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Cheerleaders excel

By Lana Chiariello and Julie Costanzo
Editor-in-Chief and Sports Editor

Northeast's varsity cheerleaders won the district competition in Orlando on October 24. They won a place in the national competition in Dallas, Texas over the Christmas holidays.

With a brand new routine, the Vikes squad consisting of Heateher Bolton (captain), Elizabeth Moore and DeDe Driver (co-captains), Suzi Griffiths, Arlene Siciliano, Diane Aspinall, and juniors Heather Khouri, Kim Bloomquist, De De Harder and Marla Hicks, performed flawlessly.

Many supporters came to cheer on the cheerleaders, among them were Richard Misenti, Diane Duke, Jill Dileanis and Susan Sas, who are all members of the faculty.

Said Suzi Griffiths, "They (the supporters) made such a difference. We could feel them."

The competition was divided into four groups: junior high, junior varsity, all-stars and varsity.

Since the Vikes won the competition, this qualified them to compete in the na-



The Varsity cheerleaders placed first at the competition at Valencia Junior College.

tional cheerleading competition sponsored by the National Cheerleading Association. Unfortunately, there is a school board policy which states that only one squad from Pinellas County can attend the competition and Dunedin had already qualified to attend.

"It is my understanding that the cheerleaders were told that if they won the competition, they could not go to Dallas," said principal Tom Zachary.

Captain of cheerleading Heather

Bolton said, "We were not told this and it doesn't matter, anyway. We're not going to the Competition as Northeast High School."

The cheerleaders have found a group to support them to go Dallas, "now the only decision we have to make is whether or not we want to go," said Bolton.

"I don't care whether they go or not, if they choose to go, that is up to them. All I know is that they will not use Northeast's name or uniform."

'Lovely War' fall production

"Oh What A Lovely War," a play with music about World War I, is NEHI's fall theater production. Phil Graham, a former student at NEHI, is the musical director.

The play will be staged at NEHI on Dec. 10 at 7:30 a.m. for students; admission is \$2. On Dec. 11 at 7:30 p.m. the play will be repeated for the public. Admission is also \$2 for that performance.

Starring in the play will be: Michelle Bench, Brenda Dillard, Cynthia Salverson, Nancy Donelan, Becky Dyer, Jean Redman and Heather Denny;

Don Jones is the play's director; music will be provided by members of the NEHI band.



Heather Bolton and Cody Brown were crowned the 1987-88 Homecoming King and Queen.

Program helps students 'at risk'

By Lana Chiariello
Editor-in-Chief

An "at-risk student" committee has been formed to help decrease the dropout rate at Northeast.

Occupational specialist George Ozimak describes at-risk students as being students who "excessively fail to complete assignments, who are unmotivated, who have an absentee problem and were held back one or more times."

At the committee's first meeting, suggestions were made which could decrease the dropout rate. Faculty member Ty McGraw stated teachers need to identify all potential at-risk students and send them to a grade level counselor.

Faculty member Margie Smith suggested that activities be used in class to help students get to know each other better and to help students feel more relaxed in high school.

Other suggestions were made to have teachers continue their contact with the parents about students' specific problems.

These were all suggestions and teachers do not necessarily have to follow them, Ozimak said. One thing teachers were asked to do was volunteer to counsel or tutor these "at-risk" students.

"So far, 40 teachers and all of the administrators have volunteered to help," said Ozimak.

Teachers were also asked to send a list

to Ozimak of all the students that they felt were at-risk.

Teachers have already begun to send in their lists. "I will then give the list to the appropriate counselors," said Ozimak.

The counselors will then get a list of students and teachers and match them up. The teachers will spend extra time to help guide these troubled students.

The seniors will soon be sponsoring a program which would provide senior students to meet with the underclass students and encourage, counsel and monitor their performance.

As of now, the project is still in its organizational stages, but will soon be implemented.

News Digest

Crackin' up

At the far wall of Donna Pennock's art room, 19-2, along the floor, sunlight shines through the crumbling crack, and some tiles are missing from the floor near the wall's foundation. The supports in the wall are rusting, and the blue paint is chipping from the edges of the windows and supports.

According to Pennock, the cracking wall is a hazard to the students. When it rains, water comes through the crack along the floor and washes up onto the tiles, causing them to loosen and come off. The tiles could be replaced, but they would just loosen again when it rained, Pennock said.

The cracking wall was scheduled to be replaced last year, but there wasn't enough money to complete the job, Pennock said. The wall's foundation is the main problem, and Pennock said she hopes the foundation will be replaced sometime this year, as scheduled to be.

HOSA and VICA

Two NEHI campus elections were conducted recently, for HOSA and VICA clubs.

Elected president of HOSA was Dana West. Other officers are Eddie Diaz, vice-president; Yolanda Godfrey, secretary; Trina Cair, treasurer; Jeff Nicholl, historian; Adrian Law, parliamentarian.

Elected president of VICA was Don Hildreth. Other officers are Jason Charlton, vice-president; Sean Giles, secretary/treasurer; Will White, parliamentarian; Mike Norman, club historian.

European trip

A course is being offered this year in which students can earn nine hours of college credit and take a 24-day vacation to Europe. As part of the Junior College Dual Enrollment, students will not be charged tuition, but the cost of taking the trip to Europe is \$2,498. The fee includes round-trip airfare from Tampa, land transportation, hotel accommodations, two meals per day, entrance fees to museum and transfers to and from hotels.

Classes begin in February to prepare for departure to Europe on June 18, 1988. The courses offered are Art History I, Humanities and the Ascent of Man. Local instructors chaperone the trip through Rome, Florence, Venice, the Australian Alps, Paris, Chartres and London.

For more information about the trip, contact Elizabeth Marcotte, faculty member.

Happy Homecoming scenes

See pages 4 and 5

Count your blessings

It's "turkey time," and time to contemplate what you have to be thankful for. If you haven't started thinking yet, you better get those brains churning. You know that is your English teacher's favorite part of the year. "Write an essay on what you have to be thankful for."

If you are at a loss for examples of what to be thankful for, chew on a couple of my suggestions. Be thankful that we won our Homecoming game against "that school to the south." It would have been quite embarrassing. So give thanks that we have an awesome football team, and give thanks to those coaches who made it happen.

Be thankful that we have the best cheerleaders in the region. In case you still haven't heard, Northeast High won the regional cheerleading competition. That is just another good that makes our school look good.

Be thankful for our Viking band. The band just won another competition. That's another point

for Northeast High.

Be thankful that you're a Viking. Can you imagine being a Green Devil? That would be terrible! What would happen on Spirit Day? How many green articles of clothing can one own? Don't you hate the color green? It's so negative. Green means envy, jealousy and deceit. We guess that the color green is appropriate for St. Pete High because they are certainly envious that we are the coolest school around. Our color red means love, because we love to win, especially against St. Pete High.

Be thankful that we have some outstanding faculty members among us, as well as students. Who could ask for a better Homecoming King and Queen than Cody Brown and Heather Bolton.

If you're a senior, be thankful that you rule the school now, because next year, you'll be a freshman again.

If you're a junior, be thankful

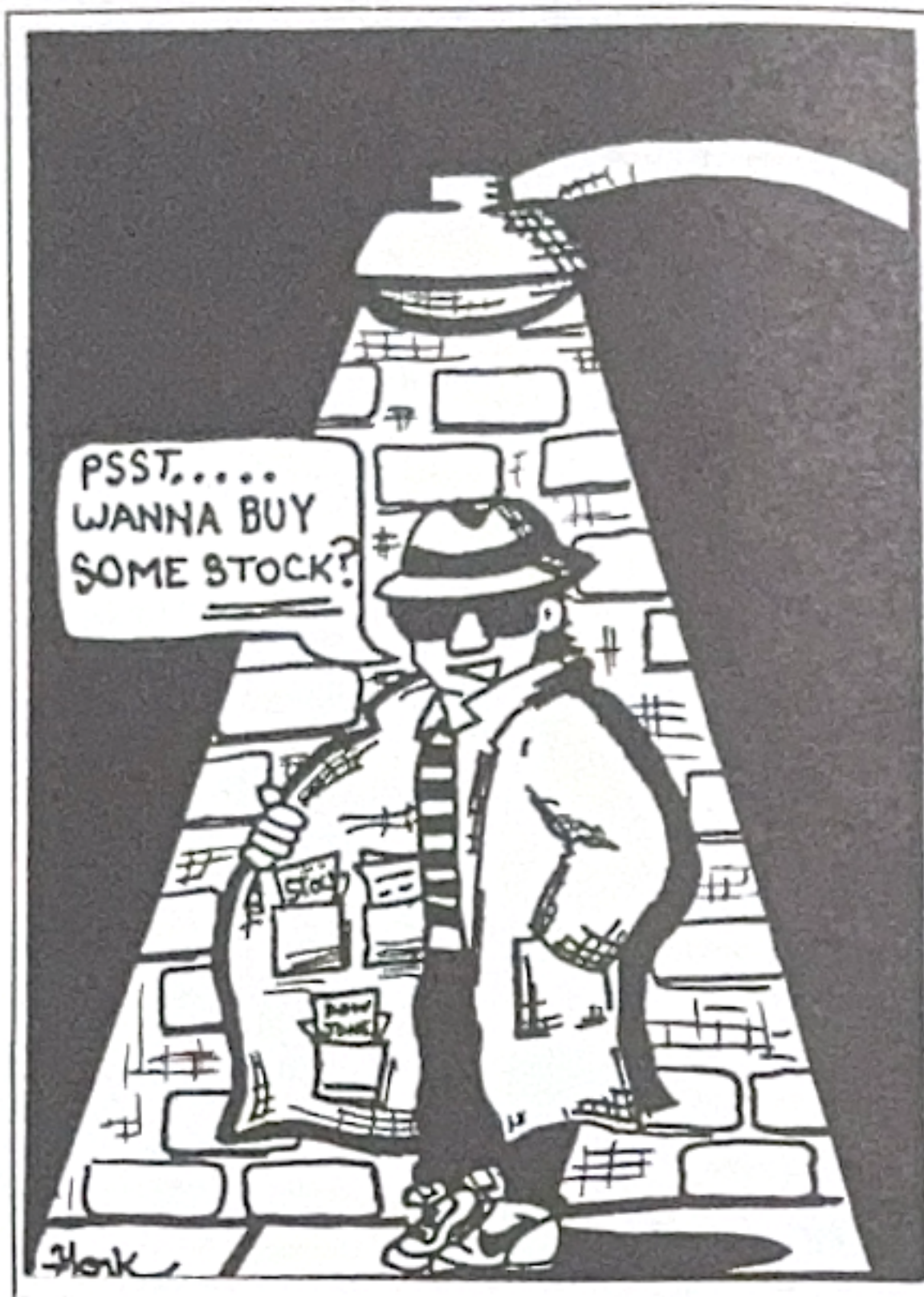
that next year you'll be a senior.

If you're a sophomore, be thankful that you have such an organized class, and a spirited one, too. Because of the great leadership in your class, you'll have the best senior year ever because you'll have so much money in the bank.

If you're a freshman, I don't know what you have to be thankful for! JUST KIDDING! Don't you hate being picked on? Seriously, be thankful that you beat the seniors in the tug-of-war. We know it was a freak accident, but at least you earned a little respect.

Over the holidays to come, eat, eat, eat (oh, sorry), drink and be merry, and don't forget that your mother will be packing you a turkey sandwich every day in the weeks to follow Thanksgiving.

Most important of all, be thankful for your health and your life. Wait a minute, MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL: Be thankful that there are only 23 more school days until Christmas break.



Seniors, can you spare a dime?

So you're a senior this year, eh? You have the privilege of eating in the senior cafeteria, having special assemblies, and just plain ruling the school, right? Your senior year is supposed to be the best year of your high school career—that is, if you have the money to put into it.

Here's just a hypothetical senior's years of expenses. First, before you even start school in August, there are senior pictures, which by the time you order copies for your great-grandpa and grandma and all your friends at school, costs about \$120-140.

Then you've got Homecoming tickets, \$3, and signature sweat-shirts, that's about \$22-25. Caps and gowns for \$3!

Senior prom tickets can cost anywhere from \$15-30, depending on how much money the senior class raises through candy sales and other fund-raisers.

Grad Night tickets will cost between \$35-\$40, and senior breakfast tickets are about \$7.

And don't forget the senior cruise, which isn't affiliated with the school. Ha! Save up your money for that one.

I'm sure there are other little things that seniors are putting out money for that haven't been mentioned, but these are the most important ones.

Seniors also have a very active social life outside of school, and have to pay for gas for their cars or make payments on their cars, big dates out on the town and food at their favorite restaurants.

Many of the costs of being a senior can be lowered a little through candy sales, flowers sales and other fund raisers sponsored by the senior class so you freshmen had better start selling up a storm for your class and saving your money for your senior year. All that is needed is people to get involved to help lower senior costs by raising money for their class to use their senior year. Make your senior year count!

Thanks for your support

The *Nor'easter* appreciates the many compliments on our last edition. Our goal is to please the students by giving a cup full of news, a teaspoonful full of controversy and a dash of entertainment. Although we've had a good response from our readers, we feel that the student body and faculty should have a better understanding of what the newspaper staff goes through and how our newspaper actually functions.

First of all, we would not have a newspaper without you. We do not receive any money from the school, therefore the only money we receive is through advertisements and paper sales. Truthfully, this cashflow barely cuts it each month.

The staff works really hard each month, and sometimes we get unnecessary slaps in the face. We feel that everyone should buy a school newspaper, including the faculty. We would love more than anything to give the paper away, but if we did this, we could not produce any papers due to

lack of funds. It is really disheartening when a *Nor'easter* staffer walks into a classroom and asks a teacher if he would like to purchase a paper only to hear a response such as "No thanks, I'll find one on the floor and read it." Not only does this suggest that our paper is material for the bottom of a box of kitty litter or a bird cage, but it's really sad that there is such a lack of faculty involvement. We are not saying this of all teachers, because there are some teachers like Doug Werth, who buy four papers, keep one and give three away. We know that teachers don't make a lot of money, but a quarter each month is not a lot to ask. After all, teachers are supposed to be concerned and help students.

With the help of Sandy Williams, the newspaper advisor, we are trying to better our paper to be the best in the county. You can see some of the obvious changes, just compare one of last year's papers to this year's. We are planning to hang a sugges-

are open to all kinds of suggestions, (except obscene ones), so feel free not only to write a letter to the editor, but also make suggestions of what you want to see in the paper.

Next week, we are starting our traditional Christmas message sale. Announcements will start soon and we'll be selling in front of the cafeteria, also.

Another service we are beginning for students and faculty is the sale of personal advertisements. In the past, this has gone against our policy, but we feel that if the students are interested in advertising in our paper, we shouldn't deny them (we take all we can get.) The rates for ads will be displayed throughout the school. Students can buy any size ad, just like you see in any paper. You may have a picture placed or just a message.

We plan to print more than the usual amount of papers for the Christmas edition, and we hope to sell out! Thanks so much for your support!

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

I am a freshman and I am concerned about the article, "Freshmen Get Fresh" in the Oct. 19 issue, of the *Nor'easter*. The article didn't consult both sides for the story. I mean, if you're going to criticize the freshmen, then you should at least approach a freshman, not a couple. Not all the freshmen were acting obnoxious and disrespectful. Believe it or not, the majority of the freshmen were cool and collected while the rest were "hollering and hooping" and throwing paper wads. How could the freshmen act so bad, anyway, when they're under such a good administrator such as Mr. Sandy. If the freshmen do act so badly and disrespectful, what does that

have to say about Mr. Sandy?

Contrary to popular belief, one "bad apple" doesn't spoil the barrel, unless it's left to "rot." Sure, I understand your feelings for the freshmen and the way some of them act, but do we all need to be punished because of a few bad apples? Think about this, the freshmen came from a pep assembly to a "hush hush" Student Government Assembly, and yet, were they told to be quiet or else their privileges would be taken away and that this would be the last assembly? No! They weren't told a thing, other than it took Mr. Jones five minutes to quiet us down. Answer this question, who's to blame?

Letitia Thalman



Happy Thanksgiving, NEHS



Lisa Jaroby: "What is life like in the center of a black hole?"



Wes Brackett: "What would the world be like without adults?"



Jennifer Evans: "Why in the world does school start so early?"



John Braun: "Is there any convenient way to see your counselor?"

Viking

If you had the answer to any question, what would that question be?

Views



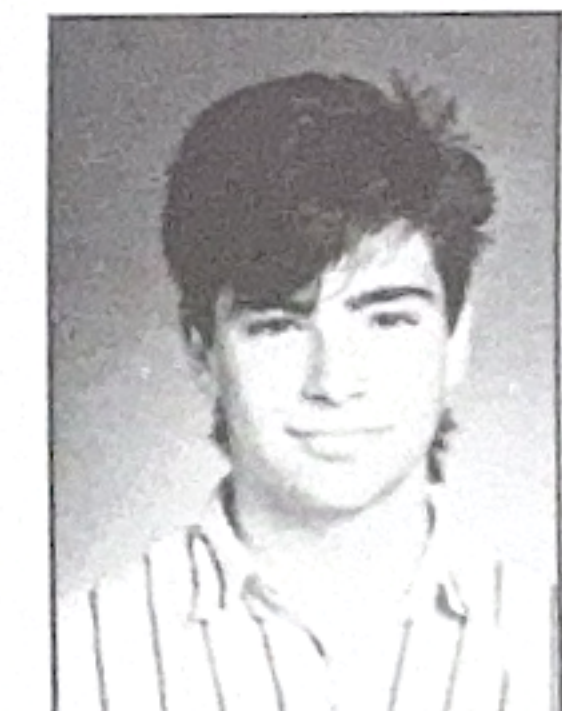
Shawn Emily: "What will be the essay question on Mr. Babcocks next test?"



Kim Burgess: "What will I look like in 50 years?"



Mark Sattler: "If you were driving your car at the speed of light and you turned on your lights, what would happen?"



Doug Hastings: "What is the secret ingredient in Kentucky Fried Chicken?"



Michele Scheerer: "Why can't people accept other people the way they are?"

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NEHI's 1987 homecoming in a nutshell



Heather Bolton and her boyfriend Jason Scoggins, also a member of the court, are all smiles.



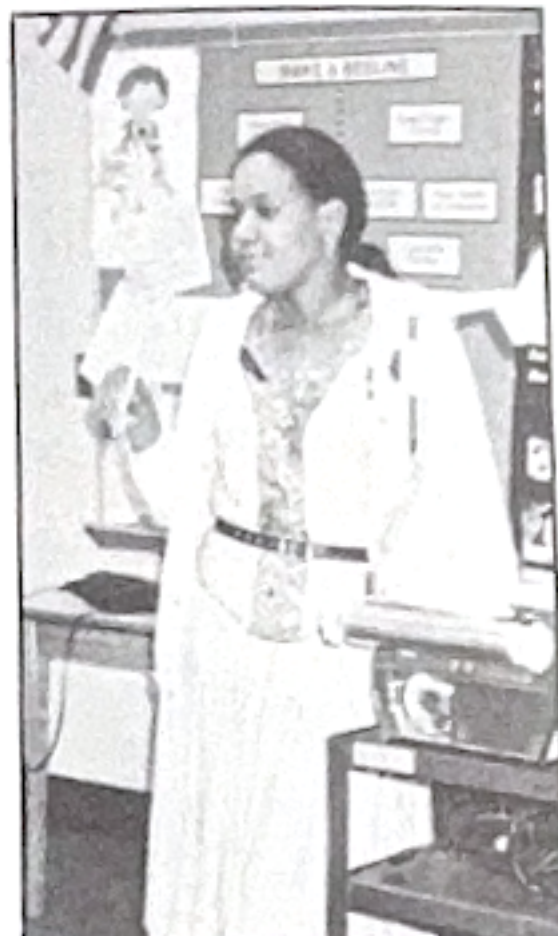
The 1986 Queen, Paige Curtis.



Sophomores won the Powder Puff Cheerleading Competition at Valhalla.



Students Susanne Lewis and Susan Coad display the peace symbols on Hippie Day.



Even teachers, like Janice Mobley, participated in Inside-out Day.



The 1987 Homecoming had a good turnout.



Cody Brown and Heather Bolton "dance the night away" after Cody was announced king.

By Lana Chiariello
Editor-in-Chief

When a Northeast student looks back on the 1987 Homecoming, he/she can feel proud. This year's Homecoming was a great success, from beginning to end.

The week started out a tad slow with inside-out day. A few people were brave enough to come with their clothes inside-out, but by the end of the day, there was a more relaxed atmosphere and more students were hitting the bathrooms and turning their clothes inside out.

On Tuesday, Oct. 27, the theme was "hippie day." Again, only the real daring and outgoing students dressed up, as well did some faculty members.

Wednesday was the day when the school spirit drastically increased. Almost every student came in "beach day" apparel (who would miss this "once-a-year" opportunity?) The only problem was that it was too cold to wear shorts, but still, students would rather freeze and wear shorts to school than not wear them at all.

Thursday, "college t-shirt day," was a huge success. Most students and faculty put on their favorite college apparel ranging from Florida State to "Psychotic State." Also on Thursday was the Homecoming walk-through and the voting for Homecoming King and Queen.

Thursday night was Valhalla. The night began with the float contest. Ten floats were entered in the competition. The winning float was entered by the Rojan Club, and the sophomore class and the senior class took second and third place respectively. In the Powder-Puff cheerleading competition, the sophomores stole the judges hearts, and the juniors and seniors got second and third place. Finally, the class that won the majority of events in Valhalla was—yes, the freshmen class.

By the end of the week, many students were thanking God that it was Friday. To most students, Homecoming week seems the longest week of the year (except for exam week, of course) because of all the activities going on. As a student entered building 17 on

Friday, he/she could see the result of the little Homecoming elves (really, the cheerleaders) from the night before. The whole building was decorated in red and white with streamers, posters, crepe paper and balloons.

Most students wore red and white on "spirit day" and it was not uncommon to be someone with white and red paint all over their face. Friday's pep assemblies went well as students cheered their football team and helped the award-winning cheerleading squad get pepped up for the night ahead.

Friday, Oct. 30 was probably the most exciting day all week. Not only was there a great turnout of Viking fans at the game, but the Vikings killed the Devils 34-7.

The week would not be complete without the fairy-tale story of the captain of cheerleading squad, Heather Bolton, being crowned Homecoming Queen and the quarterback of the football team, Cody Brown, being crowned Homecoming King.



To help boost spirit, the Varsity cheerleaders led the Vikings in a cheer.



The Rojan Club won the float competition at Valhalla.



Everyone had smiling faces at the dance.



Cody Brown, Heather Bolton



David Nilsen

Photos by Lana Chiariello

Brown wears the crown

By Lana Chiariello
Editor-in-Chief

Cody Brown was crowned Homecoming King at the homecoming dance on Sat., Oct. 31.

"It was really no big deal, I mean I was honored and stuff," said Brown of his crowning.

After Brown was crowned king by Homecoming queen Heather Bolton, he began his reign by traditionally dancing with Bolton.

"My girlfriend was mad that I danced with Heather," said Brown. "You know how all the girls were coming up and hugging me, my girlfriend said 'You know you enjoyed it,' and she was mad."

Brown also said that his friends treat him differently, as well as other people around the school.

"My friends like to tease me a

lot. They say, 'Open the door for the king' and stuff like that," said Brown.

Brown's parents are also sur-

"It was really no big deal," said

Cody Brown, Homecoming King

prised that he was voted Homecoming King. "My parents kept saying, 'I can't believe you got it!'"

This year's choices for Homecoming King and Queen fit in with the old tradition of the quarterback of the football team and the captain of the cheerleading squad. Brown is the quarterback of the football team. In fact, he leads Pinellas County in the most number of passes of any player, according to the *St. Petersburg Times*.

Brown has been on the junior varsity and varsity football teams for three years. He also enjoys many other sports such as field hockey, baseball, basketball, pool and weightlifting.

Along with playing all sports, he likes to go out with his friends and especially his girlfriend.

Brown plans to attend college and possibly become a physical education teacher.

"I kinda want to go to Florida State University, or most likely a Florida school. I'm not sure exactly what I want to do though."



Cody Brown

Bolton reigns as queen

By Lana Chiariello
Editor-in-chief

"I have lipstick all over my face," Heather Bolton, the newly-crowned Homecoming Queen happily complained after friends bombarded her with congratulatory kisses.

Bolton 17, was crowned the 1987 Homecoming Queen on Friday, Oct. 30 during the halftime of Northeast's homecoming game versus St. Petersburg High. After Bolton's name was announced, former queen Paige Curtis placed the crown on her head and draped the royal robe over her shoulders. As Bolton was escorted to her car, which was waiting to parade her around the field, her crown fell off and she giggled from embarrassment. With tear-filled eyes, Bolton made her way through the crowd of onlookers and sat on her Mercedes Benz, driven by her father. After driving around the field, Bolton was seated on the royal throne, finally the queen.

On her throne, Bolton cried, "I don't know how I feel. All I know is that my makeup is smeared." Since she was crowned queen,



Heather Bolton sheds tears of joy when she is announced the 1987 Homecoming Queen.

Bolton has been concerned about the way others feel about her.

"I hope I won't be looked at differently. I want to be the same. I'm happy to be Homecoming Queen but I'm not going to change; I'm not going to think that I am great or anything."

Bolton is currently the captain of the varsity cheerleading squad. She has been a cheerleader for three years. She has been active in school and extra-curricular activities since her freshman year. She has been a Rojan for four years. She has also been on the softball team for four years and she also is involved with Student Government. Every year since she was a freshman, Bolton has sponsored the Homecoming float at her house for the class of '88.

Bolton has won some very high awards during high school. She was on the All-County and All-Conference softball teams. She was also selected by the faculty to be a member of the Senior Hall of Fame. This past summer, Bolton attended a cheerleading camp and was chosen by the National Cheerleading Association to be a candidate for All American

Cheerleader.

As well as carrying a full extra-curricular load, Bolton has a high grade average and she takes two honors courses.

Bolton was born in St. Petersburg.

"I hope I won't be looked at differently," 1987 Homecoming Queen Heather Bolton said . . . "I'm not going to change."

Honor students inducted

By Christina Metz
Features Editor

Happiness, nervousness and a great sense of pride could be felt flowing through the chapel. It was time once again for the Viking Chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS) to induct its new members. The incoming members, juniors and seniors were honored for their scholastic accomplishments and extra-curricular activities.

The recent induction was the first held off campus; the location was St. Luke's United Methodist Church. The dimly lit setting with pews filled with proud relatives and friends, made this

memorable occasion even more special.

Jodi Rhinehart, National Honor Society president for Northeast High, began the program with a welcome. The Rev. John Willis of St. Luke's then gave the invocation, concluding with a prayer.

The four basic principles of the National Honor Society— leadership, scholarship, character and service— were explained by the officers. The members were then introduced in a procession manner, with each receiving a pin, membership card, and candle to light during the pledge.

Doug Werth of the NEHI faculty was the guest speaker, his talk

focusing on the main characteristics of NHS. To end the program, the Gondoliers performed. A reception followed the induction.

The Nor'easter congratulates the new members, who are: seniors Veronica Baggett, Timothy Bower, Jennifer Harris, Julie Howell, and Laura Schmid; juniors Kelli Ansel, Lance Braugher, Marcy Cleveland, Marcie DeFelice, Nancy Donelan, Elizabeth Duschek, Gregory Gainer, Steven Holmes, Milica Kosevich, Thanh Le, Minh Ly, Marilyn McNabb, Marlo Menendez;

Deepak Menon, Natalie Mladnov, Thu Nguyen, Matthew



Junior Anthony Salliotte is inducted into the National Honor Society.

Nicholl, Edward Reed, Kenneth Rodrigues, Tanya Robertson, Anthony Salliotte, Kevin Schoen-

rock, Kenneth Silvey, Damian Stradley, Jason Stuck, Mai Vo and Catherine Wos.

Teacher Feature Martin molds winning band

By Greg Basham
Staff Writer

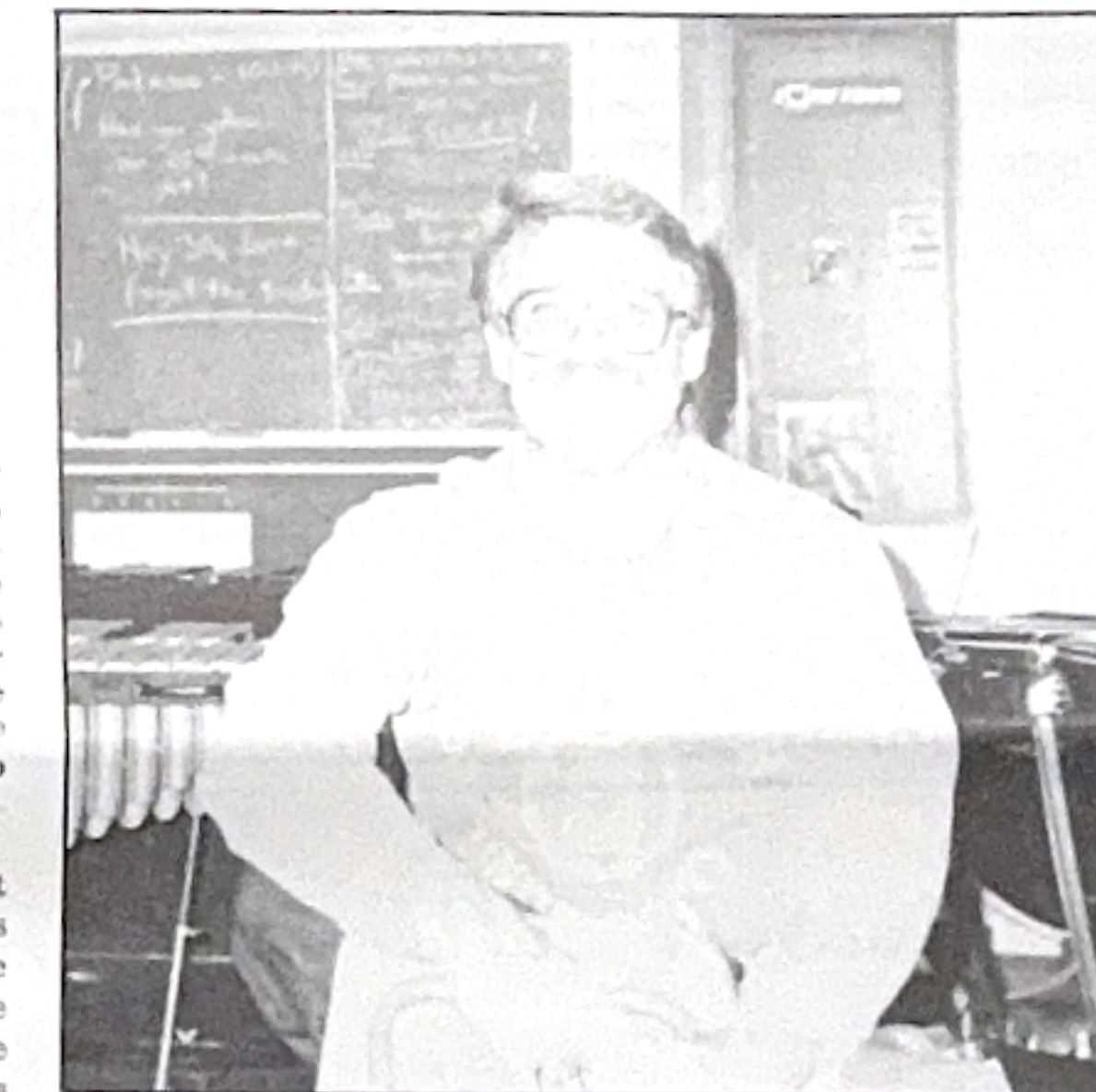
Greg Martin, band director, is this month's "teacher of the month."

Martin received his bachelor's degree in music education from Eastern Kentucky University.

Raised in Virginia, Martin moved to Florida after graduating college to land a job at Clermont High School in Clermont, Fla. After spending three years there, he taught at Lake Havell High School in Winter Park, Fla. for five years. While he was there, his band won the National Concert Championship and the Festival of States Competition in 1985.

Martin believes his greatest personal accomplishment is his marching fundamental tape made by Columbia Pictures. The tape is being sold all over the country and has sold 725 copies in five months.

Martin would like to raise the standards of instrumental music education and would like to see



Greg Martin

NEHI succeed. "I would like this program to

be one of the finest in the state," Martin said.

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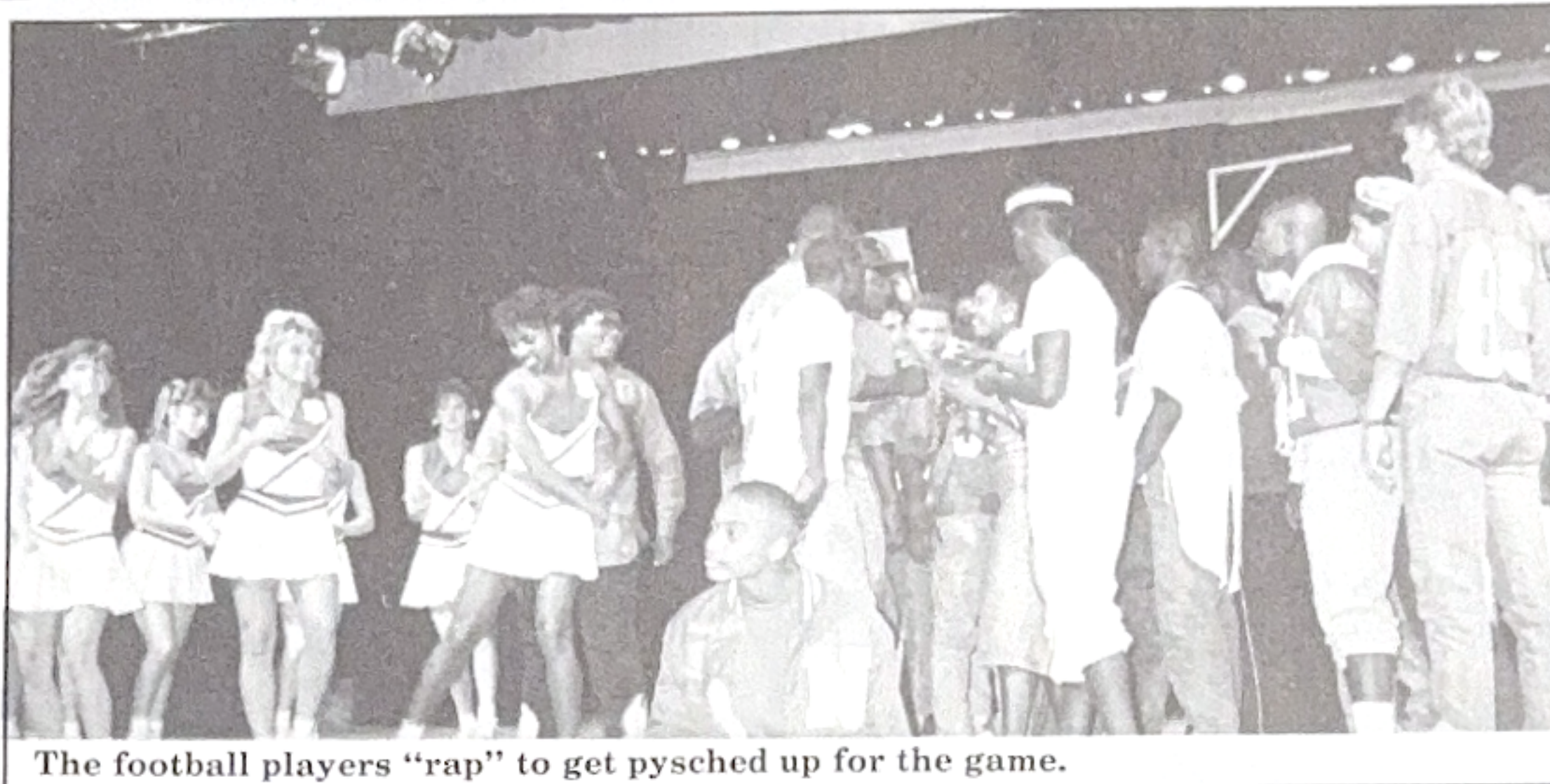
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3rd Dan

Vikings send Devils to *%?!

By Luiz Lima
Staff Writer

The Northeast Varsity Vikings will play host, Friday, November 13, to the Lakeood Spartans in their final home game of the season. The Spartans have managed only one win this year, a 22-6 rout of lowly Boca Ciega. The Vikings, on the other hand, have lost only one game this year, a 16-8 loss to powerful Dunedin. Northeast, therefore is heavily favored to win this football game.

"We'll beat them if we play like we have been playing," said Viking running back David Bowman. "We've improved with



The football players "rap" to get psyched up for the game.

every game. Also, Lakewood is having a bad season," he added.

Northeast is currently playing very good football and both

Bowman and receiver/quarterback Jay Austin believe that the

Vikes will finish the season nine and one.

"Everybody's gotten together and we're playing a lot better," said Coach Jerry Austin, when asked how the Vikings have progressed since their only loss this year.

The Vikings have won four consecutive games as of this printing, including the 34-7 homecoming victory over St. Pete. This game featured yet another brilliant performance by Bowman who rushed for 123 yards and scored three touchdowns. There was a great defensive effort by Northeast. The Vikings took control of the game early then never looked back.

Outstanding players

By Shane Linton
Sports Editor

Cody Brown, the 87-88 Homecoming King and quarterback for the Vikings, leads Pinellas County in passing. Brown has thrown for 895 yards on 122 attempts, 67 completions, six interceptions and seven touchdowns.

David Bowman running back for the Vikings, is in fifth place for leading rushing yards in Pinellas County. Bowman has



David Bowman rushed for 592 yards on 123 carries, scored seven touchdowns

and has averaged 4.6 yards per carry. Also, Bowman is fourth in Pinellas County for receiving. He has caught 20 passes for 324 yards and two touchdowns, with an average of 16.2 yards per catch. He is also sixth in Pinellas in scoring with seven touchdowns and 42 points.

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