

# Nor'easter

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## Be here or be square

By Rhonda Schrull  
News Editor

Under several new policies in effect this year, students will be rewarded for having good attendance and keeping up their grades.

This year NEHI has installed a new computer system with an automatic "home-caller." In order to skip school, students must now beat the computer, which will call the students' home every day they are absent.

The computer will automatically dial three to five times to the absentees' homes between 6-9 pm every day. The next day the computer will print out a list telling the results of the phone calls. After five days a letter will be sent to the parents.

## Interact goes co-educational

By Jenny Gustafson  
Editor-in-Chief

Interact at NEHI has become co-ed, and the service club is now accepting female members. Members of the former Rojan organization, because they were members of the Rotary Club, will be accepted without the normal membership application procedures. Scott Hearn, senior, is this year's Interact president with teacher Jerry Hiers and Detective Bill Marshall co-sponsoring the group.

The Interact board of governors has already been selected, with the following people as members: Thu Nyugen, Kris Fredericks, Kevin Tadder, Jodi Howell, who was elected Rojan president last spring, Tanya Robertson, Beverly Creadon and Marilyn McNabb.

Students no longer have excused or unexcused absences under this year's policy. Those who miss 10 days or more in any class will automatically fail that class for the semester. Students can appeal their failing grade to a special appeal committee, provided they remember it is their parents' and their own responsibility to start the appeal process. If their appeal is approved, the students must take a comprehensive exam in those classes they failed in order to pass.

Students who do manage to maintain good attendance and grades will benefit greatly from this new policy. Any student with a 4.0 average and four or fewer absences, a 3.0 and three or fewer absences, or a 2.0 and two or fewer absences may exempt two of their exams.

However, there are a few requirements to this rule. The exams students exempt must be the two in which they have the highest averages. They must also have teacher approval as well as written permission from parents to exempt themselves. They may not exempt two exams in the same classes at the end of second semester. If students decide to take the exams and do poorly on them, the exam grade will not affect the final semester grade.

Another new policy this year deals with tardies. The first two tardies to any class will result in one-hour administrative detentions. The third tardy will result in a one-hour detention, as well as referral to their grade level administrators. The fourth tardy on results in suspensions.



Homecoming court: left to right, front row: DeDe Harder, Tiffany Cooney, Alisha Wright, Blond Horton, Marla Hicks, Heather Khouri, Lisa Peck, Kim Bloomquist, Clarisa Gerlach, Julie Brandes; back row: Tim Ware, John Hans, Leland Ray West, Charlie Rhodes, Paul Roberts, Dave McLaughlin, Kevin Shoenrock, Jeff Linton, Steve Halle.

## Homecoming in the wraps

By Diane Kinney  
Arts Photo Editor

Possibly one of the most exciting weeks in a high school student's life is Homecoming week, which is quickly drawing to a close. This week has been filled with numerous activities and will end with the naming of the king and queen.

During the week, there have been dress-up days, Valhalla and a number of other things to raise the spirit of the Vikings.

The Chairperson in charge of the dance is senior Connie Bennett. Musical enter-

tainment will be provided by Sunset Entertainment.

Last night at Valhalla, instead of displaying floats as Northeast has done in previous years, classes and clubs participated in a march that led onto the football field. From there, some organizations performed routines in front of the stands.

After the parade there were seven contests, which included a tug-of-war between the four classes. Another event was performed by Powderpuff Cheerleaders, who are boys from each class competing against other classes.

## Fall formal scheduled

By Rhonda Schrull  
News Editor

This year a new idea has come to NEHI. It's called "Fall Ball" and it's fast approaching.

The Student Government Association (SGA) decided to do something new and exciting this fall, said Pat Coldiron, SGA advisor, and they had the perfect opportunity to provide NEHI with the formal ball it wanted, she added.

Homecoming was originally set for Oct. 28 or 29. SGA reserved the St. Petersburg Hilton for this time. Then Homecoming was changed to Oct. 7 on campus centered

around a beach theme, Homecoming is anything but formal. Since the Hilton was impossible to reserve Oct. 7 and SGA already had it for the end of the month, the idea of Fall Ball came into being.

Anyone who is a student at Northeast may attend as well as students from other schools, with prior administrative approval, and persons graduated from high school no more than two years ago. No middle school students may attend.

Tickets will cost \$10 and will be for sale about mid-month the Oct. 29 event. Coldiron urges students to get their tickets as soon as they go on sale. Ticket sales will be limited to 600 and there will be absolutely no sales at the door.

Today, the halls are filled with spirited Vikings who participated in the last dress-up day of Homecoming week, red and white day. Many are anxiously awaiting tonight's football game against Largo High School and the announcement of the new Homecoming Queen at halftime.

After the game there will be a dance, where the king will be announced. This dance will have a beach motif, but students are to wear the red and white they wore to the game. The dance's theme is "High Tide at NEHI."

Candidates for queen—all seniors—are: Kim Bloomquist, Julie Brandes, Tiffany Cooney, Clarisa Gerlach, DeDe Harder, Marla Hicks, Blond Horton, Heather Khouri, Lisa Peck and Alisha Wright.

One of these seniors will be named king: Steve Halle, John Hans, Jeff Linton, David McLaughlin, Dan Palmer, Charlie Rodes, Paul Roberts, Kevin Shoenrock, Tim Ware and Leland Ray West.

Already named as princes and princesses of the Homecoming court are: freshmen Elizabeth Cohen and Matthew Allen; sophomores Shae Redding and Donovan Rose; and juniors Blair Willingham and Nick Mina.

## News Digest

### Back to school

Back to School night, an annual event for parents and teachers, has been scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 11. The program will begin at 7 pm with an assembly in the auditorium. The assembly will last until 7:30 pm and will feature a talk by Principal Tom Zachary, a slide show and music by the Gondoliers.

At the assembly's end parents will go to their student's first period class, following the student's daytime schedule for the remainder of the evening.

Occupation Specialist George Ozimok, who is in charge of the program, said, "I would like to see our attendance improve. Past attendance has been mediocre."

### Student space

Northeast has drastically changed its parking procedure this year. Instead of students paying \$2.50 per semester and parking wherever they choose, students now pay \$5 for the full school year and are given an assigned parking space.

Mary Miller, assistant principal, said the parking procedure was changed because "there needed to be more control."

Last year, there were more cars than there were parking spaces, which caused accidents and congestion, Miller said. Fire lanes have been marked off this year because when emergency vehicles were sometimes unable to maneuver as needed.

A student who starts driving in the middle of the year, or a new student coming to Northeast will have his or her name placed on a waiting list. Until such students obtain a parking space, they can park on the east side of streets and on the south side of avenues.

### Cleanup

Four NEHI students accompanied English teacher, Evelyn Finklea, to a Florida National Clean Up Day at Weedon Island on Sept. 24. Those students, Bill Barnes, Karen Grafe, Dawn Taratino and Christine Crowley, along with volunteers from various other organizations, were provided with trash bags and asked to collect garbage around the mangroves.

The trash collection served two purposes: first, to clear up the area and second to aid research.

### College reps

A Florida State University representative will be on campus at noon on October 12; a representative from Miami at 11:30 am October 19; a representative from the University of Florida at 8:30 am October 24; and Eckerd College will be represented at 10:30 October 28.

College night at St. Petersburg Junior College is scheduled for 7 to 9 am October 19.



## Senior grants dying

Congratulations, seniors, you finally made it through three years of Northeast. Unfortunately, not too many senior privileges did. There is traditionally, a lot of complaining about the lack of senior privileges and a big question the administrators ask is: What do you want?

You already had first choice of parking lots and lockers, you have a senior cafeteria and a senior lunch line, we are told.

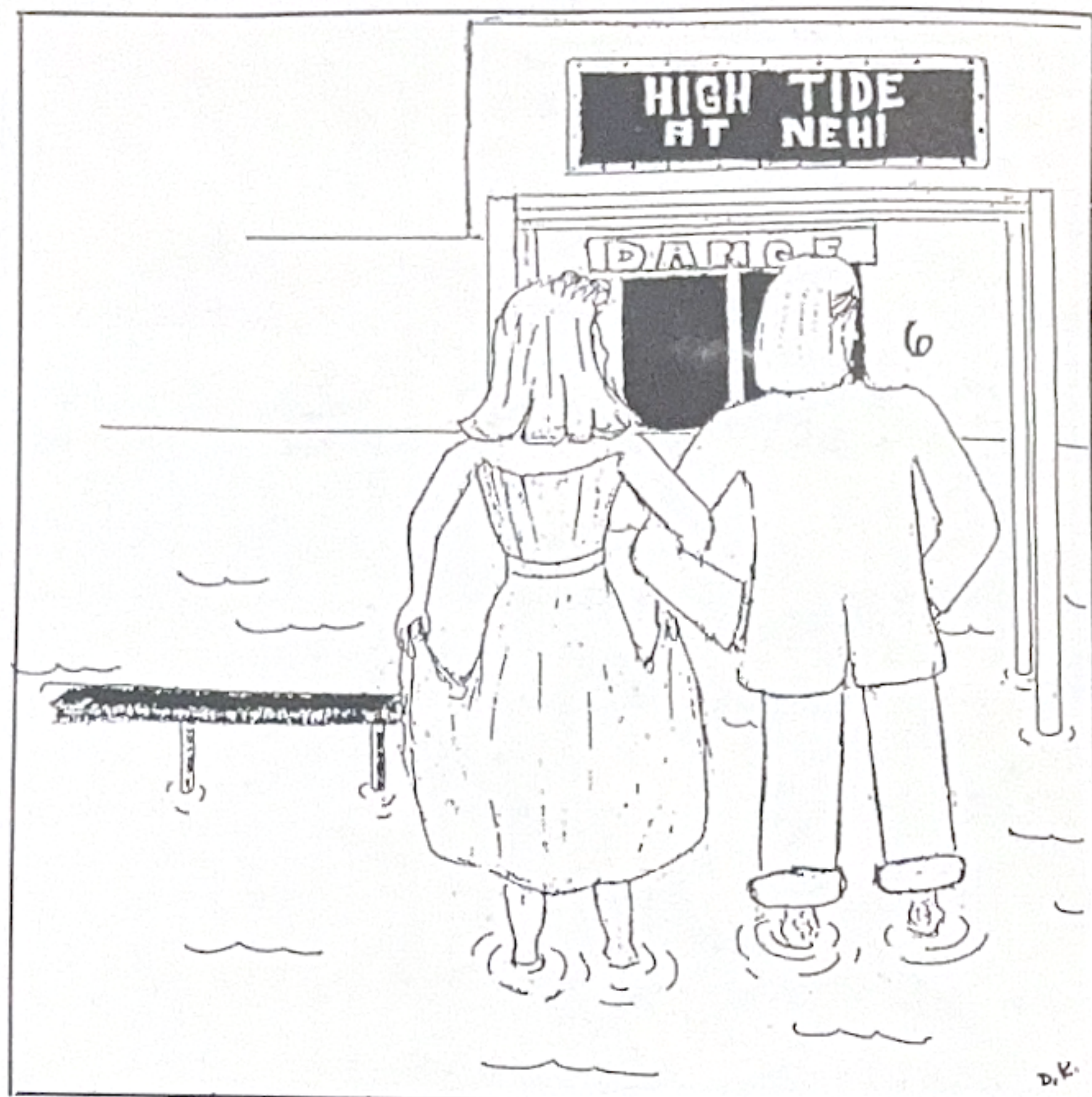
We realize this isn't all that much, administrators might admit, but it's something. It would be nice but you can't have a free period or a senior shorts day and you aren't going to be allowed to leave 7th period a few minutes early.

However, Jean Johnson, senior class administrator, has indicated that she is willing to work with the seniors to see if it isn't possible to offer more privileges.

Seniors, your job is to find out what you want. Go to the class meetings, make suggestions— or brainstorm. Talk to principal, Nancy Dodelan, form a committee for senior privileges. Do something, instead of sitting around complaining.

Juniors, you should be doing the same thing. Don't leave it up to the seniors this year. Start working on some ideas together: you'll be seniors before you know it.

Whatever happens, just remember that whatever you have now and may gain are privileges, not rights. They can and will be taken away if they are abused.



## Parking has pros, cons

A new school year is upon us and many students are driving to school in the morning. Those of you who are driving have most likely noticed the new look of the parking lot.

If you are one of the people who cannot wake up until fourth period, perhaps you didn't notice that all of the parking areas have been resurfaced. Individual spaces were lined and numbered and "sold" for \$5 each.

There are, of course, pros and cons to this system. Seniors were given first choice of parking spaces, so the juniors who drive were left with spaces often across the campus from where they need to be in the morning, whereas in last year's parking system, drivers paid only for parking.

Spaces were taken daily on a first come, first serve basis.

One way in which the changes could be viewed as good is that there are more parking spaces and there is no longer a need to worry about coming to school late and not being able to find a place to park. If someone is parked in your space, you need only report that information to the office and the problem will be corrected.

All in all, the system is much more organized than it was in years before, thus taking less of our valuable time in the morning. Everything taken into consideration, the good points outnumber the bad, so the juniors will just have to put up with walking a little farther to class until next year.

The NEHI Band did an excellent job raising school spirit when marching through the halls the morning of the first game. We think it is a nice addition to the pep rallies and should become a NEHI tradition.

The first pep rally of the year was a spirit-filled hour. We hope the excitement continues throughout the season. Having the pep rallies in the gym as opposed to the auditorium is a great improvement and allows everyone to take part in footing the Vikings to victory.

The new attendance policy is the award of exam exemption. We think this is a good idea and may convince many students to attend school and lower the absence rate drastically.

We would like to welcome all the new teachers, students and especially freshmen to NEHI. We hope the year goes well for every one. To all freshmen who don't know yet, don't buy any elevator tickets for trips up the hill; it's cheaper to walk.

## Nor'easter wants to hear from you

We want you, the students of NEHI, to take an active role in the *Nor'easter*, so we are inviting you to submit: letters to the editor, columns, guest editorials, cartoons (editorial and otherwise), photos, crossword puzzles, movie and concert reviews and nearly anything else you'd like to see in your newspaper, for consideration by the staff.

No short stories or poems will be accepted and the staff reserves the right to edit for length and content.

All submissions must include signature and grade level.

## Sanders expands

By Lisa Nault  
Staff writer

Sanders, the school on the hill for emotionally disturbed students, has expanded, resulting in a loss of three classrooms and a disruption in the English Department, according to the English Department Chairman Dave Hoest. Hoest said a majority of English teachers have had to give up their classrooms and share their rooms. Some teachers have to move from room to room for different classes, making it hard for them to plan for classwork, he said.

Sanders first came to Northeast because there wasn't enough room at the school facility in which the students were housed, and has continued classes here for three years. Sanders enrollment has grown from 40 to 90 students and the space required from four to ten classrooms. The concern of the English department is that if Sanders add more students, it will continue to take away space from the department he chairs, Hoest said.

Planning for a new Sanders facility is under way, but a building completion date has not been determined.

Northeast students should breathe a sigh of relief; the dress code policy has not changed this year. Unlike Pinellas County, Hillsborough County this year introduced a new policy banning miniskirts. No miniskirts are allowed (of any length) and if a student is caught wearing one, the punishment is worse than ever.

One principal now has a clothes closet, which appears to be a collection exclusively from the Salvation Army, that she uses to dissuade students from breaking the rules. Instead of the usual punishment of being sent home to change, the student has to wear one of the articles of clothing the principal provides for him or her. This often ends up quite embarrassing and not worth the trouble. So remember, we should be happy with what we have and hope it never gets any worse.

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## St. Pete Pier re-opens

By Melissa Early  
Entertainment Editor

The renovation of the Pier has been completed. Nineteen months and \$12 million later the Pier is finally reopened to the public. Located at the back of the Pier is a large catwalk that fishermen can use all day.

Shops and cafes are located on the first floor. Both have a wide variety and selection to please everyone. The second floor accommodates aquariums of all sorts of sea creatures. On the third floor are banquet and conference rooms. The fourth floor is the Columbia restaurant. On the fifth

floor is a restaurant and bar called Cha Cha Coconut.

Entertainment is scheduled for every night. Among the entertainment are jazz bands, mimes and jugglers.

While people come to the Pier to enjoy a relaxing day, they may experience a few problems.

Parking at the Pier is the biggest problem. Approximately 546 parking spaces have been made to accommodate thousands of visitors. The limited number of spaces leads to frustrated shoppers.

Another problem of the Pier are the trolleys. A 10-minute wait was hoped for by the Bay Plaza officials. Customers found themselves waiting 20-30 minutes for their turn on the trolley.

Two minor problems the Pier-goers complained about were that the shops and walkways were too crowded. Also, they complained that the elevators weren't working properly.

If it looks like you might be paying a visit to the Pier soon, expect a few minor problems. Also expect lots of good food, entertainment, fishing, and shopping.

## NEHI news briefs

### Business Co-op

The chapters of Deca, Omega and Alpha, have elected their 1988-89 officers.

Omegas, fashion marketing, officers are:  
President Hiep Tran  
Vice-president Karen Domal and Kim Bloomquist

Secretary Michelle Hendrix  
Treasurer Natalie Giglia  
Alphas, general marketing, officers are:

President Carla Clayton  
Vice-president Pam Odom  
Secretary Jamie Ballentine  
Treasurer Stephanie Castleberry  
Both Alpha and Omega clubs will be attending a county-wide Deca rally October 13 at the

Sheraton Sand Key Hotel. County officers will be elected.

### FEA

The Future Educators of America Organization will be electing officials Tuesday, Oct. 11. FEA's club sponsor this year is Patricia Coldiron.

### Anchor Club

Anchor club president, DeDe Balas, will be traveling to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for the Youth Freedom Foundation October 13-16. DeDe will meet with other Anchor members from all over the country to discuss ideas on how to improve their clubs.

### French Club

The French Club will be taking a field trip Nov. 2 to see the National Theatre of Performing Arts perform *Cyrano de Bergerac*. This play is a bilingual production by the American Academy of Dramatic Arts of New York City.

### Viking Band

The mighty Viking Band recently placed third in gold division field show competition at the Seminole Sound Spectacular Sept. 24. Their next competition is at the Largo Golden Invitational. They also plan to travel to Jacksonville Oct. 29-30 for an overnight competition, the Northeast Florida Marching festival.



Vikings get support from student body.



## Northeast is chilling out

By Chris Stephens  
Staff Writer

A new air conditioning system was installed at NEHI during summer vacation to replace malfunctioning units and incorrect piping, according to assistant principal Mary Miller.

The actual construction of the system is complete. However, there are still several bugs that have yet to be worked out, Miller

said. The majority of the problems are due to missing and/or malfunctioning parts such as dials, thermostats, and various other controls that have not functioned properly to begin with, she said.

Construction on the new air conditioning began the day school ended last year. Contractors put in new units and connected them with a new piping system to the old chillers already

at NEHI. A chiller is a large

NEHI's own air conditioning specialist, Bill Kelly, the contractors who installed the new air conditioning system; and air conditioning specialists from High Point are working together to try to get the new system working perfectly, Miller said. The contractors have been given until November to complete the whole process, she added.

## Activity day planned

By Rhonda Schrull  
News Editor

On October 11, the first Activity Day will take place at NEHI. All club sponsors could sign up to have club meetings during their planning period on this day.

Students in the club have TDEs to release them from class. Activity Day is the second Tuesday of every month and runs all day. SGA will be trying something new during Activity Day this year. The first half of sixth period, it will have a regular

SGA meeting. Then the second half it will have board meetings with all class board members. Sixth period has been reserved strictly for SGA, meetings are in the Media Center.

Pat Coldiron, SGA sponsor, who organized Activity Day, said, "We are looking for more club participation. This is not just a way for students to get out of class. This is a good opportunity for them to participate and get involved."

"We need \$12 billion over the next ten years for 936 new schools throughout the state. The lottery won't touch that," said David Voss, spokesman for state Education Commissioner Betty Castor, quoted in the September 19 edition of the St. Petersburg Times.

"No matter how much we try to explain that the lottery is not converting all of the education expenses, we can't compete with the lottery's multimillion-dollar advertising campaign," Voss said.

Education gets 35 percent of lottery sales. Of the remainder, 50 percent goes to prizes, ten percent to the administration of the lottery program, and five percent to retailer commissions.

Under state law, however, lottery profits are used for new education programs and enhancing existing ones only. The profits are not used for school construction.

## Facilitator program active

By Bonnie Adams  
Staff Writer

The Peer Facilitator Program at Northeast is designed to help students with academic and emotional problems, and is in its second year of existence here. Peer facilitators are available most periods to meet with students, in the guidance office.

Peer facilitators, who are NEHI students, are trained in problem solving and listening skills. Although they are not trained to handle serious emotional crises, they will refer students to the proper staff personnel.

Facilitators are trained for ten

## GOALS studies added to NEHI curriculum

By Lisa Morris  
Business Manager

The GOALS program for "at risk" students, offered to qualifying ninth graders is new this year at Northeast.

"It's a way to try to keep kids in school by giving more individual attention and having more parent contact," said Gail Guth, chairperson and American Government teacher of the GOALS program at NEHI.

The GOALS program (Graduation Options and Alternatives to Leaving School) is an alternative school program for ninth graders of average or above average ability who do not apply themselves.

The student is referred by him or herself, parents, or school. Each student must also meet at least two or more of the following criteria: a GPA of 1.5 or lower, 2 mismatch of achievements compared to the student's ability, more than ten absences, retained for one or more years, moved to more than 3 schools, or discipline referrals.

The students follow the same curriculum as normal high school students in order to obtain a standard high school diploma. A difference comes in the sizes of the class, which on the average have no more than 18 students. This allows more individual attention, which is a vital part of the program.

The GOALS program is new to Northeast and Countryside High but Largo High, Dixie Hollins, and Boca Ciega have had the program for a few years. The programs were put in schools where there were high drop-out rates hoping to lessen them.

Other teachers in the GOALS program at NEHI include: Hillary Lain, English; Willda Bynum, Earth Science; Shirley Thompson, Peer Counseling; and John Ash, math. Judy Warnock is the program's attendance aide, who deals a lot with the student's parents. Mary Miller is the administrator and Diane Duke is the counselor for the program.

weeks on Monday after school from 2:40 till 4:30 pm, by Fran Mabae, school psychologist. All facilitators for this semester must be upper-classmen, but second semester, sophomores will be trained in preparation for next year. An organizational meeting will be held for prospective facilitators on October 3, second period in room 111B.

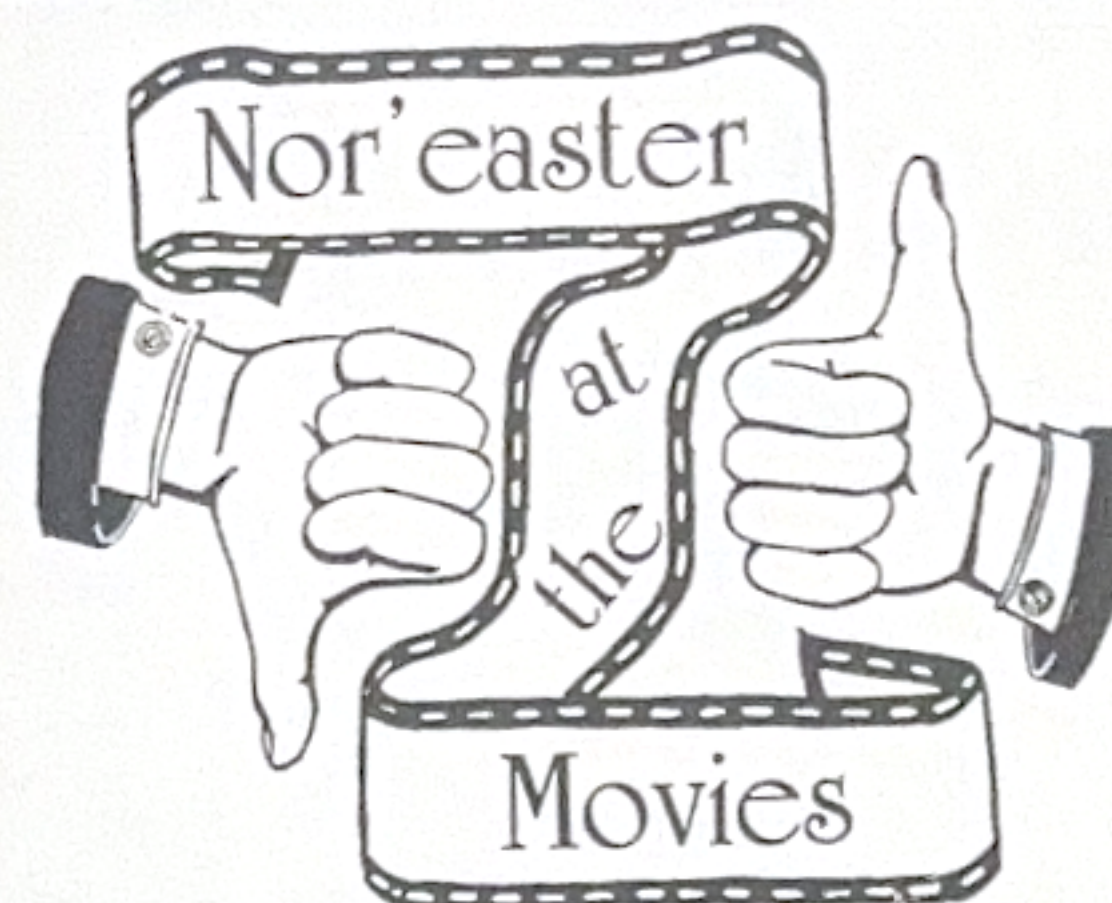
Facilitators are chosen through teacher nominations and are then screened by Mabae and program coordinators, guidance counselors, Diane Duke and Ed Elosway.

The program is confidential, so students are urged to speak freely with their peers about personal

adjustment, home, or school related problems, they may be experiencing.

## Calendar of Events

Oct. 7	Homecoming
Oct. 11	Open house
Oct. 12	Swim meet
Oct. 19	City swim meet, photo retakes
Oct. 20	Senior class meeting
Oct. 25	Swim meet
Oct. 26	Swim meet
Oct. 29	Fall Ball
Oct. 30	Spaghetti dinner
Nov. 1-9	Fall Play auditions



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Oh no, Freddy's back! That's a frightening thought, not because The Dream Master is so scary, but because there is nowhere for this exhausted plot to go. Yes, there's plenty of gore. Yes, Freddy still has that humorous touch. But the movie's predictability makes it a slight disappointment. What the next one will need is a dramatic plot twist. Freddy's humorous one-liners and sympathetic, yet cruel, personality could help make up for the plot, however. THUMBS BETWEEN.

Big

Tom Hanks takes the naivety of a child, the responsibility of an adult and the difficulty of life and rolls them into one when he wonderfully portrays a 13-year-old who wakes up one morning at the age of 30. The uniqueness of this film keeps the audience endlessly laughing. Penny Marshall, writer and director, does an excellent job going over the common and somewhat trite personality switch plot and creates a movie that is great for the entire family to see. A definite THUMBS UP!

Coming to America

Coming to America is a movie starring Eddie Murphy and Arsenial Hall. Murphy stars as a prince who is on a journey to America to find his servant, Arsenial, to find a queen. Murphy and Arsenial disguise themselves as laborers because Murphy, as the prince, wants to find a woman who loves him for who he is, not for what he has. Coming to America deserves a THUMBS UP!

Clean and Sober

Michael Keaton plays a drug addict and alcoholic in trouble with the law, who hospitalizes himself for a cover from the police. It is a confusing and realistic movie but not worth \$5 to see. THUMBS DOWN!

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## 'Leppard' prowls bay area

By Nicki Evans  
Staff writer

The members of Def Leppard have had their share of ups and downs over the past few years, but their latest tour in support of Hysteria (their latest album) seems to be a major up.

On September 12 Def Leppard played its first of two sold-out shows at Lakeland Civic Center in Lakeland. The show started with the opening act Queensryche taking the stage at 7:30 p.m. and playing for about 45 minutes.

The group's stage was in the center of the floor, which seemed to be a plus for all fans. Def Leppard's stage show had to be one of the best, with the drum set on a rotating platform and an incredible laser show.

Def Leppard played all its recent hits, including "Animal," "Hysteria," "Love Bites," "Women," and "Pour Some Sugar On Me" along with past hits including "Fooling" and "Photograph."

Def Leppard was one concert not to miss it was terrific!

## Billboard's top 10

Pop singles

Pop albums

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| 1 Sweet Child O' Mine<br>Guns N' Roses    | 1 Hysteria<br>Def Leppard  |
| 2 Simply Irresistible<br>Robert Palmer    | 2 Appetite for Destruction<br>Guns N' Roses                        |
| 3 Perfect World<br>Huey Lewis & The News  | 3 Tracy Chapman<br>Tracy Chapman                                   |
| 4 Monkey<br>George Michael                | 4 Roll With It<br>Steve Winwood                                    |
| 5 Don't Worry, Be Happy<br>Bobby McFerrin | 5 He's the DJ and I'm the Rapper<br>DJ Jazzy Jeff and Fresh Prince |
| 6 When It's Love<br>Van Halen             | 6 Faith<br>George Michael  |
| 7 I'll Always Love You<br>Taylor Dayne    | 7 OUB12<br>Van Halen   |
| 8 If It Ain't Love<br>New Edition         | 8 Open Up and Say Ahh<br>Poison                                    |
| 9 Nobody's Fool<br>Kenny Loggins          | 9 Richard Marx<br>Richard Marx                                     |
| 10 Fast Car<br>Tracy Chapman              | 10 Long Cold Winter<br>Cinderella                                  |

## Horrorscopes



let silly superstitions and old wives' tales influence your month. Just watch out during the last two weeks of October...

Juniors:

Wake up! You need to be alert the next few weeks. There'll be some confusion this month if you don't take a look around. Don't get involved in feuds between friends. Romance looks good but don't forget to be true to your school! So long as you keep your eyes open, you'll be in good shape!

Seniors:

There's a sparkle in the heavens meant only for you. Be active and there'll be a dash of zest in your life. Something in

the atmosphere exudes a combination of maturity and spirit that creates a fresh new attitude for the class of '89. Problems between class couples will seem to iron themselves out, and for most of you, loves right around the corner. Have a great month, but don't forget to make good grades a goal for this month.

## King Diamond

Hair, lots of hair. That's the first thing you notice while entering Jannus Landing. Friday, Sept. 24.

Flotsam and Jetsam never lost the attention of the crowd during their 45 minute set which included songs such as "No Place for Disgrace," "She took an axe," and "Der Fuhrer."

In the hiatus between Flotsam and Jetsam and King Diamond, those of legal drinking age took advantage of the full bar that was set up.

There was a sense of excitement in the air as the stage was prepared for King Diamond's set. The stage included a prop of a house, through which Diamond entered.

The crowd could not get enough as the guitarists and drummer played raging solos during the first encore.

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# Fall sports previews

*Athlete of the month*

By Shane Linton  
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## Varsity football

By Greg Gainer  
Sports Editor

Coming off of just two regular season defeats in the past two years, the NEHI varsity football team came into the 1988 season with a promising look. "We are anticipating a possible 11-0 season and if we work hard and play as a team, we can be successful," said senior defensive back Rod Macon.

In a preseason poll of Pinellas County coaches, the Vikings were chosen to be No. 1 at the end of the season. The team's preseason ranking is not surprising, due to two consecutive 9-1 regular season records the last two years.

With the graduation of 24 players from last year's squad, the Vikings have many new names and new faces, but none more familiar than senior running back Tim Ware. Ware, a second year starter, ran for over 500 yards on just 88 carries last year as a junior. Ware, who also excels at baseball, can catch also, gaining nearly 90 yards receiving in the Viking victory over Dunedin. Joining Ware in the backfield will be senior Dante Fowler and junior Tim Davis.

The Vikes are led by the arm of junior Jay Austin at quarterback. The only defensive strength the team will have will be the pass defense of the secondary where all-county senior defensive back Cedric Taylor, seniors Chad Richard and Macon, and junior James Swain play.

The last defeat the team suffered was last year at the hands of Dunedin.



Vikings move towards a win.

## Miller returns to NEHI

By Shane Linton  
Sports Editor

Scot Miller, head baseball coach, took a year-long leave of absence last year to attend the University of South Florida to get his Master's Degree and to help coach the college baseball team.

While Miller was away at USF, John Ash took over the head coaching position and led the Vikings to a 14-10 overall record. Ash is now teaching in the GOALS program.

"It always feels good to be coaching again after 30 years of experience," Ash said. "It felt fantastic to be out there with the kids again. Whenever it's not raining, I like to go out on the driving range and hit golf balls," he added.

"It was a nice break from teaching, but yes, I'm glad to be back," Miller said of his year away from NEHI. Miller had been the head coach here for six years before his absence.

"We have some key positions we have to fill this season, mainly pitching," Miller said of the new season.

Coming back from last year's team are Seniors Paul Roberts, Jeff Linton, Tim Ware, Jeff Stebbin, Bobby Lee, Jason Topping, and Matt Nicholl. Returning are J.C. Conolly and Danny Hage. Other veterans are Todd Nilsen, Kurt King, J.R. Spahr and Scott Smith.

Tryouts for the baseball team will be after the Christmas holidays. There are approximately 25 games in a season.

## Swimming

As the swimming team started this year's season, senior swimmer Steve Aspinall says that "This is one of the best teams we've had in the last four years, and we are looking forward to going to State." The co-ed team finished fourth out of 20 teams in the Justices Aquatic Center Invitational Relay Meet last month. The team is coached by Bill Burrows, who is in his third year as the swimming coach at Northeast. He had nine years of coaching high school swimming at Pinellas Park High before coming to Northeast.

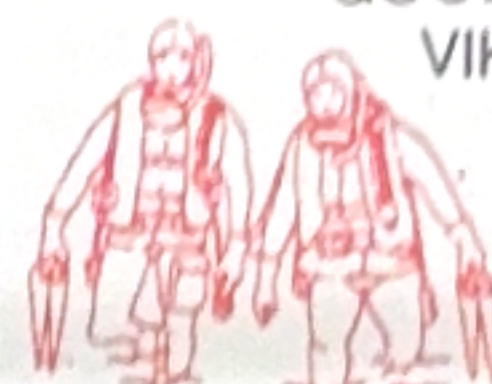
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