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## The world's largest sand castle

This year's Treasure Island sand castle received nationwide attention. The 52-foot tall sculpture was located behind the Bilmar Hotel. Nearly 200,000 people visited the castle, causing problems in traffic, parking, and vandalism. According to Treasure Island Mayor Walter Stubbs, "There will never be a festival of this magnitude again."

## Digest

### Liljequist wins state homecoming queen

Senior Patricia Liljequist, NEHI's 1985-86 Homecoming Queen, went on to the state Homecoming Queen contest and won first place. Queens from many Florida high schools went to this competition hopeful of being chosen as the Florida state Homecoming Queen. Contestants were judged on talent, a written essay, and usual pageant skills such as posture, walk, and self-confidence. Liljequist was named the winner and has made NEHI very proud.

Says one senior "I'm glad I voted for Patricia this year. Not only is she the prettiest girl in school, she's the sweetest too! She deserves to win all these contests!"

Because Liljequist won she goes to Hawaii in July for three days to participate in the National Homecoming Queen Pageant, with representative winners from each state, like herself.

### Chem lab damaged in fire

Due to a small fire during the early morning of April 27, one of Northeast's two Chemistry labs will be temporarily out of commission until an estimated \$10,000 worth of damage is repaired. Luckily, though, no one was injured. According to Captain Bill Buckman of the St. Pete Fire Department, the blaze was started by a short in the electrical relay of one of the lab's refrigerators. According to Northeast's Science Department Chairman, Mr. James Wright, the unit itself contained only hydrogen peroxide and ice, but the fire was worsened when a box of non-toxic chemicals were set aflame.

### School board enforces ban on N.F.P.

The Pinellas County School Board has made its final decision. "Not for Profit" is banned from all Pinellas County school campuses.

In April the board met to discuss the suit that was filed against it by "Not for Profit." Despite the suit, the board remains firm in its decisions. Their opinion is that the publications does not belong on public school grounds because its creator attends a private school and the content and language are "garbage."

## Stabler moves to Dixie

By Kim Lippincott

Northeast's administrative assistant, Mr. Jack Stabler is leaving at the end of this school year to go to Dixie Hollins. Although he will still have the same job, Stabler is looking forward to the move because he is looking forward to new surroundings and new people to work with. Stabler listed some of his fondest memories of Northeast as working with the band, the Gondoliers, and the Key Club.

Stabler, a graduate of two colleges, presently lives in Largo. He began his career in Pinellas County at Largo High School. Another job held by Stabler was the position as Dean at St. Petersburg High School. He has held many other jobs, but lists Northeast as his favorite.

Even so, the move to Dixie will not be too difficult for Stabler, who is used to the process. "Even though I have had a lot of memories from other schools, I have never felt any strong emotions about moving from school to school like students do," said Stabler.

Among the people who regret seeing Stabler go is freshman administrative assistant Jean Johnson. "Mr. Stabler was a very devoted and distinctive man to Northeast High School and he played a wonderful role of being in charge," said Johnson.

Echoing the same feeling is Northeast Principal Tom Zachary. Said Zachary, "Mr. Stabler is like a piece of furniture around here. He belongs and everyone will hate to see him leave."

It is not known at the time of publication who would fill Stabler's job.



Mr. Jack Stabler is to leave to go to Dixie.



# 1986: a year to remember

The year 1986 has been much like every year in the life of a high school. Of course, for those who walk the halls of Northeast for the last time, or for the first, might feel like the trends, the times, the triumphs and the defeats were the differences that made '86 special and not just another year.

The high school scene was filled with every type of student. Each student, no matter how hard he or she tried to be different or to fit in, is very much alike. They range from the valedictorian of the senior class to the struggling freshman who just doesn't seem to fit in with the crowd. No matter what they are interested in, how good their grades are, or even who their friends are, each student is searching for something. That something they might find somewhere in the halls of Northeast.

In high school trends are in and everywhere you looked the "in" thing was spilled out in the boldest brightest colors Swatch, Ferenza, Jimmy-Z's. And if that was not enough when Shakespeare was a little less than interesting you could read your friends latest



news print outfit or cartoon surf shirt. Fashion was not always so plain to read, but if you watched "Miami Vice" you might understand why the T-shirt gang of guys have dress jackets on.

Now that we have got the trends, it is time to hit the hot spots. Students could be found

hanging out at McDonalds on Friday night and out by the Don on Saturday working on their summer tans.

Even though the drinking age went up from 19 to 21, beer, wine and coolers were still drunk by some. The message "Drinking and driving don't mix" came from

SADD (Students Against Drinking and Driving). It displayed wrecked cars from alcohol related accidents and hanging tombstones around friends and teachers before Prom to remind those who drink that behind the wheel was not the place to be.

The year was filled with

service clubs reaching out to others. Robans participated in Toys for Tots over Christmas, Special Olympics, Easter Seals clean up and other community projects. Most of all the advisors Axia Ruch and rotary sponsor, "mom" Kaley left a real impression on the girls involved by bringing them together. The motto really held true, "Never ending friendship though love and service."

Interact did their share by donating money to school, Easter Seals, Christmas tree sales and other related projects but sponsor Earl Wilson was someone that Interact and Northeast could not do without. He was very special and everyone who had him, past and present, left with the memories of a friend not just another teacher. Let's not forget Harry Brown who was not only apart of Interact, but was the back bone of student government and the real source of school spirit. For seniors not one could have done without sponsor Edna Lucas, who did more than her share and kept senioritis from being incurable epidemic.

The fondest memories for students might be found in a circle of friends hangout by a locker, the senior Prom, the Interact and Roban dance or just a smile from the guy or girl of their dreams who never really knew.

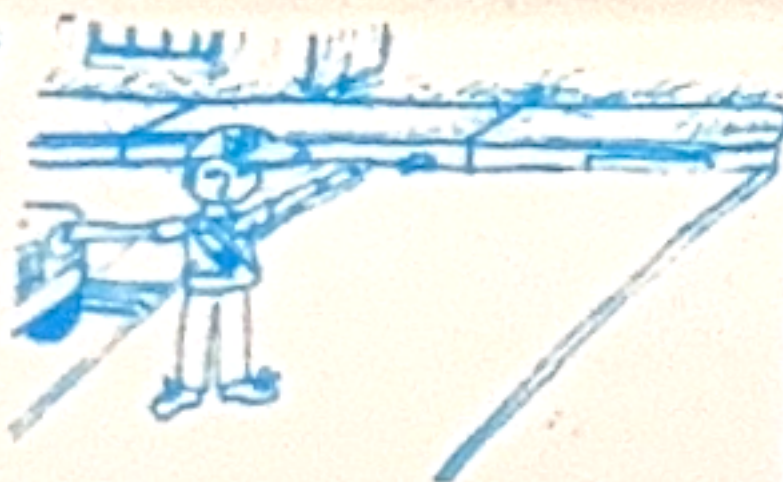
## Crossing guards make the difference

Should there be a crossing guard at Meadowlawn and other middle schools? Why would this concern you? Well, many of us from Northeast drive and we stay after school and end up driving home around three thirty. We often ask ourselves why does Meadowlawn have a crossing guard that waste about five minutes of our time.

Ever since Tammy Foster was hit by a car, few people have to ask that question. But now many of us are wondering why didn't they have a crossing guard sooner by the traffic light where Tammy Foster got hit. The crossing guard was hired around March 31, after Frost was hit.

The crossing guard, Kim Quick, said that many kids listen and obey her, but there's always a few trouble makers. Quick said, "They weren't as rebellious as I thought they would be, but if they want to cross in the middle of the street there's really nothing I can do about it."

Quick feels the safest thing they could of done was hire a new crossing guard because it keeps both the cars and the kids under control. "It's just a shame someone has to get hit before they can put a cross-



ing guard around, but they think in middle school the kids are old enough. My niece was hit and killed by a car at Riviera. Then afterwards they put a crossing guard there."

It seems that middle school kids aren't as old as many people think they are after all a six grader is only eleven years old. Maybe it's time they should put crossing guards at every middle school. Before someone else gets hit and loses their life. I'd rather waste five minutes of my time then waste the life of an innocent kid who just happened to be walking in the wrong place at the wrong time because a crossing guard wasn't there to help them out.

## School spirit: where is it?

Where has the school spirit of Northeast gone? Most likely, it has gone the way of pep rallies open campus and senior privileges. In other words, kiss it goodbye unless a miracle on 54th Avenue happens. How likely is NEHT's student body to have a prosperous and fulfilling high school career when no one is willing to undertake the challenge and responsibility of student leadership?

Sure, you're disappointed in the rewards and activities provided by Northeast. But how can you expect to add to and improve them when no one will run for office or, more importantly, vote? You can't.

This lashing is intended for the class of '87, otherwise known as the class of 54 voters. Yeah, 54 out of 400. Come on, folks, this is your last year in high school and you are willing to sit idly by while the most important offices in your four years at Northeast are virtually handed on silver platters to the only people who want them? Only one office being contested for

next year's senior class is not an election at all. In fact, it is sort of pitiful.

Mr. Harry Brown, Student Government sponsor, was disappointed in the overall turnout of voters, a big 236, roughly one tenth of the student body.

Brown is very pleased with the turnout of the class of '88. "They were great," said Brown. He is also pleased with the new officers and feels that each one of them is extremely qualified and the best possible choice for each office.

Instead of blaming students for the lack of turnout, he names the time of voting as one of the causes in this low level of involvement. "Lunch period was a problem," says Brown, "because kids didn't have the time to vote."

Although Brown said that he is very pleased with the officers that were elected for next year, he wished that the turnout of candidates and voters had been better this year.



Lisa Counts; grade 11: "Senior privileges-WHAT senior privileges?"



Laura Unger; grade 9: "Yes, because we underclassmen have none. We deserve some too."



Mark Dannemiller; grade 11: "Seniors should be able to do what they want, when they want."



Mr. Hal Brown; faculty: "Yes, because previous years have shown that too many privileges lead to the abuse of said privileges."

## Viking Views

By Laura Plumb

**Question: Do you feel that the senior privileges at Northeast are adequate?**



Amie Hurst; grade 10: "There is nothing wrong with senior privileges. How can there be anything wrong with something we don't have?"



Derrick Golden; grade 11: "I feel that they are adequate only because no one is opening his mouth to say they aren't. If you feel that something is missing, open your mouth and say so."



Photos by Stephanie Chiariello



Julie Fincher; grade 11: "I don't think that seniors should get detentions for unexcused absences. Our senior year is something we have worked three years for and it should be special."



Chris Goodpastor; grade 11: "We HAVE no senior privileges. Every privilege we are given is infiltrated by underclassmen who receive that same 'privilege'."



Dina Garnatz; grade 11: "We have worked the past 12 years for this year. We want to be able to look back on our senior year at NEHT with memories of the great times we had here. By taking away all of our privileges, they are taking away all of those great times."



Wyndy Greene; grade 12: "No. In other counties, the seniors have many other privileges. If the administration would give us a chance, we could prove that we are responsible adults and are capable of handling the responsibility."



Lori Tobias; grade 12: "I am very upset because all of our senior privileges have been taken away because seniors in the past could not handle the responsibility. We should not have to be judged by their mistakes."



Dan Robinson; grade 12: "Senior Skip Day has been taken away with the Senior Breakfast in the cafeteria. What's next? Prom in the Gym? I say that since this is their last year in high school, let 'em roam a bit!"

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# Rise and shine for graduation

By Lena Chiarillo & Becky Sage

This year's graduates will be seen with blood-shot eyes and giving a big yawn and stretch at their graduation. On Thursday, June 5, the class of 1986 will awaken very early that morning to attend their graduation at the Bayfront Center at 8:00 A.M.

"Graduation is a special day for seniors and the entire family. It is too bad it cannot be held at a more suitable time," said one NEHI parent.

Holding the graduation ceremonies early Thursday morning has certainly caused an abundance of chaos. Parents and other family members who must work on Thursday will miss their son's or daughter's graduation.

Obviously, this situation cannot be helped. It costs the senior class a lot of money to graduate in the Bayfront Center. The cost is estimated at a whopping seven thousand dollars.

Also, Boca Ciega's senior class will be graduating at 1:00 on the same day as Northeast. The Bayfront is running a very tight schedule on June 5.

Aside from the actual ceremony, a lot of thought has gone into this joyous occasion. Seniors have ordered their cards and announcements to let the world know they'll soon be out there in it. The fitting of caps and gowns, also a necessity of graduation, occurred early this year.



## Valedictorian

Heather McKay is the Valedictorian of this year's graduating class. Her grade point average as of last semester is a 4.34. McKay is the president of the National Honor Society. McKay carries a full load of AP and honors classes.

After graduation, McKay will attend the University of Florida.

# Summer school no longer at NEHI

By Dawn Reed

For most students, it is almost summertime, but for a small group of students the summer does not really begin until July 19th. The reason for this being that summer school begins on June 16th and goes throughout July 18th. Two sessions will be held. The first one is from 7-10 am and the second one will be held from 10:45-12:45 pm.

All courses will be held at Gibbs High School with the exception of Driver's Education and an English course. Both of these classes will be held here at Northeast. Dr. Biringer, Director of Summer School, decides what courses will be offered in what schools.



The Drivers Ed program will be the only course offered this summer at Northeast.

Unfortunately, summer school is not free of charge. For courses in which a student has made a C or D and is trying to improve

his/her grade, the cost is \$85.00 per 1/2 credit.

Courses being offered range in variety, but most areas of

academics will be offered for remediation. These include English, science, math, social studies, and health.

Mr. Fred Ulrich and Mr. George Palmer will be teaching a night school course in English. The course will begin during the week of exams and will continue until July 17th. It will be held here at Northeast Monday-Friday from 6-9 pm.

In those cases where the student is working ahead, the following courses are being offered: Ceramics 1, Drawing 1, and Painting 1; Driver's Education; English for Speakers of Another Language (ESOL); Drama 2; Advanced Reading; Pre-Algebra; Remedial/Compensation Math; Band; Vocal Music; Marine Biology; World Geography; Introduction to Social Studies; Law Studies; and Practical Skills (Typing).

# Surf fashions by local designer

By Lena Chiarillo

Scott Lawrence Geraci, 21, is showing Clearwater and the rest of the world how to be different, strictly by "accident."

Geraci owns "Sir Lawrence of Florida," a clothes and surf shop located on Mandalay Avenue on Clearwater Beach. Everything in his shop he makes himself. No two items are exactly the same, and if a person should buy something there, he or she can be assured that their purchase will be the only one like it in the world.

Geraci is a "quessential artist" (a term you cannot find in the dictionary); Geraci, or "Sir Lawrence," made up the term himself. Quessential art is the process of using artistic production. Geraci's invention came strictly by accident, along with a little imagination and creativity.

"I was working at the Flagship Restaurant on Clearwater Beach," says Geraci, "when, during my lunch break, my shoes fell in the water. I was glad because I thought I didn't have to go back to work now. How could I without shoes?"

He was wrong. Geraci went back to work and told his boss what had happened. His boss gave him ten dollars to go across the street to purchase



Paula Scarpino and Linda Sharer relax in the sun on Clearwater Beach while modeling a new surf fashion.

a pair of sneakers (white canvas shoes with shoelaces).

"That night, I went home and painted my shoes all different colors. When I went back to work, all of my friends wanted a pair. From that day on, I was in business," Geraci said.

Geraci now owns his own store. He makes tons of these shoes, along with many other items. His shoes now have a trademark; they are called "Surfdogs" (the trademark is pictured in his advertisement).

Inside the tag you get with your purchase reads: "It happened not long ago when S. L. Geraci, the artist, created the first quessential art, designer surf sneakers on a small beach on the San Coast of Florida. Surfdogs, the name given to this footwear phenomenon, began an innovative step in the world of new fashion."

A long list of Sir Lawrence products followed, the products you are now one of these. Made to the highest standard of quality, as only S.L. would have it, and designed by the hands of artists



These are a pair of "Surfdogs" which Geraci designed.

"I am a total nonconformist. I'm also an abstractist," Geraci claimed. "I know this thing is going to turn into a multi-million-dollar business if someone would give me a chance."

Bank officers feel Geraci is too young and people think it is too much of a risk, but Geraci doesn't think so.

"During spring break, all of my stuff was selling like crazy," said Geraci.

"No one is doing me any favors, but I believe in myself. This stuff is hot, it sells. I've finally been able to buy my Mercedes Benz," said Geraci.

Geraci's main goal is to be financially free. "I have a nonconforming attitude, which is basically to live and have a good time," said Geraci. Geraci needs financing before his dream can come true. For now he is just a "struggling entrepreneur" and a "starving artist."

"When this business breaks open, I'm going to find a desert island, have my own marriage ritual with someone and maybe start my own religion," Geraci said.



Paula Scarpino and Linda Sharer model clothes by "Sir Lawrence."

chosen by S.L., to insure that you as an individual can wear a work of art as unique as you are."

All of Geraci's designs are sold at a very reasonable price. His Surfdogs are \$10.00. All of his other clothes are priced under \$20.00.

He also designs over-the-shoulder bags, visors, shorts, sweat shirts, nite shirts and surf shirts.

One of his more expensive creations are his custom-made skimboards. They are priced at \$65.00. He designs them himself, sands them, and paints them. He registers them under the Sir Lawrence name. Every skimboard is one of a kind. Geraci is the only skimboard designer in the United States who registers them, keeps track of who buys what, and what design each customer buys.

"This is the ultimate. Florida always picks up and follows California trends. We live in a generation of sheep. Everyone always takes everything from California as law. This time they have to take something from me," Geraci said.

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## Car repair class in high gear

By Scott M. Hummel

The VICA program (the Vocational and Industrial Clubs of America) gives the students of Northeast an opportunity to receive some "hands-on" training in a field of their choice, and receive credits towards graduation simultaneously.

VICA is a well-represented organization here at Northeast, due mainly in part to the two classes that deal with automotive repair. The auto body and auto mechanics classes have a large enrollment because of what the students feel they can get out of the class. Not only do the students learn the practical experience while working on the cars during class, they gain a greater basic knowledge of car operation and repair. Twelve year Auto Mechanics teacher Charles Buzek explains: "The students that take this class can feel confident, not only to try to fix their own car, but if they take it to a shop for repair, they won't get ripped off. They will be able to talk with the mechanic and understand what has to be done to the car." Buzek said that the knowledge gained in his class has led several graduates to either gain jobs as mechanics or even open up repair shops of their own. Still more of the NEHI

graduates join the armed services and begin jobs of repairing equipment in the military.

While the auto mechanics classes are concerned with the internal operations of the car, Mr. Joseph Zampach's auto body classes are learning how to return the exterior of cars to the look they had while sitting on the showroom floor.

Mr. "Z", as his students know him, has taught auto body for seven years, the last three here at Northeast following four years in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Zampach says that his auto body course in the "best class in the school." "Not only do the students learn a valuable skill while in my class, they get a feeling of accomplishment because they can look at the finished product and say, 'I did that.'" "It's not like a math class where all you have left is a piece of paper with numbers on it. Students can drive around campus to show off what they have done in this class," said Zampach.

Although the students may be able to drive their finished product some of the time, the majority of the cars worked on can be found in the faculty parking lot. The staff members of Northeast can let their cars worked on by the students and pay only for the materials used during the repair job.

As students walk by the bus circle late in the day, they can see students working on cars. It may appear that the class is all hands-on work, but that is no so, since much of the curriculum is dictated by the state. Zampach has a list of 110 state competencies that he must cover in class. There are fur written tests given in Auto Body I to make sure that the students understand the theory involved in the course.

Another test given is administered to the students twice a year. It involves the students bringing in a damaged fender. The students must repair the fender using only hand tools. The second time the test is given, students can use any of the power tools needed to do a quality job that will reflect in the grade earned.

The second test normally produces quality results. The students have access to a wide complement of tools that have been acquired over the years through funds allotted by County and State budgets.



Jim Houle and Mark Sicilian work on a car while Tracy Marion observes.

Zampach says that the tool collection is mostly complete, but is in need of many replacements. "Tools have a short life expectancy in this class due to the fact that students have not yet mastered using them and also that they (the students) don't have to pay for them," said Zampach.

One of the priorities taught in these classes is the concept of safety on the job. "Every item we use can kill you," said Zampach, "I cannot stress safety enough." Along with the everyday cuts and scrapes that he students expect as part of the job, they also accept the potential for major injury. On March 20 of this year, a car battery exploded in the faces of several students who were working on a car.

"Every item we use can kill you."

- Mr. Zampach

Adam Carr, Daryl Elliott, Joey Hernandez, and Jason Unger received injuries and were treated by paramedics on the scene. The fast action of Zampach and his students kept the injuries to a minimum. On March 21, Zampach received a Letter of Commendation from Area III Superintendent Lee Benjamin, thanking him for the way he and his classes handled the situation.

One of the most exotic vehicles that any of the automotive classes ever worked on was a 1939 LeSalle that Buzek's students repaired. They had to manufacture all of the necessary engine parts due to the lack of availability of suitable replacements.

Beyond all of the competitions and exotic cars is the fact that these students are learning a valuable skill that they will be able to use for the rest of their lives. Zampach says that it is the Auto Body that keeps some people from dropping out of high school before graduation. "It is the vocational classes (especially Auto Body) that take the 30-35% of students that are not going to college and may be considering dropping out," said Zampach, "It gives people a purpose not only in school, but in life itself. Students get to see their work and it gives them a reason to school."

In a poll that Zampach conducted in his classes, 50 percent of the students said that the only reason that they stay in high school is the Auto Body program. Zampach uses this fact to motivate his students to do a better job in their academic classes. He rewards them for good grades by doing favors for them and takes away privileges from them when their grades fall short.

Said Zampach, "Vocational classes hold in these people that fall between the cracks."



Mr. Joe Zampach demonstrates some welding techniques.

## Culinary arts students cooking up a storm

By Laura Plumb

"I really like it. Since I've been here for 15 years, I'd better," said Culinary Arts instructor Mr. Bill White of his involvement with the Culinary Arts food services program. The program is designed to help students find the path to a career by learning the art of commercial cooking.

Students are recruited for Culinary Arts mainly during the vocational walk-through at the end of their freshman years, and all types of students are welcome to apply. "We have students in basic classes as well as students eligible for National Honor Society," said White.

Age is a factor in acceptance into the program. "I would prefer to have them begin as sophomores," said White, who accepted 40 out of 235 applicants last year. "That way they can complete the entire program."

The entire program consists of a total of six credits earned in three years in Culinary Arts. The tenth grade curriculum is basically a textbook course with a fair amount of kitchen work.



Students in Mr. White's class prepare food.

A project by the sophomores this year was baking 1000 servings of french bread for a spaghetti dinner.

The junior year in food services involves participation in cooking. Culinary Arts juniors use knowledge from their sophomore year to build upon their skills in the Food Services Department's kitchen and dining room. "The kitchen we have at Northeast is larger than most hotels and

restaurants in this area and even the state," said Mr. White. "This way, they benefit from the experience."

After successful completion of both sophomore and junior year courses, senior culinary artists go on to a job during school. They leave school after early fifth period and go to work "on the scene" as a cook. Jobs for students are found through Mr. White and Occupational Specialist Mr. Osimok. Finding

jobs is no problem because, as White puts it, "Hotels are dying for my students. There is no shortage of jobs. As a matter of fact, we have more jobs than we can fill."

Service to Northeast is a major part of the Culinary Arts program. By preparing and serving food at various school functions, students get the chance to practice their skills for people. These functions include Parent/Student luncheons, Chamber of Commerce breakfasts, Service Club Banquets and the annual Marine Biology luncheon.

Culinary Arts students also benefit themselves. One of the many advantages of getting involved with the Commercial Cooking program is the fact that Food Services students can start out at food-related jobs at much higher pay than minimum wage. "Do you know how long it takes to get raised from minimum to \$4.50?" asks White. "Well, my students START at \$4.50!"

Another benefit of being involved with Food Services is

eligibility for membership in Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA). The Northeast chapter of VICA consistently places at the annual state competition.

But benefits are more than just physical. "The real reward of being involved with Culinary Arts," says White, "is the pride in seeing the immediate results of your efforts."

"Hotels are dying for our students... they have more jobs than we can fill."

- Mr. Bill White

According to Mr. White, motivated students could start out after high school at \$21,000 a year. "That is not at all unusual," said White.

## Class prepares students for health care world

By Heather Allen

The health occupations class is designed for students who are interested in pursuing a career in the medical field after they graduate from high school. The students are taught the basic knowledge of the health care industry. They also receive laboratory practice and clinical practice in health care setting.

During the first semester, the students work on labs, such as learning to make beds, to take temperature, pulse and blood pressure. They learn how to change bed pans, give massages and transfer patients.

The fundamental of health occupations class is offered to ninth through twelfth grades and is a one semester course. The health service occupations class is offered only to eleventh and twelfth grades and extends over two to three periods. Mrs. McIay teaches this class.

In the classroom and in the laboratory, students are taught theory and patient care skills. After they complete this semester successfully, students are placed on a job or in a volunteer position in the health field.

"It is a good course to get into, even if it is just to find out what you want to do. I would like to be a physical therapist, so I really don't want to continue the field I am working in right now," said Pedroff.

Pedroff makes \$3.80 per hour and works six hours a day for four days a week.

Junior Stephanie Pedroff is a student in the health occupations class. She is currently on a job at the Huber Restorium. There are ten other people in her class who all hold positions, some at Greenbrook nursing home, some at Palm Shores. They all work in these places as student aides.

Pedroff works on the floor where the patients need semi and total care.

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# NEHI Grads made it big

By Michelle Bench

Northeast High School has a lot to offer career-minded students. Every year, Northeast releases an array of individuals into the business world. The list of famous alumni is indeed one of great length. There are individuals ranging from congressmen to actors.

George Huber graduated from Northeast and went on to become a city councilman, as did Dick Martin.

David Ruprecht is an actor who has appeared on such programs as *Three's Company*, *Real People*, and *Fame* to name a few. Peggy Scheffeld attends the Burt

Reynolds Theater and has appeared in many of Burt Reynolds' movies.

Tricia Pursley is also an actress and a 1970 graduate of NEHI. She starred on *All My Children* for six years and is currently searching for a series.

According to David Ruprecht, the turnout of Northeast's actors and actresses is due to the guidance of former Northeast drama coach Bob Challenger. "Mr. Challenger was truly an inspiration to us all," said Ruprecht. "He showed me what showbiz could offer me and gave me the strength to believe in myself."

## Tricia Pursley

By Michelle Bench

Tricia Pursley is a familiar name to all soap opera fans because she starred as Devon on *All My Children* but to those who attend or graduated Northeast the name is familiar because Tricia Pursley is one of Northeast's famous alumni.

From 1967-70 Tricia Pursley attended Northeast High School. During her high school career Pursley was on the Homecoming Court, and in her sophomore year she was a cheerleader. Mainly, Pursley was involved with the Drama department.

"I was a shy, withdrawn kid. I was not particularly popular but I found my niche with drama and Mr. Challenger," said Pursley. "I enjoyed Northeast a great deal mainly because of Mr. Challenger. He was a wonderful teacher. Drama was something that I could get into."

"My first role was a flower in a kindergarten play. Because I was small I stood on the side and pretended to be a flower. Costumes were made. What self respecting flower would not have a costume? My headress started slipping so I pretended I was wilting and dying. Of course everyone laughed and I loved the attention. I've been acting ever since," says Pursley.

After graduation, Pursley attended Transylvania University where she received what she refers to as "superb training in the Performing Arts." After Transylvania she went to Juilliard in New York. It was in New York where she landed the role on *All My Children*.

Pursley starred on *All My Children* for six years until her story line ended.

"The character Devon had a lot of problems. I didn't really like playing her. She was an alcoholic, a terrible mother, and a really confused individual. Now I'm looking for a funnier, lighter role," said Pursley.

The time spent on *All My Children* gave Pursley a lot of acting experience and a lot of new friends. "I still keep in touch with a lot of the people from *All My Children*," says Pursley.

Pursley's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pursley of Pursley Turf and Garden. Said Pursley of her parents, "My parents were so supportive in every way: financially, spiritually and physically. My father influenced me with his superb business sense."



Tricia Pursley graduated from Northeast's class of 1970.

In the future, Pursley hopes to star in a sitcom. "Comedy is fun," says Pursley. "It is what I really would like to do. In soap operas, everything is serious—no one gets to be happy."

Last year, Tricia starred in the pilot television show *Love Long Distance*. "It was a really funny show," remarked Pursley. "It's a shame it never got picked up. I hope to receive the opportunity to do another comedy soon."

Pursley did not always aspire to become an actress. "It wasn't something I dreamed of. It was just something that happened. I devoted all of my time to acting and rehearsing."

Tricia Pursley hopes to star in a comedy series and possibly do a movie. "In my spare time, I needlepoint, piddle in photography and chase my puppy, Sophie, with the pooper scooper," stated Pursley.

"Tricia Pursley is a very talented, very bright young actress and I know she will go far," stated Pursley's ex drama teacher, Bob Challenger.

Tom Stovall also attended Northeast. His credits include the co-direction of *Silkwood* and a starring role in the Broadway version of *Hair*.

"Tom is a very talented person. He has so many gifts. I'm really quite proud of him," says his father George Stovall.

Dave Leunper went on to become a producer.

Perhaps the most impressive field at Northeast is the baseball one. Tom Hume is a pitcher for the Phillies graduated from Northeast and he feels that Northeast gave him his push. "Coach Rudisill

inspired me greatly. I always knew I wanted to play baseball and he believed in me," said Hume.

Chris Le Fever is also in a baseball career, as is Craig Lefferts who is currently with the Padres.

Nancy Eagleston is a fine golfer on the professional circuit was also a product of northeast. Betsy Nagelson is currently touring professionally showing off her top tennis skills.

These are only a few of the famous alumni but don't be too surprised if you turn up on the list in a few years.

## David Ruprecht

By Michelle Bench

Perhaps you are curious as to where you have seen David Ruprecht's face before. He has appeared on 15 television shows, numerous commercials and has five movies to his credit.

This would seem to be quite an impressive resume to anyone. The students at Northeast High, however, can look at this resume with newfound respect because David Ruprecht is one of Northeast's famous alumni. Ruprecht graduated from Northeast in 1968.

During his high school career, Ruprecht spent most of his time working in the Drama department. "I starred in quite a few theater shows. I enjoyed attending Northeast. I feel that had I not met Mr. Challenger, who was my drama teacher at Northeast, I would not be an actor today," said Ruprecht.

Although involved in Drama, Ruprecht was not a "joiner." He did, however, become class president in his senior year. "I was the class clown, always goofing off, always having fun. I think it was that kind of attitude that got me going where I wanted to go."

Ruprecht feels that his career was influenced the most while he was involved in NEHI's Drama department. "Mr. Challenger was very supportive of me. He pushed me to do my best and he gave me a glimpse of the glamour and excitement that showbiz had to offer," he said.

"My father despised the line of work. Being a Lutheran minister, my father believed that showbiz was a world of 'bastardation' and prostitution," he said.

After supporting himself by serving pizzas and driving a cab, Ruprecht landed a part in a television movie. "I made \$4000 for two weeks' work on my first acting job. I said to myself, 'Who cares about the rumors of bastardation and prostitution—sure as hell beats driving a cab,'" Ruprecht said.

His parents are now very supportive of his career. "After they first saw me on T.V., they changed their minds. Now they videotape everything," said Ruprecht.

David Ruprecht moved on to bigger and better things. He went on to appear in such movies as *The Incredible Shrinking Woman*, *Jeckle and Hyde-Together Again*, *A Minor Miracle*, and *The Seniors*.

Ruprecht is probably best remembered for his role on *Three's Company* as Phillip, the boyfriend-become-husband of main character Janet.

"The thing I enjoyed most about being on *Three's Company* was seeing whether I could drop my pants faster than John Ritter," explained Ruprecht.

Ruprecht also appeared on the T.V. movie, *The Harlem Globetrotters on Gilligan's Island*. On this show, he played the vain Thurston Howell IV. "The Globetrotters movie helped me a great deal career-wise. It gave me the recognition I needed," he said.

"Perhaps the show I miss the most is *Real People*. I was a host on the show during its last year. It was a great deal of fun," said Ruprecht.



NEHI graduate David Ruprecht went on to fame.

At the present time, David spends a great deal of his spare time working with the improvisational group, *Off the Wall*. "The group is a blast," he said. "We have a lot of fun. I was actually quite lucky to get in. I replaced Robin Williams and he still works with us."

In the near future, Ruprecht hopes to receive the opportunity to act in a series.

## NEHI sports program improves by choice

By Dawn Reed

In 1955, Northeast High School's sports program began. It included the regulars: baseball, football, basketball, track, and also had swimming, volleyball, badminton, soccer, golf, and softball. There have been twelve sports added since which include girls and junior varsity. In 1957, a fresh (freshman) squad was added to the basketball and football teams but was eliminated by the 1959 school year. Wrestling was added in the sixties and has been a strong contender with the other schools ever since. All the teams have improved such as the Varsity team winning its last half of the season and the JV keeping up its standard of being undefeated. "The entire sports program has improved by giving more of a

variety and choice," says Activities Director Mr. Larry Rudisill. "Athletics are for the student body," he added.

Each of the sports offered at Northeast has had their special people, some of which have gone on to the professionals. The most successful of our sports would have to be baseball with pitchers being drafted for the major and minor leagues. In 1971, Tom Hume was drafted by the Dodgers but did not sign. He went on to attend Manatee Junior College and then he signed up with the Reds and now plays with the Phillies. When Hume signed with the Reds he was number 737th but became the pitcher who saved more games than just one other pitcher, Umpire Steve Ripley, who also attended Northeast and was one of Hume's teammates, is now with the Professional Umpires Association. In 1979, Craig Lefferts, a former Northeast pitcher, was drafted out of the University of Arizona. He played with the Cubs and is now with the Padres. There have been two people going on to the pros in tennis and golf. Betsy Nagelson is a pro tennis player and while attending Northeast helped in leading her team to victory. Merle McKinney Bear is a golfer who plays some of the pro tournaments.

In football, Tony Samuels went on to the professional leagues and is the only football player to go the pros from NEHI.

Sharon Duncan and Dana Dutcher were All Americans in swimming. The sport of track brought forth a lot of All Americans including Mike McShane, Charles Henry, David Spivey, John Newell, and Robert Brooks.



Senior Dana Dutcher, an All American swimmer, holds nearly every school record and has been a state finalist for two years in a row.



Craig Lefferts now plays for San Diego.

## Tom Hume

By Michelle Bench

During his high school career at Northeast, Tom Hume participated in football and baseball. Being a sports-oriented person, Hume was not very interested in his studies; he did just enough to get by.

"I was not into books. I was not a brain. I had a lot of smart friends, though, but I also had a lot of dumb ones," says Hume.

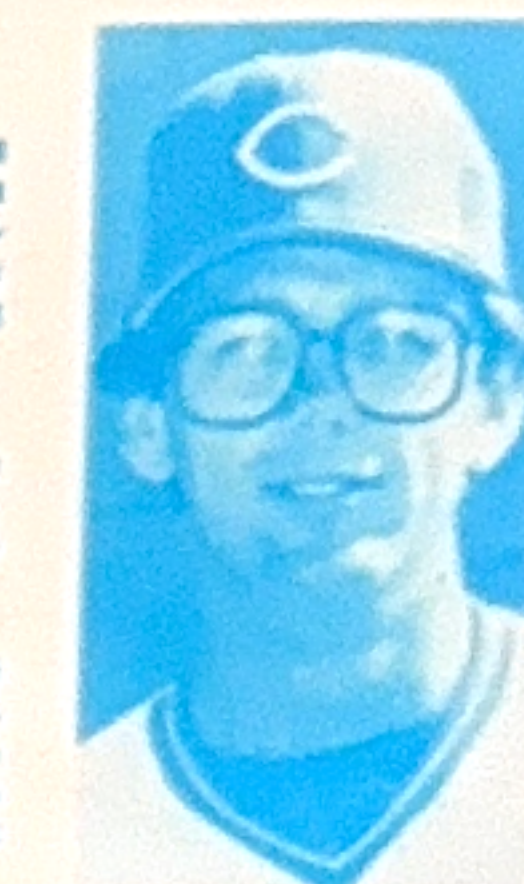
At the early start of Hume's baseball career, he was influenced most by his father. "My father and my coaches motivated me. They gave me faith in myself and made sure I did my absolute best," says Hume.

"High school was not a big thing for me. I basically concentrated on sports," says Hume.

During his high school sports career, Tom Hume was influenced by Coach Larry Rudisill. "Rudisill was one of the people who greatly influenced me during my high school days. He gave me motivation," says Hume.

After graduation, Hume attended Manatee Junior College for a year. He played five and a half years on the minor leagues. In 1977, Hume signed with the Cincinnati Reds. In 1985, he became pitcher for the Phillies.

Hume has been playing baseball since he was seven years old. "I don't actually know how or why I started to play baseball. It just happened!" says Hume.



Pitcher Tom Hume now plays for the Phillies.

"My parents were very supportive of my career. A little too supportive at times, but they gave me the love and affection I needed."

During his spare time, Hume enjoys fishing, golfing, and hunting, and spending time with his wife, Susan, and his children, Bradley, 9, and Nikki, 6.

"My son Bradley wants to play baseball. I'm not so sure that's a good idea. Baseball is my life. I don't know of any other life except for baseball," says Hume.

Tom Hume has been playing with the Phillies since December 11, 1985.

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## Baseball team second in PCC

By Linda Donelan

Northeast's baseball team started their 1986 season with a bang, winning their first ten games, highlighted by the win over the number two state-ranked team Sarasota-Riverview. A following victory over Manatee marked the 100th win for Scott Miller's coaching career. With such impressive victories the Vikings were ranked as high as fifth in the state. However, their winning ways came to end when Dunedin beat NEH 5-1. The following day, as the sun began to set in the west, so did Northeast's chances of winning as Largo beat the Vikes in the bottom of the eighth inning, 4-3.

The Vikings went on to the Dunedin Easter Tournament where they placed fourth, being eliminated by St. Pete and Tampa Catholic. Despite the losses, two Northeast players were elected to the all-tournament team. They were junior third baseman Ray Busch and senior pitcher/catcher Danny Bench.

Said Miller, "Anytime a team jumps off to a great start, several things can happen

to lose some games; complacency had a lot to do with it. We figured we had games won before they started. It got to the point we were waiting for someone else to do the job."

"We all wanted to win in the beginning," explained senior Sean Goodrich. "When we lost, everyone got so down and began to want personal success rather than thinking as a team as a whole."

"We knew we were good and that's what caused us to lose. We didn't take one game at a time. We started to look towards the end of the season and the Pinellas County Conference (PCC) champs," says outfielder Ricky Busch.

According to Miller the losses were caused by lack of producing offensively and making mistakes in the key parts of the game. "Mental mistakes led to physical ones," said Miller.

Commented Bench, "If we can't hit and score runs than we can't win ball games."

The baseball team is confident they can get back on track. Anderson said, "I know we have the talent to win something. All we need is to pull together."

"We're out of the PCC so the end of the season will probably be more like practice. We'll just have to blossom at districts," said Harris.

Miller hoped to have a 20-win season, to do well in districts, and "as always place as many students in college ball as possible."

The team hoped to avoid being "bambled out" and to keep themselves motivated.

"I keep thinking that some day all this hard work will pay off," says Ray Busch.

"It's easy to drop your interest but if you love it and are good then you keep going on," Ricky Gallant said.

Much of the Vikes enthusiasm and optimism came through to the field towards the end of the season. They went on to win seven out of their last nine regular season games.

Northeast, unlike other teams, is very quiet in the dugout. Explained Miller, "We're not a rah-rah team. I wasn't one as a player and that breeds into the team."

Everyone knows what their job is and sometimes the rah-rah stuff can take your

mind away from what you need to concentrate on."

There is strong sense of unity among the players, however it is not as strong as it used to be. "It's like only half the team is there sometimes," commented Ray Busch.

Bench is confident that the unity and "upness" is back. "When we lost we lost some of it but we are back in stride and are ready to win."

Miller commented that there are several key players that have been with the program four years. "They are the core of the team."

Northeast hoped to go onto win a district or possible state title after coming in second in the PCC to Dunedin. According to Miller, the talent was there. However, after beating Dixie Hollins, the Vikes were defeated by Sarasota-Riverview.

"In district play if you don't have three consecutive days of playing well, the season can end in a hurry. We didn't play well on the second day," commented Miller.

## Anderson receives baseball scholarship

By Linda Donelan

Senior Matt Anderson has made quite an impact on Northeast's baseball scene. The 5'9" shortstop lead the team in runs, hits, and doubles with his .372 batting average. He is not only an offensive threat but a defensive one as well. Very few balls get passed this shortstop. In the classroom he's no slouch either, as he has maintained a 3.6 GPA and is a member of the National Honor Society.

This is how Anderson managed to receive two baseball scholarships. One from Manatee Junior College and the other from Georgia Southern University. Anderson is taking his time deciding and plans to visit both campuses before making a definite decision.

Anderson carries himself with quiet confidence which is projected when he talks about his past, present and future.

Anderson explained how he got started. "I was about seven

when I started playing tee-ball with my oldest brother Jeff and my dad. I've had so much fun that I haven't missed a season yet."

"Like every other ball player," he continued, "I want to go pro. Or, at least, have baseball carry me through college."

He smiled and then said, "If I don't go pro, I guess I'll be your average business man playing softball in an old timer's league."

Anderson's reflections back on this season are bitter-sweet. "I

had a pretty good year. I made a few mental errors and my batting average could have been higher. However, I'm not pleased with the team's performance in the conference and districts. We were supposed to be the best and I really wished we had proved it."

Said friend and teammate Ray Busch, "I think he's a real nice guy and a great baseball player."

He has all the ability in the world to go somewhere. Pretty soon my fifth season is coming up with Matt and it will be a pleasure to play with him."



Senior Matt Anderson excelled on the field.

## Track team trots through districts

By J. Wilkinson



Senior Daniel Wolkowski placed third in the shot put and fourth in the discus throw.

Both the boys and girls' track teams traveled to Sarasota on the morning of April 25 for the Class 4A, District 8 meet with high hopes, but finished third and fifth respectively in the seven-school meet.

The main reason for the girls' fifth-place finish was lack of experience. A majority of the team is composed of ninth and tenth graders.

"They finished the meet much better than I expected them to," said head coach Jim Cornilland.

Cornilland's team only recorded one win. The 440 relay won with a time of 43.9 seconds.

In the 100 yard dash, three of the six lanes were occupied by Viking runners, with DeDe Davis finishing third with a time of 13.2 and Shelby Richard coming in fourth.

Stacey Johnson recorded a third in the high jump with a 4'-8" jump, and Erica Moulton

finished third in the mile run in 5:57.

"Overall there are places where we can improve, but I think they all worked real hard throughout the season," commented Cornilland. The boys' team finished third place with 65 points, only three behind Sarasota.

Joel Miller paced the team with one first-place finish with a jump of 6'-2" and a second place in the 100 yard dash with an 11.1 time.

Travis Earls and Dan Wolkowski also placed in two events. Earls ran a 120 hurdles in 15:21 seconds and finished first. He ran 42.9 seconds in the 330 and finished third. Wolkowski placed third in the shot put and came in fourth in the discus throw.

Daniel Warnock finished third in the pole vault and Eric Sharpe, along with Eric Ciacipini, finished fourth in the 440 and two mile run respectively.

## Sports Digest

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"Sponsoring the golf team has been quite an experience for me. It has been a great deal of fun and I guarantee that I will miss it a great deal," said Joan Vernotzy. Northeast faculty member who will be numbering this as her last year as coach of the golf team.

Even though no one has been named as her replacement, the team members stress that this will definitely affect them a great deal, and say that they will miss her.

McDaniel places at nationals

Junior David McDaniel recently placed in four events at a USS national swim meet in Orlando during April 1-6.

McDaniel received a first place award in the mile, as well as the 500 yard freestyle. He also received a second place in the 200 yard freestyle and a fourth place in the 1000 yard freestyle.

In the future, McDaniel will be traveling to Houston, Texas. In Houston, he will be one of the swimmers representing the south in the Olympic Sports Fest. This is a competition in which the North battles the South and the East goes against the West. At the competition, which is held in June, McDaniel will be competing against swimmers from all over the United States.



Senior Carrie Bullington, ranked number two on the tennis team.

By J. Wilkinson

If you ever tried racing a Volkswagen Bug against a sportscar, chances are you know who is going to win.

The sportscar, of course.

That's the way tennis coach Ann Cantlin felt about the outcome of the District VIII tournament that was held in Clearwater on April 16 in Clearwater.

Both of the Boys' doubles and all four of the singles matches were lost, including number one singles player Trey Bond's 6-0,6-0 defeat.

Also losing in Boys' singles were Lyle Vincent, Mike Baker, and John Skey. It was just like running a VW against a

280 Z," commented Cantlin. "The other schools just had better players, that's it."

According to Cantlin, the players "practiced very hard, but were just outplayed," said Cantlin.

On a happier note, the Girls' team found more success than the Boys'. Two players, Jodee Sewell and Tania Sarmiento, advanced past the first round of competition.

Number three ranked Sewell defeated opponents 6-3, 6-0, and 6-1,6-3 in the first and second rounds, respectively.

Sarmiento advanced past the first round, but was defeated in the second round 6-0,6-0.

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# Prom fantasies 1986

By Marla Gregg

On Friday evening, the eleventh of April, 1986, "The Class With Class" held their senior prom at Las Fontanas in Clearwater, Florida. The night air was filled with romance, dreams and celebration as seniors danced their way through the evening.

It was to be a very special night to remember and one that seniors had waited for all of their high school careers. For the prom committee, it was the reward of many hours, days even weeks of hard work. The senior prom committee was made up of ten seniors: Stephanie Tomlinson; chairperson, Beverly Dillard; secretary, Carrie Bullington; program, Brett Gee; photography, Lee Feldman; band, Melissa Washington; menu, Carrie Burgess; tickets, Tammy Herzog; decorations, Leslie Zsabo; favors, and Susan Bragdon; art design. The prom was under the direction of prom sponsors Earl Wilson and A.B. Windham, Jr. Together



Seniors Sean Goodrich, Carrie Bullington, Mark Ackett and Amy Alfien arrive at Los Fontanas in style.

they put the invitations, the program, the music and the location into a picture perfect evening.

Of course the prom committee members

were not the only one spending hours preparing for the prom. Formal dress shops became packed with girls shopping for that special dress and tuxedo rental

stores had the gentleman lined up, waiting to be fitted, making sure they'll have that perfect look.

With a wish and a magic wand, the girls in jeans and the guys in surf shirts were whisked away. After the transitions, there stood in the midst of camera flashes, a stunning prince in a tux and a dazzling princess in the most elaborate gown to catch the eyes and steal the hearts with a single glance.

For "The Class with Class", the most popular way to travel was first class in a chauffeured limousine. When they arrived, they stepped out of the chauffeur held limousine door in style.

They truly danced the night away as they filled their cups up with the sweet wine of life.

The celebration ended as special as it had begun. Soon the bewitching hour drew near and all the sparkles and glitter was gone, as the silhouette of two special loves could be seen in the moonlight, the fairytale was ended with a sweet kiss goodnight.



Mr. A. B. Windham was a faculty sponsor of this year's prom.



Paula Scarpino, Marsh Bilby, Brian Griffitt and Terri Kilburn were all smiles at this year's prom.



Brian Hill "pigs out" on the delicious food served at the prom.

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