

Increasing Thefts At NHS Pose Problem

Kathy Jones
Sandi Hibbeln
Sarah Kunst

"We'll have to put everything under lock and key," commented Mr. Tarpinian on the NHS theft problem. This problem has been increasing rapidly in recent years.

The greatest loss has been in the library where 400 books and several small microphones are lost per year. "We can't lay a cassette recorder down anywhere in the library

or someone will pick it up," explained Mrs. Cook, head librarian. The books that are stolen are the one's people use the most.

So many books have been taken that the library can't afford to replace them. Somewhere around \$3,000.00 per year has been taken in books alone. The library has started to crack down on thefts by having door checks.

The Science Department recently had six balances stolen. These

balances cost \$100.00 a piece. Instructors have no idea who stole them, or how thieves broke in. Mr. Trombley, chemistry and photography teacher, informed the Mustanger that, "Four or five years ago, I was forced to stop buying lactose, a chemical used to compare different sugars because students kept stealing it." The Science Department also loses an unaccountable amount of rubber tubing and clamps.

The Auto Shop has

been broken into three times this year. \$300 worth of tools have been stolen, a \$200.00 watch, and a few class rings. Mr. Rybka department chairman, explained, "This is about normal, 98% of our thefts are done by NHS students."

Ms. Bubel, head of the gym department, commented, "Students have to care to stop the situation." Approximately \$50 to \$300 per year are stolen from the gym. Six tennis racquets have been

stolen this year already. These thefts are serious for the equipment is increasingly more expensive and the school budget has been cut.

"The major cause of locker room thefts is the lack of responsibility of students who don't lock up, and the lack of logical security," Ms. Bubel indicated. Many purses, several gym clothes and a large amount

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Letters Confirm Contest Winners

Karen Assenmacher

Many NHS students were very enthusiastic in participating in The Scholastic Writing Contest last semester. Therefore this March several students received letters of congratulations from the Detroit News, telling them of what the hours of hard work had brought them.

Gold keys were presented to Janice Nyquist and Mary Wertheimer for their entries in short, short story and to Debbie Riggs for her entry in poetry.

Honorable mentions were awarded to Carolyn Calmes for her Feature Length article and to

Paula Dyke for Journalism Editorial.

Those that received commendations were;

Martha Gaitskill-short story; Gini Butler-short, short story;

Laurie Day-autobiographical article; Debbie Riggs-dramatic script; Paula Dyke-journalism interview, and Jim Bonamici, Carolyn Calmes, Paula Dyke, Jan Jackson, Bronwyn Mills, Carol Mahakian-poetry.

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WORKING HARD—Rob Buttery, Peggy Sitarski, Kevin Sullivan, Chris Bueter, Greg Johnson, Brian Steimel and Doug Webster prepare for opening Friday night.

The "Wizard of Oz" To Open This Friday

Greg Johnson

With the opening of The Wizard of Oz just two days away, the cast and crews are already anxiously waiting for the curtain to open.

The Wizard of Oz will be presented on April 18, 19, 25 and 26 at 8 pm and Saturday matinees on April 19

and 26 at 2 pm in the NHS auditorium.

"The play has quite a bit of very mature wit and holds strong appeal for high school students and adults," said director, Mr. Kurt Kinde. "The show has excellent spontaneity and is continually interesting."

"We have a new choreographer so the

dances have a new approach. The cast has experienced members and new members and the crews are very dedicated. The biggest element of the production though is you, the audience.

Prices for the tickets are; Adults, \$2.50; Students, \$2.00; Children under 12, \$1.50.

Smiling Faces At State Home

Suzie Evans

The National Honors Society turned on a lot of smiling faces when they visited Plymouth State Home for an afternoon of eats, skits and games. Bill Piccolo, Patty Adams, Jim Carson, Jim Echols

and Suzie Evans entertained the patients by acting out the story, "The Easter Bunny Who Overslept." Other members put together easter baskets for each patient, decorated eggs for the egg hunt and baked chocolate chip

cookies to eat with their ice cream and pop.

"The trip was a resounding success," says N.H.S. sponsor, Mr. Meteyer. "It was a great experience and the members learned a lot."

Here's The Scoop

It's History—Or Is It?

Student to teacher: Mr. X, I didn't know you were fired!

Teacher: Huh? Fired--what the..?

Student: Well, that's what the Northville Record said...

We of the MUSTANGER feel it was terribly unfair for a list of 33 pink-slipped teachers' names to appear in print before these teachers were individually notified (March 26 issue). We particularly sympathize with the 15 NHS teachers whose awareness and fresh ideas in the classroom have sparked our year.



"The children of poverty are calling your name." It's a strong slogan, but this year's Walk For Mankind is sure to be a success. It starts at 7 a.m. on April 26th at Northville Downs. If you can't walk this time, sponsor another walker. It'll help the needy far more than it'll hurt you.

VENA'S VIEWPOINT

Vena Hosler

While driving through town last week I came to the corner of 7 Mile and Sheldon Rd. All traffic was brought to a halt to allow a stream of "jockey" ridden race horses through. The horses, coming from the Northville Downs hold up all traffic as they cross through the intersection to the stables on the other side of the road.

Since this was by no means the first time this has happened to me, it made me ask a very disturbing question. Why was this action ever allowed and why is it allowed to continue?

Businesses in the city of Northville are not permitted to effect their surrounding areas. However, isn't this exactly what Northville Downs is doing by interrupting traffic with horse crossings? Most of us just grin and bear it. We accept it because there is an officer in blue directing the traffic and naturally that "makes everything all right". But is it right for a business to "Rent-A-Policeman" for its own private use?

If a situation arose where a freight truck was unloading and delivering merchandise on Main or Center Street, would this traffic interruption be overlooked in the same way? Or would it help matters if that business paid a few auxillary policemen to direct the traffic?

These thoroughbreds that trot across the intersection are said to be worth a large amount of money. However, if these horses are so valuable, doesn't it seem feasible that it would be easier to construct an overpass or something similar, for the horses to pass through? This would save the cost of paying policemen to conduct traffic, remedy the problem of holding up traffic and at the same time, increase the safety of the horses.

On the whole, Northville is a very fine city. But its slip ups like this one that makes me wonder;

While Working For A Private Source:

Is the taxpayer providing the uniforms these auxillary policemen are wearing? If so why? Can they legally stop traffic? Do they legally have the authority to stop traffic while on duty at the track? Do they legally have the right to issue tickets? Does the taxpayer pay for their hospitalization if they are hit by a car on the corner while on duty at the track?

This is not a new problem and it should have been corrected long ago.



MUSTANGER Litter Is Everyone's Problem

Dana Fieldman

Spring is the time when the earth and trees came out of their winter hibernation and bikes, kites, baseballs and young children can be seen everywhere. But with this re-awakening of the earth and the spirit of youth there is also an overabundance of something not so beautiful. Litter! Broken bottles, discarded papers, cig-

arette butts and other useless objects are strewn everywhere over our beautiful land.

NHS is no exception to this seasonal phenomenon that plagues our country. Looking out on any one of the school's many courtyards, every type of trash is exhibited.

The only way the litter could have gotten there is by us and the only way it is going to be removed

is by us; the student body of NHS. The looks of our school is every one's responsibility.

So... The next time you witness someone littering, stop them and show them the wastepaper basket, make a practice of disposing of all trash into the nearest canister and last but not least, get out there and straighten up your school grounds please!

What's Your Bag?

Sherry DeSantis

So you have a choice, what should you take, Pop and Rock Music or Humanities? Difficult decision? Hardly, just walk into both classes and see for yourself. Classes such as Pop and Rock Music appeal to those students who chalk it up as an easy "A" involving little or no effort, while Lit. and Novel classes are taken only if you've got to have another class and there's nothing else offered your free hour. This applies to every subject you can think of from history to foreign languages. Enrollment in non-mandatory or worthwhile classes is waning.

For example, such classes as Greece and Rome, European History and foreign languages are pitifully small. Why isn't ancient history a required subject? The Greeks and Romans had as much of an influence on our culture as the Pilgrims! No way! Now Poetry, Pop and Rock Music, even Patterns in Human History, granted, a required class but as worthless as the

rest of them, are all preferred by students who think they can slide through life by taking the easy way out.

For three semesters I have tried to sign up for Communist World, but it's the same thing all the time, dropped. What about the greatest playwright, William

Shakespeare? Is there a class dealing solely with him? You must be joking! Kids are too busy signing up for Co-ed Foods and Now Poetry.

I could go on for pages but I think you get the gist of my meaning. So just remember, you can never know too much, only too little.



There has always been a concern about the odd doings of the young. Marathon dancers, goldfish swallowers, zootsuiters, beatniks, hippies and freaks are terms that have been used to describe the wild and wicked youth who chose to drop out of our established society. We hear about the large number of young people who have dropped out of school because they have been "turned off" by boring classes or stifling rules and regulations.

Lacking Society?

It is reasonable to argue that there is something lacking in society or in schools when so many of its youth are being "turned off." But it is just as reasonable to wonder how many do drop out or how many have lost interest. I have to believe that the majority of the young people are engaged in the competitive grind of getting started in the world, getting through school, getting jobs, and all the rest. They are much more ordinary than the freaks or "far-out" individuals, and the ordinary is not so interesting as the unusual, but it is much more important.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and compliment the Northville High School students who hold part time jobs and still maintain good grades; the students who have, through their work and dedication, earned honors in forensics, music, art, athletics, dramatics and competitive academic examinations.

These teenagers are not seeking the false independence of a "commune-type" society but, instead, are working for the real independence that consists of making one's own way. It is not easy going. Hard work never is!

Michael J. Japin

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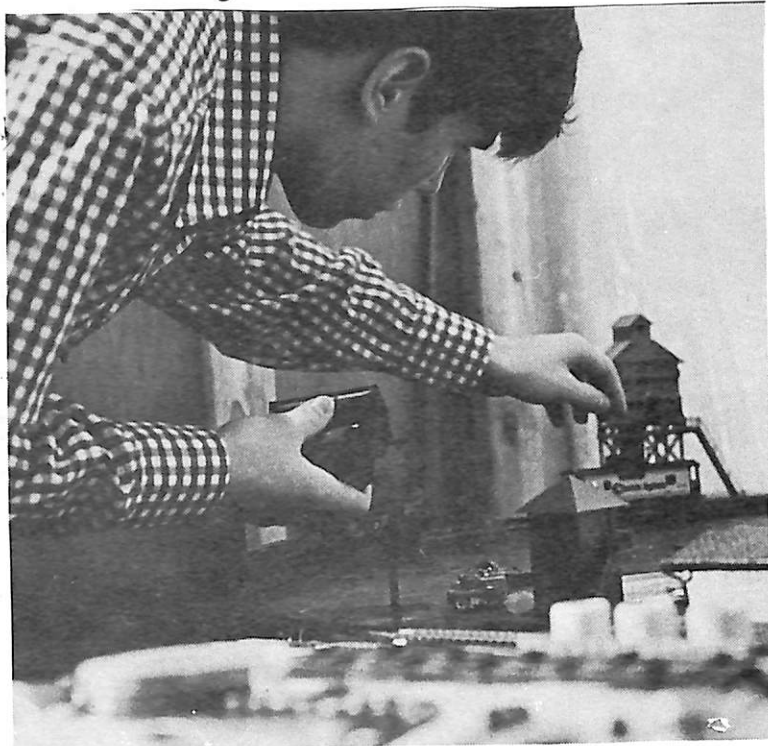
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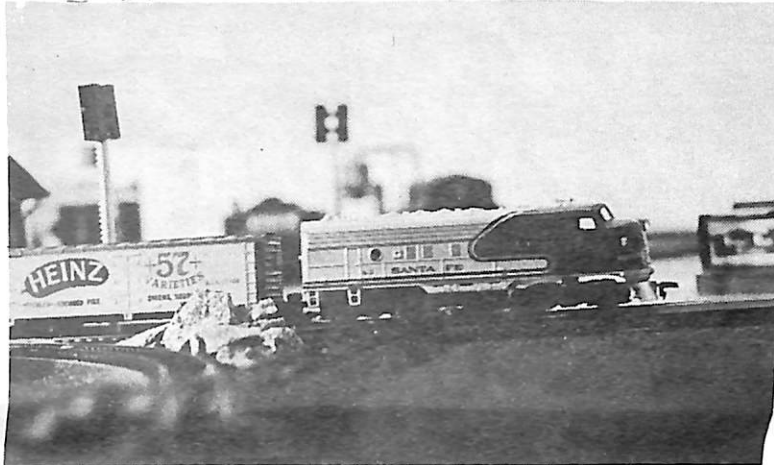
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Hobbyist On The Right Track



HARTMANN SETS UP— This is what really makes Bill's hobby what it is.



GO HO — This train looks like the real thing.

Sherrie Cannon

Bill Hartmann, a tall slim sophomore, collects model trains in a corner of his basement. His set-up is complete with buildings, trees and lights. Although it is not very large, it has all the trappings of a real railroad. He makes his billboards out of business cards and his buildings from "scale sized" kits.

Bill explained that in order to put lights inside the houses, he must paint the inside with black paint to prevent any glare.

He also has sound and lighting effects. A blue bulb creates a "night" effect, a white one for day, and a red bulb for sunrise. A tape plays sounds of a speeding train.

Bill stated that a model railroad is never finished, the real hobby is setting it up.

Band Camp Marches On

Georgia Hawkey

The traditional jaunt to camp for NHS band members will be held at camp Mahngotosee in Hale Michigan.

Students will be going by bus, for six days of hard work, starting July 28 and ending August 3. "Camp won't be all work," said Mr. Williams, band director, "We're going to live and have fun."



A COMMON SIGHT? NHS students supporting overalls. Pictured from left to right are; Greg Johnson, Bronwyn Mills and Dave Sparling

Chowder & Overalls Blend For Fashion

Bronwyn Mills

An age old song posed the musical question, "Who put the overalls in Mrs. Murphy's chowder?" Nobody ever managed to discover the practical joker's identity but, if a similar case arose today it might well be found that the culprit was none other than a Northville High School student.

Although overalls are not a necessary or appetizing ingredient in chowder, the baggy bibbed denims appear to be a necessary ingredient in the wardrobes of fashion and comfort conscious NHS students. Whether green, white pin-

striped, or basic blue these shapeless jeans seem to be just a little bit different on everybody who wears them.

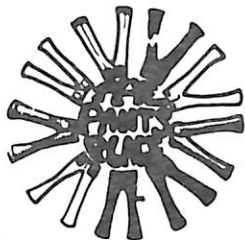
For example, some people have the ability to make even the most faded of overalls look really classy while others appear as if they should be toting a pitchfork and a milk pail as accessories.

This current wide spread craze may cause Paris fashion designers to turn up their noses and shake their heads with disgust but we all know that they're green with envy at Northville's "overall" stylishness. Don't we?

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and \$5.50 at door.

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Friday May 9, Jeff Beck, Masonic Temple
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an interest in saving
the great ocean whales
from extinction. The
group is headed by an
NHS science teacher,
Ms. CarLee Stewner.

"The whales are
very important, because
they are the largest
mammal and eat ocean
plankton. We really
don't know that much
about the whales, but
we do know their brain
size compared to their
body is larger than
the humans" brain,"
explains Ms. Stewner.

In past years
whalers hunted whales
with harpoons. Only
a few whales were kil-
led because the men
had to search for the
whales. Within the
past five years, the

board, are faster and
use sonar to search
out the whales. They
follow the whales for
days until they are
exhausted. A large
harpoon with a gernade
attached to the front
is then shot at the
whale. The gernade
usually explodes in
the whale's intestine
and the whale then
drags the ship for as
many as four days.

In 1972, a United
Nations conference on
Human Enviroment
voted 53-2 for a mor-
atorium to stop kill-
ing the whales for 10
years. Japan and
Russia are the only
countries that have
not honored the agree-
ment.

made easily and che-
ly with some oth-
product." reported Ms
Stewner.

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of whales in the
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Spring Fever Epidemic Gains Student Response

Sarah Kunst

Wet track sweats, tennis players in sunglasses and mud clogged baseball cleats are no longer firsts but every day occurrences. Students now study in classrooms with ceilings of sunny skies and walls of 60 degree afternoon sunshine. Sunglasses, unexcused absences, windbreakers and new loves are definitely on the increase.

The Mustanger, investigating this high degree of spring fever among NHS students, posed the question:

Winter is dead,
Everything's new.
Spring is HERE,
What is it to you?
and
What do you do?!

Denise Nichols (9)

"Play football, ride bikes, sit around, get fat. And watch guys. Love the hotness and soak in the sun. That's what I do when the spring time comes."

Steve Havalala (11)

"There are many things I like to do in spring but my favorite is.... Nothing!"

Doug Crisan (12)

"I catch alot of z's and do alot of nothing. But I'm glad that winter's gone. I'll miss the snow alot not, and welcome the sun with open arms, if it ever comes."

Jane Faustyn (10)

"Spring means school is almost over and we can finally take it easy and soak up those rays."

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better able to express their thoughts and feelings by the use of T.A., Values Clarification and Gestalt Therapy techniques.

Anyone interested in helping other people may contact Our House for an interview.


Our House needs volunteers. They have an outstanding volunteer training program and will be starting a new session in the near future. So hurry, call now.

Our House Crisis Center is located at 185 S. Harvey in Plymouth, right behind the post office, on the corner of Harvey and Fralick. It is open from 8:00 PM until midnight on week days, and from 4:00 until midnight on Saturdays.

Group activities are popular and rewarding at Our House too. Transactional Analysis Groups and a Parent Experience Exchange are continuing groups organized, whereby people are encouraged to become self aware and

For help, information or if you are interested in being trained as a volunteer, please call 455-4900. If the machine answers your call, please leave your name, phone number and message, and you will be contacted. Again, a new training session is starting soon. How about getting the good feeling from helping others !!

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The Happy Booker

Sherry DeSantis

(author's note: *The Stepford Wives* is not a new book, however I thought it appropriate to review due to the popularity of the movie.)

Once I began, I raced through it and when I had finished I had to look back to make sure I understood what had happened.

Ira Levin's chiller *The Stepford Wives* is a strange book. And Mr. Levin is no amateur when it comes to bizarre and supernatural. His spellbinding predecessor "Rosemary's Baby" will attest to that.

Stepford's Story

Stepford is a friendly picturesque suburb where husbands dart off to their club each night and the women stay home and catch up on their housework.

But, a liberated Ms. and her family join the ranks in Stepford and she has a difficult time finding a friend among the domestic housefraus. Something very strange is happening in this town, she decides, but what?

I have absolutely no intention of telling you how it ends, but I will say this to all of you non-women libbers, it just might be enough to shock you into running down to the nearest

Gloria Steinam recruiting office to enlist.

A Chiller Warning

One final word of warning girls, if your future husband is from and or plans to take up residence in any town even remotely connected with Stepford, run do not walk as quickly as possible in the opposite direction.

The CIA Goes To Dogs

Mary O'Meara

"Now that we're done with that Russian sub business, we can get on to more important business," a reliable source commented.

Thier "more important business" ---pet cemeteries.

After discovering last year that animals do go to heaven, the CIA is now trying to "establish a decent place to bury these poor animals."

The money for this project is the change from the National Debt which Nelson Rockefeller paid off last week

Senator Kitty Litter said, "This money--\$180 million---could either have been used to start a Fanne Fox scholarship or for pet cemeteries. The Senate

voted unanimously--65-50 to give the money to the pets."

Some of the CIA's plans are:

- *Solid gold fire hydrant caskets for dogs.
- *A statue of Morris

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the Cat in the felines' section.

*The funeral dirge for dogs will be "Trees" by Three Dog Night.

"This should be our biggest project since the Bay of Pigs Invasion," our source quipped.

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Schoolcraft Attracts Students

Lorianne Tuggle

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Schoolcraft has an "Open Door" policy which states that any high school grad, regardless of academic performance is accepted. It gives the person who did not achieve a high enough grade point to be accepted to a four year college, a second chance. Usually, the opportunity seems to be profitable.

Schoolcraft has more students attend-

ing night courses than in the day, mainly because of job schedules.

Business is the largest feild at Schoolcraft, because of the jobs available. Law-enforcement and the music and art fields are also very popular.

Schoolcraft has a clean, pleasant, relaxed atmosphere. It

Captains

Dana Fieldman

Nortnville's grid-ers will be led in their 1975-76 season by three seniors.

In a recent meeting the team selected Eric

offers a well stacked library, and a recreational area called the Watermen Center with ping pong, pool and pinball that are enjoyed by all the students in their free time.

In selecting a college for your future education, consider Schoolcraft as one of your choices.

Selected

Lampella, Bill Piccolo and Gary Winemaster to be their captains.

Eric is the team's quarterback, Bill an end--linebacker and Gary plays the end position.

The new captains and next years players are participating in the Jaycee sponsored, "Walk for Mankind."

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Why Birds Fly?

Carol Dyer

Gazing into a gusty March sky and watching the gracefulness of a bird soaring in the wind, you might begin to dream of free-flight yourself.

Why just sit there and dream? Now you can join the many airborne people sailing around up there today.

No, you don't need your own airplane, or even a flying license. Just a 35-pound aluminum and nylon sail, generally known as a hang-glider, a hill or rooftop, and facing into the wind, your next step is to jump off.

Hang-gliding is easier to learn than surfing, you can get the knack of it in a day, and the pleasures found in riding the wind make the sport's enthusiasts scoff at the dangers. (So far, the 16-20 foot kite have swallowed six or seven lives, and caused several broken bones. Still, it's safer than skiing?)

There is no cliff too high to jump from.

The soaring record today is eight hours and 24 minutes. They have ridden the wind from the top of Pike's Peak (14, 110 feet).

On July 4th, 1969 a stunt glider flew gracefully around the top of the Statue of Liberty 2½ times before landing back on earth safely.

How do these overgrown kites work? They are just simple V's of synthetic fabric stretched over an aluminum frame. In some models you hang by your arms, but most supply a seat you can strap yourself into. Some even have a platform you lie on to soar around like Superman.

Pushing the control bar and tilting your body weight steers the kite. Pull the bar towards you and you'll go into a dive. Push it away, and you'll climb until the kite finally "stalls," or quits flying.

The cost of the 16-20 foot brightly colored kites varie in cost between \$50 and \$800.

Too Much Emphasis On Sports In Mustanger?

YES
SHERRY CANNON



"The Mustanger is a jock-paper" this is a familiar expression around this school. I think that the Mustanger could change the image of a jock-paper. A short summary of sports in the school is enough. All sports should be limited to one page. The Northville Record has all statistics, and a play-by-play coverage of all games-- why should the Mustanger

print the same thing three weeks later? The Mustanger should print more stories that are of interest to everybody.

Everyone likes some type of music, but sports is not a big concern to everybody. Upcoming concerts, book & movie reviews, things to do in the summer, what's happening in Detroit, Ann Arbor, Plymouth-- almost anything would be better than three pages of sports!

NO

DAVE ANTUNA

Traditionally, the sports program has always placed high in the interest of the school body. One of its more important functions was the



bringing together of a diversified group of students, all sharing an experience-together. Pride, admiration and cheering of the home team has been one of the memorable experiences of high school.

But how much coverage of Sports is TOO MUCH? How can you report on Football, Basketball, Track, Swimming, Baseball, Wrestling, etc. all on one page. I believe that the Mustanger should keep it's policy of sports coverage to its full extent.

Classroom Distractions

An June

As the days get longer the clothes get shorter and once again the students at NHS are reminded of the school dress code,

which reads "...Our main concern is that dress should not be of such a nature as to distract from the educational program."

Exactly which outfits can be labeled 'distractions' is not clear, but Mr. McLoud said that in his opinion if a person's clothing offends or distracts one person, then it is improper.

This is in contrast to Mr. Dent who "always liked to sit back and enjoy" his classes,

and Mr. Anderson, who says that the present midriffs are too long.

For those students who do find their eyes involuntarily wandering during classes, here are a few vital suggestions which should help you maintain better eye control.

1) Cut imitation blinders out of construction paper and hold them in such a way as to block out the 'distraction'. Do not, however, forget to leave a crack through which to see the teacher.

2) Nonchalantly slip a large blanket around the offending person(s). (If by chance such a blanket can not be found in the immediate vicinity a robe may be substituted.)

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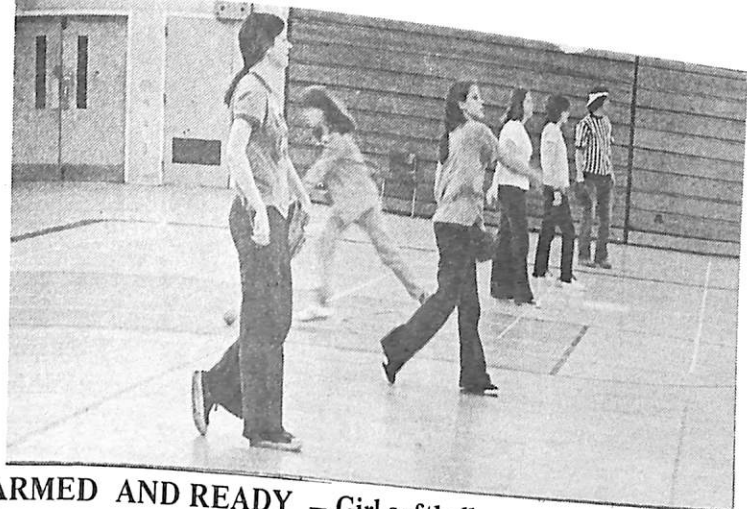
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ARMED AND READY - Girl softballers start workouts in doors.

Young Lineup Looks Promising

Linda Gallivan

"Young promising athletes are building up into hard workers", emphasized girls softball coach, Miss Minor.

Almost starting a brand new lineup this year the team is comprised of a majority of freshmen and sophomores.

Through graduation a number of seniors have been lost from last spring. Veterans returning this year include Becky Albus playing short stop and

second base, Pat Brown pitcher, Patty Suddendorf first base Donna Keen and Debbie Korte outfielders.

The team players are: Kim Adams, Becky Albus, Julie Babich, Pat Brown, Kim De Rusha, Lisa Hutchen-son, Donna Keen, Debbie Korte, Julie Mc Daniels, Debbie Mc Guire, Kathy Rich, Cindy Roberts, Kathy Settles, Linda Smith April Stoddard, Chris Suddendorf, Pat Suddendorf, and Kim Tromens.

New Cheerers Chosen

Debbie Drewitz

Next years rah-rah squad was chosen recently to carry on the Northville cheering tradition.

Close to 20 girls tried out for Varsity, but only six and two alternates made the cut. Co-captains will be Kate Brown and Denise MacDermaid. Marianne Neff, Beth Harrison, Jane Faustyn, Lee Ann McElroy, plus alternates Kim Hill and Kate Fuertges make up the rest of the squad.

Jr. Varsity cheer-

leaders show promise with; Jane Winemaster; Carolyn Owens, Joan Davis, Amy Armstrong, Cher Bourn, and Tammy Eis. Alternates will be Jane Mach and Amy Fitzpatrick.

Kite Flying — 'Good Grief'

Bronwyn Mills

"Good Grief!" Those two immortal words are the trademark of that round headed, wishy washy underdog that we all know and love. That's right, it's good ol' Charlie Brown. Poor Chuck rarely succeeds at anything other than being a failure and he holds the unchallenged honor of being the worst and most frustrated kite flyer on the face of the earth (an earth that has far too many trees for Charlie).

Well, now that

spring has sprung with all it's glorious kite flying weather, it appears as if Chuck might have a few contenders for his illustrious title. So c'mon all you frustrated kites and wipe the dust off your four pointed friends and give it one last chance. Just think of that spring breeze blowing through your hair as you run at full speed through an open field of clover and RIPPPI!!! Whoops, there seems to be a tree in that open field. But don't

despair, there's always tape and then you can give it one more try, or two or three or.....

So remember fellow kilters, if you keep your eyes open and watch for such villainous obstacles as trees, houses, telephone wires, and other kites, you might be in store for some unexpected success. If you get the urge to use your kite string as a noose, just refrain and remember our motto: "If at first you don't succeed, fly, fly again!"

Thefts Mount At NHS

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of money are stolen annually from the locker room. School authorities have to recognize the security

and appearance of the gym. In the Music Department, three windows were broken into. Two

speakers, averaging \$400 to \$500 a piece and two microphones were stolen.

A calculator was taken from the Business Department. Eighty dollars was stolen from the safe in the office.

"Students ask for more responsibility in the decision-making process, but when the time comes to take action on certain issues such as vandalism, theft, and littering, very few individuals have the desire or the concern to respond!," expressed Mr. Tarpinian.



BUNDLE UP - Early Season track practice is underway. Denise MacDermaid (left) and Kathy Belkowski (right) try to loosen up - and keep warm.

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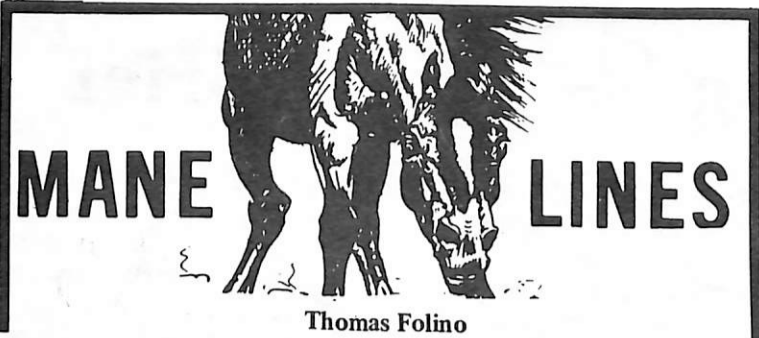


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Thomas Folino

It's A Fantasy

It seems to me that a girl with a little talent, poise and a pretty smile can become a cheerleader. A large percentage of girls at NHS have fantasies of becoming a cheerleader and their reasons are obvious. A "rah-rah" is noticed, and what girl deep down, doesn't yearn to be noticed, it's instinctive. To be completely honest these girls work hard at what they do.

New Rule Questioned

I understand that there is a new rule for cheerleaders stating; no girl can be a cheerleader and participate in a school sport simultaneously. I feel this is a blunder, a mistake on the part of the powers that be. Two girls, Denise MacDermaid, a basketball player and a track sprinter, and Marianne Neff, a gymnast, both cheerleaders will suffer. Both are capable of competing on the state and regional level.

There is no long run future in cheerleading while athletics offer a truly bright future. These girls possess a special talent that should be used and appreciated. That they are influenced by "the glamour and glory of cheerleading" and waste their special talent is truly an injustice.

Netters Swing For Victories

Sarah Kunst

Despite the loss of six out of ten lettermen by graduation resulting in a comparatively young squad, the NHS Tennis Team will be swinging away for victories and the Western Six League Championship.

Twenty-two players comprise the team, two are seniors, nine are freshmen. The three returning letter winners are Jami

Boshoven, senior, Dan Gougeon, senior, and Rob Bowman, junior. Jami and Rob are the top singles players. Dan Gougeon and Royd Riddell are next in line for singles play. The first doubles team is possibly Dave Holland and Dan Gougeon, second doubles Tim Kelly and Dan Conder and the third doubles team, Charles Whiteside and either Jeff Pink or Greg McFadden.

Eight of nineteen meets are league meets. Tough league opponents will be Livonia Churchill and Waterford Mott. (Farmington Harrison Team, considered potential League champs by Coach Simpson, cancelled out because of a deficient school budget.)

Coach Simpson expresses his faith in his team, "We're a good, young team. And, we will play like veterans."

Track Juggles Lineup

Sandi Hibbeln

"We're doing a juggling act right now, but these kids are cooperative and hard working and they'll come along."

Coach Redmond admits freely that he will be depending greatly on the teams lettermen. Veteran hurdler, Denny Keegan is off to a good start along with Dennis Singleton. Frank Nelson, a hard worker, will be on sprints with Larry Pink, Bob Bloomhuff, Doug Crisan and new-

comer Bob Sweeney. In the middle dis-



HEAVE HO - Doug Crisan gets off a good one at Huron Relays.

tances Rob Foust and Bob Bloomhuff make up the strong 'core' while, in the long distances, Foust, Ron Georgoff, Dan Earhart, Bob Gould and freshmen Don Wilber and John Coram should put in a good performance.

In the shot put Doug Crisan, Mike Hutcherson, Bruce Lampela and Matt Stopper are strong performers.

Jim Shortt, with a good freshman season behind him, Dan Earhart and Bob Zabin-ski should make the pole vault a strong area also.

Starting 'Nine' Looks Tough

Chris Bueter

"We should have a decent starting lineup but not much depth," predicted Coach Chuck Shonta when asked about his 1975 baseball squad. The Northville 9 starts league play this afternoon against Plymouth Canton.

This spring has

been a rebuilding year for the Mustangs with Scott Leu, at third being the only returning starter. John Boland will lead the pitchers and Coach Shonta is looking for him to have a great season. "John has the best shot to make All League," remarked the Coach. "Our season rests on his shoulders."

Defensively, the infield looks like it could go either way. Third base is set with Leu and first looks strong behind Juniors Jim Laplante and Bryan Riegner. The keystone combination is untested with first basemen Tom Eis and Bill Piccolo switching to short and second respectively. Offensively the infield could be very powerful.

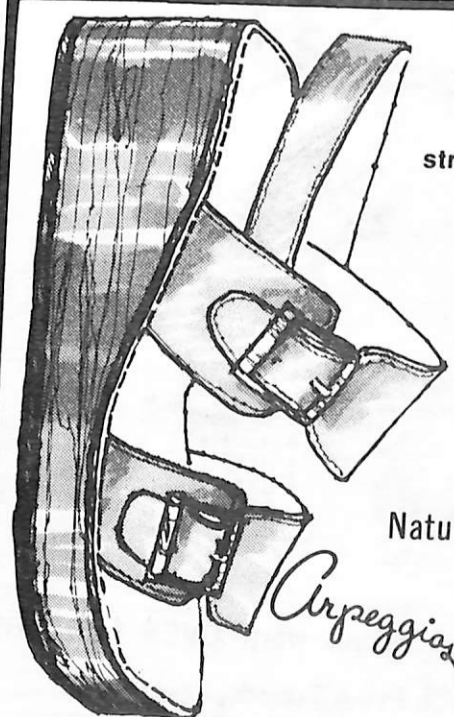
The shape of the outfield is similar to that of the infield. Offensively it looks good but the defense, especially the throwing, looks shaky.

The Mustangs game against Canton is

their first Western Six League meeting. Coach Shonta places Canton as the top contender in the league with 1974 State Champs Churchill right behind them.

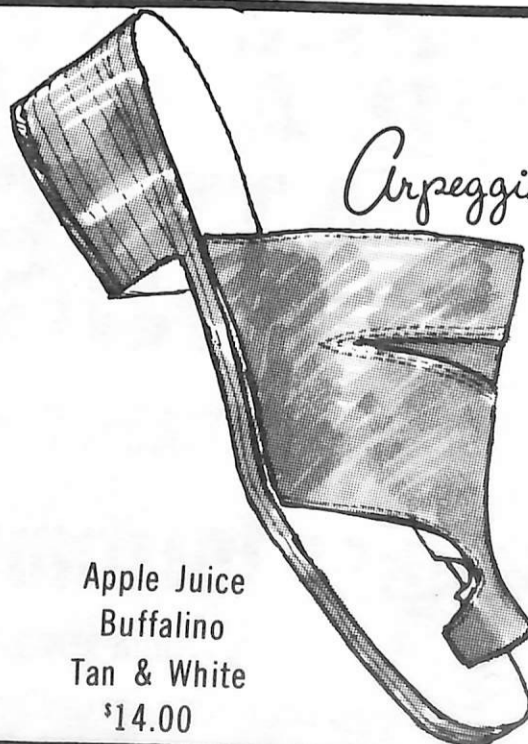


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