

## Vandalism continues

by Allison Steele

You arrive at school on the day of the big game and there it is splattered all over the wall: "St. Pete. No. 1."

It's first period gym class and you're all ready for a frosty swim in the pool. You glance at the water and there they are, dead fish.

It may seem funny and it certainly is tradition, but it is also vandalism. Destruction or defacing of school property is estimated to cost from \$2000 to \$3000 or more each year, money that comes out of the school maintenance fund. The money used to repair damages done to school property could be used for other purposes, such as repairing a driveway or a bus or fixing the air conditioner.

As Mr. Jack Stabler, assistant principal, explained, "When damage to the school is repaired it not only costs the school system money, but the outside agencies as well. A custodian must take extra time, time he could be spending doing

something else, which adds labor cost. The maintenance department lacks funds as it is. It costs for the paint and even for the time it takes to report that repairs are needed. It all adds up."

The school does have insurance but it only covers major property damage. "A lot of damage is done that isn't really obvious," said Stabler. "Things like knobs off water fountains, destruction of sprinklers, tampering with any of thousands of wires running along top of the roof and even whoever spun his car around out there on the lawn. It all costs money."

The type of damage found most often is broken glass, with paint a close second. These types of vandalism take the longest and are the most difficult to repair.

However, measures are being taken to protect the school property whether they are successful most of the time or



Green paint oozes down NEHI walls after attack by St. Pete. vandals. Photo by Tony Ranz

not. According to Stabler, "There is always at least one police officer in the district every night. The building is also equipped with a silent alarm system. But even with superior police protection and alarms it (vandalism) happens. When I was a dean at St. Pete. High a few years back, we had

the good fortune to catch the students from Northeast responsible for painting the green devil red. Besides having charges pressed against them in court, the students had to pay for the repair of the sign.

"Yes, I think that if schools had actual mascots or there was some other way to harass a

school before a big game, the vandalism rate might decline. But there's really no telling with so many students.

"Most of the damage is the 'hit and run' type. It's easy just to throw a rock at a window and run. Most people think it's funny, that it's just a joke. A \$3,000-a-year joke."

## Weary air conditioners need replacement

by Heidi Tavares and Jeff Roslow

For the past several months, NEHI students and faculty have been repeating the same complaint "Why aren't the air conditioners working?" as they suffer through one hot, stuffy class after another.

"We try to get the air conditioners fixed," said head maintenance man Pete Couture, "but some of them are so old that if we put a new part in an old air conditioner, the new part is too powerful for it and it breaks down again."

How much of the time is air conditioning not in operation? "The whole system doesn't work about 75 percent of the time. There's always at least one unit not working."

But Mr. Jack Stabler doesn't agree. "They're out about 10 percent of the time," he said. "It just seems like a lot more. They've been working a lot

more than they've been out."

"F-wing breaks down a lot because the air conditioners there are too old. It's like driving a 30 year old car. They need to be replaced."

"The reason why it takes so long to repair is because we don't have the parts on hand to repair them with. Repair crews take so long to get out here with the parts."

"They(the architects) didn't take into consideration the fact that the doors are constantly opening and people use up the cool air, too. We got what they thought we should have."

Mr. Art Spinney, Director of Maintenance with the School Board of Pinellas County, says NEHI isn't the only school with air conditioning problems.

"Sixty-five of the one hundred twenty-two schools in the county have had problems.

NEHI is in the upper third in the bad air conditioning system category.

"They're always breaking down because they're old and poorly maintained," Spinney said. "They can't stay fixed because the parts are so old and hard to come by."

Is NEHI going to be without heat this winter? "Some rooms have the air conditioning and heating in the same unit. If the air conditioner breaks down, the heat won't work. Some wings have an underground heating system. Hot water flows through pipes underground and heats the room."

Stabler thinks the architecture of the school may have something to do with the problems with the air conditioning.

"It takes so long getting the air conditioners fixed for two

reasons: 1) the time getting parts and 2) if a unit is under warranty, nothing can be done until the company that put the unit in is contacted."

What is the solution to the air conditioning problem? "Money," says Couture. "Also there isn't enough help. Whenever it's a cutback, maintenance gets the ax first. They just don't hire enough maintenance people for this school."

So the battle with the air conditioners rages on. Perhaps soon the obstacles preventing fast, efficient repairs will be overcome and the students and faculty of NEHI will be able to look forward to cool classrooms next summer.

"The air conditioner repair work cannot be done without outside, professional help. We

(the NEHI custodians) don't normally fix the air conditioners, but we have to work on them because otherwise it takes too long to get them fixed."

Couture thinks a lot of the blame can be put on the county. "The air conditioners never get fixed at one time. We have code numbers we have to go by. Maybe five units don't work. They send someone to fix them. But three units are in sequence with the list and two units are further down the list."

"If we call in first or last, it doesn't matter, we get serviced last. Elementary schools get serviced first, then junior high schools, and then high schools."

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# Baranaukas: Determined winner

by Toni LoPinto

Sixteen-year-old junior John Baranaukas is a determined motocross winner. He has 54 trophies to show for his approximate \$7 races. Baranaukas began racing at the age of 15. He started as a determined winner and Baranaukas says, "I'm planning on getting number one and will probably die."

Baranaukas hadn't planned on becoming a motocross racer. "One day me and my friends were riding around and we found out there was a race that day so we went to the track. I took second place that day and that's how I got into it."

John Baranaukas has gotten into motocross "all right, mentally, physically and financially." Baranaukas' motocross bike cost him in the area of \$225. In addition to that figure, about \$50 must be added

for racing pants, \$20 for a racing jersey and about \$30 for a helmet. "The helmet is a cheapie," says Baranaukas. Baranaukas practices his riding for about two hours every day. Riding with friends, Baranaukas rides on the sidewalks, the street and jumps curbs for a genuine workout. Baranaukas feels that the time and money he has put into motocross is "worth it."

However Baranaukas' parents think it's "a little expensive," says Baranaukas, "but they figure it keeps me out of trouble."

Technique seems, according to Baranaukas, to lack importance in motocross racing. "I don't really have one. I just try to get up front and stay there."

"Before a race, I think about what's going to happen.

Whether I'll win or come in second or whatever. Usually, I just hope on winning that makes me feel better."

With success, Baranaukas has learned to take failure. "When I lose I just look forward to the next race."

Motocross, as explained by Baranaukas, is a very competitive and fast growing sport. He races with about 80 riders. He's seen riders from the age of 1 to 21. "Girls are getting into it, too. I've had to race a few girls before."

"My main competition right now is Tony DeCosta (DeCosta is also a junior at Northeast). He's been doing quite good. We're friends, but we race competitively."

Baranaukas is not sure whether motocross racing will be his career. "I'm going to race a really big race on New Year's Day in Indianapolis. If I win it, it would mean a lot. It's for a world champion. I'd like to be number one in the world," says Baranaukas meditatively.

John's most recent win was in Durand, October 21 when he triumphed first place.



Photo by Tony Race

John Baranaukas readies for a tough landing during a motocross race.

# Smoking prohibited on NEHI campus

by Donna Race

When the doors open to the restroom people begin to hide for once again deans are trying to catch someone smoking.

Smoking, as it stands now, is against all Florida county rules. It is, in fact, a violation of the school board policy.

Many student government groups have in the past tried to approach the school board on changing their policy about it, yet all attempts have failed.

To narrow it down, basically there are three main reasons as to why smoking on school property cannot be made a right for students. First of all, in Florida it is illegal for any person under 18 years of age to purchase cigarettes. Second, the school system would never approve of letting students perform an act that has been proven harmful to our health by a Surgeon General. Last of all, NEHI doesn't have any appropriately designed area for smokers to smoke. These are the reasons for not allowing students to smoke during school hours, yet students continue to smoke anyway.

If a person, from a freshman to a senior, girl or boy is caught dragging on a cigarette while in school, he will be, without question, automatically suspended. Although suspension is considered unfair to many, deans seem not enough to the administration.

One day away from NEHI is what an offender receives, in addition to a phone call to the parents of the accused. When Mr. Zachary was asked why he would suspend a person if it should result in a one-day suspension.

If by some chance a person is caught more than once, the penalty increases to a two-day suspension. If a person is persistent in being caught in the act, he or she is then suspended for three days and the superintendent is informed. These measures may seem drastic, but these are rules and the administrators have made it clear that they intend to abide by them. And as it seems this year not many students have been caught and removed for a day from NEHI.

When a person comes to a game, football or otherwise, and forgets school rules, such as

required clothing and shoes, they will smoke. This is considered a rule not to be broken and students should at all times adhere to a school's policy against smoking. Yet, due to the abundance of people and that games are activities at night that students have paid to see, no one tries to force a person, under age, to stop smoking.

Many times, down the hall onto the bell at 1:58 has rung, someone may light up a cigarette. Well, if by chance a dean just happens to come by he could at that moment suspect a person smoking. A student is considered to be in school until he leaves the property completely.

Those who are approached and questioned feel that smoking should be made legal for students at NEHI. Even though the odds are against the students who smoke, students will continue to smoke during lunch break or during the eight minutes between classes. Some students have and will always smoke during school, while others are capable of controlling their "nicotine fix" and wait until school hours are over. All the students who smoke on



# Homecoming: a gala event

by Lori Peters

Homecoming, 1979-80 is the one event every year that involves all students. A time when spirits are high and interest is equally high. Homecoming Night took place before a crowd of 2500 Viking fans Friday night at Sexton Stadium.

The evening started off with an introduction of the floats. The clubs that participated in the competition were the Art Club, Future Farmers of America (FFA), Key Club, Bojans, Vocational Industrial Club of America (VICA), the Sophomore Class and the Junior Class.

The Art Club made a very original float, entitled "Viking Victory over Pirates." On the float was a skull which symbolized the Pirates and it was transformed into a Viking Head before the audience. FFA designed a float that could be identified as a farmer's float. It consisted of a small boat surrounded by plants. The float was pulled by a tractor. Key Club had a very colorful float titled "Lock 'em Up Vikings." The Sophomore Class made a delicious looking Banana Split. Ice Cream for "supreme"

night. Third place winner was Bojans for "The Fatal Football." VICA took second place with their pirate ship towed by pinions. First place went to the Junior Class. Their Viking Dragon went storming around the track protecting its lady rider and steed by eating the man that was its danger.

After the parade of floats the princess and the Homecoming court entered the stadium in convertibles and T-top cars. The girls were introduced for the first time of the evening. The princesses are as follows: ninth grade-Tammy Kay Richardson, tenth grade-Leslie Lynn Mills and Debby Diane Orl and eleventh grade-Donna Marie Skabinski. The Homecoming court consisted of ten girls from which the Queen was chosen: Erin Elizabeth Rubin, Gail Elizabeth Benson, Cynthia Evelyn Darity, Theresa Jean Pettit, Deborah Lynn Moran, Kerry Amelia Smith, Cathy Sue Stevens, Theresa Lynn Thompson, and Janine Marie Zachary.

The princesses and the court took their seats with their escorts at the sideline while patiently awaiting the moment when one of them would be chosen as the queen.

Time elapsed to the half and it was time to learn who would wear the crown. As the band played in the background,



The 79-80 Homecoming Queen is Cynthia Darity. She was surprised but pleased to reign for the Homecoming.

Laura Tomlin, last year's Homecoming queen, and Mr. Jack Shaber, assistant principal, crowned the queen. Shaber with no further delay opened the envelope and announced the 1979-80 Homecoming Queen, Miss Cynthia Darity.



Sharon Liscinski streaks for the endzone with defense in hot pursuit.

# Valhalla presents eventful evening

by Sue Schrader

On Thursday, October 25, Northeast High School hosted the first annual Viking Valhalla.

The original Valhalla was a special occasion that the early Vikings created as a way of glorifying their great warriors.

The Northeast High version of the original Valhalla gave the students of NEHI a chance to show their spirit and athletic ability in different areas of competition.

The NEHI Valhalla included Powder Puff Football and an Almost Anything Game competition. The Varsity

cheerleaders and pep band were on hand to add a touch of Viking spirit to the evening.

In Powder Puff Football, three games were played. The first game was between the Freshmen and the Senior girls in which the Freshmen upset the highly favored Junior team to advance to the finals. In the second game, between the Sophomore and Senior girls, the Senior girls won by scoring a touchdown with a beautifully executed flex-buckle on the opening play of the game.

In the third game, the finals between the Freshman and Senior girls, the Seniors won by a score of 12-0.

Along with the girls playing football, some very distinguished male Vikings showed their spirit as cheerleaders. There was also a competition between the classes to see which had the best and most spirited male cheerleaders.

In the Almost Anything Game competition, these groups of cheerleaders took to the field. When all the wacky games were over and the scores had been totaled, the Fine Arts team took first, the Vocational team took second and the Service Club team took third.

Many people came to watch their friends, to show their spirit or just to watch their classmates make fools of themselves.

They watched as their peers pushed eggs across the football field with their noses. They watched as they saw the lady Vikings get mean and rough playing football. But most of all they watched their friends having fun and showing their spirit.

The crowd turnout and the Viking spirit of everyone involved helped make the first annual Viking Valhalla a successful event and inspired the tradition of a Viking Valhalla every year.

# TV: part of NEHI curriculum

by Toni LoPinto

NEHI students will soon have the opportunity to watch television from their classrooms, however programming will be a slight change from what they may be used to watching.

It is a known fact that television has become increasingly popular among Americans. It is also widely known that the majority of American students spend more time watching television than they spend doing homework.

Sometime in June Northeast will be contributing to that statistic—however the result will prove considerably different.

The Pinellas County School Board has, so far, budgeted Northeast about \$70,000 for television equipment such as television cameras, film editors and terminals. In addition to

that figure about \$17,000 has been spent on renting the school so that it will eventually be equipped to house about 80 separate television units which are priced in the area of \$350 per set.

Sally Irvin, video specialist at NEHI, hopes that by June the departments will have enough money gathered up to have at least one set. "We need some kind of money making project. Something the whole school can get into. A carnival would serve the purpose."

Irwin has high hopes for NEHI's video future. "It will be nice to have a large screen in the library. Maybe even in the cafeteria."

Mr. Tom Lambdon of Socca Video, 5225 46th Street North in St. Petersburg, deals in various sized television sets and feels that television "would add a consistency to the learning process and can be an exciting preoccupied mind."

Lambdon also feels that television will be definite part of education within about five years.

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## Varsity disappoints fans

by Rui Farias

The Viking Varsity football team that began the season on a winning note has turned sour by dropping four straight games leaving them with a 2-2 record.

NEHH's second loss of the season came on Oct. 5, against St. Pete Crown Devils. St. Pete proved that this rivalry has not turned one-sided as they pounded the Vikings 36-0.

Northeast's defense could do little to hold the Crown Devils' offense. Led by quarterback John Newsome, St. Pete had no problems getting the points on the scoreboard. Northeast's offense was the exact opposite. NEHH moved the ball but failed to put points on the board.

On Oct. 12, Northeast dropped its third loss of the season by losing to the Pinellas Park Patriots 12-0 in a penalty-strewn game.

It was mostly a defensive battle with Northeast scoring first in the second quarter. The score came off a fourth down flea-flicker play. Pat Green passed the ball to Tyrone Walker who lateralized it to Lonnie Gibson. Gibson took the ball in for the score.

Pinellas Park tied the score in the third quarter when James Gibson

recovered a NEHH fumble and ran it in for the touchdown.

The Patriots scored in the fourth quarter after the Vikings were called back for an illegal block when Pinellas Park attempted to punt the ball.

On paper Northeast looked like the winner, finishing better statistically but failed to score.

Loss number four was not unexpected. Northeast lost to the Dunedin Falcons 28-13 On Oct. 19, NEHH did something that no other team did up until then, scoring two touchdowns on the Falcon defense.

Dunedin's talent proved to be too overpowering for the Vikings as the Falcons dominated most of the game. Once again it was Dunedin's defense that can be credited for the win. The spectacular defense produced turnover that led to three of Dunedin's four touchdowns.

Dunedin's offense received the spark needed as they took a 14-0 halftime lead. Dunedin's offense capitalized on a Northeast fumble and a NEHH short punt to score the points.

David Hopper started the Vikings rolling in the fourth quarter with



Photo by Tony Rasmussen

Austin's explosion after referee calls a costly penalty.

Two touchdowns played the Viking charge came too late as the clock ran out and the Vikings dropped to 2-2.

Homecoming week had been a happy one at Northeast. That is, until the night of Oct. 26, when the Vikings ran into BCS.

The Boca Ciega Spartans is what they call themselves, and they have good reason. Boca Ciega, scheduled for four opponents' homecoming games, has won three of them. Northeast became the

third victim with a 32-13 loss to the Pirates.

It was the opponent's defense that defeated the Vikings again. The Pirate defense kept the NEHH offense puny and forced five fumbles and four interceptions.

The Boca Ciega Pirates, alias Spiders, have to play Dixie Hollins at Dixie's Homecoming. They've spoiled three, and they're looking forward to four.

## JV upholds Viking pride: cruises to 3-1-1

by Jim Yarbrough

The Northeast Junior Varsity football team started the season with a bang. Under the leadership of coaches Larry Rudolph, Dave Derrick and Bob Jenkins, the Viking squad has battled to a 3-1-1 record.

In the season opener against Largo, NEHH defeated the Viking home crowd and the Packers of Largo with a 40-0 victory.

Coach Rudolph commented, "In our first game we expected we'd throw a usual J.V. level." The

highlights of the game were a 61 yard touchdown run on the first play from scrimmage by Matt Cole. Two touchdowns were scored by Henry Byrd and Anthony Graham. One other touchdown was added by quarterback David Hopper.

The second day vs. Boca Ciega was cancelled due to the weather conditions.

The third game against Clearwater's Tornadoes proved to be the most exciting and

spectacular game for the Junior Varsity. Down 20-21 with 15 seconds showing on the scoreboard, quarterback Dave Hopper threw a 45 yard strike to running back Matt Cole, who carried the ball across the goal line, and the Vikings went on to win 28-20.

Against Dixie Hollins the J.V. squad was slightly weaker. Without Dave Hopper, whose talents were called upon by the Varsity Squad, the J.V. called

upon the service of Jeff Wren. Running back Matt Cole also played part of the game as the quarterback position.

The most exciting play of the game came, however, in the last minute of the game. With the Vikings up 16-8, and deep in their own territory, Devin Gipson took a handoff from Wren and with some nice blocking, Gipson dashed 96 yards for the final score of the game.

However, an undefeated season was not to be. In the scheduled fifth game of the season against Lakewood the Vikings were frustrated line and time again. The Spartans of Lakewood best the Vikings 27-14.

"A tough battle" would be the phrase used to describe the Pinellas Park-NEHH game. Both teams moved the ball up and down the grid-iron but neither team could score.

## Vikings spike their way to victory

by Matt Cole

The "Spiking Vikings" have hopped their way into a tie for second place in their quest for the Pinellas County Conference volleyball title.

The Vikings opened their season on September 26 in a dual match against Largo and

Pinellas Park on Largo's home court. Both teams fell victim to the Vikings' "bump, set, spike" attack.

Next, the Vikes returned home for their first game in front of a Northeast crowd. They didn't disappoint the fans

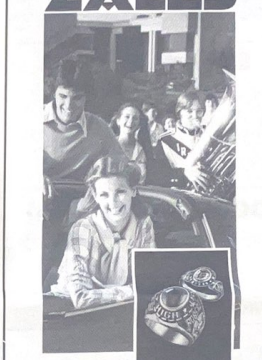
as they defeated a stubborn Boca Ciega team. The Vikes had to come back from five point deficit in beating the Pirates to bring their record to 2-0.

Defeat was not in the Viking gene plan as they prepared to play their next three games on the road. First they traveled to Seminole where they suffered their first defeat. According to Coach Mary Miller, the Warhucks didn't win the game, the Vikings gave it to them.

When asked whether the Vikings have a chance to win the P.C.C. title, Coach Miller replied, "I think if they play like I know they're capable, they could."

For the most part the Vikings have played well this year. "The team has played fine in most games and in others it looks like their brand new," stated Coach Miller of the teams performance.

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Next they traveled to Clearwater for their second dual match of the season. There was a mix up for some fans as the game was scheduled to be at

the Northeast High golf team of 73-80 is led by captain Kenny Betz of the boys team and Pam Scheidinger of the girls' team. They are coached by Miss Joan Veronetzky who is assisted by Mr. Dixon, NEHH dean, and Miss Sykes, NEHH substitute teacher.

## Golf team up to par

by John King

Matches are played on Mondays and Thursdays. If they don't have a match there is practice. Qualifying is held every Tuesday. The lowest five scores will determine the week's team.

The home course for NEHH is Pinellas Park Club, located 1000 Royal Drive, South. In order for them to use the course at Pasadena they have to help the staff at Pasadena for two major tournaments. The LPGA Orange Blossom Classic on Saturday, February 11 and Sunday, February 12 and the Major League Baseball Players Tournament on Sunday, March 20. Every team member will be expected to be there on those dates.

The Spiking Vikings will enter the district tournament as one of the strong teams in the county. Whether or not they can put all their ability together with consistency is yet to be determined.



Each team member is to carry a current USGA rule book in his or her golf bag and is responsible for knowing the rules and golf etiquette. Each team member must wear his or her uniform when representing the team in a match.

The two members with the lowest scores will automatically be on the district team. A player is not eligible to be on the team if at least 50 percent of matches during the season.

The remaining positions on the district team will be determined by adding the players' match averages with two nine hole rounds, which were played at the beginning of the spring season.

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## NEHI students: Giving life in their blood

by Toni LoPinto

Courage was at its peak for 225 NEHI students on October 10 and 11 when the Community Blood Bank's Mobile made its rounds.

Of the 225 willing donors only 170 were able to donate blood. The remaining 55 were refused due to age or health. Even with the slight decrease in 'able' donors, Sandra Nicely of the Community Blood Bank said that the turnout was "terrific. I think it was exceptionally good. I believe this drawing topped any other drawings at Northeast."

The 170 students who made it through the door and past the nurse who asked a barrage of questions went on to the "drawing room". Once inside, one usually begins to have second thoughts about giving blood. Thoughts like "why am I doing this?" enter the donors mind, but before he reaches a conclusion he is already in the process of the intended.

The overall procedure of giving blood is simple. A nurse seats you in a comfortable reclining chair. She tightly ties a piece of rubber around your arm so that she can find the vein from which blood will be drawn. Once this is done she scrubs the site with an antiseptic and voila! the patient is ready to "give life".

The needle, which is connected to a small hose in turn connected to a sterilized rubber bag, is about 2 1/4 to 3 inches long and about as thick as a pencil

lead. When the needle is entered into the vein the pain is very slight and most students have found that their expectations are greatly exaggerated.

Following are some reactions of blood donors:

Jim Radlike-"It didn't hurt. I'll probably go next time."

Jay Booker-"I got real tire that night, otherwise no adverse effects."

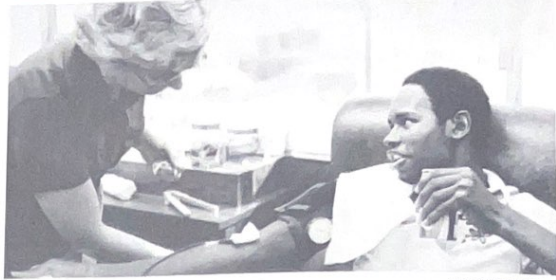
Sue Schrader-"It didn't hurt. At first I didn't look at the needle, then I figured 'what the heck'. It was pretty neat. I thought it was a good cause. I'll go next time too."

Dave Rowan-"It was o.k. but my parents were a little unhappy. It was my first time. When they pull the tape off that holds the needle it hurts worse than when they put the needle in."

Chuck Cashman-"I wanted to give, but I got carded (for proof of age)."

The requirements for donating blood are few. One must be 17 or older, must be in good physical condition, must not be on drugs or alcohol, must have a clean past bill of health and prior to donation should have eaten.

The Community Blood Band will send out the Blood Mobile again on December 11 and 12. Last year Northeast was the highest high school donor. Another good turnout would surely keep us at the top of the list for "giving life".



Darryl Gibson takes the 'Big Plunge.'

Photo by Tony Ranze

## Calendar

### November

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| 1 Golf match: Seminole, Gibbs, Lakewood | 17 Drama Play                          |
| JV Football: Home vs St. Pete           | 20 Basketball tipoff tournament        |
| 2 Varsity Football Away Clearwater      | 22 No school                           |
| 9 Varsity Football Home Lakewood        | 23 No school                           |
| 12 School closed                        | 29 Girls Basketball Home vs Boca Ciega |
| 15 Drama Play                           | Wrestling Away vs Boca Ciega           |
| 16 Football Away Seminole               | 30 Basketball Home vs Dixie Hollins    |
| Drama Matinee                           |  |

## Vera, Crooks awarded yearbook dedication

by Melanie Langford

This year the '79-'80 Viking Log is dedicated to two of Northeast's favorite staff members, Mrs. Cheryl Vera and Mr. Dick Crooks. The dedication took place at the annual slide presentation given by the yearbook staff. Last month juniors and seniors voted

in their homeroom for the dedication.

Mrs. Cheryl Vera, who is in the English department and is the advisor for the Viking Log and the J.V. Cheerleaders, said, "I'm thrilled and very honored in receiving the award."

Mr. Dick Crooks, also in the

English department and coach of the boys' and girls' tennis teams, had this to say about receiving the award: "I was surprised to win the award and thrilled about the whole thing."

Both staff members were given a certificate which entitles them to a complementary copy

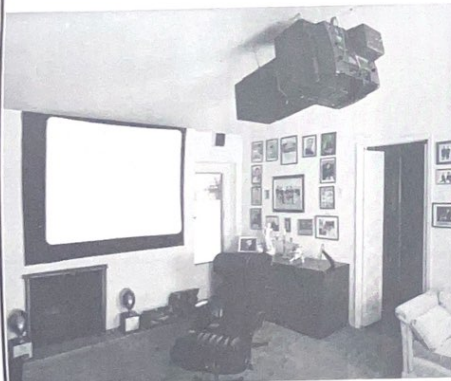
of this year's Viking Log.

So far, the '79-'80 Viking Log is looking good. Much time and effort is going into the Log by editor Melanie Macoy and her staff.

Yearbook sales started weeks ago. Logs are on sale during fourth period in front of

the school store. The books are presently on sale for 15.00, but not for long. The price of the yearbook increases \$1.00 per week. Don't be left out. Buy your yearbook now!

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