

neshaminy senior playwickia

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Conservation Action To Be Investigated

In light of the present energy crisis the PLAYWICKIA is launching a campaign investigating how the consumption of natural resources at Neshaminy can be reduced. Looking for something more relevant to the student than "Eco-tips for the day", the PLAYWICKIA will attempt to find

ways which would lessen or at least better utilize much of the energy consumed by the school. Aiding in the drive will be Mr. Bernarsky's Ecology classes. All students are encouraged to contact Mr. Lowe or Mr. Pitkow in regard to the drive. The energy you conserve may be your own!

Seniors Invade Bermuda

Bermuda is soon to be inhabited by over 300 members of the Neshaminy Senior Class, from December 6-8. The seniors will board a 707 from Philadelphia International Airport for a three day-two night stay at Bermuda's Holiday Inn. Through the efforts of Mr. Howard Lindner, Sr. Class Dean, and Mrs. B.B. Colodney of the "Around the World Travel Center Inc.", the cost of the trip was set at the fee of 140 dollars per student.

Upon arrival, the students will be taken to Bermuda's Holiday Inn, set upon 65 rolling acres overlooking historic Fort St. Catherine. Once there, the students will have access to the Inn's nine hole golf course, swimming pools, tennis courts, and private beaches. Students may dine at the King Square and Mid-Atlantic Supper Club within Holiday Inn. They will also be able to eat at Pierre's Discotheque, which features live entertainment and the latest in 'Rock' sounds.

Extra activities not included in the original fee are of a wide variety. A boat cruise around the islands, complete with the accompaniment of calypso music and a short stop at a nearby island for an exotic lunch is being offered for \$15. For \$8.50, students may explore the ocean life on a glass bottom boat cruise, departure from St. George. For "snorkelers", a tour of a nearby reef, at \$7 an hour is available and a 3 1/2 hour scuba diving tour in the nearby waters can be taken for \$10. Water skiing instructions can be had for \$6.50.

The island offers numerous activities for 'Landlubbers' of the Senior class. A three hour taxi ride will take students on a detailed tour of the historic places

in the vicinity of Harrington sound. The students will visit an aquarium, an aviary (indoor bird exhibition), Crystal Cave, Devil's Hole and a perfume factory. The taxi tour is \$8.50 per person with a maximum of four persons per taxi. Students wishing to sightsee on their own, may visit Fort St. Catherine Museum, where replicas of the British Crown Jewels are kept.

Mr. Lindner describes this experience as, "... a trip of a lifetime." In closing he says, "... I as dean have to give the trip because I feel that Neshaminy Seniors are the greatest in the world."

Williamsburg Trip Planned

Williamsburg, Virginia is the destination to which many Neshaminyites will be traveling on December 29 and 30. Originally planned for juniors only, it has been expanded and is open to interested sophomores and seniors, also.

The cost of the trip is sixty dollars which includes: transportation to and from Virginia on a chartered bus and two nights at the Ramada-East Inn Motel, with four people to a room. Also included in the fee is actual entry into Williamsburg, admission to Jamestown Festival Park, guided tours to Carters Grove Plantation, admission to Williamsburg Wax Museum, shopping at the Williamsburg Pottery, and, finally, payment of all taxes, tips, and baggage handling fees. Meals are not included, therefore plan to eat at the place of your choice.

Neshaminy Goes "Bop-Shoo-Bop"



Some of Neshaminy's male faculty members? No. Actually the Bob-Shoo-Bop who are appearing at Neshaminy December 1, 1973.

The 1973 Student Council is busy preparing an upcoming dance concert, featuring an oldies group called, The Bob-Shoo-Bops. For nostalgia buffs and oldies freaks it is a dream come true. The Bob-Shoo-Bops' musician repertoire comes right out of the fifties era, performing music comparable to that of Sha-Na-Na. They are

widely known, especially recognized for their performances during the summer at shore resorts. This past summer, they graced Tony Marts in Ocean City with their oldies sounds.

The date to remember for this concert is Saturday, December 1, 1973. Being held in Gym 1, the concert will begin at 8:00 p.m.

Arch Rivals Meet Again

by Dave Brandolph

This afternoon the most heated rivalry in Lower Bucks County will take place, as the Falcons of Pennsbury invade Neshaminy.

What makes a high school rivalry? Why does the mere mention of an opposing high school instantly awaken deep rooted animosity in the hearts of normally peaceful high school sports enthusiasts? Maybe it's the number of times the two teams have met in the past. Possibly the coverage a local newspaper gives to the game acts as a catalyst, producing the rivalry.

The Neshaminy-Pennsbury rivalry, or more appropriately, "feud", is due to these things plus one important ingredient, and that is the superior quality of football played at both schools.

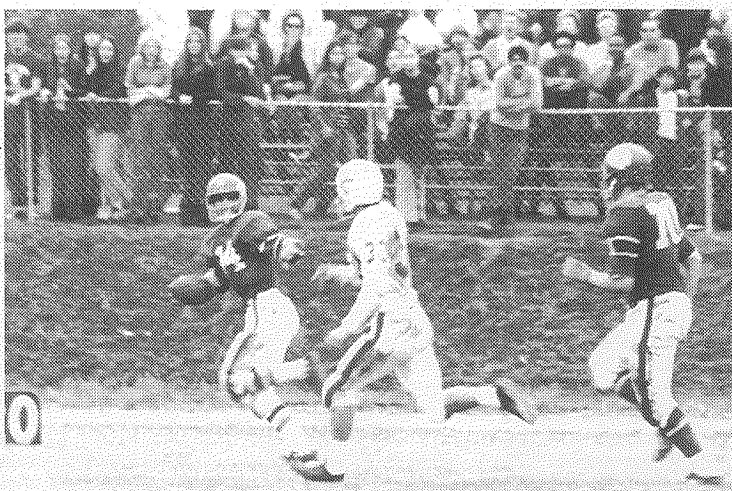
The Neshaminy-Pennsbury confrontation dates back to 1955 when Neshaminy High School was built. The actual beginning of the feud occurred in 1956, when the two squads battled to a 7-7 tie. 1957 produced another down to the wire affair, as Neshaminy (7-3) squeaked by Pennsbury (8-1) seven to six. The draw gave the Redskins a tie with the Falcon for the Lower Bucks title.

1958 was the year that assistant coaches Pete Cordelli and Dick Chubb were added to the Neshaminy staff, joining assistant Jack Schwartz and head men John Petercuskie and Harry Franks. They, along with all area full-back (and present day Los Angeles Ram) Harry Schuh encountered a fairly weak Pennsbury squad coached by Al Matusa. Even though Pennsbury was to finish with a dismal 3-4 Lower Bucks record, while Neshaminy was to tie Morrisville for the title, the Redskins found no easy time. Before 4000 fans, the Redskins managed to shutout the Falcons 12-0.

The next few years saw Neshaminy easily crushing the Falcons. It was not until 1963 that the rivalry again became heated. In an incredibly fiercely fought game, the Redskins edged Pennsbury 21-20. 1964 typified the Neshaminy-Pennsbury contest we now have come to expect. The Redskins opened up a 14-0 half-time lead after Billy Komanski bolted 39 yards for a score.

But Pennsbury, which entered the game undefeated, failed to roll over. They drew to within one point with only 3 minutes remaining, and fortunately a 2

prisingly enough, Dale Delise's 11 yard scamper and Jay Biddle's 37 yard field goal gave the Falcons a 10-0 lead. The Redskins then regained their poise and



Dale Forchetti breaks a punt return for a TD in the 1970 Pennsbury-Neshaminy clash.

point conversion attempt failed when Falcon Bob Burkhart's desperation dive was halted by Neshaminy's tough defense. The game ended while Penns. was driving for a score.

The next year was another heart-stopping affair, with Neshaminy finally victorious, 7-0. In 1968, under head coach Jack Schwartz, Neshaminy (7-4) battled a Pennsbury team that was to win all but one of its eleven contests. As expected, the Falcons before 7000 Pennsbury rooters, opened up a convincing 17-0 half-time lead. Neshaminy, behind two touchdown throws by quarterback Doug Mason, narrowed the score to 17-13, but could go no further.

In 1970, Neshaminy (9-1-1), thanks to a sixty-six yard punt return by junior Dale Forchetti, came from behind to tie Penns, 7-7. The deadlock gave the Redskins the Lower Bucks title but placed them second to Bethlehem-Liberty in the Big Seven.

The 1971 game was termed the Bucks County Super Bowl. In truth, the game was much more exciting than any Super Bowl played to date. Underdog Pennsbury entered the game with nine victories in ten games and the number two rating in the Delaware Valley. The Redskins, possibly the finest Neshaminy team ever assembled were number one and undefeated. Sur-

took control of the game, building up a 21-0 margin. Pennsbury not to be intimidated, pulled to within 21-17 after Gary Kurtzmeda rifled a fifteen yard touchdown to Dan Breece. When Pennsbury stopped Neshaminy one yard short of a first down with two minutes left, it seemed the Falcons might yet pull the game out. The thought quickly vanished as Kurtzmeda's first pass was picked off by Neshaminy's Bart Smith.

Last year's game was probably the most exciting of the long series. This time, the team's roles were reversed. Neshaminy was now rated number two with Pennsbury placed at the top of the poll. Neshaminy trailed the entire 48 minutes but were never totally out of contention. Amazingly enough, in what at the time seemed to be the most dramatic come back in Redskin history, found themselves on the Falcon 13 yard line, trailing 23-21. The clock showed less than a minute, and with the Redskins in definite field goal range Neshaminy fans were going mad. Neshaminy's excitement was suddenly deadened as Redskin halfback Joe Sroba fumbled and Falcon Ron Dundala pounced on the football.

As usual, today's clash promises to be just as exciting as in past years as both teams battle for the Lower Bucks title.

Couples Get Hitched

"The annual Sadie Hawkin's Dance, sponsored by the senior class, was a huge success. With approximately one hundred and fifty couples, we had a great turnout," says senior class secretary, Diane Loomis.

The action began at 8:30 with Mr. Ken Gray, square dance caller organizing the couples in dance formation. Square dancing lasted until Marryin' Sam (John Madara) and Daisy Mae (Michele Rifkin) started the "hitchin" ceremonies. As the turnout was more than expected, Diane Loomis and Jeff Gossner assisted with the marriage ceremonies.

After taking Dog Patch's wedding vows, they received a ring and "hitchin" license. A corn cob pipe was given to each of

the guys. Towards the end of the evening, couples danced to slow and fast rock music.

For the night, Gym 1 was transformed into a barnyard scene. Decorations such as, barnyard animals, scarecrows, and hay covering the floor helped achieve a country-like atmosphere.

"Despite the fact that there were very few people who came out to help with the dance, the results were fantastic. It wasn't necessary to have a large profit to show that this was the best Sadie Hawkin's Dance ever at Neshaminy," reminisces Diane Loomis, "special thanks to Marion Kostovick, Arlene Caraccio, Cathy LaBrasca, Pat Zambelli, Patti Baker, Meg Yoder and a few other hard workers.

Look At It Our Way

Cholawsky's Chatter Don't Read This Article!

Most of the feed-back that we at the Playwickia have received from the first issue has been negative. Granted, some of the readers have realized the improvement but the majority comment that the paper is boring and that it doesn't relate to the student. When asked what the student wants, however, he is none too sure of his answer.

I refuse to believe that the Neshaminy student wants to revert back to the type of paper that features class trips to the zoo. I refuse to believe that "Boy of the Month" columns would be welcomed with open arms. I refuse to believe that people of Neshaminy want the Playwickia printed at a junior high school level.

Is the biggest interest in the Playwickia caused when you see your name in print? I might draw the conclusion since so many times, on releasing a new issue, we have been greeted with, "You forgot my name! Right here, in paragraph two, you mentioned Joe Football. Surely if his name was in the article, so should mine have been!" If that's all a newspaper means to some students we can print a supplement once a year listing all the students names. In that way the staff can better utilize the remainder of its time by projecting the paper to the more intelligent student who realizes that the printed word is actually a valuable weapon.

But the question arises, "Should a paper print what the reader should be reading or what the reader wants to read?" On the one hand we would have articles such as last issue's school board story, exposes of why there aren't adequate supplies for all departments, and investigations into the drug problem at Neshaminy. (There IS a drug problem, you

know.) On the other side we would be reading about the Mr. and Miss Redskins, Sticky Wicket, and, of course, pages and pages of copy on Gym Night.

I support printing relevant articles, the kind readers should be interested in. Some students at Neshaminy actually LIKE to know what is really going on. They LIKE to know the other side of the story, the side the administration won't tell. Unfortunately, the majority of students aren't like that.

The lead story in this issue is on the Neshaminy - Pennsbury game. Perhaps it will pacify the students that were so offended by being exposed to the type of quality article that was the lead last issue. Don't get me wrong, I'm all for stories on football. After all, it's the activity to which Neshaminy is most oriented. (I've often wondered, though, shouldn't it be education?) However, put football in its proper perspective. We devote a whole page to sports!

I'm not sure anyone is even going to read this article. I have many serious doubts that, if they do read it, the person will respond. I'm almost positive that, however far-fetched the idea is, if a response is provoked that the reader would never be brazen enough to write a letter to the editor or raise any formal complaint. The average student at Neshaminy is too busy doing nothing to have time to do something.

Neshaminy can have a voice. That voice can be the school paper. Anyone that cares knows what to do, or, how to find out what to do. Until then, this paper will continue to print the staff's view of worthwhile copy and will continue to reach the few students that know enough to care.

Clarifies ROTC

Editor:

With all due respect to faculty member, Paul Dickler, who aired his views on ROTC in the October PLAYWICKIA, I feel the readers are entitled to a more accurate report. I respect M. Dickler's right to express his opinions, however, I believe even more in our responsibility to accurately report the facts to our students.

Fact #1 ROTC did not request "permission to move on to campus." The interest in applying for a Junior ROTC unit came from some members of our Neshaminy School Board, administration, and faculty. (Importantly enough, there also is considerable student interest.)

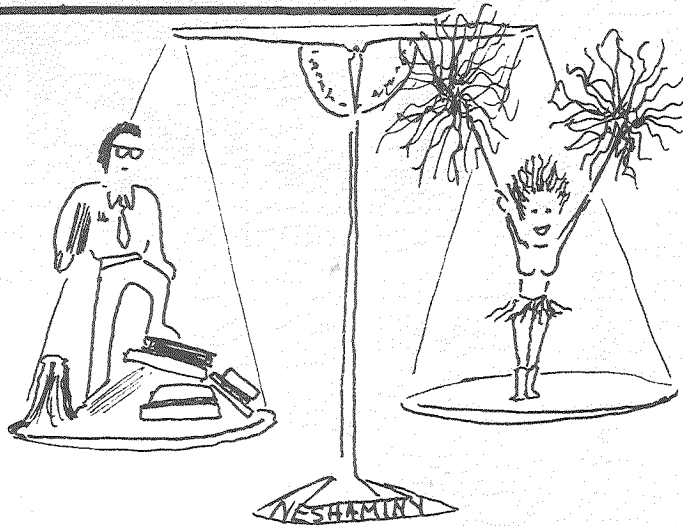
Fact #2 After extensive discussion in public meetings, the nine member Neshaminy School Board voted (3 members voted "no") to send a letter of interest requesting the Air Force and the Navy to evaluate Neshaminy to see if we qualify for a Junior ROTC unit.

Fact #3 Junior ROTC will be an "outside organization" only until the Air Force or the Navy and our School Board agree to make a Junior ROTC program part of the Neshaminy program, exactly as our teachers were "outside job applicants" until they were hired by Neshaminy.

Fact #4 Mr. Dickler's comments re: "military science" reveal a basic lack of knowledge of the Junior ROTC curriculum. These courses include space technology, aerology, aeronautics, navigation ---.

Fact #5 The critical comments about "the colonels who would teach ROTC are members of the army", continue the pattern of misinformation and error. The instructors of Junior ROTC at Neshaminy would not be "colonels", and would not be "members of the army." Junior ROTC instructors are RETIRED commissioned and non-commissioned officers who have completed a professional career of a minimum of 20 years honorable service to the United States. After retirement from active duty these men and women volunteer for Junior ROTC instructor assignments and are selected because of their outstanding professional ability and service to our country. Hardly "outsiders!"

Backlash



A HEAVY CHOICE

These patriots who work with Junior ROTC students do not, I am glad to state, consider a "resistance" organization dedicated to the overthrow of the United States government as having "an equal right to offer" a course at Neshaminy. Frankly, I find such a suggestion attributed to a Neshaminy faculty member to be unbelievably gross.

Finally, I would like to suggest that it would be much wiser, and more effective for Mr. Dickler, or anyone who has an emotional bias or prejudice, to make an effort to learn some of the true facts of the case before publishing that bias in the guise of reporting fact. This whole subject was discussed in detail, for several hours at an open school board committee meeting, and again last month at the public school board meeting. Mr. Dickler was not present, and, of course, made no contribution when the program was being discussed and evaluated by the responsible adults. I feel a complaining letter in the PLAYWICKIA, in light of the above described failure to participate in appropriate adult meetings and discussions, is counter-productive and a misleading disservice to the readers of the PLAYWICKIA.

I appreciate the Editor's offer to respond to Mr. Dickler through the pages of the PLAYWICKIA in order to help clarify the facts about Junior ROTC at Neshaminy.

Sincerely,
W.G. Eberly

Getting Backlash

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter under pressure. My journalism teacher insists that everyone write a letter to the paper. If this were not the case, I would not be writing this, having no desire whatsoever to communicate with this publication.

First of all, I could write about the problems of the school. But nobody cares about Student Council, the Student Bill of Rights, or irrelevant courses. This school's most pathetic problem is apathy. Secondly, I could praise the Playwickia for its creativity, coverage, style, etc. However, that would be pure hypocrisy.

That leaves not praising the paper, which I shall proceed to do. After reading the somewhat accurate sports on the back page, your periodical is utterly useless.

I forced myself to read your first edition of the year, hoping something at least semi-original. Unfortunately, I was greeted by Cholawsky's Chatter. This collection of cafeteria "jokes" was a genuine antique, just as stale and boring as they were when the first cafeteria opened.

I also want to comment on our local liberal's letter about the sad condition of black students in Neshaminy. It seems there are only two black-oriented courses for 152 black students. Take heart my friend, there are no white-oriented courses for some 3,000 white students.

Thank you for reading this letter; will it be printed?

Sincerely,
A Disinterested Party

Favors Disband

Editor:

I agree whole-heartedly with your editorial of the last issue advocating the abolition of student council. Apathy is the order of the day at Neshaminy High School. There is some interest in class activities but little or none in council sponsored activities. The Quicksilver concert was a miserable failure, and student council is deep in debt with no prospect of monetary relief. Let's quit now while we're ahead.

It is quite possible that the evolutionary process will bring about an improved student government, with better lines of communication with the student body. As of now, however, student council is hopelessly inadequate. Student Council's accomplishments can be measured in dollars and cents lost, so in order to avoid a school wide monetary crisis, student council must be abolished.

Sincerely,
David Prevost

the only undefeated team in Neshaminy cross country history! Another thing, check the spellings of names! The last thing I want to say is that cross country deserves longer articles with more team members mentioned and they should have pictures with the articles. All the team members deserve recognition!

Sherry Cobb

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Library Questioned

To the editor:

Is the library at Neshaminy Senior High anything but an architectural work of art? This section of our school is seldom overwhelmed by people. It is a quiet, fairly comfortable place to study, but not a pleasant one. Upon entering the library, I, and many others, sense that we are an imposition to the librarian.

As is most all of Neshaminy, freedom of movement is non-existent at the library. One must always have a pass and it must always be placed in its proper box. Students arriving after the bell has rung arouse the wrath of the librarian. No one dares to leave before the end of the period is signalled by another bell (seems similar to the condition-

ing Pavlov used on his experimental dogs).

I have heard numerous complaints concerning the limited amount of books at our library. I, for one, wouldn't know. In three years at the High School I've never signed a book out of the NHS library. I've had the feeling the books were valuable to be looked at, but not touched.

The mezzanine area of the library is good in theory. However, how many students know what resources are available, besides the chairs used to sleep on?

Student should have the opportunity to use any library with minimum restrictions and maximum awareness to the almost unlimited resources they can hold.

A Senior

Abolishment Called Unfair

EDITOR:

The October, 1973 edition of the PLAYWICKIA contained an editorial urging the abolishment of Student Council. In response to this editorial I would like to ask: Is this step really necessary or FAIR?

It is unfair to make a decision on this year's Student Council on the basis of councils of preceding years. There are new officers this year who are anxious to prove themselves. Is it fair to judge them before they've even had a chance? Is it fair to judge the Student Council when its year has just started? I think not. If one knows anything at all about the council's year so far they will know that, considering it's only the beginning of the school year, council is really swinging into action. Many committees have been formed. One notable committee is the Student Bill of Rights committee. The Bill of Rights is almost completed and will soon go to the administration, school board, etc. for approval. How's that for an example of how fast council is working?!

It was pointed out in the editorial which I spoke of before that, if Student Council were abolished, a new form of government would be started. It was stated that no matter how it was organized it would be better than what we have now. It is my opinion that any new government that would pop up would probably have almost no organization whatsoever and would probably not be as

good and certainly no better than what we have now.

In the past, have been put on the council when ventures such as the Quicksilver concert failed. I would like to point out that the key word in "Student Council" is student, and this means all of the students, not just those belonging to the council. The council needs the support of every student, so when things like the Quicksilver concert fail, don't blame it on the council, blame it on the STUDENTS!

Student Council has started the year out on the right foot. Are we going to shoot them down right away or are we going to walk along them every step of the way and give them all of our support? I say: SUPPORT STUDENT COUNCIL!

Sincerely,
Denise Laepple

Fan Complains

Dear Editor,

Reporting for any newspaper should be accurate. The accuracy of the PLAYWICKIA leaves much to be desired. Being manager of the cross country team, I am most concerned with the articles on that subject. First of all, what kind of animal is a "Conestoga Invitational"? I didn't go to that one and I haven't missed a practice or meet since August 20. For your information, this year's team name is the "Utouchables", not the "Great Ones". They have lived up to their name by being



Students from Walter Miller Elementary School and Neshaminy Senior join forces for the "Clown" scene in La Boheme.

Grand Opera Presented

The Vocal Music Department of Neshaminy Senior High School takes great pride in announcing the World Premier performance of the Don Walker/Roland Fiore setting of Puccini's most popular opera, LA BOHEME.

The Neshaminy Senior High Concert Choir was selected by the authors and Music Theatre International, which will publish the

work, to mount this exciting production that will result in an entire series of opera in artistically arranged versions for high school, college, and community theatre use.

Over the past ten years, Neshaminy has presented twenty-four "Broadway" musical shows. As they enter their second ten years, Theodore Kloos, the mu-

sic director, found himself asking, "Where can we go from here?" While he has every intention of continuing to present the finest of Broadway theatre, he felt they should broaden their program -to move ahead to works of greater aesthetic worth and more musical challenge. Of course, in its original setting Grand Opera is vocally beyond the reach of high school students. "We are here to build voices, not ruin them, and the few works available for high school productions are rather pitiful and would meet with little enthusiasm with either students or audience," says Kloos. Mr. Kloos feels certain that many high schools in the United States are in the same situation and would welcome the opportunity to present well-done performing versions of these works.

Featured in the Neshaminy cast are Craig Evans as Rudolph, the starving author who falls in love with the charming little flower girl Mi Mi, who is sung by Jill Waterson and Patti O'Laughlin (double casted). Rudolph's friend Colline, a young philosopher who acts as narrator for this setting is sung by Jeff Young. Secondary love interest is provided between the artist Marcel played by Neil Schnitzer and that naughty lady Musetta - who sings the famous "waltz" - Angela Fario. Schaudard, the musician rounds out our quartette of struggling Bohemians sung and danced by Jerry Getz. Alcindoro, a comic rich old philanthropist is played by Marty Krzywonos while the highlight of the Christmas Eve scene will be the appearance of Mark Ksiazewski as the toy vender Pargpignol surrounded by a charming group of little children imported from the Walter Miller Elementary School Chorus. Ted Williams appears as the waiter in the Cafe Momus and Lori Lasker leads on the "Tatoo." Standing in the wings ready to "go on" are David Prevost, Eric Evans and Sue Carey - our understudies.

The music direction and stage direction are by Mr. Theodore Kloos assisted again by Mrs. Delores Boerth who teaches the choreography and stages all of the "set" members in the opera. The children from the Walter Miller Elementary School Chorus have been trained by Mr. Harry Dengler. The artistic direction and sets have been designed by Mark Ksiazewski a talented senior at Neshaminy with set construction again under the direction of Mr. Hubert Holmes.

Practicality Is Consumer Skills

Consumer skills is a course designed to provide the students taking it with practical knowledge for everyday living. This class depends entirely on the participation of students instead of on a teacher lecturing. Consumer skills offers experience rather than theoretical book knowledge. Evaluation of students is based on an oral presentation instead of testing.

Hu-Man Corps Enter Third Year

The Hu-Man Corps, Neshaminy High School's brainchild, is launching its third year of educational service in our district elementary schools. This year sixty-one junior and senior high school students have enrolled in this elective course. The Hu-Man Corps serves a two-fold purpose. Firstly, it allows elementary school teachers to utilize the various skills and talents of high school students. Secondly, it provides an outlet for the creativity and knowledge of older students. Mrs. Williams, Hu-Man Corps director, touched upon the latter purpose. "Hu-Man Corps lets you find out if you've learned anything these past twelve years!"

Members of the Corps have their school week divided into three segments of activity. They attend two class meetings for lectures, groups discussions and reports of fellow students' activities. Each student attends a workshop period which provides time for his special projects for the elementary schools. Students complete their schedule by spending two afternoons per week

at the elementary school of their choice.

The Hu-Man Corps idea of organizing high school students to co-operate with the district elementary schools is a unique one. Neshaminy can boast of being the only school district in Bucks County to conduct such a program. Last year Temple University awarded a four-year, full tuition scholarship to Richard Morris in recognition of his Hu-Man Corps efforts. This year Temple plans to grant two such scholarships to qualified Hu-Man Corps graduates majoring in Education.

After viewing the technicalities and objectives of the program, some mention must be made of the elementary school students' reaction to the Hu-Man Corps. The younger children have welcomed the Corps warmly, as evidenced by their receptions during the past two years. Mrs. Ree, part-time Hu-Man Corps teacher and Spanish teacher, commented on the general attitude of elementary school children. "Tanto entusiasmo!"



Karen Harner, member of Hu-Man Corps, keeps second graders at Hoover Elementary school spellbound.

Unsung Heroes, Part II

Don't Forget The "Infantry"

by Dan Robinson

Last month, our Unsung Heroes series told something about the work of our janitorial staff at Neshaminy. Well, folks, it's about time to tell you about another group of fellow human beings who are trying to please though they don't always succeed.

They are none other than our lunch ladies! Working from 2 to 5 hours daily, these devoted women folk do their best to see that the average student has something to eat everyday. That goes for average eaters and you over-eaters too. During every lunch period there are approximately 30 women working inside the kitchen. One of their prob-

lems is determining how much of each kind of food to put out. It is hard work, and they don't get enough recognition for it. So far, they say that we have been pretty nice to them and they appreciate that. So the next time you are buying a lunch (with these new prices, who knows when that will be) give them a few kind words. They deserve it - they have to do the dishes by hand!

And, besides the kitchen staff we cannot forget the "kitchen infantry" so to speak. You know, those ladies who are always bugging you because of that ice cream cup you just innocently stuck between the table, or



Some of the lovely ladies of Neshaminy's kitchen infantry.

that Neshaminy cake that you threw at Bill because Bill put some scalloped potatoes on your seat? Come on now, put yourself in their place. Ask yourself if you would like their job, being a policeman in a lunch room. Then, if you still can't resist throwing or dropping something on the floor, forever hold your peace.

Show others some respect and you'll get it in return. ROTSA RUCK!

WNHS Now In Full Swing

This October marked the culmination of two years of intense planning, painstaking labor, and plain loafing around as WNHS (640 radio) officially got into full swing.

Actually, Neshaminy's newest and only radio station had been sporadically invading the campus airwaves since early last year. Now under the disciplined lead-

station's facilities useful for educational purposes. Also, the WNHS News Department, under the directorship of David Brandolph, keep Neshaminy students up-to-date with world, national, local and school news and sports every period throughout the day.

Most important, WNHS disc jockeys will entertain the students with the latest records.



Members of WNHS from left to right, Tom Kryston, Lance Dygert, Steve Kunes, Dave Brandolph, Craig Jensen, Beth Herbst, and Frank Talbott.

ership of Steve Kunes, the station has become a tight organization with regular broadcasts throughout the day.

The Station's purpose is to introduce Neshaminy students to the art of radio communications and at the same time, serve the school and the community. WNHS will gladly cooperate with any faculty member who can find the

Some time this fall, WNHS will sponsor a record hop in the Commons Room. The master of ceremonies will be George Michael of WFIL. Also, early in May Kreskin is expected to appear at Neshaminy to promote WNHS.

All students are invited to join the station. Engineers are in great demand. Air-time, however, is at a premium.

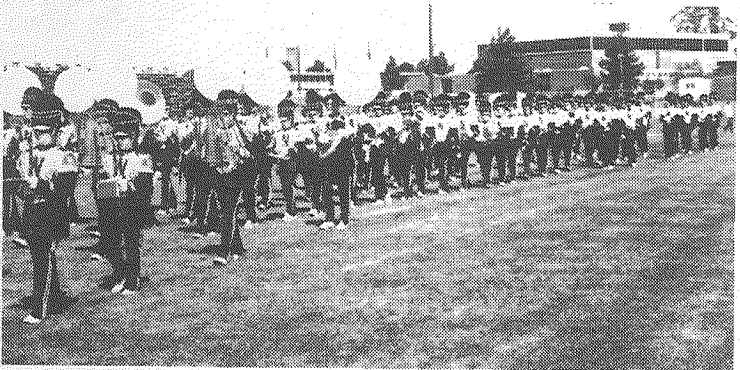
Band Tunes Up

"Neshaminy is coming to its own as far as music is concerned," says Mr. Daggett, the director of Marching Band. Newly uniformed and noticeably grown (180 members this year!), the band is busy with football pregames and half-times.

November 2 was Band Day at the Freedom Game. The band participated with junior high school bands. Throughout the winter, Band Front will compete

independently. Next May 2 will be the annual Band Concert.

Under the direction of Mr. Daggett and Mr. Hildebrande, the band practices daily to perfect their performance. Band includes the two Concert Bands and the Band Front. Band Front is spearheaded by the two Drum Majors; Lori Lasker and Jerry Getz. The Majorettes, Honor Guard, Silk Squad, and Rifle Squad complete the Front.



A new year, new uniforms, and a new image for the Neshaminy High School Marching Band.

Redskins Grasp Soccer Title

Traditionally, football has been the mainstay of the Neshaminy athletic program. But this year, with the Redskin gridders having their ups-and downs, the soccer squad has become the saviour of Neshaminy's long entrenched athletic prowess. With a 15-0 record in Lower Bucks (15-1-1 overall) the Redskins seemed prepared to battle for the District Championship.

Neshaminy's game against Wilson, Tuesday October 16, was dubbed the Dust Bowl. In spite of strong winds that stirred the field into swirls of dust, the Redskins booted a 4-1 victory. Rich Reice fired up the team by scoring soon after the game started and Matt Bahr quickly followed suit with two successive goals. Neshaminy's final goal was tallied by Greg Allen in the third quarter. The Rams scored their lone goal in the last quarter despite heavy Redskin pressure.

Neshaminy then traveled to Delhaas on the night of October 18. The contest proved to be a nightmare for the Bristol Township bunch. Despite the annoying drizzle and cool breeze of the evening, the Redskins showed Delhaas no mercy. Greg Allen, assisted by Tommy Doyle, began the Redskins string of goals. Successive scores by Matt Bahr, Dexter Derr, Russ Phayre, Rich Reice, and Larry Marrington sent Neshaminy home with a 6-1 win. The game wasn't totally rewarding to all members of the Redskin squad as Matt Bahr was sidelined after suffering a hard kick in the eye.

With Bahr recovered sufficiently to play the following Saturday morning, the Redskins encountered Holy Ghost Prep. This

game was Neshaminy's toughest, continuing into double overtime. The final outcome of the battle was a hard fought scoreless draw.

The following Tuesday, October 23rd, found Neshaminy pitted against an up-and-ready Pennsbury. This was Neshaminy's fourth game under the lights and the largest soccer crowd of the season was in attendance. The Redskins were psyched, and so were their fans.

The entire team was on its feet as Russ Phayre assisted Matt Bahr for the first goal of the evening. The game was fast, ragged and rough. Tommy Doyle took a hard hit in the stomach, neatly blocking a Pennsbury shot. Two minutes into the half Bahr scored again and the stadium went wild. Pennsbury narrowed the lead with a fourth quarter goal, but Neshaminy's Greg Allen, on a cross assist by Russ Phayre

Lupe's Scoop Gridders Tune

By Jeff Lupowitz

Neshaminy's Redskin football team breezed through October with a three win, one loss record. The 'Skins dropped their only home game of the month, a mistake ridden 12-7 loss to Bethlehem Liberty. The team won the other Big Eight contests, 28-7 at Dierdorf and a 36-14 blowout at Reading.

Neshaminy's great quarterback controversy was given a new twist at Reading, as Tim Orr and Harry Ulrich alternated the post. Orr has been the target of some overblown criticism, and while he does not possess the arm of a Pete Cordelli, there is no reason to belive him an incompetent field general. The only conclusive thing proved in the quarterback rotation was that Reading does not have the toughest defense in football. Tailback Harry Swanson grabbed two touchdown passes, and halfback Bob Hallman also scored twice enroute to his finest game of the year, 167 yards rushing.

On October 26, a mediocre Woodrow Wilson squad bowed to a lackluster Neshaminy team, 12-8.

"We had good offensive effort, but we couldn't get the darn ball into the end zone," commented coach Pal Allison.

The team controlled the ball for nine minutes at one point without scoring, but finally Tim Orr and Bob Hallman punched through the team's two touchdowns. Hallman, reaping the advantages of enthusiastic line play and good full-

back blocking by Bob Nathan, collected 479 yards for the month's four games. His workhorse role may be reduced somewhat by the return of backfield mate Dave Miller, who refined his timing at Wilson.

While the 'Skins performance last month will never be confused with that of the Minnesota Vikings, the fact remains they played four games and won three of them. Neshaminy fans are accustomed to perfection, and there is bitter disappointment over the Redskins failure to be a Big Eight power.

As one player put it, "I think they (fans) expect a lot, but they have a right to expect it."

The offensive unit has taken the brunt of the derisive remarks, and unjustly so. There is plenty of talent at Neshaminy, but the team has yet to jell into a cohesive unit. The players are not totally at fault, they are definitely giving out all the way. Something else is lacking.

As the season moves down the stretch, the team is gaining the confidence that comes with playing together and winning.

"I think we're going to peak in time for Pennsbury," commented coach Allison. "Not many teams can lose two starting backs and still keep their head above water."

But time is waning before "The Big Game," and Neshaminy must improve if they do not want the Falcons to sink them.

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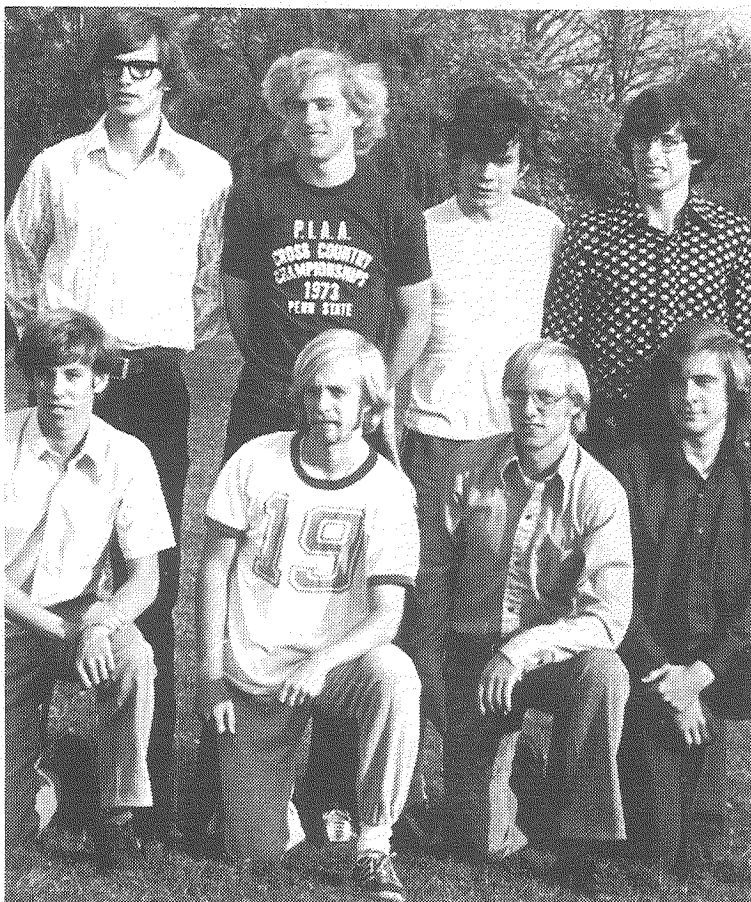
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Sidelines

Cheerleaders are an essential part of the Neshaminy sports program. They lead spectators in cheering on Neshaminy's teams at many varsity and junior varsity sport events. The girls are divided into varsity, J.V. and sophomore squads. These squads handle everything from the football banquet to signs proclaiming Redskin superiority. Besides the three squads, there are two Neshaminy Indians, Bill Thompson and Fred Tilduster.

Neshaminy's varsity squad, directed by Mrs. Dishields, consists of Trish Colbert, Rose DiMarco, Sandi Erlebach, Mini Griffiths, Chris Hepburn, Mary Krise, Jackie Morrison, and Brenda Sexton. The squad captain is Kathy Whetston with Amy Heritage as Co-captain.



1973 L.B.C.L. Championship Cross Country Team. Left to right, top row, Jeff Gessner, Bob Husel, Ron Rudi, Jim Nolan. Bottom row - Bill Cowan, Bob Myers, Gary Hoffman, and Jim Hollenbach.

'Untouchables' Race To States

Neshaminy's Redskins cross-country team, coached by Mr. Howard Linder, ended a perfect season in dual meets by beating Trenton High School on October 26.

On October 27th, the District Championships were held and Neshaminy came in 2nd out of eighteen teams to qualify for the State Championships that were held on November 2.

When asked to comment about this years team Mr. Linder had a few things to say. "The team itself has been a pleasant surprise. When the year started the team didn't seem to have much potential at first."

Linder also added, "The team started to come of age at the Steel City Invitational and seemed to find itself at the dual meet with Bristol."

When asked about his coaching philosophy he replied, "The last man is as important as the first man. Winning is nice, but it isn't everything."

Mr. Linder stated some of the reasons he was retiring after this year, "I am just plain tired. I have been very successful in my three years coaching here ending with a 31-2 record. I have made Neshaminy a power and have fulfilled most of my objectives."

A number of records were broken during the season. This years team was the first one to complete a dual meet season undefeated. The Untouchables were

the first Neshaminy team to have nine runners run 12:45 or better. In fact it is the first Neshaminy team to even have nine runners break the 13:00 mark.

Senior Ron Rudy set a new Neshaminy course record with a clocking of 12:03. Bob Myers (12:05) and Gary Hofmann (12:05), both seniors, broke the old record. The Redskins also placed second in the Neshaminy Invitational.

The Skins also placed third at the Steel City Invitational. They are the first Neshaminy team to win the LBCC since 1959. Hofmann set a record in winning the Lower Bucks Meet in a time of 12:26. The low county meet score of 25 points was the lowest ever scored by a team in the history of the meet. The dual meet against Trenton was the first time eight runners broke the 13:00 mark for Neshaminy.

In the District Championships, Neshaminy came in second which is the highest the Redskins have ever placed. This year's team is only the second Neshaminy team ever to qualify for the State Meet.

Some of this year's "Untouchables" were: Steve Mayhew, Bob Husel, John Hollenbach, Jim Nolan, and Bill Cowan.

Coach Linder concluded by saying, "It has been a successful season. I am glad to have been part of it."

Gymnasts Prepare For Opener

Another gymnastic season will soon be under way and coach Joel Baba is looking forward to a strong year.

"We have an excellent team that wants to win and two good captains, (Blaine Clothier and Joe Bonaventura)," stated the coach.

After last year's dismal 7-5 record, (the worst year ever under Coach Baba), the Neshaminy gymnasts will be looking to rebound this season. Leading this year's team will be Blaine Clothier (Floor Exercises, Long Horse Vaulting and Parallel Bars), Joe Bonaventura (Side Horse, Horizontal Bar, Parallel Bar and Rings), Ron Miscavage (Floor Exercises and Horizontal Bar), Doug Rush (Long Horse Vaulting and Horizontal Bar), Al Pearson (Floor

Exercises and Rings), Will Macht (Side Horse), Chris Hill (Parallel Bars and Long Horse Vaulting), Rick Ambruster (Side Horse), Bob Greenfield (Side Horse), Ric Feeney (Floor Exercises and Parallel Bars), Chris Cuthbert (Parallel Bars) and Ed Guthrie (Rings).

Coach Baba, who was presented an award from the United States Gymnastics Federation for his outstanding leadership in gymnastics, organized a meet between the top French and U.S. Olympic gymnasts last year at Neshaminy High School.

This year he is looking forward to the arrival of the East German gymnasts, and the Winter Session of the Eastern Gymnastics Clinic (Nov. 24 and 25) to bring world renowned gymnasts and coaches to Neshaminy.

Pelletreau makes choice

The Girls sports are already underway. This year, though, among the coaches and co-coaches the name of Miss Pelletreau will not be heard.

Miss Pelletreau knew that she could only do one thing this year. It was a choice between coaching, or taking one year to work out problems. The major problem she is referring to is that many people are in sports or clubs but you never hear anything about them. The only thing you ever hear about are the varsity teams (and it isn't even that for the girls) or major clubs.

The girls at Neshaminy work as hard and work the same amount of hours as the boys. But there is more attention emphasized towards the boys. They get all of their schedules written up. How about the girls?

There are also boys that are

out for J.V. teams, Sophomore teams and clubs, that some people have never heard of. The minor boys sports and clubs should be publicized as much as the major ones. They all put the same amount of effort into their work.

Miss Pelletreau also felt that the kids were the most important thing. That if she would have coached a team, she would have been preoccupied by such problems. Some things have changed but there are still more changes to be made.

For those who have just read this article and have come to the conclusion that this article is swayed towards "Womens Lib," that belief is wrong! Miss Pelletreau's main concern is that EVERYONE (in major and minor sports and clubs) should be considered and treated equally.