

The magic of senior prom is captured on pages 4 and 5



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Donelan finishes first

By Lana Chiariello
Editor-in-Chief

Linda Donelan, 18, is the valedictorian of the 1987 graduating class. Donelan's sustaining of a 4.32 grade point average, the highest in her class, has qualified her as this year's valedictorian. Kinnan Johnston, having the second highest average, is this year's salutatorian.

Donelan was chosen to deliver the commencement speech at the graduation ceremony, after competing with four other students, Karen Boyd, Paige Curtis and Derrick Golden. Approximately six faculty judges heard the speeches and chose the best one. So far, the valedictorian has always been chosen to deliver his speech.

After graduation, Donelan plans to attend Wake Forest University located in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. There she wishes to obtain a degree in business administration.

"The high-paced field of business is challenging to me and I feel I would make a good administrator. I like to work with people and help organize things," said Donelan. "Besides, making a lot of money wouldn't hurt either."

Besides maintaining the highest grade point average, Donelan has achieved many other honors. After being the features editor of the *Nor'easter* for two consecutive years, Donelan was appointed the Editor-in-Chief during her senior year. A four year member of Rojans, Donelan presided over the all-girls' Rotary sponsored service club this past year.

Rojan advisor Aixa Ruch has known Donelan as both a student and teacher's



Linda Donelan

aid. She said that Donelan has the ability to follow through and see a project to its completion.

"Linda's responsible and honest. She has the desire to be consistent and fair to all concerned," Ruch said.

With academics being a strong point in her high school career, Donelan was inducted into the National Honor Society at the beginning of her junior year, and also served the organization as the corresponding secretary.

"Linda has beautifully mixed academics with personality," said Thomas Cooper, NHS sponsor. "I had her in my class and she was well-liked."

Aside from these select organizations, Donelan also served her class as treasurer for three years, and as secretary during her freshmen year.

"I believe anyone can achieve what I have at NEHI. I'm no smarter than anyone else. I just work hard and use my time wisely," said Donelan.

Because Donelan has made many contributions and has served her school, she was selected by the faculty as one of the top twenty seniors to be honored in the yearbook, otherwise known as the "Senior Hall of Fame."

On top of these numerous honors, Donelan also has received various awards. One of these include the Walter "Bud" Robinson Award which is given to the outstanding junior who possesses the qualities of leadership, character, and academic excellence.

"Our school gives the chance to everyone to achieve in one or more areas. I took advantage of the opportunity," Donelan said.

The year before, she received the Hugh O'Brien award which outstanding sophomores, which enabled her to attend the HOBY Youth Seminar.

Mathematics being one of her more favored subjects, Donelan was the junior class representative for Northeast at the Arthur Minor Mathematics Field Day. Following this, she received an award for outstanding achievement in mathematics from the University of South Florida and the State of Florida in May of 1986.

"I've enjoyed my years at Northeast but I'm anxious to leave and meet challenges that are ahead," stated Donelan. "All the activities I have been involved in have enabled me to work with some really great people."

NEHI bids Dixon farewell

By Jeff Allen
News Editor

Herb Dixon, an assistant principal at NEHI for 17 years, is being transferred to Dixie Hollins High School after this school year.

Dixon came to NEHI in 1970 at the beginning of public school integration. He was assistant coach for both the basketball and football teams before becoming the dean of boys in his fourth year at NEHI. Dixon remained in this position for nine years. In 1984 he was named assistant principal.

"I really enjoyed my years at Northeast," Dixon stated. "I made a lot of close friends with teachers, students and parents."

Dixon is leaving because of a rule which states that an administrator may only stay at any one school for ten years. "I'm not going by choice," Dixon clarified. "In 17 years this school has become part of me, and I'm going to miss it."

The reason why Dixon has not been transferred before now is because the rule is fairly new. The rule was put into effect when Dr. Scott Rose became superintendent of public schools in Pinellas County. At that time, there were three administrators who had exceeded the 10 year limit.

The first to be transferred under the new rule was Mrs. Shorter, who had been at NEHI for 16 years before being transferred to Boga Ciega High School in 1985.

The second person to be transferred was Jack Stabler, who had been here for 15 years before being transferred to Dixie Hollins.

This year, it is Dixon's turn.

"I've accomplished a lot in my years at NEHI," Dixon said. "It's going to be hard to accept another environment, but I think I can do as well there." Dixon also said that it wouldn't be easy.

Saying his farewell to NEHI, Dixon also added, "Most of all, I'd like to thank students, faculty and my fellow administrators for such a rich experience. The thought of Northeast will always be with me. Also, to Mr. Zachary, whom has been a good friend for years, I'd like to thank him personally for all the help he has given me."

Student drowns in accident

By Linda Donelan
Staff Writer

Northeast Sophomore Karline H. Edwards drowned Saturday, April 11. Miss Edwards, 16, slipped off the raft on which she was floating in Tampa Bay near North Shore Park. Her body was not found until the following day, 17 hours later, as police originally gave up their search at 8 p.m. Saturday due to lack of light.

Roderick Jackson, also a student at NEHI, said that he tried to help her but she slipped out of his hand, police

reported. Witnesses say that at 6 p.m., Miss Edwards struggled to stay afloat her raft but slipped off, screaming for help. Due to the deepness of the water, Miss Edwards' friends could not reach her, according to friend Christopher Bent, 15, who was at the scene. By the time they had gone to shore for help, she had disappeared, said Bent.

Sophomore guidance counselor Perry Sheeley said, "The only thing I can really say is the academic world is going to miss her. She had good potential and she was certainly going up the ladder."

News Digest

Nor'easter staff named

Lana Chiariello was named Editor-in-Chief of the paper for next year. She succeeds Linda Donelan. Other editors include Robin Nicholas, associate editor; Dudley Dunstan, managing editor; Jeff Allen, news editor; Michele Backus and Michele Lambert, features editors; Michelle Bench and Karyn Pippenger, sports editors; Chrissy Bearce and Carrie Kosarek, arts editors; Viking Views editor, Lalanía Mesa.

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New cheerleaders

NEHI's 1987-88 cheerleaders were selected on April 25. The Varsity cheerleaders will be: seniors- Diane Aspinall, Heather Bolton, DeDe Driver, Suzi Griffiths, Arlene Siciliano, Lynn Siciliano and Elizabeth Moore; juniors- Kim Bloomquist, DeDe Harder, Marla Hicks, Blonde Horton and Stephanie Montgomery.

The Junior Varsity cheerleaders will be: sophomores- Laura Jean Beckham, Jennifer Copeland, Evy Fernandez, Tina Hetrick, Michele Lambert, Kari MacFawn, Leigh McConnell and Kelly McMichael.

SGA elects officers

President: Jason Scoggins
Vice President: Steve Halle
Secretary/Treasurer: Kristen Cohen

Senior class

President: Amie Hurst
Vice-Pres: Jenny Hetrick
Secretary: Arlene Siciliano
Treasurer: Trey Bond

Junior class

President: Nancy Donelan
Vice-Pres: Vince Paccoca
Secretary: Scott Hearn
Treasurer: Julie Brandes

Sophomore class

President: Erin Chase
Vice-Pres: Lisa Bartell
Secretary: Lashon Davis
Treasurer: Bill Spedding

Burdines board

Six juniors from NEHI were selected to be members of the Burdines teen board. These include Kevin Fredericks, Stacey Harrell, DeDe Driver, Amy San Marco, Melanie Trubey and Tiffany Treadwell.

Math Field Day

Sophomore Anthony Salliotte received first place in the tenth grade game, and honorable mention in the tenth grade competitive test at the Arthur Minor Math Field Day.

Splash Bash drips dry

Prior to the long-awaited and ever-so-needed spring break, Northeast's Student Government Association had planned a "fun-filled" week known as "Spring Fling," culminating in the "Splash Bash," which was to be held the evening of April 9, just before spring vacation began. Unfortunately, this planned night of fun and frolic at Northeast's olympic-sized pool fell through because of a number of misunderstandings on the part of both the administration and the SGA. Misunderstandings which we feel could have been avoided and hopefully will be avoided in the future.

According to Senior administrator Richard Misenti, the problems began months before the event was to have supposed to take place.

"A certain senior came to me with this idea (the Splash Bash) and we decided on a tentative date for our school calendar," said Misenti.

The idea that Leslie Ulman, SGA president, came to Misenti with was a great one, we think. The Splash Bash was planned by sophomore chairman Samantha

Baggett. Various contests were arranged throughout the night ranging from a popular pool game, sharks and minnows, to a sexy legs contest. The theme was an Hawaiian one and the Rojan Club was to sponsor a concession stand, featuring fruit juice served with chunks of fruit on toothpicks. In preparation for the bash, SGA members met after school to make decorations for the Hawaiian atmosphere. At the end of the night, a King and Queen Neptune were to be crowned, satirizing Homecoming King and Queen.

Supposedly, Ulman had gotten permission from Principal Tom Zachary and then took the next step by checking it out with Misenti's school calendar. Misenti told the Nor'easter that he penciled in the event on his calendar and that both of them understood that the event had not been officially approved. But what exactly are the steps that should've been taken for the event to be approved? This is the question surrounding the mishap.

"Had I written it in pen and with was a great one, we think. The Splash Bash was planned by sophomore chairman Samantha

Assuming that it takes more than a ballpoint and a highlighter for a school event to receive approval, how was the SGA to know that further and more crucial steps were to be taken in order for the event to be pulled off? They couldn't know, according to Ulman and SGA sponsor Harry Brown, who said that two years ago, when the first Splash Bash was pulled off successfully, the same exact steps were taken.

This year, the administration pointed out that the county school board has specified that at a school function related to a pool, there must be one lifeguard representing every ten people in the pool. The SGA was not aware of this fact and they were not made aware until it was too late, said Ulman and Brown. The rule that requires lifeguards was in effect at the time of the last Splash Bash two years ago, Brown said, but it was not enforced. Why not?

According to Zachary, "It (the previous event) was not done right."

Meanwhile, Ulman came in early on a Monday morning to announce the Splash Bash to take place the following Thursday evening. She gave the announcement to Misenti to read and it was refused. Misenti claimed it was the first he had heard about the event since that "certain senior" had come to him months previously.

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A time to remember

Hey, we almost forgot to mention the weather. How many times this year did you ruin your favorite pair of leather shoes due to the latest downpour? Do you remember all the times we froze in the winter when the air decided to work and roasted in the spring when the heat worked? How many colds have you gotten from being exposed during the harsh elements of the Florida winters? Of course, our teachers, snug in their little rooms, didn't sympathize with our woes.

Those same teachers also didn't sympathize with our tales of tardiness. How can they not believe that we can't get our lockers opened every other day? Really, it's the truth!

Let's not forget the weekends! All the romantic dates, where you were dined and romanced, or were you? Or what about all the times we've been thrown out of McDonald's for loitering right next to the "no loitering" signs.

Well, it's time to close the doors at NEHI but not the memories of another great year. Congratulations are due to Mr. Misenti's "super seniors" who graduate and leave for good. Good luck goes to Mr. Dixon's "jazzy juniors" as they FINALLY become seniors. Hey, but you still have one long year. Those "sassy sophomores" are finally considered upper classmen and receive driver's licenses. (We

Rain, rain, go away...

You wake up one morning as you hear the pounding of thunder and rain hit your bedroom window. You lie in bed asking yourself, what reason do I have to go to school today?

Somewhat, you manage to think up of one. So you climb out of bed and get ready for school. You search everywhere for that umbrella that you always see lying around your house, but today, for some unknown reason, you can't find it anywhere. Since you are already late for school you decide to just go and take your chances in the rain. When you get there you have to park a mile away from the doors into school and by the time you're inside, it looks like you have taken another early morning shower, except this time with your clothes on.

Even if you managed to stay dry getting to school, by the end of the day some part of you will be wet. Probably more of you will be wet instead of dry. Have you had one of these rainy days?

It's safe to say we all have, especially during those rainy days in early April.

When you have open hallways and a spread out campus like NEHI, you will probably always have problems with the rain.

We have all had those special moments of treading through the knee deep water in NEHI

need help, now. Wear your safety helmet.) And lastly, those "frantic freshmen" have three long years looming ahead of them. We hope you all have a great summer.

The Nor'easter would like to thank our typesetters, Marlies Dunson, Karen Green and Greg Basham, for their time outside of school. We would also like to thank Mr. Zachary, the administration and teachers for their cooperation throughout the year.

Well, yet another school year is closing here at NEHI and I can't think of one person who is not eternally grateful: not one teacher, one administrator or one student. The Class of '87 is especially grateful as it means we will graduate, or should we say most of us will. (Economics got the best of some of us.)

But before we come into another glorious summer of sun, fun and late nights, we should take a few minutes and remember the past year.

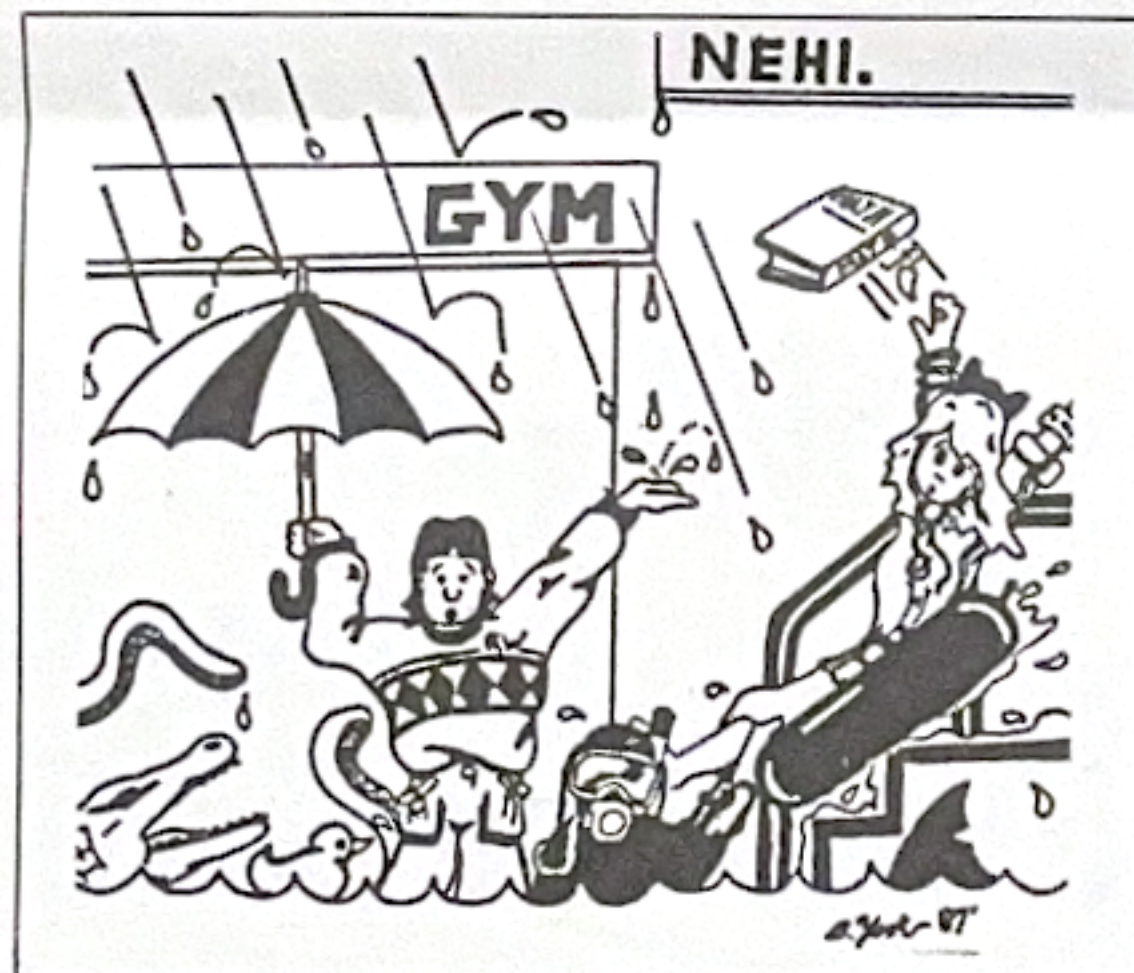
Of course, this was the "year in sports" for the Vikes. We were just awesome in football, basketball, swimming and softball. We really can't complain if we lost our homecoming game or the basketball regionals. We went a lot farther than most of the others. (Besides we killed the Green Devils several times this year. That's all that really matters.)

Also, this was a year of firsts. There was the senior lunch line and stereo and the tremendously successful off-campus homecoming dance with its tremendously awful stuffed mushrooms. It was the first year in a while that prom tickets prices were raised, along with our blood pressure when we heard the cost.

It was also the year we got caught every time we skipped a class or went out to lunch. Remember the time you were so sick you couldn't make it to school, yet somehow had the energy to go the beach? How many detentions did "Ranger Rick" slap you with this year? How many did you deserve? Yeh, that's what we thought.

And what does school mean anyway? Work, and tons of it. How many hours of homework a night did Mr. Dorsett or Ms. Alvord or Mr. Vera give you? Come to think of it, almost all of them slapped it to us. Major bummer because that meant we couldn't go to the dollar movie every night of the week or we couldn't visit our favorite mall as often as our pocketbooks would allow. It also meant we missed our favorite shows:

Moonlighting, The Cosby Show, Family Ties, Dynasty and, how can we forget, the Disney Movie. (Editor's note: We think Northeast's teachers should take note of our immense sacrifices.)



hallways as we ruin the new pair of shoes we just bought.

Why does NEHI always manage to have problems with the water when it rains?

Assistant principal Richard Misenti feels that it is due to low lying areas, poor drainage, inadequate run-off systems and NEHI is a 36 year old facility. But help is on the way, as valley buildings are going to get new roofs this summer to stop those leaks.

Principal Tom Zachary stated that the land NEHI is on was once a low wet area in the 50's. It has little to do with NEHI's own problem with excess water from the rain.

Zachary said, "The school board spent \$7,000 in 1983-84 on the drainage between the wings and this allows more to be drained."

But Zachary does agree that buildings seven and eight are the worst and contributes this to the walls and the cafeteria, which seems to block the water between them. Zachary also stated that most of the water runs toward buildings 7 through 16, since they are lower than the rest of the

buildings at NEHI. Although some things are being done to help with the drainage problems, NEHI will still have tiny lakes between buildings. Most students hate rainy days, but there are those hopeful students who see it as an opportunity to maybe get out of school if the conditions are bad enough.

Well, let us just say that it's hopeless, unless it's going to rain 40 days and 40 nights, and someone named Noah is deciding to build an ark.

Zachary said, "We rarely send people home because of the rain."

Misenti said that he could only remember one time in the last 10 years that kids were allowed to go home because of the flooding conditions. Why? Because the school has to get permission from the superintendent's office to let students get out of school.

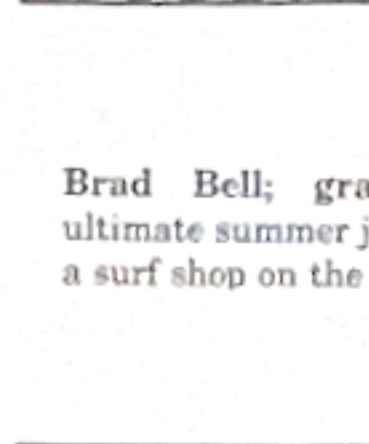
So, when you hear that thunder outside, you better plan to stay in bed or wear your rubber boots to go on an adventurous journey through the "NEHI Everglades".

Viking Views

The 1986-1987 school year finally is coming to a close. What would be your idea of the "ultimate" summer job?



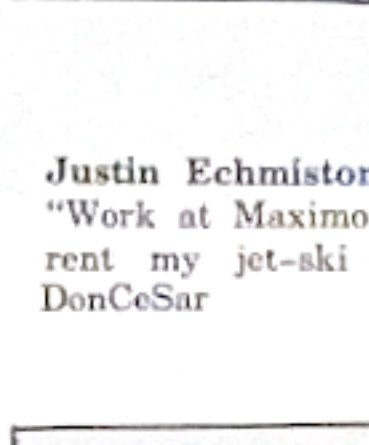
Craig Johnson; grade 11: "One you get payed not to show up for."



Brad Bell; grade 9: "The ultimate summer job would be at a surf shop on the beach."



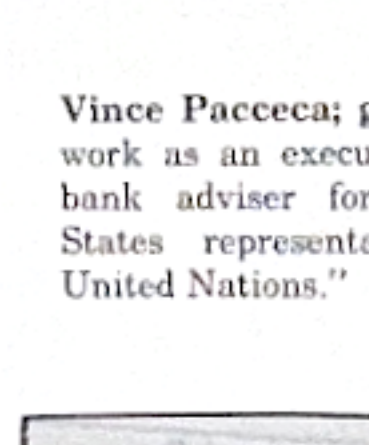
Jill Ragan; grade 11: "I would like to spend my summer cleaning up after Bruce Willis."



Justin Echmiston; grade 12: "Work at Maximo Fitness and rent my jet-ski out at the DonCoSar."



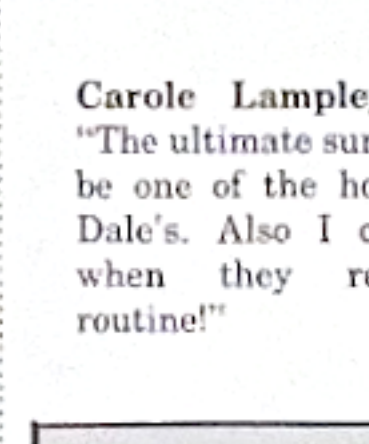
Eric Kaiser; grade 11: "Anywhere where you can choose your own hours and be your own boss."



Vince Paccoca; grade 10: "To work as an executive assistant bank adviser for the United States representative to the United Nations."



Page Garrison; grade 11: "I would like to be a well paid lifeguard on the French Riviera. I could help all the topless females."



Carole Lampley; grade 11: "The ultimate summer job would be one of the host for Chip & Dale's. Also I could be there when they rehearse their routine!"



John Burmeister; grade 11: "My idea of the 'ultimate' summer job is to be a cabana boy in a resort in Jamaica, or in the Caman Islands. I would work from 5 p.m. to 12 midnight. The rest of the day I could be a beach-bum or whatever."

By Barbara Creadon and Lalanina Mesa

Graduation plans set

By Cathy Footlick
Associate Editor

by senior Linda Taylor, which was chosen above all other entrees.

Graduation '87 commencement has almost arrived and the plans are set. Graduation exercises will take place on June 4 at 11:30 a.m. at the Bayfront Arena.

The valedictorian, Linda Donelan, will give her winning commencement speech along with four other guest speakers. Among these speakers will be the senior class president, Linda Sharer. NEHI's principal, Tom Zachary will also give a speech to set the tone of the future for each of NEHI's senior graduates.

On the cover of the graduation program will be a drawing done

The decorations for graduation will be flowers chosen by the graduation committee, which is headed by senior Karen Defelice.

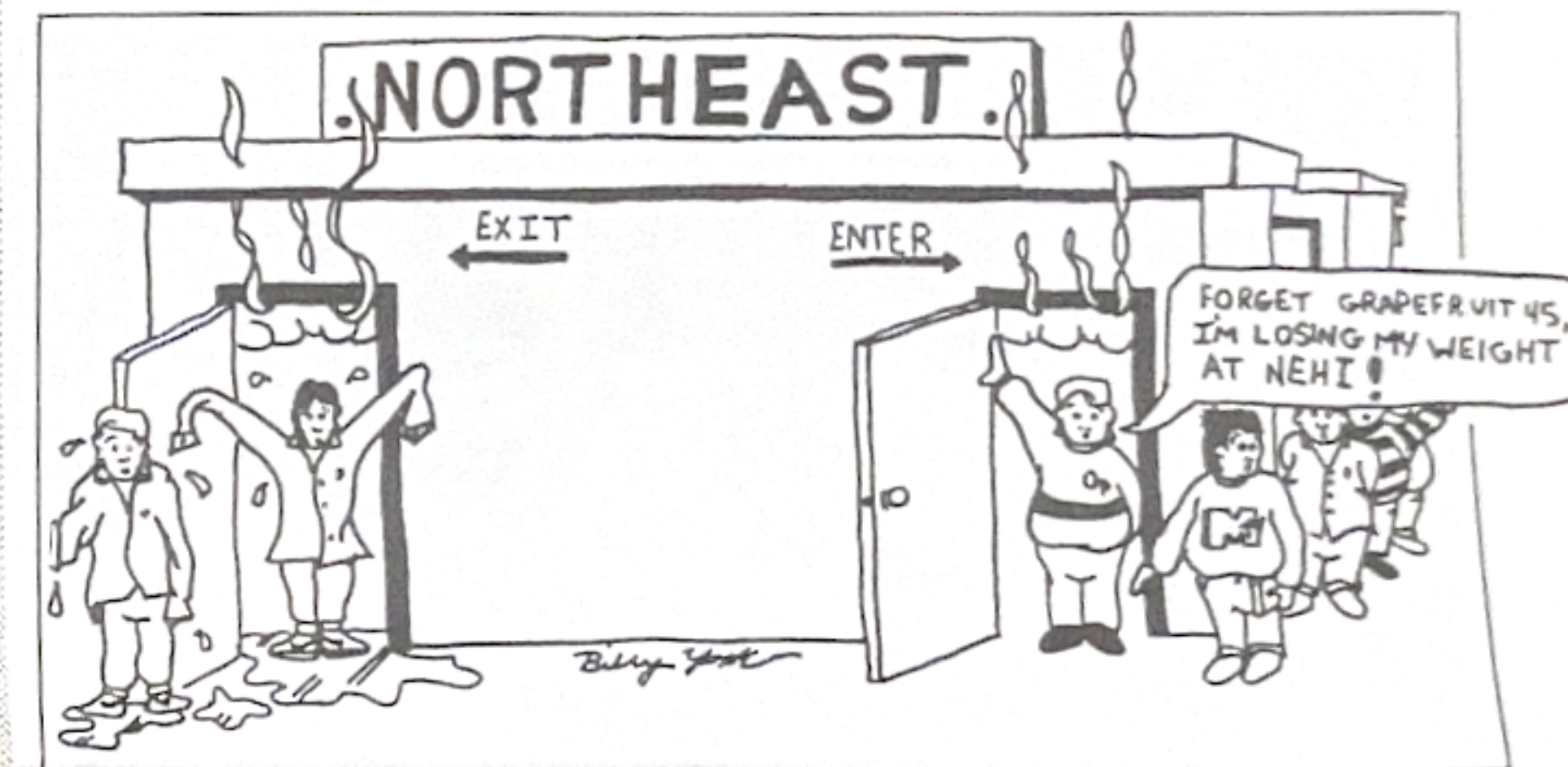
The committee, along with faculty advisor Joan Vernotzy, has had new problems arise with the construction of the Bayfront Center. The seniors' entrance to the ceremony might have to be changed for the '87 graduation ceremony. Although Vernotzy feels things might go a little differently this year, she states, "The Bayfront Center will be looking toward the future, and so will many of NEHI's soon-to-be graduates."

This year's graduation will again have the Gondoliers and band to entertain family and friends.

There will also be a photographer at graduation to catch each senior when he receives his diploma.

Hopefully all the seniors will be able to walk this year with their class. To make sure everyone will be able to graduate, many teachers will be spending the hours after last exam to tell the guidance office if a senior will fail, thus not graduating.

Vernotzy says, "It will be one of the best graduations ever."



Solution sought for air system woes

By Karole Kassey
Staff Writer

Everyone at Northeast at one time or another has experienced the shock of the air system. Either the rooms are too hot or too cold. Some rumors have traveled about as to when the problems will be resolved, but only time will tell.

According to Bill Kelly, Maintenance technician, there are a combination of problems.

though the main problem at this time is the unreliable computer. Rick Misenti, assistant principal said, "It's an inadequate system for the type of use that we expect from it."

The reason that the new system was installed in the first place was that the old system, a carrier M17, had been in use since 1954 and was too old for the growing needs of the school.

The system that was installed in Northeast in '85 is a Trained

Centervac 225 ton air conditioning unit which is controlled by a Anderson Cornelius computer that is located in Pete Coucher's office in building 23.

The system which cost in excessive amount of \$200-300 thousand dollars has been causing problem since the system was first put in.

Building 17 has three of these zones which accounts for some of the classrooms to have air while others did not.

The problem that we recently faced is thought to have been caused by an apparent power surge from Florida Power or a lightning storm sometime within the Easter break. Which caused one of the relays that controlled parts of building 17 to burn out and to cause discomfort in some rooms.

According to John Czerkas, Manager Technician and Maintenance Dept., "We don't have the problem anywhere else the problem is basically caused by the amount of lightening in the NEHI area."

The chiller system involves a central unit that cools water to 45-47° and sends it throughout a network at pipes throughout the school. When a teacher turns on a blower (located in the classroom) the effects are noticed. Otherwise as long as the system is on cold air will enter these rooms. The actual system is working between the hours of 5am and 11pm.

In other words if part of a building gets more sun exposure than others sensors will activate the system. So that one building may be freezing while another is burning up.

Splash Bash

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It was explained to the SGA that 15 lifeguards were required as well as 15 adult chaperones for the function. This was news to the SGA, Brown said, so the group frantically got volunteers for the event and turned in a list to Misenti that same week, according to vice-president Jason Scoggins. Upon scanning the list, Misenti spotted some familiar names, in fact, the names were NEHI students who had been trained as certified lifeguards.

Neither Zachary nor Misenti felt comfortable with students being lifeguards at the event, even though the school board policy only requires certified Red Cross lifeguards, which they all were.

"In a high-risk situation like this, we didn't feel comfortable with seniors, who would have probably been playing, not watching out for others' lives," Misenti said.

Brown did not understand why that many lifeguards were needed in the first place, since at one point in the night all the students would not be there at once, especially in the pools, he said.

"What if someone slipped on the edge of the pool and fell on his or her head?" questioned Misenti.

Obviously, neither "side" was aware of what the other was thinking, so no one is actually to blame. If there are to be future Splash Bashes, at least we now know what steps are to be taken in advance. But to avoid further confusion, we propose that a list of guidelines and rules be distributed to clubs and organizations regarding school functions and extra-curricular activities. At least we should all be familiar with the guidelines so the next time a club president or sponsor asks for permission, an administrator can point out what has to be done.

The magic of senior prom 1987

By Barbara Creadon
Staff Writer

All the anxieties of prom are finally over and the seniors can breathe a sigh of relief. There are no more worries about finding the perfect date or bumping into someone with the same dress, yet it was an event that everyone would love to relive—almost!

NEH's senior prom, which took place April 25 at the St. Petersburg Hilton and Towers downtown, was a memorable event.

The guys and girls were robed in all their colorful finery and primed to the max—that is, until it was time to hit the dance floor. Jim Miller and Dina Garnetz were the first couple to break the ice. Soon after, many more couples let loose their

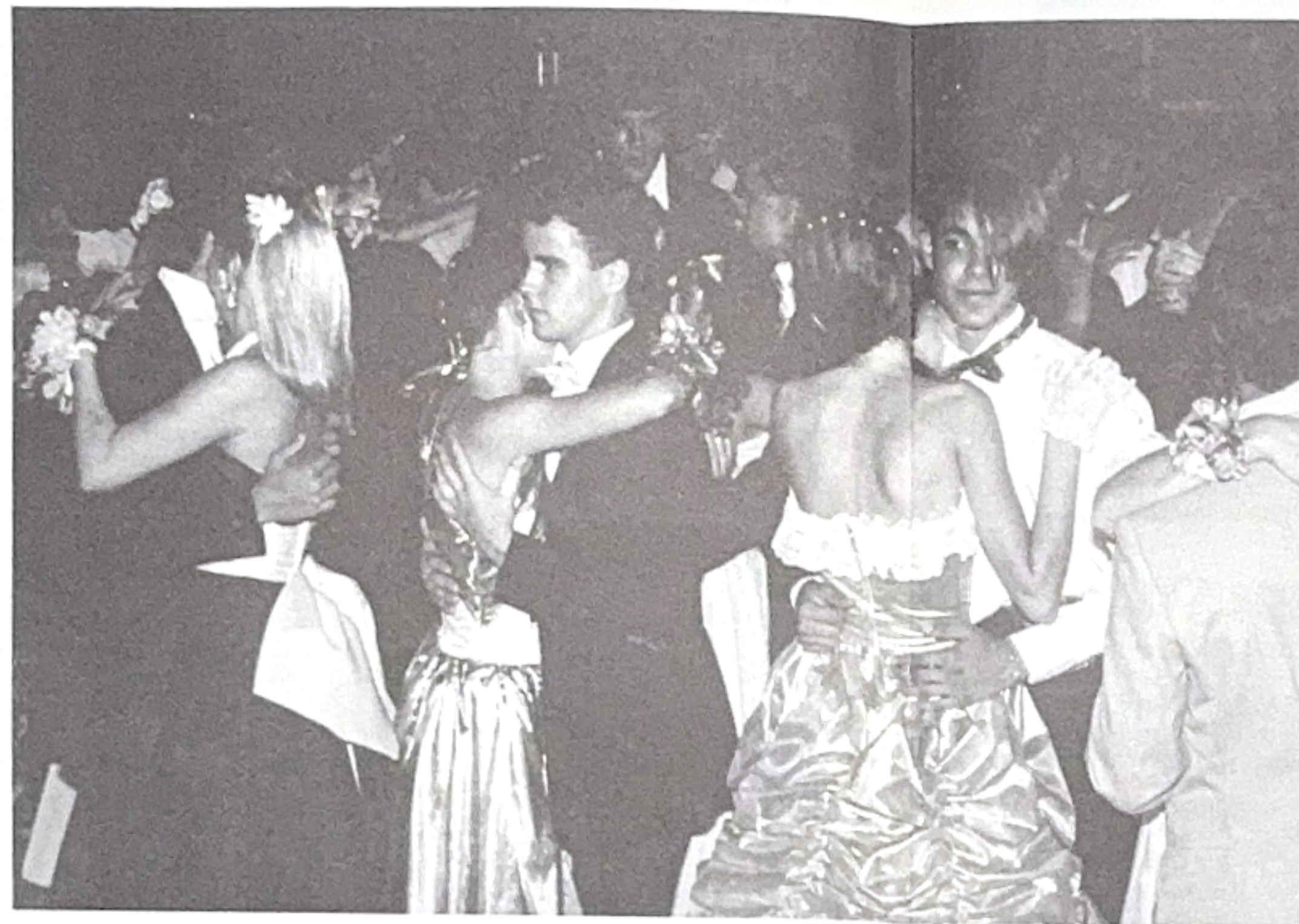
inhibitions (some more than others) to join them on the dance floor. Although the dance floor was small, everyone had a great time dancing on it.

The live band, 'Expose', provided continuous dance tunes, both fast and slow.

The entire prom was video taped by Maddox to provide additional memorabilia to the traditional pictures and souvenir prom glasses.

Couples were greeted by Rick Misenti as cars and limousines were whisked away by the Hilton's valet parking. The Hilton and Towers turned out to be a wonderful new place to have prom.

Although some minor problems were created by misbehavior, some presumably caused by the use of alcohol, the function was a smooth success. Overall, everyone had a great time.



Students dance on the overly crowded dance floor.



Chauntage Daugherty and Orich Horton talk during a break at prom.



Debbie Frener and Mike Smith chat with friends Celeste DeTadwantage and Jonathon Wells.

NEH's chaperones kept problems to a minimal.



Scott MacFarlane, Dawn Reed, Kim Popwell and David Harper socialize during the dance.



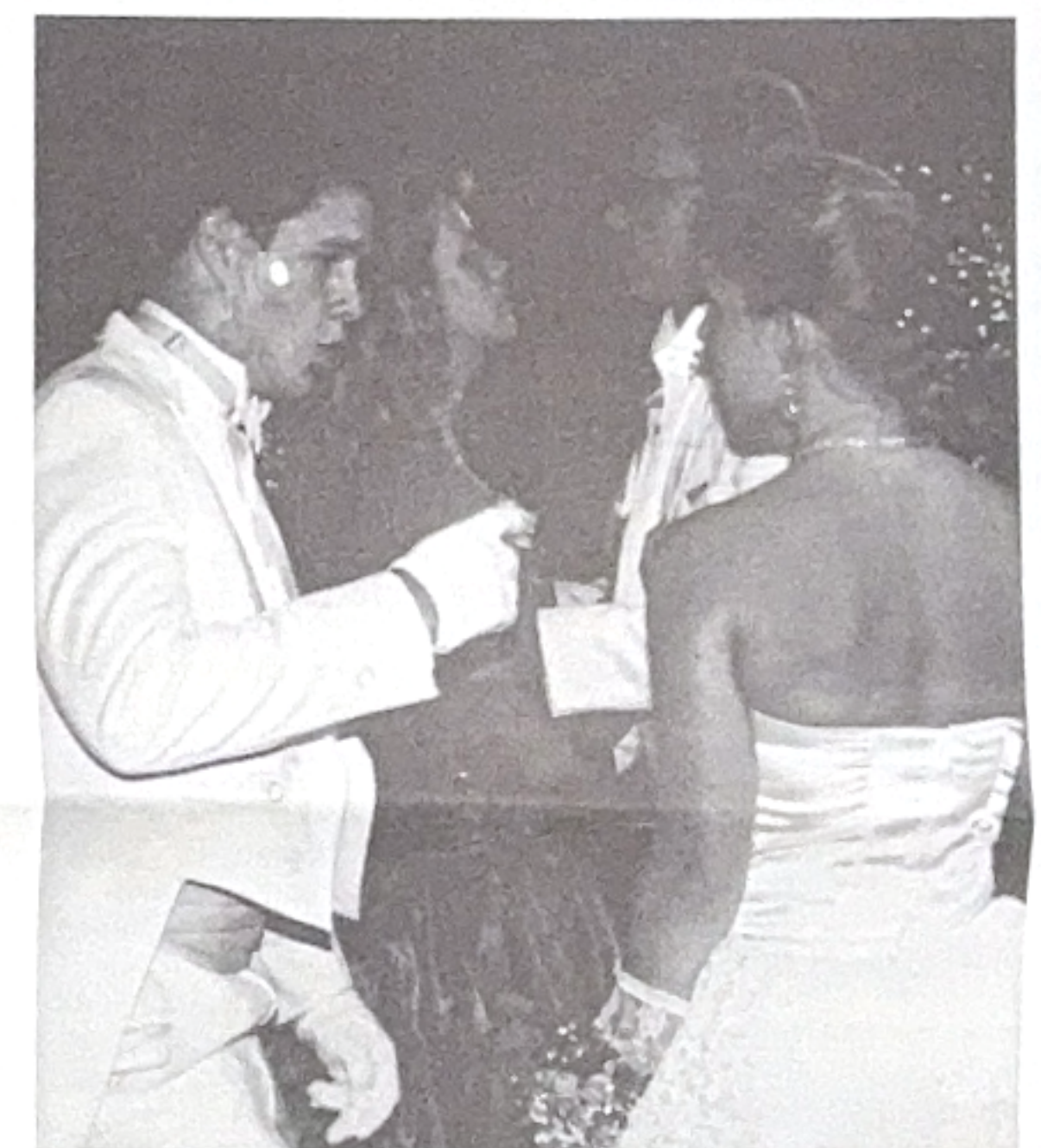
Lisa Vogt and Nance Maldonado take a break in the prom action.



Dale Milne helps Lisa Reinhart into his car.



Robin Nicholas and date Rob Reynolds were all smiles on Saturday, April 25.



The dance floor, though small, didn't hinder seniors from 'getting down.'



Linda Donelan and Jeff Hallock strike a pose for the camera.



David Liddell, Todd Carl, Hiedi Gilbert, Mike French, Michelle Painter and Diane Hopkins collapse in the lobby of the Hilton.



Cathy Footlick and Barbara Creadon

Carpentry builds reputation

Jeff Allen
News Editor

Thousands of taxpayers dollars have been saved in labor costs by NEHI's Carpentry program in industrial arts.

The class, taught by Joel Mezerowski, has accomplished many things this year. According to Mezerowski, the class has built a portable building, laid sidewalks by the administration building and soundproofed walls in the registration building. Along with this, they have then completed odd jobs, such as building shelves and tables for teachers.

The class builds a portable classroom each year for an elementary or middle school in Pinellas County, according to Mezerowski. The students do the wiring and electrical work for each one. "It gives us on the job training without leaving the campus," said Will White, one of the students in the class.



Al Monday puts the finishing touches on the new sidewalk constructed by the carpentry class between Building 5 and the administration building.

"It's hard to remember all of the things we did this year," Mezerowski explained. "We're just asked to do them, and we do."

The class is a three-year course, which teaches students basic building skills. During the first year, students have class for two consecutive periods, and second or third year students are in class for three periods.

Pictured is the industrial arts crew which constructed this year's portable building, shown in the background. The students are, left to right back row, Al Monday and Mike Norman; middle row, Larry Store, Will White and Rodney Jones; front row, George Hopkins and Ken Kadish.

"The two classes this year are the best I ever taught," stated Mezerowski.

"We wouldn't have known what we do now if it wasn't for our great teacher," said student Rodney Jones.

"I'd also like to thank all of the teachers who cooperated with me and let my students out of class to help with our various projects," Mezerowski added.

Freshmen volunteer time

By Lalanía Mesa and
Melissa McCracken
Staff Writers

"It is unusual for a class to get involved in this kind of activity," said Elizabeth Boyd, freshmen class sponsor. "Usually it is left up to service clubs." She was referring to the Volunteer Action Service Program which the freshmen class is involved in.

Certain volunteers from the freshmen class have agreed to spend time after school helping workers at the Alternative Human Service Center located on 16th Street. The students involved were put to work doing such things as folding, stapling and organizing the monthly flyers. The Human Service Center is an organization that helps

runaways by providing a hotline, guest speakers, a home shelter and other information.

The executive board, headed by Roy Miller and John Mullins, decided to advertise for volunteers to help the workers at the Center. Every other week they send a service announcement to the newspapers and place it in a weekly bulletin that the NEHI teachers receive. Boyd, who found the announcement in the bulletin, said that, "no other teachers seemed interested," therefore, she asked her students if they would be willing and the response was "enthusiastic."

"I was pleased and surprised at the number of people who were interested in doing this," she expressed. "They never showed a

hint of reluctance."

"It was fun because we were helping others and it didn't seem like work at all," stated Angie Wiggins, freshmen class president and one of the volunteers.

Two groups of four students went after school for two hours on March 27 and 30. The first group consisted of Wiggins, Lori Gaines, Kristen Cohen, and Lashon Davis. The second group included Brad Bill, Evy Fernandez, Lalanía Mesa and Vicki Nemeth. Boyd invited "anybody who is willing to go out and work is welcomed."

Doreen Lewis, head of the center, commented that "volunteers are valuable to the social service."

Club News

Anchor club

The 1987-88 Anchor Club officers are: President, Marilyn Fiers; Vice-president, Diane Balas; Secretary, Michelle Pedigo; Treasurer, Cindy Martin; Classes Director, Kerry Walsh.

Rojans elections

Rojan elections were held on Wednesday, April 22. Next year Lana Chiariello will succeed Linda Donelan as president. The other officers are listed below. Vice-President Nancy Donelan Recording Secretary Jodi Howell Treasurer Beverly Creadon

Senior class

The Senior class has been given permission to have a Senior breakfast at the Don CeSar Hotel on May 22. Tickets will be sold May 4-8, but the price is not yet known.

NHS districts

Cheri Hurt, a NEHI junior, was elected the District XII president for the upcoming school year at a National Honor Society district rally on March 28. Hurt's win means that for the first time in five years, a member of Northeast's National Honor Society will hold a district office.

Hard work pays off for boys' track

By Jeff Nicholls
Staff Writer

Running in the early morning hours before school and on the track late in the evening, NEHI's boys' track team has worked hard for this season and it certainly has paid off in every meet. "Overall, I have been pleased with the effort this track season," said Coach Dennis Crider. "We

were able to win the meet NE 80%; CLW 78%; and Gibbs 23. It came down to the last event, which we won."

In the first meet, two sprinters, Bobby Byrd and Rodney Nelson, pulled hamstrings and were last for the rest of the season. Nehemiah Dempsey did extremely well. He came in first in the 440, first in the mile relay and third in the high jump.

Winning the second meet against Clearwater and Dixie NE 90; CLW 77; and Dixie 23, Travis Earls did an excellent job. He came in first in the 120 high hurdles, first in the triple jump, first in the long jump, second in the 330 hurdles and came in second in the mile relay team.

Northeast's track team had an awesome turnout in the third meet of the season, which was against St. Pete. and Shorecrest. NE 103; SP 78; and SC 5. Their regular season record in the

three tri meets was 6-0 beating all.

Other unfortunate injuries have occurred throughout the season to Billy Butler and Jon Paul Martin which seriously damaged their chances to win district meets, but Crider stated that they will certainly be giving it their best shot.

"I expect Earls to qualify at the district meet to the region meet in both the hurdle races, 120 highs and 330 intermediates," said Crider.

Other possible qualifiers are Bobby Byrd, Nehemiah Dempsey, Joel Miller, Lynnie Bowman, Derrick Golden and Danny Warnock.

Most improved performances have been coming from the team's distance people, runners Eric Cinciripini, James Dila, Jason Stuck, Matt Delorey and Ram Ram Charan all of which will be returning next season.

The team has finished in first place in the conference meet and third in the Tarpon Invitational.

"The season could have been much better without the injuries, but you just have to keep on going on," Coach Crider said.

Summer sports: full of challenge

Summer is fast approaching and while many students are searching for the perfect vacation spot, others are looking into what type of sports and activities the Sun Coast has to offer.

Possibly the most popular sport for the younger crowd is surfing. Many claim to enjoy the sport, despite the fact that the water currents and waves on the west coast are not exactly ideal for the sport. This causes many to flock to the east coast for waves that make the sport a more challenging one.

Waterskiing is another popular sport. Skiers flock to lakes and any other surface suitable to ski on. "Waterskiing is an adventure, it's challenging, exciting and it gives you a feeling that's indescribable," said Caroe Johnson, junior

Despite the excitement, water-skiing, like any other sport, can be dangerous. One must be a strong swimmer and have the ability to maintain good balance.

Scuba diving is making a comeback, as students check out the regulations to become certified. Bill Jackson's is a local sport shop that offers certification. Scuba diving can prove to be not only an adventurous sport, but an educational one, as it gives the diver opportunities to explore unknown regions of the ocean.

Old time favorites for students are simple sports such as pad-dleball, Frisbee and volleyball.

While water sports seem to be the most sought after ones during the summer season, other sports such as tennis, golf and other old time favorites continue to be popular.

Vike boy's tennis team ends with 7-6 record

By Derek Landis
Staff Writer

The 1986-87 Northeast High School's boy's tennis team finished its season with a winning record of 8-6.

"We had a good season filled with a lot of fun," Coach Ann Catlin said.

Most of their "fun" came from wins over such schools as Gibbs (6-11), Osceola (5-2), Largo (5-2), and Boca Ciega (5-2) and Dixie, also with the score of (5-2). However every season has its low points as well. The boys were handed their low points by the strong up-county teams of Coun-tryside, Clearwater and Dunedin, which was the worst - the Vikes lost (0-7). None-the-less, the Vik-

ings' strong determination showed through in two close victories over St. Pete and Tarpon Springs. Both matches came down to the wire with the Vikes edging their opponents (4-3) in both contests.

Leading the way for the boys on the courts this year were John Skey, Gavin Hertzberg, and foreign exchange student Trygve Ehnberg who played at number one all year. With the ability of these three, the Vikings top five reached a level higher than that of previous years. This success, moreover, is expected to continue.

"I believe we'll be stronger next year," commented Catlin, "They have a lot of determination and desire."

Spring football begins

This year's spring football season started on May 1. If students have any intentions of playing in the fall they must first participate in spring training.

Coach Jerry Austin explains, "Varsity football candidates are required to participate in spring football because of the team effort concept. We must give each candidate a chance to train himself as a player, and prevent injuries that occur when a player does not have proper training."

Austin feels that they will have to work hard to find replacements for the seniors who will be graduating this year, but he feels they will have a strong team in the fall season.

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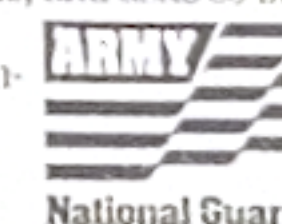
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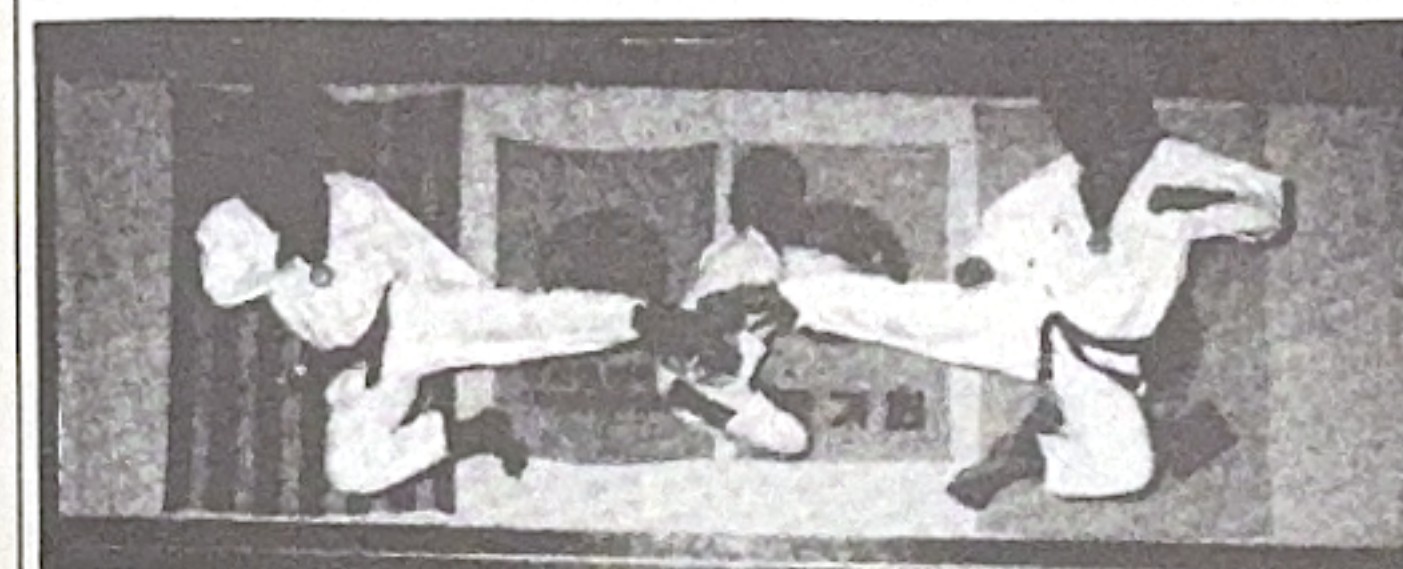
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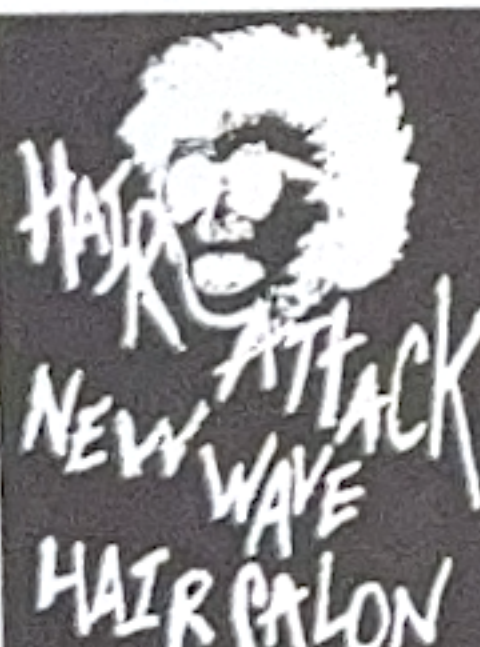
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Baseball team ends season 18-9

By Linda Donelan
Staff Writer

Northeast's baseball team finished their year with a record of 18-9 and on the opposite foot then the one they started. The vikings had two first place finishes taken away by the Green Devils and lost in the opening round of districts. According to Coach Scott Miller, the competition of this year was disappointment.

Northeast was tied for the Pinellas County Conference (PCC) title when they entered a make-up game, that was originally rained out, with St. Pete. The Vikings lost that game 4-0 the finishing second, to St. Pete, in the PCC.

During the Dunedin Easter Tournament, which was played during spring break, the Vikings again lost first place to the devils 4-2.

eliminating them from district play.

Said senior Ray Busch, "We all could have worked harder than we did."

"We were supposed to be number one."

Pitcher Greg Savell

Pitcher Greg Savell said, "We didn't do what we were supposed to do. We were supposed to be number one. Number two just doesn't cut it."

On April 21, the Vikings lost their first district game to Sarasota-Riverview 4-2, thus

Savell said that he felt that the team felt too much pressure playing rather than enjoying the game and playing as a team. He also commented that's why St. Pete was so successful.

However, the Vikings did have some impressive players. Seniors

Busch, Savell, and Pete Couture all made the All-Tournament team. Busch was also one of the three Pinellas County players to make the All-State baseball team which will play in Avon Park on May 15-16.

Both Busch and Savell hope to play ball in college but have not been contacted yet. Miller said that he felt that Busch, Savell, and Couture will play in the future and that seniors Richie Spenser and Wesley Mudd probably will play in the college.

Miller said that next year the team will work on consistency. "We are going to be more consistent with the strike zone and try to capitalize on the other teams' mistakes."



Photo by Jackie Oxendine

Ray Busch

Softball team remains consistent

By Sharon Bench

This year's softball season has proved to be quite an impressive one, as the team placed first in the Pinellas County Conference, was named runner up in the districts and completed the season with an overall record of 17-6.

The Pinellas County Conference win was an accomplishment indeed, as the Vikings ended with an overall score of 12-1. The team clinched the conference title with a victory over Dixie Hollins (15-1).

The signs of winning the title appeared more distinctly when the team completed the game against Seminole with a win (4-0). This alone was enough for the softball team to claim the PCC title, yet the Vikings again claimed victory in the last game.

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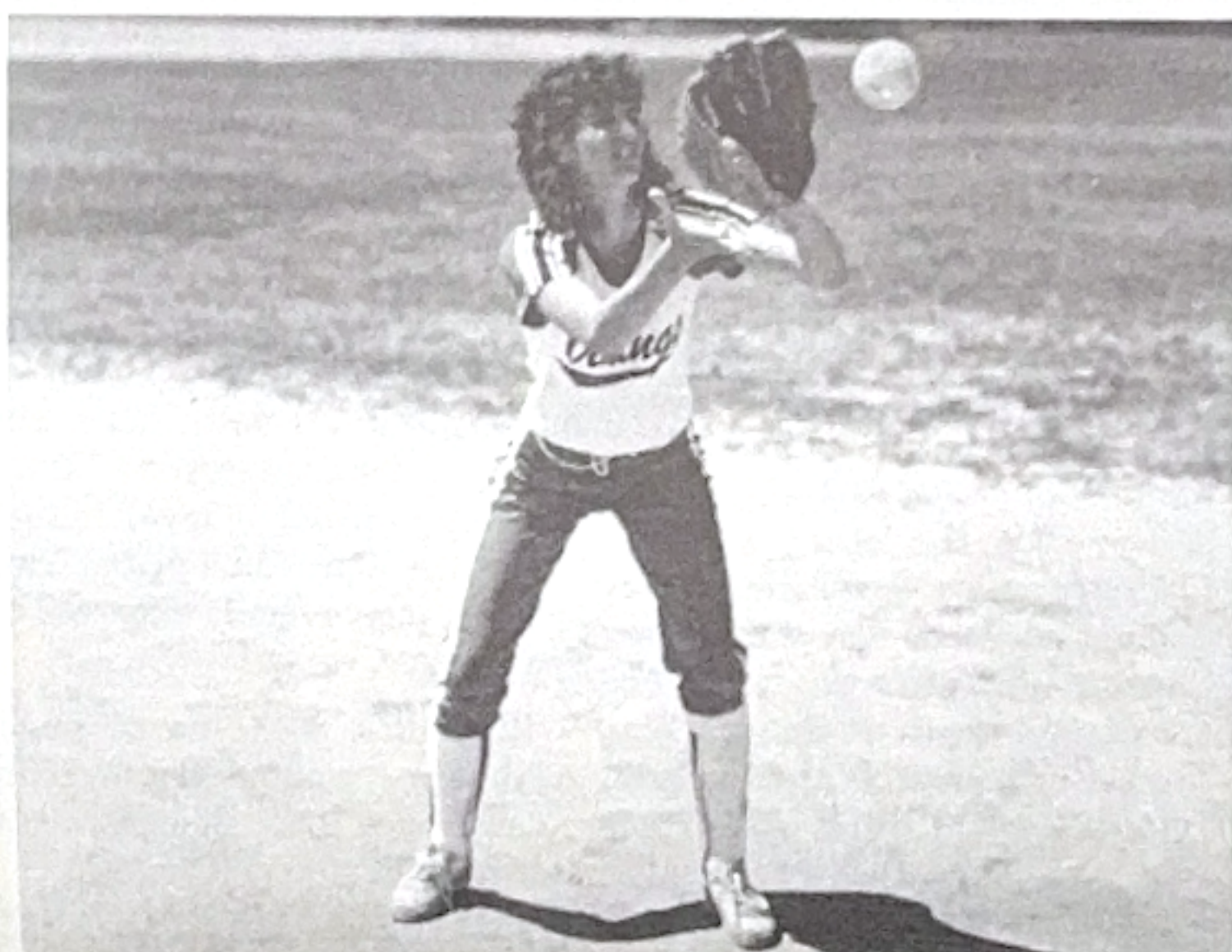


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Angie Borzerelli goes in for the catch.

kids. They worked harder and were more dedicated than any team I've ever coached. The title

of first place in the PCC was an accomplishment, in that it was the first time a lower Pinellas

from fast pitch softball to slow pitch is a difficult one, considering that the teams playing softball are split between the two categories.

"The support from the students and administration and faculty was overwhelming," Kay said.

County School won," said Coach Jody Kay of this year's team.

When the members of the PCC Golden Glove Team were announced, Northeast had a team member who was chosen, based on information given by conference coaches and statistics. That member was a sophomore,

"I have no regrets about the season."

Coach Jody Kay

"I couldn't have asked for a better team and I have no regrets about the season," Kay said.

Next year's team will face a "rebuilding season," because seniors Roberta Grounds and Shelly Lindsey will graduate. But Kay is optimistic.

"The team will be young and need to gain experience, yet I feel it will be a strong one," Kay said.

Julie Brandes.

According to Kay, some of the stronger players on the team proved to be Roberta Grounds, Shelly Lindsey, Melanie Dunbar, Angie Borzerelli, Heather Bolton and Jennifer Hargis.

Despite the accomplishments, Kay felt that the one major weak spot on the team was its slow pitch experience. The transition

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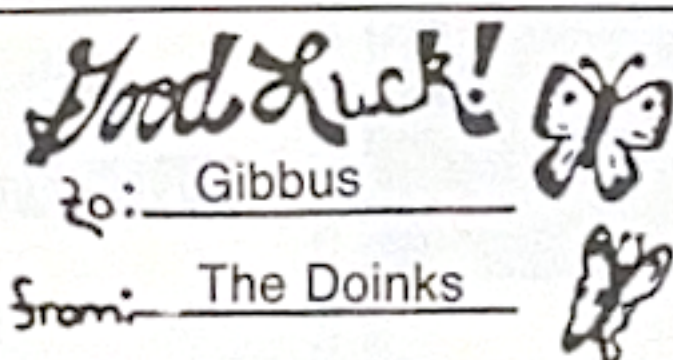
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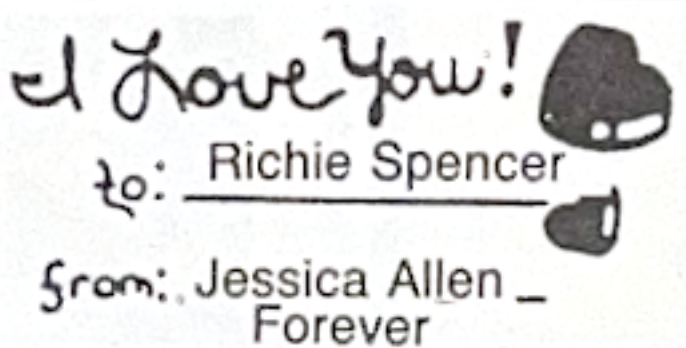
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