

# The PLAYWICKIAN

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# Two-Hundred Voice Chorus Shows How Classic Themes Became Popular

#### Instrumentalists Help

The Neshaminy High School Choruses under the direction of Mrs. Joan Franks will present their Annual Spring festival of Music on Friday evening May 1, 1959 at 8:00 P. M. in the High School Auditorium. The 210 voice chorus will present a varied program of music, and will take the audience into the magical universe of the world's greatest composers. Selections will be performed as originally composed by Chopin, Mozart, Rachmaninoff and others. The chorus will then show how the main themes were adapted for choral use and how they became popular.

Gay 90's

A special "Gay 90's Review" will be presented, highlighted by a modern interpretation of the everpopular "Good Night Ladies." The third portion of the show is devoted to the musical comedies, from the '30's to the present day, from "Girl Crazy" by George Gershwin to "76 Trombones" from the "Music Man."

The finale concerns America: "The land of the free and the home of the brave", and will consist of such songs as "Oh Brother Man," "Where in the World," "Give Me Your Tired and Your Poor," "Your Land and My Land," and "God Bless America."

#### String Ensemble

A small string ensemble directed by Dottie Riggs will feature the trumpet played by Ed Neely, organ by Ray Foley and drums by Richard Boerckel which will be used to accompany the finale.

Nancy Paul will be featured as soprano soloist, Dorothy Riggs as violin soloist and Barbara Thompson and Pam Stover as piano accompanists.

Tickets are on sale from any chorus member-\$.50 for adults; \$.25 for children

A capacity audience is expected for the program. See you there!

## **Assembly Line**

April 29-30—Neshaminy High School Chorus May 6-7—Fashion Show Student Project Exhibition

hibition
May 13-14 — Pennsbury
High School Chorus
May 20-21 — Student
Council Electoral
Campaign

## Borrowed Chats from Other Cats

Bellingham Beacon

The orchestra played Beethoven last night . . . Beethoven lost . . .

## Merrymakings Planned for May

Big things are in store for Neshaminy Senior High School students.

On Saturday night, May 2, the traditional Spring Dance will be held in the gymnasium. This dance will be free to all Activity Ticket holders and will be for senior high students only. The movie, "A Time to Love and a Time to Die", starring John Gavin, Lilo Pulver and Jack Mahoney, will begin at 7:15 and will be followed by dancing until 11:15. Refreshments of punch, ice cream, potato chips, and pretzels will add to this enjoyable dress-up affair.

Again on May 9, another evening is planned. A treasure hunt is to begin around 7:15 and be topped off by dancing until 11:00. Students will hunt throughout the school's grounds and interior in search of some very wonderful prizes.

Some of the prizes are:

2 Prom Tickets

2 Yearbooks

2 tickets to "Track Meet of Champions"

2 tickets to Phillies Game 1 football used in Easten Football game

2 lunch tickets worth \$5.00 each

5 prizes of 4 bowling games 2 tennis rackets

So let's all come out and support these activities. Remember "The More the Merrier"!

#### Are You Breaking Your Back Studying



... To graduate or not to graduate ...

Are YOU breaking YOUR back studying? Seems as if we don't need to ask questions around here. Yes Seniors, That Time has arrived again and Those Tests are looming up fast. For once in your life we ask you NOT to employ the maxim "Flunk now and avoid the June rush."

Do you think you could take another year like this one? If not, better apply the ole' brains as friend Tom Nuss is doing ...

## Prom Planners Swing into Action

Will you be there? Where, you say? Why at the beautiful, surprisingly different Neshaminy Senior Prom, that's where. Our affair will be held this year in the gym and cafeteria from eight o'clock until twelve. While you are dancing to the melodic strains of Bill Frabizio's orchestra, you will behold many excitingly different decorations never before attempted and new to Neshaminy. Because this is such a necessarily elaborate affair, the dress will, of course, be strictly formal. During the evening delicious refreshments will be served right in our own little ole' cafeteria.

After giving you only a few luscious hints about this wonderful night to come, we feel it only fair to give credit to the committee chairmen for the fine work they are doing.

The new prom keys were selected by a group headed by Connie Bogdan. Mary Jean Balderston has charge of the prom King and Queen. The tickets and tables will be handled by Marge Kaczmarek, lighting will be handled by Warner Frentrop. Flossie Waldman will take charge of the flowers. Mike Gibson is responsible for publicity, and Betsy Evans must make sure there will be enough food for everyone. This year's decorations will be in the care of Jane Mucklow, and tuxedoes can be rented through John Kurtz, Last, but cer not the least of jobs, will

Alumni of Neshaminy and next year's students too,

Could it be said that you were untrue? Then prove them wrong; sing a different song,

Subscribe to the paper, the one in your favor-Which one, Why the Playwickian of next year —of course! be cleaning up tackled by Barry White and his trusty men.

Here's hoping that all will have a dreamy, stupendous, colossal, terrific, exciting, and thoroughly wonderful time. Come on guys, grab a gal—see you there.

#### Staff Enters Tourney

On April 16, six Playwickian members journeyed to Temple University to compete in the annual Temple Press Conference. Jeff Gangel, Mike Gibson, Karen Gordon, Steve Gross, Bob Stankiewicz and Joy Stewart represented Neshaminy in the allday competition involving all phases of editorial, feature, news and sports writing. Radio-news editing and copyreading were also included. Competing with fifty-seven schools from all over Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey and Delaware, the Playwickian members felt a trifle awed by the presence of some schools who were in the printing business for as long as fifty years. Neshaminy, with her two years of publication, would like to walk away with top honors, but feels just as happy to have had the honor of competing for first place.

# JS FROM

### Neshaminy

#### **Band Concert**

Those who attended the band concert on Monday evening, April 13, were fortunate to have been able to hear Rafael Mendez, world-famous trumpeteer who performed with the band. Mr. Mendez en-raptured all present with his masterful renditions of Tico-Tico, Trumpeteer's Lullaby, Chiapaneacs, and Carnival of Venice.

#### **Majorette Competition**

The Eastern States' Majorette and Colorguard Competition will be held on Saturday, May 18, from 10 A.M. to 6 P.M. It will be divided into three divisions: majorette teams, single baton entries, and colorguard teams. The divisions will be broken down into two sections, that of junior and senior high school. First, second, and third place trophies will be awarded. This program is sponsored by Mr. Thompson and the Band Boosters Association.

## The Prez Says

Judy Wunsch

For the past few months the Student Council has been actively engaged in setting up a Student Council Awards Program. We have decided upon presenting first-year members with certificates of service and second and third-year members with pins. This new method of presenting awards to deserving Council members will go into effect at the end of the

Elsewhere on the Council front . . . The committee studying qualifications for representatives for the following years has set up two new rules: first, persons desiring to become a member of the Council must have their English teacher's recommendation. Secondly, elected representa-

#### **Oratorical Contest**

On Monday, April 27, 1959, at the Buck Hotel in Feasterville, Bill Heilbrun, the winner of the recent Oratorical Contest held by the local Fairless Hills Chapter of the Optimists' Club, will compete in the Club's zone competition. The subject of his talk will be "Optimism". Of the six boys representing diffierent chapters of the Club, one winner will be chosen to go on to the finals in Atlantic City. We think you know who our vote is for. Good luck, Bill!

At the time The Playwickian went to press, the following was not known:

Bill Heilbrun won the zone competition at Feasterville. He will now go on to Atlantic City on Friday, May 22 for the regional

Again we wish you the best of luck, Bill!

### t Course!

Hey you there with the intelligent? look on your face! Looky here and read on for we've got some jolly good news for all you would-be Sputnikiteers! Now you too can join the masses and not feel out of place as you wield your mighty pick in the sparkling airs of Siberia. For lo and behold, Russian, and yes we do mean down-toearth, honest-to-goodness Russian, is going to be taught here at Neshaminy next fall. Can you beat that? No sireeeee — and that's not all. We've got fourth year French coming up (for followers of Maurice Chevalier) and second year German (only for those who had the first year) to say nothing of an electronics course for boys who have always enjoyed sticking their fingers into open wall sockets. You

tives having poor grades will be given a two weeks probation period during which time they must raise their grades, or.

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## Colleges Don't Spotlighting Need You

"Oh, I don't need to apply this early; any college would accept me. I'm a good student and participate in lots of school activities. I'll apply later."

These words and several like them were and are being said by many students year in and year out. They soon find out and will continue to find that, in most cases, the college of their first choice is already filled with applicants, and the "first come, first served" rule applies. Colleges have many more people apply to them than they can accommodate, and, therefore, they can be selective. Open your eyes, juniors and sophomores, for it's almost too late for seniors. Apply early and avoid that June rush. They won't roll out the red carpet just because your name is Motimer Heckel or Hortense Glub. They don't need you. It is to your advantage to get the most out of higher education that you can. "Wake up" is all we can say because it's later than you think, and you'll soon find yourself behind the gate!

home economic and industrial art majors who think you're going to learn the domesticities of life - hah you're wrong. Now you're going to be educated — a little math, science, English, and history is being thrown in your courses for good measure. Yes, folks next year is going to be a doosey. All kidding aside though, we're almost sorry to graduate this year for you lucky, lucky underclassmen are going to reap the benefits of Neshaminy's ever-expanding education program — one which is among the finest we have ever seen.

#### Cheerleaders Picked For 59-60

The cheerleaders that have been elected for 1959-60 are well aware of the success that our girls had in the past and we have every reason to be confident that they will carry on the fine tradition set by their predecessors. The following girls that have been selected are:

Seniors—Carolyn Wagner, Nancy Woodson, Gerry Zimmerman.

Juniors—Kay Donald, Sue Dunlap, Beverly Faunce, Judy Morasch, Donna Turner.

Sophomores — Jeanette Wriht, Colleen Ireland, Carol Nealie, Carole Pilger, Elaine Ramsden, Carol Stankiewicz.

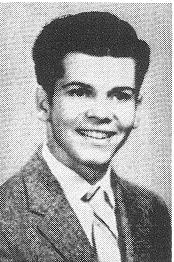
On May 16, the squad will attend a "Workshop on Cheers", at Trenton, New Jersey.

# the Seniors



LOIS GRAY

This pretty miss was born in Philadelphia and has lived in Feasterville for the past eleven years. Her hobbies include collecting records and participating in all forms of sports. Fried chicken and pizza are her favorite foods. An active member of the yearbook staff and Honor Society, Lois plans to become a secretary upon graduating from high school. Although she was at a loss for words when questioned about Neshaminy itself, we feel that Lois is one of the few really fortunate people who get a bang out of life and who have a real zest for living. All our good wishes go with another fine member of our Senior class!



JOSEPH JENNINGS

Down with the Red Team! Winter, summer, spring or fall--Gym nite or not-Mr. Jennings remains a loyal, if an occassionally vociferious, Blue Team member. He has been a Neshaminyite since third grade and presently lives in Oakford. Although Buddy is an avid science-fiction reader, he also enjoys more active hobbies such as collecting hats. (But he also swims and plays tennis).

An active participating member of the school and a newly inducted member of the Honor Society, Joe has lent his artistic talents to Gym Nite and last year's Prom. In the fall he plans to enter art school to further his career. Says Buddy about Neshaminy — "We move; a real progressive crowd."

## Diamondmen Unbeaten In League Play

#### Patterson Praised

To date the redskins are unbeaten in league competition. We beat New Hope 17-2 in our first game. Lou Worthington hit a homerun with one man on to climax the game. John Herold came out of the game with a 1.000 batting average. Other members of the varsity Gerstmen did almost as well. The game was "close" until the fourth inning. During the fourth, fifth, and sixth innings, the Redskins crossed home plate fifteen times. Earl Patterson was the winning pitcher.

Next, we played Palisades High School. Earl Patterson pitched the Redskins to a 12-0 shutout. This was his second league game won with no losses under his belt. Patterson aided his own game with a double. Bob Zehner hit a triple with one man on. John Herold went three for four. His league average at the plate is now .833.

On Thursday, April 23rd, the Neshaminy Redskins beat William Tennent 6-2. Earl Patterson won his third straight league game with a two-hit performance. He also had ten strike outs to his credit. Joe Delrossi hit a triple bringing in another "run batted in". The league is now being led by Neshaminy.

## Sports Scoops

by Bob Stankiewicz

This scribe recently had the chance to attend an interview with Norm Van Brocklin, the Philadelphia Eagles' first string quarterback. For the readers of this column who are football addicts, I think that Van Brocklin's comments will be interesting.

When asked about the Eagles' chances for next season, Van Brocklin was noncommittal. He did say that the Eagles are now in a transitional period of weeding out "old men" and bringing in "fresh beef" to replace them. Norm is satisfied with the backfield as it stands, and thinks that that the last place Eagles should "go places". This opinion is also shared by the management. Proof of this is the fact that 13 out of 14 new draft choices are linemen. The last is a halfback.

Van Brocklin feels that college football should become scientific like pro football is. He feels that the paying customer is being cheated by collegiate "possession" football tactics. He also feels that the two point play should be abolished because this does nothing for the game, and is only another trap for customers' money.

Van Brocklin would like to see the "Sudden Death" rule go into standard usage. He thinks that this rule would eliminate all boring tie games, which accomplish exactly nothing.

Unfortunately, Brocklin didn't have anything to say on high school ball. He doesn't know anything about it, he says.

#### Top Punter

Van Brocklin, who was one of the top punters in

the N. F. L. last year with a 41.0 yd. average, thinks that Sonny Jurgenson, 2nd quarterback, is a good player. "He has the arm, the ability, and the desire to excel", according to Norm who feels these are the qualities of a good back.

Norm, himself is famous in his own rights. In a decade of football, mostly played with the Los Angeles Rams, Norm has gained over 10 miles of gridiron turf. He has gone for 133 touchdowns himself. Last year, with the Eagles. Norm completed 198 out of 374 aerials for 2.409 vards and 1st. D's. The longest ground gaining combination he ever threw was to Tommy Mc-Donald for 91 yards. Last year he set two new Eagle passing records.

#### Intramurals

Softball intramurals are beginning. Mr. Cordelli has organized all applicants into four teams of thirteen men apiece. The intramural season should last the rest of the school year.

Our baseball team is really going to town. If we can keep this up when we get into the really tough competition, we should have no trouble taking the championship this year. Congratulations to Lou Worthington on his 1.000 batting average and his two-run homer. Adding his two R. B. I.'s, that is a pretty neat record to have, even for his one time "at bat" standing.

### Girls' Softball Drop 1: Top Tennent

"Pitch-er in there Elva-Babe!" "Little hit there Lois!" Any afternoon now, yells similar to these can be heard from the diamond because—girls' softball is in full swing at N. H. S.! The Varsity. under the coaching of Mrs. Henley and the J. V. supervised by Mrs. Koble, are both hard at work preparing to compete in the Lower Bucks League. And there's plenty of work to be done! With only four girls returning from last year's varsity squad, the team is weak in many positions, but mostly in experience. Although last season the Neshaminy lassies went to the league playoffs, it has been a tough job selecting almost an entire new team. Girls

## **Tough Tracksters** Tear Thru Foes

Neshaminy's second meet was won 78-35 over Lincoln High of Philadelphia. Outstanding competitors of the meet were Craig Keown who scored 81/2 points, Wayne Luke who won the mile in 4.53. and Jim Robertson who took the 440 in 53.7 and who also ran the final leg of our winning mile relay. Bob Kohler ran 2nd in the 440 and won the pole vault setting a new school record height of 11 feet. Harry Davis took the shotput with 42' 21/4 inches and won the discus at 112'6".

On April 4, the Redskins struck against Delhaas, taking the meet with a score of 71½-41½. Craig Keown won the high hurdles in 16.0 seconds. John Werner took the 100 in 10.3 and Wayne Luke won the mile in 5:03.8, Jim Robertson took the 440 in 54.1 and Tom Walters led the Neshaminy hurdle sweep in 22.7. Paul Lewis ran one of his best races, coming in second to Walt Boone of Delhaas. Jim Flanigan took the 220 in 24.8. Our mile relay team of Kohler, Mather, Footland and Robertson beat the Owls by four baton carriers. Keown tied for first in the high jump with 5'3", Bob Kohler tied for first in the pole vault with 10' and Mike Karr beat Flanigan and Jim Nesbitt in the broad jump with 19' 51/2".

I observe several consistent winners on the track team. Jim Robertson in the 440, Wayne Luke in the mile; Robertson, Bob Kohler, Luke, Wesley Mather in the mile relay; Kohler in the pole vault; and Mike Karr in the broadjump. Karr almost broke the county record for the broad jump by half a foot, but it was declared a foul. So, we know Mike can break the record anyhow. Let's keep up the winning combinations.

who are expected to see Varsity action include Elva Edwards, Kathy Wagenseller, Sharon Hill, Doyle, Roberta Weiser, Barby Gross, Mary Ellen McCoy, Bari Greene, Janet Hibbs, Sandy Nash, Joy Lukens, Lois Wright, and Karen Ploeger.

Being only one week into actual league competition, the Varsity has played two games. As most of the Lower Bucks schools do not have J. V. teams, there is not as yet a Junior Varsity League. Our squad will, however, play several practice games.

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This three-in-one shot welcomes new sports to the Reservation. Left to right are these students and the orts they represent: Bob Stout, golf; Helen Kudler, rifle team; and Steve Rice, tennis.

## Golfers Split;

To date, the golf team has participated in two mathes. They lost the first match to Pennsbury. They won the second meet at Delhaas' expense  $14\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$ . In a later issue, the Playwickian will explain the fundamental courtesies and scoring methods used in a golf match.

## **Dump Delhaas**

The faculty golf team won their first match played, also at the expense of Delhaas. It was a clean sweep with the exception of one Neshaminy teacher who lost a close game to his Delhaas opponent. Mr. Chubb is the sponsor of the varsity golf team.

## Ninety-six Earn Honors

Honor Roll lists for the third marking period:

Distinguished Honor Roll

Scholastic requirements—A student must have A's in his majors and nothing under a "B" in his minors. Citizenship requirements—A student may have no "U's" in conduct on his report.

12th Grade — Wayne Harding, Brenda Schwait.

11th Grade — Susan Doyle, Carole Lofland, Susan Newton, Karen Ploeger, Adriane Veeson, Linda Stephan.

10th Grade — Kathleen Roselli, Lorri Siegle, Bunli Yang.

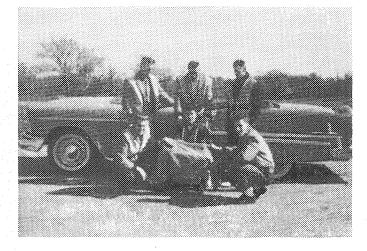
Meritorious Honor Roll

Scholastic requirements
—A student must have all
"A's" and "B's" in his major subjects and nothing
less than a "C" in his minor
subjects. Those classes
which meet less than four
times a week are to be considered minor. Citizenship
requirements — A student
may have no "U's" in conduct on his report.

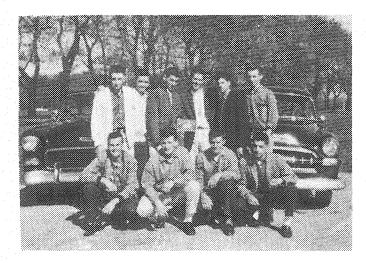
12th Grade — Leslie Bowmaster, Ellen Choman, Carole Moeller, Helen Morris, Evelyn Creasy, Matthew Fisher. George Lutz, Reinhard Olesch, Carol Tomlinson, Stephen Whitehurst, Ray Foley, Chris Battis, Lois Gray, Joan McKinney, Patricia Nevling, Barbara Zaloga, Barbara Larsen, Joy Stewart, Marge Keller, Alfred Farr, William Jones, Joseph Jennings, Claire Zavarich.

11th Grade — Barbara Bachik, Judith Bartoe, Linda Burns, Douglass Coates, Fred Ermel, Audrey Houpt, Elaine Kennedy, Richard Nebiolo, Robert Schlosberg, Stephen West, Carol Worthington, Judith Wunsch, Linda Fein, Barbara Gross, Virginia Kester, John Kurtz, Eleanor Mazurek, Anita Silverman, Sonja Jaffe, Arthur Swyhart, Ed Neely, Connie Bogdan, Carolyn Dash, Jean Steigerwalt, Sue Ellen Derr, Vivian Hu, James Robertson, Martha Transue, Barbara Bechtel, Robert Danson, James Gwynn, Roderick Young, Diane Marron, Linda Connolly, Bonnie Morris, Kathyn Seibei, Carol Ewing. Mary Lou Lindemuth, Darold Boone, Louise Gratz.

10th Grade — Susan Sherman, Robert Cohen, Rose Mary McCloy, Mary Anne Spolar, Leonard Wilkinson, Jean Woyton, Gundega Fitens, Gail Friedman, Elizabeth Augustine, Barbara Ball, Sally Lou Buery, Ruth Mercier, Arleen Oser, Judy Sweet, Judith Willan, Joyce Lyons, Sue Colodny, Judianne Eynon, Patricia Helfrich, Edna Watkins, June Bente, Lenard Footland.



Eliminaters (Left-Right) Standing—Bucky Egan, Damon Jobson, Bill Jones. Front Row Kneeling—Jerry Buttrey, Harold Ermer, Ken Walterick.



Road Barons—Displaying New Car Plaques, 1st Row—L. to R.—Herman Schweiker; Tom Ciccone; Bill Sudall; Lou DeMauro; 2nd Row, L. t. R.—John Ott; Roger Erwin; Stan Abell, Vice President; Bob Foster, President; Bob LaFata; Frank Raab.

## Honor Society Inducts New Members

The Honor Society welcomed its new members during Assembly on April 8 and 9. The Society at Neshaminy is a branch of the National Honor Society and is composed of students who show four traits: scholarships, service, character and leadership. Those inducted are from the junior and senior classes. The seniors are Ellen Choman, Nancy Geiger, Donald Gottlieb, Joseph Jennings, Stephen Rice, Brenda Schwait, and Stephen Whitehurst. The Juniors are: Valerie Andrews, Judy Bartoe, Barbara Bechtal, Jaqueline Brown, Linda Burns, Robert Danson, Carolyn Dash, Sue Ellen Derr. Sue Doyle, Betsy Evans, Louise Gratz, Barbara Gross, Vivian Hu, Sonya Jaffe, Elaine Kennedy, Craig Keown, Wilson Kistler, John Kurtz, Carol Lofland, Eleanor Mazurek, Richard Nebiolo, Susan Newton. Ronald Pfeiffer. Karen Ploeger, Vail Pryor, Jim Robertson, Robert Schloskey, Diane Sherman, Anita Siverman, Linda Stephan, Arthur Swyhart, Roberta Weiser, Adriane Veeson, Carolyn Wagner. Nancy Woodson, and Judy Wunsch.

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## Road Barons Drop into Gear

An organization called the Road Barons Hot Rod Association has been formed in the area. All club members are students of N. H. S.

The main purpose of this club is to promote highway safety among both teen-agers and adults. Another purpose is to get the people with racing inclinations to reserve their talents and compete in the police-supervised drag races. This way they also have a chance for a trophy instead of a traffic violation.

The club has a program, at present, to help motorists in distress. Each member has club courtesy cards which he gives to anyone he assists.

The club garage is at Durham and Trenton Roads, Langhorne.

The officers are: President - Bob Foster, Vice-president - Stan Abell, Secretary - Bob LaFata, and Treasurer - Frank Raab.

Other members are John Ott, Bill Sudall, Tom Ciccone, Gene Zazzara, and Lou DeMauro.

Already the club has over \$100 in equipment, and most of the members have their own cars.

#### Girls Softball

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Palisades Pounds

In their first game the Squaws bowed to Palisades, 21-13. This contest proved to all the girls that errors can be very costly. Although she was the losing pitcher, Elva Edwards looked well upon returning to the team after convalescing from a knee injury.

#### Tennent Trounced

A determined squad bounced back against William Tennent to win with a score of 12-4. Sparked by the confident pitching of Edwards, the club showed considerable improvement. Elva allowed Tennent only 4 hits. In these first two contests Doyle, Hill, Gross, and Edwards have been assets to the team hittingwise.

So with a 1-1 record the Squaws face the rest of the league-which will be no pushover for them! All of the girls' softball teams were hurt by graduation, thus putting them on about equal par. Right now it's anybody's game-but the Neshaminy Squaws are out to make sure it's theirs! BUT THEY NEED YOUR SUPPORT-come out and watch them play any Wednesday or Friday afternoon!