

## Hurricane Elena's force affects NEHI and its community

By Becky Sage

Labor day weekend was a big disappointment for many St. Petersburg residents. If you had plans you know they were ruined by Elena, the hurricane which flooded many homes in the Shore Acres and Snell Isle Areas.

Evacuation was a reality for the some 3,000 people who made NEHI their home. The gym, building 17, and the cafeteria held many worried guests for most of the weekend. However, things went quite smoothly with the help of some Interact volunteers. Mr. Harry Brown, teacher, stated, "I was extremely impressed with their (Interact's) dedication, support, and hard work."



Bending trees and crashing waves were a common sight along the bayfront area for those lucky enough (or unlucky) to see them.



People rest in a hallway of building 17 as they await the word to return to their homes.

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**Matt Wiseman.**



An uprooted palm tree blown over by hurricane Elena's strong winds blocks First Street North.



Hurricane evacuees find refuge in NEHI's gymnasium.



Elevated four-wheel drive vehicles seemed the safest and most efficient method of traveling through flooded streets.

## Long awaited reconditioning of building 17 means more classrooms, lockers, crowdspace

By Lana Chiariello

After a year of being closed due to construction, over two thousand students were welcomed once again by building seventeen's lonely corridors. For many older students, walking through the newly air-conditioned building brought back many memories of their favorite hangout in past school years.

With the beginning of the 1984-1985 school year, it was announced that building seventeen would be closed for repairs until November. That meant two-thirds of Northeast's lockers would be behind closed doors, off-limits to the students.

This quickly presented a problem for everyone. One problem was the

tremendous amount of books issued to every student, but nowhere to store them between classes. Students soon learned to cope with the problem, providing it was only "until November". Little did they know that the project would not be completed until the beginning of the next school year.

Now that it has finally reopened, there is another problem. Lockers.

"Having the lockers back in use has solved many of last year's problems, but not all," said principal Tom Zachary, "there are four hundred additional students this year and not enough locker space."

Having more than the usual quota of students has brought a few changes. In the past, lockers have been distributed on

a first come-first serve basis starting with the upper classmen on down. Now Mr. Misenti, the eleventh grade administrative assistant, felt we needed a change. The new policy includes signing up for your locker and registering your lock.

"This is a much better and fairer arrangement. Now we'll know who's got what, the students will be more secure and we will try to enforce only one locker per student," stated Zachary.

In addition, the reopening of building seventeen straightened out the confusion made by "floating teachers".

"Now these social studies and science teachers will have a stable classroom to teach in, and will probably do a more efficient job," said Mr. Wright, the head of Northeast's science department.

Wright, along with the industrial arts department is the head of a project to increase the number of classrooms in building seventeen.

"We are dividing what used to be a library in the right wing of building seventeen into three separate classrooms to provide more space for the students and teachers," said Wright.

The industrial arts students started the project last year and have almost completed it. "They have done a terrific job with this, and the classrooms will be put to good use," said Wright.

"Building seventeen is shaping up more and more everyday, and I think the students are very glad to be back," said Zachary.



## Lack of Administrative Support May Doom Pep Rallies

By Marla Gregg

Will Valhalla ever be the same? I think not without the traditional Powder Puff Football game. Seriously, what is Homecoming without tradition, just another football game?

Powder Puff was dropped this year by the administration due to injuries sustained during the game last year. Ambulances could have actually been used as a taxi cab service to and from the hospital staying at the playing field only long enough to pick up their next passenger.

Something will definitely be missing this year when Homecoming rolls around, even though student government is working on new ideas for Homecoming. An alternative plan can not even begin to compete with the spirit that Powder Puff arouses in the student body. There will be a definite dampening of school spirits.

In all seriousness, can you actually imagine guy cheerleaders cheering onward without girl football players? That doesn't seem to fit into our ideas of cheerleaders...cheering a team onto VICTORY!

With a little hope, the student body will

be able to come up with an alternative plan that will not only be fun and filled with school spirit, but acceptable to the Administration.

Somehow I feel there would be more enthusiasm and school spirit if the administration supported school organized spirit functions.

No pep rallies! That should really boost school spirit to an all time high.

Instead of dropping Powder Puff all together I think a change of rules could be in order to avoid all accidents on the

playing field. It's obvious that this is not a sport for girls to play with all the injuries that occurred last year.

I think making the game less violent by having touch or flag football instead of a game of tackle and destroy would leave the playing field without injury, keeping it from becoming a battle field.

Maybe we could even change football into a more tactful sport by making it tackleless.

Because what is Homecoming without tradition?

## A Day in the Life of...

By Scott M. Homolash

As the sun began to move south in the hot Florida sun, the beginning of another school year came upon us. No longer could we stay out 'til all hours of the night and sleep in until noon. No, the 7:25 tardy bell on August 26th was the first of many we will hear this year.

For the 1985-86 school term, students will attend classes for 1299 hours. During this year, you will be allowed 144 hours passing time between classes and (if you really wanted to) you could be in the lunch room for 90 hours this year.

Now that you have been enlightened by these baffling statistics, let's turn our attention back to the first day of school. Ah, yes—the pitter-patter of little lost freshmen feet. At 7:25, everybody reported to their homeroom to receive their schedules for the first semester. You look on it to see that you first period is on the hill. Oh, well—the walk will wake you up. You get to your first period class and find out that it is not what you had registered for last semester, so you take the long walk down the hill to the guidance department. After inspection of the vacated offices, you ask the registrar and find out that the guidance department bugged out to the auditorium for more space. Upon reaching the fringes of the auditorium, you can see why they packed up their show and put it on the road. It seems that two-thirds of the student body had the same problem that you did. Well, you're not going to wait in that line, so you make your way back up the hill. Just as you get into class, the bell rings to release first period. You consult your

schedule to see that your second period is your science class in Building 17, Room 4.

As you stroll the hallowed halls of our newly opened F-wing, you decide that it is a prime opportunity to stake your claim to a locker. So you clamp your official school bought lock onto a freshly painted locker and head for your science class.

All is going well until your teacher issues the textbook. Oh well, you guess that was to be expected. The bell rings ending second period so you go to your locker and drop off your newly issued book and you go to third period.

So, after meeting your friends in third period and writing down the assignment, you decide that you have to use the restroom so you ask the teacher for permission. You get the okay and grab the wooden ornament that the teacher has used for years for a hall pass and head for the door. Suddenly, the teacher remembers the new Prime Directive: Every student in the halls during class must have in his/her possession an official blue Pinellas County Hall Pass. So the teacher had to stop what they were doing, find the book of passes, and fill one out: Name, date, purpose, and time (which is estimated because the new clocks didn't work). After waiting for all of this, you say to yourself, "I bet I really upset the teacher by making her do all of that." How true.

So you get back to class and the bell rings so you go to your history class. It's now fourth period and you begin to feel the effects of waking up early and not eating breakfast. Your growling

stomach distracts you from the process of learning, so you decide to buy a candy bar to hold you over until third lunch. But finding a person selling candy is about as probable as finding caviar in our lunchroom. Our state legislature, in their infinite wisdom, prohibited the selling of consumables between first and the end of sixth period, because it competed with the school lunch program. The money lost to the groups selling the candy, so the lawmakers said, could be made up by selling non-consumable items. Come on, lawmakers! How many times have you heard a person say, "Gee, I'm hungry. I think I'll buy a calander."?

Now, the school system has a monopoly on food services. In your history class, you learn that Teddy Roosevelt spent most of his life breaking up monopolies. I guess now that he is dead, the school system feels that they have the green light to monopolize us, build hotels and say, "Do not pass go...Go directly to lunchroom." I personally would rather buy a Twix and pay the luxury tax than be sentenced to the perils of the school cafeteria. Oh well, to the state legislators, I am only a voteless minor. I guess I should thank them in a way. I'll be voting next year and their actions in office have made by decision as to who to vote for much easier.

Well, you go on to fifth period and do the best you can to concentrate on what the teacher is saying. Your only salvation is the fact that lunch is only 55 minutes away. But it seems like an eternity because you keep looking at your watch at fifteen second intervals. Finally 12:12 rolls around and you head for the lunch room.

Now, let's face it folks. We have all lived sheltered lives to a degree. Take television, for example. Except for late night movies on cable, we have never really seen chaotic violence. But as soon as you venture into the lunch line, you are a part of it.

On television, when Captain Kirk is about to be annihilated by a Klingon sonic disruptor, his faithful Vulcan friend always gets the transporter working just in time to beam him out of the path of the death beam. But when you are in the middle of the lunch line and decide that the culinary delights that they offer today aren't to your liking, what can you do? You are trapped on one side by a restainer bar, the other by a brick wall with hoards of people to the front and rear. As claustrophobia begins to set in, you spot a glimpse of daylight between the masses and you manage to escape with only minor internal injuries. But you had to do it all by yourself. There was nobody to transport you out of the line of fire. Getting out of line took more energy than you would expell in a semester of gym class, yet you get no P.E. credit. Oh well, who said life was fair?

So you walk towards your sixth period class and happen to catch a glimpse of the sacred inside of the teacher's lounge. And low and behold what do you see inside; a beautiful red and white Coke machine being used by a teacher. A light bulb goes off in your mind and you remember that there are five machines on campus for student use. So you put all of your troubles behind you and head for the nearest machine.

Upon getting there, you feed it two quarters and push the

button, only to find out that the machine doesn't work. Well, let me rephrase that. The dispenser doesn't work; the coin slot still operates at top form.

So, spirits crushed, you walk towards sixth period more hungry than ever wondering, "Who gets all the money lost in these machines each year?"

It is now the middle of sixth period and it is impossible to learn anything while you are as hungry as you are, so you just try to pass the time. But you cannot chew your fingernails because it competes with the school lunch program. You would not want to risk the penalty for that. So you sit just reading your text book.

Finally, sixth and seventh period end and you are happy at last. You have a little bounce in your step as you walk to building 17 to pick up your science book from your locker. You say to yourself "Well I took the worst that this school could dish out and I am still alive. Absolutely nothing else can go wrong today."

That is what you think! As you turn the corner and head for your locker, you arrive just in time to see to your brand new school bought lock being cut off by our ever efficient custodial staff. You do not want to listen to his lecture about how you were supposed to sign up for a locker so you just pick up your science book and go quietly.

In an attempt to cheer yourself up, you think about the fun you will have on the upcoming Labor Day holiday. But little did you know, you would be dating a girl named Elena that weekend. You just smile and walk home.

## Viking Views

By Lana Chiariello

Photos by Erwin Hoffman



Laura Plumb; grade 11: "Trying to go grocery shopping to stock up was not exactly what I enjoyed the most. It was pretty wild playing tug of war with old ladies over day-old bread. And fighting with derelicts who were trying to count six bottles of wine as one item in the express lane. It was nasty."



Tim Yeabower; grade 12: "I volunteered to serve dinner in the Northeast High cafeteria. Mrs. Zachary and I put together fifty dinners for the people who could not come off the hill. I then served dinner to about 1,000 other people on the west side of the cafeteria."



Sharon Hayes; grade 11: "My most interesting experience must have been sleeping with about 200 different people."



Stephanie Tomlinson; grade 12: "While trying to remove some of our back yard from our pool, I also pulled out a couple of fish and shrimp."



Bobby Slonaker; grade 12: "Well, like, the hurricane came and blew my house ya' know. And then a whole bunch of water came in and like ruined all my furniture. Then the hurricane left and like, I had no place to sleep ya' know?"



Wyndy Greene; grade 12: "After being evacuated all weekend, my most interesting experience was coming home to find dead crabs, fish, and other forms of sea life residing in my living room!"



Ronalee Clark; grade 12: "I stayed most of the time at either mine or my friends house. On Sunday we went to Pinellas Square Mall. While we were eating T-bone steaks we thought of the people at the schools eating sandwiches and soup."



Kari Lovfald; grade 12: "It was a strange feeling to come back to the house and find that it was impossible to live in. Like most Shore Acres residents we lost carpet, major appliances, furniture, and belongings. It was hard to deal with."



Jay Diaco; grade 10: "Well, I was evacuated to Northeast. I really wasn't pleased about that, but I felt that everyone helped each other with their troubles. A group of students of which I was one helped with food and other odd jobs. I'm just glad everyone was safe and taken care of."



Jenny Lamerson; grade 10: "The most exciting thing that happened to me was finally seeing my best friend after three whole days alone with my family. At that point, I would have settled for anybody's best friend as long as they weren't related to me."



Linda Sharer; grade 11: "Friday night, I was out with some of my friends and we were supposed to stay in Venetian Isles that night. We were at McDonalds talking to people and my dad drove by and told us that where we were staying had been evacuated. How embarrassing?"



Thomas Burgess; grade 10: "As soon as we heard the news, we were sure our house would be wiped out. We all voted and finally decided to stay. As soon as the tides rose it became eight feet deep all through the house. Although we had to sleep on rafts we still managed to have fun."

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## Americans View of a European Vacation

By Linda Donelan

When the movies "European Vacation" came out, the producers warned, "you'd better get to Europe before Chevy Chase does." Well, I, for one, took them literally.

On the morning of July 11th, I set for Amsterdam, Holland. After flying for ten hours and losing six hours to time change, I was greeted by two guards with M-16's slung over their shoulders. That was a true eye opener.

From the airport we proceeded to the hotel which was hot enough to steam a lobster. So I, in my infinite wisdom, went in search of the air conditioner power button. But, alas, what did I find, absolutely nothing! Air in Europe is the exception rather than the rule. I was off to a great start.

Most of the Dutch spoke English so travel from one place to another was no problem. As we took a tour of this historical city, the most interesting landmarks were painted (quite ar-

tistically, I might add) graffiti such as "I love BC" and "The dead rats live on." Of course, these made for several nice pictures.

We continued our tour which included passing the Dutch prison. We were informed that each cell had a color television and, for those who wanted it, a lady of the night was provided every Saturday.

We decided after our wonderful tour to stop at a typical Dutch restaurant. The meal not only took three and half hours to serve and eat but included such delicacies as smoked eel, raw herring, and lamb brains. I decided on a diet coke.

"We don't have diet coke, mam. It was just introduced and our shipment has not arrived."

I couldn't believe it! I have been drinking diet coke for ages. Where have they been?

We said our good-byes to Amsterdam and headed for Germany and Austria. After three hours of riding I was surely relieved when we stopped because good ole' Mother Nature had been calling for

quite some time. As I went to enter the bathroom, a huge fat woman, talking to me in a tongue I couldn't ever hope to understand, guarded the door. She held out her hand and then it struck me! She was demanding 30 pence for me to use the john.

Finally I was allowed to enter, after paying my money, and I was met by a wonderful odor that reminded me of the latrines at girl scout camp. I figured, "You gotta do what you've gotta do."

Upon entering the stall I realized, for my 30 pence, I got to use recycled toilet paper. If you have to pay to use the bathroom, at least they could buy the good stuff. The toilet paper was recycled all right. It was grey and it felt like you were rubbing a brillo pad against your butt. Definitely an experience.

We left the German speaking countries and went on to Paris, yet another place where I didn't speak the language. You should see the way they drive. Total disregard for traffic lights. Do you need a

place to park? Pick a curb any curb, everyone else does. Uh-oh our bus driver got a ticket for an illegal u-turn. The cop who just watched 16 people run the red had halted the bus driver off to jail for a minor traffic violation!!

They say the French don't like Americans, but I know one thing they do like: wine. It doesn't matter what kind: red, white, dry, or wet! It was served in such abundance that it usually made half the tour group toasted, to say the very least.

Finally, across the English channel we went, to a land where I spoke the language and where they drive on the wrong side of the road. What a way to confuse a person.

Londoners know the true meaning of punk. How they get their hair to stand up like they did was beyond me. The colors were enough to shock even American punks. It was truly amazing.

Our trip finally came to a close. Back we went to America: home of diet coke, ice, McDonalds, and my own bed. It is really great to be home.

## Paris comes to NEHI

By Becky Sage

Can you imagine what it would be like to live in a foreign country? Taking a full year away from your family and friends might take its toll on some, but Florence Barbieux seems to be adjusting perfectly.

Barbieux, 18, is a foreign exchange student from Paris, France. She came here for "an American experience" and to become more fluent in English. When asked why she chose Florida, Barbieux replied, "You

have a choice of states when you sign up (for the program) and I wanted either Florida or California." Some applicants are not lucky enough to enjoy our beautiful sun and sand here in Florida, however. "Most kids get places like Colorado. Even Alaska!" Barbieux added.

Barbieux is enjoying her time here in the states and her only regret is that she misses her boyfriend who is back in Paris. However, she has managed to fill her time with vacations earlier this summer and, of course,

school. She does notice the difference between French and American schools. "In France, the schools are very strict and teachers are treated with a lot of respect. Here the students are more like friends with their teachers while in France, there is like a wall between you."

From the outside one might think Barbieux is shy and keeps to herself but she leads a very interesting lifestyle. She has been a model for the past four years and is currently with Paris Planning, the biggest agency in

France. However, she plans to further expand her career and become an actress. She's already had a speaking part in one movie. She is also interested in one day starting her own agency. When asked about her future Barbieux commented, "It's not possible to say that you want to be an actress, and do it! You have to start some where." Modeling is just the beginning for her.

Life in America must be quite different than in France, and it is. One of the things that sur-

prised Barbieux the most is the size. "Everything is so big and spread out! You need a car here in America but in Paris you can get around very easily on public transportation such as coaches (busses)."

When asked about returning to France Barbieux commented, "I like it here! It's great! The family I live with, the Robertsons, are very nice people and just what I hoped for, but France is my country and I'd prefer it for the next few years."

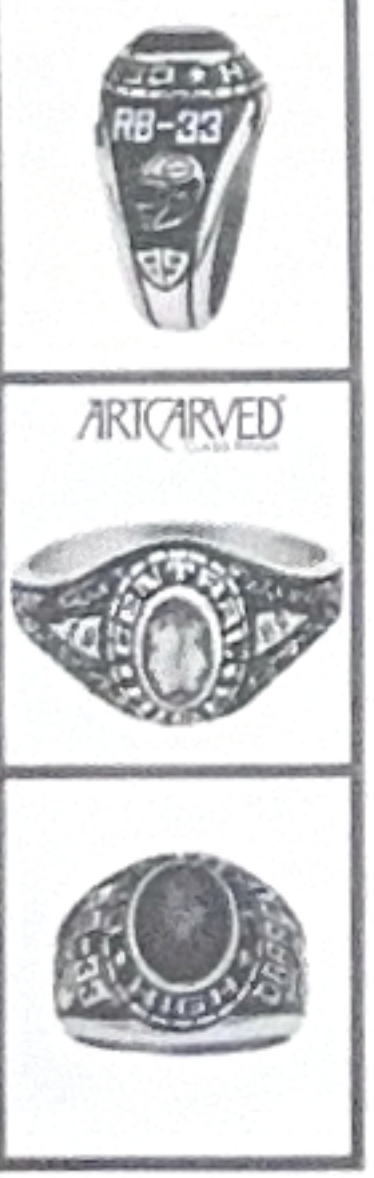
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## Back to the School Groove

By Marla Gregg

On August 26 the halls of Northeast High School were filled with over 2000 students rushing to their homerooms before the 7:25 am bell could be heard.

For over 800 freshmen this would be a new experience, as they entered the halls of NEHI, but for over 400 seniors, this was the beginning of the end of the last four years.

As the day progressed things ran smoothly.

Spotting freshman was easy as they could be seen carrying a map in one hand and a schedule in the other.

Freshman Billy Haight said that getting lost was no problem.

"All the buildings are pretty much in order so I didn't have a problem finding everything," Haight said. "Just being on time, because for me it took longer than eight minutes."

Students and faculty found that the first day of school ran accordingly.

Mr. Rick Misenti, administrative assistant, said that the first day was flawless.

"The first day was definitely one of the smoothest since I've been at Northeast," he said. "But it would not have gone as well without the cooperation of the student body and faculty."

Misenti added that there were several changes this year, but they have not caused any problems.

Changes include the reopening of building 17, locker sign-up, the addition of new classes, and stricter school security measures.

Misenti said that stricter campus security will take place so that the faculty can better monitor the area.

"We've taken the tiger by the tale with the lockers," said Misenti. "Before we had no way of monitoring the students use of lockers. It should help us to keep down the switching of locks or the changing of locks this year."

Misenti added that parking lot rules will also be strictly enforced with some changes.

"Last year we had no way to know who was coming on campus or skipping out of class," he said. "There was a lot that was over looked in the past that will not be this year."

Students did not agree that locker sign-up was the most efficient way to handle the locker situation.

Allyson Hammerick, a junior, said that the time spent standing in line was a waste.

"It was easier on a first come first serve basis," she said, "because of the hassle and time wasted that could have been spent somewhere other than in line."

Adam Carr, also a junior, said that the disorganization and the fact that sign up takes several days instead of one morning made it unnecessary.

"They should have handled lockers as in years past," he commented. "It was unorganized this year and took over a week to do what could have been done in one morning by letting the students go to place their locks on a locker."

## What's In and What's Not

By Kim Stuart

Are you fashionable this year? Chances are that the answer is yes if you own anything with the name Forenza, Union Bay, Coca-Cola, Guess, or Gucci sewn into it.

But fear not, you are not a fashions outcast at all! Root around in your dad's closet and find his old varsity sweater. You know, the one with the plunging neck, too-long sleeves, and bright stripes? Of course, if your parents were not the varsity sweater types you can dig out the plaids that they probably have! Either of these will put you at the top of the fashion list.

Layering is still popular with guys and girls. Two and three shirts worn at a time is not an uncommon sight.

Of course, if you prefer the loose, cool and casual look, stonewashed fabrics come in almost every color, and are always "in." Of course, if you don't prefer the loose look, girls, try stirrup pants!



By Erwin Hoffman

Linda Donelan, grade 11, models the layered look.

Paisley prints are very popular now, as well as florals and satins. As a matter of fact, anything that is antique or looks antique is a hot fashion item.

Another thing on the comeback for guys and girls is the oversized jacket. Remember how popular they were two years ago? Well, dig them out again.

And how could we neglect to mention the plaids. Those wonder, colorful Scottish plaids and berets that are so very popular this year.

Guys, of course, still love to wear clam-diggers and OP shirts. I don't suppose that will ever change or go out of style.

If you aren't done school shopping be sure to have a mental list: paisley, plaid, prints, satin, stonewashed, etc.

But remember, fashion is not the clothes you wear. It's how you wear them. Anyone can wear a paisley print, but not everyone can look good in one.

## Features Digest

### New teachers

One of our new teachers at NEHI this year is Mr. Paul Chorney. He graduated from Florida State and teaches two biology and three physical science classes. Before coming to NEHI Chorney spent two years teaching as a substitute in the Seminole/Pinellas Park area. Chorney is also an athletic trainer here and coaches J.V. football. He is looking forward to very productive year.

Mr. Kevin Morgan is a new teacher who teaches 9th grade literature and composition. He attended William and Mary college and graduated from Kent State. From there he taught 11th and 12th grade literature, philosophy, and drama for two years in Honduras, Central America. He was also voted best teacher by the juniors and seniors.

New American government and world history teacher, Mrs. Cindy Jackson, came here from Osceola Middle School. She has been interested in teaching since her junior year when she was in Mr. Fred Dorsett's history class. She enjoyed the class so much, she wanted to be a history teacher.

Mr. Aubrey B. Windham, Jr. is one of many new teachers at NEHI this year. Windham isn't unfamiliar with Northeast. After getting a bachelor's degree in English and a master's in education from the University of North Carolina, he taught at NEHI from 1963-1966. From NEHI, he taught for four years at St. Petersburg Junior College and then left the field of education for ten years.

Mrs. Linda Rowe is the new health teacher and girls J.V. basketball coach. Rowe attended school at Jackson State University and the University of South Florida. Before she became a teacher she was the health coordinator at St. Anthony's Hospital. She chose to teach because she would like to help kids with decisions and values.

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# Waterskiing a Wonderfully Wet Sport

By Michelle Bench

More and more people these days are becoming interested in the increasingly popular sport of waterskiing. It provides fun, enjoyment and excitement for many people.

The sport, which dates back to the late 1920s, is one in which the participant, wearing one or two water skis is towed over the surface by a motorboat.

The skis are usually four to six feet long and six to eight inches wide. The skier's feet are attached to the skis by tough rubber bindings. The towline that the skier holds on to is a wooden handle 40 to 75 feet in length.

The "safe" speed at which to travel is between 16 and 35 miles per hour.

According to Karl Bridges, an avid skier from Tarpon Springs, "To experience skiing is quite a difference than hearing about it."

"It seems as if there is no one else in the world but you—it's a fantastic feeling," said Bridges.

Bridges also added that skiing is not as tough as it looks. "It takes a good sense of common knowledge but once you get the hang of it it's fairly easy."

One of the reasons there are not a great deal of people involved in skiing is the danger involved. When this was mentioned to Bridges, he stated, "Water skiing can be a dangerous sport, but if you are a responsible, cautious person and follow all safety rules, you will be just fine."

Safety standards for the minimum people in water skiing is one person to drive the boat, one person to ski, and one to be the lookout in case anything goes wrong.

Many skiers have different opinions when asked what they like best about water skiing, but Bridges says, "It's feeling cool breeze and water hitting your face as you are traveling thirty-five miles across the water."



Skiing is an action packed sport.

## Cross Country Team on the Run

By Dudley Dunstan

This year's cross country team is 22 members strong—the girls team with 10 and the guys team with 12. Coach William Dudley feels that the girls team will do very well this year. Last year they placed second in the state. Dudley said, "They will have to work harder due to the loss of two superior runners of last year."

This year Annmarie Kosaruk, Patricia Liljequist, Jennifer Kedzierski, Michele Coupper, and Stephanie Nyzio should be superb runners this season, according to Dudley.

"The boy's team this year is young and inexperienced, but with hard work and dedication," according to Dudley. "They should have a good season."

Fran Allen, Bill Coupper, Robert York, and Bill Fitzgerald will be returning from last year's team, and should show the way for new runners.

According to Dudley, the hardest teams this year to beat will be Largo, Lakewood, and Countryside high schools. But with superior coaching and hard work this should not be that big of a threat to the team this year.

# Varsity Football Team on the Ball

By Tricia Lynn

Football season has started and according to Coach Jerry Austin the football team has had a successful and appropriate summer and training program, and although they were good last year they have come back better than ever.

The players are full of the enthusiasm for the new season. However, Coach Austin says, "Although they have definitely improved, the team members are still terribly thin in some positions and need more practice and skill in those areas."

He feels that the players are ready to start a successful season, and provided there are no injuries, they can return to their former playing status.

"Although the team is in good condition, they must be on the lookout for Clearwater and Largo. Both of these teams have proven to be tough competitors in previous years."

However, according to Austin, St. Pete. High has never been a threat to the team. Although Northeast lost to them last year, St. Pete. still did not score a touchdown.

The team standards this year are very high for Coach Austin feels that Northeast can claim the victory in the Spring Jamboree like they did last year.

The 1985 Varsity football schedule is as follows:

September 20	Gibbs	Home
September 27	Largo	Away
October 4	Lakewood	Home
October 11	Cape Coral	Away
October 25	Clearwater	Away
November 1	St. Pete	Home
November 8	Seminole	Away
November 15	Dixie Hollins	Home
November 22	Pinellas Park	Home

Game time is at 8:00 P.M.



Jeff Gigante practices his kicking

Photo by Erwin Hoffman

## McDaniel - A Swimmer and a Winner

By Kim Stuart

Junior David McDaniel, is a student who is setting an example. For many years he has been swimming and training with the Saint Petersburg Aquatics Swimming Club. This past summer McDaniel gained national recognition for his swimming prowess.

Each year, a National Junior Olympic championship is held to help familiarize Olympic hopefuls with the routine and criterias of competition. The championship was held last year in Syracuse New York. Next year it will be held in

Orlando. The events are the same as in the Olympic competition. Participants are high school and college students.

This year's games held in Tuscaloosa where McDaniel succeeded in breaking two former state records set by college sophomore Jason Gorrie. McDaniel placed in three events: third in both the 1500 meter freestyle and the 800 meter freestyle. He also placed twelfth in the 400 meter freestyle.

McDaniel was less than two seconds from qualifying for the national senior meet.

Both he and his coach are excited about the possibilities and the preview of his ability.

Preparing for the Olympic games McDaniel trains six days a week. Most of his practice is done before school leaving after school for homework and more training.

McDaniel is looking forward to upcoming competitions. He hopes, as do we all, that someday he may stand on that platform before the world to receive his gold for the USA.



David McDaniel is a true champion.

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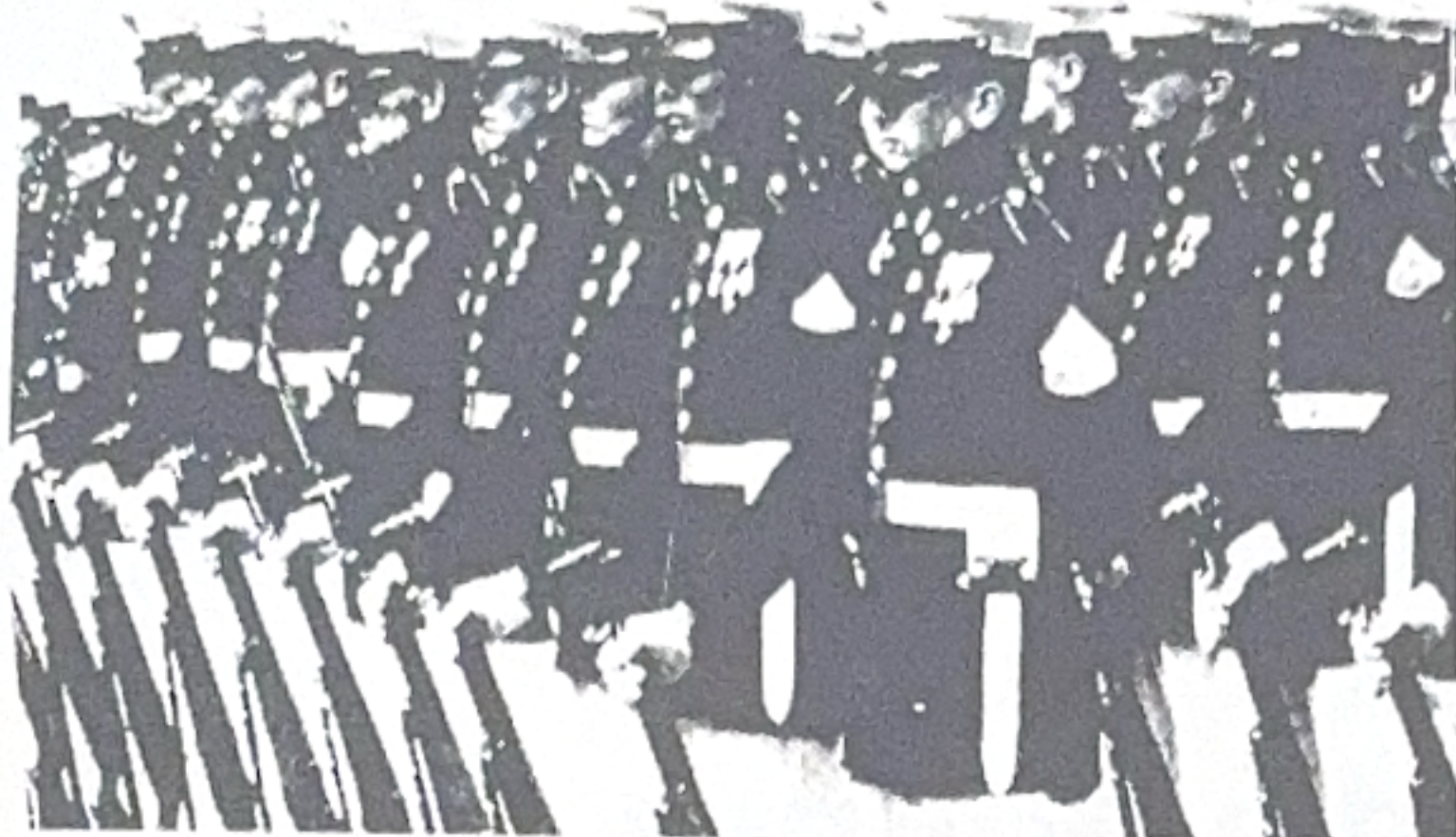
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