

# Nor'easter

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## NEHI student critically injured in motorcycle accident

By Richard Dunstan

On Friday April 12 at 6:45, sophomore John Rice was riding his motorcycle down 70th Avenue, when a woman driving a car turned in front of him, causing him to smash into the left side of the vehicle.

Rice smashed the left side of his face against the car, causing him to receive serious damage to his brain and cuts on his eyes and nose.

Rice was rushed to the Bayfront Medical Center where he has since

remained in a comatose condition for about three weeks. From May 5th through May 7th, Rice appeared to be improving.

Rice is currently in a semi-awake state, and is able to open his eyes to look around and can hear sounds.

His mother said, "It could be a day, week, or even a year before John wakes up completely." He often looks at the cards that his fellow classmates and friends have sent him.

Rice is getting stronger every day, according to Mrs. Rice, and can lift

himself up in bed. But it is soon to tell exactly how much damage has been done until he is fully alert to what is happening.

Mrs. Rice says she is really pleased with what the school is doing to help John. Rice is not permitted to see people, other than his family and best friend, sophomore Jason Unger. The school put John on the homebound list, which means that he must complete the required work before continuing in school, but it is going to be a while before that happens, according to Mrs. Rice.

## Local movie shoot gives NEHI students chance at the big screen

By Fred McCoy III

The movie *Summer Rental*, from Paramount Pictures, starring John Candy as an air controller on vacation in Florida, will open in August to the anticipation of many Northeast High School students who were hired as extras for the filming.

The movie is being produced by Carl Reiner (*The Jerk*, *Dead Men Don't Wear Plaid*, *All of Me*) and is starring John Candy. (*Stripes*, *Splash* and *National Lampoon's Vacation*) were filmed at the Pier and Tierra Verda.

Many Northeast students were used, including seniors Mike Noble, Frank McCarthy, Per Lovfald, Mary Turner and Dale Carbaugh.

In the movie a 30-foot sailboat was used by the students called the "Kowabunga" in a race against John Candy and his family. Long work days, from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. were put in daily during the three week filming. Half-hour lunch breaks were taken in which the actors, crew and extras were fed such items as broiled grouper, artichokes and scalloped potatoes.

Northeast's Michael Koch's

father prepared a meal for Candy and Reiner at his restaurant, *The Shanty*, on the beach this was beneficial to Koch who got to be in the movie walking by the stars at Harborside Marina.

"I was suprised," said Koch. "The stars pulled up in a station wagon with a stunt driver, not a limousine and a real driver."

Senior Mile Noble will be seen driving his 1985 Datsun 300ZX in the movie in front of Candy's car driving into the Harborside Marine.

Art teacher, Mr. Sam Wharton's daughter April plays the double of Joey Lawrence, one of Candy's kids. She auditioned at the Hilton hotel and was chosen to double in the scenes in which no speaking or close ups were involved. Wharton worked with Lawrence to be able to act like him, a 10 year old child.

The experience working for the movie was a great experience as many of NEHI's extras said they felt. Another great feeling was the receiving of checks in the mail and the anxiety of seeing themselves on the silverscreen, according to most of the students.

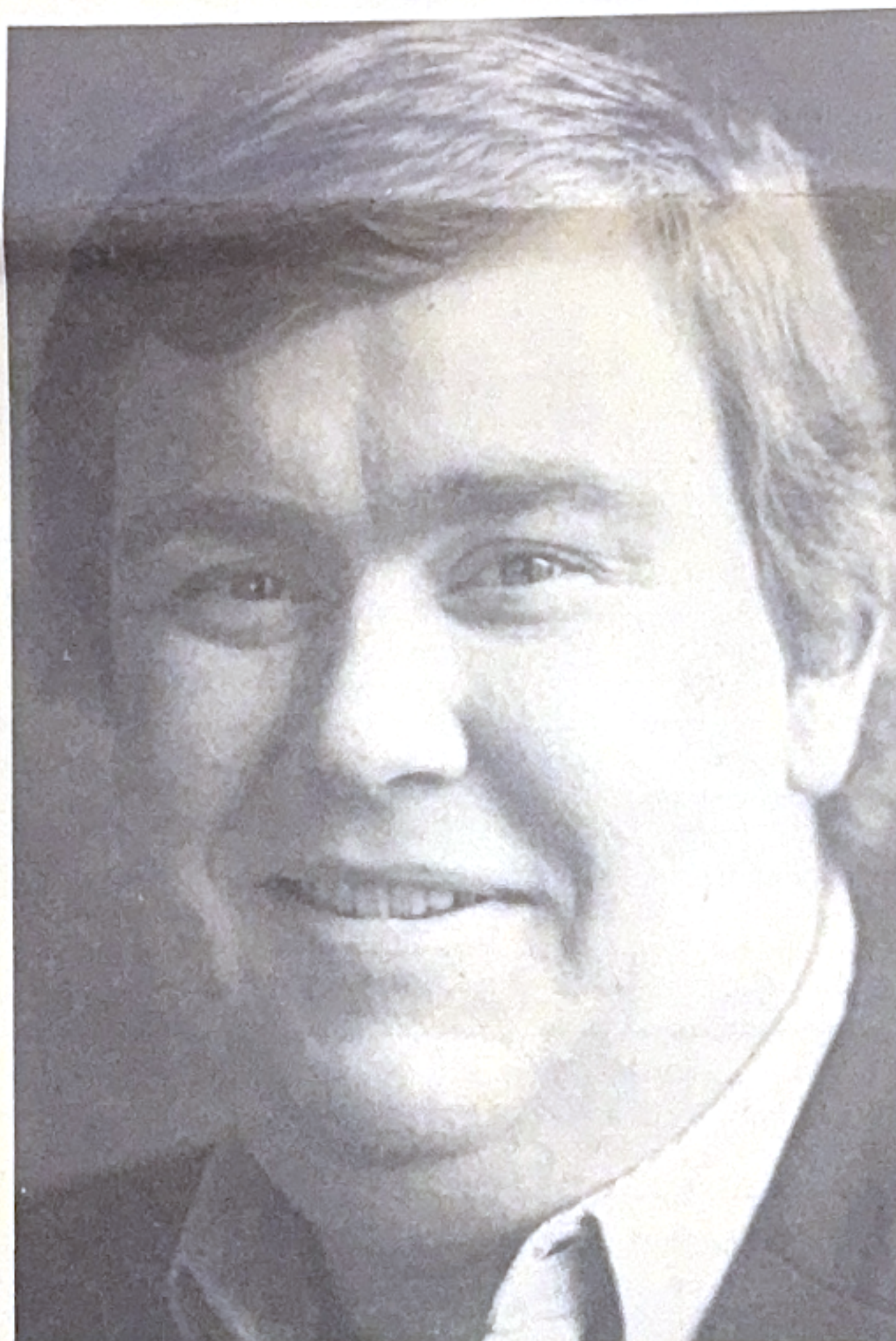


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John Candy will star in the soon-to-be-released film *Summer Rentals* being shot on location in St. Petersburg.

### News Digest

#### NEHI junior England bound for cultural exchange

Amy Lynn Taylor, a junior at Northeast will participate in St. Petersburg's Sister Cities Cultural Exchange Program in the Fareham, England this summer.

Taylor was one of seven high school juniors to apply for the Fareham Trip. Participants were chosen on the basis of their academic ability and school and community involvement. Participants will receive an expense paid round-trip air-fare from several local sponsors.

Upon her return from sister cities, Taylor will share her experiences with the International Relations Committee and other interested organizations.

The Sister's Cultural Exchange Program is sponsored by the City Council International Relations Committee.

#### Club elections held

As the end of the school year is nearing, elections have gone underway for Student Government, Rojans and Interact.

On May 2, Student Government officers were elected: Student Govt. President Kari Lovfald, Vice-Pres. Leslie Ulman, Recording Secretary Jason Scoggins. Steve Diaco and Tammy Payne were elected senior class president and vice-pres; Janice Stevens and Grace Victor were elected junior class president and vice-pres; Charity Tucker and Fran Allen were elected sophomore class president and vice-pres.

Heather Barrett and Carrie Bullington were voted Pres. and Vice-pres. of the all girls service club, Rojans.

Todd Murrian and Mike Adamo were voted Pres. and Vice-pres. of the all boys service club, Interact.

## Purple hair makes green principal red

By Kim Stuart

Last month, St. Petersburg High school freshman Gina Pola came to school with her hair dyed purple. Mr. William Grey, St. Petersburg High School principal and former Northeast assistant principal, deemed Pola's hair a "distraction" and suspended her for an indefinite period of time. The condition for her return was that she re-dye her hair to a "normal" color.

Newspapers and other media were quick to pick up on the story. Pola was interviewed by almost all of the area papers and was questioned on the radio by Q105's Q-Zoo in the Morning show.

Pola was alarmed at missing so much school, so she attempted to re-dye her hair black. The result was a mixture of black, purple, pink and violet. Pola was, however, allowed to return to classes.

Grey's decision was overruled by his superiors. He was forced to excuse all of Pola's absences, and also announce on the intercom that Pola had never been formally suspended.

"I don't see what all the fuss was", muses Pola, my hair had been (candy apple) red for weeks before it was purple and no one ever said anything about it."

Northeast's principal, Mr. J. Tom Zachary agrees with Grey. "I don't disagree with Grey at

all. It is unfortunate that he didn't get support from his superiors."

Zachary also said that if in Grey's situation he would have done the same thing. Zachary declared that if any student showed up at Northeast with purple hair, he would sit them in a prominent spot and invite the entire student body to take a look at the spectacle.

Zachary concluded by declaring that "anyone who had

pride in themselves is not going to be punky."

Recently, Northeast student Shawna Carmello was suspended for one day by Zachary. Her half shaven head was causing a "distraction" in classes. The condition for her return was that she allow her hair to grow back without shaving it again.

Carmella has returned to school and will agree with the conditions set up by Zachary.



# How things have changed

a former editor's opinion

Editor:

In the four years that I spent at Northeast High, I was subjected to more and more rules and restrictions that I thought were stupid at the time, and now that I'm graduated, find even more stupid and, in some cases, detrimental to the student.

Campus was totally closed when I was a sophomore. This took away a major portion of the students' freedom, but more importantly, it took away a great chunk of our responsibility.

The school board's reason for closing campuses was clear: students were abusing the privilege (i.e., cutting classes, misbehaving while off campus, etc.). The reasonable thing to do would have been to come down on the rule-breakers, thus showing them by example what happens when responsibility is abused. The most convenient alternative was for the administrators to close campus completely. Yet another facet of student responsibility was lost.

Another restriction placed on students was the absence policy. When I came in, five unexcused was the magic number. It was then reduced to three. Why three? Why not two? Why not twenty? If a student misses ten days' worth of notes and then does well on the test, then the test was too easy. Classes should be made tough enough to make attendance necessary.

While open campus and class attendance are serious issues with valid points to be made on both sides of the argument, there were many rules that were so pointless, they appeared to be petty acts of administrative muscle-flexing.

Take the tardy policy for example. What does it matter if a student walks into class late? The serious student will want to get to class early, get good seats, and get the entire lecture's worth of notes. The non-serious students will come in late, miss notes, and therefore do poorly on the test. It is that simple. Why waste a teacher's time by forcing him to enforce silly rules? That time would be better spent teaching the students who want to learn.

The list of pointless rules goes on...

Why is the dress code so restrictive? Do students learn better with their legs covered? Do bare legs and arms have a

detrimental effect on learning? I have passed several tests while wearing shorts and a cut-off shirt.

What about the rules concerning gum chewing, going to your car between classes, and the rest? Enforcing this is merely a waste of administrators' time.

Since I graduated in 1983, there have been more rules enacted that I feel serve

no beneficial purpose.

The worst of these is the mandatory seven class periods a day rule. Why do seniors have to graduate with more hours than are required? Who benefits? The student who ends up taking "blow off" classes to meet the requirement? I doubt it sincerely. What is wrong with a student taking

only three or four classes a day? Is it a sin for a student to leave school early or to come late?

The other new rule I find distressing is the restriction of candy sales. One of the few aspects of high school that I found to be truly educational (in a non-academic sense) were the clubs and extra-curricular activities. They show the student the value of taking on responsibility. And now, their ability to teach responsibility is limited because their income is limited.

Why was this done? Apparently, because students were spending too much money on candy and soda instead. Is the administration saying that high school students aren't old enough to decide how their money is spent?

The point of all this crying and whining about things that no longer concern me is that by taking away all of these responsibilities, the administration has made it harder for students to adapt to college life and the real world.

Since I've attended the University of Florida, I've seen many students from Pinellas County schools fail out because they were suddenly presented with all these freedoms and couldn't handle them.

The University doesn't care how often you go to class, what you wear, or how many hours a day you spend in class.

The University does care about tests. If you get an 'A' it's because you went to class and studied. If you get an 'F'—well, too bad. So stories won't help either.

It's time that high schools concerned themselves with teaching students the necessary skills for surviving higher education and the real world along with academics.

Give the student responsibility, and if they abuse it to the point that it affects their learning, then it should be reflected in their grades, as is done later on with college grades and wages.

The high school function is to teach, not to babysit.

Sincerely,  
BOB CARR

Editor's Note: Bob Carr is a former editor of the *Nor'easter*.

## Purple Haze

The school system is always doing all kinds of neat stuff for the good of us students. Yup, neat stuff like taking away study halls, banning off campus lunches, putting timers on our coke machines, prohibiting our candy sales, and coding our clothes into "acceptable" and "unacceptable" categories. Simply, this system has continuously and relentlessly violated what we consider our rights as students. And finally, one individual has taken it upon himself to attempt to rob us

of one of the last free choices we as students have, our hair color.

In April, William Grey, principal of St. Petersburg High School, suspended student Gina Pola because he did not like the color of her hair.

True, Gina's hair was a shocking purple color, but can you name the number of students whose hair has been streaked and shaded blonde, brown, black, burgundy and countless other colors, yet have been allowed to stay in school?

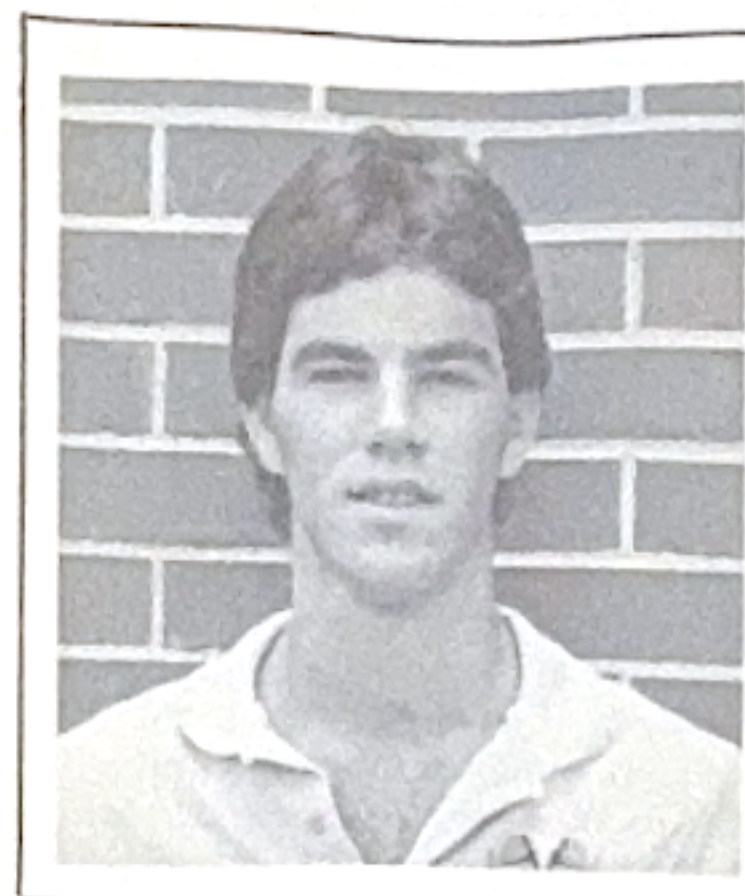
Grey said that Gina's hair was causing a distraction. The condition for her return was that she re-dye her hair a "normal" color. What exactly is a "normal" color? What is a "normal" blonde and what is a "normal" brown? Perhaps if one hundred people came to school with purple hair, it would be deemed "normal".

They give us these rules and tell us that we act like children. Then one of those oh-so-mature adults can go out and rant and rave about hair colors. It never ceases to amaze me! I should have stuck with Mr.

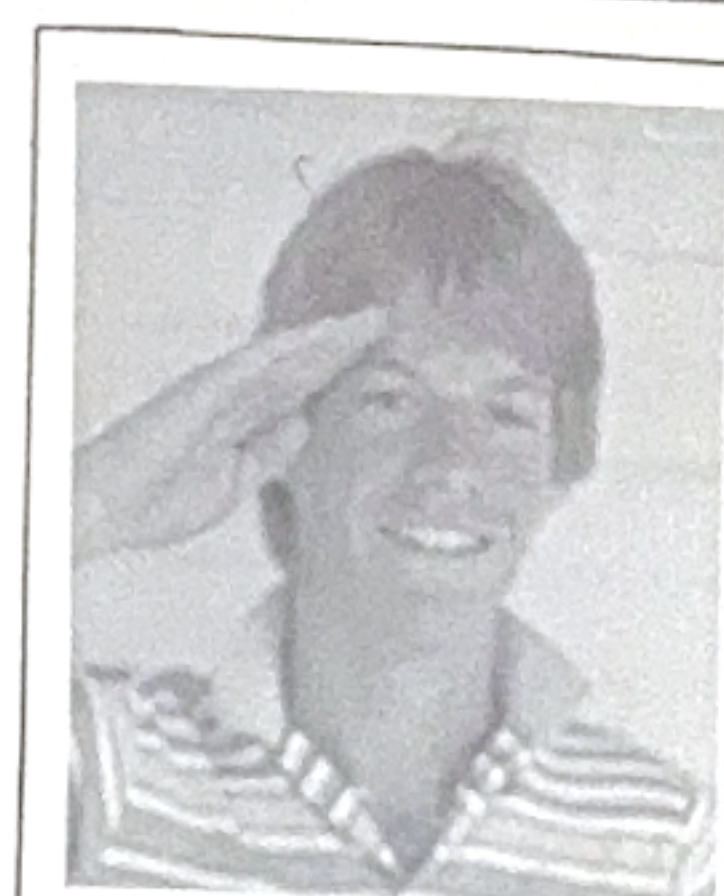
Rogers! At least we understand each other.

Our parents raise us to go out in the world individual, independent, and making our own decisions, including our hair color, clothes, the food we eat, and where we eat it. That starts now, not after college.

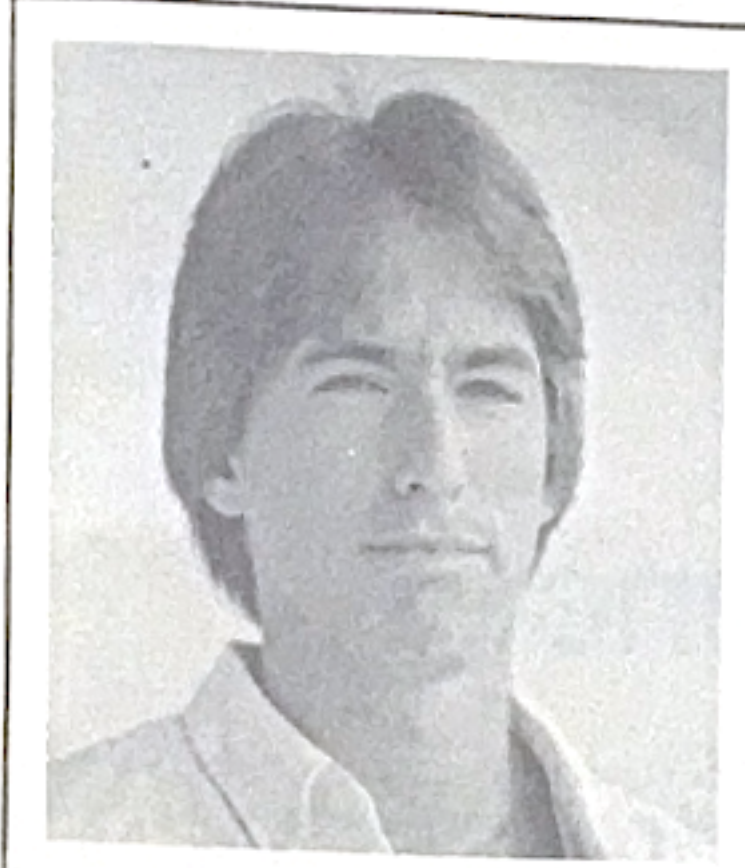
Isn't high school supposed to prepare us for making our own decisions in life? If students don't start standing up for their rights, they are going to have very few rights to stand up for.



Reuben Clarson, grade 12: "My most 'memorable' experience was dealing with an incompetent school and county administration. Through the year, my friends and I have gone through: math errors in calculating credits, the refusal to incorporate advanced JC classes into our GPA, and the taking away of our honors credits. But besides that, it's been great."



John Laner (alias "CAPTAIN NEMO"), grade 12: "Coming home from the island one night with seven people in my boat, and the boat sank and everybody had to swim ashore. Consequently, everything turned out all right and no one got hurt. It was a wild experience that I will never forget."



Tim Kane, grade 11: "I got stitches for the first time and pitched my first Northeast High School baseball game during the Dunedin Easter Tournament."



John Etheridge, grade 10: "Getting a mohawk."



Pam Allen, grade 12: "Grad Nite was my most memorable experience. It was great, my friends, the groups, Goofy, and making faces out of chewed gum on the bus window really made the night!"



Amie Hurst, grade 9: "My most memorable moment was the prom; all the excitement and everything. The best part, though, you can't describe in this publication. It had to be the parties afterwards."



Nicole Vincent, grade 11: "My first semester, third period American History class. With that wacky and wonderful teacher who loved to enhance each day of the week: Marvelous Monday, Terrific Tuesday, Wild Wednesday, etc. Who is the unknown adjective fiend, that hates Wham! and is a pro-teen Madonna fan? Yepper, you guessed it, Mr. Brown! The loudest teacher I ever had!"



Dana Dutcher, grade 11: "Finding out that building 17 wasn't going to be opened up for us to use. This has hurt the togetherness of the students. Also, the delays in the finishing of this project have been outrageous. We can't function normally without lockers."



Marc Imhof, grade 10: "Can you believe it, I actually made Honor Roll. I made 58 copies and sent them to all of my relatives. One week later, I received phone calls and letters from my relatives asking to see the originals."



Lisa Collins, grade 9: "Eating worms in Mrs. Adams class to make an A. I got thirty extra credit points for eating the delicious worm pizza, and then we had worm cake for dessert. Yum!"



Ms. Patti Donnelly: "My most outrageous memory is of judging the boys' cheerleading contest at Viking Valhalla. I've never seen anything so hysterically funny in my life! The tears ran down my cheeks and my stomach ached from laughing so hard!"



Kurt Stein, grade 12: "This is my first year at Northeast and I want to thank everyone for being so outgoing and friendly to me. I was not looking forward to moving in my senior year, but all the people whom I have met, and who have been so really nice, made me feel welcome. I am glad I moved, because if I hadn't, I would have missed out on a lot of fun times and many really good friendships."

## Viking Views

By Lana Chiarello

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Question: What was your most memorable experience of this past school year?

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## Stephanie Tomlinson: a junior leader

By Lana Chiarello

Concern is one of the essential qualities necessary in the making of a superior leader. Stephanie Tomlinson has that quality accompanied by strength and dedication. She is very talented at what she does, and that is presiding over the junior class.

Tomlinson is working toward a goal. That goal is pulling off a successful senior year, especially the prom. Although she and the rest of her classmates are presently juniors, Tomlinson is not one to let grass grow under her feet. Being hindered by the new law that restricts the selling of candy while in competition with the cafeteria, Tomlinson is making plans to discuss with her class better ideas to make money.

"I am totally against the new law. Selling candy in school is essentially the only way to make money for the classes and clubs. It is going to be very hard for us to make money now."

The new law has certainly created a lot of turmoil, not just for this school, but for others as well. Most every class and club at Northeast, including the entire athletic department, relied on the selling of candy, doughnuts or other food products to raise funds. Now that this new law has gone

into effect, it has put a damper on a lot of student body activities.

Tomlinson feels that the sooner the wheels start turning in regard to next year's prom, the better. She is planning on running for senior class president for the class of '86.

"Now that this law is under way, we are going to have to start getting creative with fund raiser ideas."

"This law is stupid. Selling candy really never was in competition with the cafeteria. It is unfair for some school board to get together and say—hey—no more candy."

This shows only one involvement Tomlinson has in her class. Throughout her history at Northeast, Tomlinson has been a senator in her freshman year, and vice-president in her sophomore year. She has also been in the Rojan service club for three years, and the Special Edition singing choir for two.

Tomlinson has maintained a "B" average in her studies. Each school day she faces a schedule of psychology 2, physiology and anatomy, business law, advanced placement American History, trigonometry and algebra 3, advanced composition, and a Special Edition singing class.



Photo by Erwin Hoffman

Stephanie Tomlinson hopes to make an impact here at Northeast.

Tomlinson's schedule very much relates to her present and future interests. Tomlinson is taking a serious future interest in being a psychologist.

"I like to help people. I want to work in a state hospital and help mental patients. Like chronic schizophrenics (schizophrenia is a mental disorder marked by loss of contact with reality)."

She also very much likes to sing. With her involvement with the Special Edition, it gives her a chance to go to nursing homes and express her singing talents.

Tomlinson is also a very social person. With all of the hard work she endures during the weekdays, she likes to relax on the weekends.

"I like to go out with my present boyfriend, Trey Dukes, and cruise around with my friends. It is fun to hang around and go to different parties."

Although Tomlinson is a very social person, she has another side to her, she likes to be independent, that is, when she gets a chance.

Tomlinson plans to attend Florida Atlantic University and wishes to major in psychology.

Tomlinson was born in Torrence, California. She has one brother, a cat and a dog. She has lived in St. Petersburg for six years and attended Riviera Middle School.

## Summer jobs mean money and experience

By DeeDee Hicks and Ed Lisowski



This summer many students will look for jobs. The jobs these students find will provide the extra spending money that is needed or will go towards paying off bills. Roughly around two-thirds of these students will end up with summer jobs.

The chance of finding a summer job this year has increased due to several factors. "Many employers are making pledges to hire more than they did last year," stated *Newsweek* magazine. Secondly, the nation's teenage population has declined. There will be 330,000 fewer young people between the ages of 16 and 19. This is due to the decrease of births in the 60's. The improvement of the economy is another encouraging factor.

In many parts of the country, the unemployment rates are down and the

amount of unfilled jobs are up. There are several types of jobs in need of workers. These jobs are related to clerical services, food services, light industrial and construction.

When looking for jobs, minority students have a less chance of getting hired. Many states and counties help provide jobs for economically disadvantaged youths, but cuts in federal spending affect the number of available positions. Still these services will provide a great deal of help.

The Youth Employment for the Summer (YES!) is a service that will provide jobs for any person from 16 through 21 years old. Applicants will be considered for private business jobs. Another service provided by YES! is for those between 14 and 21 years old whose family meets low income guidelines. These, too, are considered for private business jobs. Anyone who is interested should see Mr. George Ozimak in the Guidance Office.

"Of those entering the job field and receiving jobs, about 40 percent know somebody affiliated with the company," said Jim Atkins, of the Employment Council. "There are many negatives that go along with searching for a job. Transportation, school activities and family commitments may all work against you."

Job placement services are located all over the city. These businesses deal with finding the proper job for the qualifications that you may have. Other places that you may want to check for jobs are in the yellow pages or the classified ads.

Some tips that may help a person run a job are:

- Start early.
- Decide on where you would prefer to work.
- Be flexible for positions.
- Check with friends, family or school counselors.
- Be prepared to answer questions.
- Dress neatly and be punctual for interviews.
- Follow up applications and interviews.

## Mr. Brown is fired up about NEHI

By Lana Chiarello

Mr. Harry Brown plays a double role here at Northeast and puts in an abundance of hard work while handling many important responsibilities.

His first responsibility is his teaching career. He teaches psychology to eleventh and twelfth graders, and American History to eleventh graders. He seems to put a lot into his teaching career.

According to junior Steve Diaco, "Mr. Brown's methods of teaching are unique but outstanding. He can really relate to the students."

Besides teaching at Northeast, Brown is also the Student Government advisor. He started with Student Government during his high school days at Dixie Hollins where he was treasurer. From there he went on to college and became the dorm and activities director. His job today is similar, except it is at a high school.

"Actually, there is no difference between directing activities at a high school rather than a college except for the fact that the kids are younger and I don't live with them."

According to Brown, the reason he enjoys being involved with the students so much is because he is determined to get his point across to them.

"I want to help make school more enjoyable. If the students will just realize that school can be a lot of fun, rather than a drag, they will do better and feel better about school," said Brown.

Brown's teaching and directing go hand in hand. His main job is to advise. He loads the responsibilities on the students, which gives them experience and a chance to prove themselves. He teaches them organization and lets them run things themselves.

At Student Government meetings, Brown sits in the back and observes. He listens to ideas that are thrown up and watches how the students react. His main purpose is to encourage. He has a loud, strong, enthusiastic voice and uses it well to encourage school spirit and to get the students fired up and make them want to be involved, while having fun.

Brown works closely with Student Government president, Nancy Roslow. They work hard together to invoke students and to think of new ideas.



Photo by Patrick Curran

Mr. Harry Brown has a dual role here at Northeast.

"Mr. Brown is really great. He is very interested in making things better and more fun for the students," said Roslow.

"This year has been pretty successful in Student Government. I have seen lots of involvement in it and the students have been very active," said Brown.

Brown was born in New York City and was raised in St. Petersburg. He attended Dixie Hollins High School where he was the captain of the swim team. He served as a treasurer of student government and was a member of the National Honor Society. He was also in the club Civitans which is a combined version of the Rojan and Interact clubs.

Brown received an Academic Scholarship to the University of New York.

During his years in college, he earned a degree in psychology and American History. He was on the swim team, president of the Newman Club (catholic fellowship) and was an R.A. (Resident Assistant or counselor.)

He also did field work in drug and alcohol rehabilitation and suicide and crisis intervention in which he travelled to Australia, San Diego and California for six months. He served his internship in New York. He came to Northeast to replace a retiree in January of 1984 and taught ninth grade geography and American History.

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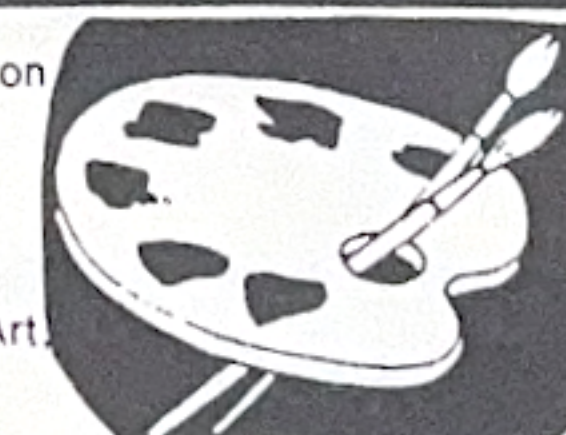
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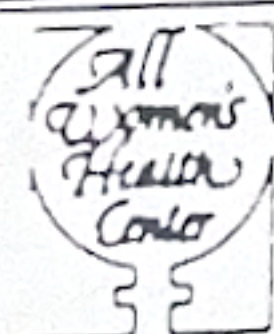
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# Sports fashion: what to wear this summer

By Kim Stuart



NEHI students show what to wear for summer.

It's time to throw out the sweaters. Summer is finally here, and along with the heat comes some pretty hot fashions. There is something for everyone with this year's summer wear so no one has an excuse not to deck themselves out for sun and fun.

One of the hottest new items in women's bathing suits is the new Playmate swimwear. These skimpy suits have the tell-tale playboy bunny, and an added attraction. The bunny is mesh and the sun comes through and makes a 'bunny-mark' on what would otherwise be an unexposed area of the body. This is also the year for any bathing suit that is french cut, bikini or mallot style.

Guy's swimwear goes a little more conservative than in previous years. On the comeback are bermudas and below-knee-length style. Yes, this is the year when even Grandpa will be in style. If guys don't go for these styles, don't worry. O.P. and Sundecks are always "in."

Crop tops are not as popular as they were last year, but are still sporty. The hottest things in shorts and shirts are matched coordinates in bright colors and, believe it or not, Hawaiian prints are coming back. Another item that's coming back is walking shorts—longer than normal shorts but shorter than bermudas.

As for footwear, the talk is sandals.

Anything flat and strappy is acceptable. This goes for guys, too, although the majority seems to prefer going barefoot or in sneakers that have seen better days.

Let's not neglect to mention the most important summer fashion accessory...the shades. When it comes to sunglasses, anything goes. Northeast students seem to prefer shades to run toward Ray-Ban Wayfarers, Bucci's, Carreras and the Shalimar special of the Week. Their prices can run from a few dollars into the hundreds so that anyone on any budget can afford them.

Of course, all of the fashions are useless without a tan. There's something that never changes style.

## Cheerleaders learn a three-way "split"

By Lana Chiariello

Fourteen girls were chosen for the football cheerleading squad. There will be eight a piece on the two basketball cheerleading squads. This will make a total of thirty cheerleaders instead of twenty.

Ten out of the fourteen cheerleaders picked were former cheerleaders, and four girls are new. These cheerleaders are juniors Amy Alfien, Lasonia Johnson, Dee Pollard (co-captain), Paula Scarpino, and Missy Sellas (captain); sophomores Amy Alexander, Lisa Ammons, Jill Anthony, and Linda Sharer; and freshmen Heather Bolton, De De Driver, Suzanne Griffiths, Elizabeth Moore and Lynn Siciliano.

The tryouts for the basketball squads will be held in October. Freshmen through juniors may tryout. A senior privilege allows only seniors to cheer on both squads. Mrs. Pam Dimmagio, the former J.V. sponsor will sponsor the basketball

squads.

"I am all for this change. By the end of the basketball season this year, a lot of the cheerleaders were burned out and bored.

Now that there are three squads, the cheerleaders will be fresh and pepped up and spirit will be spread more effectively," Dimmagio said.



The 1985 Football cheerleading squad.

Photo by Pat Curran

Each cheerleader will cheer for three months instead of nine months. They will cheer a total of twenty games each. With this new change, cheerleaders will have more freedom to get involved in extra-curricular activities.

Along with these changes come stricter rules. Instead of a maximum of twenty demerits, the number will be cut down to twelve. Demerits may be given for actions as minute as chewing gum(5), eating food(3), or wearing jewelry(3) at practice. With two unexcused absences, a suspension or intolerable conduct, a cheerleader may be dismissed.

Cheerleaders must be prompt, wear a complete uniform, and stand in correct formation at every game. They must attend three practices a week and cheer at two games a week. Each girl must also uphold a 2.0 GPA.

"We really have to be strict. Otherwise, the girls would go home and watch soap operas," said Chestnutt.

# Amy Adcock places in triathlon

By Maria Gregg



Photo by Erwin Hoffman

Amy Adcock trains for the triathlon.

On April 28 at 8 a.m., 945 Tampa Bay Triathlon competitors took their mark and plunged into the waters of Tampa Bay. Only 762 finished. The youngest was Northeast sophomore Amy Adcock, who was fourth in the 15-19 age group and 713th over-all.

Adcock, 15, said that her training for the Triathlon began in January, starting with a few hours a each day.

"I like riding so I really don't think that the training was hard," she said. "I put a lot of effort into it that paid off, and I enjoyed it!"

The course consisted of a one mile swim, a twenty-five mile bike ride, and a 6.2-mile run.

"The water was 'junky' with the swim going halfway around the pier out in Tampa Bay," she said. But the ride and track courses were basically, flat starting at Snell Isle and then going as far south as you can through Pinellas Point, then back to Pinellas Park.

Adcock said that the riding was her favorite part.

"Riding is my sport," she said. "I enjoy biking. It was the easiest part of the competition for me unlike the swimming and the running which are harder, because I enjoy them less."

There was more to the Triathlon than just competing, Adcock said.

"It gave me a chance to meet a lot of the pro's, like Duley Moss, Colleen Cannon, and Julie Olson, who took first place in the woman's division," Adcock said. "I also got to meet a lot of competitors from both around the state and out of state. Meeting people is something I enjoy, so it was a lot of fun."

"Everyone who competed got a T-shirt and a swim cap," Adcock added.

"I also got a plaque for finishing fourth in my age division," she said.

Adcock said that she plans to continue in triathlon competitions throughout the summer and into next year. She hopes one day to compete in The Iron Man Triathlon World Championship held in Hawaii each year.

"Finishing the triathlon was an inspiration to go on to bigger and better things," Adcock said.

"I was relieved when I crossed the finish line that it was all over. It was a tremendous feeling that I could actually accomplish all that. I felt good about myself and I knew that I could really do more."

Adcock added that a lot of time and effort went into the competition.

"All the time, money, and effort I put in really paid off for me," she said. "I could really say that I had finished."

## Summer sports mean fun in the sun

By Sharon Bench

Summer is here, and while many people are out enjoying themselves by bathing in the sun, others are getting actively involved in the sports summer has to offer.

While walking down the beach, one can see many different people in groups of two hitting a rubber ball back and forth with wooden paddles. This craze is paddle ball, sometimes called Kadima or Wack-it.

Although there is no object in this sport except to keep the ball going as long as possible, many people find it an enjoyable sport.

Another summer craze is surfing. Many people love the feel of it. Although the Gulf is not as suited for surfing as the beaches on the east coast, dedicated surfers can still be found in St. Petersburg trying to ride the waves.

A more adventurous sport is scuba diving, which has been popular since 1954. Although it is fun and exciting, there are many dangers in the sport, such as running out of oxygen or having a run-in with a shark.

Waterskiing is another popular water sport. Waterskiers can be seen at the beach and even at lakes.

Sailing is also becoming more popular as the weather gets hotter. Sailing (like scuba diving) presents some dangers such as capsizing the boat or going out too far and getting lost. Some Coast Guard safety tips are staying with the capsized boat and always carrying flares.

Skimboarding is another fun summer sport. Small pieces of wood (much like a surfboard) are thrown along the shoreline and the surfer runs and jumps on it, "skimming" the edge of the water with the board. Unfortunately, skimboarding can result in many cuts and scrapes to the unpracticed rider from the shells in the sand.

## Sports Digest

Girl's soccer team only NEHI district champ

The first week of February was an exciting and successful one for the girls' soccer team. The team beat Dixie Hollins, Venice High, and Boca Ciega to win the District 8 Championship, making them the only Northeast team to win a district championship this year.

"We are very proud of the team this year. This is the best season that we've had since girls' soccer started four years ago," stated coach Ed Elosoway.

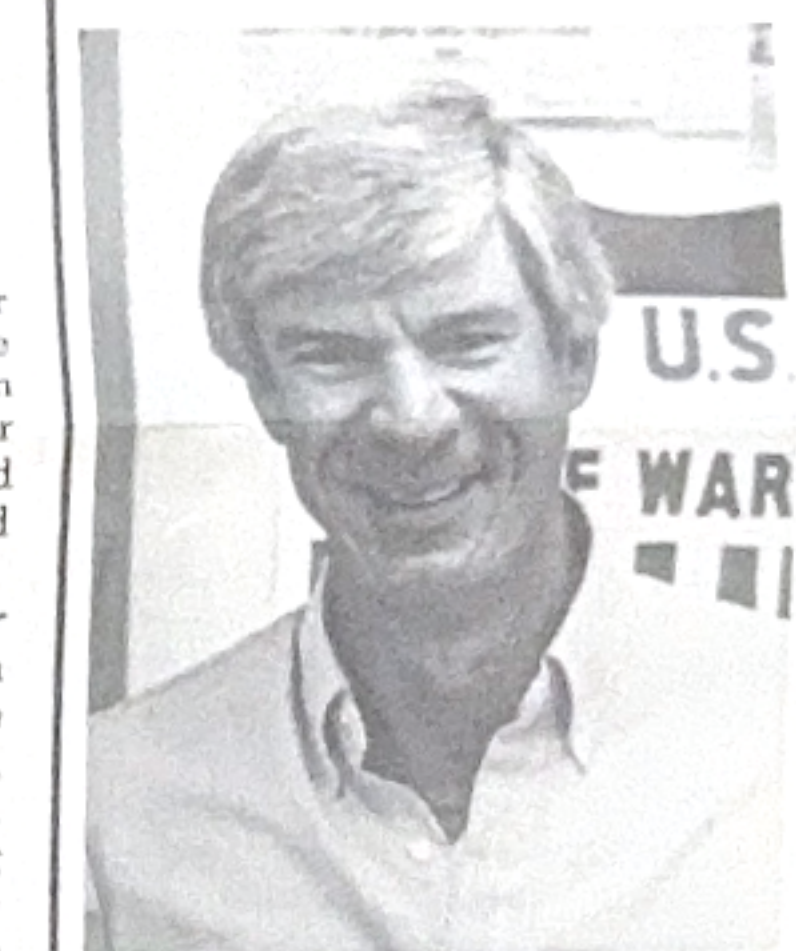
The team ended their season with seven wins, nine losses, and two ties. Lori Bushart was the captain of this year's team. Kelly Caneel (goalkeeper) and Amy Taylor (mid-fielder) were the co-mvp's for the season.

Full-back Leslie Szabo was voted the most improved player. Freshman winger Cassie Pritchard was the top goal scorer, with seven for the season.

The team will lose four players to graduation: Erica Hanson, Candy Means, Wendy Molloy, and Julie Grolow.

Other players that might be noted are Karen Boyd, Kim Burgess, and Anne Pekrul.

"With a lot of work, and a lot of luck, we will make Districts again next year. We are all very hopeful," coach Elosoway said.



Coach Edward Elosoway

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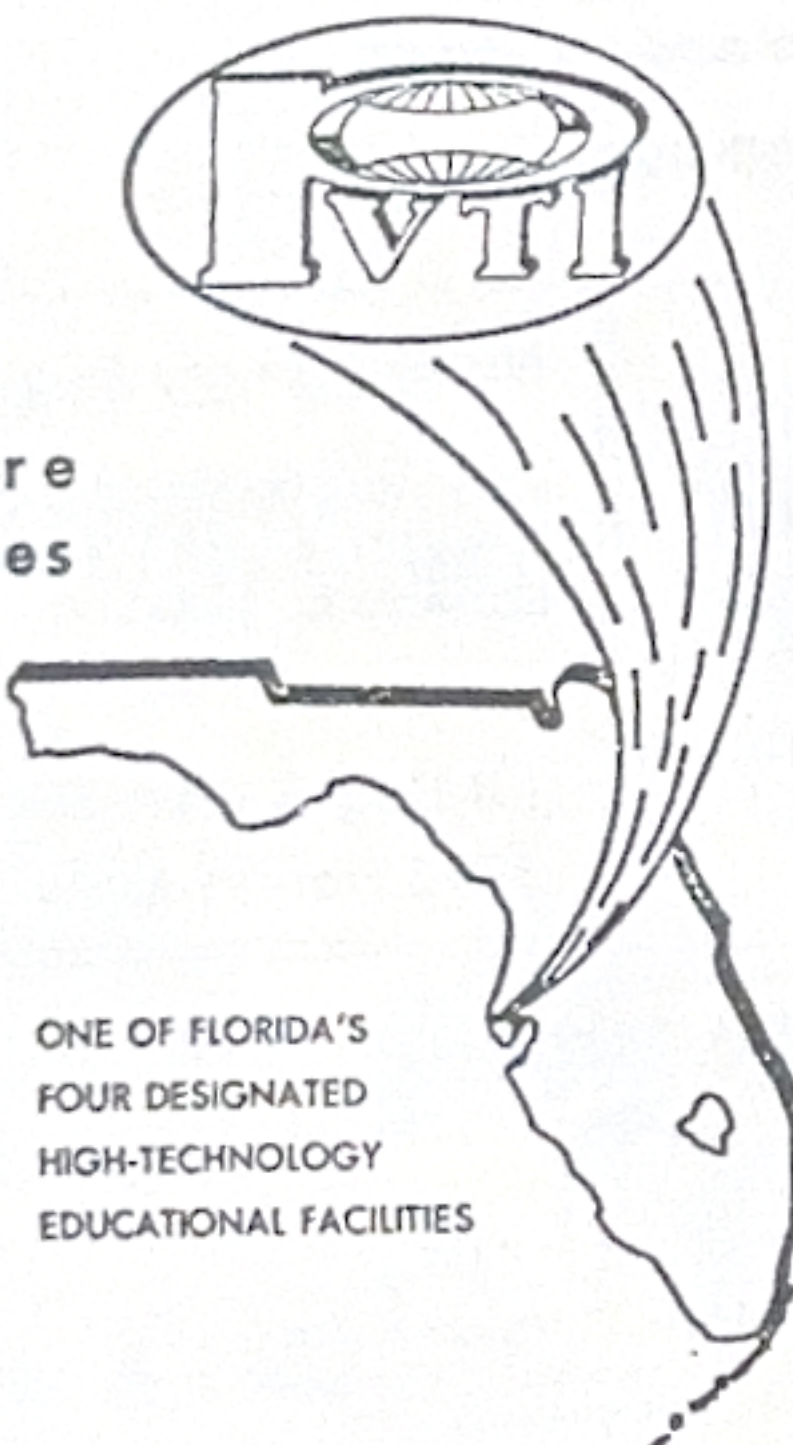
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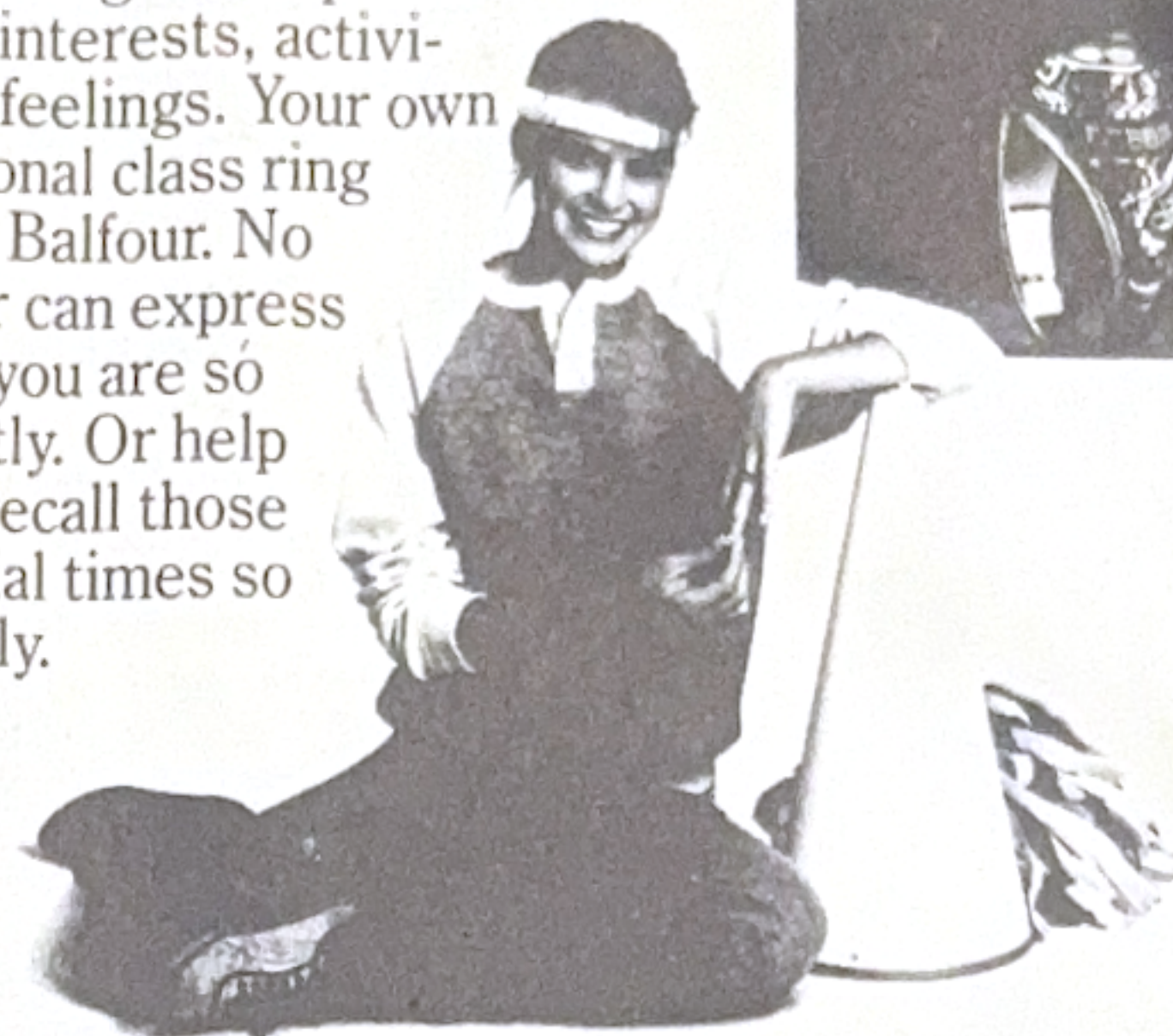
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