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homecoming week

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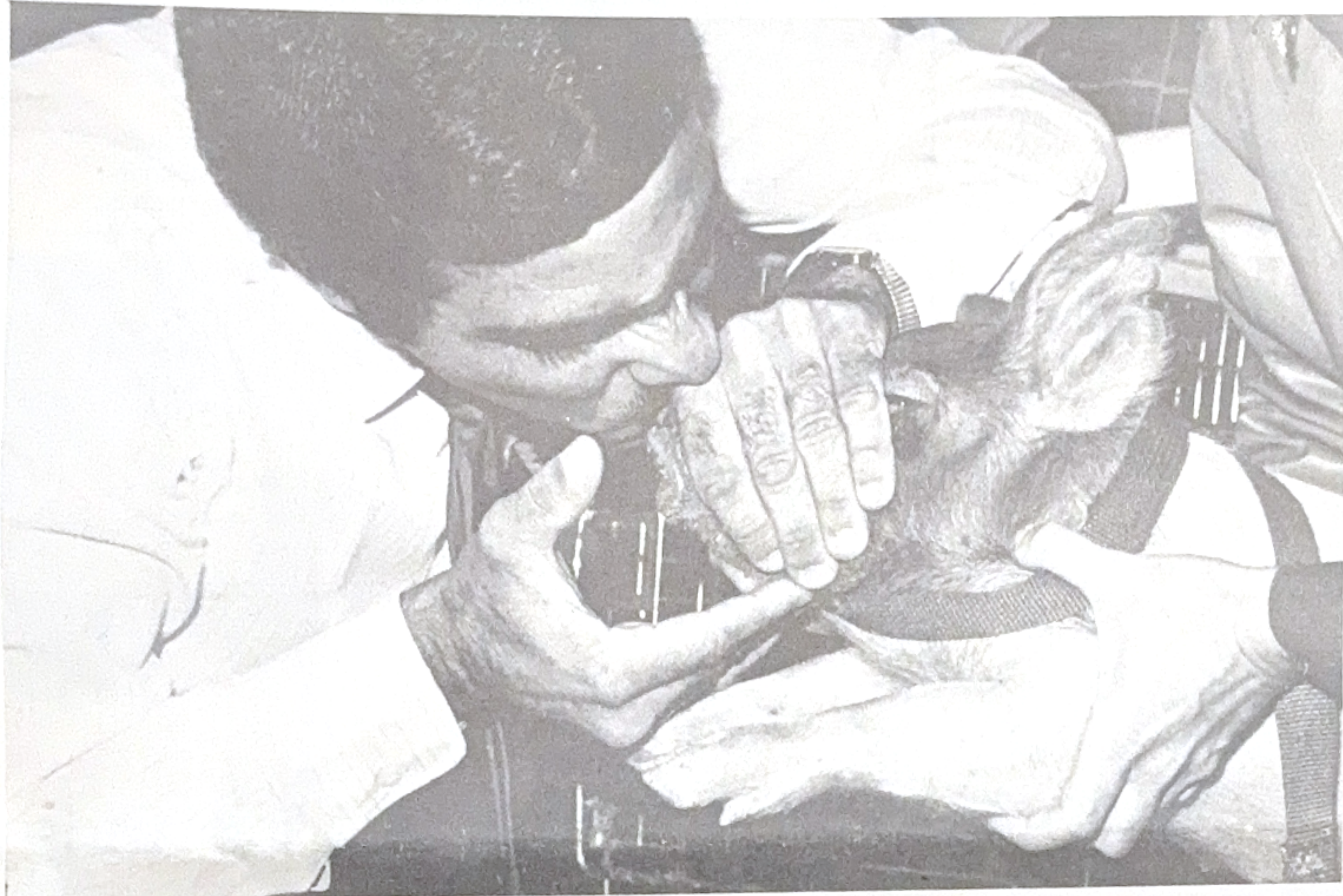


Photo by Matt Wiseman

Pucker up! The Soundings staff raised \$230 in their first annual kiss-the-pig contest. Mr. Rick Misenti won the honor of kissing the pig with a total of \$87.

News Digest

NEHI publications place in district press convention

The Northeast Publications department won several awards at the annual Florida Scholastic Press Association (FSPA) at Lakewood High School on October 5. Members from the *Nor'easter*, *Soundings*, and *Viking Log* staffs spent the day attending a number of different seminars concerning the creativity of their product.

In the "on-the-spot" contest held during the morning, *Nor'easter* representatives took first place for their knowledge and use of journalistic techniques. The *Soundings* staff claimed another first place when it won the magazine portion of the competition.

Laura Plumb, a member of the *Soundings* staff, won third place for her involvement in the "on-the-spot" writing competition. She attended a one hour press conference and then was allotted 50 minutes to write a news article concerning the proposed Florida educational lottery.

Northeast sets record in school blood drive

The first installment of this year's blood drives, sponsored by the Rojans, was the most successful in NEHI history. One hundred seventy-three pints of blood were donated by students, who received T-shirts, posters and stickers in return.

Most students survived the process with no problems, but several claimed faintness and sickness as a result.

Senior Kim Stoddard stated, "It was awful. I'll never do it again."

However, most students said they would gladly donate again.

The blood bank employees said that NEHI students were the most pleasant group they had ever worked with. There will be another blood drive during second semester.

NEHI takes an active part in SR&R

The Student's Rights and Responsibilities Committee met on October 14, 1985. The committee as a whole is arranging leadership programs and rallies for all the area high schools. They are also supporting Project Graduation.

NEHI representatives questioned if it would be possible to bring back the senior privilege of no second semester exams if a "B" average is obtained.

The lack of funds due to the loss of fundraisers was also mentioned and SR&R representatives plan to pursue getting the rule of no food sales during certain school hours changed. Mr. Zachary gave his support on this action.

Northeast merited money

By Kim Stuart

NEHI has recently received an award of \$80,437 granted by the state of Florida for a new program to help fund the public school system. The program is called the Merit School Program and awards money to schools by testing groups of targeted students for aptitude and physical fitness. The results are compared with other schools and money is awarded to those schools with the highest ranking results.

Principal J. Tom Zachary stated, "I knew that our students would get the Merit Award so I didn't even fool with the School of Distinction Award." The

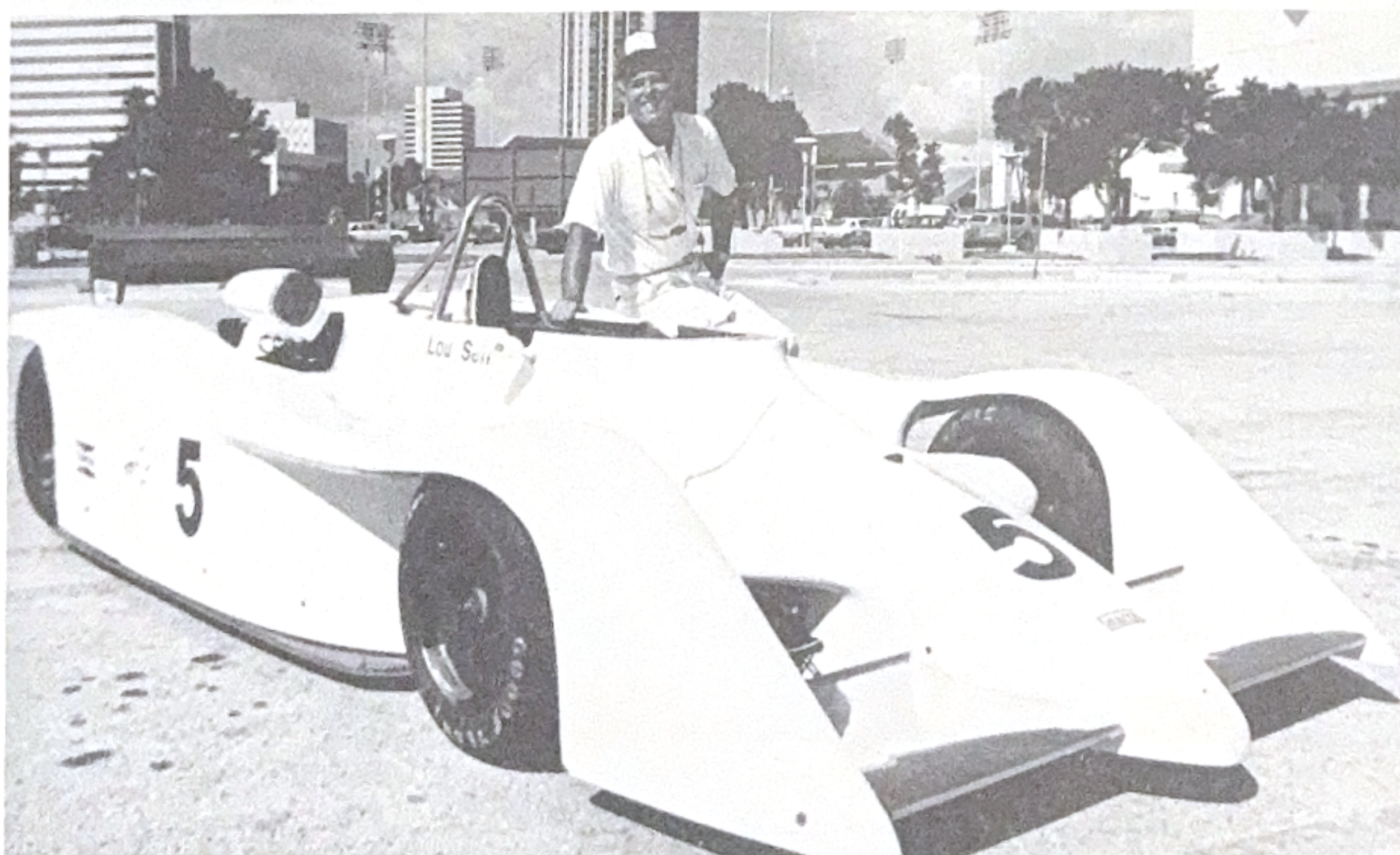
School of Distinction Award is awarded to the school with the highest points scored by its teachers, instead of its students.

There are guidelines, however, as to how the award money must be spent by the schools. 25 percent of the money must go to the buying of media supplies such as books, tapes, records, VCR's, and projectors. Another 25 percent must go towards instructional supplies such as paper, lab equipment, musical instruments, shop tools and art supplies. The final 50 percent must go towards the buying of computer hardware and software.

Zachary has placed Mr. Jim Scotlin in charge of the committee to dispense

the money to NEHI's different departments. Each department will receive a share according to the number of students enrolled in that department. Therefore, each department is essentially receiving the same amount of money.

Pinellas county schools have received 2.4 million dollars in this program this year. NEHI is not eligible to receive more funds next year because the program rules are such that no school can receive this kind of money two consecutive years. NEHI is, however, eligible again in two years hence. Zachary says he has plans to apply again at that time.



A "Grand" time!

The first St. Petersburg Grand Prix took place on November 1, 2, and 3 in downtown St. Petersburg. This was the first of what is hoped by many to be a successful annual event for St. Petersburg.

Pictured here is a driver standing next to his formula-type car.

Seniors deserve more privileges

By Maria Gregg

Seniors with 'Senior Privileges': If you consider a library card for use during lunch, a reserved spot in the cafeteria, and first choice of lockers as being privileged, then maybe you are the person who does not expect much out of your senior year. You would think after waiting four years there would be something else to look forward to other than just being a senior.

Things become even more disappointing as the underclassmen can be found infiltrating at every opportunity and actually getting away with it.

Can you actually imagine walking into the senior cafeteria and not finding an underclassman sitting there in your reserved area. Of course, you can spend half your lunch period to find a dean and get them kick out, but they will only receive two detentions. Now, that should arouse some fear in the little underclassmen, but that seems a little bit too hard for even a freshmen to believe.

There seemed to be some hope that there would be no problem in keeping the underclassmen from having the use of large lockers. Oh! but, of course, as you walk down the halls of Building 17 you can see underclassmen with senior lockers at

every turn. All hope can now be lost. There isn't even a penalty for that, but we all must admit the administration did try.

A privilege that would be well deserved and highly appreciated is being able to leave campus early. Almost all of this year's seniors have fully met the required credits for graduation. Taking unnecessary classes that are not needed for graduation only result in catching 'Senior Itis' and receiving a low GPA (grade point average). That's something no one really needs.

What about an hour lunch for seniors, so they wouldn't have to fight through the mobs of underclassmen. That would even end the problem of having overly crowded lunches. Just think everyone would get a chance to eat their lunch instead of inhaling their food whole. It might even cut down on visits to the clinic after eating lunch as we have all heard that eating on the run is a health hazard.

Maybe there is still some hope for the Senior Class of '99, but that's only if they have any privileges at all.

It has really gotten to the point where the only real privilege that comes with being a senior is not being an underclassman.

Letter to the Editor

Near the end of the previous school year, the Florida legislature passed a bill limiting the sale of consumables during the majority of the school day. As we all know they have effectively stopped the best source of revenue for most of the clubs and organizations around campus.

The rationale behind this decision was that students were not buying as many of the school prepared lunches as were being made each day. The obvious way to correct this dilemma is to make fewer lunches. This, however, requires fewer personnel which would require layoffs of cafeteria employees. This, because of contracts with unions is impossible. Needless people standing around would replace one form of waste with another. The logical decision from the legislators standpoint was to stop the competition. From my point of view, I see this as a way of forcing a student to buy something he does not want.

The state felt it was losing money by allowing these sales to continue. They could not compete. In the business world, anyone losing money and falling behind the competition is forced to go out of business. When the state loses money it creates a monopoly. This to me is not capitalism but communism.

When our forefathers, who built this country were forced to buy British tea, they responded by dumping a whole shipload of it into the port water. Wouldn't it be embarrassing if at our next swim meet a student from another school dove into a "surf burger"?

Rock and Roll Censorship: A '60's controversy alive again today

By Sharon Flaherty

Better put up your guard once more. Some adults are out to take away our freedom of choosing our music.

The Parent's Music Resource Center (PMRC) is trying to prevent music that contains sexuality and violence from coming over the airways into your home.

PMRC is pushing for some form of restraint on explicit lyrics so we do not "contaminate" ourselves with bad ideas.

Although they say that are not against rock music, and they are not calling for censorship, they wish to restrict the music done by some of today's most popular rock stars.

Rock stars such as Prince, Sheena Easton, Madonna, Motley Crue and Twisted Sister are a few that would be hardest hit if the ban were passed.

PMRC is also trying to ban songs such as "Dirty Mind," "Eat Me Alive," "Baby Come and Get It," and other songs not mentioned.

Now hold on a minute, has not



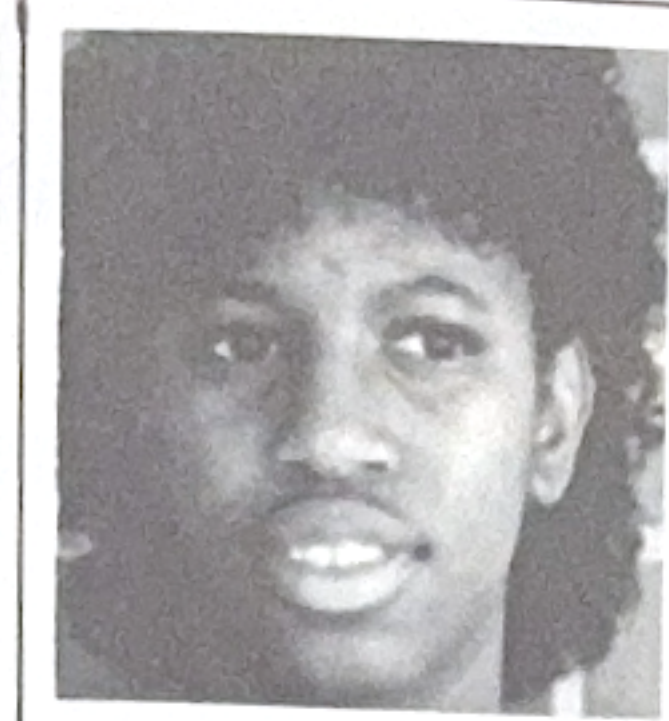
there always been a conflict with parents and kids over music?

When our parents were kids they had suggestive music too! "Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds" and "Puff the Magic Dragon" were songs that they thought dealt with drugs.

"Make Me Your Baby", and "I Can't Get No Satisfaction" were songs that dealt with sexuality.

If a rating system was passed, radio stations who played the above or similar songs would be forced to change or go out of business. Without air play time, the records of the stars would not sell and the performers would, in effect, be censored or would have no sales.

If PMRC gets its way, who would determine what is offensive? As said above, any song that is banned from air play is effectively stopped as a form of art. The images and ideas presented in music are an interpretation of the feelings of the composer. Censorship in this case would be the same as telling DaVinci how to put the smile on the Mona Lisa.



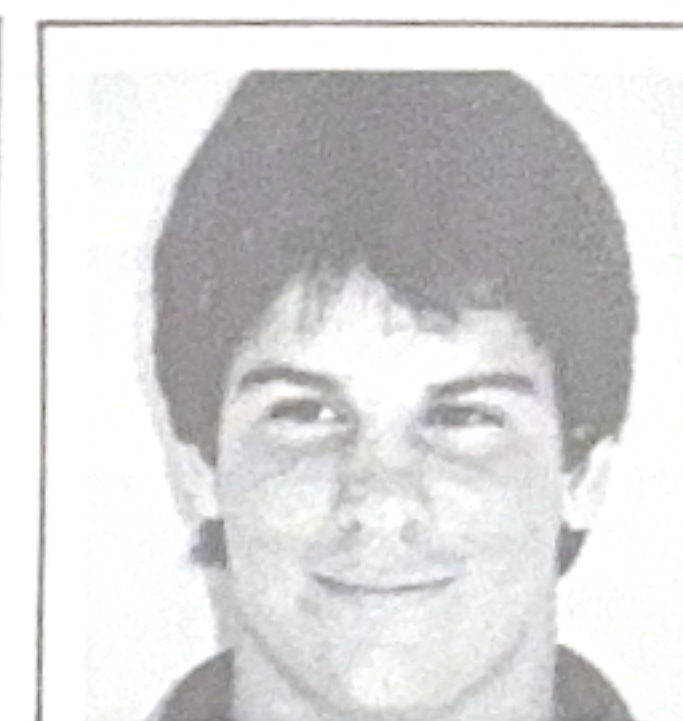
Janice Stephens; grade 11: "Altogether I think the *Nor'easter* is a wonderful newspaper, whose writers really want to please their readers. From time to time, there are articles on one certain person, telling about their academic, school participation, social life and other interesting things. I enjoy reading about who's who at Northeast and would like to read more articles on an individual person."



Paul E. Burge; grade 10: "I would like to have listed in the *Nor'easter*, special occasions, such as pep rallies, football games, basketball games, dances, assemblies, etc. I think it would promote school spirit and would promote the attendance of these events."



Dawn Ponton; grade 12: "I would like to see more on student life, like a fashion or gossip page. What students do in their spare time. Sports are great, but not everyone is a jock. More articles on music and student related activities."



Donovan Hamlet; grade 11: I think the *Nor'easter* should go into more detail in the sports section. We need to know our teams are winning and losing. We need to know who is doing an outstanding job. You should talk to the athletes, not just the coaches, and find out what's really going on.



Teresa Harmon; grade 12: "I would like to see more articles on the students, and more on what the different clubs and organizations are doing."

Viking Views

By Lana Chiariello

Question: What would you like to see more of in the *Nor'easter*?



Photos by Erwin Hoffman, Matt Wiseman



George Rorher; grade 10: "I would like to see more hot chicks in string bikinis, driving rad cars to the beach!"



Leslie Ulmam; grade 11: "I would like to see more articles on interesting people. I think the student body should be kept aware of the leaders among them. These leaders should be given more credit for their accomplishments."



Chris Johnson; grade 12: "I'd like to see more of not only Viking Views, but real life interests with Vikings. So many aren't known by so many others at Northeast."



Nick Johnson; grade 10: "I'd like to see more concert reviews, and not just Madonna or Prince, get some good stuff. I'd also like to see more comics. Having these things, the *Nor'easter* would make more money."



Miss Donnelly; faculty: "Handsomeness men....(Don't publish this. Consider it a helpful hint only!!)"



Erin Bailey; grade 11: I'd like to see more things about social things in school and after school. Also, a little humor might be nice."

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1985 homecoming highlights...



Matt Turner and Melissa Washington during the walk-through second period.



Patricia Liljequist was all smiles — even before she was announced queen.



The Rojan float won first place in the float competition Friday night.



Mr. Rick Misenti (right) displays his reaction after kissing the pig. Mr. Harry Brown presented Misenti with the kiss-the-pig award. But how did the pig feel about it?!!



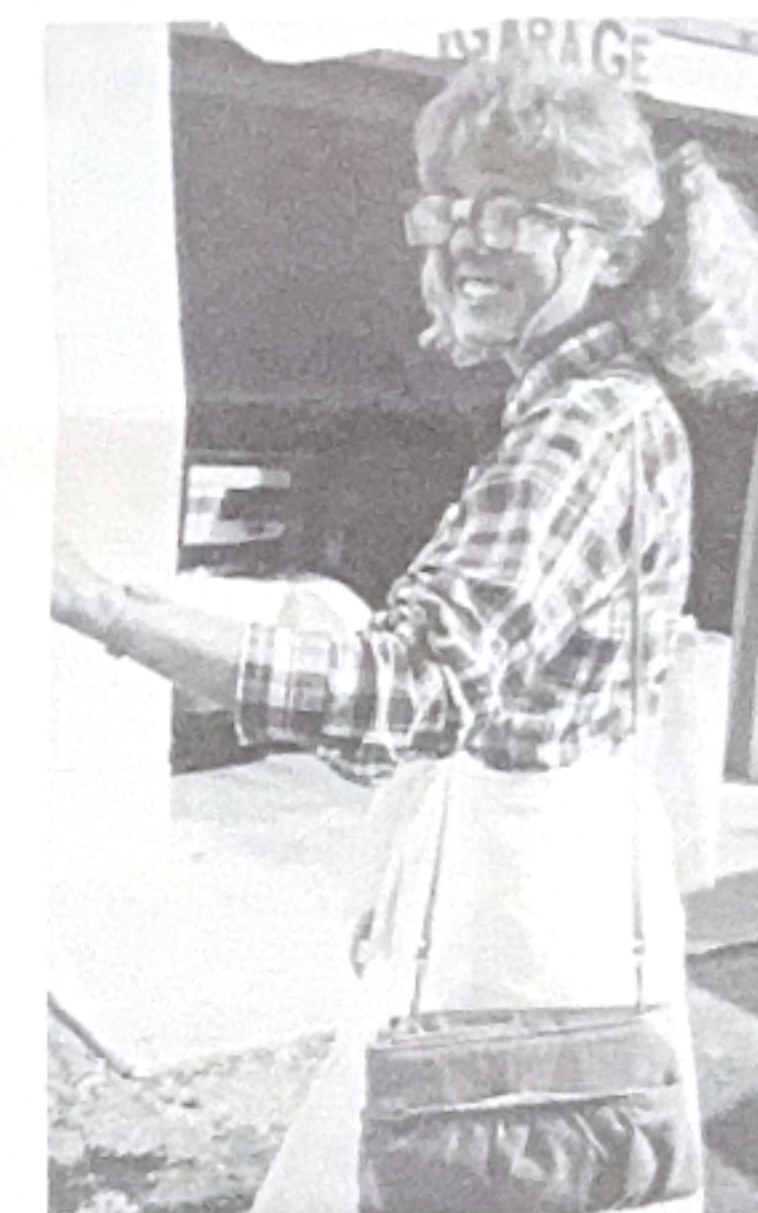
The Siciliano twins dress appropriately on Costume Day.



Coach Carroll Yates (middle) with some of his "goonies."



Senior cheerleaders cheer their way to victory with a combined score of 69.



Nerd day: a portrait of a typical NEHI student.



School spirit crackles through the air during the homecoming game.

By Kim Stuart

On Monday, October 28, anyone from out of town may have thought NEHI was a college campus. But no, it was only college tee-shirt day kicking off homecoming week for NEHI students.

The next day, Tuesday, was nerd day. Students were seen sporting plaid skirts and knee socks, nylon knee highs with skirts, plaid polyester pants, shirts with pockets bulging with pens and pencils, broken and taped glasses, and greasy hair.

Bench day, Wednesday, was the day that students were most supportive of. The majority of the student body wore shorts, and a few spunky souls carried lawn chairs, umbrellas, and igloo coolers.

Thursday was Halloween, and therefore, costume day. There were many students dressed up. Some were witches, a teen-wolf or two, clowns, harem dancers, a few Rambo clones, and one very original Christmas tree. There was even an appearance by the Crest cavity fighter team.

Valhalla night was cancelled due to bad weather conditions, and was rescheduled for Friday during third period. Obviously, the field events could not be held indoors, so they were cancelled altogether. Clubs did not have the chance to compete in the sack race, three-legged race, clothes

race, or tricycle race. However, on Friday, which was Red and White day, the other events were held in the auditorium.

The homecoming court promenade, the male cheerleaders competed, and Mr. Misenti was announced as the winner of the first annual Kiss the Pig contest sponsored by Soundings. Mr. Misenti dutifully kissed 20 pound "Willie" and received a pig plaque award for doing so.

Friday nights agenda was fully packed and busy. At 7:00pm. was the float parade, at 8:00 the football game, at half-time the announcing of the homecoming queen, and from 10pm. to 1am. the homecoming dance where the king was announced.

The homecoming football game had NEHI pitted against its long standing arch rivals, the St. Pete High "Green Devils," ranked second in the district. The Vikings rallied with the theme "Burn the Devils in the Great Red Inferno," and slaughtered the enemy 20-7.

The float winners were Rojans, first place, and the Sophomore class, second place. The Homecoming King and Queen were Matt Turner and Patricia Liljequist.

After all this came the dance. A victorious NEHI danced into the wee hours of the morning, basking in glory. So ended another years homecoming.



The 1985 homecoming game proved to be exciting when NEHI beat the "devil" out of arch-rival, St. Pete, 20-7.



Mrs. Schoonover with Mr. Earl Wilson on Costume Day.

Matt Turner reigns as homecoming king

By Lana Chiariello

"When they announced that I had won the title of Homecoming King—I was totally shocked," said unsuspecting senior Matthew Turner, of his Homecoming King crowning.



Matt Turner was humble about his crowning.

Turner, 17, is just one of the ten males chosen for this year's Homecoming King candidates, or Homecoming court. At the homecoming dance it was announced that Turner was chosen by a majority vote throughout the senior class to be this year's king.

Turner recalls his victory, "I was standing with my girlfriend, Kristi Noble, and my good friends Steve Diaco and Todd Murrian when they announced that I had won. I turned to them and just said 'Wow!', and a couple seconds later I said, 'I need something to drink.'"

After the dance, Turner and the rest of the homecoming court celebrated at the Quality Inn.

"When they announced that I had won the title of homecoming king, I was totally shocked."

Matt Turner

"I was so exhausted the next morning, that I missed taking the S.A.T. (Scholastic Aptitude Test)," Turner confessed.

Currently, Turner is a senior representative in Interact, a Rojan hero, and is running for office in the Scuba Club. He has been a member of Interact for all four years of his high school career. He has a grade point average of a 2.6 and takes such classes as Algebra II, Chemistry, Spanish, Sociology, and Advanced Swimming.

Turner also has a twin brother, Chris, who also attends Northeast.

"Chris has presented absolutely no problems for me throughout our high school years together. We have both been able to grow and mature separately."

Turner is taking his senior year in stride. "What I have enjoyed and am enjoying about Northeast is being a senior."

Turner reveals some of his thoughts on Northeast—"I've

been through a lot at this school, and I've shared some special moments here. I think my most memorable experiences have been with my girlfriend during my senior year. I'm really having a blast."

"One thing I dislike about Northeast is the separation of different groups. There are so many little groups people hang around in, and their is not enough unity between everyone," said Turner.

Turner enjoys scuba diving, and most of all partying with friends. As far as his future plans go, he has not yet determined his profession as of yet, but he does plan to attend the University of Florida in Gainesville. One thing he has established is that whatever he does, he will make a lot of money.

Turner was born in Muncie, Indiana and moved to St. Petersburg at the age of two. He has two older sisters and a twin brother.

Patricia Liljequist crowned 1985 queen

"There were cameras in my face and all I could say was 'Oh, my God'."

Patricia Liljequist

By Lana Chiariello

After former Homecoming Queen, Wanda Wright crowned her successor, Liljequist was escorted around the football field on a T top corvette, driven by senior Louis Cyr.

Seventeen year old Liljequist is a very active senior at Northeast. She has been a member of the Rojans (an all girls' club) for all four of her high school years, and this year she is serving on the Rojan senior board. She was also voted an Interact

Sweetheart. She is the senior class treasurer and vice president of the Science and Engineering club. She is also involved in track and cross country running.

"I was particularly surprised that all of my friends supported me and voted for me. I think that is the first thing that ran through my mind."

Liljequist also carries a rigorous academic load. Her curriculum includes: CPS, Advanced Placement Biology, Chemistry 2H, Advanced Placement Calculus, English 12, and German II. She is holding her grade point average at a 3.61.

"I had a blast during Homecoming Week. I was so embarrassed when I came to school on Halloween dressed like a hippie," said Liljequist.

Liljequist has enjoyed being an Interact sweetheart, and she feels it is a lot of fun. She also enjoys hanging out with her friends. In an athletic aspect, she also enjoys hydroskiing, roller-skating, and most of all, running.

"My high school years really started picking up at the end of my junior year, and now my senior year is turning out really great. When you become a senior, you don't worry about being popular anymore. All that is important to you is making each moment last as long as possible and making each friendship more special and one to last in the future."

Liljequist was born in St. Petersburg. She is undecided on what college she wishes to attend but she is aiming toward either a Florida or Georgia college.



Patricia Liljequist was overwhelmed when her name was announced as queen.

Godspell production hits big

By Kim Stuart

For the price of two dollars NEHI students were given the privilege of being excused from their first three classes to attend the production of *Godspell* on October 31. *Godspell* was a gospel parody produced and directed by Mr. Don Jones, head of the NEHI drama department. The musical comedy had a cast of twelve talented students, and sold out completely for the in-school matinee.

The play begins abruptly, with Dan Speigal in the role of Jesus, walking out on stage and sitting with his back to the audience. The lights go down and a strong voice booms out from behind you—"Prepare ye the way of the Lord!" This phrase is

repeated over and over again as Louis Cyr words his way to the stage. Throughout the first act of the play the cast musically parodies portions of the Bible, such as the sermon on the mount parables, and other Biblical occurrences. These enactments are done in a slapstick manner with no attempt to be anything but humorous.

Although the play was well cast and entertaining the first act seemed to move very slowly. The play did not capture the interest except in a few numbers. The brightest spot of the first act was the final number before the intermission which included a bit of a duet starring Heather Myers and Jeff Gigante who belts out these lines—"Let's have some wine!" Then it is time intermission.

After 15 minutes the play resumes. The second act kicks off with Heather Myers singing a sultry, provocative, and somewhat sleazy tune. Heather's vocal skills are some of the best in *Godspell* and her voice was well suited to the song. The second act was off to a good start.



Godspell stars Louis Cyr.

Act II was much livelier than Act I, and also much more intense. It portrayed the last events of the life of Christ, and the play ended with His betrayal and crucifixion.

The play was about the life of Christ but Mr. Jones says, "Although this play about religion it was not a religious play."

He also feels the same people may have not been able to understand all of what was going on in the play if they were unfamiliar with the Bible. Jones does not feel that the play was slow moving, just misunderstood.

Godspell done in a humorous manner but was still very moving at times, and more than one student was seen wiping tears from his or her eyes. It was an interesting play and certainly made NEHI aware of the talented students it has.

As a whole *Godspell* was hit and Jones says that he will continue to schedule in-school performances of productions as long as the student body continues to display orderly conduct while in attendance.

What winners do to excel

By Stacey Johnson

Many students probably hear of or know of people who make good grades, win sports events, trophies, or contests and wonder, "How do they do it?"

As you know the J.V. football team has gone undefeated this season. "Our good season was the result of a lot of hard work," said J.V. football player Steve Albright. "We had to practice two out of three days in full gear, and one day in just shorts and helmet for about two hours."

Albright also included, "On top of all the practices we had to keep up with our school work. All this requires good eating and sleeping habits and a good night's sleep."

Track is another sport that requires hard work. Although the sport doesn't start until spring, the team still has to stay in shape. Grades are very important and usually, studying takes time out of the time used for practicing and exercising.

People like babysitters know how hard it is to keep up with after school activities

and homework. But they do it and look—they have money.

How do you think people like Lee Iococca, America's most successful businessman, get where they are now? They study, they're smart, they keep informed with the times, they keep good habits and stay healthy.

One kind of winner and you may be surprised—a teacher. Yes, a teacher. They put up with students and teach the same subject year after year. Teacher's try to get a good night's sleep and eat

right but it's not easy when they have to grade papers all the time. Some teachers like Carroll Yates have a knack to teaching. "You only get out of teaching, what you put into teaching," says Yates.

He's a tough teacher but his students like and respect him. He makes learning fun, and when students learn, a teacher has a feeling of reward—so does the student.

So remember what most winners and accomplishes do to be what they are. "Winners never quit and quitters never win."



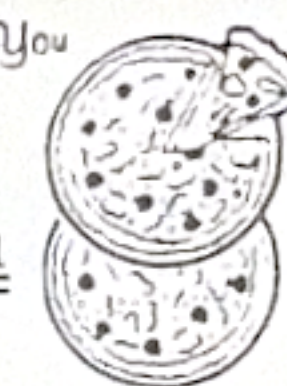
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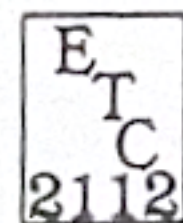
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Wrestling team shows optimism for season

By Lana Chiariello

"This year's NEHI wrestling team is the best we've ever had," said wrestling coach Bill Dudley, "it combines youth and experience and the members are very good."

The team will kick off their wrestling season in a match against Dunedin. "It is going to be pretty tough considering they have the best team ever, but I believe we can win."

The teams returning members include senior co-captains Mark Ackett and Mark Orgera, seniors Tim Simone and Marsh Bilby, and juniors Billy Fitzgerald, Robert York and Joel McAllister.

During the wrestlers preseason training, they ran, lifted weights and did other conditioning things. The first official practice was held in November.

"The team will practice for two and one-half hours each day after school. As the season moves on they will cut down by one hour," said Dudley.

"One of our main goals is to send more of the team to the state tournament, and this year we are shooting towards five."

One of the team members who qualified for state was sophomore (now junior) Billy Fitzgerald. Not only was Fitzgerald the only NEHI Sophomore to go to the state tournament, but he also surprisingly placed third statewide.

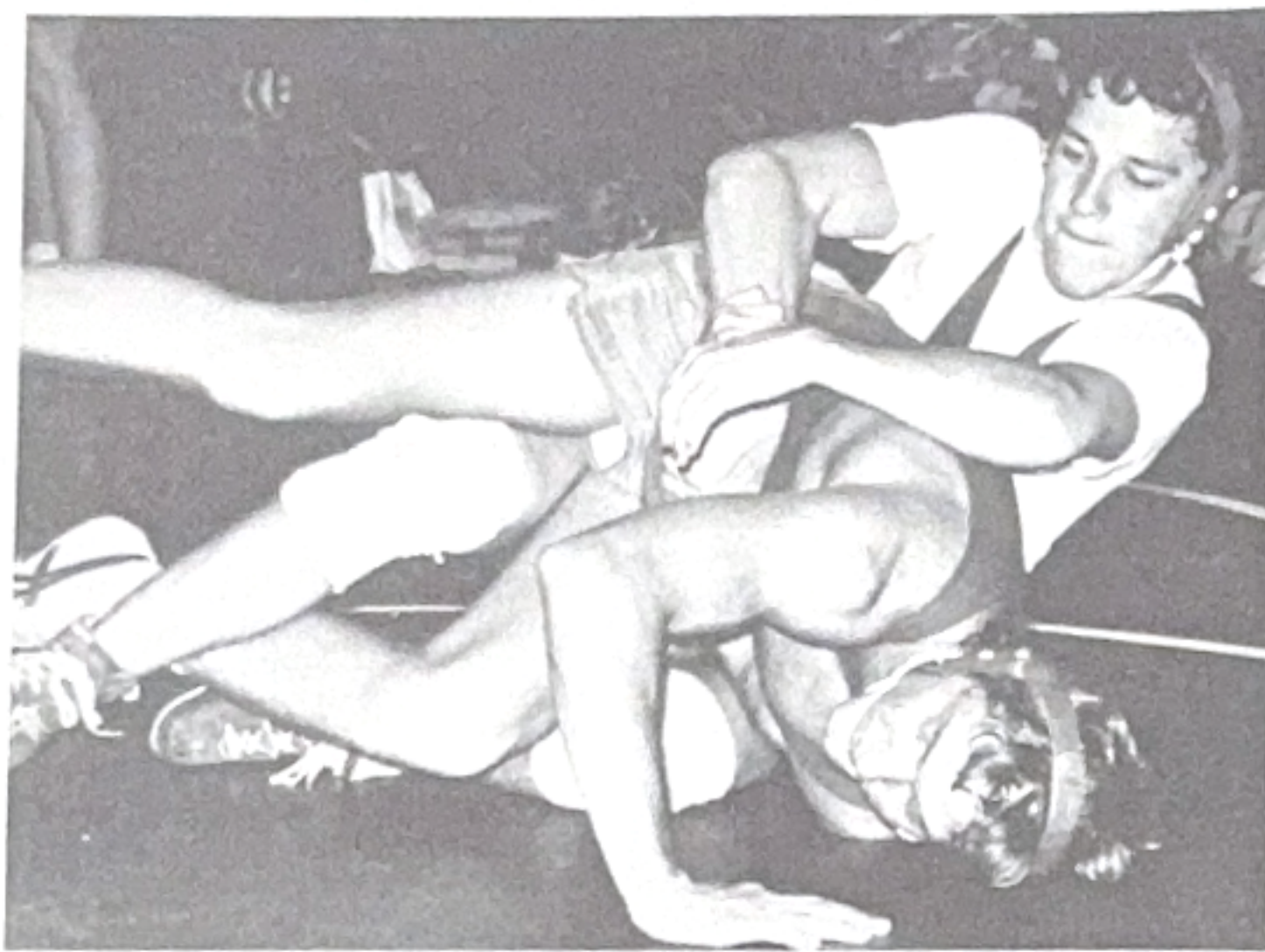
Fitzgerald is beginning his season with high expectations.

"My Serious personal goal is to win the state tournament this year, and I won't settle for less," says Fitzgerald.

All the team members are very optimistic about their season.

Summing up the feeling of the whole team co-captain Mark Ackett said

"We have to overcome some major disappointments, a few talented people we expected to return to the team this year did not—but we will replace them with the talent we now have. We plan to be very competitive. I'm looking forward to Turner, Simone, Fitzgerald and Orgera to have a great season and carry the team to victory."



Mark Ackett and Chris Turner display wrestling holds during practice.

Photo by Erwin Hoffman

Billy Dugan took a licking and he is still ticking

By Lana Chiariello

On October 12th, at approximately 9:30 pm, sophomore Billy Dugan, 15, was rushed from Davis Field to Humana Hospital with a serious neck injury which occurred during a Northeast Bandits Varsity football game.

"I was lying on the ground and I wanted to get up but they

wouldn't let me, and some guy was hovering over me saying 'You're gonna die if you get up.'"

The cause of the injury was due to two severe blows to the head and side by two opposing team members at Pinellas Park. Dugan was playing a linebacking position for the Bandits.

"I dove into midair and hit my side, my head snapped back, and then another guy hit my head again."

After the doctor diagnosed Dugan's injury, he said that his spinal cord was severely severed.

"They put this thing on my head with bolts and pins to hold

my vertebrae in place. Around the nineteenth, the pins popped out. I went back to the Bayfront Medical Center. They said the doctor had made a mistake."

The doctor at Humana hospital had diagnosed a severed spinal cord, but when Dugan went to Bayfront Center, the doctors found nothing seriously wrong, and a few pulled ligaments.



Billy Dugan with his neck brace.

Varsity football team on a roll

By J. Wilkinson

The Northeast High School varsity football team snapped its four game losing streak with three consecutive wins over Clearwater (17-14), St. Petersburg (20-7), and Cape Coral (21-0).

With three victories, NEHI has improved its record to 3-4, and according to head coach Jerry Austin, has improved greatly since the season opened up.

In their most recent win, the Vikings defeated the St. Petersburg Green Devils 20-7 before an enthusiastic Homecoming crowd.

The NEHI offense started off slow, but the defense was able to hold the Devils' offense scoreless in the first half as St. Pete was only able to muster up 168 yards of total offense the entire game, 45 of which came on the last play of the game.

Junior quarterback Bobby Byrd got the Vikes' on the board with just under nine minutes to play in the first half on a 61 yard touchdown pass to Derrick Golden.

On the ensuing SPHS possession, the ball was coughed up on the Green Devil 13 yard line. Three plays later, senior running back Kenney Bryant took a handoff from Byrd and tossed it 25 yards to tight end Gary Gainer.

Jeff Gigante added two field goals of 22 and 17 yards to make the score 20-0.

The only St. Pete score of the night came on the last play of the game as speedster Vader Green caught a 45 yard touchdown pass.

Only one week before, Northeast had a totally different situation on their hands. Its opponent was, then No. 2 ranked in the Class 5A state poll, Clearwater Tornadoes.

With the score tied 14-14, and only four ticks left on the clock, the Vikings had the ball on the Tornado 10. Head coach Jerry Austin chose to send in kicker Jeff Gigante for the go-ahead points. It looked as though the game would go into overtime when a Clearwater defender tipped Gigante's 27 yard attempt but the ball bounced off the right upright and wobbled in. It was not pretty, but three points is three points as NEHI upset Clearwater 17-14.

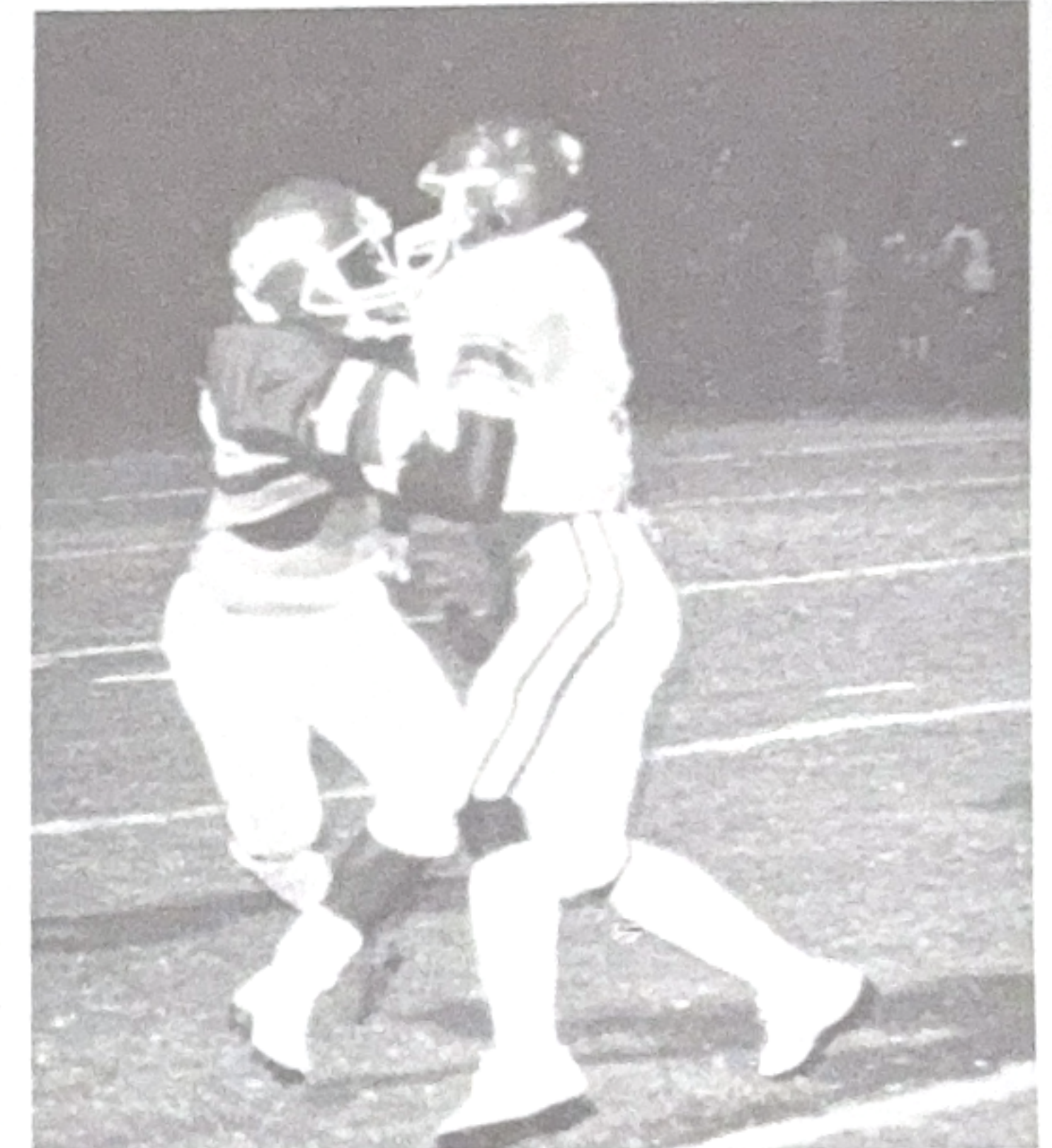
"He did make it and that's what counts," commented Austin. "It was just like the kid who has never caught a ball and when he does, it wins the game."

Even though Gigante's kick was the highlight of the game, the rest of the offense did their fair share of work too. Bobby Byrd threw for 117 yards and a 3-yard scoring run. Kenny Bryant had 19 carries for 107 yards and an 11-yard touchdown run.

In the other win, the Vikings defeated, its only opponent from outside the county, Cape Coral 21-0.

Once again, leading the Vikes' offense was Bryant who had two touchdowns of four and five yards.

On the other score, Byrd threw a 10 yard strike to Jon Martin with 5:40 to play in the game. The play was set up when Pat Wilson pounced on a Cape Coral fumble deep in their own territory.



Varsity football players show how to hit the opponent hard.

J.V. football team seems unbeatable

By Jason Farr



J.V. football players display extreme aggression on the field.

The Northeast High School J.V. football team is having one of its best seasons ever. It won the first six games and did not allow a point, scoring 155 itself.

The offense, led by the running of Lawton Scott and the receiving of David Bowman, scored at least 3 T.D.'s each game with the exception of Osceola.

But the defense has been just as outstanding. Travis Harris, Chad Parr, Rick Griffin, and Norman Butler lead the defense.

"Although the offensive line has been playing real well in giving the running game support," said head coach Ty McCraw. "The defense has been doing a good job stopping other offenses, and they've been getting a lot of turnovers."

In a recent win, the team defeated the Dixie Rebels 28-0. Leading the offense was Bowman with two T.D. runs and Scott with a 17 yard T.D. run. Norman Butler scored on an 80 yard punt return. It was his second T.D. on a punt return this season. Harris, Griffin, Parr, and Butler led the defensive effort.

The only real test so far this year came from the Osceola Warriors. NEHI won 7-0. The games only score came when Cody Brown connected with Bowman for a 75 yard T.D. pass.

Northeast came home to beat St. Pete. The Devil's offense could not get anything going all night, and the stingy Viking defense held them to only three first downs. While the offense was led by Scott's three T.D.'s,

The Vikes took to the road again to play Gibbs. NEHI emerged victorious with the most lopsided victory of the season, 35-0. Cody Brown had one of his finest performances as he threw touchdown passes to Bowman and Adrian Adams. Bowman scored another time on the ground, as did Scott. The special teams got into it when Butler scored on a punt return.

In game six there was more of the same as the Vikes defeated Boca Ciega 34-0. Cody Brown led the team by throwing three T.D. passes, two to Travis Earls, and one to Scott. Steve Whaley and Scott Both had short T.D. runs. The defense shut out their opponents once again. Harris, Godfrey, and Parr led the effort.

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Red wagon races produce positive results for physics students

By Matt Wiseman

According to Newton's laws of motion, an unbalanced force applied to a mass produces motion. In the case of the Second Annual Little Red Wagon Race, the "unbalanced force" was Mr. Henry Frazee, the mass was the wagon and its occupant, and it produced motion in the form of a different approach to promote student enthusiasm in physics (or "FIZZIX" according to Frazee).

It began before dawn on October 25, 1985. The cool northerly breeze brought the fall feelings associated with many great sporting events. With all the pride of the assemblers of the Olympic torch, the first period Space, Technology & Engineering class began the task of creating the banner to be used for the event.

As the sun rose, Frazee's second period competitors entered and, like many to follow, took their

places at the starting line. With the riders and pullers in their respective positions, a faint but audible "One, two, three—GO!" sounds and the competitors are off. One could almost hear television commentator Jackie Stewart in the background saying, "Aye it's a goo' day for a racin'."

Said Frazee, "The students are really enthusiastic about the race. We got the idea last year because we had no lab facilities (with the closing of building 17). We wanted a way to do labs and that is where we got the idea for a little red wagon race."



Physics students compete in second annual red wagon race.

Girl's soccer team prepares for season

By Michelle Bench

Mrs. Taylor was a soccer coach in New York. One of her "players" was daughter Amy. Now, Amy is captain of the NEHI soccer team. Amy's mother taught her the game and for the past nine years Amy has been a soccer player.

After graduation, Taylor plans to continue playing soccer in college. "I'm not looking for a scholarship in soccer, but it would be nice," says Taylor.

Last year, the soccer team was the district champs, and Taylor feels that "the team is more talented, and more experienced this year and I think they'll do well."

In Amy's opinion, the top players are Anne Pekral, Karen Boyd, and Kim Kaneel.

The team begins play in December



Photo by Erwin Hoffman
Lori Bushart practices her soccer skills.

Boy's soccer season approaches

By J. Wilkinson

The boys soccer season will be under way in three weeks, and according to head coach Ty McCraw, the team should be able to greatly improve its 6-6-2 record from last year.

"We've got fifteen returning players," said McCraw, "and we expect to improve our record greatly."

Heading the list of returning starters are senior goalkeeper and varsity football kicker Jeff Gigante. Helping Gigante in the back will be Mark Nilsen and Chris Aiken.

The scoring power of the team will be in midfielder Chris Skey and striker Bobby Shea, who combined for most of the teams goals last year.

The Vikings will open up their 13 game season with four straight home games, starting with Osceola on December 11, followed by Largo, Gibbs, and St. Petersburg.

Also included in the schedule are Countryside, Clearwater, Dunedin, Boca Ciega,

and Dixie Hollins. The last four games of the season will really test the NEHI squad, as they will take on Lakewood, Seminole, Pinellas Park, and last year's Class 4A state champion, Tarpon Springs. Their schedule will be as follows:

Dec. 11	Osceola	H - 6:30
13	Largo	H 8:00
16	Gibbs	8:00
18	St. Petersburg	H - 6:30
Jan. 8	Countryside	A - 6:30
10	Clearwater	H 8:00
17	Dunedin	A 8:00
22	Boca Ciega	A 6:30
24	Dixie Hollins	A - 8:00
29	Tarpon Springs	H - 6:30
31	Lakewood	A - 8:00
Feb. 5	Seminole	H - 6:30
7	Pinellas Park	A - 6:30

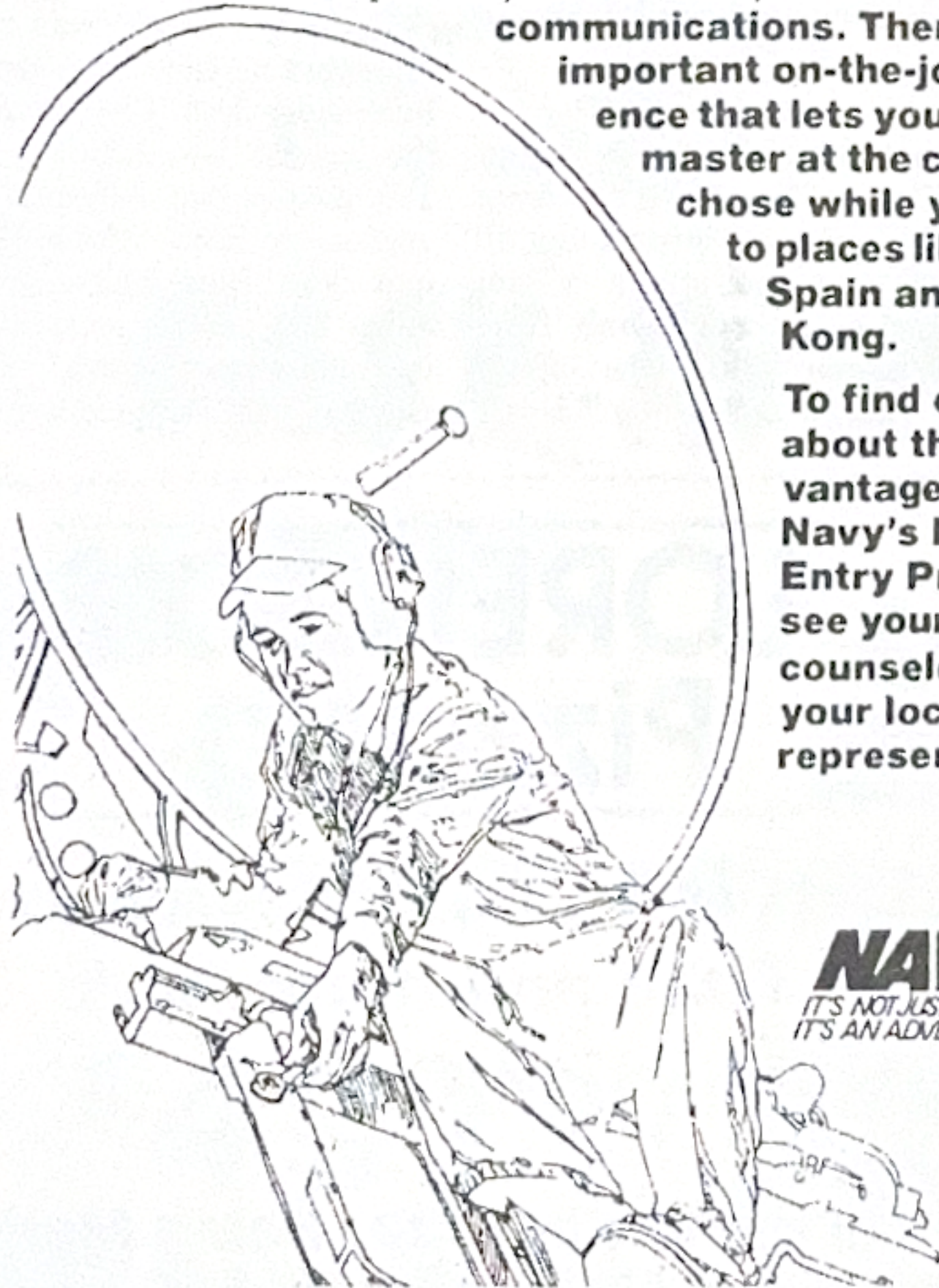
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