

NEHI's below county average

By Linda Donelan
Editor-in-Chief

This past month, figures concerning Northeast and six other south Pinellas County schools were released by Education Secretary William J. Bennet. According to figures published in The St. Petersburg Times, Northeast ranked third in SAT scores, second in graduation rate and last in expenditures per pupil.

Northeast's SAT average score is 911 (a perfect score is 1600) which is above both the national and state averages, 906 and 895, but below the county average of 917. Northeast ranked below Gibbs and Boca Ciega.

NEHI Principal J. Tom Zachary said, "We try to encourage as many students as possible to take the SAT. The more students who take it, the lower you go into the average group, the lower your scores are going to be."

If averages go up one year to the next, that doesn't necessarily mean the scores went up. It could mean a more selective group took it," continued Zachary.

According to The Times article, Gibbs scored 932 and Boca Ciega scored 915. Pinellas Park scored an average of 896 while St. Pete, Dixie and Lakewood all

scored under the national average.

But Zachary said, "You really don't have enough information here (in The Times article) to tell."

Zachary also commented that Northeast has put more emphasis on the SAT test to the advanced students to encourage them to take it. The Northeast administration encourages students to take the PSAT which is the test that qualifies students for the Nation Merit Scholarships.

"We don't go to the English classes or the math classes to 'teach to' the SAT. We hope the students have learned the things that are necessary to help them with the SAT. We hope to help the students become better test takers," Zachary said.

"By doing this, a student can raise his scores 30-40 points in a particular section," Zachary continued.

Northeast's graduation rate is 67.7 percent which is the second highest in the county, just under Lakewood's 71.3 percent. NEHI's percentage is above the state rate of 61.2 percent but below the national average of 70.6 percent. Zachary said that he assumed this rate was one calculated on a four-year basis, from ninth grade to graduation.

School Superintendent Scott Rose was quoted by The Times as saying that the low graduation rate in the state and county as compared to the national average is attributed to the various socio-economic backgrounds of the students, recruitment of teachers and differences in compiling of data.

Rose also said that Florida's graduation requirements of 25 credits is higher than some state's requirements, thus lowering the graduation rate.

Lastly, all the schools in south Pinellas County rate below both the state and national average in expenditures per pupil, according to The Times. Northeast ranked the lowest in the county, spending only \$2,506 per student with the national average being \$3,449. Northeast pupil/teacher ratio is rather high at 19.5 with the state average at 16.6 and the national average at 17.9.

The expenditures, according to Zachary, are done by the county depending on the number of students, teachers and money available.

Associate superintendent Dr. J. Howard Hinesley said that the expenditures per pupil is based on an equal for-

mula but the number of special ed classes and tenor of teachers play an important part.

"I'm surprised that Pinellas County was below the state average. I thought Pinellas was one of the better counties (in Florida)," said Zachary.

As for Florida being below the U.S. average, Zachary said, "It doesn't surprise me that Florida is below the national average because Florida is below the national average in all its specifications. That to me is an atrocity."

The Florida legislature, year in, year out, makes the Florida laws behind it yet they don't do the things necessary to put us up where we really should be."

Zachary said about the figures, "It is a conglomerate of worthless information. Unless you have more data, it is somewhat meaningless. If you have more data, it could have some meaning."

The most significant thing about this data is I think that Pinellas County needs to be concerned about its per pupil expenditures and the state of Florida needs to be concerned about their per pupil expenditures," Zachary said.

New look for NEHI

By Dawn Reed
Staff Writer

A plan to beautify the NEHI campus has been in the works since 1985. Originally, the project was to begin in February 1986. According to Edna Lucas, psychology teacher and senior class sponsor, the project began the first week of March because it is a good time to transplant.

"We got the plants that we did because they are good cold resistors and they take only a small amount of maintenance. We have an in-ground sprinkler system which will help with the maintenance factor. We bought full-grown plants so that students would not step on them without knowing they're there and so that the janitors won't accidentally run them over when mowing the grass," Lucas said.

The purpose of the project is to beautify the school grounds. "By doing this, we hope to enhance the school's image by improving its physical facility," said Jenny Sexton, member of the School Advisory Committee and one of the people in charge of the project. "Thousands of cars pass by the school and what they think they see is not what Northeast really is. They aren't able to see any signs that we are proud of the school. The facility looks great on the inside; it also need to look great on the outside."

A project such as this costs a great deal of money. Together, Sexton, Marlene Counts and Delphia Distler, all parents and members of the School Advisory Committee, worked to receive a grant from the state of Florida. They applied for the grant last year, also, but this year they actually received \$785. The grant, "Pulling Together Vikings and Volunteers," will be used toward landscape design and supplies for executing the designing.



Photo by Scott MacFarlane

Landscape artist Leslie Larmon stands at the sight where the beautification project will take place.

The only other source of money as yet comes from the class of '86. "We have \$2,300 left from that class' funds. Part of this money will be used to purchase trees and bushes," said Lucas.

"I'm sending out a letter asking for private donations for the project. I hope to get a good response from private individuals and from alumni to complete the beautification of the campus," Lucas said. "Also, information about the project went out in the February newsletter to the parents. I hope they'll read it and decide to help out."

Leslie Larmon, a 1978 Northeast graduate, is the landscape design artist in charge of beautifying the campus. She attended the University of Florida where she earned her bachelor of science degree in ornamental horticulture and landscape design.

Larmon intends to "remodel" NEHI's campus by digging up the trees that presently decorate the campus and planting new, "more lively" shrubs and trees. These new plants include split-leaf philadelphus, Ligustrum sinensis, "East Palatke" holly trees, live oak trees and junipers. Larmon chose the holly trees "because they produce red berries, one of Northeast's colors."

The blueprints Larmon drew show plantings stretching from the teachers' parking lot on 54th Avenue down to 16th Street, and from 16th Street to Building 17. Plants will be placed around the front of the auditorium, near the Interact sign, in the center of the old bus circle and along Building 1. As more money is raised, arrangements will be made to complete the entire campus.

Both Lucas and Larmon hope to be able to landscape the area all the way to the football field. "If other sources raise enough money, I might be able to reach even the gymnasium and around the tennis courts either later this year or next spring," Larmon said. "It's definitely an ongoing project, but how fast I get done depends on how quickly we can raise enough money to complete it."

We hope to get even the hill completed," said Lucas.

For her regular business customers, Larmon charges full price for her work. However, because she is a NEHI graduate, Larmon is discounting Northeast 40 percent of her usual fee. "I am trying to get the best deals I can on the shrubs and trees," Larmon said. "I am trying to stretch what money is presently available to get the most for our money. Because of the money factor, the project must be done in stages." Stage 1 will take about one month to complete, she estimated.

News Digest

Art awards

Senior Linda Taylor and freshman Jennifer Dils exhibited their award-winning work in the 1987 Scholastic Art Awards show Feb. 7-22 at Robinsons at Tyrone Square Mall. Taylor's Blue Ribbon Award drawing will advance to the National competition in New York.

Spaghetti dinner

The Gateway Rotary, Interact and Rojan clubs will sponsor the second annual spaghetti dinner on Friday, March 6 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. in the Northeast cafeteria. All students are invited to attend and may buy tickets from any Interact or Rojan member for \$4. Part of the profits will be given to NEHI.

Academic team

The NEHI Academic Team was announced on Friday, Feb. 20. The six member team will compete in contests around Pinellas County. It consists of seniors Babs Franz, Connie Fulton, Laura Phillips, juniors Eric Dohm, Damon Robertson and George Rorher.

Catherine Andringa

Catherine (Mrs. Henry J.) Andringa, 42, died Thursday, Feb. 19 at her home.

Among her survivors are her husband, two sons and two sisters.

Mrs. Andringa was a teacher at NEHI for 17 years. For the past three years she served as chairman of the Business Education Department.

Parking Decals: Where does the money go?

Recently, Northeast's administration has cracked down on its parking decal policy, an action that has many students and parents upset. The parking decals, which cost \$2.50 a semester, are issued by the Pinellas County School System and are supposed to be placed on the front, lower left windshield of each student's car.

It recently was announced that decals were to be purchased and decal checks would take place. In the past, a student simply parked across the street or coned the custodian into letting him in the school parking lot on those "check" days. In fact, during the first semester, the decals were never checked.

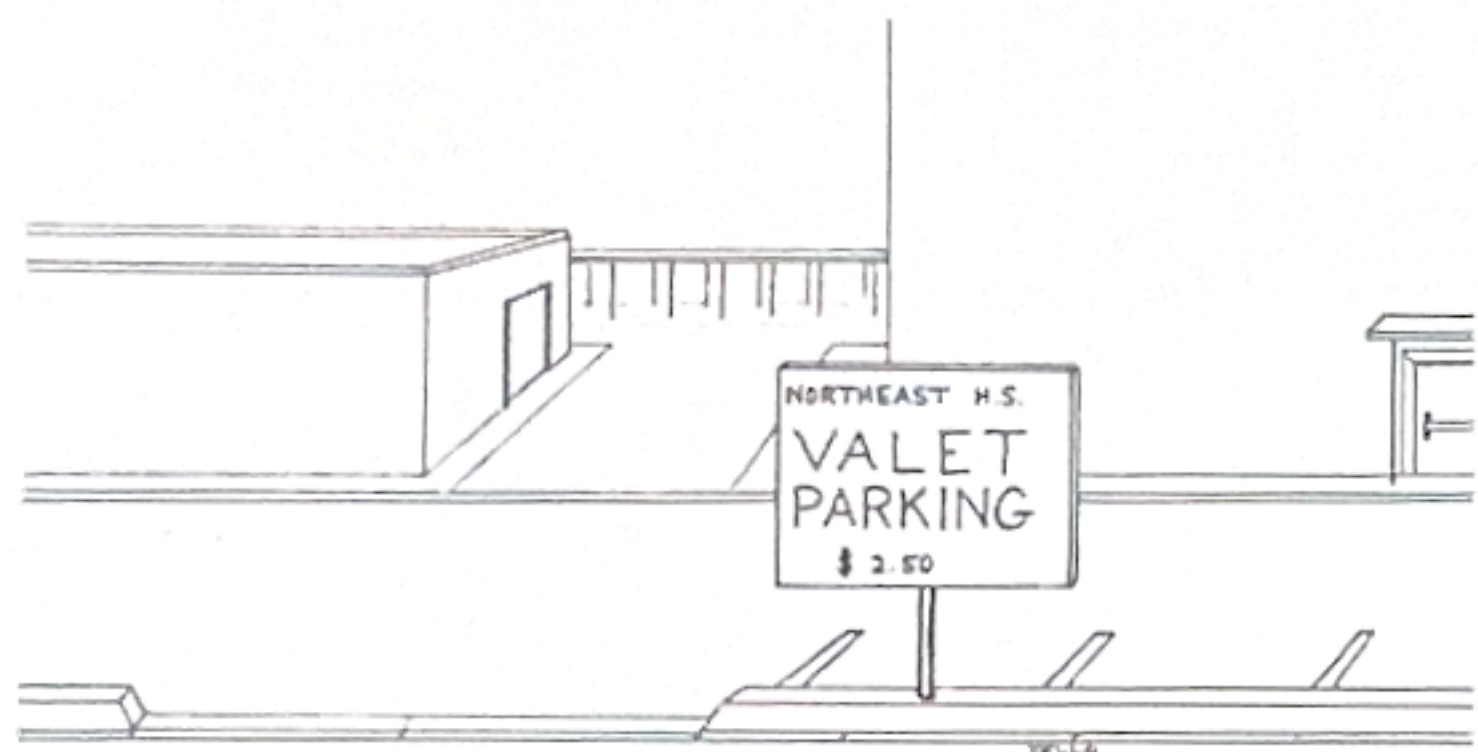
This semester the policy changed. Administrators did check and turned students away despite their promises to buy decals that school day. Very few students were let in without parking decals.

Why buy the decal anyway? Students look to the past and see that there were usually only two days in which the administration would check and then no one ever worried about it again. But disciplinary action has been harsh.

Any student whose car is found not to have a decal is going to receive four detentions and that car is not to be on school grounds again without a decal. If it is found on school grounds again, the action will be treated as a case of defiance.

According to Assistant Principal Jack Sandy, the measure is harsh but necessary.

Assistant Principal Rick Misenti said that the decals also help administrators keep out trespassers, those cars without stickers. How will those cars be distinguished from the teachers' cars that also have no identification? And what



about the occasional student driver who has mom's or dad's car for the day?

Why should students be forced to pay \$2.50 a semester to pay for public parking? School grounds, like city parks, are paid for by taxes and thus are public property. That's how many students and their parents feel about the parking fee.

Then, yet another question is raised. Where does that money from fees go? The money goes to the Pinellas County School System—which made the parking decal ruling—to a fund set up for school parking lot maintenance. Doug Gregory, county director of institutional services, said he assumes it is budgeted in accounts and distributed to schools for such things as parking lot sweeping.

Dixie Hollins' dean Jack Stabler, dean in charge on maintenance at NEHI last year, said our parking lots were swept by a professional cleaning company three or four times last year. Stabler stated that the sweeping was usually done on a Satur-

day morning. However, head plant operator Pete Couture said he could only remember one time last year, on a afternoon after the kids had left, in which the parking lots were swept. With such conflicting reports, one wonders. Beside can you ever name a time when our school parking lots have been swept or have looked cleaner from a sweeping?

Frankly, we wouldn't mind paying the money if we saw some improvements in our own parking lots. Yes, we had the 54th avenue parking lot repaved two years ago but what about the much needed repairs to the one adjacent to the football field? It would certainly be nice to have all the grassy area paved in and the yellow poles removed to allow for more and organized parking. As it is, students find their cars stuck due to rain or mud, or they can't get in their cars because someone has parked his car too close.

So far, no one in our administration or in the school board personnel office has

been able to find out how we request funds from the decals we purchased to be directed to Northeast's parking lots. Apparently the school board decides when the parking lots need maintenance. But how can they decide when improvements are needed when they do not drive on them every day?

Another problem we find with paying the parking fee is that student drivers are paying for the parking areas of all the high schools in Pinellas County. Why should we pay when teachers don't pay? Doesn't some of our money go to the restriping and resurfacing of teacher parking areas too? We couldn't find anyone on the county level to answer this question.

According to Mary Hope, Gregory's secretary, none of the money from the decal funds goes to teacher parking lot sweeping. The sweeping of teacher lots is done by individual school's custodians. Why can't student parking lots be swept by custodians and the money saved be used on resurfacing?

Another complaint we have is that all the restriping done to NEHI's parking lots recently has been done by our custodians with our money. No money has come from county level.

According to Misenti, some changes will be made next year in the purchasing of decals. Any student who drives to school will be required to buy a decal for the whole year for \$5 through Christmas. Those students who are new or start driving to school after December will be required to buy a decal for \$2.50.

The cost is not really a big deal but the principle is. We would like to see where our money goes and see the much needed repairs in NEHI's parking lots. We would also like to find out how we can request that the funds be used at Northeast.

Girls concerned about abductions

Susan, a high school senior, is just getting off work, which is at a local department store and is starting to walk to her car. The parking lot is dark and there is no one else around. She is tired and walks slowly to her car looking for her keys. As she is searching her purse a stranger approaches and Susan looks up, startled. The stranger is a man with a knife in his hand. Susan's worst fears come true as she becomes another victim of an abduction.

a student of Chamberlain High School, Stephanie Collins, and many others followed.

There were also those abductions that were faked and because of these the police will probably be more cautious before they spend many dollars and lots of time looking for missing girls. These false abductions only hurt and cause bigger problems for many other girls.

The reason we refer to women and not men is because women seem to constitute a large percentage of the victims, while the boys are only the loved ones of these victims. Most women, usually weaker and smaller than men, have been extra cautious lately. Many make sure their doors are locked, don't go places alone at

night or have someone walk then to their car when they're coming home from work when it's dark.

We feel it's a shame that many young girls have to rearrange their schedules and life in order to be in a safe environment. But in today's world we have to take such precautions and even with these, there is still a great danger today of being a victim of violence or an abduction.

What can we do to fight against such things? We can only be extra careful and be aware of what is happening around us. Those who have found themselves in a situation like Susan's have a higher percentage of living through the experience if they are relatively passive, but that's no guarantee that they'll be

safe. Hopefully if women take those extra precautions, they won't ever be faced with such an experience. The girls of today might have to rearrange their schedules, but at least they will be alive to follow that schedule.

The police will help more as time progresses and the fake abductions stop, so they can begin concentrating on the real abductions and make the Bay Area a little safer place. But the fear will always be there in today's world.

So, don't forget to be aware of the problem of abductions and lock your doors, don't go out by yourself at night, and stay away from strangers. At least then you won't be an easy victim.

Senior expenses keep adding up

There comes a time in every person's life when, as a parent, they dread the thought of his teenager's painfully expensive senior year. Although many seniors work to ease the monetary pressures, a part-time job usually does not fulfill all their senior year "needs". This is where mom and dad come in handy.

The expenses that seniors must now cover have risen to a surprisingly high rate. The costs of cap and gown, graduation announcements, senior pictures as well as cap and gown pictures, senior signature sweatshirts, yearbooks, prom,

grad night and senior breakfast all add up!

Most of the senior expenses are optional, with the exception of cap and gown. If a graduating senior intends to "walk" and receive his diploma along with the rest of his class, he must have a cap and gown.

The other events and memorabilia are not necessary for graduation, but they are the things that make one's senior year so special.

The senior cruise, which is not school related in any way, is a major expense for

any senior. It is one that many seniors are willing to pay for in order to have four days and three nights to celebrate the completion of high school.

But not everyone is able to afford the prices that are being asked for the school related functions, much less the events such as senior cruise. Prom tickets, for instance, are \$30 per student—that's \$60 per couple—and grad night cost will be \$35 per senior.

Candy sales were, and still are, the major fundraiser for each class. The money

raised from these candy sales will eventually be used to lessen the cost of school-designed functions, such as prom and grad night, but the restrictions on candy sales during the day have reduced the amount of incoming funds.

The senior year is often remembered as one of the best years of one's life. It should be fun-filled with many activities and benefits. But the expenses of the senior year in high school are reaching a point where many seniors will not be participating because they simply cannot afford it.

Viking Views

Have the abductions and other acts of violence in the Bay Area in recent months had any effect on your personal safety precautions and habits or do you believe the media have exaggerated the reports and therefore have not made any changes in your lifestyle?



Bill Carrera, grade 11: "It makes me wonder what kind of freaks are out there, and reminds me to always be prepared for the oddest or strangest predicament."

Chris Warren, grade 12: "I really haven't thought about the abductions in the Bay Area, therefore I haven't changed my lifestyle. But I don't think the media could ever overstate the idea of security in the home or on the streets because it is something that everyone should be aware of."



Luiz Lima, grade 9: "No, the abductions and acts of violence here lately haven't worried me or changed my lifestyle in any way because, first of all I'm a guy, and second, there have been a few hoaxes revealed which leads me to believe things aren't all that bad!"

Kevin Fredericks, grade 11: "The victims of the abductions and violence in the area have generally been women so I don't feel my personal safety has been greatly threatened. Even if the media have exaggerated, it may be beneficial in encouraging young women to take more precautions."



Deanna Bevil, grade 11: "I don't believe the media have exaggerated the stories, and it scares me to think of those kinds of people out there, but it still hasn't changed my lifestyle. I guess I think it can't happen to me. But then again, I suppose that's what Stephanie Collins thought, too."

Esther Harris, grade 9: "I think that people should be cautious in the wake of the recent abductions inside and out of the Bay Area. We should not become extremely paranoid in the light of the fact that the media has really exaggerated the whole issue."



Preston Heam, grade 10: "No, the abductions and other acts of violence in the Bay Area in recent months has had no effect on my personal life and the precautions that I take. The only effect that it has had on my life is that I now know everything that has to be done to stop a person, such as myself, from being abducted. I owe this to the media."

Shannon Thompson, grade 10: "The abductions in the Bay Area have severely increased over the past months, and I think all people should take safety precautions. After hearing about the recent kidnappings in mall parking lots, I've been a lot more cautious. The media haven't exaggerated anything."



Karen Galloway, grade 9: "I have tried to go places with friends. I don't go anywhere by myself. I look in the backseat before getting into the car and I always lock the doors. I always close my curtains in my room. I don't think the media exaggerates because I know I was kidnapped when I was 6, just walking two houses down from my house."

Nothing's happening?

By Lana Chiariello
Features Editor

"If you've been keeping up with newspaper articles, you'd see that they're (abductions) not really happening anymore."

"There are not really as many incidents as it seems, because some were hoaxes," said Prine. "Of course, there is always the possibility."

That is what Detective Debbie Prine said just after police reported that the body of Deborah Kisor was found Saturday, Feb. 14, in a thick brush near Roser Park, located in south St. Petersburg.

Kisor, 31, had been missing since Wednesday, Feb. 11. A missing person's report was filed the following day.

According to Detective Sgt. Bill Sanders, the victim appeared to have been sexually assaulted.

Police said that the cause of death was not apparent. The body was found half-clothed with a pair of blue jeans lying beside it. The victim had bruises on her legs, but no other obvious signs of injury, police reported.

Prine is affiliated with the St. Petersburg Police Department.

She specializes in sex-related crimes against children and adults.

What can a woman do in a situation where she is approached and attacked by a man? Prine said, "There's not really a whole lot you can do. Generally, most men are stronger than women."

"There are some things a person can do. For example, a person

Some people drive around looking for hitchhikers. Don't ever get in a stranger's car. Don't ever leave a social gathering with someone you've just met, especially if you're drunk."

Along with this advice of what not to do, Prine has suggestions on what a person should do.

"Always be alert. When you're walking to the car, be aware of

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could gouge the attacker's eyes out, but you'd really have to be mentally strong to do something like that," said Prine.

According to Prine, a person should be very careful when fighting back "Because you'll just make the attacker angrier."

"Statistics show that it is rare that a rapist will kill you if you are more passive than aggressive," Prine said.

Prine offers some advice on how not to get into a dangerous situation: "Don't hitchhike.

the people around you."

Prine describes people who are likely to be victims as "target people." These are people who appear not to be paying attention to what's going on around them.

"Said Prine, "These people walk around looking at their shoes. Trust me, no one is going to attack your shoes. That's why you have to look up and make eye-contact with people. An attacker is less likely to grab you if you seem aggressive."

Marshall art: common sense

By Lana Chiariello
Features Editor

"There are always going to be copycat crimes, whether it's robbing a bank, committing a murder or abducting someone," said school resource officer Detective Bill Marshall, in reference to the recent abduction of Chamberlain High School student, Stephanie Collins.

"Although one (abduction) was found to be a hoax, we can't go on ignoring the real ones," said Marshall.

When asked why a person would pretend to be abducted, Marshall said, "He or she does it

carry anything that will harm him.

"When I was at the police academy, I carried mace with me and I accidentally sprayed myself," said Marshall.

"One way a woman can protect herself is by using martial arts," said Marshall.

"Of course, there are alternatives and most women end up grabbing something to defend themselves. The only problem

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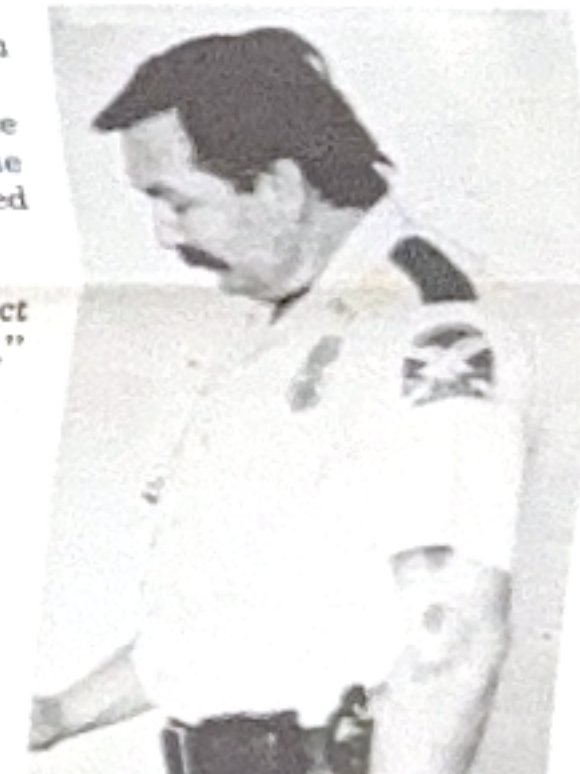


Photo by Jeff Nicholl

Detective Bill Marshall is the school resource officer.

with this is that the rapist can just as easily use the weapon on them," he said.

A few methods women have used to escape from their attacker include self-induced vomiting (to turn the rapist off) and poking the rapist in the eyes.

"The most important thing to remember is to use your brain," Marshall said. "Basic common sense is the key to survival."

"Is mace really that effective? Who's to say you don't reach in your purse and pull out a hairbrush?" said Marshall.

for publicity, media attention or maybe because they're sick."

Since Marshall has been at NEHI, only a few incidents have occurred, he said.

There have been some instances where girls have been followed and asked to take a ride," said Marshall.

"For example, a guy would come up to a girl and introduce himself as a fashion photographer and say, 'Hey, you're really perfect for a modeling assignment. Why don't you get in and come to my studio and pose for me.' In those situations, Marshall said, a girl really has to use common sense.

"The most important thing to remember is to use your brain," said Marshall.

Marshall offered some advice for girls in dangerous situations. For example, Marshall suggested that a person should not do or

Did you know?

More than 6.5 million crimes are committed against people between the ages of 12 and 19. Almost 70 percent of these crimes involve the stealing of property.

One of every three crimes happens to someone between the ages of 12 and 24.

There are more than a million cases of child abuse - to young people under the age of 18 - reported annually. One in ten—100,000 young people—suffers annually.

Thirty-six percent of the assaults on city teenagers happen in schools. Almost 300,000 high school students (nationwide) are physically attacked every month while at school.

The yearly cost to school districts for replacement and repairs due to school crime, including vandalism and graffiti, is more than \$200 million. Schools are five times more likely to be burglarized than are stores or commercial establishments.

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Grad Nite will be a 'Rad Nite'

By Dawn Reed
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This year's Grad Nite event, sponsored by Walt Disney World, is scheduled for Saturday, May 16 beginning at 11 p.m. and continuing until 5 a.m. This will be NEHI's 14th trip to Walt Disney World for Grad Nite. St. Petersburg High also will attend Grad Nite at this time.

"Only seniors may attend the event due to problems that Northeast has previously experienced with underclassmen and non-students," said Alonzo Colquitt, American Government teacher and Grad Nite sponsor.

Ticket sales will be March 2 to 13. The cost is \$35. \$18.50 is admission to Disney, which includes all entertainment, unlimited use of Magic Kingdom attractions, plus a complimentary Kodak color photo. The remaining \$16.50 provides for transportation to and from the park on Greyhound Bus Lines. Food and beverages are not included. Seniors are asked to use

checks or money orders only. Two hundred tickets will be sold on a first-come first-serve basis.

To ensure complete safety for everyone, seniors are required to ride to and from the park on the five Greyhound buses being provided. Student-driven vehicles will not be admitted on Disney grounds. "If a bus is not filled, it will not go," explained Colquitt. "Greyhound is a little more expensive than some bus lines, but we've never had any problems with them. It's quality service. If forthcoming classes would like a reduction in price, however, we could use school buses for transportation."

A dress code will be enforced during Grad Nite. Girls may choose from the following: a party dress, jumpsuit, pants outfit with a jacket, and comfortable dress shoes, or sandals. Boys may choose from the following: a dress shirt and slacks, suit, sports-jacket, tuxedo, bow ties or traditional ties (required), comfortable dress shoes or boots, and socks (required).



Photo by Lana Chiariello
Lip Sync

Again sponsored by SGA, the annual Lip Sync contest took place on Friday, Feb. 13. Twelve acts were introduced by emcees Leslie Ulman and Steve Halle, before a crowd of approximately 400 people. Placing first was Casey Pritchard who performed Howard Jones' "New Song". Jobison Smith danced during this performance. Second place went to Lamon Williams performing Freddy Jackson's "Tasty Love". Drea Delk, Tracy Garland and Melanie Trubey took third place with their performance of "Venus" by Bananarama. Seniors Brian Knapp and Moni Epperson operated the lights, sound and stage. Each act was judged on originality, creativity and ability to lip sync by four faculty judges.



Photo by Jeff Nicholls

Cheers!

The NEHI varsity cheerleaders rehearsed on Feb. 6 in the school gymnasium for the state cheerleading competition to be held the following day at the Florida State Fairgrounds. Although Nor-

theast did not place in the competition, co-captain Linda Sharer said, "With all the trime and preparation that went into it, we should've placed, but our mount fell and that kept us from placing."

"If a student has questions about an outfit being acceptable, it's best not to wear it," said Colquitt. "The reason for the dress code is that Walt Disney World doesn't want students misbehaving. If a student is dressed casually, he or she is more likely to misbehave than if he or she is dressed in a tuxedo or nice dress. They (students) don't want to get their clothes dirty, so they won't act up."

Because Disney is celebrating its 15th anniversary, prizes will be awarded every 15 seconds. Everyone present is eligible to win. Prizes include seven-day cruises, stuffed animals, annual passes to Walt Disney World, Grad Nite sweatshirts and a 1987 Chevrolet Spectrum.

Entertainment will include Wang Chung and Glass Tiger. Three other bands are also expected to perform. Previous performers include Kool and the Gang, The Pointer Sisters, Night Ranger, Starpoint and Sly Fox.

Club News

Latin Club

On Saturday, Feb. 7, six members of the Junior Classical League, Northeast's Latin Club, attended the District VI-A Latin Forum at Lakewood High.

Bret Reardon won fifth place in second year derivatives, Thu Nyugen won third place in second year mythology, Scott Bishop won third place in second year Roman history, Beth Dushlek won third place in second year derivatives and Andy Schrader, corresponding secretary for the Florida Junior Classical League, won first place in advanced orations.

VICA

Vocational Industrial Clubs of America, VICA, is having its annual regional championships this month in Fort Myers. Fourteen NEHI students will be leaving March 26 for the two-day competitions.

Students who win first or second place will attend the state championships in Pinellas County.

Students chosen for the competition are: Carpentry: Mike Norman, Will White; Electricity: Gary Przybysz; Plumbing: Robby White; Auto Body: Scott Buffenbarger; Mike Foulner; Air Conditioning: Scott Anderson, Fred Arrendon-do, Jim Damico, Dexter Daughty, Matt Dewberry, Chris Holler, Dave Kir-chinger, Joe Miceli, Todd Rivers.

FEA

Future Educators of America (FEA) is a recently organized club of nine members who meet every two weeks. Jerry Hiers, social studies teacher, sponsors the club. Junior Andrew Schrader is the President.

"In order to belong to the club, you have to have a C average and be recommended by three teachers," Hiers said.

Gondoliers

Recently, the NEHI Gondoliers attended a Festival-Competition at the University of South Florida (USF) in Tampa and received a rating of superior. Many different schools from Pinellas County attended the competition in which soloists, show choirs and ensembles performed.

The Gondoliers' superior rating makes the group eligible to attend a state competition in Tallahassee S.A.D.D.

NEHI's chapter of Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) will play a role in the 1987 prom, hoping to make prom-goers more safety-conscious.

On Monday, April 27, SADD plans to distribute "contracts for life" and SADD bumper stickers. Students who return the contracts to SADD are eligible to enter a \$1 raffle, the winner of which will be awarded the use of a limousine for prom night. The winner will be announced before the prom.

The raffle is one of the fund-raising activities sponsored by SADD, which is headed by President Remi Schilson and faculty advisor Don Palmer.

Hush Day

After taking a year's break due to disorganization, the traditional SGA-sponsored "Hush Day" reappeared this year on Friday, Feb. 13. On this day, each girl in the school was given a paper heart to wear. If a girl spoke to a guy between classes that day, she had to give her "heart" to him. The guy with the most hearts at the end of the day, Derrick Golden, was titled "Northeast's Most Irresistible Guy." A similar project will occur on March 17, only this time the girls will try to obtain the most four-leaf clovers and receive the title of "NEHI's Most Irresistible Girl."

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Lovett shines on court

By Felicia Feaster
Staff Writer

"Outgoing" is how you describe a good player like NEHI's Antonio Lovett. Lovett is known to be one of the team's top players and is also a great deal of help. What makes Lovett's success unusual is the fact that he is 15 years old and in his first year at a senior high school.

Lovett has been playing basketball for five years, and his heart is set on achieving his goal.

"My goal is to play pro basketball, and that's why I'm in the sport," he said. Lovett has received several awards and recognition to help boost his career. He said "I was MVP (most valuable player) of my junior high team two years in a row and I've also earned many honor roll certificates."

Shuffling grades is a part of the game and Lovett does his best to win that particular part.

Lovett said a player goes through a lot of changes playing a sport: "to be your best and for your own good. I hope that I've changed and keep changing until a final product of myself comes about."



Photo by Jackie Oxendine

Freshman Antonio Lovett has been playing basketball for five years.

JV basketball displays promise

By Cathy Footlick
Associate Editor

This year's girls JV basketball team has gained plenty of experience and worked hard. Although they have a 5-14 record, with one game left to play, the team looks back on the season with a positive attitude that will carry on into next year's season.

The JV basketball coach, Linda Rowe, said, "I feel good about the season, especially when we had two high scoring games after the Christmas break. But because the team was inconsistent, we had a lot of famous two-point quarters." Individual talent was displayed throughout the year, but Rowe felt the biggest problem was to get the girls motivated as a team.

Some of this individual talent moved up to the varsity team, such as Barbara Whitson and Megan Ballenbarger, as well as others who will go with the varsity team to districts.

Rowe feels that the girls have all worked hard and showed the dedication that was needed for them to end the season. Rowe looks at next year with great anticipation and expectations. Four of the freshman players will be coming back next year. Three of these freshmen are now starters and gaining lots of experience for next year and will be a great advantage to the girls' JV team.

In the last edition of the Nor'easter, Antonio Lovett was incorrectly identified as Rob Evans. Evans, one of Pinellas County's top scorers, is pictured



Photo by Karole Kassey

Warnock achieves

By Lalanía Mesa
Guest Writer

"My family has always been interested in sports," said Debbie Warnock, speaking of her interest in basketball. Warnock is the only freshman this year on the varsity basketball team.

Marshall Gotte, varsity coach, explained that while it is not unusual for a freshman to be on the varsity team, it is uncommon for a freshman to be a point guard.

Warnock also gets a lot of playing time, which is unusual for a freshman, Gotte said.

Warnock, 15, has played basketball for six years. In addition to basketball, Warnock is active in volleyball and softball.

"It is harder (playing) on varsity then it was on JV, but I enjoy it," Warnock said. Gotte believes that "Debbie has shown a tremendous desire to learn and to achieve perfection."

Givanna Long, teammate, explained, "We respect Debbie for her ability and her commitment to basketball. It seems she is fitting in with the team."

"Warnock is very well accepted because she has shown desire and a willingness to learn," Gotte said.

Warnock was moved up to the varsity team because she improved her skills as a point guard and showed leadership at the JV level, Gotte explained.

"Mr. Gotte helps me. He is a very good coach," Warnock said. Warnock's position is point guard. A point guard has to create and run the offense. She must also recognize defense.

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Girls varsity basketball's spring athletes

By Cathy Footlick
and Sharon Bench

This year's girls' varsity basketball team is currently 11-13, and varsity coach Marshall Gotte attributes much of that success to captains Michelle Walker and Roberta Grounds.

Walker is leading the team in rebounds and Grounds is one of the top perimeter shooters. Gotte has been extremely pleased with the outcome of the last five games, in which the team lost one and won four.

When one thinks of Walker, the word "basketball" naturally comes to mind.

Walker has displayed her speed and outstanding abilities as a defensive player on Northeast's girls' basketball teams. Her current positions are forward, guard and wing.

In addition to being such a versatile player, Walker also displays leadership and dedication. A captain of the varsity basketball team, Walker claims basketball is a very demanding sport. "You really have to put yourself into the sport. It requires a lot of time and 100 percent effort. In the beginning, I used to want more time to myself. I'd get angry and want to give up. Then I discovered that you can't do that and play your best. So I decided basketball would be my priority," Walker said.

As a freshman, Walker played on the JV basketball team and for her remaining high school years on varsity. She has been approached by Stetson, FAMU, Manatee Jr. and University of Florida, all wishing to recruit her for their basketball teams. Despite the offers for positions on

those teams, Walker hopes to attend school in Miami.

"I plan to take my basketball career as far as it will go," she said.

Grounds is well known for her ability to play on a basketball court. As a team member and captain, Grounds is respected by many players and fans.

Grounds has received letters from the University of Florida, Stetson and other colleges. "I hope to go to Stetson but I may be a walk-on at U.S.F.," she said.

Grounds has been playing basketball since she was in the fourth grade. "I like basketball because there is always a challenge, always someone better and it's exciting," Grounds said of her love of the game.

Grounds like to play wing guard, because she gets the op-

portunity to shoot more often in that position. She believes the basketball team just needs to "settle down" this year.

Although Grounds has softball as a second sport, she still considers basketball her first choice. After high school, Grounds hopes to become a teacher and to coach basketball.

Although Gotte attributes the success of the team to Walker and Grounds, they attribute their success to him.

"My influences are mainly Coach Gotte and my family. They are so supportive of me; they make me believe in myself," said Walker.

"Coach Gotte is a hard coach, but he pushes you to do your best, and that makes playing the game more of a challenge," Grounds said.



Photo by Jackie Oxendine

Roberta Grounds and Michelle Walker, co-captains of the girls' varsity team

Boys varsity basketball: success

Jeff Nicholl
Staff Writer

Northeast High's varsity basketball team has had an excellent year. With all the trials and problems its had this past season, the team, as a whole, really pulled through with considerable success. The practices and all the hard work they all have contributed definitely showed in each and every player.

As the basketball season wraps up, the overall success the team has had is that they have accomplished many goals set for

every player. Currently at (18/7) the team has beaten its own record and prepares to take on the districts, the one goal still yet to be conquered.

"The way the team is now and the past games we've played, we should be able to win the districts," said David Bowman.

Coach Redding also believes the basketball team will win districts. "They've worked hard for this year and I certainly hope they'll finish it off right."

Many of the players have improved a lot. Derrik Golden has been making the best of the season. His shots have improved



Photo by Jeff Nicholl

The boys' varsity basketball team displays determination on the court.

greatly this past season and as captain of the team, his time, energy and contributions have given the team much support. Rob Evan's hard work also showed up in practices and during the games. With him being most valuable player, and classified as one of Pinellas County's top players, Evans has turned out to become a real success.

The only freshman on the team, Antonio Lovett has also contributed to the success of the team. Ranking in the team as top four, his years to come at NEHI will be valuable to the varsity basketball.

Gary Gainer is certainly the powerhouse of the team. Golden said, "If we're ever down during a tough game, Gary always pulls us on through." Gainer is certain that the successful team will win districts. "Everyone on the team puts in great contributions," Coach Redding said.

NEHI's varsity basketball players are ranked in order as following: Robert Evans, Pat Barber, David Bowman, Antonio Lovett, Kelvin Feaster, Derrik Golden, Adrian Adams, Leron Trotter, Eric Deland, Gary Gainer and John Johnson.

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