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Vandalism continues

by Allison Steele

You arrive at school on the day of the big game and there it is splattered all over the wall: "St. Pete. No. 1."

It's first period gym class and you're all ready for a frosty swim in the pool. You glance at the water and there they are, dead fish.

It may seem funny and it certainly is tradition, but it is also vandalism. Destruction or defacing of school property is estimated to cost from \$2000 to \$3000 or more each year, money that comes out of the school maintenance fund. The money used to repair damages done to school property could be used for other purposes, such as repairing a driveway or a bus or fixing the air conditioner.

As Mr. Jack Stabler, assistant principal, explained, "When damage to the school is repaired it not only costs the school system money, but the outside agencies as well. A custodian must take extra time, time he could be spending doing

something else, which adds labor cost. The maintenance department lacks funds as it is. It costs for the paint and even for the time it takes to report that repairs are needed. It all adds up."

The school does have insurance but it only covers major property damage. "A lot of damage is done that isn't really obvious," said Stabler. "Things like knobs off water fountains, destruction of sprinklers, tampering with any of thousands of wires running along top of the roof and even whoever spun his car around out there on the lawn. It all costs money."

The type of damage found most often is broken glass, with paint a close second. These types of vandalism take the longest and are the most difficult to repair.

However, measures are being taken to protect the school property whether they are successful most of the time or



Photo by Tony Ranze

Green paint oozes down NEHI walls after attack by St. Pete. vandals.

not. According to Stabler, "There is always at least one police officer in the district every night. The building is also equipped with a silent alarm system. But even with superior police protection and alarms it (vandalism) happens. When I was a dean at St. Pete. High a few years back, we had

the good fortune to catch the students from Northeast responsible for painting the green devil red. Besides having charges pressed against them in court, the students had to pay for the repair of the sign.

"Yes, I think that if schools had actual mascots or there was some other way to harass a

school before a big game, the vandalism rate might decline. But there's really no telling with so many students.

"Most of the damage is the 'hit and run' type. It's easy just to throw a rock at a window and run. Most people think it's funny, that it's just a joke. A \$3,000-a-year joke."

Weary air conditioners need replacement

by Heidi Tavares and Jeff Roslow

For the past several months, NEHI students and faculty have been repeating the same complaint "Why aren't the air conditioners working?" as they suffer through one hot, stuffy class after another.

"We try to get the air conditioners fixed," said head maintenance man Pete Couture, "but some of them are so old that if we put a new part in an old air conditioner, the new part is too powerful for it and it breaks down again."

How much of the time is air conditioning not in operation? "The whole system doesn't work about 75 percent of the time. There's always at least one unit not working."

But Mr. Jack Stabler doesn't agree. "They're out about 10 percent of the time," he said. "It just seems like a lot more. They've been working a lot

more than they've been out."

"F-wing breaks down a lot because the air conditioners there are too old. It's like driving a 30 year old car. They need to be replaced."

"The reason why it takes so long to repair is because we don't have the parts on hand to repair them with. Repair crews take so long to get out here with the parts."

"They (the architects) didn't take into consideration the fact that the doors are constantly opening and people use up the cool air, too. We got what they thought we should have."

Mr. Art Spinney, Director of Maintenance with the School Board of Pinellas County, says NEHI isn't the only school with air conditioning problems.

"Sixty-five of the one hundred twenty-two schools in the county have had problems,

NEHI is in the upper third in the bad air conditioning system category.

"They're always breaking down because they're old and poorly maintained," Spinney said. "They can't stay fixed because the parts are so old and hard to come by."

Is NEHI going to be without heat this winter? "Some rooms have the air conditioning and heating in the same unit. If the air conditioner breaks down, the heat won't work. Some wings have an underground heating system. Hot water flows through pipes underground and heats the room."

Stabler thinks the architecture of the school may have something to do with the problems with the air conditioning.

"It takes so long getting the air conditioners fixed for two

reasons: 1) the time getting parts and 2) if a unit is under warranty, nothing can be done until the company that put the unit in is contacted."

What is the solution to the air conditioning problem? "Money," says Couture. "Also there isn't enough help. Whenever it's a cutback, maintenance gets the ax first. They just don't hire enough maintenance people for this school."

So the battle with the air conditioners rages on. Perhaps soon the obstacles preventing fast, efficient repairs will be overcome and the students and faculty of NEHI will be able to look forward to cool classrooms next summer.

"The air conditioner repair work cannot be done without outside, professional help. We

(the NEHI custodians) don't normally fix the air conditioners, but we have to work on them because otherwise it takes too long to get them fixed."

Couture thinks a lot of the blame can be put on the county. "The air conditioners never get fixed at one time. We have code numbers we have to go by. Maybe five units don't work. They send someone to fix them. But three units are in sequence with the list and two units are further down the list."

"If we call in first or last, it doesn't matter, we get serviced last. Elementary schools get serviced first, then junior high schools, and then high schools."

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Lack of activities, lack of school spirit

by Bill Vincent

Have you noticed a lack of after-school activities such as dances, carnivals, and beach parties?

The answer is most likely yes, and many reasons account for this: lack of money to support the project, lack of teacher support, and lack of student support are all problems for not having more after-school activities.

A good example of these problems is found when holding a dance. According to Mrs. Alston, the Freshman Class sponsor, the cost to give a dance would be at least \$200 because a fairly polished or professional disc jockey would have to be hired, police need to be hired and a place for the dance would need to be rented, unless the dance is held in the gym. According to Mrs. Phillips, the Sophomore Class sponsor, it is hard to get teacher sponsorship plus students are sometimes unable to attend because of after-school jobs.

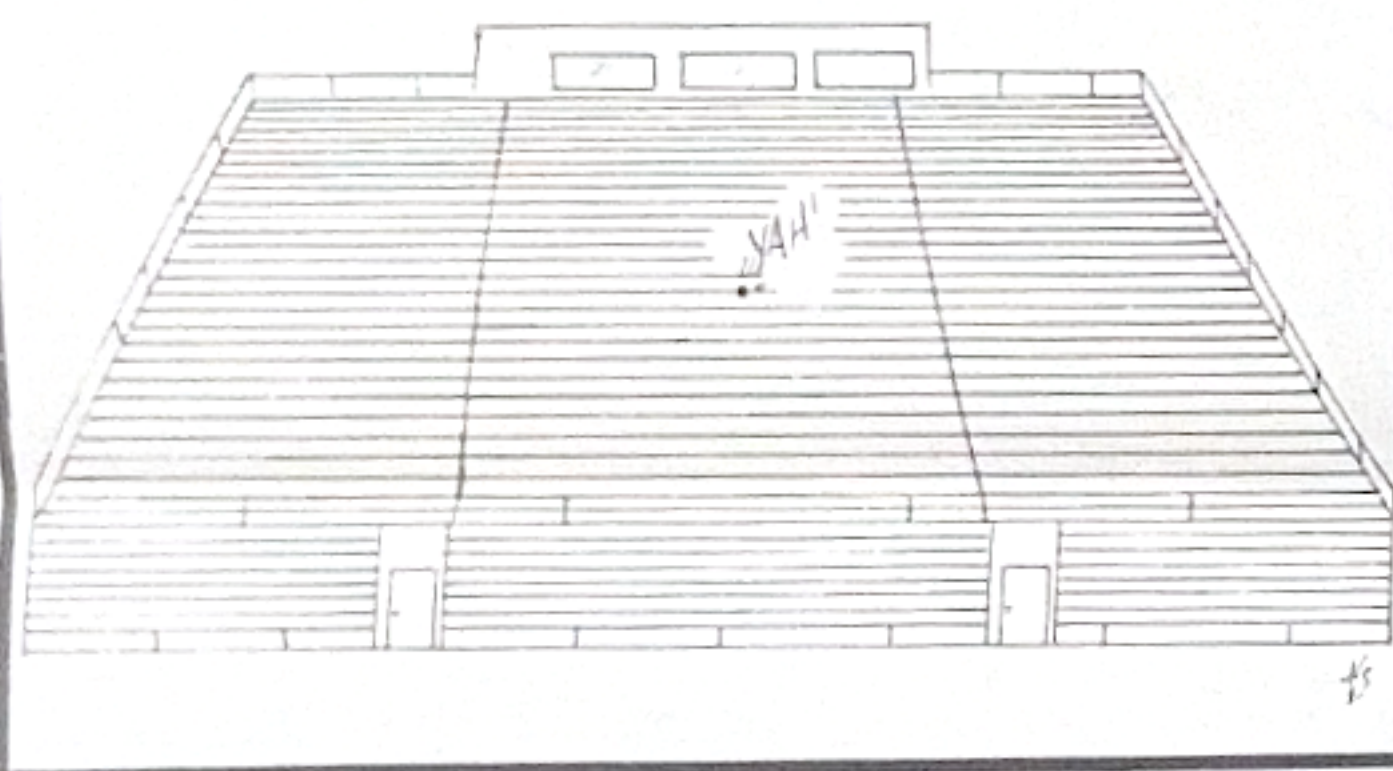
The beach parties were traditionally sponsored by the Junior class every spring. Last year the Junior class

cancelled the beach party at the last minute due to lack of money and lack of interest. Mr. Zachary, NEHI principal, said that having a beach party was illegal because you can't have school sponsored activities on the beach or water, as you would have to hire too many lifeguards.

The NEHI carnival was cancelled a few years ago simply because of the lack of school spirited interest.

Are you one of the NEHI students who wants a dance after each home football game, more beach parties or any other after school activities? If you are, you might be interested in knowing that Mr. Zachary has stated that he is in favor of getting away from dances and that he feels we have a well-rounded variety of outside activities.

If students want to change the attitude of Mr. Zachary, the administration or the teachers they can talk to their class sponsors or any of their class representatives.



To drink or not to drink: an important decision

Some people won't admit it, but every day you are alive, you learn something new. One of the nice things about being the age you are is that there are so many new things to be discovered.

Stop and think for a moment about some of the things you've experienced in the last few months. Lots of new things. Some of the things you are encountering are good, some are bad, and some can be filed away as information, and you must make the decision about the importance of each.

One of the decisions you are going to be faced with is the importance you place on alcohol, and whether or not you choose to drink. As with many other decisions you are going to be faced with, your ruling on alcohol is going to make a difference in your life, so make your decision carefully.

Alcohol, despite its social acceptance, is a drug. It is also the single most abused drug in the country. That fact alone should make you wary. Be sure

of what you may be getting yourself into.

Don't be pressured into making a decision about alcohol, and don't let someone else make the decision for you. A lot of people discover too late that they chose to drink for the wrong reasons.

When it comes time to make your decision, avoid these pitfalls: curiosity, peer pressure, insecurity, boredom, escape, rebellion against authority, failure or permissiveness. None of the problems above will disappear when you start drinking, and you could end up with more difficult problems to solve.

Alcohol has been around a long time, and it's not going anywhere. You can always afford to wait. This is one decision you can postpone.

(This is a medical message from the Florida Medical Association in behalf of the doctors of Florida and as a public service of this school publication.)

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

WARNING: EATING CANDY DURING THE DAY IS HAZARDOUS TO YOUR TEETH!

Attention all money-making club and classes! Are "Gummy Bears", "Turtles", and chocolate bars made so available that you are overlooking the detrimental effects sugar has on student's teeth? Is that the idea of a "Service" club?

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2. Elimination of foods which cling to the teeth and encourage plaque formation.
3. Eating more fibrous foods which do not encourage plaque formation.
4. Control sugar intake by having a balanced diet of the basic four food groups.

Large amounts of sugar eaten at mealtimes is less cavity forming than small amounts eaten at frequent intervals during the day.

Clubs, why not do your fellow students and teachers a "service" and sell them items that are not detrimental to their dental health?

Here are a few suggestions:

1. Bumper stickers, buttons, T-shirts, book covers, cards, pencils, banners.
2. "Current" stationery.
3. Flowers (contact "Fresh-Cut" flowers, or others).
4. Avon (there are products for men too).

There are many possibilities. It may not be as easy as "Gummy Bears" and chewy bars, but consider the greater "service" you would be doing for yourselves, and your fellow students. Anyone care to debate?

Patty George Rogers,
R.H.D. (Registered Dental Hygienist)
Northeast "Class of '73"

Ballot

Q: Should NEHI allow candy sales?

YES ☐

NO ☐

Q: If NO, what should be used to provide for money making projects?

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Viking Views

What would you like to see in upcoming editions of the Nor'easter?

by Faith Williams

Photos by Tony Ranze



Devlin Williams--grade 9--"I think that the J.V. football team gets very little recognition, therefore I think we deserve a lot more publicity."



Joe Glonek--grade 12--
"GIRLS...GIRLS...GIRLS...!"



J. Tom Zachary--principal--"Things that the Nor'easter staff feels are important issues around campus."



Beatrice Jackson--grade 10--"I'd like to see more articles on students, student happenings, honors, awards and such."



Simone Jackson--grade 12--"I would like to have some type of modeling classes so we could advertise some talent in fields other than the regular sports and clubs."



Donnell Smith--grade 11--"Since this is my first year at NEHI I couldn't really say just what the paper lacks. But if it's a pretty face you need I'm the man for the job."

other comments...

Steve Nicola--grade 9--"MORE FOOTBALL!"

Charles Jenkins--grade 12--"More young people giving their point of view on the school system."

Howard Morrow--grade 11--"More activities concerning black people."

Audrey Beaton--grade 10--"MORE SCHOOL SPIRIT!"

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Baranauskas: Determined winner

by Toni LoPinto

Sixteen-year-old junior John Baranauskas is a determined motocross winner. He has 54 trophies to show for his approximate 67 races.

Baranauskas began racing at the age of 15. He started as a determined winner and Baranauskas says, "I'm planning on getting number one and will probably do it."

Baranauskas hadn't planned on becoming a motocross racer. "One day me and my friends were riding around and we found out there was a race that day, so we went to the track. I took second place that day and that's how I got into it."

John Baranauskas has gotten into motocross all right...mentally, physically and financially. Baranauskas' motocross bike cost him in the area of \$325. In addition to that figure, about \$50 must be added

for racing pants, \$20 for a racing jersey and about \$30 for a helmet. "The helmet is a cheap one," says Baranauskas.

Baranauskas practices his riding for about two hours every day. Riding with friends, Baranauskas rides on the sidewalks, the street and jumps curbs for a genuine workout. Baranauskas feels that the time and money he has put into motocross is "worth it". However Baranauskas' parents think it's "a little expensive," says Baranauskas, "but they figure it keeps me out of trouble."

Technique seems, according to Baranauskas, to lack importance in motocross racing. "I don't really have one. I just try to get up front and stay there."

"Before a race, I think about what's going to happen."

Whether I'll win or come in second or whatever. Usually, I just hope on winning—that makes me feel better."

With success, Baranauskas has learned to take failure. "When I lose I just look forward to the next race."

Motocross, as explained by Baranauskas, is a very competitive and fast-growing sport. He races with about 40 riders. He's seen riders from the age of 4 to 23. "Girls are getting into it, too. I've had to race a few girls before."

"My main competition right now is Tony DeCosta. (DeCosta is also a junior at Northeast.) He's been doing quite good. We're friends, but we race competitively."

Baranauskas is not sure whether motocross racing will be his career. "I'm going to race a really big race on New Year's Day in Indianapolis. If I win it, it would mean a lot. It's for a world champion. I'd like to be number one in the world," says Baranauskas meditatively.

John's most recent win was in Dunedin, October 21 when he triumphed first place.



Photo by Tony Ranze

John Baranauskas readies for a tough landing during a motocross race.

Smoking prohibited on NEHI campus

by Donna Race

When the doors open to the restrooms people begin to hide for once again deans are trying to catch someone smoking.

Smoking, as it stands now, is against all Pinellas county rules. It is, in fact, a violation of the school board policy. Many student government groups have in the past tried to approach the school board on changing their policy. Many student government groups have in the past tried to approach the school board on changing their policy about it, yet all attempts have failed.

To narrow it down, basically there are three main reasons as to why smoking on school property cannot be made a right for students. First of all, in Florida it is illegal for any person under 18 years of age to purchase cigarettes. Second, the school system would never approve of letting students perform an act that has been proven harmful to our health by a Surgeon General. Last of all, NEHI doesn't have any appropriately designed area for smokers to smoke. These are the reasons for not allowing students to smoke during school hours, yet students continue to smoke anyway.

If a person, from a freshman to a senior, girl or boy, is caught dragging on a cigarette while in school, he will be, without question, automatically suspended. Although suspension is considered unfair by many, detentions seem not enough to the administration.

One day away from NEHI is what an offender receives, in addition to a phone call to the parents of the accused. When Mr. Zachary was asked why suspension is so necessary, he replied, "We feel it is a serious enough offense that it should result in a one-day suspension."

If by some chance a person is caught more than once, the penalty increases to a two-day suspension. If a person is persistent in being caught in the act, he or she is then suspended for three days and the superintendent is informed. These measures may seem drastic, but these are rules and the administrators have made it clear that they intend to abide by them. And as it seems this year not many students have been caught and removed for a day from NEHI.

When a person comes to a game, football or otherwise, and forgets school rules, such as

required clothing and shoes, they will smoke. This is considered a rule not to be broken and students should at all times adhere to a school's policy against smoking. Yet, due to the abundance of people and that games are activities at night that students have paid to see, no one tries to force a person under age to stop smoking.

Many times, down the hall once the bell at 1:58 has rung, someone may light up a cigarette. Well, if by chance a dean just happens to come by he could at that moment suspend a person smoking. A student is considered to be in school until he leaves the property completely.

Those who are approached and questioned feel that smoking should be made legal for students at NEHI. Even though the odds are against the students who smoke, students will continue to smoke during lunch break or during the eight minutes between classes. Some students have and will always smoke during school, while others are capable of controlling their "nicotine fits" and wait until school hours are over. All the students who smoke on

campus at one time or another probably wish for an area for them to smoke freely without the worry of a dean unexpectedly grabbing them before the final flush of a cigarette butt. As to whether smoking will become allowed it seems at this time a dream that will never be answered for a smoker at NEHI.

Many polls were taken and a majority of students who don't smoke aren't offended by the

smell of smoke and the remains of the cigarettes left on the ground by smokers. Those who do smoke feel it is unfair to not let students smoke. Some state that in the past our administration has "loosely patrolled areas" for the many smokers.

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Homecoming: a gala event

by Lori Peters

Homecoming 1979-80 is the one event every year that involves all students. A time when spirits are high and interest is equally high. Homecoming Night took place before a crowd of 2500 Viking fans Friday night at Sexton Stadium.

The evening started off with an introduction of the floats. The clubs that participated in the competition were the Art Club, Future Farmers of America (FFA), Key Club, Rojans, Vocational Industrial Club of America (VICA), the Sophomore Class and the Junior Class.

The Art Club made a very original float entitled "Viking Victory over Pirates." On the float was a skull which symbolized the Pirates and it was transformed into a Viking Head before the audience. FFA designed a float that could be identified as a farmers' float. It consisted of a small boat surrounded by plants. The float was pulled by a tractor. Key Club had a very colorful float titled "Lock 'em Up Vikings." The Sophomore Class made a delicious looking Banana Split. Ice Cream for sophomore

spirit. Third place winner was Rojans for "The Fatal Football." VICA took second place with their pirate ship towed by pirates. First place went to the Junior Class. Their Viking Dragon went steaming around the track protecting its lady rider and itself by eating the man that was its danger.

After the parade of floats the princesses and the Homecoming court entered the stadium in convertibles and T-tops cars. The girls were introduced for the first time of the evening. The princesses are as follows: ninth grade-Tammy Kaye Richardson, tenth grade-Leslie Lynn Mills and Debby Diane Ohl and eleventh grade-Donna Marie Skabekis. The Homecoming court consisted of ten girls from which the Queen was chosen. Erin Elizabeth Banks, Gail Elizabeth Benson, Cynthia Evella Darity, Theresa Jean Pettit, Deborah Lynn Moran, Kerry Amelia Smith, Cathy Sue Stevens, Theresa Lynn Thompson, and Janine Marie Zachary.

The princesses and the court took



The '79-'80

Homecoming Queen is Cynthia Darity.

She was surprised but pleased to reign for the Homecoming

Photo by Tony Ranze

their seats with their escorts at the sideline while patiently awaiting the moment when one of them would be chosen as the queen.

Time elapsed to the half and it was time to learn who would wear the crown. As the band played in the background,

Laura Tomlin, last year's Homecoming queen, and Mr. Jack Stabler, assistant principal, crowned the queen. Stabler with no further delay opened the envelope and announced the 1979-80 Homecoming Queen, Miss Cynthia Darity.

Along with the girls playing football, some very distinguished male Vikings showed their spirit as

cheerleaders. There was also a competition between the classes to see which had the best and most spirited male cheerleaders.

In the Almost Anything Goes competition, three groups of clubs battled it out for first place. When all the wacky games were over and the scores had been totaled, the Fine Arts team took first, the Vocational team took second and the Service Clubs team took third.

Many people came to watch their friends, to show their spirit or just to watch their classmates make fools of themselves.

They watched as their peers pushed eggs across the football field with their noses. They watched as they saw the lady Vikings get mean and rough playing football. But most of all they watched their friends having fun and showing their spirit.

The crowd turnout and the Viking spirit of everyone involved helped make the first annual Viking Valhalla a successful event and insured the tradition of a Viking Valhalla every year.

Valhalla presents eventful evening

by Sue Schrader

On Thursday, October 25, Northeast High School hosted the first annual Viking Valhalla.

The original Valhalla was a special occasion that the early Vikings created as a way of glorifying their great warriors. The Northeast High version of the original Valhalla gave the students of NEHI a chance to show their spirit and athletic ability in different areas of competition.

The NEHI Valhalla included Powder Puff Football and an Almost Anything Goes competition. The Varsity

cheerleaders and pep band were on hand to add a touch of Viking spirit to the evening.

In Powder Puff Football, three games were played. The first game was between the Freshman and the Junior girls in which the Freshmen upset the highly favored Junior team to advance to the finals. In the second game, between the Sophomore and Senior girls, the Senior girls won by scoring a touchdown with a beautifully executed flea-flicker on the opening play of the game.

In the third game, the finals between the Freshman and Senior girls, the Seniors won by a score of 12-0.



Photo by Tony Ranze

Sharon Liscinski streaks for the endzone with defense in hot pursuit.

TV: part of NEHI curriculum

by Toni LoPinto

NEHI students will soon have the opportunity to watch television from their classrooms, however programming will be a slight change from what they may be used to watching.

It is a known fact that television has become increasingly popular among Americans. It is also widely known that the majority of American students spend more

time watching television than they spend doing homework. Sometime in June Northeast will be contributing to that statistic—however the result will prove considerably different.

The Pinellas County School Board has, so far, budgeted Northeast about \$70,000 for television equipment such as television cameras, film editors and terminals. In addition to

that figure about \$17,000 has been spent on rewiring the school so that it will eventually be equipped to house about 90 separate television units which are priced in the area of \$300 per set.

Sally Irvin, video specialist at NEHI, hopes that by June the departments will have enough money gathered up to have at least one set. "We need some kind of money making

project. Something the whole

school can get into. A carnival would serve the purpose."

Irvin has high hopes for NEHI's video future. "It would be nice to have a large screen in the library. Maybe even in the cafeteria."

Mr. Tom Lambdon of Siesta Video, 5225 4th Street North in St. Petersburg, deals in various sized television screens and feels that television "would add a consistency to the learning process and can enable preoccupied minds." Lambdon also feels that television will be definite part of education within about five years.

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Varsity disappoints fans

by Rui Farias

The Viking Varsity football team that began the season on a winning note has turned sour by dropping four straight games leaving them with a 2-5 record.

NEHI's second loss of the season came on Oct. 5, against the St. Pete Green Devils. St. Pete proved that this rivalry has not turned one-sided as they pounded the Vikings 35-6.

Northeast's defense could do little to hold the Green Devil's fiery offense. Led by quarterback John Newsome, St. Pete had no problems putting the points on the scoreboard. Northeast's offense was the exact opposite. NEHI moved the ball but failed to put points on the board.

On Oct. 12, Northeast dropped its third loss of the season by losing to the Pinellas Park Patriots 13-6 in a penalty-studded game.

It was mostly a defensive battle with Northeast scoring first in the second quarter. The score came off a fourth-down flea-flicker play. Pat Green passed the ball to Tyrone Walker who lateralled it to Lionel Gibson. Gibson took the ball in for the score.

Pinellas Park tied the score in the third quarter when James Gibson

recovered a NEHI fumble and ran it in for the touchdown.

The Patriots scored in the fourth quarter after the Vikings were called back for an illegal block when Pinellas Park attempted to punt the ball.

On paper Northeast looked like the winner, firing better statistically but failed to score.

Loss number four was not unexpected. Northeast lost to the Dunedin Falcons 28-13. On Oct. 19, NEHI did something that no other team did up until then, scoring two touchdowns on the Falcon defense.

Dunedin's talent proved to be too overpowering for the Vikings as the Falcons dominated most of the game. Once again it was Dunedin's defense that can be credited for the win. The spectacular defense produced turnovers that led to three of Dunedin's four touchdowns.

Dunedin's offense received the spark needed as they took a 14-0 halftime lead. Dunedin's offense capitalized on a Northeast fumble and a NEHI short punt to score the points.

David Hopper started the Vikings rolling in the fourth quarter with



Austin explodes after referee calls a costly penalty.

Photo by Tony Ranzo

two touchdown plays. The Viking charge came too late as the clock ran out, and the Vikings dropped to 2-7.

Homecoming week had been a happy one at Northeast. That is, until the night of Oct. 26, when the Vikings ran into BCS.

The "Boca Ciega Spoilers" is what they call themselves, and they have good reason. Boca Ciega, scheduled for four opponents' homecoming games, has won three of them. Northeast became the

third victim with a 32-13 loss to the Pirates.

It was the opponent's defense that defeated the Vikings again. The Pirate defense kept the NEHI offense puncheonless and forced five fumbles and four interceptions.

The Boca Ciega Pirates, alias Spoilers, have to play Dixie Hollins at Dixie's Homecoming. They've spoiled three, and they're looking forward to four.

JV upholds Viking pride: cruises to 3-1-1

by Jim Yarbrough

The Northeast Junior Varsity football team started off this season with a bang! Under the leadership of coaches Larry Rudisill, Dave Derrick and Bob Jenkins, the Viking squad has battled to a 3-1-1 record.

In the season opener against Largo, NEHI dazzled the Viking home crowd and the Packers of Largo with a 40-8 victory for the Vikes. Coach Rudisill commented, "In our first game we executed well above a usual J.V. level". The

highlights of the game were a 61 yard touchdown run on the first play from scrimmage by Matt Cole. Two touchdowns were scored by Henry Byrd and Anthony Graham. One other touchdown was added by quarterback David Hopper.

The second duel vs. Boca Ciega was cancelled due to the weather conditions.

The third game against Clearwater's Tornadoes proved to be the most exciting and

spectacular game for the Junior Varsity. Down 20-21 with 15 seconds showing on the scoreboard, quarterback Dave Hopper threw a 45 yard strike to running back Matt Cole, who carried the ball across the goal-line, and the Vikes went on to win 28-20.

Against Dixie Hollins the J.V. squad was slightly weaker. Without Dave Hopper, whose talents were called upon by the Varsity Squad, the J.V. called

upon the services of Jeff Wren. Running back Matt Cole also played part of the game as the quarterback position.

The most exciting play of the game came, however, in the last minute of the game. With the Vikings up 16-8, and deep in their own territory, Dwain Gipson took a handoff from Wren and with some fine blocking, Gipson dashed 96 yards for the final score of the game.

However, an undefeated season was not to be. In the scheduled fifth game of the

season against Lakewood the Vikes were frustrated time and time again. The Spartans of Lakewood beat the Vikes 27-14.

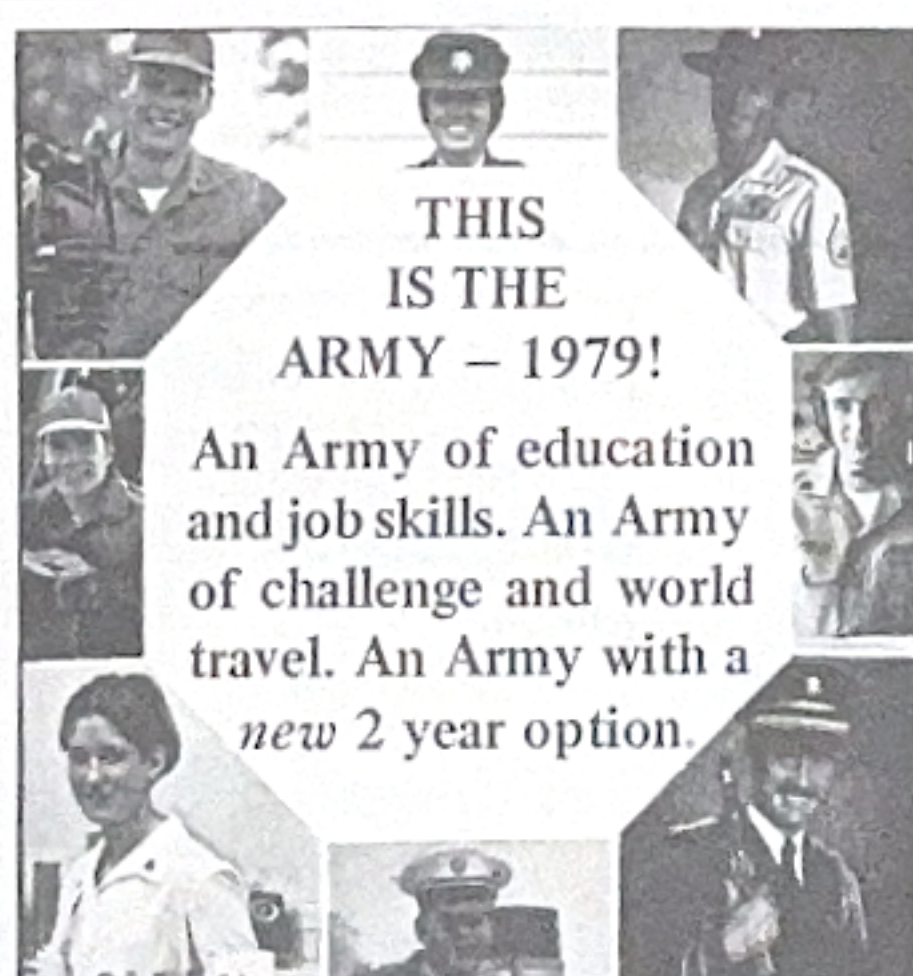
A tough battle would be the phrase used to describe the Pinellas Park NEHI game. Both teams moved the ball up and down the grid iron but neither team could score.

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Vikings spike THEIR WAY TO VICTORY

by Matt Cole

The "Spiking Vikings" have bumped their way into a tie for second place in their quest for the Pinellas County Conference volleyball title.

The Vikings opened their season on September 26 in a dual match against Largo and

Pinellas Park on Largo's home court. Both teams fell victim to the Vikings' "bump, set, spike" attack.

Next, the Vikes returned home for their first game in front of a Northeast crowd. They didn't disappoint the fans

as they defeated a stubborn Boca Ciega team. The Vikes had to come back from five point deficit in beating the Pirates to bring their record to 2-0.

Defeat was not in the Viking game plan as they prepared to play their next three games on the road. First they traveled to Seminole where they suffered their first defeat. According to Coach Mary Miller the Warhawks didn't win the game, the Vikings gave it to them.

Next they traveled to Clearwater for their second dual match of the season. There was a mix up for some fans as the game was scheduled to be at

Gibbs. Sometime during the day the location was changed due to equipment in Gibbs' gym. Despite the mix up in location and a tough loss to the Tornadoes, the night was not a total loss. The Vikings soundly defeated the Gladiators of Gibbs High to up their record to 3-1.

The Vikes have since won four games in as many tries defeating St. Pete, Countryside, Dixie Hollins and Dunedin to bring their conference record to 7-1. They are now tied for second place with the Dunedin Falcons, a team which has already been beaten by the Vikes.

When asked whether the Vikings have a chance to win the P.C.C. title Coach Miller replied, "I think if they play like I know they're capable, they could."

For the most part the Vikings have played well this year. "The team has played fine in most games and in others it looks like their brand new," stated Coach Miller of the team's performance.

The Spiking Vikings will enter the district tournament as one of the strong teams in the county. Whether or not they can put all their ability together with consistency is yet to be determined.

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Golf team up to par

by John King

The Northeast High golf team of '79-'80 is led by captains Kenny Betz of the boys' team and Pam Scheitinger of the girls' team. They are coached by Miss Joan Vernotzy who is assisted by Mr. Dixon, NEHI dean, and Miss Sykes, NEHI substitute teacher.

The home course for NEHI is Pasadena Golf Club, located 1600 Royal Drive South. In order for them to use the course at Pasadena they have to help the staff at Pasadena for two major tournaments. The LPGA Orange Blossom Classic on Saturday, February 11 and Sunday, February 12 and the Major League Baseball Players Tournament on Sunday, March 20. Every team member will be expected to be there on those dates.

Matches are played on Mondays and Thursdays. If they don't have a match there is practice. Qualifying is held every Tuesday. The lowest five scores will determine the week's

team. Each team member is to carry a current USGA rule book in his or her golf bag and is responsible for knowing the rules and golf etiquette. Each team member must wear his or her uniform when representing the team in a match.

The two members with the lowest match averages will automatically be on the district team. A player, in order to be eligible for one of these positions, must have played in at least 50 percent of the matches during the season.

The remaining positions on the district team will be determined by adding the players' match averages with two nine hole rounds, which were played at the beginning of the spring season.

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NEHI students: Giving life in their blood

by Toni LoPinto

Courage was at its peak for 225 NEHI students on October 10 and 11 when the Community Blood Bank's Mobile made its rounds.

Of the 225 willing donors only 170 were able to donate blood. The remaining 55 were refused due to age or health. Even with the slight decrease in 'able' donors, Sandra Nicely of the Community Blood Bank said that the turnout was "terrific-I think it was exceptionally good. I believe this drawing topped any other drawings at Northeast."

The 170 students who made it through the door and past the nurse who asked a barrage of questions went on to the "drawing room". Once inside, one usually begins to have second thoughts about giving blood. Thoughts like "why am I doing this?" enter the donors mind, but before he reaches a conclusion he is already in the process of the intended.

The overall procedure of giving blood is simple. A nurse seats you in a comfortable reclining chair. She tightly ties a piece of rubber around your arm so that she can find the vein from which blood will be drawn. Once this is done she scrubs the site with an antiseptic and voila! the patient is ready to "give life".

The needle, which is connected to a small hose in turn connected to a sterilized rubber bag, is about 2 1/4 to 3 inches long and about as thick as a pencil

lead. When the needle is entered into the vein the pain is very slight and most students have found that their expectations are greatly exaggerated.

Following are some reactions of blood donors:

Jim Radike--"It didn't hurt. I'll probably go next time."

Jay Booker--"I got real tired that night, otherwise no adverse effects."

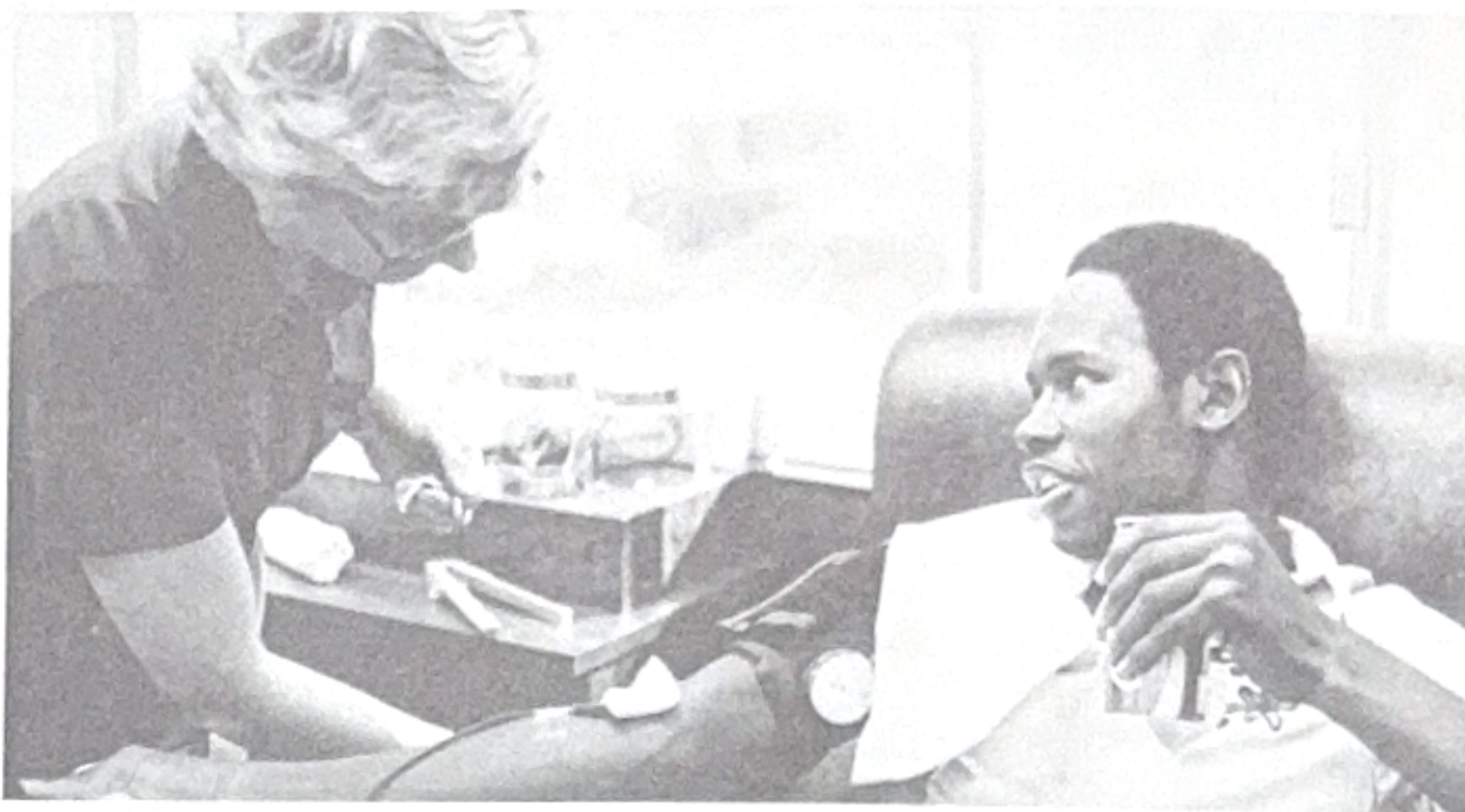
Sue Schrader--"It didn't hurt. At first I didn't look at the needle, then I figured 'what the heck'. It was pretty neat. I thought it was a good cause. I'll go next time too."

Dave Rowan--"It was o.k. but my parents were a little unhappy. It was my first time. When they pull the tape off that holds the needle it hurts worse than when they put the needle in."

Chuck Cashman--"I wanted to give, but I got carded (for proof of age)."

The requirements for donating blood are few. One must be 17 or older, must be in good physical condition, must not be on drugs or alcohol, must have a clean past bill of health and prior to donation should have eaten.

The Community Blood Bank will send out the Blood Mobile again on December 11 and 12. Last year Northeast was the highest high school donor. Another good turnout would surely keep us at the top of the list for "giving life".



Darryl Gibson takes the "Big Plunge."

Photo by Tony Ranze

Calendar

November

1 Golf match: Seminole, Gibbs, Lakewood
JV Football; Home vs St. Pete
2 Varsity Football Away Clearwater
9 Varsity Football Home Lakewood
12 School closed
15 Drama Play
16 Football Away Seminole
Drama Matinee

17 Drama Play
20 Basketball tipoff tournament
22 No school
23 No school
29 Girls Basketball Home vs Boca Ciega
Wrestling Away vs Boca Ciega
30 Basketball Home vs Dixie Hollins

Vera, Crooks awarded yearbook dedication

by Melanie Langford

This year the '79-'80 Viking Log is dedicated to two of Northeast's favorite staff members, Mrs. Cheryl Vera and Mr. Dick Crooks. The dedication took place at the annual slide presentation given by the yearbook staff. Last month juniors and seniors voted

in their homeroom for the dedication.

Mrs. Cheryl Vera, who is in the English department and is the advisor for the Viking Log and the J.V. Cheerleaders, said, "I'm thrilled and very honored in receiving the award."

Mr. Dick Crooks, also in the

English department and coach of the boys' and girls' tennis teams, had this to say about receiving the award: "I was surprised to win the award and thrilled about the whole thing."

Both staff members were given a certificate which entitles them to a complementary copy

of this year's Viking Log.

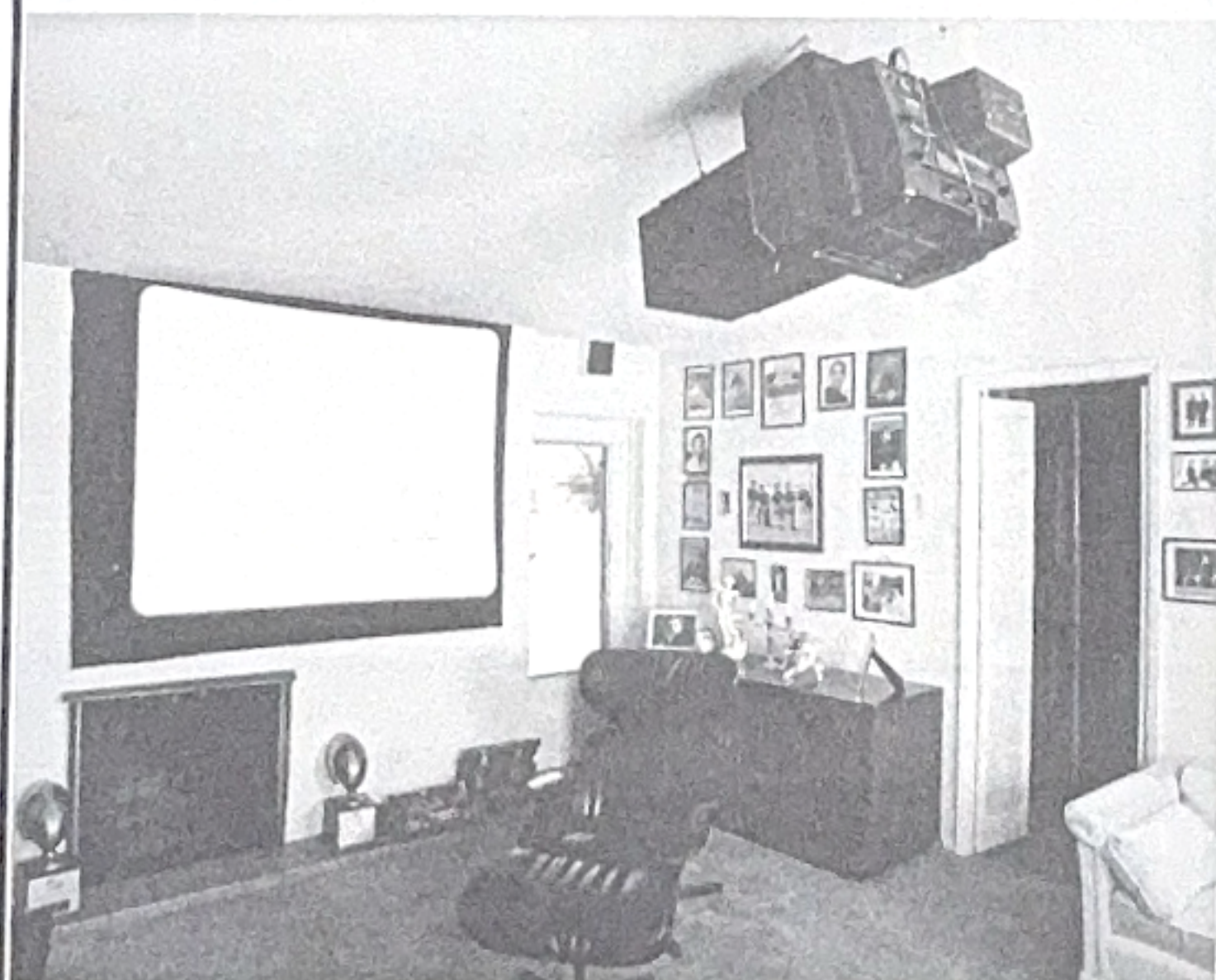
So far, the '79-'80 Viking Log is looking good. Much time and effort is going into the Log by editor Melanie Macoy and her staff.

Yearbook sales started weeks ago. Logs are on sale during fourth period in front of

the school store. The books are presently on sale for 15.00, but not for long. The price of the yearbook increases \$1.00 per week. Don't be left out. Buy your yearbook now!

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