry. Some teachers are taking action.

Hal Brown, a biology teacher, has set some ground rules for his class. "I think the attendance policy stinks. I have had more absentees this year than ever before," said Brown. "Students do not have their priorities straight."

Because of the absence and tardy policies, Brown has devised a little system to encourage better attendance. For every day a student misses, Brown takes two points off a his/her grade. Therefore, the number of absences could affect a student's grade, whether excused or not.

"Teachers are not supposed to take off any amount of points from a grade if a student is absent," said Zachary. "This is what the county says."



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# Speak out or shut up

It seems that those who complain the most about the way things are done do the least to change them. This is true of many *Nor'easter* readers.

Much ado was made about the Surfers Command Respect (Jan. 27, 1988) story. Many surfers at NEHI complained about the bias of that article. Some said they believed the article should have featured more people, not just the two seniors mentioned.

Through all of the complaints, not one person wrote a formal letter to the editor to voice his or her grievance. If people would bother to read the editorial policy, they would see how easy it is to get their view printed.

The *Nor'easter* staff, each month, brainstorms to find stories and news to print. We, alone, can not come up with stories on every student or activity. We pick stories from recommendations from our staff or from ideas teachers contribute.

We wish *Nor'easter* readers would write or contact us and let

us know of a special student or an interesting activity going on NEHI's campus. We can not be everywhere at once. We do the best job we can do.

Maybe it would take 10 minutes to jot down a suggestion and take it to room 9-3 (the newspaper room), but we guess it only takes about 10 seconds to complain about it. No one ever really wants to take a stand... it's much easier to say only negative things.

We at the *Nor'easter* give our readers too much credit. We have an editorial policy for this very reason—complaints. We just assume it will be used for airing problems. But instead, people would rather crack on the staff and say we're stupid.

Maybe it isn't we who fail to please everyone. Maybe it is those who are afraid to have their name in the paper with an opinion who fail to support the people in the school. We guess it isn't "cool" to be helpful, just to complain.



## We hope SGA will be OK

SGA could be making a big mistake by going back to the old structure and format of its organization.

SGA's policy of shutting the rest of the campus out of the meetings may cause some bad decisions on the part of SGA and also may cause a major lack of school spirit and participation.

SGA sponsor Pat Coldiron said the closed meeting change is necessary to build "psychological prestige". Are we trying to build the prestige of SGA and make the members feel important, or are we trying to provide for a full and intelligent representation of the opinions of the student body?

We believe that the former is true in this case. If SGA were to become more like a legislature, it should change a few more things than the rules.

Most of us know that the SGA election is a popularity contest, and that about sums it up. Pro-

bably half the candidates want to be able to add "senior class president" on their college transcripts and that is the extent of their goal and interest.

In the real world, candidates are not elected because of their popularity and looks, but because of their experience and leadership abilities. Most high school students do not have much experience. In fact, most of the SGA class officers are new to the "high school politics" scene. So, that leaves us with popularity and looks.

The only case we can see where leaders have moved up the ladder of success through experience is the SGA president, Jason Scoggins, who served as SGA secretary-treasurer in his sophomore year, vice president in his junior year and president in his senior year. This trend is

followed by Steve Halle, who served as secretary-treasurer last school year and plans to run for president next year. The same goes for Kristen Cohen, currently secretary-treasurer, who plans to move up to vice president.

Considering the trends in high SGA office elections, two candidates will most likely succeed because they have the knowledge and experience to hold higher offices.

Another aspect SGA should look into is the way "real life" politicians often survey the public with opinion polls. How often does SGA do this? These "elite" senators and officers are not adults and they may not bring the "true" opinions of their peers to these meetings.

Since this is a new policy, it is hard to say that the new system will work, but we doubt that it will be fair for everyone.

## Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

I am a freshman senator who is very concerned about the way the freshman class is being treated at Northeast. Even you, the *Nor'easter* staff, have encouraged this stupid tradition of poking fun at freshmen.

The freshmen officers and I are fed up with you upperclassmen!

You wanted us to prove ourselves to be NEHI Vikings (October edition of the *Nor'easter*, "Freshman get fresh"), and we did. We built a wonderful spirit truck from an old rust bucket for Valhalla. You may remember it. It was the one you threw food at and booted off the field.

After that, we threw ourselves into the Q-105 Baby Ruth School Spirit Contest, and turned in over 38,000 cards. The only class which turned in more were the juniors.

But I think that all our hard work was for nothing. We are still considered stupid little freshmen and your newspaper still pokes fun at us "youngsters" (January edition of the *Nor'easter*, "Heart Scopes").

I agree that there are some things that the freshmen have

done in the past, that have not been so great. But why don't you publish something positive about us? For example, I never did hear anything about the freshmen taking first place overall at the Valhalla games.

There is something else I don't understand. If all freshmen are nerds, what happens when we become sophomores? Do we miraculously change from nerds to "real" men and women over the freshman-sophomore summer?

I know that I will never make fun of the freshmen when I become an upperclassman. What's so immature about that?

Sincerely,  
Tina Annette Fesko  
Freshman Senator

From the Editor:

The *Nor'easter* would like to give the freshmen the same advice that the stars did: LIGHTEN UP! It's just a joke. Can't you guys take a joke? You know, ha ha very funny—it is to laugh. Making fun of freshmen may

well be a stupid tradition, but most people think it is a hilarious one.

We commend you for being bold enough to say that you are fed up with us "upperclassmen." We are also not denying that you have done some great things, but don't expect us to break tradition.

By the way, you did not check your facts correctly in your letter about something "you never did hear." (The *Nor'easter* catches everything.)

Here is an excerpt from the November edition, "Homecoming in a Nutshell."

Finally, the class who won the majority of events in Valhalla — yes, the freshman class.

Possibly you "never did hear anything about" it, but you certainly did not take the opportunity to read it.

We thank you for your concern, though.

Signed,  
The *Nor'easter* staff

P.S. In reference to your point about the "Heart Scopes," the *Nor'easter* did not poke fun, the stars did.

# Viking Views

By Rhonda Schrull



Quinn Brayton, grade 12: "Yes. The administration at Northeast have no rights at all. When was the last time you've heard of a student being suspended for 'knowing' about something? What about freedom of speech and press, for that matter? We can't even dress the way we want! So how can our rights be violated when we don't have any to begin with?"



Amy SanMarco, grade 12: "Basically, the students at Northeast have no rights at all. When was the last time you've heard of a student being suspended for 'knowing' about something? What about freedom of speech and press, for that matter? We can't even dress the way we want! So how can our rights be violated when we don't have any to begin with?"



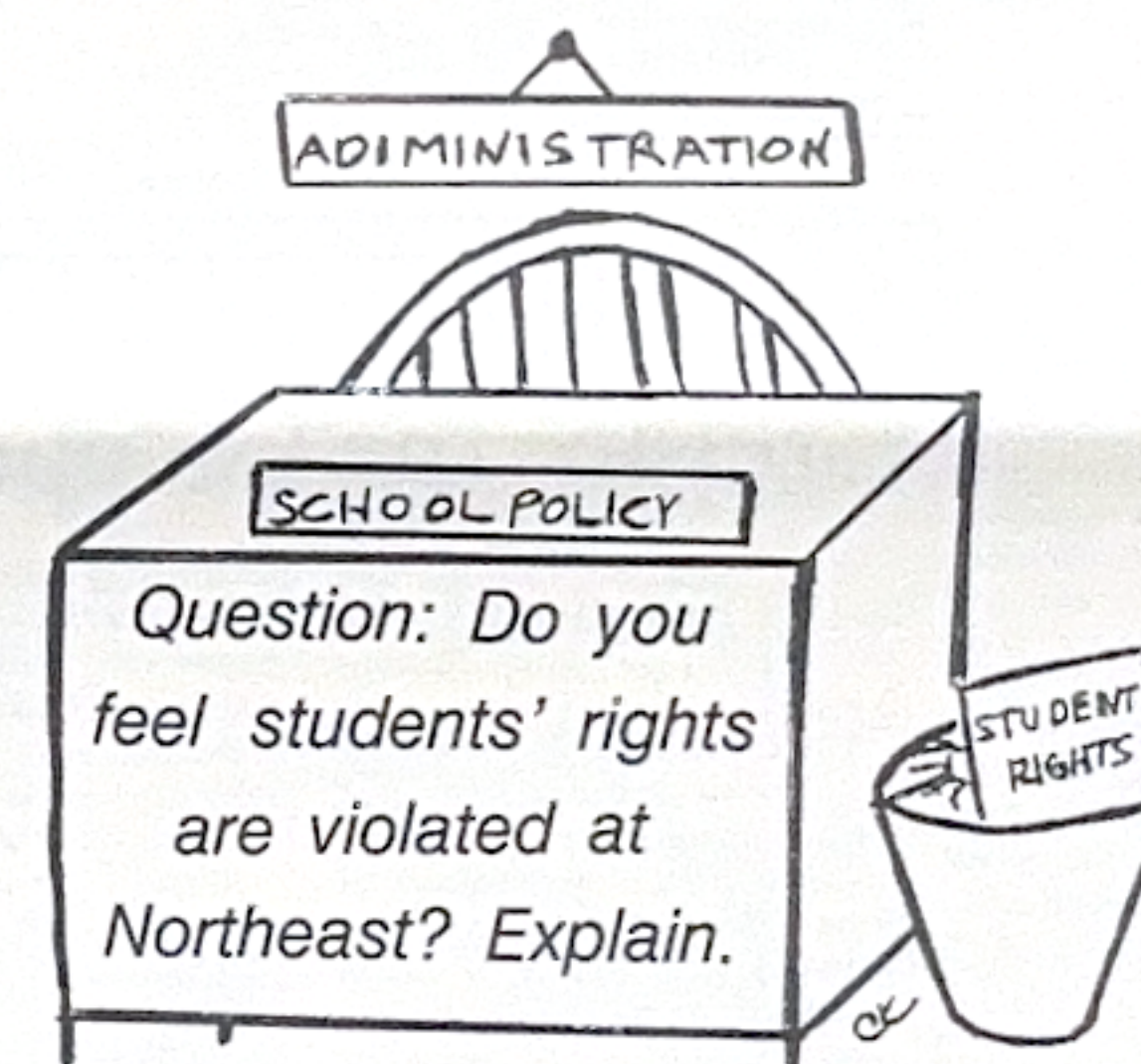
Connie Bennett, grade 11: "Yes, because everytime we turn the corner, an administrator is telling us what to do and what not to do. They treat us like we're all 6 years old and we don't know right from wrong. If only a handful of students act like they don't know what they're doing, why treat us like we don't?"



Audrey Zahn, grade 12: "I feel that the new Supreme Court ruling concerning student publications and the First Amendment is violating our student press rights. Student publications are supposed to represent students, not the administration. Apparently, the Supreme Court does not have faith in the judgement of student editors."



Kim Swart, grade 10: "Yes. If they wanted the freedom of speech and the press to pertain only to those 19 and older, then it should have been written that way in the constitution. School newspapers should be able to print whatever they want, within limits. After all, we need to hear it someplace."



Kelly Watson, grade 10: "Yes. The right to be in school. For example, if you are tardy to a class more than 4 times, you get suspended. If they are trying to get us here on time so we can learn more than why put students out for three days trying to do so?"



Becky Bradley, grade 11: "I don't feel like students are given enough responsibility. I could get away with more in middle school. They don't even let you walk down to Building 17 before the bell rings during lunch."



McCauley Barnes, grade 12: "Yes, I think that the tardy and detention policy is too strict. Why does it seem we are the only school that has this policy? I think that if we just take time to come to class it's good enough!"



Melissa Zipse, grade 12: "Definitely! I've parked in the mud for 3 years now by the football field. Where did my \$2.50 and everybody else's go for the parking decal?!? Shouldn't something be done?"



Colette Boyd, grade 10: "Yes! Very much. Such as, if we feel a teacher has made a mistake with absences, we have no way to prove them wrong. Students have no power over a dean's or teacher's incompetence, we are always in the wrong."



Jason Hulfish, grade 12: "No."



Kim Cochrane, grade 12: "No, I feel students are given sufficient rights and privileges."

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TO THE EDITOR...  
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### Correction

The surfer in the photo which appeared in the last issue with the "Surfers command respect" story was not Jay Diaco.



### Editorial Policy

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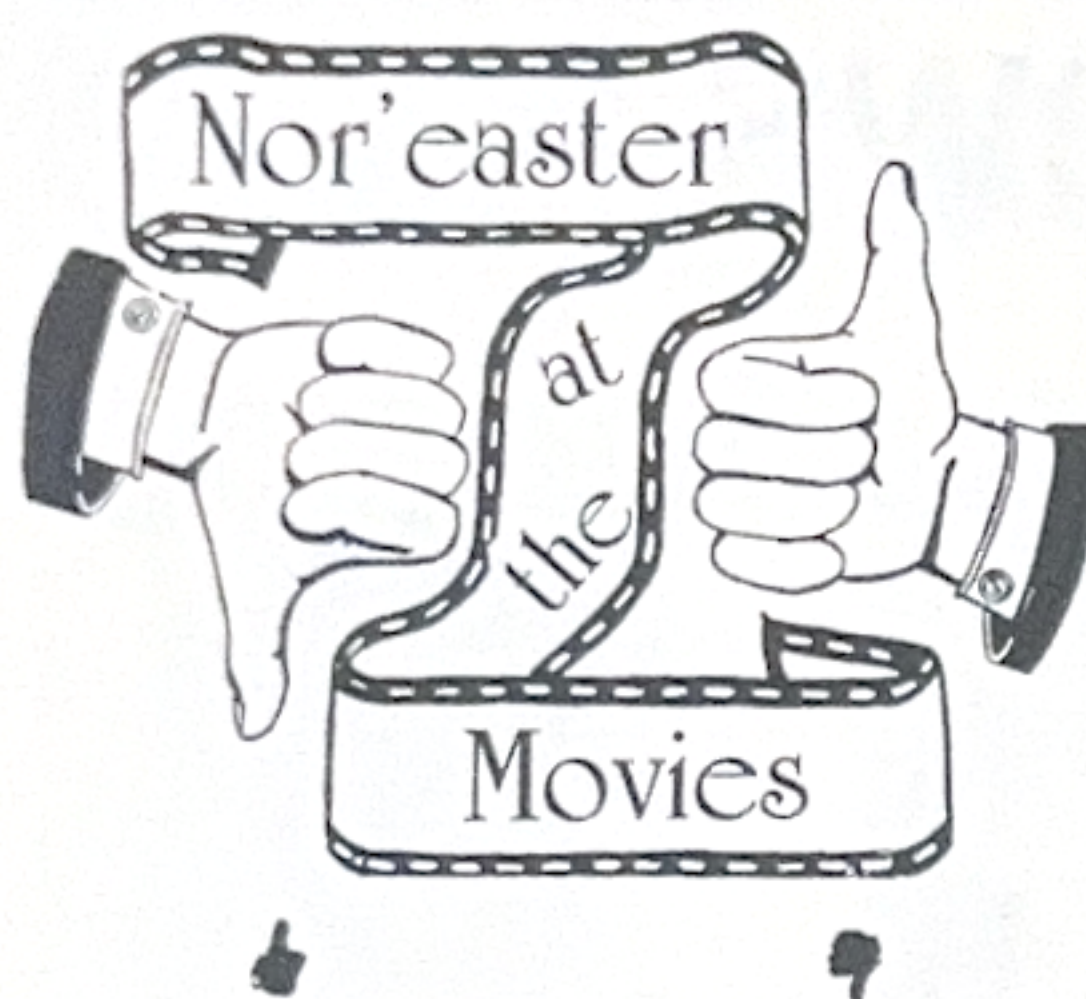
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## The Last Emperor (PG-13)

## Braddock: Missing in Action III (R)

The story of Pu Yi, the last Emperor of China. The movie spans his life from when he gets crowned at the age of 3 to when he dies in 1967 of cancer, his status reduced to that of a gardener.

The movie drags on at an extremely slow pace and tends to be quite boring. Yet the scenery and costumes are exquisite and the story is of extreme interest.

This lengthy movie (just under 3 hours) is a movie for either history buffs or people who love good costumes. Despite the boredom, *The Last Emperor* deserves a THUMBS UP.

## Moonstruck (PG-13)

"When the moon hits your eye like a big pizza pie, that's amore!" was the theme of the smash *Moonstruck*. Cher, who probably gave her best performance in a screenplay, starred as an Italian woman who has bad luck, but suddenly is "moonstruck" by her fiancé's brother. There are many affairs of the heart in this movie and the cast is a picture perfect Italian family. When you see this movie, you'll yearn for a big plate of pasta, kiss your fingers and say "Mamamia, that's Italian!" THUMBS UP!!

## Satisfaction (PG-13)

You won't get any satisfaction out of Justice Bateman's new movie and you'll get even less if you have to pay \$5 to see it.

Justice Bateman stars as a highschool graduate trying to make it as a rock singer. Her band, consisting of a nympho, clepto, druggie, and a classical pianist, audition for a summer job playing at Falcons, a club on the beach.

It's hard to follow the plot from this point on, if there even is one. Besides the terrible script and poor acting, the music forces you to put your fingers in your ears. "I can't get no, no no no..." THUMBS DOWN!

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## Ho Hum Scopes

## Seniors

It's the end of February and the stars predict that seniors will be in a slump. There is an abundance of rumors being spread through the senior class and possibly some hostility is in the atmosphere. As you are starting to feel the effects of "senioritis", the senior absence record will skyrocket. Although you welcome Mrs. Miller after Mr. Misenti's departure, you're itchin' for trouble. You just can't seem to do your homework and you're getting into the habit of leaving your books in your car when you get home from school until the next morning.

Weekends are becoming "ho-hum" because you can't find any parties, but don't worry—the stars predict some killer parties soon. Till then, stay home and get a perspective on your life and stop driving through the empty McDonald's parking lot.

Lucky days: Mar. 2, 13, 21

## Juniors

You are down with the rest of the school. Although this is supposed to be the best year of high school, your particular class can't seem to have fun. You'll be bogged down with work for the rest of the year. The stars predict you won't get out of this slump and your class spirit is drizzling. Pizza parties are the highlight of the week and you won't be invited to any senior parties.

You should start planning to take the SAT soon, but don't hope to break 1000.

Lucky days: Feb. 29, Mar. 6, 17

## Sophomores

You seem to know how to make the most of school and party. The stars predict you'll be having some exclusive parties, but this month is still ho-hum for you. You've worked hard and now it's time to take a load off from here on out.

If you're lucky, you may get asked to the prom, but too bad you can't go NO SOPHOMORES ALLOWED.

Lucky days: Mar. 10, 28, Apr. 1

## Freshmen

The stars especially sense some trouble in the air for you. You seem to be upset and unrested.

The big advice for you is to stop staying up so late talking on the phone and LIGHTEN UP. Although you've taken some hard cracks, you freshmen are in for the worst ever.

The stars predict that you will be made fun of more than ever and consequently you shouldn't take it into heart and just understand that it's a Northeast tradition, just like Homecoming.

Next year, you'll be feeling up—but for now you're at an all time LOW.

Lucky days: You have none.

## Calendar of Events

Feb. 29-March 11—Tickets on sale for senior Grad Night at Walt Disney World  
March 5—Special Olympics  
March 9—Student Government elections  
March 15, 16—SSAT Testing  
March 19—SAT Testing  
March 19—Rojan/Interact Dance  
March 21—Spring Fling  
March 22—Career Day (2nd period)  
March 22—Senior group picture  
March 26—Boardwalk and Baseball trip  
March 28-April 3—Spring Break

## Cruisin' the Campus

This month's "Car of the Month" is a "loaded" 1987 Mustang GT owned by Thomas Burgess.

The car is noted for its unique style and sleek design. It is called loaded because it has many features which distinguish it from others. Among these are power locks, mirrors, windows and steering, 95 percent tinting on all windows, a bra cover, black stripes and letters and "enkie" rims.

Inside the grey interior is a 336 watt Alpine stereo valued at approximately \$2,500.

Probably one of the reasons the price of the car is so high is because of the 5-liter V-8 motor and the 5-speed manual transmission, which allows the car to drive at a top speed of approximately 150mph.

"I've driven well over 100, maybe 130," said Burgess. "But it goes much faster."

Burgess pays over half of his \$310 car payment. He also pays for all gas and maintenance.

"I really like my car," Burgess

said. "It's a good value for what is included."

(Editor's note: Burgess' car tied with other GT's as the staff's choice, but Burgess was the only owner who responded to a survey.)



Thomas Burgess with his "loaded" Mustang GT.

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## 'Senior Superlatives' named by class

By Lana Chiariello  
Editor-in-Chief

NEHI seniors have named their favorite classmates as the "Senior Superlatives." In each category a male and a female is chosen. The *Viking Log* sponsors this survey and members chosen will appear in the yearbook. The superlatives are as follows:

**Most Dependable:** Trey Bond and Julie Costanzo  
**Most Likely to Become President:** Lana Chiariello and Jason Scoggins  
**Most Attractive:** Jay Diaco and Amy SanMarco



Lana and Jason are great leaders as everyone says, that's why they were voted "Most Likely To Be Prez."

**Fastest Talker:** Brent Saffo and Arlene Siciliano  
**Most Outgoing:** Megan Graham and Eddie Diaz

**Most Talented:** Brenda Dillard and Dan Spiegel  
**Best Personality:** Dorothy Bailey and Jehu Guardiola  
**Most Spirited:** Heather Bolton and Tim Cyr

**Biggest Chowhounds:** Stacey Harrel and Paul Hausman  
**Most Daring:** Mark Allen and Elizabeth Moore

**Craziest Drivers:** Todd Allman and Michelle Cooper  
**Class Taxicab:** Paul Burge and Theresa Carson

**Most Athletic:** David Bowman and Erica McBride  
**Best Couple:** Jay Bailey and Jennifer Kilitz

**Nicest Eyes:** Richard Doty and Jenny Hetrick

**Most Likely to Be Late to His/Her Wedding:** Tiffany Treadwell and Gary Moser

**All-American:** Amie Hurst and David Nilsen  
**Cutest:** Devon Brown and Brian Murphy

**Class Clowns:** Randy Butler and Wendy Crippen

**Most Courteous:** Thomas Burgess and Amy Shakespeare

**Nicest Legs:** Diane Aspinall and Cody Brown

**Nicest Smile:** Mike Baker and Deanna Ripple

**Best Dressed:** Kevin Fredericks and McCauley Barnes



The "Most Courteous" are Amy and Tom, because they are always polite and calm.

**Happiest:** Suzi Griffiths and Peter Lavton

## Teacher Feature

By Julie Costanzo  
Staff writer

Fred Dorsett is one teacher many students find a mixed blessing. He is one of the best teachers at NEHI and he is also well liked, but he won't give anyone a free ride. Many students complain, "He's 'cool', but boy, is he tough." Most students respect this mixture of fairness and discipline and that leads to top-notch education in Room 17-27.

Dorsett has taught at NEHI for 21 years, since 1967. He currently teaches Advanced Placement History and American History. He is a former sponsor of SGA. Currently he is the head of the Social Studies Department. Dorsett is a director on the board and past president of the Board of

book American Issues: A Documentary Reader.



Mr. Dorsett is a "cool, but tough" teacher.

Dorsett is proud of being a teacher. "The reason I became a teacher," he said, "is that John Kennedy asked Americans to do for their country" a lot of people took it seriously, and helping students learn is a valuable thing."

The more you understand about how your society works, the better opportunity you have to improve it, Dorsett said.

"..when Kennedy asked people 'to do for their country', [I] took it seriously."

—Mr. Dorsett,  
history teacher

## 'Art Smart'

By Rhonda Schull  
Staff writer

Two NEHI art students' exhibits won top honors in the 1988 Scholastic Art Awards Competition.

Jay Bailey's paintings won two honorable mentions, one gold key and one blue ribbon finalist award. Wes Panganiban's drawing won a gold key and a blue ribbon finalist award.

Blue Ribbon finalists' works go to New York City for judging at the national level. If their work wins an award there, the works will be exhibited at the Art Directors Club in New York City in the "National High School Art Exhibition."

Art teachers Lila Burwell,

Susan Mabrey, Donna Penneck and Ted Eikman selected 17 Students' art work out of about 550 offerings from NEHI students.

The 17 students are: Mike Bube, Jay Bailey, Carrie Carrera, Jennifer Corbett, Vickie Graham, Mike King, Pie Farnvichit, Chris Moeller, Stephanie Musser, Hhuy Mai, Wes Panganiban, Todd Russell, Cindy Salverson, Stephanie Schandle, Brian Schlosser, Tina Suppi and Will White.

The 1988 Scholastic Art Award is a National Art Contest sponsored by Scholastic Magazine. The students' work will be on exhibition at Burdines through Feb. 28.

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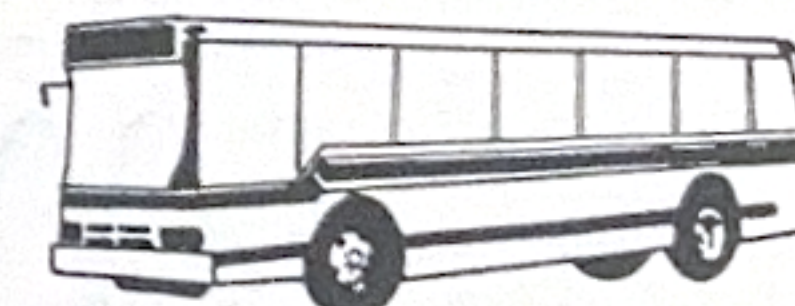
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## Club News

## Gondoliers

The Gondoliers traveled to Brooksville Feb. 6 to participate in a district festival where ratings of superior and excellent were given to NEHI choral students.

The Gondoliers recieved a superior rating for their performance. "Superior" is the highest rating awarded.

Superior ratings for the solo category were earned by seniors John Pickett, Dan Spiegel, Brenda Dillard and George Rohrer; junior Bonnie Hayes; and sophomore Jean Redman.

## Thespians

New Thespians named this month are James Clutter, Mark Muncy, John Pickett, Brenda Dillard, Matt Capobianco, Melanie Trubey and Brett Van-Hise.

## Key club

Key Club donated \$235 to the Young Women's Residence with the money earned from a car wash on Jan. 30.

Junior Beth Dushlak presented the check to Sharron Konlar, representing the residence, on Feb. 3.

Officers of Key Club will attend a three-day convention at Orlando in March.

## Cheerleaders

An NCA (National Cheerleading Association) instructor will be teaching tumbling and cheerleading at Northeast from Feb. 29-March 24.

The clinic will be conducted twice a week and is open to all students. Cost is \$5 per session.

## FBLA

All FBLA students will go to St. Petersburg Junior College Feb. 19 to compete in a district contest.

Other schools competing are from Pasco, Hernando and Pinellas counties. Students will compete in areas such as accounting, keyboard, word processing, public speaking, shorthand, data processing, business math and other clerical areas.

## Hi-Y

Hi-Y members are attending a Youth in Government Conference on Feb. 25-27.

Youth in Government is laboratory experience in mechanics of the state legislative and judicial process. The students who participated in Pre-ledge are attending the conference.

During this weekend, students will be debating on a bill

## Business Ed

Business Cooperative Education classes will sponsor a job fair on March 9. All ninth, tenth, and eleventh graders will be invited during their social studies classes.

Representatives, who are from local businesses in the area, will be available to talk to students about careers, qualifications needed in the work force, and what jobs are available in the area.

## Business Student of the Month

Jessica Allen was recently chosen Business Student of the Month for February. Allen presently is FBLA vice president. She was involved in a presentation for Riviera Middle School to promote business education and participated in a county-wide meeting demonstrating "Career Dress". She is also on the planning committee for a student-wide "Job Fair" and is recruiting students through presentations for next year's business class and

## BCE

Allen is presently employed through her BCE program at Given and Sieling Insurance. She hopes to remain with the firm after graduation.

## Drama

Three NEHI drama students recieved superior ratings and several excellent awards were won at the drama competition at Lakewood High School on Jan. 30.

Superior ratings were recieved by Andrea Laiosa and Justin Snyder for duet acting and Dan Spiegel for solo competition.

Cindy Salverson and Melanie Trubey won a "showcase" award for duet improvisation.

## Anchor club

Anchor Club has been involved in several activities recently, according to Marilyn Fiers, club president. "We recently finished our school beautification project of distributing mulch around Building 28 and sold Valentine 'candy-grams', our major sale of the year."

## VICA

Several VICA members will attend regional competition this month at various vocational schools.

Members competing are as follows: plumbing, Will White; carpentry, Mike Norman; wiring, Sean Giles; air conditioning, Chris Holler, Jerry Stewart and Billy Dugan; culinary arts, Jeffery Vaughan, Pat Crowley and Cynthia Martin; and job interview, Sean Giles, Paul Blough and Jim DaMico.

## DECA

Five DECA students will be going to state competition in Orlando on March 3-6. Members attending will be Chris Douglas, Jeremy King and Casie Pritchard from Alpha Chapter, and Melanie Trubey and Margie Scilian from Omega Chapter.

## HOSA

Several members of HOSA will be going to Bayfront Medical Center Feb. 11 for clinical experience.

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## Cheerleading

A cheerleading clinic for all interested girls in grades 9-12 is being sponsored by the National Cheerleading Association Instructors (NCAI).

The clinic began Feb. 22 and will be held Mondays and Wednesdays after school. Three one-hour sessions are scheduled: Feb. 24, 29 and March 4.

The clinic will take place in the school's wrestling room.

Coach Kim Knott and Stacy Cristofoli will be teaching tumbling, jumps, cheers and motion techniques in preparation for the Varsity Cheerleading tryouts which begin March 24.

## Track

On your marks, get set, go! Soon these words will be heard as the girls' track team begins its 1988 season.

The team, primarily composed of freshmen and sophomores, has only a few returning runners. "I'm looking forward to a strong season with the new talent I have to work with," Jim Cornillaud, coach of the girls' team, said.

The long, hard practices are everyday after school and, depending on the event, the workout differs accordingly. Workouts may include, along with a warm-up, sprints or long distance trails.

Although the first meet at St. Petersburg High is on March 1, students interested in participating in track may still contact Coach Cornillaud.

## Softball



Senior Heather Bolton dives for the catch.

The softball season has been preceded by over two months of practices, designed to warm up the 20 girls who are on the team.

The first game, which begins the season is against Countryside on March 1.

After the first game, practices

will be every day after school, unless there is a game, until the last game against Tarpon Springs on April 21.

## Tennis



Tennis players are busy practicing for the new season.

The Viking tennis team is starting its 1988 season with a new coach. Taking over for former coach Ann Cantlin is Ty McGraw. The 20 member team will begin their season on Feb. 18.

## Wrestling

When the regular season ended for the Viking wrestling team (in a 43-22 defeat to the Dixie Hollin's Rebels) so did the school wrestling careers of five seniors: Matt Easterman, Joel McCallister, Brian Rau, Mike Scivally and Kelvin Stewart.

The team ended the season with a successful 10-3 record, placing third in the conference behind two state-ranked teams.

"This team is much improved from last year and will continue next year," Coach Bill Dudley said.

Other successful wrestlers were Steve Haile, Frank Telgry, Dan Fallwell and Bill York, all of whom will be returning next year.

## Golf

Senior Sam Crooks, junior Tyson Grant and sophomores Toby Biondi and Peter Loui are returning letterman for the NEHI golf team, whose season recently began.

Faculty sponsor Hal Brown said a team captain will be appointed soon. The team finished last year with a record of 16-12, placing sixth in the conference.

"We hope to improve last year's record," Brown said.

The season will end with the District Competition on April 27. The competition will include teams from Pinellas, Pasco, Bradenton and Sarasota counties.

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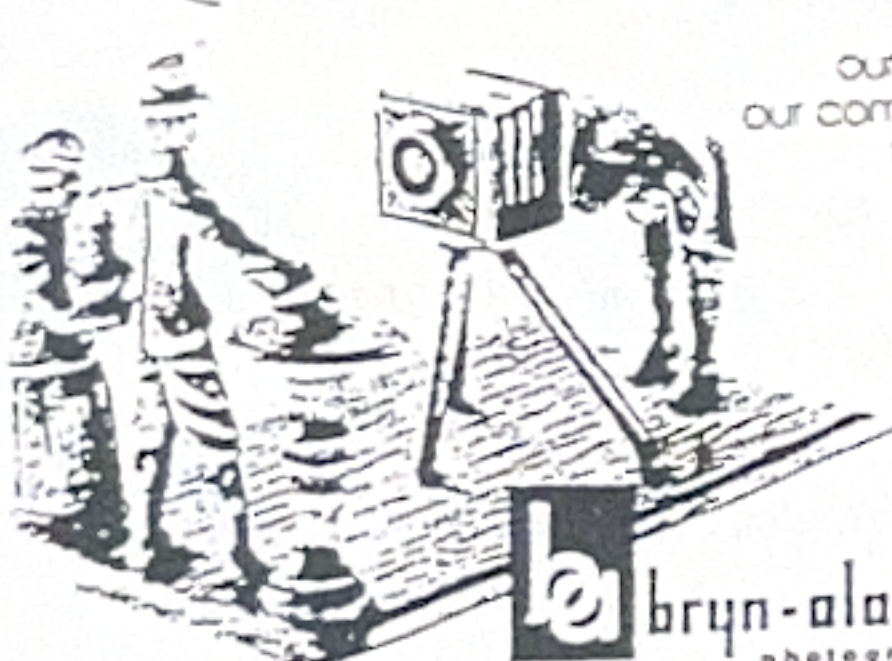
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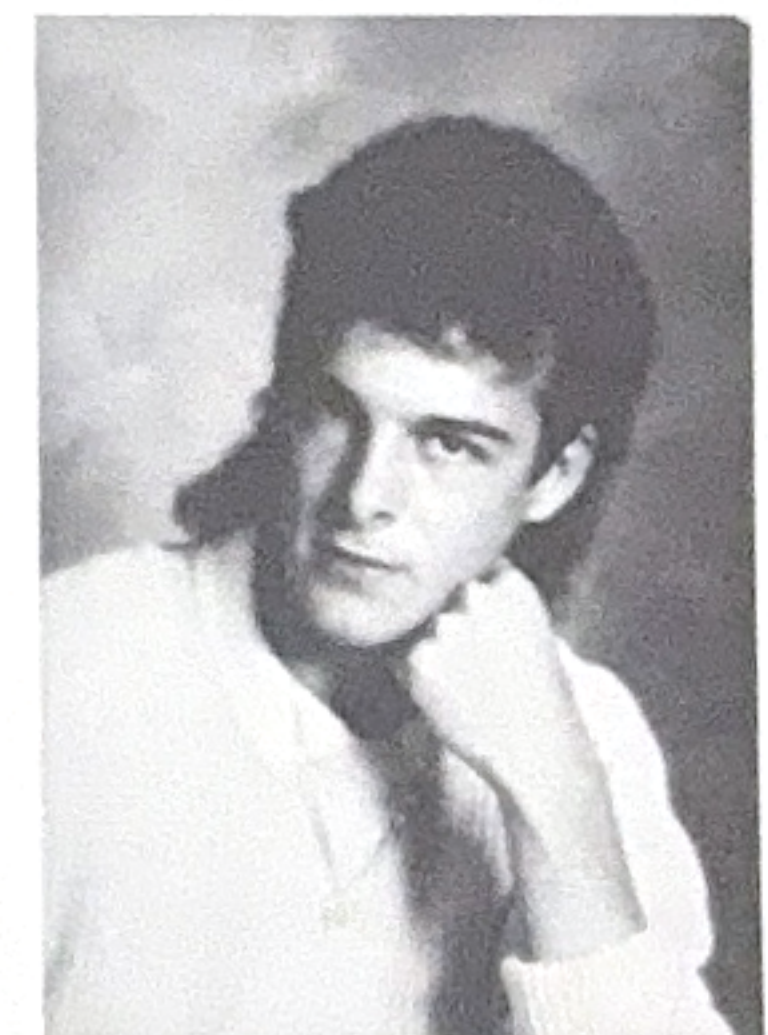
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# Nelson rides the 'hobby' horse

By Jenny Gustafson  
Staff writer

Five days a week, for up to four hours a day, Julie Nelson, a junior mounts her horse and canters off to her own wonderland. Marti Gras, her horse, is a large part of her life.

"Keeping a horse requires lots of money and is extremely time consuming, Nelson said, "but it is exciting and worthwhile."

Nelson has been riding for 11 years and has a wall full of ribbons and trophies to prove it. She takes part in shows which in-



Julie Nelson rides her favorite horse.

clude activities such as cross country and stadium jumping

Some shows are three-day events, which consume entire weekends.

"I have little time for friends during the week and on show

weekends," Nelson said.

Not only does time slip away when Nelson is riding, money does also. "I have to pay for board, vet bills, shows, shoes, lessons and miscellaneous items," Nelson said.

Nelson works at Central Animal Hospital because of her interest in animals, at the same time earning money to support her hobby.

"Horseback riding is very expensive and takes lots of time. It's a highly competitive sport but it's fun. I love it," Nelson said.

## Boys' soccer finishes ahead Girls basketball inconsistent

By Luiz Lima  
Staff writer

The Northeast boys' soccer team had a mediocre season ending with a heartbreaking loss to Sarasota Riverview Feb. 9. The 6-5 loss knocked the Vikings out of district competition. Northeast finished with a 9-7-2 record.

"We are a young team, with only four seniors," head coach Craig Thompson said.

The team's youth may have accounted for its inconsistency this

year, but Thompson is looking forward to having eight of this year's starters returning next year.

The team played much better than predicted, this season, however. The Vikings were maligned in an article in the *St. Petersburg Times* prior to the start of the season, but have responded very well. According to Thompson, there was not a great reaction to the article by the players, but they wanted to earn some respect.

A solid defense was a key to the Vikings' success. Midfielders Kevin Vosburgh, Doug Seely and Noy Phetsadasack, in particular stood at defensively.

Offensively, the Vikings were led by Mark Cressman, the team's leading scorer, and Kevin Vosburgh.

The Vikings were hurt badly early in the season with the loss of goalkeeper Raymond West to an injury. The team lost four out of five games without him.

By Shane Linton  
Sports editor

The girls' varsity basketball team has shown an improvement from the start of the season, when injuries really bothered the lady Vikings. Recovering from a slow start, the girls now have an 8-10 record.

Dixie Hollins beat the Vikes by 20 points earlier this year, but the girls bounced back and later beat the Rebels by five points. The Vikes beat St. Pete Feb. 3 64-42, with Melanie Dunbar leading the team with 24 points.

At the beginning of the season, Dunbar averaged five points a game; she now averages 20. Cheryl Roberts is averaging 16 points per game and Wanda Bennett 10.

Defensively, Barbara Whitson and Barbara Downey are doing a great job on the boards. In addition, "Megan Balanger has found her shooting touch again," Head Coach Marshall Gotte said.

We definitely should end the year 8-10 with a winning

percentage over .500 and is second place in the PCC. All we need is teamwork and getting the offense to work smoothly, because the defense is creating turnovers for many points on offense," he said.

The district tournament begins Feb. 19 when the Vikes play Sarasota. If they win, they will play Riverview and then Cape Coral.

"We should really have a good chance at winning the tournament if we just have a lot of good teamwork on the court," Gotte said.

## Boys' basketball jams

By David Bowser  
Staff writer

The Viking boys basketball team, ranked seventh in the state, became the first team in the Pinellas County Conference to reach the 20-game-won plateau. With a 10-1 record in the conference and three games remaining, the team is in sole possession of first place.

The district meetings are taking place now at Sarasota Riverview where the team is seated

No. 1.

"The conference means a lot to these guys," Coach Dave Redding said. The team now has to defend the district title they won last year. This year they have a more balanced attack

By Greg Gainer  
Staff writer

The boys JV basketball team is having its best season since 1985, compiling a record of 15-4.

The team's only losses were to Sarasota, Lakewood, Dixie and Countryside. "We have five good players who make it hard for people to match up with," said third-year Coach Jeff Hall.

On defense, the Vikes are led by sophomore Ben Gamer and on offense by sophomore Jay Austin.

Other leaders for the Vikings are sophomores JoJo Lovette and Pedro Piedra and freshmen Anthony Davenport and Mason Haynes.

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