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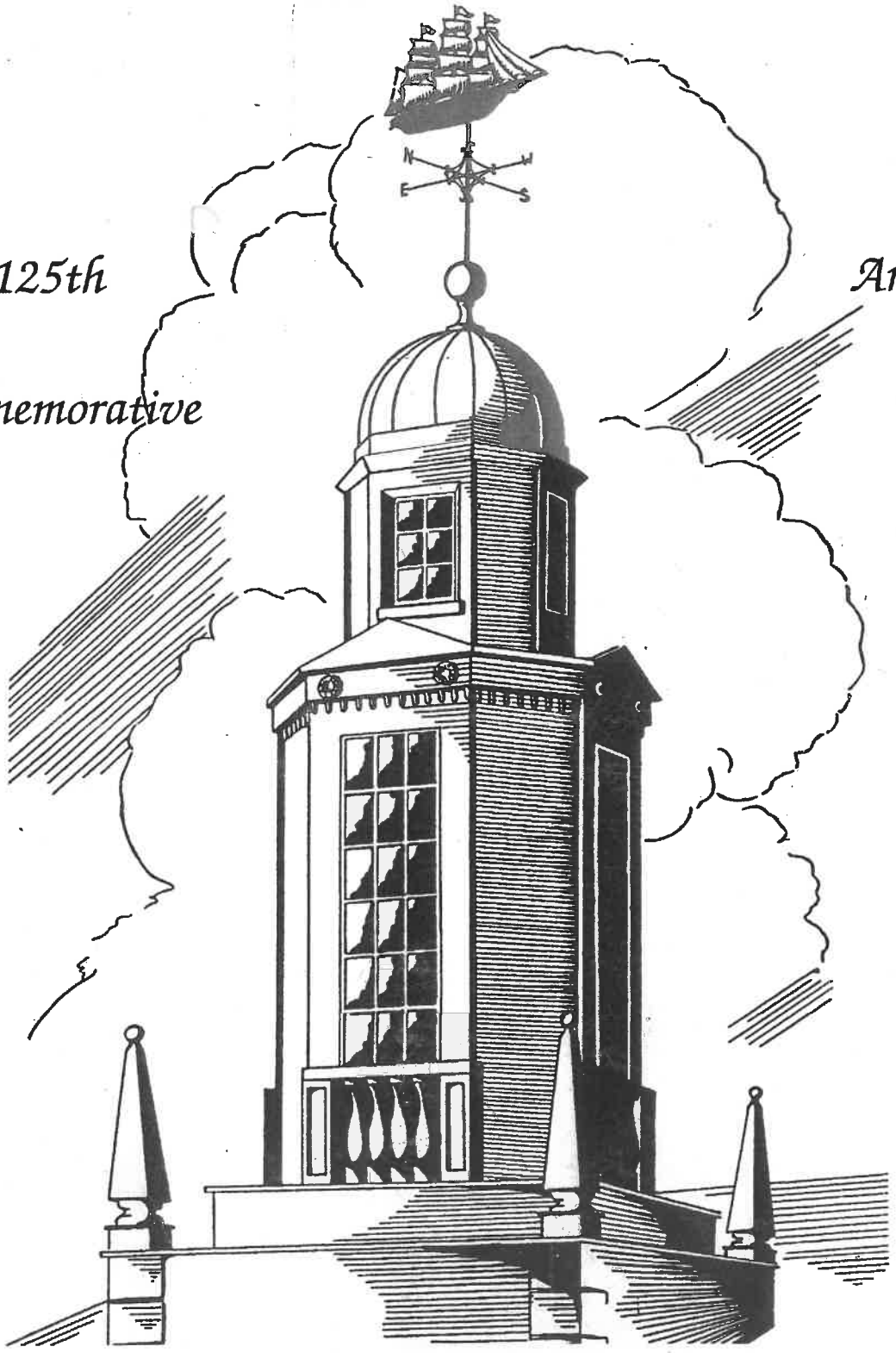

125th Anniversary Commemorative Booklet

Newburyport, Massachusetts

1868 - 1993

A Celebration of Memory

By Bill Plante (NHS - 1938)

This is not to be a history of Newburyport High School. Such a history would deal with particulars: dates, names, and events that the writer believed important. I am not competent to write such a history. This will deal with more ephemeral matters, the stuff of which dreams are made.

That would be no surprise to Miss Sellers, one of many who thought history important enough for me to open my eyes to its virtues. But, then, keeping my eyes open was a challenge to all my high school teachers, and it is no reflection on her abilities that she failed.

Appreciation for our teachers is not the least of what we might do by way of honoring this occasion, and each of us has a list to ponder.

Memory is what anniversaries are about, and, there, too, we are both singularly and collectively engaged. Such memories are likely to be vividly recalled, if not slightly embellished for retelling, and for good reason, because high school is where our adult lives took root. Each of us lives, in our mind's eye, as the vibrant, if privately uncertain, boy or girl we were. Even as we meet, somewhat changed though we may be by the years, there is that spark of what we once were that rekindles old fires in our meeting, and we see, for a brief time, what was.

Classes are numbered by the year of graduation, as we are aware, but they are formed four years earlier, when, as freshmen, we came together for the first time, forming the class that began a life of its own, shaping its own identity, electing its officers, and charting its course. It was a kind of immediate gestation and birth creating a life that lives on to the last member of each class. Its body may be gradually diminished, but its spirit remains intact for as long as there is one of us to remember.

There are the settings in which our memories took shape. Some of us are old enough to remember the earlier building at the corner of Green and High streets, its musty attic labs, the scent of chalk dust and floor oil, and the clattering on the wooden stairs during class changes. Some of us recall the march, with the student body stretching from sidewalk to sidewalk, up High Street to occupy the new building rising to an April morning, magnificent in its splendor.

The most arthritic of our former athletes will recall playing football at the old N.A. stadium off Marlboro street, and running our track meets at the Bartlet Mall. Those younger will recall games under lights with marching bands and cheerleaders in the stadium behind the new school. Common to both was the spirit of the teams, the cheerleaders, and the fans. Spirit, shared and nurtured, is something brought to time and place, and it is that which lives on more so than the setting of its celebration.

But these were the set pieces of where we met, where we dated, where we discovered the passions that would so absorb us, where minor events took on major proportions as we learned the pain of transition from child to adult. For some of us, our high school experience was a wondrous sleigh ride. For others, it was more painful. What we learned, in joy and pain, was that life is a mix. It was perhaps our greatest lesson learned, taught not by teachers, but by each other.

The best of our memories contribute to nostalgia, an important balm to aging. Newburyport High School was, and remains, our come together place where our classes took on an identity by way of who we were, and what we did. There was a kind of sameness to it because of tradition. But each class is singular in its identity, all the same. The proms we planned, the games we played, the joys and disappointments we shared, the successes and failures, the agony of private passage jointly shared from puberty to young adulthood - all these change but little, class to class. But each class becomes something special to those in it because of those of shared experiences, and it is that sense of sharing that bonds us for our lifetimes.

We classmates, some 18,000 strong over 125 years, left on our last day together as students to discover the rest of our lives. Most remained close by. Some journeyed to the farthest reaches of the earth. No one left the sunshine and shadows of our time together. No one ever does.

We observe the passing years in this celebration, but it is the parade of memory in which we are joined, one to the other, class to class, in a bonding to be renewed for so long as there are graduates of Newburyport High School.

An Abbreviated History of NHS

By Tara Mahon (Class President NHS '84)

The history of Newburyport High School begins with the respective histories of the three original secondary schools in Newburyport which eventually joined to form the school whose 125th anniversary we celebrate this year. On November 10, 1868, the Brown School, the Female High School, and the Putnam Free School were united under the name "The Consolidated High and Putnam School". Even today, some of the ideals and traditions embodied by these earlier schools are woven into the fabric of Newburyport High school.

The Brown High School

In 1827, the will of Moses Brown provided the sum of $6000.00 for the support of a grammar school to prepare - youth for college, and thus provided the means for the establishment of Newburyport's first high school for boys. In 1831, a two-story brick building located on the east end of the Bartlet Mall, formerly the Center Grammar School, was renovated for this purpose. The school was originally known as "The Latin and English School", but was appropriately renamed "The Brown High School" in 1851. In 1853, when the school had outgrown its quarters, plans were made to renovate the Newbury Town House on the corner of Brown and State Streets. The school relocated there where it remained until 1868.

The Female High School

For many years, the advantages of a public school education were only available to males. In 1843, the first female high school in Newburyport was established and was in fact the first female high school in America. The town voted to establish a Female High School, with a male instructor, and authorized the selectmen to purchase a lot of land in a central location to erect a suitable building at a cost of $7000.00. The classes were initially held in an engine house on Pleasant Street until a very attractive building was erected on the corner of Union (now Washington) and Court streets. This building was totally destroyed by fire in 1871. The purpose of this school was to teach the pupils subjects that were "useful and solid", and to prepare young ladies for teaching. A school report of those early years read, " In regard to arrangements, order, devotion to study, punctual attendance, and the existence of a strong attachment in favor of right, the school is remarkable and not surpassed by any similar school in the Commonwealth."

The Putnam Free School

The Putnam Free School was founded in 1848 as an English High School. This was a private, tuition-free school established as a result of the bequest of Oliver Putnam who was born in Newbury in 1777. He spent his youth in Newbury where he received a practical education in business methods and trading affairs. Throughout his mercantile career, he made several prosperous voyages to Europe and South America. He acquired a small fortune and retired to an estate in Hampstead, New Hampshire where he died at the age of 49. In accordance with his will, a certain portion of his estate was retained until it amounted to the sum of $50,000.00. This amount was paid by the executor of his will to a board of trustees "for the establishment of a free English school in Newburyport for the instruction of youth wherever they may belong". Trustees were appointed by the selectmen of Newburyport and were responsible for investing this principal which would remain a permanent fund, the interest only of which would be applied to the establishment and support of the school. On March 15, 1844, a committee of trustees purchased a site of land on High Street at the corner of Green Street where the Immaculate Conception Convent now stands. G.J.F. Bryant of Boston was appointed architect. The two story brick building with free stone trimmings was erected there two or three years later at a cost of $25,000.00, and was considered one of the finest institutions of its kind in existence. Before the school could be opened, however, the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth was called upon to interpret the gender(s) of the word "youth" in Mr. Putnam's will, as some persons objected to the admittance of females to the school. The court upheld the trustees' decision that members of both sexes should be taught there. Of the 146 applicants for admission the first year, only eighty were accepted, forty girls and forty boys.

The Union of the Three High Schools

In 1868, after much controversy, the trustees of The Putnam Fund and the City Council decided to amalgamate the Brown, Female, and Putnam High Schools. Mr. Sylvester Burnham was elected principal for a salary of $1600.00, and Miss Margaret Clarkson was elected preceptress. It was decided to use the Putnam

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School building as the home of the consolidated schools. Approximately $20,000.00 was spent on alterations and enlargements to the building, which were not completed by the beginning of the fall term, so the Putnam students were forced to attend classes in the courthouse on the mall. Mr. Burnham made daily visits to the three schools to see that students were studying out of the same text books at the same pace, so that when they finally came together on November 10, they found no difficulty studying together. The seating plan of the high school was so arranged that the boys sat downstairs, and the girls sat upstairs. Kerosene lamps were used to light the building, and salamander stoves were used to heat it.

Since the bringing under the same roof of the three high schools in 1868, the city had rented a part of the Putnam building. This agreement made by the city and the Putnam Trustees was renewed in 1879, and again in 1885. In 1885, however, the agreement was "of such manifest advantage to the city that even the most captious citizen had no reason to complain. This action brought an end to the uncertainty that had existed as to the permanent union of the schools, and gave rise to a feeling of harmony".

According to the 1902 report of the school department, " At length in January 1901, the School Board appointed a committee to confer with the Trustees in regard to an agreement, the principal feature of which should be such alterations as would adapt the school house to the necessities of a modern high school. The outcome was an agreement by which the city was to purchase the Putnam School building and pay for the needed alterations and improvements, while the Trustees were to pay the net income of the Putnam Fund for the support of the schools." Accordingly, in 1902, the city took possession of the school, its land and buildings, and proceeded with the renovations. While the remodeling was taking place, classes were conducted at the old armory. After the alterations were completed, the school became known simply as the Newburyport High School, or The High School.

Two Platoon System Instituted

As early as 1908, just six years after the building had been renovated, the superintendent of schools wrote," The capacity of the building is taxed to the utmost". In 1925, enrollment had grown to over 500 students, and the school was designed to seat only 327. Conditions became so crowded that a two-platoon system was instituted and was continued until the school relocated in 1937. A student attending The High School at the time described the situation as such:" Even though we are undergoing this inconvenience the number of rooms is decidedly limited. There is absolutely no room for a gymnasium, the assembly hall is not large enough to seat one class, the laboratories are cold and damp in the winter and unbearably hot in the summer, and such a thing as a gas hood is unknown to the students; there are no shops for manual work in the school, and those pupils who take sewing and woodworking have to walk a mile to another building; one room is often so cold that no classes may be held in it."

The Citizens of Newburyport Vote To Build A New High School

This community as a whole has historically taken a great interest in high school affairs. On December 4, 1934, the citizens, prompted by a house to house poll by the students themselves, turned out in record numbers and voted overwhelmingly to build a new high school. In January of 1935, Mayor Gayden W. Morrill appointed Edwin S. Dodge as architect of the new school. Then, in March of 1935, the city acquired the property known as Mount Rural which was once owned by Harvard College, for the site of the new school. On December 8, 1935, The Newburyport Daily News stated, "For a century or more the new building on old Mt. Rural will be a thing of beauty where our splendid young people will receive the very best education we and our descendants can give them."

The History of Mount Rural

The property known as Mount Rural was originally owned by Archelaus Woodman, who came from Malford, England on the ship James in 1635. He acquired this land in 1645 upon which he built a house in which he lived for over 60 years. The property was passed on through his children, and thereafter it had several owners until the early 1800s when it was acquired by Dr. Josiah Smith. It was Dr. Smith who named the place Mount Rural as we know it today. Dr. Smith practiced medicine and later became a businessman. He was a member of the committee appointed to receive President Monroe in July of 1817, and he was appointed to

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receive General le Marquis de La Fayette in August, 1824. He took the previous mansion down, and built the house which remained there until the site was prepared for The High School. Dr. Smith died in 1828, and left Mt. Rural to his four granddaughters. On May 23,1883, Mt. Rural was bought at auction by Joseph Johnson for $5860.00. It was then sold to Dr. Ebenezer Hale on October 6, 1846. Dr. Hale died in 1847, and his widow remained at Mt. Rural until her death in 1860. She left the property to her husband's brother, Capt. Joshua Hale, who in turn left it to his daughter, Mrs. Alice T. Atkinson in 1894. It was Mrs. Atkinson who sold it to the city of Newburyport as the site for the new high school building in 1935. Although other locations were considered, it is obvious, that this was the best high school site in the city. It was said that "the imposing new building would be set on a gentle hill where the beauty may be displayed". This holds true today.

Architect Edwin S. Dodge

Edwin S. Dodge was a leading colonial architect in the country at the time he was selected to design the new high school. He was born in Newburyport, and graduated from Newburyport High School in 1890. He graduated from Harvard in 1895, and received a degree in architecture from MIT in 1897. He studied in Paris at Ecole des Beaux Arts until 1902. He practiced in Boston for two years before living abroad in Florence, Italy until 1912. He had a large hand in designing reconstructed Williamsburg, as well as many other buildings including: Hartford Fire Insurance Company in Hartford, Connecticut; dormitories, a gymnasium, and a pool at Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts; Kingswood School in West Hartford, Connecticut; Bennington College in Bennington, Vermont; and numerous residences all over New England. In Newburyport, he designed the interior of The Institution For Savings, the chapel at Oak Hill Cemetery, and the residences of William G. Dodge, A.P. Brown, and L.P. Dodge.

The Design of The New High School

Edwin S. Dodge designed the high school as a memorial to himself, and he decided to incorporate all that he knew about colonial architecture in the design of the building. Mr. Dodge used the Georgian or Federalist type of building which is characterized by three stories with a center entrance and a balanced number of windows on each side, with the roof on a gentle slope, and usually crowned with another structure on top. He took the tower of the Old Peabody Mill, placed a clock on it with a dome and a clipper ship as a weather vane, and then surrounded it with a widow's walk. The building is situated so that the sun shines into every room at some part of the day, a feature Mr. Dodge especially wanted. The windows have sixteen panes, eight over eight, and the whole structure of the window, the bar on top, the ledge and casing are all of colonial style. The front door has three steps leading to it, although the school is situated on a hill. This again pertains to colonial style architecture. There are four pillars which hold up a portico which has hand-carved cornices. Over the front door, the gymnasium door, and the auditorium door, there are dome-shaped windows with a bit of tracery on them, much like the tracery usually found over church windows. The reason Mr. Dodge designed this into the structure of the school was because he believed the students were entering into a period of Christian learning. Also over the gymnasium and auditorium doors are small windows that show the four points of the compass, the Tropic of Capricorn, the Tropic of Cancer, meridians, and the equator. The most important feature of these windows is the fact that a line runs through the globe showing the geographic location of Newburyport.

March 12, 1937 - Moving Day

March 12,1937 was moving day for 800 Newburyport High School students and teachers. Students and faculty reported to the old school building that morning where students were instructed to gather together their own personal books, as much as they could carry to the new building. Around midmorning, they informally paraded up High Street, half dancing, half walking, singing the school song and other songs of the day with infectious enthusiasm. The event was filled with such jubilation and excitement that it has remained vivid in the memories of those who were a part of this wonderful occasion. For the first time in many years, the entire school population could attend classes in one session. Students could also enjoy the facilities of an excellent gymnasium, a shop for woodworking (for boys), and a home economics suite (for

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girls), equipment for all forms of work in science, and sufficient provisions for pupils to study in rooms that were designed specifically for that purpose. The year 1937 was a time to realize a dream, a dream not only of students and faculty of Newburyport High School, but of the entire City of Newburyport.

World War Memorial Stadium
In 1939, World War Memorial Stadium, one of the most beautiful in all New England, neared completion. On September 16 of that year, the NHS football team played for the first time on the new attractive field. Although only the small grandstand was completed, there were more than 5,000 people in attendance for the momentous occasion.

The New Wing
As the result of increasing enrollment at Newburyport High School, it was decided that a new addition was necessary. Construction of the fifteen room addition to the main building began in May of 1962 and was completed in September of 1963.

During the 1970-71 academic year, enrollment at Newburyport High School reached 1508. There were approximately 200 students in each study hall, and it was necessary to have twelve lunch sessions to accommodate all of these students. At that time, residents of Newbury, Rowley, Salisbury, as well as Newburyport were attending the school. As a temporary measure to relieve the overcrowding, members of the freshman class who lived in Newbury attended Pentucket Regional High School in West Newbury for one year until the opening of Triton Regional High School during the 1971-72 school year. Enrollment at Newburyport High School the following year decreased to 938. The opening of Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School during the 1973-74 academic year also contributed to a slight decrease in enrollment at NHS relative to preceding years. Renovations were made to the main building in 1975 and were completed for the opening of school in 1976. Today, approximately 610 students attend Newburyport High School.

Newburyport High School Archives
On the momentous occasion of its 125th Anniversary, we are proud to recall the meaningful history of Newburyport High School. Although this particular account of the school's history focuses on the school collectively, it's true history is far more comprehensive. Each student, class, faculty, staff member and administrator has played a unique role in this history. The Newburyport High School Alumni Association, reestablished in 1988, has been working ardently to preserve our school's history. As a result of their efforts, there now exists "The Newburyport Room" adjacent to the library. This room contains NHS memorabilia including volumes of yearbooks, old photos, school publications, and many other items of particular historical significance.

Toward the 21st Century
In 1988 an historical event took place when Mary Larnard assumed her position at the "helm of the clipper ship", as she became the first woman principal of Newburyport High School. Her appreciation of the past and vision for the future of NHS are apparent in her words, " Newburyport High School has had a long and glorious history. It is one of the oldest secondary schools in the country and fosters a legacy that makes it a unique place in which to learn. As the present stewards of this legacy, we –students, faculty, and staff – have a responsibility to preserve its reputation for excellence and continue its time honored traditions. We must pass our School on to future generations in a condition that is better, stronger, and more beautiful than when we received it. This is the challenge we face as we head toward the twenty-first century."

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Principals of NHS

1868- 1869	Sylvester Burnham
1869-1881	Amos H. Thompson
1881-1882	Laroy F. Griffin
1882-1883	George E. Gay
1883-1885	Charles D. Seelye
1885-1896	Enoch C. Adams
1896-1899	George A. Dickey
1899-1914	Walter E. Andrews
1914-1931	Dana C. Wells
1931-1934	Herbert S. Ingraham
1934	Starr M. King [also Superintendent] *
1935	Charles R. Thibadeau [also Superintendent]*
1935-1941	Joseph A. Ewart
1941-1946	Rupert A . Nock * *
1946-1958	Patrick J. Murnane
1958-1966	Francis T. Bresnahan
1966-1976	Donald J. Zabriskie
1976-1983	James P. Byrne
1983-1988	J. Emmett Goggin
1988-	Mary E. Larnard

* There was no principal during the 1934-1935 school year. The duties were assumed by the superintendent. Mr. King served from September to December 1934 and Mr. Thibadeau from January to June 1935.

** Mr. Nock served in the Air Force from 1942 to 1945. Acting principals were John F. Donovan [1942-1944] and Daniel J. Colby [1944-1945]

N.H.S. Valedictorians and Salutatorians

1993	Kristen Alcorn	Andrew Lay
1992	Nathan Swilling	Crossland Atkinson
1991	Kim Clarkson	Elizabeth Kirk
1990	Heather Driscoll	Melanie Carroll
1989	David Smith	Courtney Fitzgibbons
1988	Kurt Laakso	Richard Swakla
1987	Lisa Stevens	David Marshall
1986	Pamela Kynor	Paige Baumann
1985	Renee Boothroyd	Liwen Kao
1984	Timothy Brennan	Diane Boucher
1983	Joseph Brown	David Doyle
1982	Christa Champion	Victoria Otto
1981	Joanna Tsiantis	Heather Leanna
1980	Barbara MacElwaine	Nina Esile
1979	John Scott	Marcia Morris
1978	Judith Otto	Neil Jordan
1977	Jeffrey Hull	Rebecca Goss
1976	John Downer	Catherine Kimball
1975	Diana Kelleher	Stephen Boyd
1974	Janet Goldsmith	Linda Bear
1973	Donna Emerson	Iva Poirier
1972	Jill Haley	Darby Fletcher
1971	Ellen Sweeney	Kathleen Erndl
1970	Janet Cataldo	Deborah Swiss
1969	Mark Coltin	June Hampe
1968	Janet Feist	Gail Stanton
1967	JanetDeveber	Deborah Eaton
1966	Nina Johnson	Marion True
1965	Suzanne Fenders	Nancy Witcomb
1964	Jane Berkelhammer	Wayne Karolow
1963	Cynthia Urjil	Sandra Todd
1962	Ralph Clark	Anne Ross
1961	Suzanne Urjil	Linda Kirsner
1960	Linda Dewitt	Susan Snyderman
1959	Mary Langlois	George Bartlett
1958	Joan Rigney	Ann Mary Murray
1957	Eric Streiff	Irene Evans
1956	David Rigney	Susan Thurlow
1955	Lorna Hiller	Norma Dean
1954	Marcia Zaremba	Donya Mussells
1953	William Marr	Jean Joletta
1952	Barbara Erickson	James Stokesbury
1951	Dale Baltzer	Kay Wright

N.H.S. Valedictorians and Salutatorians

1950	Cornelius Stanton	Elizabeth Stillings
1949	Robert Frost	Robert Doyle
1948	Harold Zoolalian	Leonardia Maskiewicz
1947	Jean Wade	Evelyn York
1946	Virginia Lowell	Patricia Morse
1945	Carol Furlong	Lois Noyes
1944	Peter Kafalas	Priscilla Pierce
1943	Olga Stekionis	Richard Fowler
1942	Georgia Kafalas	Dorothea Condon
1941	Margaret Murdy	Marion Maxwell
1940	Darcy Van Bokkelen	Frank Sanders
1939	Elizabeth Furbush	Robert Roger
1938	Mary Donahue	Edith Spacil
1937	Jane Pike	Sally Parsons
1936	Jean Hill	Louis Blakely
1935	Robert Little	Florence Bell
1934	Alice Yagjian	Mary Connor
1933	Helen Spaney	Albert Coltin
1932	Eleanor Taylor	Barbara Hale
1931	Marion Gould	Josephine Cashman
1930	Charles Sanders	Emily Shaffner
1929	Lylian Kray	William Adams
1928	Gertrude Lunt	Elizabeth Johnson
1927	Wendell Currier	Eileen Dudley
1926	Florence Bradley	Abraham Trebach
1925	Mary Fenders	Margaret Cashman
1924	Lucretia Isley	Anna Batchelder
1923	Elizabeth Leary	Stephen Volpone
1922	Edward Tedford	Edith Rogers
1921	Dorothy Chase	Dorothy Johnson
1920	Marjorie Rogers	Helen Noyes
1919	Helen Hurd	Helen Pond
1918	Marion Ireland	Anne Littlefield
1917	Lucy Gattrell	Marion Chesterman
1916	Nora Leary	Gladys Warner
1915	Susan Lowell	Louis Atwood, Jr.
1914	Charles Stockman	Myron Richardson
1913	Raelene Leavitt	Marion Chase
✻ 1912	Ester Merriam	Amy Weare

✻ Before this, graduation speakers were not designated by class rank.

Tradition & School Spirit

by Mary Anne Clancy '77 with Francis T. Bresnahan '43

Everywhere the basis of principle is tradition.
Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.

Color Day.... the Arch of Roses at Graduation.... the Thanksgiving Day Football Game with Amesbury.... Senior Sing Out.... the Alcove... the Alma Mater. Whether one graduated in 1868 or 1993, tradition rings loud and strong though the corridors of Newburyport High School... and throughout the community as well.

It is in large part this strong sense of tradition, of school spirit, of pride in NHS, that keeps decades of students tied to this grand old institution year in and year out, through time.... and tides.

What is tradition? Webster's defines tradition as "the handing down of information, beliefs, and customs by word of mouth, or by example from one generation to another without written instruction; an inherited pattern of thought or action."

My father, Francis T. Bresnahan, was a grand believer in the concept of tradition, both at home and within the Newburyport schools. Although he took great pride and pleasure in all of the Newburyport schools, he held a special place in his heart for the traditions and school spirit at NHS, many of which he started and carried on throughout his tenure at NHS, first as teacher, then principal, finally assistant and superintendent. He was a true believer in the premise that by establishing and carrying forth tradition, there is a continuity of purpose and, more importantly, pride, that is the very lifeblood of the Newburyport High School.

In a paper written on January 3, 1979 and delivered to high school faculty and administrators, he expounded on the importance of tradition and school spirit at NHS:

"Closely related to school spirit in the development of a positive climate is the role of tradition. This school has rich traditions and students have always respected them. Students need a sense of tradition, as do we all, for tradition provides a sense of the continuity of our purposes. But traditions must be preserved. If one by one they fall away and we do not replace them with "something of value", we will one day find ourselves wondering what happened to us. Our base will have disappeared. .. "

Traditions do not remain simply by virtue of them being there... and it is a tribute to the leaders of this school and this school system that the valuable traditions of NHS are here today to be passed on to our children and our grandchildren that follow us.

Where else in Massachusetts will one find a high school where its alumnae still rise and sing when the Alma Mater plays?

Where else in the East will one find a high school where the local residents attend the exquisite annual graduation, ceremonies each June with or without a relative participating... just because it's beautiful?

Where else in America will one find a stadium packed to near capacity in the inevitable Thanksgiving downpour at World War Memorial Stadium... regardless of the Clippers season record to date?

"Many years ago, speaking at the University of Rochester, Winston Churchill emphasized the importance of the spirit in man. "We are spirits, not animals, " he said. He stated that if leaders are to influence their people they must nourish this spirit. This has application for us in schools..."

Just a brief look at some of the traditions of NHS: several have gone by the wayside, but most remain!

The School Colors...

Chosen in 1984, Crimson and Old Gold (not "maroon"... and don't dare forget the "old')

School Flag...

It was designed by David Bennett and dedicated by the Class of 1960. Consisting of a gold Clipper ship surrounded by two concentric gold ropes embroidered on a field of white, with a crimson ribbon superimposed under the ship with the words "Newburyport High School". It is flown regularly and represents the school's belief in the words of the Alma Mater: "All are bound in loyal tie."

School Song...

Adapted from Havardiana by Castlehun '31, Patten '31 and Reid '32, it clearly symbolizes a strong attachment to NHS by students, faculty and alumni alike. Traditionally, all stand when the Alma Mater is played.

at Newburyport High School

School Symbol....
The Clipper ship as the school symbol stems from the fact that Newburyport traditionally is known as the 'home of the Clipper ship'. All NHS athletic teams are known as the "Clippers.'

EN-AITCH-ESS...
The name referring to the Annual School Yearbook, the first copy of the En-Aitch-Ess was published in 1891, and remains today!

The Record....
Also started in 1891, The Record is the school literary and informational magazine as a 'record' of the activities and events of NHS.

Thanksgiving Day Rivalry with Amesbury...
Reportedly one of the longest running high school sports rivalries in the country, this game is a must-attend for both cities. No matter what each team's records to date, the outcome of this grand game is never assured!

Color Day...
This traditional pre-Thanksgiving Day football rally, held the day before Thanksgiving in the auditorium, pits class against class in a competitive and fun-filled show of support for the football team. To illustrate the importance the students place on Color Day, here is an excerpt from a memo written by Francis Bresnahan to the faculty in 1979 about an earlier Color Day: . . .
There came a day in 1964 or 1965 when we simply could not get every student into the auditorium. By that time enrollment had reached 1300 and we had only 950 seats. We decided to make Color Day voluntary and told students that if they did not wish to attend the Color Day assembly, they could stay home. Keep that in mind: 1300 students were told that they need not come to school. On Color Day, there were 1100 present. Given the normal absence rate of five percent, 90% of the students came to school voluntarily.

The Senior Play...
The first one was held in 1913, a production of The Time of His Life, to raise money to buy the school a piano.

The Class Gift...
Each year the departing senior class leaves a gift of lasting value to the school.

The Junior Promenade...
An example tradition that was halted, and recently started again! Prior to the Junior Prom (which for many years was held the night after Thanksgiving, but is now held in the Spring), the Junior class attendees and their dates "promenade" for all to see. It is now held on the main walkway in front of the school.

Senior Reception...
A long-standing September dance where the Senior Class hosts the Freshman Class as a welcoming gesture.

The Alcove...
Located across the front door of the school, this sitting area for guests was always the undisputed upper-class domain; heaven help the freshman who inadvertently wandered in!

The Levee...
A long-standing tradition that is no more, the levee was always held on graduation night and started out as a promenade when dancing was not allowed! Eventually, it became a dance, and finally disappeared from the scene altogether, today replaced by the Senior Celebration.

Senior Week....
The final week before Graduation, this is a fun-and-activity filled week for seniors and is steeped in tradition! The week includes Vespers, Senior Sing-Out, Ivy Day (when the class plants a sprig of ivy in the courtyard and an Ivy Day Orator delivers a speech), the Class Trip, Senior Prom and at last Graduation itself. Graduation was once held in City Hall, then moved to the stadium several years ago. The graduates enter the field under the traditional Junior Arch of Roses. Orations are given by the principal, superintendent, salutatorian and valedictorian, recognition of scholarship winners, presentation of the class gift from the Senior Class President to the Junior Class President, distribution of diplomas and finally, the recessional out of the stadium to the Alma Mater. The day ends with a new tradition, Senior Celebration, organized by parents and community leaders.

The Arts

Year	Senior Play	Director
1913	Time of His Life	
1914		
1915		
1916		
1917		
1918	A Rose O'Plymouth Town	Miss Jones
1919	Next Door	
1920	Green Stockings	Miss Butler
1921	The Gypsy Trail	
1922	Little Lord Fauntleroy	
1923	Clarence - First Two Nights	Mr. Bailey
1924	Daddy Long Legs	G. Rex Bailey
1925	Come Out Of The Kitchen	G. Rex Bailey
1926	Bab	Fred Parsons
1927	Seventeen	
1928	What's In A Dream?	Gladys Barry
1929	The Charm School	Fred Parsons
1930	Tons of Money	Fred Parsons
1931	Skidding	Fred Parsons
1932	The Patsy	
1933	Honor Bright	
1934	The Lover Expert	Fred Parsons
1935	Growing Pains	Fred Parsons
1936	Big Hearted Herbert	Fred Parsons
1937	The Family Upstairs	Fred Parsons
1938	The Youngest	Fred Parsons
1939	Here Comes Patricia	Fred Parsons
1940	June Mad	Fred Parsons
1941	Smilin' Thru	Fred Parsons
1942	What a Life	Fred Parsons
1943	Every Family Has One	Fred Parsons
1944	The Fighting Littles	Fred Parsons
1945	Pride & Prejudice	Fred Parsons
1946	Berkley Square	Catherine Coffin
1947	January Thaw	
1948	Dear Ruth	
1949	Ever Since Eve	Jeanmary Durant
1950	Spring Fever	Olive Brock
1951	Nothing But The Truth	Olive Brock
1952	The Arrival of Kitty	
1953	She Stoops To Conquer	Olive Brock & Francis Bresnahan
1954	You Can't Take It With You	Frank Ryan

The Arts

Year	Senior Play	Director
1955	Girl Crazy	Frank Ryan
1956	Peg O' My Heart	Daga Hammond
1957	January Thaw	Annette Palmer
1958	Pygmalion	Annette Palmer
1959	Father Knows Best	Annette Palmer
1960	The Man Who Came To Dinner	Annette Palmer
1961	Harvey	Annette Palmer
1962	The Cat & The Canary	Annette Palmer
1963	A Connecticut Yankee In King Arthurs's Court	Annette Palmer
1964	The Mouse That Roared	Annette Palmer
1965	Nuts In May	Annette Palmer
1966	You Can't Take It With You	Norma Beit
1967	Cheaper By The Dozen	Annette Palmer
1968	A Pennant For The Kremlin	Eleanor Lemond
1969	Meet Me In St. Louis	Peggy Moughan
1970	The Barretts Of Wimpole Street	Gene Merchant
1971	Time Out For Ginger	Ed Joyce
1972	Blithe Spirit	Ed Joyce
1973	Two's A Crowd	Ed Joyce
1974	Three One Act Plays	Marge Wolozin & Diane Twomey
1975	Three One Act Plays	Marge Wolozin & Diane Twomey
1976	You Can't Take It With You	Joyce Zafris

Year	Mount Rural Players Play	Director
1943	Radio Plays (December 7 in Observance Of Pearl Harbor	Catherine Coffin
1944	A Midnight Clear	Catherine Coffin
1945	Julius Caesar & Blackout	Catherine Coffin
1948	The Heritage of Wimple Street	Marie Ravesi
1949	Mr. Lincoln's Whiskers	Jean Mary Durant
1950	Meet Arizona	Francis Bresnahan & Helen Hume
1952	Cheaper By The Dozen	Francis Bresnahan
	Why The Chimes Rang	Olive Brock
	Buddy	

The Arts (continued)

Year	The Musicals	Director
1977	South Pacific	Richard E. Doyle &Marcia Macagno
1978	Guys & Dolls	Richard E. Doyle & Evelyn Mann
1979	Anything Goes	Richard E. Doyle & Evelyn Mann
1980	L'il Abner	Redmann
1981	The Pajama Game	Redmann
1982	High Button Shoes	Redmann
1983	Once Upon a Mattress	Redmann
1984	You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown	Redmann
1985	Forty-Five Minutes From Broadway	Redmann
1986	The Music Man	Redmann
1987	Fiddler On The Roof	Redmann
1988	Grease	Evelyn Mann
1989	Oklahoma!	Evelyn Mann
1990	Anything Goes	Evelyn Mann
1991	42nd Street	Evelyn Mann
1992	Bye Bye Birdie	Evelyn Mann
1993	Something's Afoot	Evelyn Mann

Year	Play	Director
1980	Plaza Suite	Richard E. Doyle
1981	Arsenic & Old Lace	Richard E. Doyle
1982	The Mousetrap	Richard E. Doyle
1983	The Man Who Came To Dinner	Richard E. Doyle
1984	Blithe Spirit	Richard E. Doyle
1985	No Show	
1986	No Show	
1987	You Can't Take It With You	Richard E. Doyle
1988	Ten Little Indians	Richard E. Doyle
1989	The Pink Panther Strikes Again	Richard E. Doyle
1990	The Mouse That Roared	Richard E. Doyle
1991	The Cat & The Canary	Richard E. Doyle
1992	Harvey	Richard E. Doyle
1993	Charley's Aunt	Richard E. Doyle

Athletic Championships

Newburyport High School
Clipper Teams 1955-1993

Year		League	Coach	Captain
FOOTBALL				
1955		Class C	Walt Sheridan	George Foster Andy Jackson
1956		Class C	Walt Sheridan	Jack Foley Luther Reed
1965		Northeastern Conference	Jim Stehlin	Jake Haley
1966	*	N.E.C. & Class B	Jim Stehlin	George Gagalis
1973		Cape Ann	Jim Stehlin	Mike Foley
1974		Cape Ann	Jim Stehlin	Kevin Barlow
1975	*	Cape Ann & Div. III Super Bowl	Jim Stehlin	Mike Twomey
1976	*	Cape Ann & Div. III Super Bowl	Jim Stehlin	Steve Cutter
1977		Cape Ann	Jim Stehlin	Dave Fournier
1980		Cape Ann	Jim Stehlin	Kevin Groder
	*	Undefeated		
FIELD HOCKEY				
1980		Cape Ann	Sue Coffey	Alicia Foley & Laura Szymura
1981		Cape Ann	Sue Coffey	Margaret Welch & Tricia Thomas
1982		Cape Ann	Sue Coffey	Terri Austin & Sue Goulet
CROSS COUNTRY - BOYS				
1970		N.E.C.	Eliot Bosinger	Dick Bostick
1971		N.E.C.	Eliot Bosinger	Dick Bostick
1972		N.E.C.	Eliot Bosinger	Dick Bostick
1982		Cape Ann	Eliot Bosinger	
1986		Cape Ann	Eliot Bosinger	Jerry Jayne
CROSS COUNTRY - GIRLS				
1991		Cape Ann	Dan Hennigar	Beth Joyce
1992		Cape Ann	Dan Hennigar	Lisa & Laura Beitman

Athletic Championships

Year	League	Coach	Captain
GIRLS' BASKETBALL			
1964 - 1971	N.E.C.	Mary Dugrenier	99 Straight Wins!
1972	N.E.C.	John Mulvany	Robi Solomon & Karen McDermott
1977	Cape Ann	Sandi Tilton	Judy Curley
1978	Cape Ann	Sue Coffey	Mimi Ryan
1979	Cape Ann & North Sectional Division II	Sue Coffey	Carolyn Peters & Pam Dodge
1980	Cape Ann	Sue Coffey	Pam Dodge & Beth Rice
1981	Cape Ann	Sue Coffey	Beth Rice & Diana McKinney
1982	Cape Ann	Sue Coffey	Diana McKinney & Christa Champion
1989	Cape Ann	Neil Reardon	Katie Ventura & Laurie Labua
BOYS' BASKETBALL			
1979	Cape Ann	Leslie Childs	Skip Short
1987	Cape Ann	Kevin Lucy	Keith Gibbons &Jeff Morris
1989	Cape Ann	Kevin Lucy	Doug Fowler & Craig Waldron
ICE HOCKEY			
1981	Cape Ann	Bob Coffill	Jeff Twobly & Jeff MacBurnie
1986	Cape Ann	Leo Dupere	Erik Laakso Bill Eiserman, Jeff Gidaitis
1992	Cape Ann	Spike Sprague	Mike Lucy, Kevin Lamoureau & Mike Patten
1993	Cape Ann	Spike Sprague	Corey Bethune, Paul Dalbon & Brandon Holden
BASEBALL			
1964	N.E.C.	Jack Welch	Charlie Hodgdon & Bob Colby
1974	Cape Ann	Bill Pettingell	Scott Ratte
1975	Cape Ann	Bill Pettingell	Bruce Murphy
1976	Cape Ann E. MA Div. II	Bill Pettingell	Bob O'Brien

Athletic Championships

Year	League	Coach	Captain
1985	Cape Ann	Bill Pettingell	Chris Wile
1986	Cape Ann	Bill Pettingell	Chris Lamothe
1987	Cape Ann	Bill Pettingell	Nick Varoudakis
1988	Cape Ann	Bill Pettingell	Chris Cooney
1990	Cape Ann	Bill Pettingell	Jon Story & Mike Sullivan
1991	Cape Ann	Bill Pettingell	Matt Blomberg & Sean McKinnon
1992	Cape Ann	Bill Pettingell	Keith Asmussen

SOFTBALL

1977	Cape Ann	Paul Caron	Sue Trask & Mary Ann Leary
1978	Cape Ann	Sue Coffey	Mary Ryan
1982	Cape Ann	Marty Sarkissian	Eileen Brennan & Jeannie Lind
1983	Cape Ann	Marty Sarkissian	Terry Austin & Michelle Mitchell
1984	Cape Ann	Marty Sarkissian	Sue Salvatore & Michelle Chaisson
1986	Cape Ann	Marty Sarkissian	Kim Lamoureux

BOYS' TENNIS

1976	Cape Ann	Bob Welch	Jim Sheppard
1977	Cape Ann	Bob Welch	Dave MacBurnie
1979	Cape Ann	Bob Welch	Dusty Kimball

GIRLS' TENNIS

1984	Cape Ann	Neil Reardon	Stephanie MacBurnie

GIRLS' TRACK

1980	Cape Ann	Eliot Bosinger	Diane Haley
1981	Cape Ann	Eliot Bosinger	Joyce Purley
1982	Cape Ann	Eliot Bosinger	Margaret Clancy & Christa Champion
1983	Cape Ann	Eliot Bosinger	Patty Jacobson

BOYS' TRACK

1963	N.E.C.	Cliff Ronan	Billy Johnson

Athletics

GIRLS' SPORTSNIGHT WINNERS

1963	White Team
1964	White Team
1965	Blue Team
1966	Blue Team
1967	White Team
1968	Blue Team
1969	White Team
1970	Blue Team
1971	Blue Team
1972	White Team
1973	White Team
1974	White Team
1975	White Team
1976	Blue Team
1977	Blue Team

Note: Records compiled from Coaches, Yearbooks, and Alumni.
We sincerely regret any errors or omissions due to printing deadlines.

A History of NHS Athletics

By Kevin C. Doyle (Class of '72) Daily News Sports Editor

As you enter the main gate at World War Memorial Stadium, stop for a moment and look to your left.

Located on the north bank of stands, The Newburyport High School Wall of Fame stands as permanent testament to more than 100 years of tradition and athletic excellence.

Established in 1982, the Wall of Fame honors former athletes, coaches, administrators and others who have made particularly significant contributions to the high school's athletic programs.

To Date, 17 individuals have been honored, their plaques placed on the Wall. Four others – retiring Superintendent Fancis T. Bresnahan, outgoing school committee member and three sport athlete Norman H. Doyle, girls sports pioneer and long-time coach Mary Woodsom DuGrenier, and former athlete, coach, teacher and adminstrator Leonard "Buddy" Knox – will be formally inducted on Wednesday, November 24, 1993.

They join a select group, but one whose accomplishments only begin to tell the story of the past century. The NHS legacty is one of successful teams, a handful of professional athletes, many who went to collegiate glory and countless others who found success in their chosen profession.

The athletic program was born in the 1890s in the Essex Interscholastic Athletic Association (EIAA); nurtured through the early 1900s as an independent school without a league; and bloomed fully, first in the Northeastern Conference (NEC) and, most recently, in the Cape Ann League (CAL).

In fact, three of the school's current coaches – Bill Pettingell (baseball), Kevin Lucy (boys basketball) and Richard "Spike" Sprague (ice hockey) – rank as the most successful in school history in their sports. Athletic Director Jim Stehlin holds that distinction in football.

Football kicked off the school's interscholastic participation in 1892 and remains the marquee program today. NHS has produced five undefeated teams; nine league champions; three state champs (Class C in 1955 and '56, Class B in '66); and two Eastern Mass. Division III Super Bowl kingpins (1975 and '76).

The three winningest coaches – Stehlin (126-64-3), Walter Sheridan (34-9-2) and Del Borah (43-25-14) – are all Wall of Fame enshrinees. Wall of Famer Bob McAniff ('54) still ranks as the all-time scoring leader with 34 touchdowns and 207 points.

After spending two seasons as road warriors following the closing of the old NAC facility in the South End in 1936, NHS teams moved into World War Memorial Stadium in 1939 and have played there ever since.

Since the first official pitch as thrown against the Perley Free School of Georgetown in 1895, baseball has been the school's most consistent program, boasting an overall record of 870-620 (with six ties). NHS will play its 1,500th official game next spring, hoping to add to its 19 league championships and 20 post-season appearances. The program has exploded during Pettingell's 22 year tenure. His teams have won 340 games, 10 Cape Ann League Championships and an Eastern Massachusetts Division II crown (1976). His 1987 team set a school record of 22 wins.

Individual highlights include the nearly 400 career strikeouts and 21 wins amassed by Chauncey "Doc" Worcester from 1908-11; the .679 batting average of Angelo "Junior" Dagres in 1953; and career 20-game winners Larry Russell ('67), Bob O'Brien ('76) and Jeff LaFrance ('88).

Basketball offically tipped off in 1917 and, after a series of false starts, got going in earnest in the 1930s. The sport was an immediate success, racking up six NEC titles in a 12-year span from 1932-44. Included was one of the two post-season champions in school history, the 1942 Class B Tech Tourney titleists captained by Don Zabriskie and coached by Tom O'Donnell. Eleven years later, the 1953 team captured the Bay State Tourney behind captain Carl Beal and coach Vic Cervizzi.

The year 1937 marked two changes: the move into the "new" high school gymnasium and the elimination of the jump ball after every basket. Since

A History of NHS Athletics (cont.)

1980, the sport has undergone a renaissance under former captain and current coach Lucy ('67). In his 14 years, he has compiled the best record in school history (156-113) while winning two CAL titles and making seven post-season appearances.

Dagres (1,113 points) an LaFrance (1,002) are the school's top two scorers while Paul Shepard ('65) scored 856 points in just two years, including a single-game record 60 in a win against Amesbury. He still holds numerous school and NEC scoring records.

With 18 winning seasons, 12 post-season appearances and four CAL championships since it was founded in 1973, hockey has arguably been the most successful program of the past two decades. Clipper skaters have already posted 241 wins in fewer than 400 games after earlier attempts to start a program (1926-27, 1938-39, and 1943-44) failed.

Sprague has a gaudy 89-33-5 record to go with back-to-back championships. The 13-member 100-point club is led by Mide Brennan ('91) with 192 points and NHL draft pick Mike Tinkham ('88) with 164.

The Clippers' track teams enjoyed their glory days under Cliff Ronan, winning NEC and state titles in the 1960s. After a lull they have again grown into a regional power under the direction of Coach Tim Foley ('68), winning the CAL Meet and finishing second in the Class C Meet this spring.

It wasn't until the mid-1970s that Federal legislation (Title IX) put girls' teams on a level playing field with the boys. However, the Clippers (or Clipperettes, as they were known then) made their mark much earlier, especially in field hockey and basketball, which took root in the intramural programs of the 1930s and '40s.

Wall of Famer Margaret Bean Gould ('34) earned her varsity basketball numerals in 1932, but the sport was discontinued and she went on to excell in YWCA programs. She continued to promote girls athletics through her work as a Phys. Ed. instructor and field hockey and basketball referee. For 10 years, she donated her services as an official at Girls Sportsnight.

Wall of Famer Mary DuGrenier literally built the girls programs in the 1960s. From 1961-69, her field hockey teams compiled a 49-18-10 record. In basketball, she had seven straight undefeated seasons from 1963-70, comprising the bulk of the school's legendary 10-year, 100-game winning streak. DuGrenier also formed the Girls Leaders Club and initiated Sportsnight, the long-running competitive gymnastics show that annually involved more than 200 girls and packed the high school gym for two nights.

From the mid '70s to early '80s, the Clippers continued their success, especially in basketball and softball. Most recently, the girls cross-country team has sprinted to the forefront with back-to-back CAL titles in 1991 and '92.

The already impressive list of outstanding female athletes at NHS, which now includes the likes of Gail Pettengill Kelleher, Toni Talas, Becky Jaques, Roberta Solomon, Suzi Rice, Kathy Ladd, Mary Beth, Mimi Ryan and Suzanne Goulet – seems destined to grow considerably.

Sports such as boys and girls soccer, boys and girls tennis and golf – which the school was required to add when it joined the CAL – are carving out their own niche.

In time, they too will become part of the fabric that is the tradition of NHS athletics.

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To the Crimson and the Gold.
All hail to each son and daughter
Who has honored thee of old;
Young hearts with the old united,
All are bound in loyal tie!
To Newburyport, our High School,
Let us raise our voices high.

Onward! Forward! Onward! Forward!
Onward! Forward! Newburyport High School
hail, all hail!

All hail to the glorious future
That the coming years shall bring;
We pledge to thee our devotion,
And thy Praise in chorus sing.
Thy green ivy'd walls have sheltered
Classes who have brought thee fame.
May we carry on the banner
And be worthy of thy name.