

neshaminy langhorne playwickia

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Mark Naldoff

"We're the best!" says each of these four representatives about their respective class. From left to right, Junior class president Jim Ference, Freshman representative Gwen Clark, Sophomore representative Lori Cool, and Senior class president Bruce Cordelli. To find out more about the "Class-ic Contest" turn to page 4.

The class-ic contest: Who's the best????

We're looking for one good class, ready to take on not just a job but an adventure. Who do we want? Not just an interested class. Not just involved people. We want more than effort, we want...The Few. The Proud. The Class.

Which class? Yours? Are you the class that can come through with flying colors in Spirit? In Academics? In Citizenship? When the going gets tough, can your class get going? PLAYWICKIA wants to know. And we dare you to call

this an ordinary competition. We dare you to take on the challenge. What do you get? Part of what you earn is Pride. But there's more. Sound interesting? See the inside of this paper for details.

Storybookland theme for Homecoming

By ANNE ROMSPERT

Neshaminy Football Fans will relive some of their fondest childhood memories on October 28 when our Homecoming committee presents the theme of "Storybookland."

Sue King, student coordinator of the project, has delivered a new approach to the selection of homecoming King and Queen. Since this has become a popularity contest in past years, this year the gym teachers will nominate five couples and submit those names to the Student Council selection committee. From there, the committee has the power to eliminate or add candidates to the list. After the nominations have been finalized, the candidates are taken before the senior class, where they will vote upon a King and Queen.

"Entrance fee for floats voted down"

Due to lack of funds, a manda-



Kathy Bulbenko

tory entrance fee of \$25 for every float was discussed. This however, was voted down and subsequently the cash prize of \$100 has been eliminated and a trophy will be awarded instead.

To help raise money, a homecoming bonfire halloween dance

is being sponsored by the Student Council on October 27. A faculty disco dance contest is also planned.

Sue King reports that five floats are already officially entered in the contest so far.

Read & run for Multiple Sclerosis

Neshaminy to sponsor first Bucks' marathon

By HELEN MORROW

Neshaminy Langhorne High School will sponsor Bucks County's first marathon race and a book-reading contest as part of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's Read-a-Thon and Jog-a-Thon program on November 15. The program is hopeful to promote community and student interest to help raise money for the fight against Multiple Sclerosis.

The Jog-a-Thon program is scheduled for 10:00 on November 15 and consists of two races, the ten kilometer and marathon races (26 miles, 385 yards) which hopes to attract at least one big name in the long distance running circuit. The races start and finish on the high school's grounds even though much of the race will be run on surrounding woods. A November 15 pre-entry fee of \$3.00 or a post-entry fee of \$5.00 is required with the proceeds going to MS.

Prizes for top finishers

Runners completing the marathon race in 4.5 hours or less will receive prize tee-shirts with the first five finishers, both male and female receiving a \$25 certificate. The first five runners finishing the ten kilometer race in 1.5 hours

or less will receive \$15 certificates in addition to the first hundred finishers who all will receive tee-shirts. The top winner of both races will win a trophy. Still more prizes will be awarded to the winners in various age groups.

Insurance, publicity, and other expenses will be serviced by the MS Society. **Runner's World** will feature the "Neshaminy races" in an upcoming issue as part of the promotional package.

Prizes for readers too

The Read-a-Thon program will be operated on a sponsor system for every book read by a student. Prizes include a random drawing for a trip to Disneyworld, a 10-speed bike, and a portable television and will be awarded to students meeting various quantity requirements. Students completing the Read-a-Thon kit will also be eligible to run the races for free.

The whole program was kicked off with assembly programs in early October for each class. Dr. Marrington believes the efforts may result in "students, teachers, administration, and the community getting involved together." He said other schools might even get involved such as Maple Point and several of the middle schools.

New rules for lunch, library, and discipline

By DENISE BILL

Of all the changes and improvements for the new school year, students hopefully won't get too involved in the revised Discipline Policy which was introduced to the school population in early September. The new guidelines, devised by a special faculty committee last Spring, hope to eliminate much of the confusion and problem with enforcing the school's discipline code.

Discipline is explained by School Board Policy 505 as "the enforcement of student guidelines." Although the definition of discipline sounds simple enough, the actual solution to discipline problems in our school is not an easy one.

Most students think this policy is new, actually it's not. A similar policy, less publicized, did exist last year. Unfortunately it had many faults and just didn't seem to work. Some of the problems have been attributed to the failure of staff and students alike to live up to the guidelines, the amount of paperwork necessary, and just poor attitude on the part of everyone concerned.

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The tomahawk strikes

"Over enthusiastic school spirit" caused all the commotion in front of Dr. Marrington's office last week when unknown Neshaminy students plastered the office 1 door with Redskin tomahawks and signs voicing their disapproval of the school district's removal of additional painted tomahawks along the driveways to the school. All the activity was part of a psych-out intended against Maple Point in connection with this past weekend's Sports Day.

Dr. Marrington called the incidents "over-enthusiastic" school spirit and suggested in the future, students "not lose their enthusiasm but try to direct it in a way so nothing has to be cleaned up or fixed. The area around the stadium is considered district property, not school property. If anything is painted in this area, it should be

done for both schools, not for one. And it should also be done with the permission of the administration.

Joe Nathan



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See the uglies close up on page 8.

By BUNNY BLOOM

When in doubt, blame the administration

By JUDY FLEISHER

Lunch mess upsets stomachs

By HELEN MORROW

On the Mark

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Mid-State report calls for better communication, improved facilities

By JOY OPALESKI

The Middle States Evaluation Team caused quite a stir with its visit to Neshaminy last April. At the time, many student surveys were being circulated, and faculty members were being required to fill out numerous forms on criteria, teaching methods, etc. Reports and slides that had taken committees years to prepare were being presented to the team of visiting educators. At the end of the evaluation period, an informal meeting was announced as a conclusion to the visitor's stay, and to briefly explain their findings. Assistant Chairman Norman Schmid gave those in attendance his reaction to Neshaminy Langhorne, and promised the adminis-

tration a detailed report within the next few months.

Better communications

Well, the Evaluation of Neshaminy Langhorne has arrived, and with it, many startling observations.

One point stressed quite frequently, is the need for better communications within the school. This could be brought about by meetings within specific departments, and between the department heads. Apparently, steps have already been taken to achieve this goal; September saw the first of many meetings the faculty is required to attend.

The team of visiting educators also discovered deficiencies in the

industrial shops, and the art center. There was a surprising lack of fire extinguishers in both areas and the absence of power cut-off safety switches in the machine shops was noted.

Praise for many programs

The report, however, comes at a time when the school's financial position is the lowest in years. With an estimated 2½ million dollar deficit for next year, the Neshaminy School District is in no position to make a number of the necessary changes and major adjustments suggested by the council.

The evaluators did, on the other hand, have much praise for many aspects of Neshaminy's

services. Not only was the general staff commended for their excellent rapport with the students, but several clubs and specific programs were cited in the study. Open Space, the Idlewood Environmental Center, the Business Education Learning Center, and the Playwickia were all mentioned as worthwhile activities, deserving of merit and all possible support.

Many other commendations and recommendations are listed in the official report. The general feeling among faculty and administrative personnel is the the Mid-State Evaluators compiled a fair and comprehensive study of Neshaminy Langhorne.



Marti Carlson.

In memoriam

This past summer our school lost a faithful and dear friend. Martha (Marti) Carlson died after a long struggle against cancer on July 13. She served as a secretary in the Guidance Office here at Neshaminy for almost 25 years. She touched hundreds, if not thousands of people with her warm and loving character during her years of service.

Mrs. Osterhout, a secretary in the Guidance Office and a co-worker of Marti recalls, "When I came to Neshaminy in 1956, Marti helped me to get settled and gave of herself unselfishly. She always went out of her way for students too."

Mr. Gaul, Chairman of the Guidance Department described Marti as "very efficient and competent with an amazing memory. She could recall names from the earliest files of the district," he noted. "But there was another side to Marti. She was a faithful, warm, and loving person who put in many extra hours. She was a part of the Guidance Office that cannot be replaced."

The memory of Marti Carlson will be kept alive through two funds set up in the school district in her honor. The Marti Carlson Memorial Room Fund, sponsored by the Guidance Department, will turn room D-5 into a conference room for school wide use and fit it with appropriate furnishings and a commemorative plaque. The Neshaminy Secretary's Association will award a Martha Carlson Memorial Scholarship to a graduating senior. Contributions to either of these funds may be sent in care of Neshaminy Langhorne High School.

—Steve Runk



Student Council President and Vice President Matt Weber and Sue King explaining proposals at the last meeting.

Letters to the Editor

Sees things getting worse

Dear Editor,

Is it my imagination, or has the student body become more apathetic when it comes to caring what happens to them.

It seems that the administration is telling us that we are growing up to be mature, responsible citizens ready to take on the challenges of society, and yet at the same time, they seem to be holding our hands and telling us what to do.

At one time, it was possible to go to lunch without a pass or afraid of being hassled.

Lockers always seemed a trivial item, but apparently, Mr. Baba doesn't feel that way. He wants every student assigned to a locker, even if it is not convenient for the student.

When I went to talk to Mr. Baba about having my locker changed, I was very quickly brushed off. He explained that he had six thousand other students to look after, and if I was disappointed, there was little he could do.

But what really ticks me off is the way the library situation was handled.

Apparently, there was a conflict between the students and the librarians last year. I don't know what started it, but now the librarians want nothing to do with the students.

When talking to Mr. Baba about the situation, he responded by saying that the library was "abused" last year. I don't see how, as all troublemakers were promptly kicked out.

It seems that no one is willing to let us prove ourselves to the adult community. Do the concepts

of "justice", "Innocent until proven guilty" and "Trust" apply to school students?

As a senior, I resent the way I am being treated. Most people can be trusted, if given a chance and a reason to be.

I would also like to commend Mr. Linder for being a more understanding person this year.

Signed,

Mark Stetz

Ed Keefe

"S.H.O.V.E."

(Society to help obliterate vicious educators).

Yearbook should be for seniors only

Dear Editor,

This letter is about our senior yearbook. Yes, I think it should be Our senior yearbook. Why should we buy a yearbook with pages and pages of underclassmen? I don't think it was fair to the graduating class last year, and I don't think it's fair to us. Although some think a yearbook should be a book that the whole school should be in, I don't! I can see maybe in sports, but not just pictures of 9-11th graders. After graduation, I want to be able to look in my yearbook and see my classmates, not a bunch of kids I really don't know, and I'm sure a lot of seniors feel the same way!

Pam Gartenmayer

A Message from Student Council

To the Students of Neshaminy

The first meeting of the new Student Council took place on October 4, 1978. One of the problems of past Student Council's has been attendance. We had hoped to alleviate this problem by issuing identification cards to each student council member at the first meeting. The cards will be ready by the next meeting and will contain the member's name, a specific number which correlates to our master sheet and will be color-coded to distinguish between representatives and alternates.

One of the major reasons why production was limited at our first meeting was due to an enormous amount of noise generated by representatives who refused to be acknowledged by the officers. A lot of noise was produced by unwanted visitors. We hope the identification cards will take care of this problem.

We believe one of the strong additions to this year's Student Council will be the school board representatives: seniors Dennis Houser and Commie Zimmerman; juniors Kathy Carnation and Joe Nathan. These four people will play an important role in school board relations. Anne Romsper as secretary faces a busy year of paperwork, and Gene Wingert will be keeping an eye on money throughout the year.

Seniors will elect the Homecoming king and queen on Tuesday, October 24, during homeroom. Nominees will be submitted by the Physical Education Department. The nominees will have to get recommendations from three other teachers before their name may appear on the ballot.

There will also be a Bonfire, Halloween Disco Dance on Friday night, October 27. Students who come dressed in a costume will not only get into the dance at a reduced price but will also have a chance of winning a prize for the best costume. We hope to have a special surprise, featuring some of the best disco dancers ever to roam the halls of Neshaminy Langhorne.

Any students who wish to become involved in Student Council affairs and are not a representative or alternate from their social studies classes are invited to become a member of the Student Council sub-committee. This committee will be headed by Sue Laino and Art Samel.

Our aspirations for the future are many, and unfortunately, we have met opposition from some apathetic faculty members who consider Student Council merely a game to keep students happy. Well, we consider Student Council more than that. We hope that in the future we can count on all the teachers to help us get information to the students and to show some support for student government. Our goal is to help the students of Neshaminy Langhorne feel a part of and a pride in our school. We appreciate the teachers and administrators who support us. We're looking forward to an active school year. We'd like to thank all the teachers who are willing to help us reach our goals, and a special thanks to Dr. Marrington for all his support and to the Playwickia for allowing us to relay these messages on to you.

Matt Weber, President,
Student Council

Sue King, Vice-President
Student Council

Juniors win J-hall battle

By CLIFF SIKORA

If, by chance, you should happen to stop by the J-Hall this year, you will notice something new. No, it's not the Frank Zappa mural or the ping pong table, but the fact that there aren't any junior faces among the crowd.

This situation has caused many juniors to question the administration's action and others to utter harsh words under their breaths. It is safe to assume that the Class of '80 is upset.

Dr. Marrington explained the situation this way: "Ideally, every class should have an assigned quiet situation. When we must have a study hall, we would like to put it in a classroom with a

teacher. Because of the lack of classroom space over the past few years, J-Hall became a holding place for juniors and seniors."

Marrington went on to say that he felt J-Hall should be a senior privilege. "In other words, we'd like a commons room--for seniors only," he said. "Juniors originally were not scheduled for J-Hall. The past few years that's the way it's been. We'd like to make J-Hall a senior privilege. Something to look forward to. Each year at Neshaminy we try to give our students a little more responsibility," Marrington added.

"Our idea is to open up J-Hall to juniors with clear discipline records. Last year it was bad (too

many people). I'm also not anxious to have J Wing labeled as a dealing place (for drugs). So only juniors with clear records would be given this privilege," Dr. Marrington told the junior class representatives.

The idea of giving J-Hall privileges to juniors with clean records has come before the faculty at their meetings but no decision has been made.

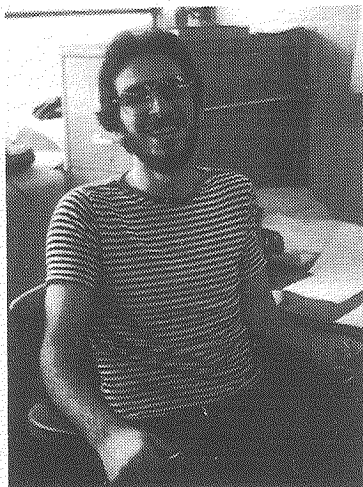
Editor's note: At a faculty meeting last week, a decision was made to permit juniors with clean discipline records entry to J-Hall during study halls. The administration is currently screening discipline files to ascertain eligible juniors.

Putting the place in shape

Neshaminy likes Dave

By STEVE HOROWITZ

There's a fairly new person among the staff at Neshaminy Langhorne. Some call him "face"; but to others he is known by the more typical name of Dave Jacobs. Tall, dark, and handsome is the description that is best fitting and most often heard throughout the hallways by females of all ages. His out-going and communicative personality is evident whenever he's around.



M. Pitkow

Dave Jacobs takes a break.

His greatest asset though is the great job he's doing.

Dave Jacobs is the Head Custodian at Neshaminy but he is constantly mistaken for a grubby student without a proper hall pass. Although it's very annoying, he seems to be quite used to it. Chances are if he were a student though, he'd be one without a hall pass.

Graduating from Lincoln High School in 1965, Dave finds the dress code here more lax than those of his high school days. Back then, jeans were considered unacceptable school dress. A close examination of Dave's attire reveals his total acceptance of the more contemporary dress code.

Served in Vietnam

He spoke of the three years immediately following his high school career during which he served in the Vietnam War where he was known as Sargeant Jacobs and specialized in communications.

After the war Dave came back to Philadelphia and attended Drexel University's five year co-op program. He earned his degree in powerplants, heating, and air-conditioning, and present-

ly holds an "A" class city license in Philadelphia in his particular field of work.

Dave worked for the Philadelphia School System for twelve years as head custodian. His job there was distributed throughout many schools. He enjoyed working there but was one of twelve thousand layoffs in the past year. Here at Neshaminy-Langhorne, Dave is also given the title of "Head Custodian" but does not like to be stereo-typed into the role associated with the name. Dave's a specialist with a degree, highly trained and qualified, and takes great pride in the work that he does.

Puts extra time in

Going out on a limb for people and never being able to say no, are Dave's weaknesses. He constantly interrupts his own schedule to aid others. He's helpful, creative, and works at least three to four extra hours per day without pay to finish his workload, and doesn't mind it too much.

Along with Dave are his crew of eight full-timers and six part-timers who work daytime and night-time shifts. Among them are Kevin O'Donnell, 20, who is single and still available, and Tom Mullins, 23, who is married, with one child. Both are previous graduates of Neshaminy. All of the crew shares in the work that needs to be done. It's equal time, and equal work.

Dave feels that Neshaminy is a great place. He feels the "atmosphere between students and faculty is a lot different here than it was in Philly.

Dave likes Neshaminy and from the reaction from most people in school, Neshaminy likes Dave.



M. Pitkow

Co-workers Kevin O'Donnell and Tom Mullins take out their frustrations by attempting to lock Dave Jacobs permanently in a food freezer.

Musical notes

By THERESA PEACOCK

Almost everyone likes music. It's all around us; so, this issue's entertainment section will tell you how to get at some of it in its most popular form.

Our concert list for October includes: **Frank Zappa**, who'll be at the Spectrum on the 23rd, and **Boston** on the 30th. For more information about Spectrum concerts call 467-9800. **Lou Rawls** and the **Duke Ellington Orchestra** will be at the Valley Forge Music Theatre Oct. 24 thru 29th. For all you punk fans, **New Wave** at Walnut Theatre, Oct. 28. The **Ramones** and **Nick Gilder**, Oct. 30, **Talking Heads**. For more information phone 574-3550.

Recordings To Look For

Bursting Out-Jethro Tull

If you're a Tull fan, check out this live album. Excellent.

Street Legal-Bob Dylan

A new mood, Dylan really sings.

Nightwatch-Kenny Loggins

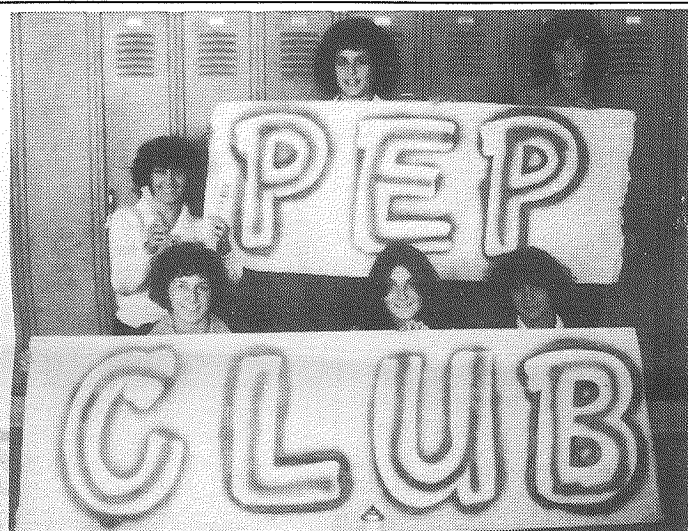
Mellow, yet exciting, my favorite

One not so new album I feel that's worth mentioning is **Nether Lands** by **Dan Fogelberg**. Truly a masterpiece, Fogelberg has a gift for writing beautiful music and soulful lyrics.

All in All by **Earth, Wind and Fire** is in my opinion, the most sensational album ever recorded.

It's a little bit jazz, a little disco and a lot of funk. "Fantasy" and "Serpentine Fire" are just two examples of the excellence of this album.

If you like concerts but can't always attend them, remember it's "Rocktober" on WMMR, 93.3 FM.



Mark Naldoff

Newly formed Pep Clubbers hope to inspire school spirit.

May the best class win!

Now that you're all psyched up about this "class-ic competition," here are the details of the contest.

Since there has always been some question every year about who really is the best class, the **Playwickia** devised a simple but fair system to determine the best class. The contest is based on three basic criteria; school spirit, academics, and citizenship.

To win in the school spirit category, a class must have the highest percentage of their students involved in official school clubs, teams, and activities. To further legitimize this category, students involved in any activity, must be in good standing with the coach or faculty advisor. Additional credits will be given for students with more than one activity or sport.

The winning class in the academic category must simply hold the highest percentage of students on the honor roll. Data will be gathered in this category after each of the year's first three marking periods.

The class with the lowest percentage of suspensions and incident cards will win the citizenship category. Data will be compiled through the third marking period.

In addition to the three categories, additional points may be awarded to classes that distinguishes themselves with a special school activity such as winning the homecoming float or undertaking a school-wide project. These extra credits will only be awarded with the full consent of all four class advisors and the principal to insure fairness and eliminate partiality.

Points will be awarded for winning each category as follows; first place-4 points, second place-3 points, third place-2 points, fourth place-0 points. With this system, it's possible for a class to place second in all three categories but end up winning the entire competition by having the highest total of points. The **Playwickia** will sponsor the contest and verify all the collected data.

The winner of the contest will receive several awards. A special activities day featuring music, a feature film, and other surprises will be given to the winning class in addition to a special banner that will fly at all class functions. Other ideas and modifications for awards will be discussed in advance of the winner's announcement, but a special day for the winning class has been guaranteed by Dr. Marrington, our school principal. Perhaps even more valuable than any special day will be the fact that for a full year, the winning class can proudly boast, "We are the best class of Neshaminy."

The **Playwickia** will update the competitive situation in future issues and will announce the winner in one of the spring issues of the newspaper.

Good luck to everyone and may the best class win!!!



Kathy Bulbenko

"It wouldn't be so bad if we could use these things in Jersey!"

Busy year for seniors

Seniors start saving your money. The first payment for the Florida trip in March is due by the end of October...don't be left out. Girls; grab a guy because it's Sadie Hawkins time again this Friday night! Next Friday we'll be electing a Homecoming king and queen. The seniors will have a float as well. Plans are underway for a Christmas Ball sometime in December and it's never too early to start thinking about our prom which will follow our class trip in May.

Quick start for sophs

The Sophomore Class is off to a quick start this year already successfully sponsoring a bake sale and disco dance that netted \$600. Right not, class members are busying themselves with their homecoming float and Advisor Mr. Ron Reed is hopeful that Sophomores will design a class emblem for the Class of '81 tee-shirts.

Freshmen will rise

School has been in session only a month, and it seems everyone is working on various projects. This year's Ninth Grade class is busy trying to raise money for materials to build the freshman float. They are planning a bake sale, and other fund raising activities in the near future.

Record shop around

By JIM LEWIS

Do you have a tight budget and a love for music? Well, the **Playwickia**'s done some investigating which may help you save some money, while adding to your album collection. Read on for a brief outline of local music stores.

The major competitors are Sam Goody's, The Record Museum, both of which are in the Neshaminy Mall, and Music Scene in the Oxford Valley Mall.

All three accept checks and have the same price range as well as fair return policies. One thing sets the Record Museum apart from the others. Every Tuesday, their slowest day, they have a sale, when albums listed at \$6.79 are dropped to \$5.39.

The smaller shops in the area are Jerry's Records, in the Bucks County Mall, Wall to Wall Sound, in the Oxford Valley and Bucks County Malls, and Stahl's Records has the largest selection of the three and a price range of about ten cents cheaper than the large stores.

The two Wall to Wall Sound stores differ greatly. The store in the Oxford Valley Mall has a selection about ten times greater than its sister store. The prices in these two stores are up to \$11.34 cheaper than the bigger stores, but they won't take returns or checks.

Stahl's Record's is an extremely small store with a selection to match. They have one base price of \$5.42, except for the special two record sets which are individually priced. Stahl's will gladly take returns and checks.

Direction Center survives stormy summer

By CELIA GAUL and MEREDITH HILL

The Direction Center is eager to start another year after a summer of controversy in which administrators, teachers, parents, and students were embroiled in conflict. The key issue of the dispute was the loss of two vital staff members, Mike Lowe and John Hilkevich.

Lowe, a grant writer for the program who performed many necessary duties, was transferred due to declining enrollment and in protest, resigned. Hilkevich, who was a Chemistry teacher and in charge of the Alternative Education Experience part of the program, was laid off for the same reason. There was much opposition to these changes since both teachers were such key members of the Center, but efforts by the Direction Center staff to prove that the program was worthwhile enough to warrant the need of their expertise, failed.

The lack of knowledge about the program caused many misconceptions by some school board members. One opinion expressed about the Center was that it was a "babysitting service". Another was that it "was a waste of taxpayers money". Frank Champagne, director of training for the program, contends that more taxpayers money is wasted disciplining kids during class time; a problem the program could solve.

Myths cleared up

Some of myths about the Direction Center were cleared up because of all the publicity given the program during the summer. Local newspapers, such as The Bucks County Courier Times and The Advance of Bucks County, succeeded in making the community aware of the Direction

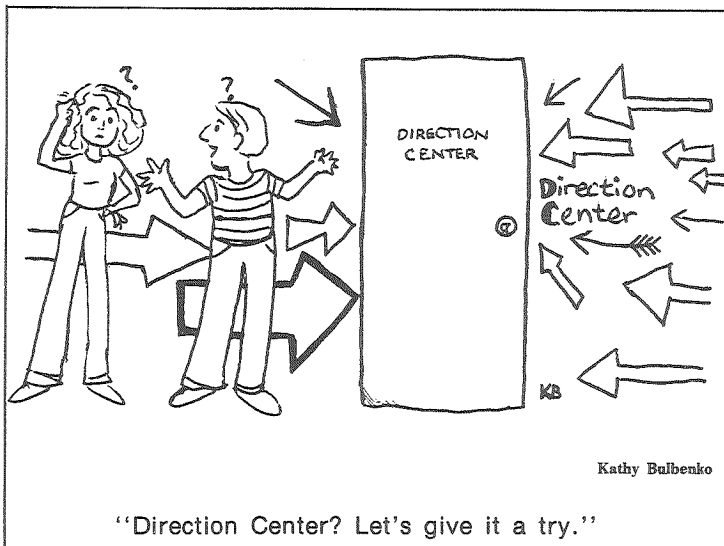
Center. The program, created in 1971 by John Hilkevich as a Self-Help room, has evolved into a program geared to creating a caring environment in our school. It hopes to help to prevent drug and alcohol abuse.

There are five focuses to the program: The first is the Positive Educational Experiences in Relationships Program coordinated by Frank Champagne, the second, Positive Parent Support, coordinated by Mrs. Lathrop, the third, Positive Teacher Support, the fourth, deals with mini-courses and seminars and the fifth focus is upon the Alternative Educational Experience Program newly-headed by Mark Rosenfeld.

Morale deflator

Another facet of the Center is RAP (Reaching At People). This was being developed by Mike Lowe at the time of his transfer. The responsibility has now been taken over by Michele (Slusser) Adams.

The loss of Mike Lowe and John Hilkevich has hindered the progress of the Direction Center program. As a result the program is behind schedule because of the necessity to reorganize. They hope to be back on their feet and running by November; however, they are in need of funds. In July, to combat this problem, Dr. Bowman, the District grant writer, was engaged to write a grant proposal in hopes of receiving funds for the center for this year. The original grant, written by



Mike Lowe, had run out. They also expect to get money from the Bucks County Drug and Alcohol Prevention Center.

Cathy Zeiss-Knowles, another Direction Center staff member and teacher, feels that the changes in the program's staff last summer were a "morale deflator" but "the staff has come back emotionally and are anxious to begin the year".

Editorial Update:

In an effort to investigate the recent controversy surrounding our school's Direction Center, the *Playwickia* launched an in-depth report to bring both sides of the conflict to the students. While

writing the report, we were informed by our school principal, Dr. Marrington that much of the criticism aimed at the Direction Center was leveling off as a result of school board members and community people learning more about the program and its goals and philosophy. As a result, the *Playwickia* felt that an in-depth article might cause a reversal of the improved attitude concerning the program, of which this newspaper and its staff supports enthusiastically.

Hours before deadline however, a letter appearing in the Courier Times was written by Neshaminy Board member Michael

Lentine and tax-payer Catherine Bonaventura renewing their attack on the Direction Center. In their letter they stated "The Direction Center isn't education... .." and that the program offers students "no suggestions, right or wrong." In addition, they referred to the program as leading students down a "blind path." These are irresponsible and destructive statements that obviously are based on ignorance of the program and its goals.

The *Playwickia* invites Mr. Lentine and Ms. Bonaventura to come observe the program, speak with the people involved in it, and then express their opinions in our school newspaper, opinions based on fact and not myth, truth not ignorance. In their letter, they stated that "Young people need love, guidance, understanding, and discipline." After learning more about the program, it should become obvious to Mr. Lentine and Ms. Bonaventura that these qualities are exactly what the Direction Center is all about.

Although deadline limits prevented us from updating the article, we thought it important to briefly summarize and comment on the latest developments in this issue.

Michael Pitkow
Faculty Advisor

New character for drama group

By BUNNY BLOOM

Neshaminy's drama group will take on a new role this year. It has shed last year's Green Room costume for a different set of clothes. Hoping for a more enthusiastic turn-out than last year, advisor Mr. Toscano has re-vamped the group's activities to include seminars, workshops and small group presentations, as well as the two usual large-scale productions. The emphasis this year will be on technique study, rather than the purpose of a school club. He feels his function lies in the training aspect of the theatre. "I am a teacher, who is here to teach. I am not here mainly to produce plays, but to produce responsible theatre crews."

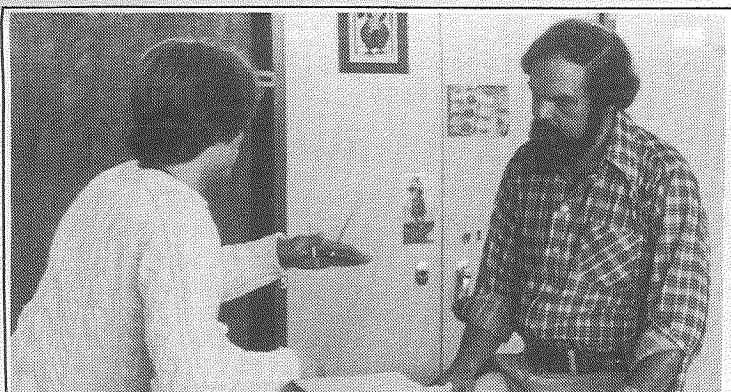
The workshops will cover all aspects of the stage, including acting, technical theatre, and play

writing. Mr. Toscano speaks of "the discipline of the stage" as a main concern of his in these sessions. He feels hopeful that these disciplines will carry over into the play productions.

The group's capacity will expand in some new directions now. The possibility of one-act plays being performed in assemblies is evident. "Plans like these allow more room for student involvement," Mr. Toscano explains,

"something the group and I are looking forward to."

Another thing Neshaminy students can look forward to is the drama group's first production of the season, "Murder on Center Stage." The mystery thriller will be a student/faculty production, highlighting the talents of Dr. David Proven along with the students. Tickets for the show will be sold for the Nov. 17 and 18 performances.



Our new art and photography teacher Mr. Bob Whitman, working with one of his students.

Artists flourish at Governor's School

By JOY OPALESKI

The Pennsylvania Governor's School for the Arts, (P.G.S.A.) a five week scholarship program held in July and August, is an intensive experience for students of the arts. This summer, Neshaminy Langhorne was represented there by Herman Sebek and Bunny Bloom, who were selected as two of 300 recipients of the scholarship chosen from 2,000 prospective candidates across Pennsylvania. Herman and Bunny were requested to spend five weeks of intensive training at Bucknell University. Herman was accepted for his superior dancing ability, while Bunny received the honor for her creative writing talents. Each willingly spent six and one half hours, six times a week in their major art form.

Another hour and one half each day was spent studying another art form. "The training we received was better than any that could be accessible to students our age. We had the opportunity to interact and learn with our professors not only as instructors, but also as fellow artists," Bunny said.

The program at Governor's School stresses the usefulness of the fine arts in society. The students self motivation is another key factor in the success of the curriculum. Herman added, "By making the best of everything you have, you can learn a lot about yourself, people in the world, and the way you relate to them with your art. What it makes of it (PGSA) all depends on yourself. The atmosphere at Bucknell was like that of a big family..." The administration and faculty encouraged close relationships as a method for building respect and increasing creative perspective.

Regular classes were supple-

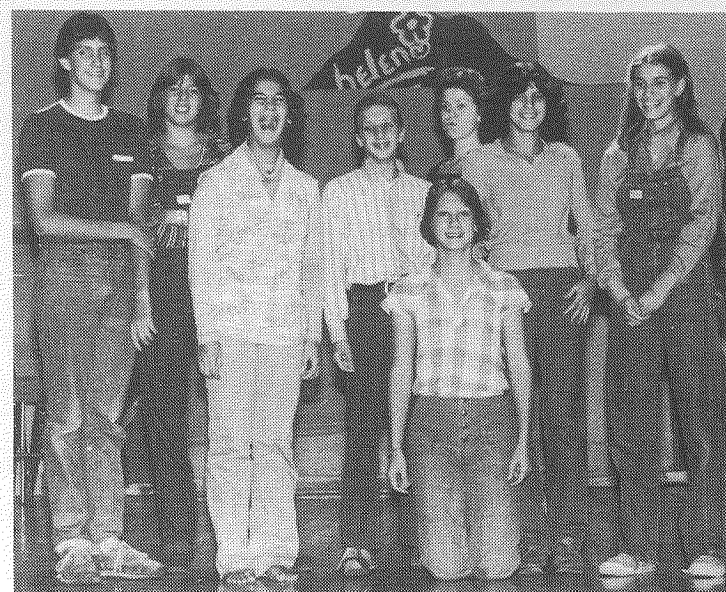
mented by lecturing artists, exhibitions, films, field trips, and student/faculty presentations. The opportunity to work among the guest artists brought professionalism to the course of study. All students were given the chance to perform in their specialty as well as to see the presentations of others. "Everyone had their chance in the limelight. Performing there was good because it provided a way to share an intense emotional feeling with a sensitive audience of friends."

Herman summed up the experience by saying, "I wish the rest of the world worked like Governor's School did."

Invitation from Venture

The start of Neshaminy's literary magazine, Venture, invites the creative writers and artists of our school to submit their works for publication in a special December issue. We will be accepting material until the deadline on October 26. A pleasing array of short stories, articles, poetry, art, photos — and even good and poignant graffiti will be welcomed. Venture, a magazine for and

by creative students, provides you with an opportunity to share your thoughts in any artistic style you want. Please type or legibly print your writings. Art intended for cover must be in pen and ink or charcoal. (No pencil, please.) NOTE: Professional writers keep a copy of their submitted writings. Please do the same. Bring your material to A-25, or give it to a staff member.



Julie Freedman

The cast for the upcoming drama club production takes time out to smile for the camera.

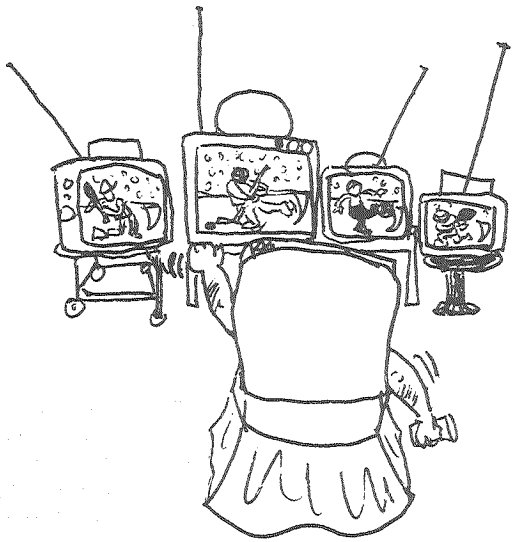
Idlewood digs in after publicity

The Idlewood Environmental Station (I.E.S.) has received a lot of publicity recently and the effects are encouraging. The effort to form a joint school and community nature/conservation education center has progressed throughout the summer. In July, the Station held a working session with the School Board. Later in the month it hosted a community meeting sponsored by the Bucks County Conservation District; then, in August, it welcomed a British exchange group from Cambridge, England. Word is currently expected in

confirmation of the Environmental Station's non-profit incorporation. An acceptance of a grant proposal to fund a nature center consultant to develop a comprehensive plan for the 125 acre plot behind the school is also eagerly awaited.

The Idlewood Club, a sub-unit of the IES Corporation, gained almost 20 new members at its first meeting this year. The club's plans include nature study at the station and on various field trips, as well as conservation work. See Mr. Bernarsky if you'd like to get involved.

Chris Mason



Kathy Bulbenko

Matt's Jock Shorts

'Tis the season for sports fanatics

By MATT WEBER

If you're a real sports nut, you've got to be in ecstasy this time of year. All four major sports are in action right now. The Flyers and Sixers are winding down their pre-season schedules. It will be strange watching the Sixers without Big Mac up front. McGinnis was the entire Sixer franchise his first few years with the team.

It looks like the Flyers will have alot of new faces on the ice this year. New coach Bob McCammon seems determined to bring the Patrick Division crown back to Philadelphia where it belongs.

Dick Vermeil has brought the Eagles from a perennial cellar dweller to a respectable contender for a wild card spot. Look for the birds to topple Washington in their upcoming home contest to give the 'skins their first loss.

In baseball, we had the same four divisional winners this year as last. It was exciting to see the Red Sox and Yankees decide it in a one game, go-for-broke, winner-take-all matchup.

For the third time in a row, the Phillies went down to defeat in the National League Championship series. And the time has come to stop being nice to the Phillies. They did choke. They did not get big hits, and they did not make the big plays. Much of the blame should go to manager Danny Ozark. Ozark is not the type of manager the Phils need. He is a man of great patience, perfect for working with a young inexperienced team, but the Phils don't need that. They need somebody to get them psyched for the big game. An outgoing person who can get the most out of the overpaid stars, the Phils are loaded with. Chuck Tanner did it for the Pirates, Tommy Lasorda did it for the Dodgers, so why can't somebody do it for the Phillies? Look for Ozark to be fired, but offered a job in the organization with minor league development.

Campus-line

Polls can be deceiving. All the area writers picked the 'Skins to be one of the toughest teams in the Delaware Valley but they dropped their first two and tied the third with Cardinal O'Hara, O-0. The Redskins finally won their first game against defending champions Bensalem on September 29. Come skeptics are still wondering why a preventive deep defense (installing) a deep safety on the 15 yard line) wasn't used when Abington beat the 'Skins with a 60 yard bomb on the final play of the game. With a lack of competition other than Pennsbury, this writer sees the title decided in a classic Neshaminy-Pennsbury game to close the season.

The soccer team has continued its rich, winning tradition here at Neshaminy by never giving the opposition an edge. The booters, who have lost only once this year, have had excellent defense this year with Ward McMaster in goal, and Carlos Peterson and Karl Patterson covering the ground on defense.

A speedy recovery to Head Wrestling Coach Nick Stefanowski who is suffering with a staph infection of the leg. Mr. Stef is probably the most underrated coach in the area, and as anyone who ever wrestled under him will tell you, he's not only a good coach, but a good friend as well.

Talk about optimism. Golf Coach "Wild Bill" Smith, whose team has won two matches in the last two seasons, still considers himself a serious contender for the coach of the year award.

Skins Pick: Look for the booters to wrap up another Lower Bucks Championship against the Golden Rams on Tuesday.

Ranked number one

Gridders drive toward LBCL title

By LARRY LEARY

In most football organizations, the season starts in late August or early September. Not so at Neshaminy. Last November, after the playoff loss to Bensalem, marked the unofficial first day of practice. No, it wasn't the full pads and helmets practice; it was conditioning, three days per week, for some even more. By concentrating on weightlifting and, of course, running, the coaches were looking to replace something they knew they had lost to graduation,...physical size. A big powerhouse line was something that Neshaminy's talented backfield expected and received from last year's squad which included

several All-Area selections.

By August 15th, the first two-a-day practice, things started to come together.

Depth in the backfield

Local polls, selected NL as the No. 1 football team in the area. Presently the team is in the fourth slot overall while also leading the LBCL. "The writers who compiled the polls in the early season made those picks on last year's standings. We did lose our line so they rated us on our returning backfield," stated Coach Charlie Schmidt.

There's no doubt about it, when the line is controlling play, Langhorne has more than enough

running talent to move the ball, Seniors Randy Valone, Bob Hammond (4-51) and Tim Leary are always a threat while Steve Walsh (3 TD's vs. Bensalem) and Steve Fario have been burning the Lower Bucks defenses all season. The receiving corps is solid. Seniors Jon Flaig and Jim Bebey, along with junior Paul Caracappa are this year's prime targets.

Questions at quarterback

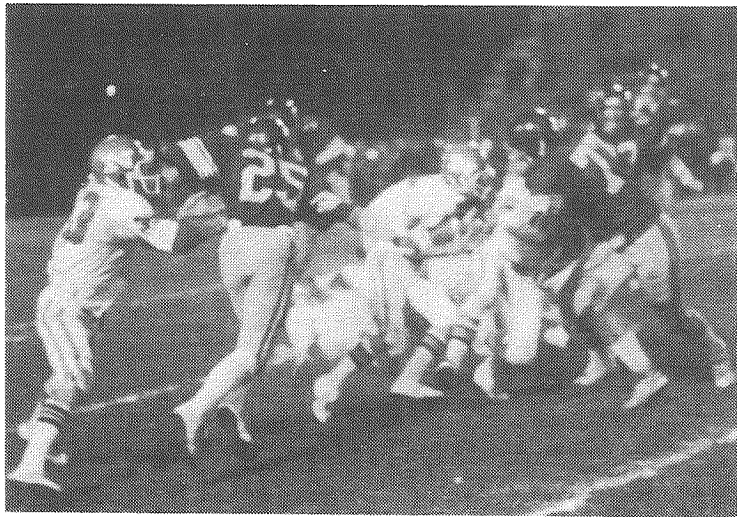
When this season began, Bruce Cordelli was cast into the starting role as QB, however thumb injuries have plagued the senior which have dulled his effectiveness at that position. The coaching staff looked to Jon Flaig, a split end by trade, to fill the gap. The move seemed to create a shortage in receivers. Lately, if you pay attention at the game, you'll notice a new number taking the snap from center, No. 23,...Scott Obringer.

In his first start Obringer completed 4 of 8 passes, one was nearly a 6 point strike, nullified by a penalty. An end run later in the game by Obringer also went for six and this time he wasn't denied.

Injuries, flu are NL's downfall

In any sport, injuries can be a factor in what appears in the win-loss columns. Coach Schmidt knows this all too well as he stated, "We lost a few of our guys to injuries, but even more came down with the flu bug. The guys would miss a week or so and return weak and unable to perform."

Bret Connelly, Randy Lewandowski and Bob Hammond were but a few that the coaches were counting on but lost. Presently the team is nearly back in form, as Hammond and soon Connelly will be back in the lineup.



Jeff Bustraan

Steve Walsh looks for daylight as he cuts behind a blocker.

Harriers keep on the move

The 1978-79 Boy's Cross Country team this year consists mostly of freshmen and sophomores. The season started with seven runners and has built up to nineteen. The combination of fear and lack of knowledge of the sport keeps the amount of participation to a minimum.

The runner isn't conditioned in one month, he needs a year of conditioning. His endurance is built up with each practice. "The team is young and we're building for a really bright future," commented Mr. Blair. Greater improvements and expectations of success are expected in the next few years.

The team's present record is two wins and three losses.

The senior captain and the best runner of the team, Doug Sutton was injured. His rehabilitation is holding him out of meets. There is a possibility that he will also be out of end of the season competition.

The top five runners are juniors Corky Franks, Scott Borden and sophomores Andrew Sulon, Charlie Williams and Tom Szumila.

Mr. Blair summarized his feeling through the following words, "Youth and attitude are the key."

Steve Wenderlich

Ledis' tender tendon takes tennis toll

The girls' tennis team, coached by Mrs. Doris Presto, is having a good season, despite the loss of team captain Nina Ledis. Nina, who pulled her Achilles tendon, was ranked second in singles on the team behind Cecilia Petersen, and ahead of Suzi Trotman and Tracy Ginter. The doubles teams are Carin Lyons and Tammy Parrish, Josie Garber and Judy Manara, and Lisa Decker and Scarlett Messina.

Petersen, ranked second in Bucks County, went to districts on October 4, where she won her first match, and lost her second. Her only loss in league play this season was to Stephanie Johnson of Lansdale Catholic High. Stephanie is ranked first in Bucks County.

The team is in third place in league standings, behind Council Rock and Pennsbury.

Karen Sangillo

Skaters sharpen blades

The Neshaminy ice hockey team, coached by Mr. Troy Tignor, is already hard at work, though their season doesn't start until November. "A lot of good talent came up from the middle schools. The team really looks promising this year, but we need more support from the students and faculty," commented senior Guy Brudahl, a two year veteran of the team. Other returning players include Tom Coyne, Ed Kain, and Jim Culpepper, who was an assistant captain last year.

Also, look for newcomer Kevin Kowalski in the ranks this season. Kevin is originally from Bensalem.

The team participates in the Lower Bucks County Scholastic Hockey League (LBCHSL). Other teams in the league are Archbishop Ryan, Bishop Egan, Bensalem, Pennsbury, Bristol Township (formerly of Suburban One Hockey League).

Karen Sangillo

Ice hockey deserves school support

By KAREN SANGILLO

The Neshaminy Ice Hockey team is different from other school teams in that the members face hardships unknown to those who participate in other interscholastic sports.

The biggest problem is money. Since they are not sponsored by the school, the boys are stuck with enormous bills for ice time, league fees, equipment and uniforms, which they partially pay off with money earned in various fund-raising activities. The remainder of the money comes from the guys' pockets. They don't practice as much as they'd like, simply because, at five dollars a player, they can't afford to.

Though they would like school sponsorship, the guys aren't complaining. They realize that ice hockey is new to the area, and will take time to catch on. One advantage to not being sponsored is the team itself. Take a look around during a practice or game, and you see

kids who want to play, kids who pay to play. In scholastic sports, there are always a few kids who join up because it's the thing to do, and there are also kids who don't put out when they don't feel like it. Ice time is scarce, so an ice hockey player puts out all the time, because it's his time.

All things considered, an ice hockey player goes through a lot during the course of a season. Early practices, late games, foul weather, cold condition inside the rink, and the simple annoyance of having to drive to Bristol for every practice and game add on to the already staggering financial burden, and make for tired players, but these guys just grit their teeth and try harder. Determination and desire are the words that best describe the students and faculty members who participate in ice hockey, and they should be commended for their efforts.

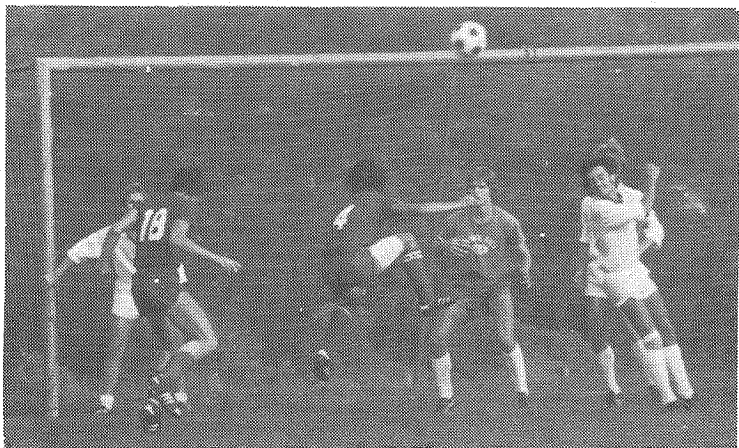
Editorial Update:

Golfers upset Lower Moreland

On Oct. 5, the golf team registered a major upset over Lower Moreland. Wins were registered by seniors, Mike Blanco, Chris Jones, junior Bob Brenner, and sophomore Joe Garner. The Skins lost their next match on Oct. 12 to league power Pennsbury. The only Redskin points were from Chris Jones and Joe Gardner.

Matt Weber

Putters sputter



Mark Naldoff

Ed Jardel (4) provides Council Rock defenders with something to worry about.

By JIM MORSE

The Neshaminy Redskin booters are off and kicking early in the season. They are trying to gain the Lower Bucks County League Championship. As you may remember they fell short and placed second, burning the tail feathers of the Pennsbury Falcons the whole season. However, while Pennsbury was being wiped out in the play-offs, last year's "V-men" advanced to the quarterfinals in the state, only to be beaten by Bethlehem Liberty.

While most people are still sleeping late or away on vacation, the coaches, Hal Heffelfinger and Bill Powell, are up here for the first day of practice. The team reported on August 14 to begin their "2-a-day" sessions. A "2-a-day" is one practice in the morning and one practice in the evening. So, every morning at 8:30 and every evening at 6:00, these dedicated soccer players would be at school, preparing themselves for the long season ahead.

Press coverage a disadvantage

Through these practices, the coaches tried to increase the players endurance, ball skills, control, and other aspects of the game. Each practice is carefully planned and each part is a

product of careful consideration. Of course, in the long run, all this hard work has its advantages.

One of these advantages came at the outset of the soccer season. The sports writers from the area got together and ranked the Varsity team number one in their league. Although it was a great honor, the number one ranking brought many disadvantages.

According to senior Ed Jardel, "It was hard on us. Everyone was out to beat us. We had to keep our number one standings." After being ranked number one the "V-men" lost to Bensalem. Another disadvantage is the overwhelming press coverage. As Mr. Heffelfinger put it, "You can't win a game on press clippings."

After this statement, the varsity team turned their act around and continued their winning ways. The next two games proved to be decisive. These wins over Maple Point and Pennsbury were the positive strokes that the booters needed.

Foot notes: The team has an addition from Denmark this year, an exchange student named Ole Anderson. Ole plans to finish out his senior year here. He hopes to attend college either here in the States or in Denmark.

Soccer update

The soccer squad has consistently dominated league play. As of press time, the team is 11-1-1 overall and 7-1-1 in the LBCL standings. If Neshaminy can pull out two more victories in the remaining league schedule, Coach Heffelfinger's booters will clinch their 6th league crown.

In looking back at their past three contests, the team has shown tremendous drive down the stretch. Bensalem fell Oct. 15 in a 2-1 shootout, as NL avenged their only season loss. Senior Ron Stott banged home the winning goal.

The Pennsbury defense couldn't stop the potent Langhorne offense in another 3-1 Redskin romp. Senior Ole Andersen gave the Falcons problems in scoring one goal and ringing the post three times. Hank Tu and Ed Jardel insured the win with one goal each.

The latest game, Vs. Council Rock, ended in a 0-0 stand off. Langhorne goaltender Ward McMasters held off the Indians while the offense couldn't score.

Larry Leary

No place but up for girls' x-country

Neshaminy's girls' cross country team has alot of new faces, including the coach's. Miss Sharon Kish, formerly a coach in New Jersey, is behind the runners this year and because the team finally has enough members, improvements is apparent already.

Some of the returning runners are Lisa Manzo, Patti Longacre, Barb McClone, Marlene Blanco, Janet Mackiewicz, and Sue Munro. Sue took eighteenth in the Steel City Invitational.

Karen Sangillo



Julie Freedman

Neshaminy X-country runners lead the field.

Heff keeps soccer team on top

Team unity key to number one ranking

By MATT WEBER

In the beginning was a three nothing loss at the hands of Michigan State while coaching at Purdue University in 1962. Now, sixteen years and 153 high school coaching victories later, Hal Heffelfinger has emerged as the premier soccer coach in South-eastern Pennsylvania. After a short coaching stint at Purdue, Heffelfinger, a West Chester State graduate, had a major decision to make. While he was pondering an offer to teach at Neshaminy and become head soccer coach, he was offered the head soccer coaching job at Bucks County Community College. Fortunately for us, he took the job at Neshaminy, and in 1968 took charge of the Redskins for the first time. In his very first season he piloted the 'Skins to a league championship with a league record of 14-0. That team contained one of Mr. Heffelfinger's most famous proteges, Chris Bahr.

That was the beginning of what is now the most productive high school coaching in the area. It's a system that makes most of the other area coaches envious, even though Mr. Heff contends that he does nothing different than any other coach. But there is one characteristic that is unique only to the Redskin soccer team and that is its strong sense of team unity. Redskin soccer teams have always demonstrated leadership and spirit. Mr. Heff's emphasis on a good team, rather than on a bunch of good soccer players, is the main drive behind this unity. As Mr. Heff puts it, "Every player is as important as the next."

Amazing consistency

In his sixteen years of coaching

at Neshaminy, the soft spoken leader with a keen sense of humor, has produced five Lower Bucks Champions (going undefeated in the league four times), three District One Champions, two Inter-District Champions and has yet to have an overall losing season.

Consistency is the most amazing part of the Heffelfinger method. Year after year he fields a top-seeded team who seems always in contention for the championship. The statistics speak for themselves; all of Heffelfinger's teams are well coached. In the words of Dick Dougherty, Sports Editor of the Bucks County Courier Times, who has followed Heffelfinger's career

since the beginning, "Anyone who has ever watched his team compete, readily realizes his teams are well coached. His teams are always highly competitive, which speaks well of him, his system, and his determination for excellence."

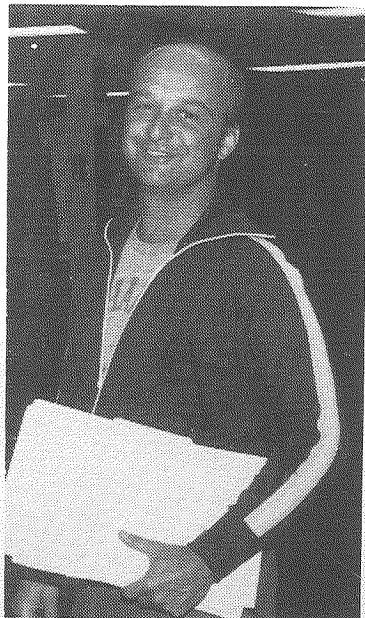
In Heffelfinger's sixteen years at Neshaminy, his greatest pleasure "has been the player's acceptance of my coaching method." With a career full of excitement, Mr. Heff couldn't give a specific game or incident that has given him the most reward, because "every season has its rewards, and everything I've ever gained from soccer is because of my players." He does admit, though, that "watching my former players advance through the ranks of college and professional soccer is very satisfying."

One of the best

When asked if there was anything he'd like to see changed, he answered in a reply that is typical of his modesty, "I would like to see more recognition go to the players. Soccer does not get the exposure of other sports."

Heff is proud of his players, and his team, but shys away from taking the accolades. This prompted Dick Dougherty to say "if someone were to rate all the coaches in this area, in all sports, Hal Heffelfinger would be among the leaders."

With the success he has had in the past and his determination to reach his goals, ("To teach kids how to play soccer and how to play right, and basically if they do that they can have a winning season") it appears that the recent Hal Heffelfinger Day was only the beginning.



Mark Naldoff

Coach Hal Heffelfinger has plenty to smile about.

Hockey works, plays, and wins together

By BOBBI SECREST

"...game tomorrow...sticks... get psyched...flick-off...shin guards...through passes...funky mama...gotta win..."

These are a few of the words that you will hear if you take a casual walk past the hockey field or in front of our school. But do you understand them? Probably not, if you are a typical student at Neshaminy. Field hockey is not of the most popular sports in the school-mainly because it is misunderstood.

Contrary to popular opinion, we do not "run around the field like maniacs and hack at our opponents legs." Hockey is a sport that requires "lots" of skill and dedication. Our teams have been practicing at least three hours a day since August, along with the soccer and football teams. We practice ball control and strategy, which our coaches have knowledgeably planned. Head coach, Shiela Murphy, attends special hockey clinics and camps all year round to all of the new fangled drills and techniques to keep our team on top.

Field hockey has several rules which seem peculiar to the new fan, but actually make the game more difficult and challenging. For example, you may only use one side of the hockey stick (the flat side) and since all of the sticks are identical, it is basically a right-handed game. When you go to play the ball, you may not turn to your left and you cannot obstruct an opponent. That is, bring a part of your body between her and the ball. Confusing? No, not if you have seen an actual hockey game.

For the girls on the hockey team, hockey has top priority.

The team went to round one in districts last year, and we're going to go further this year, but that's not the only reason we play. Hockey is a team sport and as in any team sport, you make friends and have good times that you wouldn't get anywhere else. We practice together, play together, get in car accidents together, gallivant together and win together as a team.

Our hockey team is good. We're a group of serious girls playing on a school team and building up a good school reputation. You'd be surprised at the excitement a field hockey game can generate especially when there's an enthusiastic and noisy crowd cheering us on.

But now it's time to get back to "free hits," "pushing," and "corners. . ."

Hockey update

Lately in league play, the NL girls have been running roughshod over opponents in an effort to catch league leading Pennsbury.

The Owls of Bensalem were pushed aside, Oct. 5, 2-0, as was No. 1 Pennsbury 1-0. The Falcons at that point needed only one more league victory to clinch the LBCL championship. Sophomore Monica Mills scored the lone goal. Senior Goalie Denise Deibler stopped the Falcon drives repeatedly, as the Langhorne defense protected her well.

Council Rock skidded to a 2-1 loss, Oct. 12, as NL continued their fine play.

Larry Leary



Mark Naldoff

Monica Mills drives past Bensalem goalie.

College preparation: start early, start now!

By NINA LEDIS

This year, hundreds of thousands of young Americans will be applying to colleges and universities across the country (and around the world) seeking a degree and the rewards of a higher education.

There is an abundance of knowledge to be acquired and a higher education is definitely a wise investment. After you have made the initial decision that a college education will increase your future job options and eventual status in life, it is an excellent idea to start early in your search for a school. There are hundreds of institutions across the nation and finding one that will suit all your needs can be a laborious task. Don't wait until the middle of your senior year to begin investigating undergraduate schools. Give yourself time and begin thinking about prospective colleges in your junior year. In the following paragraphs are some pointers that hopefully will set you off in a positive direction.

Narrow your college choices-

Don't begin your college search in a whirlwind. Take time to sit back and carefully assess the kind of characteristics you seek in a college. Think clearly and be honest with yourself.

First, consider all the most basic questions you should ask yourself about the college experience you want. Give full thought to every item. Each one is important in creating the overall picture.

Location-

—Do you want to stay near your home or travel several times a year?
—Do you want the fast moving life of a metropolitan city or the easy going tranquility of a small college town?

—What kind of climate do you really like?

Student Body-

—Does a single sex or coed school appeal to you more?

—Are you looking for a student body drawn from across the nation or from a smaller geographic area?

—Do you want to be surrounded by thousands of classmates or only a few hundred?

Academic Requirements-

—How do you realistically view yourself as a student?

—Do you have the academic record to be seriously considered by a highly competitive institution?

—Do you want an academically demanding college program or would

you prefer a school where you can make respectable grades without knocking yourself out?

Academic Structure-

—Do your interests require specialized facilities?

—Are you looking for a specific major?

Campus Life-

—Do you want to live in a dormitory or off campus?

—Are you interested in fraternity or sorority life?

—Do you want an extensive athletic program?

Cost- (last but certainly not least)

—Is your family able to pay the generally higher tuition of a private college (or can you get a scholarship) or does a public college seem more feasible?

—Would you be willing to work part-time and/or take loans to pay for your education?

—Are you interested in work-study programs, in which the college officially combines or alternates periods of employment with periods of study?

After the important step of narrowing your perspectives, consult the bible of college applicants, **Barrons Profiles of American Colleges** \$6.95 971 pp. For other good sources of college info, one must not forget **Lovejoy's College Guide** \$4.95, 406 pp., and the **Insiders Guide to the Colleges** (a book whose main focus is on discussing the reputation and character of our nation's public and private institutions) \$2.50, 400 pp.

These fact filled books can be obtained through the local and school libraries, the guidance office, and bookstores everywhere.

Work well with your guidance counselor.

One person you can't afford to bypass in your college search is your guidance counselor. He will help you discover colleges that are suitable for you.

The Guidance Office is also the place for information concerning the (SAT) and (ACT) program, one of which is required for admissions to most colleges.

So the key words are start early: there are many choices to make when choosing the right college for you (or in fact if college is for you at all). Hopefully every willing student will endeavor to take advantage of the long term benefits that a higher institution of learning can provide.

SAT guide released

Wire Services-This fall the College Board is releasing sample copies of the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and the Test of Standard Written English (TSWE) for the first time.

A new 48-page booklet, Taking the SAT and TWSE practice tests, answers, scoring keys, and scoring procedures. In addition, the guide has descriptions of types of questions on the tests with advice for solving them, strategies for taking the tests, and information on the purpose of each test.

Taking the SAT is designed to give students "a better idea of what to expect when they enter the test center," according to Robert G. Cameron, program service officer for the College Board's Admissions Testing Program. "It is possible for a student to set down, replicate the conditions in which he'll be taking the test, and then actually figure out his score."

"The new guide is an effort to be responsive to requests by parents and students for fuller disclosure," added Cameron, explaining that there has been some criticism of the College Board for being too secretive about its tests.

Taking the SAT will be distributed free of charge with the SAT registration packet at the beginning of this school year.



Neshaminy's ugliest show off for the PLAYWICKIA camera on Ugly Day.

The Ugliest

neshaminy shorts

Two Langhorne seniors gave up a summer of relaxing at the Jersey shore for a few weeks on the intellectual side. **Chris Mason** and **Allan Brilliant** went their separate ways in the pursuit of knowledge. **Chris** studied Chemistry and Physics at Ithaca College in Upstate New York. **Allan** attended a summer seminar on debating at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois...**Anne Romspert**, secretary of Student Council is respectfully asked to limit her zapping of innocent victims with her joy buzzer...**June Angst** should be proud that she won the recent Ugly Woman contest, good job **June**...The shifting staff of time...**Mrs. Herr** is back from her one year sabbatical leave...**Mr. Hess**, **Mr. Lowe**, **Mr. Hilkevich**, and **Mrs. Boudin** are trying their luck elsewhere...**Mr. Chubb** has retired for the easy life...**Mrs. Tuffner** (Maternity leave) and **Mr. Kleindienst** are taking a year off from the hazards of teaching...**Miss Whirlin**, **Mrs. Jenkins**, **Mrs. Boyle**, **Mr. Allison** are now teaching in other Neshaminy schools...The new mirror next to office #2 is the fun house type that would even slim down a **Frank Champine** or **Howie Lindner**. Skinny man **Dave Jacobs** probably had it installed to replace the old broken mirror...Get Well wishes are going out to **Mr. Steff** and **Andy Misnik**, from the **PLAYWICKIA** staff! Godspeed!...**Chris Mason**, **Jim Schwing**, and **Bunny Bloom** should be congratulated for being chosen as National Merit Scholarship Semi-finalists. This appointment marks the first step in receiving the Merit Scholarships. Finalists for the competition will be named sometime next spring...Good luck to **Dr. Proven** and **Mr. Hackulich** in the upcoming Jog-A-Thon races. With all the miles they've logged already, they could win some aspect of the events, even if it would be in the senior divisions...If you're walking down the hall near E-2, and you're feeling a lack of school spirit, just poke your head into the junior office. If the new paint job doesn't wake up your school spirit, it's bound to get you singing our national anthem...Speaking of a lack of school spirit, only one (1) faculty member submitted information to the **PLAYWICKIA** about their club or activity for this issue. **Mrs. Bittan**, you've done it again!...the **PLAYWICKIA** predicts a close tie between **Ms. Marsha Franke** and freshman class advisor **Kathy Healey** in the upcoming faculty disco contest...**PLAYWICKIA** projection: Watch for G9A to be finished with its renovations some time before schedules are distributed in 1982...The stork is flying over Neshaminy once again. **Kathy Zeiss-Knowles** is expecting in the Spring and the only person more excited than **Kathy** is her husband **Kevin** (Maple Point social studies teacher). Congratulations to both on fine work...and speaking of Spring, the Spring Festival has been officially made a school activity. If everything we've endured in the past has been unofficial, what can we expect this year now that it's official?...Right now, only one person knows but he won't talk to the press...If you'd like to contribute something to our new **Neshaminy Shorts** column, just drop it off in office #2 or deliver it to the **PLAYWICKIA** office in Open Space. We'd like to hear from everyone.....

.....Another student who used the summer for self-improvement is **Connie Zimmerman**. She spent time at Lebanon Valley College improving her writing and making many new friends. When you can work one-on-one with college professors, it's obvious you're spending your time wisely...Former **PLAYWICKIA** Entertainment Editor **Pattie Monkhouse** is a candidate for the Miss Bucks County contest. If her entertainment spreads of last year are any indication of her talent, she's a shoo-in to win. Good luck from the **PLAYWICKIA**...

New rules for lunch, library, discipline

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This year's policy is another attempt at trying to cut down on discipline problems, ranging from insolence to drug abuse.

Even though this year's policy is a revised and updated version of last year's, there is really only one noticeable difference. The "difference" is the addition of after school detentions, which Dr. Marrington sees as "a disciplinary step in between warnings and suspensions." Detentions can be issued for every offense outlined in the Discipline Guidelines.

Will it Work?

The big question is will the establishment of detentions make a would-be offender think twice before acting? And, will student body awareness of the Discipline Policy cut down on smoking, vandalism and other problems? As one administrator put it "It's really too early to tell." The policy as it stands could help to filter out the troublemakers, which in turn would eliminate some major problems. Still, as Dr. Marrington puts it, "in all fairness, it's too early in the year to draw any real conclusions. It does look promising, however."

Arbitrary lateness policy

Lateness to school and to class is another problem facing students and faculty. Just what constitutes lateness? Dr. Marrington explains the lateness policy as follows: "Lateness to school or class can be

considered as a violation of the discipline policy if teachers or administrators choose to do so; otherwise, time can be accumulated toward an unexcused absence from school or class and result in fines to parents or class cuts which lead to failure of courses."

The policy leaves the decision about student lateness to the discretion of the faculty member concerned. This arbitrary policy has caused much confusion. The only practical solution for the student would be to get to school and to class on time and avoid the hassle.

Library keeps pace

Keeping pace with other new school policies, the library has established some new rules of their own. First of all, in order to use the library at all, students must secure a pass from a classroom teacher and then report to the library at the beginning of the period. This year, students will not be admitted late. This also includes students assigned to "J-hall."

If students are fortunate enough to gain admittance to the library, they will be expected to work quietly, have a maximum of four persons per table, and keep their feet off the furniture. Food and beverages are of course prohibited. Further details of the new library rules are posted in all classrooms for further reference. The new rules will hopefully make the library the quiet work area it was intended to be.