

neshaminy senior high school playwickia

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TOM JONES TONIGHT

Tech Students Form Council

This year, for the first time, a student council was organized for Neshaminy's technical students, under the direction of Mrs. Waldron, an English teacher, and Mr. Hadley, a guidance counselor.

The council's aims are to inform the students in both Tech A and B of the activities offered at both schools, and to solve various problems of Tech students, for example, busing students Tech to after school sports, meetings, and other activities at Neshaminy.

The council, which is formally named the Tech Coordinating Council, held its first meeting Wednesday 11th period, October 28th, in Neshaminy's Living Room. The twelve representatives to the council were

each elected in one of the twelve Tech English sections, to represent the 360 Tech students. There are four representatives from each Sophomore, Junior and Senior classes; two from each for Tech A, and two from Tech B.

Meetings of the Tech Coordinating Council will be held approximately every two weeks, or before each Neshaminy Student Council meeting.

The idea of a Tech Council was originated several years before this time, however, three presently attending Neshaminy students are credited with the actual formation of the council. These students are Bradley May, Charles Hodges, and Walter Ritzenhouse.



Senior Thespians diligently rehearse for opening night.

Tonight marks the opening of the Senior Play, "Tom Jones". The production is running Friday and Saturday, November 6th and 7th, at the Neshaminy's auditorium. Curtain time for the show is at 8:00 p.m.

The book "Tom Jones" by Henry Fielding has many versions, one of which is a popular motion picture, starring Susanah York, and Albert Finney. Another version is the play by David Rogers. The comedy, directed by Mr. Theodore Kloos and Mr. Adams, follows the life of one Tom Jones, a loveable foundling (played by Lynne Wright) and Sophia Western, his lover, (portrayed by Holly Clothier).

The play starts off in a peculiar setting. In one house, Sophia, her father (Stuart Snyder), and his sister (Linda Benish) dwell. Next door Squire Allworthy (Wade Wells), Tom Jones, the Squire's sister (Caren Nagurka), and her son, Blifil, her son (Bill Gyraki). Against everyone's wishes, Tom Jones and Sophia fall in love. Sophia's father wants her to marry Blifil. When the Squire discovers their love he turns Tom out of his home. Originally he had taken Tom in as a kindness to a servant who claimed he was her son.

The complicated plot that follows centers around Tom's travels to London, and what happens when Sophia decides to follow him. When Sophia rushes off to her friend, Lady Ballaston (Nancy McCole) after a misunderstanding, Tom follows her, and finds himself facing a trial. For details on Tom's fate, attend one of the two performances of "Tom Jones".

World Affairs Council Organized at Neshaminy

This year, Mrs. Christain is the faculty advisor for the newly organized Neshaminy Chapter of the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia. The World Affairs Council is sponsored in cooperation with the Philadelphia Board of Education and other school systems in the Delaware Valley area. There are over 120 senior high schools participating which include public, suburban, private, and diocesan schools.

The major activities in the Interscholastic Senior High School Program include Senior High School Forums held four times a year on current international topics selected by the students.

There will be a formal presentation by an outstanding authority followed by a round table discussions led by student table leaders. Each Spring, there will be a Model United Nations General Assembly held with each school representing the member countries of the United Nations. This all day event will be a simulation of the actual United Nations preliminary briefing sessions and a General Assembly. There will be day trips to Washington D.C. which will include briefings at agencies concerned with foreign affairs and interviews with members of the foreign diplomatic corps. Day trips to the United Nations in New York will include briefings with members of the UN delegations, tours of United Nations Headquarters and attendance at UN meetings in session.

There are also various seminars which are being planned which consist of two days of lectures on the history, politics, and culture of the countries in question followed by discussions led by authorities. These seminars include a seminar on African and Afro-American Studies, a Middle East Seminar, a Seminar on Latin American Development, and a seminar of the U.S., the UN and China. Following the discussion of this last seminar, students will draft their own report with their own recommendations on the subject which will be distributed to national leaders.

Other activities include at least one simulation program held during the year. A selected issue on international affairs will be the basis of the Simulation, with students playing the roles of the major participants involved. The Council will hold Club President's meetings which will be merely to acquaint Club Presidents with activities of the Council and to provide an opportunity for the exchange of ideas. There will also be special afternoon conferences which will provide opportunities for smaller groups to hear experts, see films, participate in Simulation games, and discuss various aspects of world affairs.

The program is guided by the Student Activities Commission, which is composed of members of the Council's Board of Directors.

Meeting Set For Nov. 11th

School Board members, members of the Administration, and any Neshaminy High School students wishing to attend, will meet for a discussion November 11th at 8:00 p.m. in the school board room. Dr. Bryan said the meeting will afford "an opportunity for discussion for the students to convey their concerns, hopes, and aspirations for a quality educational program in Neshaminy".

This meeting has been planned as a part of the school board's and administration's effort to afford the students opportunities to express their opinions on problems related to school activities. Because of the successful results of last year's meeting of administration members and students on the dress code problem, it was decided that these meetings should be continued.

IPA Opens With Indian Program

The first program of the International Political Association was held on October 19, 1970. The topic was Indian Youth in Politics. The guest speakers were Mr. Yanoodde (a native of India), Bucks County consultant to India, and Mr. Knippel, Bucks County coordinator for Social Studies. Mr. Knippel spent the summer in India taping interviews of Indian Youths on topics such as drugs, sex, and corrupt government.

Mr. Yanoodde of the Brahman class, the highest in India, met with much opposition from the students in the audience when he said that he had not seen anybody starve in India in the last thirty years, and that Indian youths were just like us. These statements were contrary to what many students had learned in World Cultures classes.

Mr. Knippel stated that 100% of the young people he interview-

ed felt that a Democracy could not work in India. They decided that the Indian government was corrupt, that there would be a revolution, and as a result, a benevolent dictator would take over. The majority of the Indian youths also felt that the United States should get out of Viet Nam.

The International Political Association, a new club activity at Neshaminy High School, is sponsored by several international schools, mainly in Europe. The objective of the IPA is to improve relations among students in the high school level.

Neshaminy's chapter of the IPA, on a monthly basis, will draw upon foreign students and scholars presently living in the nearby Philadelphia area. By talking to these people, students will better understand the conditions and political systems in the foreign countries represented.

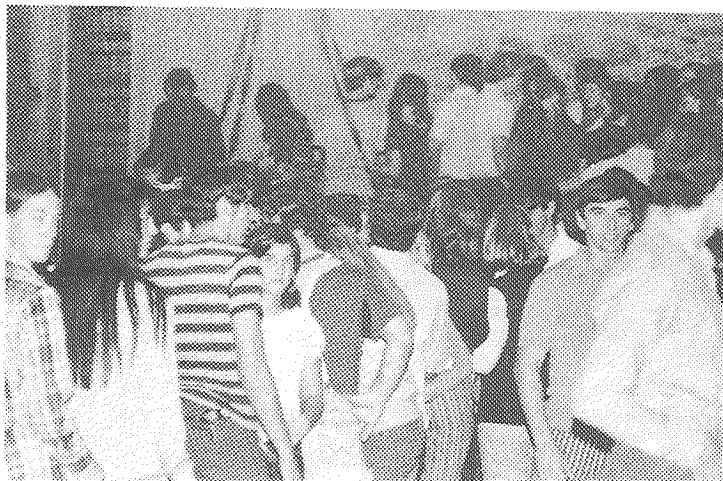
Any student wishing to participate in the Neshaminy chapter of the IPA should contact Mr. Zerbe.

Jrs. to Portray Mister Scrooge

On the evenings of December 11th and 12th the Junior class will present "The Stingiest Man in Town" as its annual production, under direction of Mr. Kloos and Miss Bennett.

The play, which is a take-off from Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol", was a television spectacular presented on the Alcoa Hour. Vic Damone, Johnny Dismond, The Four Lads, Patrice Munsel, Basil Rathbone, and Robert Weed were among the actors in the television version.

The setting of the play is England in the year 1843, with flashbacks to 1800. The theme of the play is the brotherhood of man, which is appropriate to the Christmas Season. Although the play is not a musical it does include songs written in an Olde English Manner.



The girls got their guys - Dogpatch style!

AMERICAN CIVILIZATION COURSE PRESENTED

Among the many of Neshaminy High School's new courses and programs this year is the American Civilization Program. Organizing and directing this innovative program is Mrs. Regars, eleventh grade English teacher and Mr. Schaubhut, American History teacher. This year they have correlated their subjects, tying together America's history and literature from the Colonial Period through the Twentieth Century. From their history class the juniors involved in this program proceed directly to their English class (or vice-versa) so that a certain continuity of thought is maintained. The classes may be combined for a double period when there is a special activity. Working under the guidance of

Mrs. Regars and Mr. Schaubhut as student assistants, are approximately fifteen senior students. Having expressed an interest in teaching, these students have the opportunity to do research and discuss their information with the classes. The student assistants are responsible for their presentations, for guiding the juniors in any special projects and for assistance in outside research activities. A minor course credit is given to these seniors who put in either two or three periods a week and after school time.

The curriculum opened with a geographical survey, a study of colonial culture and the revolutionary period in history, corresponding to colonial writing including "The Crucible."

Censorship and Editing:

The Playwickia has been recently accused of weilding a strong censor's hand. As the editors of the Playwickia, we would like to clarify our policy of censorship.

Actually, there is no censorship in the Playwickia. Articles are not censored; however, some of the writing that is turned in to be printed is edited. There are 3 basic things which are subject to editing; poor taste, bad grammar, and naturally, incorrect information.

Most of the time, editing is confined to grammar, spelling, and punctuation mistakes. Unfortunately, however, it has been necessary to edit articles because of poor taste, and also due to stupid and pointless comments. We, the editors, regret having to do this because it should not be necessary. We would hope that the majority of our reporters realize their responsibility to the three thousand students of Neshaminy who are in theory, the readers of the Playwickia.

Any reporter who does not realize this responsibility and makes careless, uncalled for comments to the point where his article is unuseable will naturally be expected to rewrite his article in a more mature manner. An assigned article is not a personal soapbox; the place for personal opinion is in the "Letters to the Editor" column.

Some editing is also a result of article length. The Playwickia tries to give "equal time" to many subjects, and sometimes certain inessentials must be cut in order to make room for other material.

We feel that censorship has no place in a school newspaper, for the Playwickia is by and for the students. But we must try to be a mature, responsible voice for the majority of the students.

Up to this point, the "Playwickia" has made no statement concerning the "Letters to the Editor" column which will appear, according to need, in this and future issues.

The letters we print are not censored, unless there is an obvious mistatement made in the letter. The only other corrections made are in grammar, punctuation, etc.

All letters must be signed or they will not even be considered for publication, and unless it is otherwise noted on the letter, we will print the author's full name.

Editor:

There has been a lot of talk about drugs lately, talk ranging from marijuana to heroin. Unfortunately, however, there has been a lot of lies circulating, used as scare tactics to try and stop the use of drugs by students. With this article I am not trying to pass as an expert on the subject, for the real experts on drugs are the users, teamed with doctors, psychologists, psychiatrists, and social workers; but I am trying to give basic facts about marijuana. Facts that have been medically and/or socially proven.

Marijuana is not habit forming. The body does not develop a tolerance to marijunana. The only reason a person may keep smoking marijuana is that he, or she, wants to, not needs to.

Marijuana does not lead to harder drugs, as much as many people believe. We are constantly told that around 90% of heroin users started with marijuana; but we are not told that out of all the people who have tried marijuana (most of whom stop after a few times), maybe only 5% go on to harder drugs.

It is easier to quit smoking marijuana than it is to stop smoking cigarettes, or stop drinking alcohol (after a number of years of use). And while I'm on the subject of marijuana vs. alcohol and cigarets, marijuana does not ruin a person's health as much as alcohol and cigarets. Alcohol deteriorates liver tissues, the brain cells, etc. Cigarets can cause cancer, the second highest cause of death in the United States.

Marijuana does not alter basic personality.

Marijuana is not related to crimes of violence.

Marijuana does not lead to increased sexual activity.

These three points, among many more, were sent in a letter to President Nixon by a group of doctors, commissioned officers, and employees of the U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE, in opposition to some of the falsehoods perpetuated by the Federal Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs. Alcohol does all of the three mentioned above. This is because alcohol acts on the brain, and releases certain forms of behavior that would normally be repressed.

To sum everything up, marijuana is not as harmful to the body or the person as alcohol or cigarets. But why do we need another substance to fool around with? Remember, no one needs any of the three. If you really want to try your pick of the poisons, just remember the facts. Do some homework before you jump into anything.

G. R.

Dear Editor

We decided to do little research and see if we can come up with anything that marijuana could be good for. It was disclosed at a 1969 National Institute of Mental Health Conference that 10 years ago the Army Chemical Warfare Laboratory at Edgewood Arsenal in Maryland conducted research which was recently checked out by Dr. Van Sim. The major results:

"Marijuana lowers blood pressure for as long as 36 hours, which makes it a possibility for treating patients with high blood

pressure. It lowers the body temperature as much as 3 degrees as a possible cure of extreme cases of sunstroke. Injections of marijuana serums might save lives. In 1940 Dr. W. S. Loewe (University of Utah) found THC (the active ingredient in pot) 'very effective' in preventing epileptic seizures when given in small doses. His studies were stopped because of political pressures and fear of possible addiction" (Ten years ago no one had proved the impossibility of physical dependence on marijuana.)

And this information won't really hold up. For instance, about Dr. Loewe and his experiments with THC as an epileptic cure - He shouldn't have been afraid of being addicted unless he was experimenting on himself; and no smart scientists with a doctorate will use himself as the guinea pig, because you cannot make decent observations objectively that way. And secondly, how could he have experimented with THC? It was only separated and prepared in 1965 by a Mid-East scientist and didn't exist ten years ago.

But then suppose we're wrong... suppose marijuana is very useful. So what? Useful or not; it will still be abused in schools and society.

Students for a Drug Free Society

Dear Editor:

In recent weeks, it seems the school library has been closed more than it has been open. Every day when I go to the library for study hall, the librarian informs me snippily that the "library is closed to study halls." This means that I, being a senior, am then left with the option of going to the Commons Room or a study room (I have study hall during lunch periods, so there is no ordinary study hall). It is impossible to do anything in the Commons Room because of the noise, and research is im-

possible in both alternatives.

I feel that the library is for the use of the students any time they need it, not just when the whim of the librarian allows them to use it. There is no reason why "sophomore orientation" (if that is the reason for closings) can not be held while the library is in use by other students. When I was a sophomore being "oriented" in the library, I appreciated seeing the library in normal use while its functions were being explained.

The purpose of the school library is to help in the education of the students. Our library will help no one if it merely sits empty in it carpeted splendor.

"Bookworm"

Dear Editor:

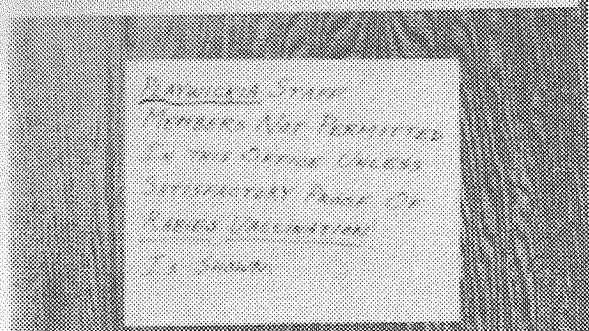
As a senior in Neshaminy I have to go through the unfortunate experience known to many by the frightful initials POD or Problems of Democracy. This course is far from the favorite of many students and I was wondering what could be done to get this rather unloved subject converted to an elective choice, and give seniors a choice of social studies in their senior year as is done with twelve grade English. That is, keep the course for those who wish it, but give us who don't some choice. I for one would rather take "Topics in American History" as my senior social studies course and I am sure many other seniors have their own preference for a social studies course which is either not given as a substitute for POD or is not on the curriculum as of yet. Surely something can be done!

Jeff Marshall

Editor's Note:

The Social Studies Department's present plans include the offering of senior electives for the first time in the '71-'72 school term. These electives will deal with more selected and varied topics than the present POD course. The elective plan is now up for school board approval.

NHS COUNCIL
'71 EXECUTIVE OFFICE & WORKSHOP



Dean, are you implying that the Student Council is rabid?

Honor Pass

Recently there has been some controversy over access to the library and other facilities during the students' study periods. The library has been closed some periods to study halls and crowded conditions have occurred when this facility was available to any member of the school. Seniors now have a commons room in which they may spend their free time and individual study rooms are available to anyone interested, but sometimes research in the library is necessary. Programs in humanities or movies in the auditorium could add to the educational background of the students, but are not available to students during their study halls.

Why does there have to be so many restrictions placed on the students? It is true that many classes in session have been disturbed by loitering students in the halls, but why should everyone suffer because of a few? The students in Neshaminy who have proven that they can conduct themselves should be trained to handle responsibility so that they may be assets to their communities now and in the future.

A suggested solution to the restrictions placed on the students' free time could be to issue honor passes to those with above average grades. It is fairly safe to assume that if these students are responsible enough to keep up their grades, they would use the free time that they do have to advantage. The students could use these passes when the library can not hold everyone from study halls, but only a few, and during lunch period if a test is coming up and the student needs more studying time.

The Humanities program could also be open to interested students if room permits, especially during special programs. These passes would enable many students to have a chance to learn more in their spare time. Honor passes might be one way of helping to give more freedom to those who have shown that they can be responsible for their own actions.

This system would not be for the purpose of granting favors to honor students but to give the students who have shown a larger interest in the school curricula a chance to take better advantage of the school's facilities.

the playwickia

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Sticky Wicket

It's Senior Playtime again, when our senior thespians do their thing. Talk about doing their thing, it's reported by reliable sources that the stage kiss enacted by Lynn Wright and Holly Clothier beats the old mark by 37 seconds...the old record is held by the same class of '71 during their Sophomore Play. Hall immortal (or is that immortal?) Seniors.

Our Valiant Pres will pick a rock group from the top five vote getters. We're all waiting for the big decision. But how did the other groups finish? How come Richard Strauss didn't win? What about Mr. Praetzel and the Co-sines ... just the music to do your Trig by.

If you ever entered the sacred halls of the commons room, you could hear the crash of ping-pong

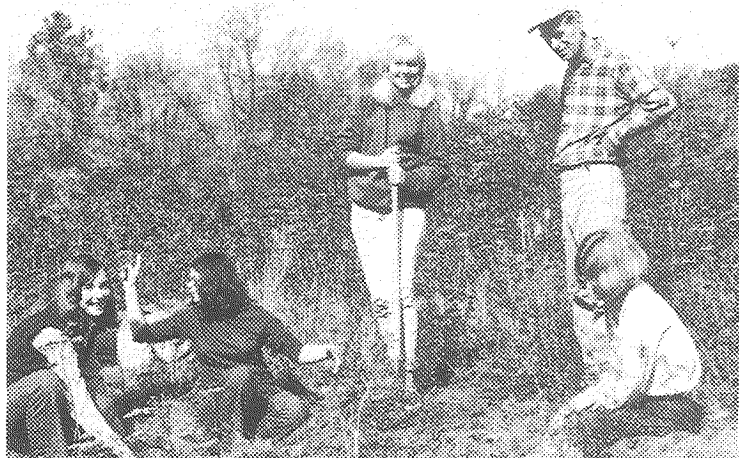
balls resounding off the walls. The competition was tough and the crowds big. It became evident that the "Great Behar" was best. But then the masked marvel arrived...Sam whatisname. The funny thing about this super-paddle is that nobody knows that much about him.

Why is the water fountain near Dr. King's office the best?

Women's Liberation Department: Girl's Hockey is a perfect game for girls, because boys cannot understand it.

The Boy's Cheering Squad has been formed. Its sole purpose is to urge the girls on to victory. No rotten eggs please.

And finally The Student Council has banned all westerns that have the phrase, "A good Redskin is a dead Redskin."



Will the real Dr. Leahey please stand up!

N.H.S. STUDENTS DIG

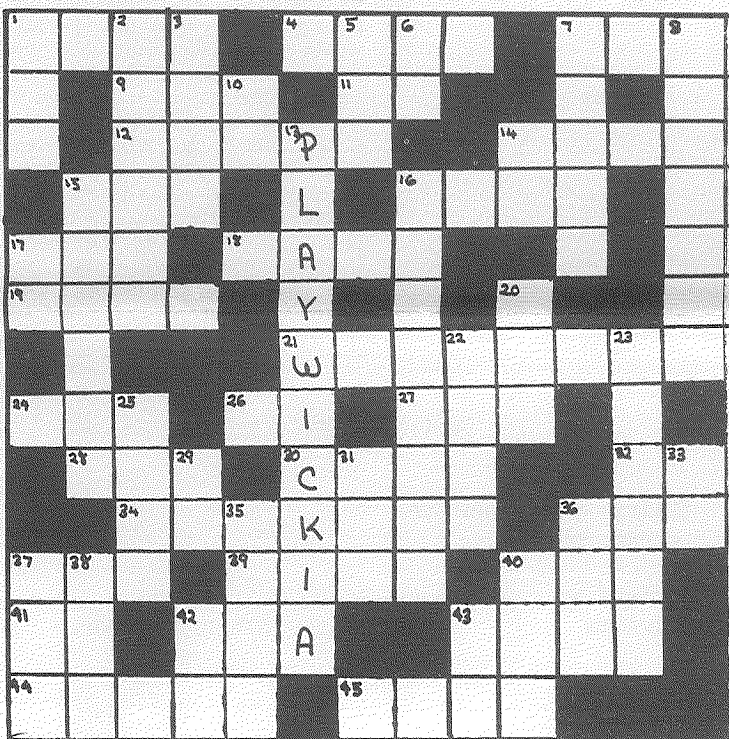
Two members of our faculty have made a successful attempt to correlate an American history and literature program in their studies concerning the heritage of the Bucks County area. To coincide with the program, Mrs. Gail Rogers and Mr. George Schaubhut with the cooperation of the Historic Langhorne Association, scheduled an archaeological dig to aid the students in learning more about the area in which they live.

On October 29, three junior classes and a small number of interested seniors have been given the opportunity to excavate the Core Creek area of Langhorne's Core Creek Park. In the overgrown fields, the classes hoped to uncover remnants

of one of the largest sites of the Playwickian Indians. The choice of this area during this time was deliberate. Very soon these fields will be flooded by a dam and if any remains of another civilization are to be located in the region, this was one of the last chances to discover them.

Two buses drove the 76 to 85 students to the park where they donned their blue jeans with their shovels, trowels, sifters, and even spoons, the group embarked on the excavation under the guidance of our two faculty members and Mrs. Armstrong from the Historic Langhorne Association. The articles uncovered could be kept by the students or contributed and made into a display for many to see.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

1. Lunch
4. Woman teacher in P.E.
7. Hair pieces boys like to pull off
9. Bother repeatedly about homework
11. What members of Future Nurses hope to be (abbrev.)
12. Biology: Micro-----used to see paramesium
14. Long form of It's
15. What you do after you borrow money to buy lunch
16. French: fast
17. Unpurified stone with a precious metal in it
18. Humanities I: movie on Nov. 12
19. Alarm we hope to hear during a test
21. Part of the week we are always anxious for (plural)
24. Tiny crawling insect
26. Math: circumference of a circle equal 2-----r (spell)
27. Cast away
28. Senior Class Play, "----- Jones"
30. Family Group (as in Scotland)
32. Abbrev. for one of the languages of fered
34. Why favorities are always locked up
36. A gamble students have made for the NHS vs Pennsbury game
37. School vehicle
39. What anything will do if the air gets too filled with smog
40. 2000 lbs.
41. Spanish: nos
42. Large snake
43. What is eaten
44. French: ne.....jamais
45. Chemistry: Mrs. Geyer's maiden name

DOWN

1. Head of the English Dept.-----Het-man
2. What is compared after a test
3. Trim used in Home Ec to dress-up a dress
5. Same as 17 across
6. Opposite of "off"
7. Beverage available to everyone, in the halls
8. Speech teacher who also teaches English
10. Drivers Ed: what happens when gas pedal is pushed
13. Our School Newspaper
14. Impersonal pronoun
15. China, Japan and other parts of Far East
16. The holiday coming up on Nov. 11
17. American History: Declaration -----Independence
20. One of the teams on gym night
22. Principal of Neshaminy High; Dr.
23. To stick up for
25. Light throw
29. Abbrev. for 1/1000 of a meter
31. Deliberate false statement
33. Opposite of left (abbrev.)
35. What fills the cafeteria study halls before lunch
36. Halloween ghosts exclamation
37. What the hamburgers are served on
38. What you do when you receive something you need
40. -----drive for Christmas
42. Etre or Estar
43. Chemistry: Symbol for iron

Women Teachers Are Panting At Neshaminy!

In keeping with the fashion trends of today, the women teachers at Neshaminy High began wearing pantsuits to school on October 30. The teachers are not wearing pants to be "liberated", said Miss Jane Crumlish, strong advocate of the move, they just want to take advantage of an attractive and comfortable style of dress."

The Playwickia asked various teachers and students the question, "What do you think of the idea of teachers wearing pants to school? The replies were both pro and con. "I see nothing wrong with it," said math teacher Mr. Thompsen. Playwickia advisor Mrs. McDonald commented, "I'm in favor of it, as long as it's a pantsuit and not just slacks and blouse." Yearbook advisor Mr. Leneweaver stated philosophically, "Equal pay...equal work...equal dress?"

Madame Boudin informed the Playwickia that "teachers in



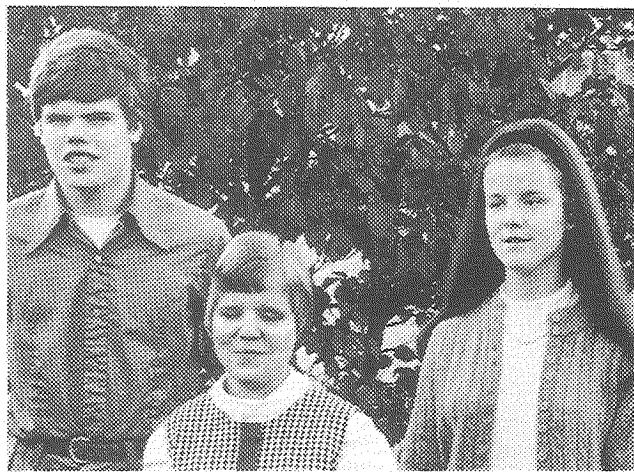
Now you know who's wearing the pants in this school!

France have been doing it for years." Mr. Hess said that he felt "in many cases pants are more appropriate than some of the clothes I do see them wear." Mr. Allison believes that "in this day and age there's not much reason to disagree with what anybody does."

Mr. Poff disagrees. "I'm thoroughly against it. Dignity is already lost; we might as well not go any lower."

The male students of the school seem to agree that if a teacher looks good in pants, she should wear them.

The women are, for the most part, happy about this change in the teacher's dress code, for, as Miss Crumlish remarked, "When you go to buy an outfit you have a choice between a midi or a pantsuit, and the pantsuit is much more attractive."



Redskins to be proud of: John Melia, Mary E. Marshalek, and Maryann Lynsky.

Introducing Three Unique Redskins

Three of the most wonderful kids to know at Neshaminy are John Melia, a sophomore, Mary E. Marshalek, a junior, and Mary Ann Lynskey, a senior, three blind students, who enjoy everything from recording music and playing instruments to bowling.

John Melia's ambition is to become a D.J., and practicing for this is one of his favorite pastimes. He records "oldies", soul music, or underground shows for his station, WUPS radio. His large record collection supplies some of the music in his shows.

John is interested in starting a radio broadcasting club here and would like to see Neshaminy have its own radio station. He has known braille since he was 6 years old. "It's a whole new language", he says. (Braille uses 6 dots and the formation of these dots make the words.) John thinks Neshaminy is fun and a challenge. He uses a cane to get around and says, "I like to trip people. How often can you trip a teacher, say you are sorry and not really mean it?"

Mary E. Marshalek hopes to be a dictaphone secretary and go to a college near or in Philadelphia. She finds all of her subjects in school interesting and goes to the library, where there are braille textbooks, during her study halls. She learned to read in braille and write with a stylus in first grade.

She likes to go to football games and enjoys bowling, bingo, knitting and loves to read. Mary E. plays the piano, the organ and the German accordion. Folk music

is another of her interests although she doesn't like Peter, Paul and Mary. "No one can top Frank Goodman," she says, but James Taylor is another favorite of hers. She also likes rock music and has a rock record collection. Fantastic is Mary E.'s word for Neshaminy.

Mary Ann Lynskey wishes to become a French teacher and plans to go to Millersville State College. She is a fourth year French student and she considers it her favorite subject.

Mary Ann likes knitting, swimming and card games. She has a pen pal in Germany and France, and several in the United States. Simon and Garfunkel and Glen Campbell are her favorite folk singers.

Along with music she likes folk dancing. Mary Ann is speaking in humanities programs at the Junior High Schools about her home life, hobbies, and education. Her mother is teaching her "to master handwriting". She says it's hard with "all those loops".

Mary Ann is in Senior Girl Scouts, The National Honor Society, and Future Teachers of America. She would like to get a seeing eye dog for college next year.

Mary Ann, Mary E., and John type their homework and have tests given by teachers or students or have take-home exams. In place of a regular gym program they take adaptive gym where they lift weights and exercise. A normal textbook for them is about 20 volumes so they keep their books at home.

HOME ACTIVITIES

Senior Play	Nov. 6 and 7
Football - Wm. Tennent	Nov. 13
J. V. Football - Pennsbury	Nov. 23
"Rosemary's Baby"	Nov. 30
Junior Play	Dec. 4 and 5
Swimming - B - Wilson	Dec. 8
Holiday Concert	Dec. 9
Swimming - B - Wm. Tennent	Dec. 11
Basketball - Bishop Egan	Dec. 11
Wrestling - Notre Dame	Dec. 12
Basketball - Pennsbury	Dec. 15
Swimming - B - L. Moreland	Dec. 15
"Barefoot in The Park"	Dec. 17
Basketball - L. Moreland	Dec. 18
Swimming - G. Pennsbury	Dec. 18
Sophomore Day	Dec. 18



IN SEARCH OF THE GREAT WHITE WHALE-Junior English students get the feel of the sea as preparation for their study of "Moby Dick". The field trip was under the direction of Mrs. Regina McGinley.

WE'RE
NUMBER

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SIDELINES

What's in a name? Plenty. A name that rolls off the tongue, like Mickey Mantle or O.J. Simpson, is more likely to roll onto an All-American list. Nicknames, such as "Bambino" and Wally Wonder" have been immortalized into the American scene. Neshaminy has its own cast of immortal misfits: Rosie, Doc, Hammie, Cy, Spider, Schwaz, Sosh, Scooter, and Fruitcake. The life of a high school student lasts three years, therefore trends in high school sports often last three years. Coach Swartz and Coach Heffelfinger are in their third years as head coach in their respective sports. Their three-year trends have been winning. Coach Swartz, overall, has a 29-9-0 record; Mr. Heffelfinger has an amazing 42-5-3. Both the football and soccer teams boast a lot of seniors, therefore, this year's teams could be considered to be completely molded by the coaches. After this year's batch of seniors depart, a new era of Neshaminy sports will begin, hopefully another winning era.

The "innovation award" goes to Andy Koch and Rich Adams for teaming up on a successful halfback option pass against Dieruff.

The "hair award" goes to John Ferri for being John Ferri.

All this time, I haven't figured out if the announcer at the football games is Howard Troxell or Howard Cosell.

Anatomy of THE Decision

Neshaminy was losing, 14-7, going into the final minutes of the Dieruff football game. Undeclared in four previous games, the Redskins' streak was endangered. This game was important to the Big Seven League standings.

Neshaminy had the football. It was fourth down and long yardage and a first down was desperately needed. A pass; completed to Andy Koch and a first down. The clock was running. John Swartz took the snap, faded back, and passed. Caught! Dale Forchetti grabbed the ball and was tackled near the goal line. Then Andy Koch cracked over the goal line for six points.

Now came the time for a decision.

A Chris Bahr kick would only tie the score. A two point conversion would be a victory, but if they fail, it would mean a loss. This difficult decision fell upon Coach Swartz.

"I had told John (before the touchdown) that if we made the touchdown, to go for the two

points," Coach Swartz stated, "I don't believe in ties. We play to win. Going for a tie is like kissing your girl through a screen door."

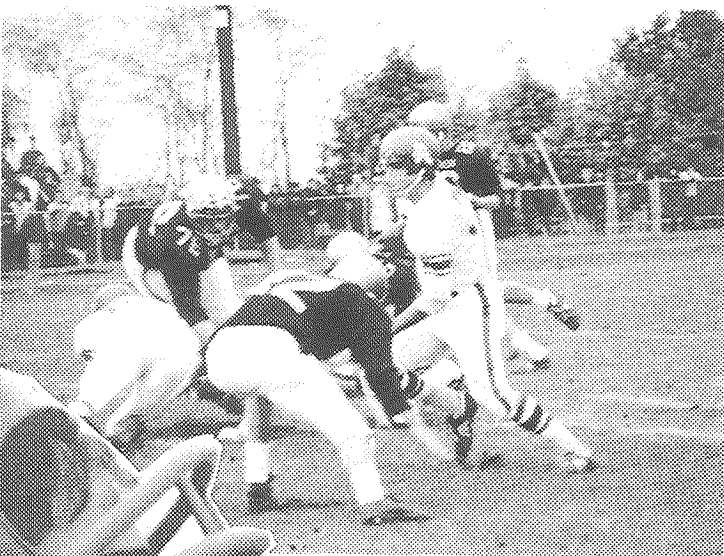
Go for broke was the choice; a win or a lose.

The Neshaminy Redskins lined up. John Swartz dropped back to pass. He threw into the end zone. The entire game depended upon this pass. The football spiraled into the hands of Dale Forchetti for two points and more important, a victory.

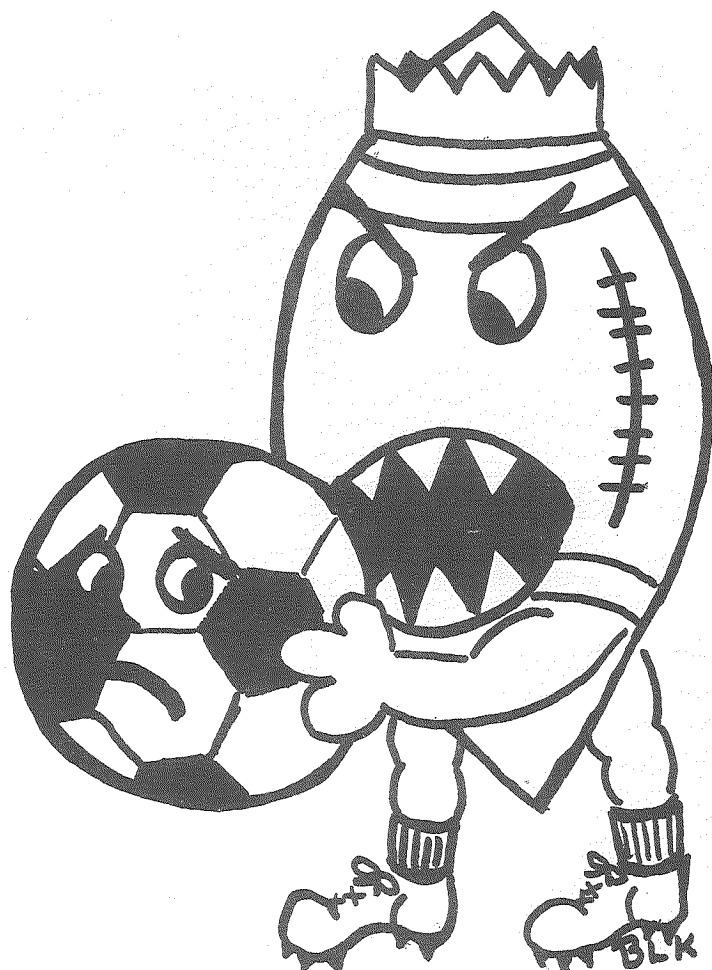
But what if the conversion was unsuccessful? Where would that have put Coach Swartz?

Coach Swartz realized the chances of success and failure. He was not going to take an easy escape, but took a risk to keep the Redskins' streak alive. A missed conversion would have brought much criticism by "bleacher coaches."

The decision was made and Coach Swartz proved to be a man of strong will. The loyal fans were in ecstasy and the "bleacher bums" were silent.



Andy Koch rips off a long gain.



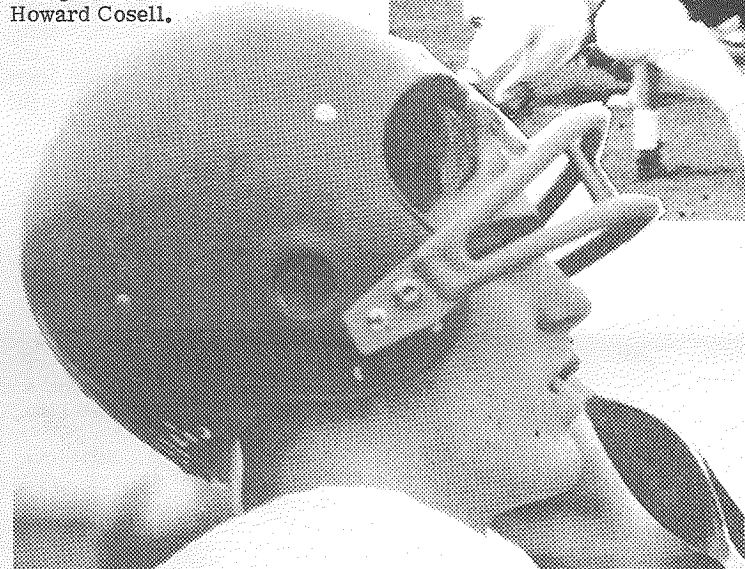
Football is KING

Can soccer be the usurper of "King Football's" throne at Neshaminy? More public support is needed. Despite the soccer team's fine record (42-5-3 total for the past 3 years), it seems to be an unknown to a majority of Neshaminy students.

The results of this reporter's poll indicate that the average Neshaminy student attends nine times more football games than soccer matches. Not only does the average student not attend soccer matches, but he knows practically nothing about Neshaminy soccer.

The poll does not mean that Neshaminy students simply don't like soccer. The bulk of the evidence indicates that, except for a small minority, most people would go to soccer matches and support the team, if the matches were more publicized or were scheduled at more convenient times. Coach Heffelfinger stated that attempts were being made to institute more Saturday morning matches.

Even if the soccer team continues its winning ways, the "Big Red (skin) Soccer Machine" will probably not dethrone football as king.



Redskin sights victory.

Cheerleading becomes Co-ed

Thousands attend our football games, yet there are usually less than twenty people in attendance at girls' hockey games. Until recently nothing had been done.

Yes, "until recently" is what you read. Under the leadership of Mr. Howard Lindner, several boys have formed a cheering squad and have cheered at several hockey games this season.

Some joined out of boredom, several for the novelty, some because of girlfriends on the team, and some joined because they happened to be at the girls' hockey game by accident and had nothing better to do. All, however, are enthusiastic about the

cheering squad. When asked as a group if the squad is just a fleeting experience, or if it will be carried on throughout the years, the squad in unison clapped three times, jumped up, and chorused, "Rah!"

Is it worthwhile? Certainly! "It's great. It really helps a lot," states Debbie Wissman, girls' varsity hockey left-winger.

Mr. Lindner is proud of these sports enthusiasts. "No one can match these boys," he stated.

Tryouts for next year's squad are tentatively set for April and all interested are urged to practice diligently.

Return of the Native Son

The Neshaminy basketball team is playing host to Bishop Egan. The date is December 11, the day that Richard Cornwall will return to the Redskin basketball team. This time, though, he will be there as a coach and not as a star player.

Mr. Cornwall had hoped to be able to teach in the school where he had been a standout basketball player and this year he is teaching physical education and health. At Neshaminy where he was a basketball star from '62-'64 with over 900 points during his career, he broke the school scoring record. His fine performances eventually led to his selection on the All-State basketball team in his senior year.

After Neshaminy, he went to Syracuse University, where he played along side of NBA great, Dave Bing. Following his college graduation, he played in the Eastern Basketball league. He had a tryout with the former Pittsburgh Pipers of the American Basketball Association. Almost making the squad, he was the last player cut from the team.

Mr. Cornwall has become our new J.V. and assistant basketball coach. The fact that he is a young coach and is coaching his alma mater's team is sure to add some incentive and enthusiasm to his work. His basketball experience will be of great importance to the team's play.

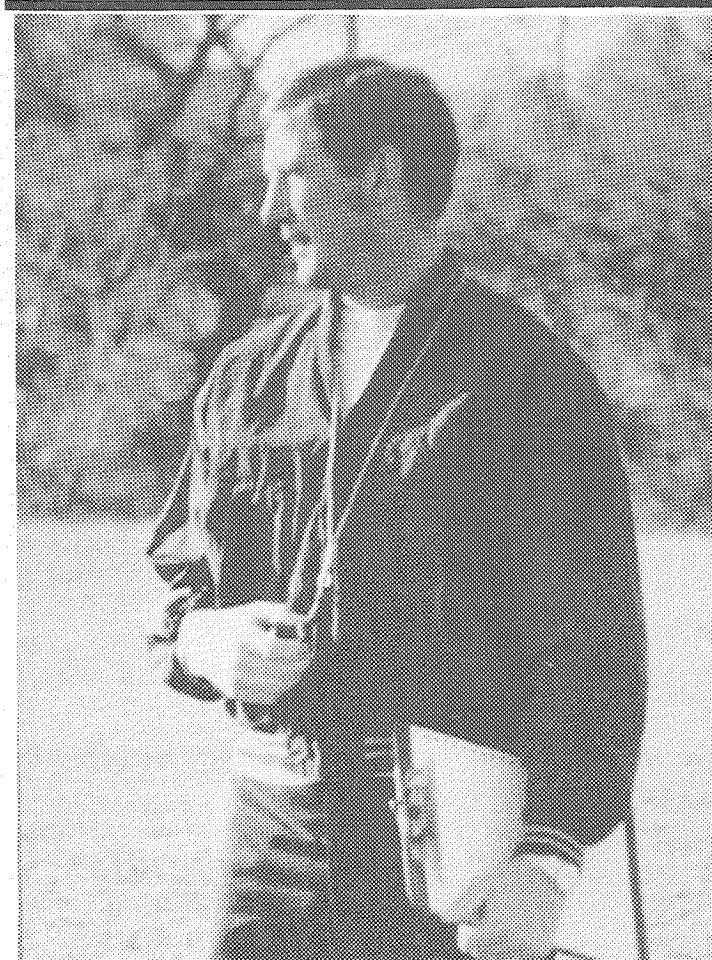
The outlook for the basketball team is quite bright. The strength of the team will be its height. The team is young and should have plenty of spirit. One setback, however, is that many of the top prospects for guards are involved in fall sports and will not be prepared to start the basketball season.



This view of wild, enthusiastic boys greets the girls' hockey players as they run off the field at halftime. Shown left to right are: co-captain "Go-go" Goldsmith, "Drawing" Dustman, co-captain "Articulate" Altschuler, co-captain "Shouting" Shaeffer, co-captain "Bellowing" Beal, co-captain "Whooping" Wells, and co-captain "Monotone" Miller.

Results of Poll

	Football	Soccer
Students who could name 5 or more players.	65%	20%
Students who could name 2 arch-rivals	90%	15%
Students who claim to follow teams	45%	15%



Coach Cornwall will try to bring back some of his basketball magic to Neshaminy.