

# Nor'easter

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## Northeast leads county in school suspensions

By Steve McCreery

According to statistics, Northeast was the county-wide leader last year in suspensions, with a total of 858 accounted for last year, according to a study on school discipline. But according to principal J. Tom Zachary these statistics do not reflect the amount of insubordination here at Northeast.

"Every school is going to have its lower ten percent of students that will skip classes and (break school rules)," said Zachary. "The only reason our suspension rate is so high is because more students get caught at our school than at others."

According to the suspension report from August 27, 1984 to June 5, 1985, Northeast suspended only three students for skipping classes. According to Zachary, this number should be zero because no student should be suspended for skipping class. The only reason a student should be suspended for skipping is if he/she has been told not to skip again by an administrator and then skips again. This would then fall under the disrespect/defiance category of suspensions and is why Northeast leads this category with 542 suspensions.

Skipping detentions is also a major way for a student to receive a suspension.

"We don't fool around with doubling up detentions if someone skips one," said Zachary, "because if it adds up to 200 detentions the student will end up not serving one because of the ridiculousness of the matter."

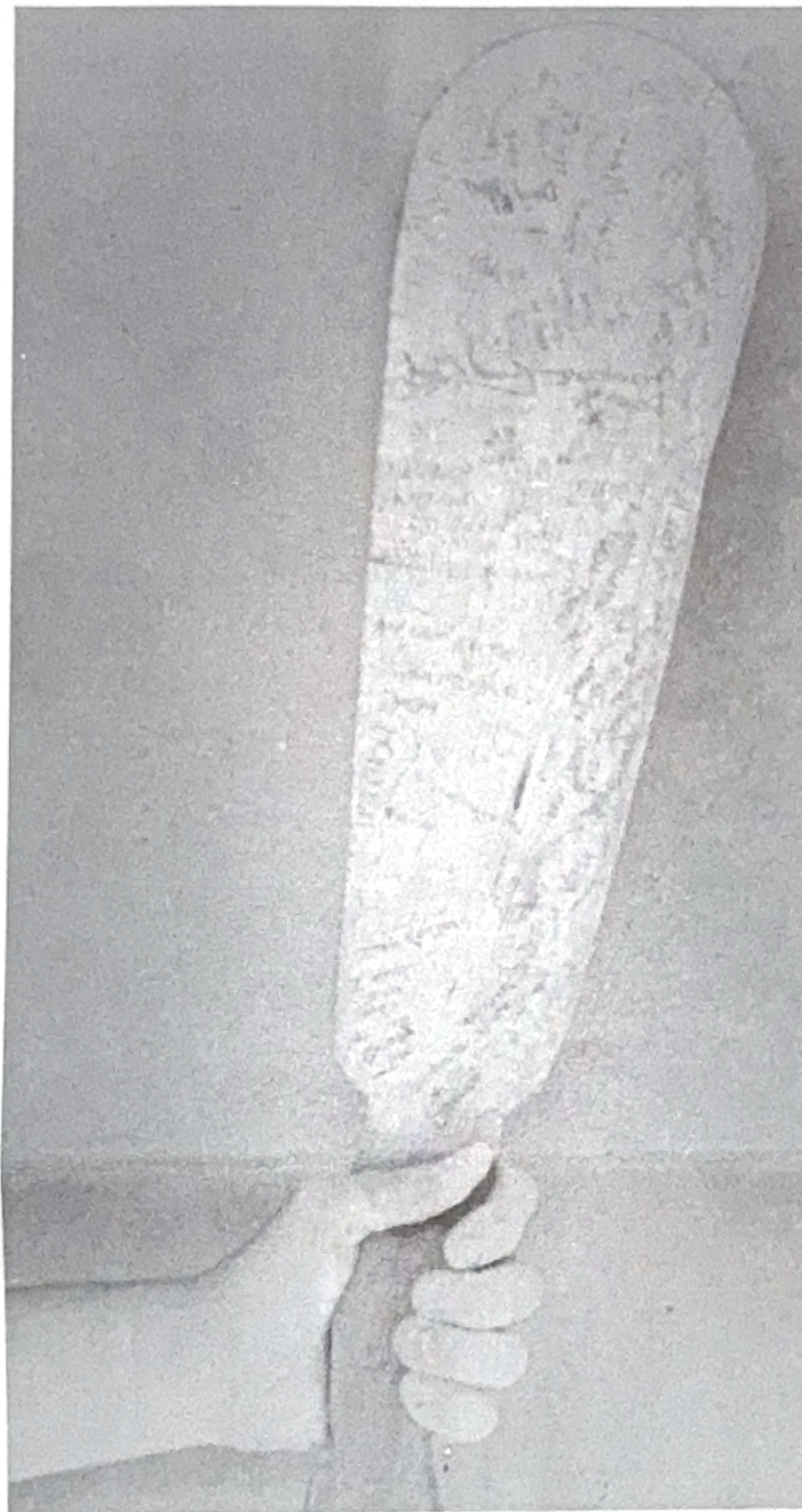
Northeast also leads the county in paddling for discipline. Last year 150 students were paddled at NEHI. The only other school in the county to use the paddle was St. Petersburg High which had ten students punished in that manner.

"The paddle is an alternative that we look to for students that cannot afford unexcused absences or have their parents find out that they were skipping class," said Zachary.

Other forms of punishment such as Saturday detention or making a student do work are not used at NEHI because, according to Zachary, "That takes time away from whoever has to supervise the work or come to school on Saturday."

Although Northeast had 858 suspensions last year, only 537 students were involved. The rest of the suspensions were for those students who were punished more than once.

Said Zachary, "It depends on the student, whether or not he thinks it is important enough to stay in school and make good grades. If he does not, then we are just wasting our time."



By Matt Wiseman

The paddle is used as an alternative for a detention.

### News Digest

Northeast students elected to top DECA offices

The Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) held its district IV elections. Matt Wiseman was elected president and Winthrop Newton was elected vice president. District IV DECA includes all Pinellas County high schools. Wiseman and Newton will be responsible for organizing and administering activities for Marketing and Distribution and fashion merchandising classes. Other NEHI students are preparing for district and state competition in the second DECA semester.

NEHI takes an active part in SR&R

The first S.R.&R. (Student's Rights and Responsibilities) meeting was held on September 10, 1985, at the School Board Office in Clearwater. S.R.&R. chairman Stephanie Tomlinson and S.G.A. officers Kari Lovfald and Leslie Ullman attended. Subjects covered included: a leadership class for the 1986-87 school year; sending better prepared students to high school; and decreasing the drop-out rate.

S.R.&R. meets once month in Clearwater and is primarily concerned with developing student leadership.

## Teacher shortage expected within five years

By Marla Gregg

Nationwide there will be a teacher shortage within the next five years due to a lack of college graduates trained in the teaching fields and a growth of population.

Neal Spearman, head of the Department of Secondary Placement, said that there is no immediate shortage in Pinellas County and that around 200 new teachers were hired.

"I think that the teacher shortage will be very detrimental to affected districts, because when you do not have trained

people coming out of colleges, they have to be re-trained in the county," said Spearman.

Spearman added that Pinellas County has a surplus of teacher applications. In case of an emergency shortage, those who have been trained in the liberal arts field who are apposed to proper teaching training can be used to fill positions.

"Middle schools in the county show that the population growth will mediate," he added. "This will occur over the next three years."

Principal J. Tom Zachary said that teachers were added on to the faculty of Northeast to compensate to a student body growth of around 400 students and the addition of the seven period day.

"We hired around 16 or 17 new teachers, but most were new in the teaching field," Zachary added.

Zachary said that the lack of interest of students at both high school and college levels will be the most important factor affecting the shortage.

"Students do not realize that teaching is a good career profession, with built in vacations that other jobs do not offer," said Zachary. "A starting teacher salary is about \$17,000 a year—that is more than most college graduates are going to make in the first year out of school. Graduates are going to get their bubbles bursted when they get out of college expecting to make good money right off."

Northeast, Pinellas County, and Florida as a whole will not

feel the affects that will be seen on a nationwide scale. Florida schools will feel the effect over the next five years in speciality and honor course areas such as shop, foreign language, math and science due to lack of applications.

Zachary added that the state legislature has relaxed teaching requirements to allow the state to adjust to future needs; that will not reduce the quality of education the district offers.

## New county hair law leaves no one astonished

By Kim Stuart

Viewing the news this past summer, Pinellas County students and teachers were not surprised to hear that the school board has made an addition to the Pinellas County Schools student handbook. This addition, section 81, is paraphrased on the school rules folders as follows: Hair: Prohibited are those hair styles and colors...which are disruptive to the school environment and/or educational process.

This additional dress code restriction has come as a result of last year's widely publicized suspension of St. Petersburg High School student Gina Pola. Pola was

suspended by principal Bill Grey because he felt that her dyed purple hair was causing a "disruption" in the classrooms.

The local media was quick to pick up on the story. Pola received television, radio, and newspaper coverage as a result of her suspension.

Students from many of the local high schools protested Pola's suspension by signing petitions, writing letters, and even dying their own hair, but all proved to be futile.

This summer the school board met and drafted the new rule. According to many students polled, they are amused by the

rule but it tends to make them a bit angry also. One NEHI junior who wishes to remain anonymous stated, "They (the administration) have taken away the majority of our privileges so why should they stop now? They want trainable zombies so that the school can get recognition for its supposedly superior educational standards."

Senior Kent Malone added, "Nothing can be done by students to retain their rights. If you protest then you are deemed insubordinate and are punished accordingly."

The student body has become accustomed to having privileges revoked

(i.e. Coke machines, candy sales, parking lot rules) and does not feel it worthwhile to protest any longer, according to many students.

Mike Thimm, St. Pete High senior, sums it up: "Nobody really cares any more. School holds little to capture interest. The objective has become to get in and out as quickly as possible while attempting to follow the limitless guidelines that have been made for us."

As of this writing it has not been necessary for any NEHI student to have any punishment enforced upon him or her as a result of an infraction of the new rule.



# "It's lunch time"

By Maria Gregg

Upon hearing "It's lunchtime," students can be found hurrying down hallways in a sort of swarm to a place we all know as 'The Cafeteria.' A place where students may buy their nutritious lunches and relax in pleasant surroundings. We must be visiting some place in "The Twilight Zone." The school cafeteria can more realistically be described as a madhouse.

As the swarm of students reach the cafeteria doors, they

are now on a type of survival mission. You may enter at your own risk into an already jammed packed cafeteria consisting of wild students enraged with hunger and racing towards the line while cutting in front of unsuspecting underclassmen. While in line some students then become stricken with signs of starvation on the verge of dropping dead, only to be trampled over after they have collapsed and lost somewhere in the shuffle never to be seen again.

Those who are lucky, survive

long enough to reach the service counter. There they may choose from two undistinguishable forms of an almost nauseating form of food known as the school lunch.

Grabbing a tray, the famished student piles it to the point of overflow with everything that can be perceived to be edible and selects a beverage. Milk or juice is offered in cartons so small that they can be entirely consumed in one gulp.

Upon reaching the register the cashier can be heard saying, "Only one lunch per student!"

"What do you mean only one

lunch? I'M STARVED!" the student screams, then tosses one lunch back to the service counter surely to be reserved to an unsuspecting student.

The cashier now demands \$4.50 in an almost life threatening tone. Disgustingly reaching into a pocket the student pulls out money, reluctantly paying then almost sighing in relief. But let's not forget the task of finding a seat.

"There's one!" the student screams in exaltation.

Beginning the journey across the cafeteria through the battle

zones, between tables under attack, the student can be found in the direct line of fire of ammunition consisting of unrecognizable debris, partially eaten food, ketchup, milk cartons, and grape juice, the perfect element for ruining a newly bought shirt.

The student reaches a table and sits down.

"RING!" the bell is heard.

The student, attempting to inhale lunch while running to class, feels the defeat in a fruitless battle to survive "The School Lunch."

## Surviving at NEHI

### A Freshman's guide to ninth grade endurance

If a freshman expects to survive his first year at Northeast High, there are several things that he has to learn. These things include facts about the administrators, teachers, the cafeteria, the halls, and the dreaded freshman diseases.

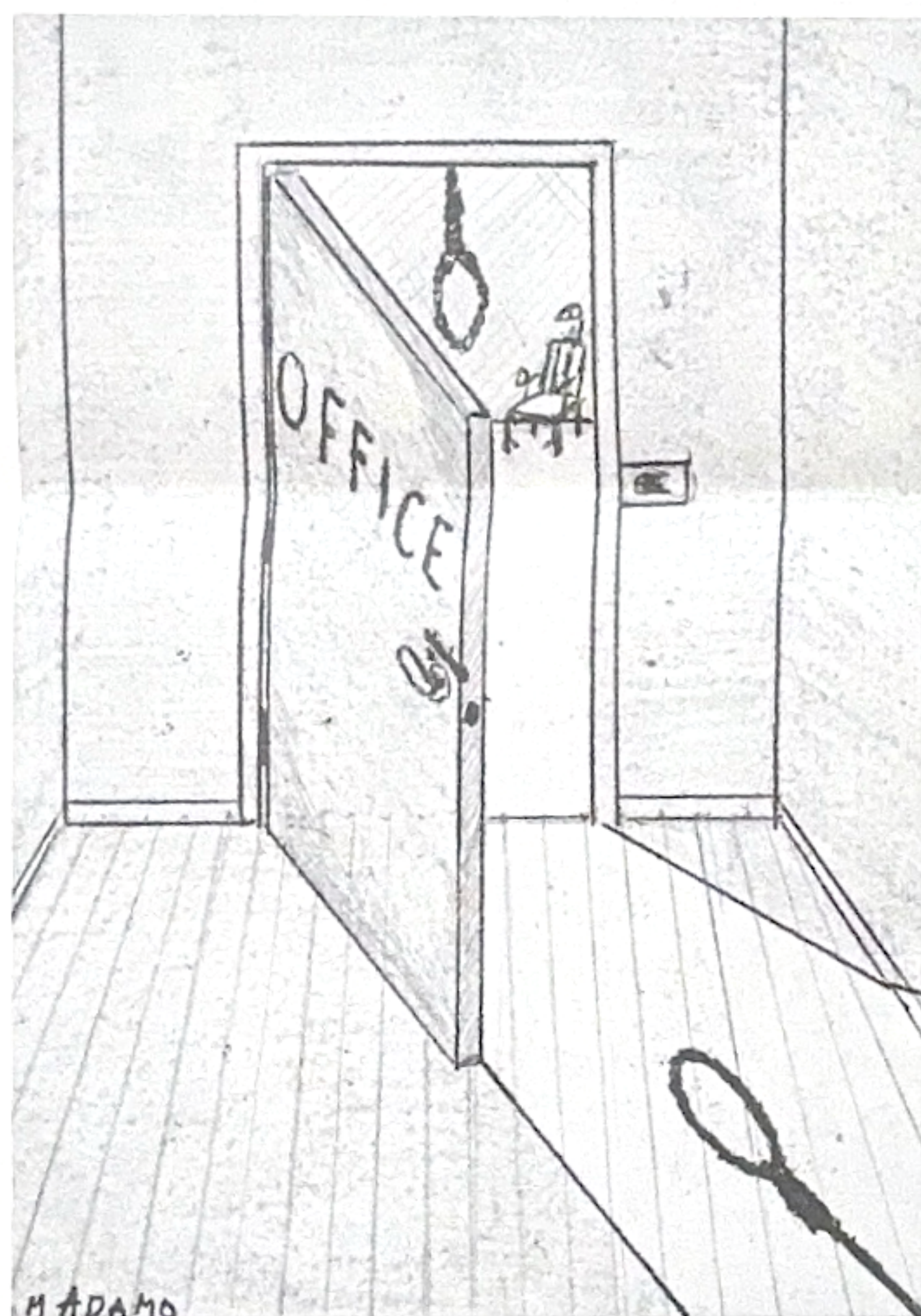
Upperclassmen have grown to learn that an administrator's main goal in life is to catch students breaking rules and they will stop at nothing to achieve that objective. They hide behind corners and use their state-of-the-art communication equipment in conjunction with a high-tech surveillance satellite orbiting the campus to stay in constant communication with each other using a secret number code.

I am sure that all administrators have received prior military training before becoming deans. If a student is seen committing a major breach of rules, something as terrible as going to your car during the day, the administrators don't go running after him. They join forces and execute a beautiful three-pronged pincer movement to intercept the renegade, reminiscent of the A-Team.

Not only do they use direct methods, but they utilize covert methods as well. The janitors now carry walkie-talkies in an attempt to confuse us and it has been rumored that the polar people are actually administrators in disguise doing reconnaissance missions.

When a rule breaking student is captured, he is taken to a place known as "the office." No one actually knows what happens there, but stories of torture and experimentation that are too terrible to print often circulate around campus.

The teachers at Northeast create even more problems for freshmen. They give pop tests, assign fifty pages of reading a night and count the incredible amount of homework they assign each night as a test grade. The teachers also conspire, in the teachers lounge, to give all their tests and collect all the papers and assignments on the same day.



Fortunately if a student goes straight home after school, begins study by 3:00 p.m. and skips dinner he might finish by

midnight. That leaves him plenty of time to study for the next day's test and still manage three hours of sleep.

The administration also works together to make sure that every student's locker is located in the most inconvenient place conceivable. It was assigned at the wrong end of Building 17, as far away from your classes as possible. Furthermore, if a student is short his locker is on top and if he is tall, it is on the bottom. They also number the lockers randomly to create further confusion.

Freshmen should also be extremely cautious of the cafeteria where students are served food. The word is italicized because no one is sure what it is. Although it may look like food, it often does not taste like food. There are often occasions when cafeteria personnel disguise the entree so that you cannot guess the mystery meat of the day. Some believe that the meals are actually students that were sent to "the office."

In addition to all of the other hazards, freshmen should be wary of the hallways. Between classes even a best friend can become an enemy. It is every man for himself in the halls. When the bell rings, everyone in the entire school seems to crowd into the same hallway. Several students (mostly freshmen) are crushed after each period and delivered to the cafeteria.

Finally, freshmen should know about the two diseases that most often afflict students new to Northeast. The first is shin splints, which come from running from one corner of the campus to another in the allotted eight minutes.

Amnesia is the second most common disease. Experts believe that a combination of the seven period day and the eating of the school lunch cause this problem. Teachers often report students who have forgotten how to read and write. In the most severe cases, catatonic students wander the halls with wide eyes and open mouths, apparently oblivious to the outside world.

Burdened with all their other problems, freshmen do have one thing going for them: They are only freshmen for 1260 class periods.

## New Rojan advisor hopes for a great year

The Rojan all girls' club will be shaping up this year with the guidance and supervision of new sponsor, Mrs. Aiexa Ruch.

"The Rojans will be better organized and more productive this year, while still managing to have loads of fun."

With the retirement of former English teacher/Rojan sponsor, Mrs. Marty James, the Rojan club was on the lookout for a new, dedicated person who would hold the responsibility of keeping the Rojan club on the ball. Ruch was chosen as the person most qualified for that job.

Ruch explains how she acquired the position. "I was walking through the deans' office one day, and Mr. Dixon (the tenth grade assistant principal) called me into his office and said, 'Mrs. Ruch, how would you like to be the new Rojan sponsor?'. Well," Ruch continues, "I didn't know what to say. I knew I would be working with the number one, top caliber girls in the school, but I also knew it was a lot of responsibility."

"So I asked him if I could think about it and tell him tomorrow, but he said, 'No, give me a yes or no answer right now, and here I am!'"

This year the Rojans have already gotten into gear. They have inducted thirty new girls into their club. They have also distributed new Rojan pins and identification cards which were donated by the Rotary club (the clubs sponsor).

Last year, the Rojan club fell into a "slum." They had a lot of problems with attendance at the meetings and functions, turning in money for dues and special sales, and the general participation and spirit of the club.

Ruch feels the Rojans will be taking a major step forward this year. "With the decline of the quality in the Rojans last year, we will have to start anew — from scratch. One of the main problems last year was the lack of awareness of the rules in the club, so how could they abide by them? This year we have laid down a whole new set of club by-laws and each girl will receive a copy. We also have a new Rojan and lots of new ideas."

Ruch wants to obtain more visibility of the Rojans throughout the school. To achieve this, she plans on having the girls wear their Rojan jerseys to every meeting or function and she wants the Rojans to be more involved in sports events, perhaps a Rojan cheering section at Friday night football games.



By Erwin Hoffman

Enthusiastic new Rojan advisor, Mrs. Ruch, plans many great things for her girls.

"I think the Rojans can really improve Northeast a great deal. As a club, we are capable of making many improvements, if we all work hard as a team."

Another thing that the Rojans are aiming for is more involvement and participation with their brother club, Interact (an all boys' club). In September, the Rojan and Interact clubs teamed up to clean the Easter Seals Rehabilitation

Center and according to the clubs sponsors, they did a wonderful job. The Rojan/Interact dance will be later on in the year, and they plan to make it very successful as opposed to last year's "flop."

By taking over this position, Mrs. Ruch is holding an abundance of responsibilities. She also teaches three Spanish classes and two French classes here at Northeast. She is married and has two small children.

"The most important thing to me right now are my children and making sure they are happy and successful. My job is also very important, and part of that is helping the Rojans grow. Most of all, I want to feel good and happy about myself."

Ruch also collects stamps, which were ruined by Hurricane Elena's treacherous flood. Along with that, she also collects dolls and rare china coffee cups and saucers.

Ruch was born in Cuba and came to Key West with her parents when Castro took over. She graduated from Miami Senior High and then attended the Florida Southern College and obtained a BA (Bachelor Arts Degree) in foreign languages. She then transferred to USF where she obtained her masters in foreign language. She also travelled to Madrid in Spain and attended the University of Madrid. "It was very hard and rigorous throughout my college years, but all of that work really paid off."

## Interact is hopeful for a fun productive year



Mr. Earl Wilson — Interact sponsor.

By Mike Adamo and Chris Turner

The 1985-86 Northeast Interact club has the potential this year to be one of the most productive, eventful, and active clubs on campus.

This year's board members and innovative sponsorship are the key factors that make the club so promising. The club is led by president Todd Murrian, vice-president Mike Adamo, secretary Keith Fredricks, treasurer Steve Diaco, and sergeants-at-arms Shane Hubble and Jim Miller. The representatives are seniors Lee Feldman and Matt Turner, juniors Mike Macaluso and Art Mendenhall, sophomores Jay Diaco and Brian Everhart. The clubs pride is its sweethearts who are Cindy Cuccaro and Patricia Liljequist.

Mr. Earl Wilson, the veteran sponsor of 29 years, has announced his retirement and is acting as key advisor of the club. Wilson's successor, Mr. Harry Brown, is excited to be involved with the club. This year's rotary sponsor is Mr. "Pop" Kaley.

The clubs effectiveness and efficiency was demonstrated at Easter Seals on September 21, according to Mr. Coffee, the Easter Seal's caretaker. Interact and its sister club, Rojans, try to clean up Easter Seals twice a year. The clean up is one of both clubs many services to the community.

"The clean up was never done as quickly or professionally as it was done this year," commented Coffee.

The great job was due to the 100 percent cooperation of every member. Each leader made sure that their group was doing what they were supposed to be doing.

Interact plans to have some fun,

rememberable events this year. The Interact installation banquet is coming up in the first week of November. This is when the new applicants will be sworn in as members. Also the biggest event for both Interact and Rojans, their annual dance, will be held in January. Their are hopes for another in the spring. Other ideas include car washes, doughnut sales, a St. Petersburg Grand Prix, sales of calendars depicting scenes from St. Pete, and the making of fire exit posters that will be put in every room of the school.

Interact's biggest fund raiser is their annual Christmas tree sales. The trees will go on sale from December 1 through the 24. Once the Christmas trees arrive, Interact members will be excused from their classes to fulfill their duties. The members will be put through the hard labor of unloading truck loads of trees.

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# Area superintendent is a former NEHI principal

By Dawn Reed

Mr. Lee Benjamin, born in Louisville, Kentucky in 1972, is a former principal of Northeast High School. He attended Florida State University and received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Physical Education and supervision. He and his family have lived in St. Petersburg for thirty years.

Benjamin started teaching a NEHI when it first opened in 1954. He taught physical education, science, and driver's education classes for twenty years before becoming vice principal for Mr. Tom Rothchild. He then served as principal from 1970 through 1974. During his teaching career, he was also a coach for the football team. While Benjamin was principal, he had three different vice principals, all of whom presently hold respectable positions in the Pinellas County School system. He has also enjoyed working with Mr. J. Tom Zachary and Mr. Herb Dixon.

sports were more popular long ago. It was rather common to see a long line of students outside the gymnasium directly after school to watch a basketball game. Students arrived so early because the gym could only hold about 1000 people. Benjamin coached basketball for twelve years. He feels that overall he had good and successful teams.

Benjamin really enjoyed being the principal at Northeast and says he would do it all over again if given the chance. He likes working with the staff, some of whom are still at NEHI, very much. His best experience at Northeast was successfully integrating the previous all white school. When asked what his worst experience was, he answered that there was not one. He is a man who likes to think positively about his years at NEHI.

When asked what his views are on the new seven hour school day, he replied that for the higher achieving students it is better because they have more time to study and take extra classes for higher graduation requirements. On the other hand, he feels that for the lower achieving students it creates more problems because a lot of these students had difficulty with the six-hour school day. And basing on the matter of rezoning, he thinks it creates inconveniences for many people, but Pinellas



By Erwin Hoffman

Area superintendent and former NEHI principal, Mr. Lee Benjamin.

County schools are under a federal court order to balance the ratio between blacks and whites. By rezoning students, they have achieved their goal.

Benjamin left Northeast in 1974 to become an area superintendent. He feels that Mr. Zachary is continuing to do an excellent job of being principal at Northeast.

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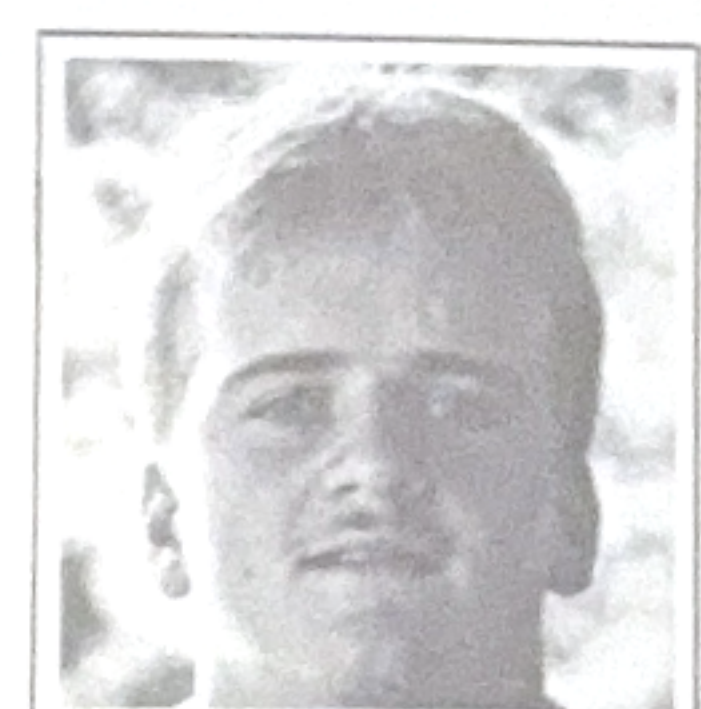
Brett Moyers; grade 12: "It hasn't improved our lunchroom at all. All it's done is force more attraction on that overpriced pile of hoop-la. I say down with the 'surfside'!"



George Chiariello; grade 11: "The food on the surfside sure is expensive! The other day I saw one cockroach wearing a tuxedo!"



Lizzie Smith; grade 12: "I think it has improved the school cafeteria 100 percent. I think it is a great idea that they have brought surfside into the schools."



Jim Miller; grade 11: "Not a whole lot! The food is no better and they are selling JUNK food LEGALLY!"

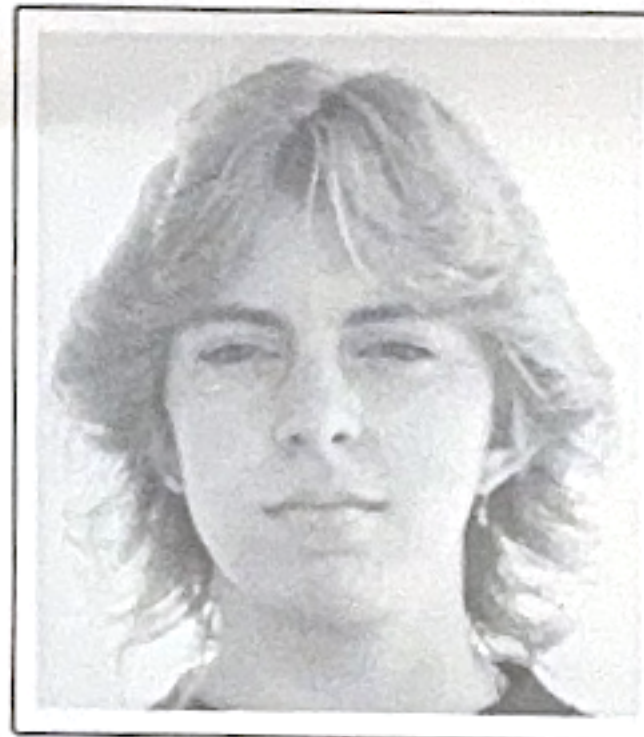
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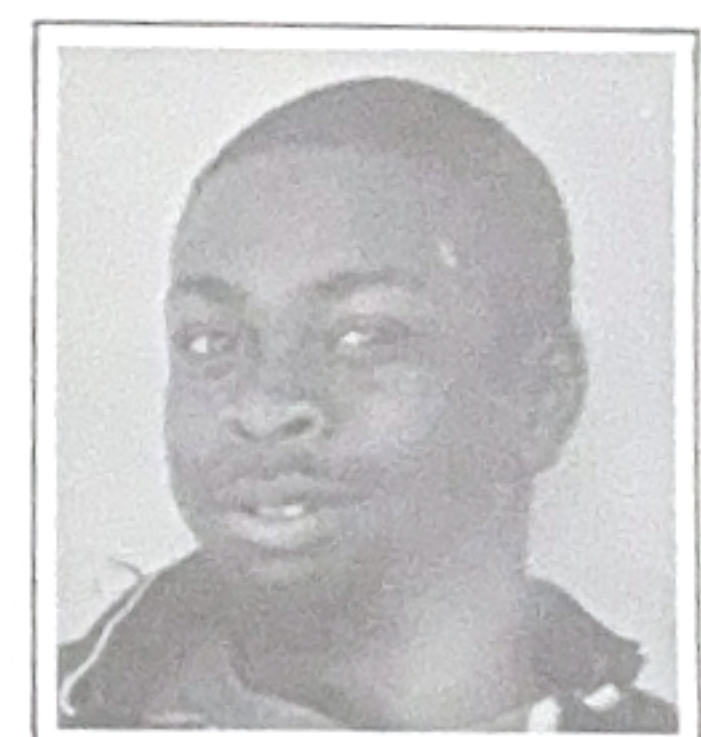
Jim Shulmester; grade 11: "It really hasn't improved my lunch habits. All it has 'improved' or 'increased' is the price of generic foods in fancy cartons."



Gail Van Voorhis; grade 12: "Fast food franchise has made its way into the school system. We can't buy candy during school but we can buy milkshakes and ice cream for lunch. Let's hear it for fairness and nutrition!"

## Question:

How has "Surfside" improved the cafeteria and your school lunch eating habits?



Marvin Green; grade 11: "It's really not too good, because the prices aren't 'bout it. So I think if they lower the prices, the surfside will become better."



Rhonda Angarano; grade 11: "Surfside hasn't improved anything. They serve the same junk every single day. Pizza or a hamburger, or whatever else they can scrape up."

## Opinion

# SMOKING? Quit

By Michelle Bench

To Smoke, Or Not to Smoke?

The definition of smoking is "The drawing of tobacco smoke into the lungs from a cigar, cigarette, or pipe then exhaling it. Everytime you smoke that cigarette, you are burning a little bit of your life away."

Experts have determined that every cigarette you smoke shortens your life span by 8 1/2 minutes. Now I know you're saying "8 1/2 minutes?" Big deal! Well it is a big deal when you figure a pack a day twenty cigarettes a pack, that's a total of three hours off your life, in one day. For

weeks worth of smoking you lose twenty one hours of your life! Is it really worth it?

Medical studies determine that cigarette smoking is hazardous to your health. It even says so on the package. Come on, if we're old enough to make a decision about smoking aren't we old enough to read and heed the warning of the surgeon general?

The smoke of a cigarette contains 3000 chemical substances and a lot of them have been connected with the cause of cancer and other diseases. Among these substances are carbon monoxide (the cause of breathing problems), tar, gas, and smoke particles.

In 1950, the American Cancer society conducted an experiment on the effects of smoking on 187,000 men. Some were smokers, some non-smokers. The study proved that cigarette smokers died from coronaries at a rate of 70 percent higher than non-smokers.

Pregnant women who smoke have a larger number of miscarriages and premature births. Infants were also found to have physical disabilities such as asthma, or bronchitis.

If you inject a drop of pure nicotine into the bloodstream it will kill you instantly. Tobacco smoke cannot only be deadly to smokers, but also non-smokers. In fact, in

some cases it is even more deadly because you breathe in the smoker's carbon dioxide.

These startling facts have caused restrictions on smoking areas and a ban on cigarette advertisements on television and radio.

Advertisements are made to entice people to take up smoking by showing a glamorous sophisticated man or woman smoking a cigarette. There is nothing glamorous about smoking a cigarette.

Most smoking appears in our age group. Why? Peer pressured, enticement, or whatever the reason may be, quit now... It's your life!



# NEHI homecoming traditions

By Lana Chiariello and Sharon Flaherty

Homecoming: football games, a queen and king, dances, alumni, and a fun filled week of surprises. The word 'homecoming' is a tradition within itself.

For many, homecoming is a thrill. It is a week of special dress up days and fun-filled activities. Floats and skits are made to celebrate homecoming. Was homecoming at NEHI always like this?

Northeast was founded in 1954. The homecoming traditions differed a little from the ones Northeast practices today.

Homecoming court was made up of juniors and seniors. There was only a homecoming queen, selecting a king wasn't in existence then. Nowadays, a prince and princess is chosen to represent grades nine through eleven. In the senior class, ten males and ten females are selected to be on the senior court. One girl and boy are then elected to be homecoming king and queen.



Homecoming court (front row) Ce Lee Feldman, Steve Diaco, Keith Johnson, (back row) Felicia Scoggins, Jon Paul Martin, Amy Dana Dutcher, Chris Turner, Linda Washington, Cindy Cuccaro, Kevin Liljequist, Ce Sandy, Malt Turner, Steve Halle, Fredricks, Jeff Gigante, Lasonya Feaster, Todd Murrian, Jason Allen, Mike Adamo, Missy Sellas, Sharer, Eric Ellis, Melissa Kinney, Tricia Mostellar, Patricia Liljequist.

In previous years, homecoming was a large bonfire or an effigy of the opposing team. This event was terminated when the local fire marshal said it was too dangerous. There were more floats and skits done by the students in the past and the dance was also semi-formal as it is today.

Now during homecoming, we have dress up days. The dress up days are popular for both the students and the teachers. Some of the educational departments battle it out to see who has the most faculty participation. Floats are made by many different clubs and skits are performed.

Alumni are the second most important part of homecoming. Alumni are people that are former graduates of Northeast. Alumni each year come back so others can see how they got along after high school.

This year's themes of dress are: college T-shirt day; Nerd day; Beach day; Costume day; and Red and White day. The student government sponsors and determines all of the homecoming activities.

## SGA president is really enthused

By Michelle Bench and De De Belas

Northeast High is filled with interesting individuals who do their best to achieve their goals, but if anyone could be described as an "over-achiever" that would definitely be Kari Lovfald.

Lovfald has been attending Northeast since her freshman year and guarantees that clubs are the "in" thing.

"It's very good to be involved and clubs give that opportunity to the students," declares Lovfald.

Lovfald is certainly involved, belonging to many clubs such as Art, speech, and Debate clubs. The Prom Committee, and

Student Government where she is president. Although many consider being president of student government an easy task, Lovfald claims it isn't. "Being the president of student council isn't easy. There's a lot of organizing and work to do."

Lovfald is certainly busy, organizing Homecoming, Spring fling, Splash Bash, and the big lip synch contest, but she claims that "everyone is super and it is all strictly a team effort."

After Graduation, Lovfald is



Kari Lovfald is the lively SGA president.

looking forward to becoming a school teacher. She plans to attend the University in Davidson, North Carolina and a major in education.

Lovfald has attended Grace Lutheran, Riviera, and Northeast High School. To prepare herself for the future, she takes such classes as AP English, Spanish 4, Art, and Yearbook editor.

Out of school, however, Lovfald loves the sun, and surf. Her favorite pastimes are win durling, sailing, and sun-bathing. More importantly to her however is Art. "Art gives me an excellent way to express myself," Lovfald claims.

Lovfald has been a member of the National Art Honor Society, and the Spanish Honor Society.

"School is a very important aspect in life," Lovfald claims. And she proves that by maintaining a 3.5 Grade Point Average.

School Spirit is a very important issue in Student Council and Lovfald feels school spirit is "involvement in school activities, it's sort of like a bond between a group of people." However, Lovfald feels there is always room for more.

"I'll miss the friendships and security I felt at Northeast." Lovfald's most fond memory is scoring 1200 on the SAT test.

## A great year for J.V. football

By J. Wilkinson

The Northeast High School junior varsity football team opened their season with some new players and a 30-0 victory over the Lakewood Spartans. "The players have a great attitude and are ready to play," said head coach Ty McCraw. "I think we have an optimistic future ahead of us." Paul Chorney is the new assistant coach who will be in charge of the offensive and defensive lines.

In the 30-0 victory over the Spartans, the defense played well, intercepting two passes and recovering three loose balls. The defense also held Lakewood to only one first down throughout the entire game.

"The defensive line played well, as did the offensive running game," commented McCraw.

McCraw says he has great faith in his team and hopes to at least equal last year's 6-2 record.



A tough first down against Gibbs.

Photo by Erwin Hoffman

## Scuba - dive in!

By Renee Ryer

At Northeast one group of students meets under water. Scuba diving is a sport of adventure. The feeling is unique. Just imagine swimming through the water and coming face to face with a Jew fish or actually seeing the live coral with its equally colorful inhabitants.

Anyone can join this group whether you are licensed or not. For the non-licensed member, Bill Jacksons will be offering a diving course for \$85.00 and if you are already licensed you can take another course to achieve a higher level of skill.

President Keith Fredricks is promising that this year the scuba club will be extraordinary. They'll have trips about once a month plus many weekend trips during the year. So if you would like to play with the manatees in Crystal River or go spearfishing at West Palm, plan on attending the meetings on every other Tuesday, in Mr. Brown's room 14-5 from 2:50 to 3:30.



Northeast student display SCUBA talents under water.

## Sports Digest

### Swim team continues to win

So far the girls team has come in 8th in the Rotary Invitational and 7th in the Conference meet. The girls team is strongest in the freestyle and especially in the 400 freestyle medley.

Ulrich is very impressed with senior Dana Dutcher calling her a "world class swimmer". Dutcher currently holds all but two of NEHI's records. She is strongest in the 50 and 100 medley relays and continues to dominate these events.

The boys' team is also very strong this year. Ulrich expects them to win the City meet and place in the top five at Districts. The young mens' team is the strongest in the breast stroke, medley relay, and freestyle events.

Ulrich feels that Chris Johnson is the strongest swimmer on this year's team. Johnson and his team mates hold the city record in the 400 medley relay.

### Golf team doing well

Coach Joan Vernotzky says that she is "absolutely thrilled" with this year's team and it's members which include senior captain Scott Homolash, Jim Marriott, Martin Biondi, and Tim Brand.

The team has a talented newcomer, Tricia Boyle, who also happens to be the first female golfer at NEHI in ten years, since the girls golf team dissipated in 1975. Vernotzky and Homolash both see no hindrance to the team as it aims to play a winning role in the end of season conference.

Homolash sates with confidence "If the team members continue to play as well as they have been there is no reason why we can't have a record season and a high placing in the conference."

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# Varsity football- losses end all hope for city champs

By J. Wilkinson

The Northeast High School varsity football team opened up their sixth season under head coach Jerry Austin with three consecutive losses, two of which were against schools within the city.

With tough losses to Boca Ciega(9-0) and to Gibbs(21-14) NEHI doesn't have much chance in bringing home the city championship, falling to two of the four teams they will face in the quest for that title.

The Vikings opened up their 1985 campaign on the road against Boca Ciega. Early in the game, the Viking defense was able to hold the Pirate offense scoreless until the closing minutes of the first half. The Bogie offense capped off a 59 yard touchdown pass. The point after try was missed and NEHI trailed 6-0 as they went into the locker rooms at halftime.

The home side managed only a field goal in the second half, but that was enough as the Vikes lost 9-0 in what was to be their first of three.

Northeast brought its show home to face Gibbs in its first home game of the season. They went down to defeat after leading 14-7 at halftime.

Northeast went back on the road once again for the second time in three weeks to play the Largo Packers.

It looked as though the Vikes would snap their two game losing streak because the NEHI offense lead by the impressive running of senior quarterback Kenny Bryant. He accumulated 204 yards of total offense in the first half. Within that period Jeff Gigante booted a 23-yard field goal, and Bryant ran the ball in 24 yards out to put Northeast up 9-0.

Largo reduced its deficit to six points with a field goal before intermission.

The second half was a 180 degree turn around for both teams.

The Vikings could only put together 52 yards of offense in the second half after Bryant left in the third quarter with an injury. The NEHI defense couldn't stop anything that was being thrown at them. The Packer offense chalked up 28 second half points to stop the Vikes dead in water, 31-9.

Northeast will have played Cape Coral and Clearwater on the road before returning home to play cross-town rival St. Petersburg for Homecoming on November 1. Then they travel out to Seminole and return home for the final two games with Dixie Hollins on November 15th and Pinellas Park on November 22nd.



By Erwin Hoffman

Northeast defender pressures Lakewood's Smacky Brown.

## Cheerleaders bubble with spirit



Cheerleaders practice maneuvering on the field.

By Erwin Hoffman

By Jodee Sewell

The 1985-86 Northeast cheerleaders have been narrowed down to just a Varsity squad. They have no more junior varsity cheerleaders. Mrs. Amy Chesnutt, the sponsor, decided last year to have three different squads.

There is a varsity and a junior varsity football squad and two different squads for varsity and junior varsity basketball. Chesnutt feels this will raise more school spirit.

The cheerleaders participated in the Pinellas Square Mall Cheer-off competition on September 21. They did not place but Chesnutt said they did great. They practiced for two weeks everyday after school for two and a half to three hours. They also brought in video's to watch to give them ideas for their routine.

Chesnutt thinks the girls have a lot of talent for being a new squad with girls who have never worked together before. She hopes they will show more of their talent in the Fair competition in January.

Missy Sellas, captain of the squad said, "The squad did real well in the competition, but being the first ones up was real tough because the judges judged a lot harder."

The squad will practice for over two months before the fair to make their routine flawless. Sellas said, "I know they (the squad) will do fantastic in the fair and show the other schools who is really number one."

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