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No more 'excuses'

By Jeff Allen News Editor

Tampering with school attendance records by a student aide has led to numerous out-of-school suspensions.

According to Assistant Principal Richard Misenti, Gil Fisher was excusing students' absences for money or for favors. Fisher's job, Misenti said was to type in names who had excused absences. The names were then distributed to teachers. Misenti went on to say that Fisher began excusing unexcused absences as favors or for money.

"This really hurts me to think that my students would be this dishonest," Misenti said.

Fisher, and some other students involved, were suspended for five days out-ofschool. Most students involved, however, were suspended for only two days. "How many days each student was suspended varied depending on the amount of involvement," Misenti explained.

Karen Goldsen

and Frances Thomas

Staff Writers

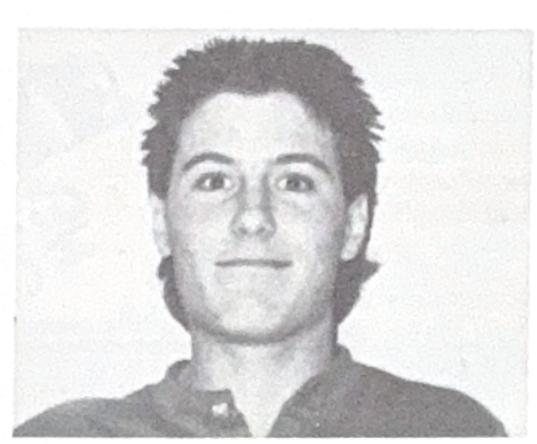
"So far, 32 students from grades 9-12 have been suspended," said Misenti. "And I expect there will be more since Mr. Zachary (NEHI's principal) has asked me to leave no stone unturned."

Misenti learned of the situation from an anonymous note left on his desk. "I usually throw such notes away," Misenti said. "But this was the third note turned in."

"The note contained about 20 names," Fisher stated. "It also said that I was selling and pressuring the sales of excused absences," Fisher denies pressuring students to buy excused absences, "I never forced anyone to pay for any services." According to Fisher, Misenti called the people listed in the note to his office to report other people involved.

Some students said they were suspended for just knowing about it. "I was suspended for two days for just knowing about it and not telling," Jennifer Floyd, a senior, said.

When Misenti was asked if he suspended students for just knowing about it, he replied "not at all."



Gil Fisher

Many students think the punishments (suspensions) were too severe. "I think that the administration went overboard," was senior James Bujan's opinion. "Students have been doing this (falsifying records) since I was a freshman, probably longer."

Fisher also said that he was punished too severely. "I didn't realize the seriousness of what I was doing until I was caught," Fisher said. "Detective Marshall came into Mr. Misenti's office and told me what I did was a felony."

Bomb scares NEHI

By Lana Chiariello Editor-in-Chief

A sophomore from Northeast was arrested recently on charges that he took a bomb to school to scare students who were making fun of him, according to the St. Petersburg Times.

The arrest occurred Wednesday, Jan. 6. According to Assistant Principal Richard Misenti, the student charged had only been enrolled in the school for two weeks and had been teased by some classmates.

According to police and school officials, the student took the bomb to school and asked his science teacher to hold it for him. The teacher saw the contents of the box, and suspecting that it was a bomb,

firecrackers."

Nevertheless, police reported that it could have exploded if hooked up properly.

took it to Misenti's office. Detective Bill Marshall, the school resource officer, called an expert from the St. Pete Police Department to dismantle the device. Although police and the St. Petersburg Times refer to the object as a "bomb," Misenti said "it was not even close to a bomb, it was just a bunch of



DeDe Driver

Misenti's off to the countryside

By Lana Chiariello Editor-in-Chief

and a finalist question.

Rassier and Meredith Brown.

Chairmen for the event were Stephanie

Harry Brown, a former NEHI teacher,

was master of ceremonies for the event.

Judges were Frank Peterman, Christina

Herbert, John Timmel, Jane Oescher,

Frank Malowany, and Taffi Bielletti.

Assistant Principal Richard Misenti has been transferred to Countryside High 1987-88 school year. He will hold the same position as he did at Northeast.

According to Principal Tom Zachary, Misenti will not be officially transferred until a replacement is found. In the meantime, Misenti will serve at Countryside one day and alternate to Northeast the

next.

"I saw in a memo that the position was open and I decided to apply," said Misenti. The reasons Misenti gives for wanting to transfer are because "it would be profes-School beginning second semester of the sionally rewarding to work under another administration besides Tom Zachary's (NEHI's principal)," and "the other reason is a little selfish - I wanted to be closer to my son." Misenti's son, Kyle, is a kindergartener at Davis Elementary, which is about a mile from Countryside, according to Misenti.

Misenti has been an administrator at Northeast for four and a half years. He was the administrator for the class of '87 for four years.

Misenti taught English at Northeast from 1976-1979 and at Countryside from 1979-1983. He also coached baseball and basketball. Eventually, he came to Northeast to be an administrator.

"I have mixed emotions about leaving. I'm excited but I'm also going to miss Northeast."

Club News

Interact

Interact club members sold Christmas trees in December, grossing approximately \$35,000. "This money will be given back to the school to the different departments," Jerry Hiers, club sponsor said.

NAHS

The NAHS will be inducting new members during the month of February. Art teachers select the students for being outstanding in the following areas: the student must maintain an A-B average in Art class and serve their school and community with their artistic ability.

Sophomore class

The sophomore class plans a fortune cookie sale Feb.15-22 to celebrate the Chinese New Year. Students will be able to buy fortune cookies with a friendly message inside to send to their friends. The messages will be delivered Feb.24.

Culinary Arts

For Valentine's Day, the culinary arts classes will be working on a "hearty" project. The students will be baking heart-shaped cookies, decorated with flowers made of colorful icing.

FBLA

Vedo Ramcharran was chosen by the Business Department for student of the month. Because of her academic achievement in the business classes which she has taken since her freshman year, she has been preparing for the Distict-wide FBLA accounting contest.

Key club

Key Club "is kind of busy this month," Kevin Morgan, club sponsor, said, with two car washes at Northside Realty on 4th street on Jan. 18 and 30.

On Jan. 30 the Key club will have a "pizzathon." Each club member will obtain pledges for each slice of pizza they can eat--"like a walkathon, with whatever price per slice," Morgan said.

Thespians

On Jan.30 the Thespians will participate in the Drama Festival at Lakewood High School. The winners of the competition will be announced in the next issue.

Valentine's Day, IVEST

Censorship unnecesary

The First Amendment of Assembly and Petition

we thought pertained to us, but the right to censor school we guess that's not true newspapers, we can't praise the anymore. This year, we have interpreters of the Constitution, been celebrating the Constitu- the Supreme Court. tion, but now we find out that the Superintendent Scott N. Rose Supreme Court says that we are said about school newspapers, no longer protected by it. This is "School papers exist to instruct

In a story we published in a previous issue, we wrote an editorial praising the Constitution. Now, ironically, we con- to inform, who is? The addemn it. Well, I guess we can't ministration certainly does not condemn the Constitution, but always inform. We've seen this rather, those who interpret it. (The following is an excerpt from spread. So who is to tell the draw some pretty pictures and which we thought was for the taste, solid investigative pracour September edition.)

"... Probably the most important part of the Constitution to ridiculous. If a student doesn't monetary factor involved in prohigh school students is this: the read about pregnancy in a school ducing a student newspaper?. If what goes in it. freedom of speech. Most of us newspaper, then he will read they are willing to pay for our walk around with so much hot about it somewhere else and paper to be printed, fine, we'll do air, we could float up to the ceiling. Can you imagine walking could end up pregnant, due to we're the ones breaking our around the campus and not being able to comment on anything? All

the teachers would be dictators Freedom of Religion, and tyrants and we would get Speech, and the Press; Right ulcers... Another important factor is the freedom of the press."

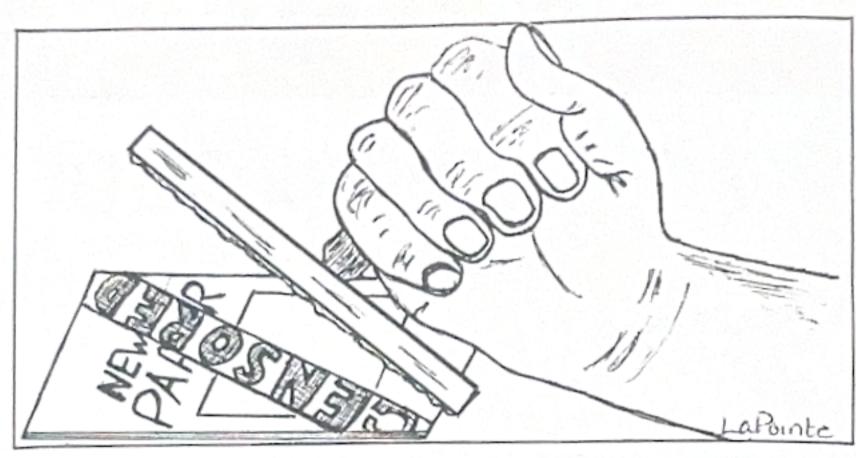
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students in journalism, not to inform student readers."

Okay, then what are we supposed to write? If we're not here

by all the rumors that have recheck, why can't we print?

uninformed female students what they want. Otherwise,



truth? If we interview, check and spend \$600 a month to publish them? Doesn't the Supreme dent body. If we are going to Believe us, we don't make this The court's decision is Court and Rose realize there is a create a paper with our own stuff up. As Pricipal Tom

plain. We've never been censored necks by selling ads in order to and we don't plan on ever being Why don't we, the Nor'easter, the cover the cost of our paper, censored. We use discretion, good

purpose of benefitting the stu- tices and we tell the truth. funds, we should have a say in Zachary recently said on the Channel 13 news, "A high school principal should not have the time or the desire or the need to Actually, our staff can't com- censor (a student publication)."

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So we say thank you and we'll go on our merry little way.

they're are always the few who

are sorely disappointed that the

Around a school as large as

Northeast, rumers soon take on a

serious nature. Among them

were the recent bomb threat and

the attendance fiasco. No one,

especially the administration,

would either denounce or attest

We believe an administrative

spokesperson should let the stu-

dent body, via the intercom,

know the truth. The truth might

put a stop to some rumors and

give the students a feeling that

they are important and that they do deserve to hear the truth. We

rumors are not true!

to the rumors.

Rumor has it..

How do rumors get started? They're started by the jealous -Timex Social Club

Three facts exist at NEHI; one, rumors are rampant; two, people will believe ANYTHING; and three, no matter what students hear they can't help telling at least four other people.

Rumors are something that no one can escape. Even the most pristine girl has been accused of either a serious drug problem or hitting her first period teacher.

Many a lunch period is spent ter how much people love to the lunch lady? taken with a grain of salt. Come told someone "in confidence"

spreading the "newest". No mat- has been cheating on you with

themselves. Rumors should be perienced a personal story you've

catching up on the "latest" and on, how likely is it your boyfriend which hit the air waves, so to harder you deny them the more speak. It's sad that even the most people will believe them. Usually private things get circulated they die a natural death. spread the rumors no one can No one realizes how much a among the vultures (NEHI's but-trust us-there is usually at ever take hearing them about rumor can hurt. We have all ex- gossip-mongers). Yet, how can least one person checking out Stop spreading those rumors your stomach to see if it's getting around. Stop spreading those lies.

these rumors be stopped? The any bigger And, of course, -Timex Social Club

shouldn't have to read the newspaper to find out that a bomb was in the school.

What do you 'know'?

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schooling, n, 2. education received in a school

education, n, 1. act or process of educating, the imparting or acquisition of knowledge, skill,

Thirty-two students were suspended for the recent "excused absences for sale" episode. A few of those students did not purchase an excused absence, but were suspended just for knowing the activity was going on.

"I was suspended for two days for just knowing about it (the To the Editor: absence problem) and not telling," Jennifer Floyd, a senior, Court decision to legalize high

I "know" how to tie my shoes. I "know" how to make chocolate chip cookies.

I "know"

Should I be suspended?

I "know" women get raped. "know" people who drink I "know" people with fake ID's

Should I be suspended? knowledge, n, 4. fact or state or I "know" students who cheat on

I "know" people who smoke and I also "know" my ConstituShould I be suspended?

I don't believe so. We are sent to school to obtain knowledge, but if we are suspended for "knowledge,"-no matter how it is acquired, why should we be in

The Salem Witch Trials of the

Clarisa Gerlach, grade 11: McCarthyism of the 1950s NEHI-ism of the 1980s "Lack of communication with their parents. Many teens can't even carry on a simple conversation with their parents without

Letter to the Editor

I am furious with the Supreme school censorship. Somewhere in the Constitution I think it says something about freedom of the press. But according to a few men high up on the bureaucratic lad- Kenn Schoonover

der this does not apply to people under 18. A few years ago we had to give up our right to privacy by submitting to locker searches and now this, what's next?

VIKING VIEWS



Patty Crowley, grade 12: "I think the most important problem we face today is AIDS. You never know if the new boy or girl you are now going out with ever did drugs or messed around."

Beth Bauer, grade 10: "Suicide

major rise Teens have troubl

with school, poers and parents.

They think that suicide is the

easy way out, but really it's not.

They should go to someone and

talk about the problem, not go to

Brian Murphy, grade 12:

"Deciding what to do after high

school. Many seniors are uncer-

tain. It is a major decision and a

ending up in a fight. I believe this

is the reason so many teens do

things behind their parent's

problem teens face."

I think teen suicide has taken a



Robert Spahr, grade 9: "A major problem for teens is pressure. Teens face all kinds of pressure. From their friends, their teachers and their parents."



Durwood Pate, grade 12: "A problem facing teenagers today is drug abuse. Too many teenagers are starting to use drugs, and more are starting to get hooked. It's sad to see todays youth going down the drain."



Aaron Bond, grade 9: "There are none, teen problems are caused by adults. Teens should take it easy. When they try to be too adult they get stressed and do drugs or commit suicide."

Question:

List one of the major problems teens face today. Explain:

Principals nationwide surveyed the top seven problems in high schools of the 1940's versus the 1980's. The results are as follows:

1940

1. Talking 2. Chewing gum

3. Making noise 4. Running in halls

5. Getting out of line 6. Improper

clothing 7. Waste paper not in baskets

1980

3. Pregnancy

4. Suicide

5. Rape

6. Robbery 7. Assault

Drug abuse
Alcohol abuse



Evy Fernandez, grade 10: "Teens face a lot, but I think one

of the major problems is alcohol.

There is a lot of teens who don'

realize it, but it is like a drug

once you've frequently used it it

becomes hard to quit. I'm not say-

ing it's not right to drink, but if

you do, stay home-don't DRIVE,

and kill or hurt innocent ones."

Pat Mladenov, grade 9: "Sex. It's self explanatory!"



Marla Hicks, grade 11: "Peer pressure. Teens today want or need to be accepted by their peers to feel socially accepted or socially successful. This allows for teens to be easily pressured by their peers into things like sex, drugs and/or alcohol. Its hard to be accepted by your peers, but it takes a strong person to stand up against them and stand on your own morals."



Tara Lynch, grade 11: "Depression: teenagers today have certain goals we need to reach. They might be grades, social life, or just needing to be accepted by peers, and when or if we don't reach these goals we feel like we've failed so we get depressed."

Photos by Karen Pippenger and Frances Thomas

11: "Teenage Pregnacy. Many teenagers aren't realizing that teenage pregnancy is starting to become a very serious problem in America. But if both male and female take time to use precautions this problem wouldn't be that much of a problem."



Reynard Currington, grade

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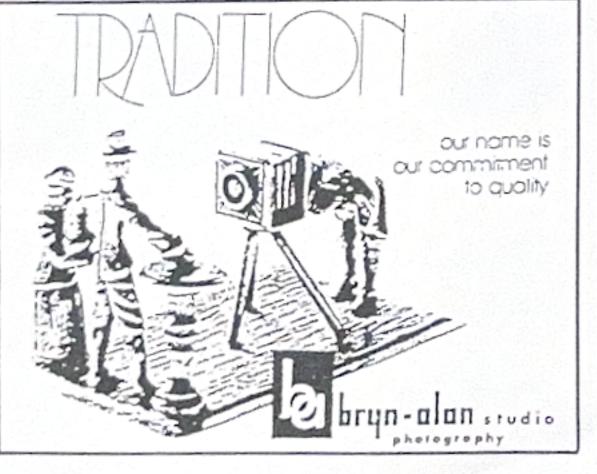


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Seniors

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Juniors

The stars predict an increase

for the Valentine weekend and boyfriends. then get rid of him or her.

Junior girls, beware! The guys The sophomore boys are: will start scouting at the underclassmen. You'll lose out on py, and have good senses of a lot of junior men for-well, you humor.

Sophomores

Well, sophomores, you might as well become priests; your love life is not looking good. Cupid's Freshmen around and he is not happy The stars will profile a typical

sophomore girl. They are attractive, yet fake.

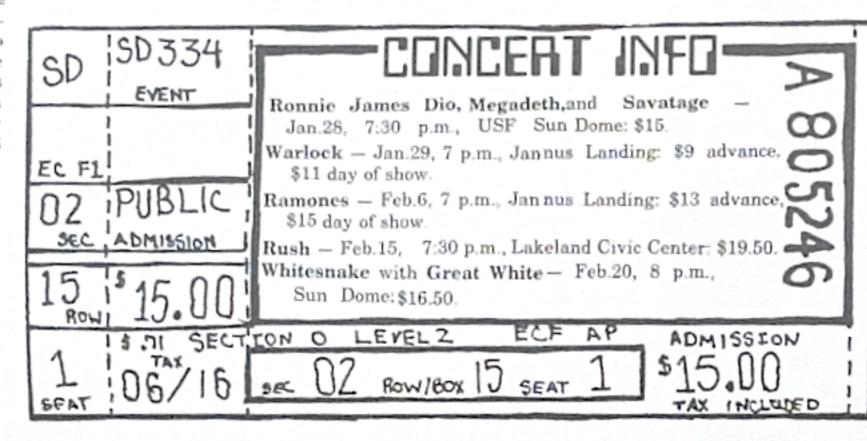
in couples, but also an increase in They have good bodies, but break-ups. Most likely, the shallow personalities. They want juniors will look for a mate just everything-including others'

But girls, it isn't all your fault.

Smart yet cocky, cool yet wim-

Then if you follow the stars' advice, you'll be irresistible to

The stars think you are too young to worry about love. Wait a couple of years youngsters.



Cruisin' the Campus—

Senior Doug Vangelder paint job. He has added a few had the interior redone. Vangelder has put many "long hard hours" into his 1977 Chevrolet Monza Just about everything on this car has either been modified or completely

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Doug Vangelder and his '77 Chevy Monza.



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Fine arts stars vie for titles

By Robin Nicholas Associate editor

Features -

the past for it's great Fine Arts who are going to try to bring back Department, and this year is no superiors in the solo and duet exception.

Select Thespians will compete Spiegel and Pickett hold the top at the District Thespian Festival two positions in the county as of on Jan. 30. The festival will last year's competition. feature the best dramatic Spiegel, Rachelle DeVore, and students in the county. Thes- Mark Stofer will also compete in

are also singers, two of whom are NEHI has been recognized in John Pickett and Dan Spiegel, competition in musical theater.

FVA Choir Festival. This is the work with. choir's second appearance at the

fetival, and members hope to

in their last performance. a student conductor in the Roher and Renee Ryer.

pians are not just actors, there the piano competiton on Feb. 5. festival. Pickett hopes to conduct On Feb. 6, Pickett and Spiegel At the beginning of March, the choir to it's first FVA also will lead a select group of Velma Rowe, choral department superior rating. He said the choir sololist plus the Gondoliers at the director, will take the choir to the is strong and young, but great to Florida Vocal Association District Festival.

> Sololists include: Dan Spiegel, Spiegel spokesman for the earn a better rating than they did John Pickett, Becky Dyer, Bren- Gondoliers, said that the Gonda Dillard, Jean Redman, Nancy dollers are good enough to ac-Rowe will also enter Pickett as Donelan, Bonnie Hayes, George complish what they did last year--a superior rating.

Teacher Feature

Cromer has chemistry

By Christina Metz Features Editor

Students that have or know Carol Cromer agree she is a remarkable teacher. Her vibrant and energetic manner is enough to stimulate even the most unmotivated pupil. Cromer said it is the students that motivate her. She tells of her love of teaching because she likes the variety the job offers. There's never a dull moment when one is teaching most of all, spending time with over 100 students a day, she said. her newborn boy.

degree in biological chemistry, rewarding seeing her students science and pharmacology. Cur- ching them grow.

rently she is working on her doctorate in pharmacology.

She has been teaching for four years, two of which are at NEHI. Cromer also teaches at St. Petersburg Junior College. She is one of the advisors for Students Against Drunk Driving and participates on the senior breakfast

Out of school, she enjoys athletics, skiing, sewing, and

Born in Burmingham, Ala., When asked why she chose she moved to Tampa at the age of teaching over other job opporfour. An honors student, Cromer tunities, she explained that the graduated from Oral Roberts students make it all worthwhile. University. She has a bachelor's To Carol Cromer, it is very and her master's in biological learning new things, and wat-

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Carol Cromer and baby Drew

By Jenny Gustafson Staff Writer

A certain time comes when a person develops the need to be free from all the pressures and responsibilities of a full time job. This time has come for Mary Evelyn Landsford, an English teacher at NEHI. Lansford has been teaching for 16 years, 12 of which were at Northeast.

Lansford's schooling began in Greenborough, N. C., where she majored in religious education. It was not until she became 40 and returned to college at USF, that her teaching career took off.

solely by choice- with a little en- the English department." couragement from her husband. mer and happily plans to occupy



M. E. Lansford many of her days with a newlyadopted grandchild.

Though she says she will miss NEHI greatly, Lansford said, Retirement for Landsford is "I'll miss most the fellowship of

As for the future, Lansford "My husband has been retired for said, "I hope that students will four years and asked me to retire appreciate how wonderful the with him. I decided now was the faculty really is at Northeast," right time." Lansford said. She adding "Northeast is such a plans a trip to Scotland this sum- great school, the best in the



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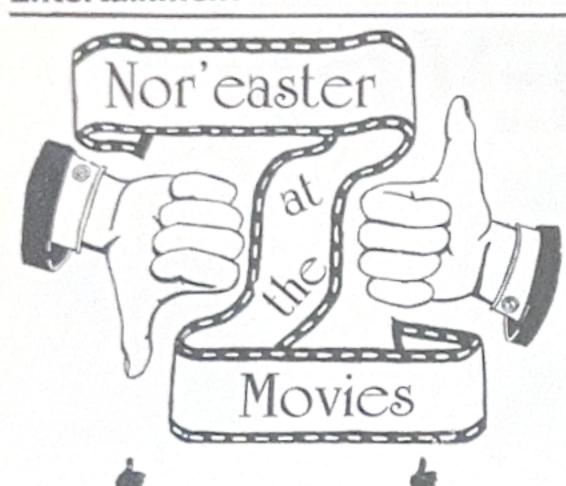
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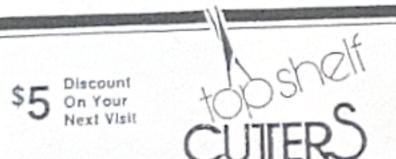
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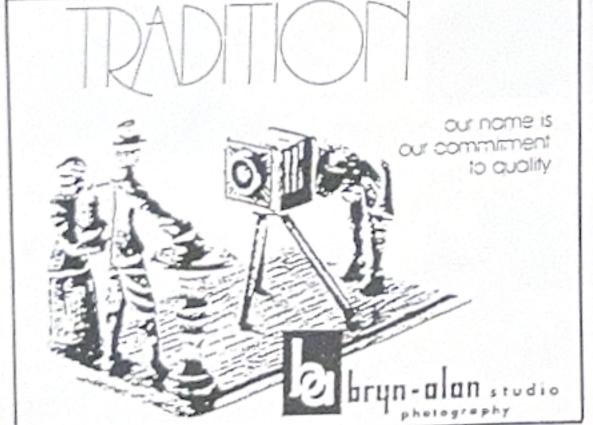


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Well, sophomores, you might as well become priests; your love life is not looking good. Cupid's around and he is not happy The stars will profile a typical

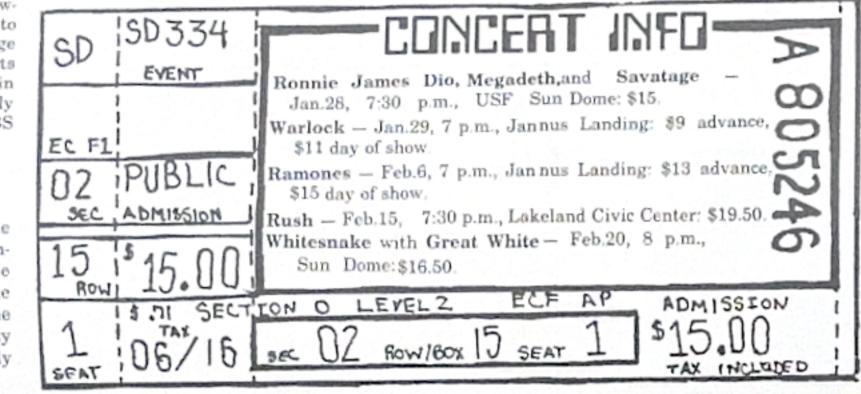
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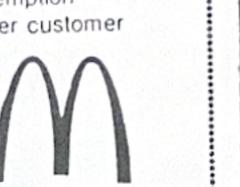
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Fine arts stars vie for titles

By Robin Nicholas Associate editor

Features -

the past for it's great Fine Arts who are going to try to bring back

on Jan. 30. The festival will last year's competition. students in the county. Thes- Mark Stofer will also compete in

pians are not just actors, there are also singers, two of whom are NEHI has been recognized in John Pickett and Dan Spiegel, Department, and this year is no superiors in the solo and duet competition in musical theater. Select Thespians will compete Spiegel and Pickett hold the top at the District Thespian Festival two positions in the county as of

feature the best dramatic Spiegel Rachelle DeVore, and

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FVA Choir Festival. This is the work with. choir's second appearance at the in their last performance.

a student conductor in the Rober and Renee Rver.

the piano competiton on Feb. 5. festival. Pickett hopes to conduct . On Feb. 6, Pickett and Spiegel At the beginning of March, the choir to it's first FVA also will lead a select group of Velma Rowe, choral department superior rating. He said the choir sololist plus the Gondoliers at the director, will take the choir to the is strong and young, but great to Florida Vocal Association

fetival, and members hope to Sololists include: Dan Spiegel, Rowe will also enter Pickett as Donelan, Bonnie Hayes, George

Spiegel spokesman for the earn a better rating than they did John Pickett, Becky Dyer, Bren- Gondeliers, said that the Gonda Dillard, Jean Redman, Nancy dollers are good enough to accomplish what they did last year-a superior rating.

Teacher Feature

Cromer has chemistry

By Christina Metz Features Editor

Students that have or know Carol Cromer agree she is a remarkable teacher. Her vibrant and energetic manner is enough to stimulate even the most unmotivated pupil. Cromer said it is the students that motivate her. She tells of her love of teaching because she likes the variety the job offers. There's never a dull athletics, skiing, sewing, and moment when one is teaching most of all, spending time with over 100 students a day, she said.

she moved to Tampa at the age of teaching over other job opporfour. An honors student, Cromer tunities, she explained that the graduated from Oral Roberts students make it all worthwhile. University She has a bachelor's To Carol Cromer, it is very degree in biological chemistry, rewarding seeing her students and her master's in biological learning new things ... and watscience and pharmacology. Cur- ching them grow.

rently she is working on her doctorate in pharmacology.

She has been teaching for four years, two of which are at NEHI. Cromer also teaches at St. Petersburg Junior College. She is one of the advisors for Students Against Drunk Driving and participates on the senior breakfast Out of school, she enjoys

her newborn boy.

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Carol Cromer and

eacher retires

By Jenny Gustafson Staff Writer

A certain time comes when a person develops the need to be free from all the pressures and responsibilities of a full time job. This time has come for Mary Evelyn Landsford, an English teacher at NEHL Lansford has been teaching for 16 years, 12 of which were at Northeast.

Lansford's schooling began in Greenborough, N. C., where she majored in religious education. It was not until she became 40 and returned to college at USF, that her teaching career took off.

solely by choice- with a little en- the English department." couragement from her husband. mer and happily plans to occupy county."



M. E. Lansford

many of her days with a newlyadopted grandchild.

Though she says she will miss NEHI greatly, Lansford said, Retirement for Landsford is "I'll miss most the fellowship of

As for the future, Lansford "My husband has been retired for said, "I hope that students will four years and asked me to retire appreciate how wonderful the with him. I decided now was the faculty really is at Northeast," right time," Lansford said. She adding "Northeast is such a



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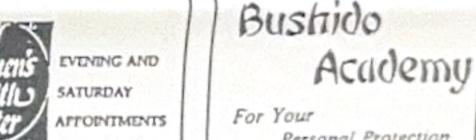
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Surfers command respect

By Julie Costanzo Sports editor

Frequently during the winter months, NEHI students might see a red-haired guy fly by on his way to the payphones. Most likely that's senior Mike Baker, on his way to call the WAVE LINE, which is sponsored by Mad Beach Surf Shop. Gusty winds and sudden temperature drops, caused by cold fronts, might mean that the "perfect wave" is breaking close by-- and that's the news Baker wants to hear.

Seniors Baker and Jay Diaco are, according to them, a couple of the only "true" surfers of NEHI, "true surfers being those who actually do surf, not "posers" who are people who say

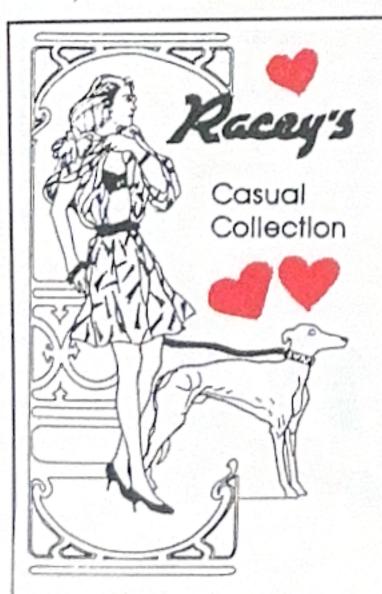
Lady Vikes on the rebound

By Shane Linton Sports Editor

The girls basketball team had a record of 3-8 at time of this printing. Marshall Gotte said, "During our first eight games, three of our five starters were injured. Those first eight games were decided by a couple of points."

The second half of the season should be a big turn around, Gotte said. "Our girls' intensity and knowledge of the game is improving. Also our defense is getting better because the players are working a lot together."

There have been some changes on the team. Wanda Bennett has been switched to point guard. "She has done a fantastic job for as long as she has played that position, said Gotte. Cheryl Roberts, who averaged eight points at the start of the season, now averages 18 points a game, Gotte said. Barbara Whitson has been rebounding well this season and Barbara Downey has been contributing well to the teams offense, he added.



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they do surf but don't.

Baker began surfing almost three years ago. "Basically, I taught myself, but I did get some tips from Jay when I first started surfing," said Baker.

There are many things to learn, he said. Surfing takes a lot of practice; basics must be learned, from how to stand on a board to how to take care of the board.

Surfing is an expensive hobby and takes a lot of equipment, Baker said. Surf boards, produced by such companies as Quiet Flight, Natural Art and Rusty, cost about \$350 each on the average. Wetsuits, to keep a surfer warm in winter waters, may cost at least \$150. Other equipment-- such as wax, booties, leash and car racks-tack on another \$200.

Diaco has been surfing for seven years. He was taught by his brothers at the family's house in New Jersey. "Prior to my seven years surfing, I belly-boarded, which helped me to gain a respect for the ocean," Diaco said.

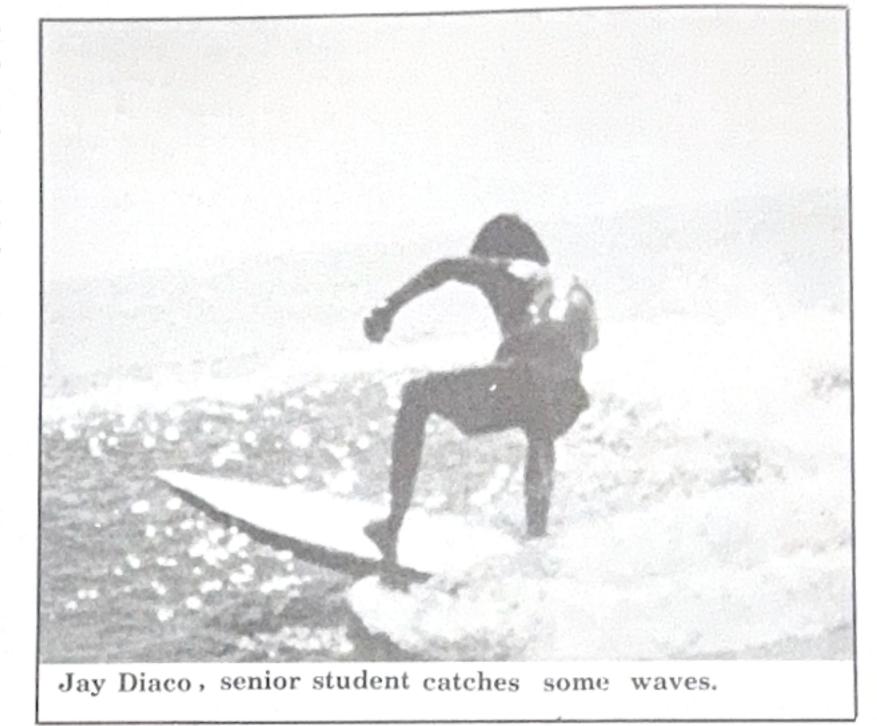
A respect for the ocean is shared by hundreds of surfers, especially those who turn pro. Money can be made in various contests in the world, but big money is usually only made by top surfers, such as Tommy Curren, Martin Potter and Mark Occhilupo, Diaco said. Most pro surfers make most of their money from sponsorships by surf companies rather than from contests.

Diaco surfed for three summers in the Eastern Surfing Association (ESA) in New Jersey. As a result of these contests, Diaco's name appeared in "The Winners Circle" in Surfing Magazine. Baker has never competed and has no intention to do so. "I have more fun just free surfing," he said.

Baker and Diaco surf an average of three days a week in the summer. They travel over 150 miles to surf on the east coast, usually at New Symrna. Both agree surfing is possible in the Gulf. In the winter months they surf mostly on the west coast. Diaco and Baker are closed-mouthed about their west coast surf spots. Diaco said, "Due to the numerous amounts of KOOKS attending Northeast I'll have to keep these spots a mystery."

"When I look around the hallways," complains Diaco, "and see people wearing surf clothes and talking about surfing, it makes me want to take them with me surfing so they can gain the same respect for the ocean I have and learn what surfing is all about."

Baker has some advice for "posers"; "Posers, go home and paddle (chin grind) in your bathtub, and stay out of the way!"



Vikes ranked sixth in state

By Luiz Lima Staff writer

The NEHI boys' varsity basketball has, so far, been having one of its best seasons ever. The team is currently 13-2 and is ranked sixth overall in the state. Recent victories include St. Pete High, 91-75, and Tarpon Springs, 109-49. NEHI's only losses have come from Lakewood and Sarasota high schools, earlier in the season.

"We want to be in the hunt for the conference title and we want to try to win the district," said Head Coach David Redding. "We

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have five starters equal in ability."

Indeed they are. A balanced scoring attack has been a key reason for the Vikings' success this season. Leron Trotter, Tony Lovett, David Bowman, Adrian Adams and Patrick Barber form the starting five. The fact of having no key injuries is also a definite plus for the Vikings this season, thus far.

Important games that are ahead on the Vikings' schedule include Countryside, Gibbs and a showdown with PCC rival, Boca Ciega. It is far too early to predict the outcomne of NEHI's season.

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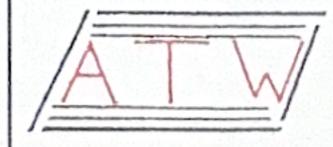
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