

# THE NEWS LETTER

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## Scotland Trip Begins April 12

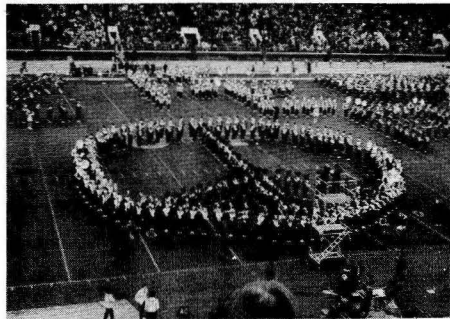
When the Northern Highlands bass drum displayed the sign "Scotland or Bust" during the football season, the trip was still only half a dream. Now the dream has turned into a KLM superjet leaving on April 12th with one hundred fifty students and a two week agenda covering both Scotland and England.

The majority of the students going are members of the band, color guard, twirlers and cheerleaders. With them they will bring instruments, uniforms, flags, and batons as they will be performing several concerts and marching routines while in Scotland. In order to fill the quota the trip was opened up to soccer players and seniors. Mr. Robert Manzo, director of the band and organizer of the trip, assured the non-band students that there will be plenty for them to help out with at the concerts.

Accompanying the students will be nine chaperones: Miss Elizabeth Koenig, Miss Margaret Gimello, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kedron, Mr. Bruce Emra, Miss Patricia Peterson, Miss Sharon Portner, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Manzo. Each chaperone will be in charge of approximately seventeen students.

The plane will land at Prestwick Airport, thirty miles from Glasgow, Scotland. Three deluxe motorcoaches will meet the plane and transport the tired passengers to Williamwood High School at Clarkston-Outside-of-Glasgow where the students' Scottish hosts will be waiting. For the six days spent in Scotland each Highlander will be the guest of a student from Williamwood Highschool.

One of the highlights of the six



Northern Highlands  
Marching Band

days will be a championship soccer game played in Glasgow in which the Northern Highlands band will perform a "half-time show". The band will also perform two more concerts at Williamwood and one in southwest Scotland. Touring of the famous lakes and countryside, castles, and Gothic architecture will occupy much of the students' time.

On April 19th, the motorcoaches will head south into England. One hundred eighty miles will be covered the first day, including a stop at Moffat and Lake Derwentwater. The night will be spent at Hyrdo Hotel, Windermere, a lake resort.

During the following days, the motorcoaches will pass through Shakespearean country and stops will be made at Oxford College, Salisbury, and Stonehenge. The students will reach London, the final destination, on April 22nd.

Three days will be spent in London. Besides touring of the famous sights, students will be able to attend the opening of Shakespearean theater or take in a play or musical. The plane returning home will leave on April 25.

Upon his return Mr. Manzo hopes to put together a program on the trip to present to the student body. In a year Northern Highlands hopes to return the hospitality of the Clarkston's students by helping them organize a trip to the United States.

## New Teaching Methods Experiment

Recently three professors from New York University taught one class each at Northern Highlands in a teaching-methods experiment. Professors Robert Berlin, John Mayher, and Harold Vine of the English education department of New York University each taught one of Bruce Emra's three creative writing classes at Highlands and the classes were videotaped with N.Y.U. equipment for use in teacher-training classes at N.Y.U. and for study by the professors themselves. The procedure was as follows:

Each man taught the same material but no man knew of the plans or specific methods of his colleagues. No one sat in on the classes of his colleagues. These were the "controls" of the experiment. The classes were videotaped so that future English teachers now studying at N.Y.U. could see different approaches and results in teaching the same piece of literature. The effect of a teacher's personality, the amount of students' responses—these would all be noted.

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# SPOTLIGHT ON...

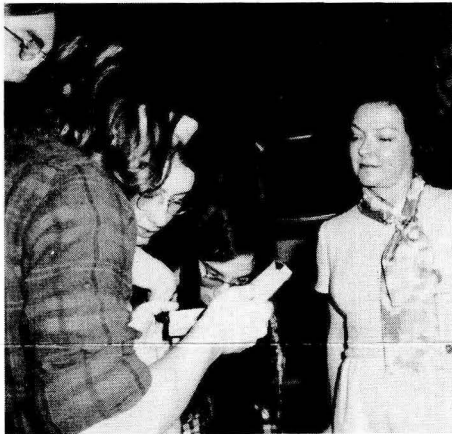
*Lois Ann Schneider*, business teacher, is taking a course in Principles of Guidance and Counseling at Montclair State College.

*Andrew Boyajian*, science teacher, is enrolled at Montclair State College in a graduate course entitled Tests and Measurements.

*Judy Dayner*, science teacher, is taking advanced Biology and Chemistry at Montclair State College.

*Margaret Gimello*, guidance counselor, is studying Statistics at New York University.

*James Sok, Fred Procopio, Carl Mortensen, Jerry Emison, Fred Conrad, and Phyllis Frey*, all members of the physical education department, are taking graduate courses at Montclair State College.



Memory Knopf

*Memory Knopf*, resident of Upper Saddle River, recently delivered a speech on Africa to the Humanities class.

*John Fedele*, social studies department chairman, is currently taking three courses at Fairleigh Dickinson University.

*Robert Hellwig*, social studies teacher, is teaching a course in Western European Civilization at Seton Hall University.

*Dennis Rouse*, foreign language teacher, appeared as a guest lecturer at Douglas College March 3 and spoke on "methods of teaching Russian to Secondary Students." The speech was given to secondary high school teachers and student teachers.

*Christine Racaniello*, English teacher, took eight student editors to the Columbia University Scholastic Press Convention at Columbia University in New York City. They attended classes, seminars, and panels on journalism and school memo papers. It culminated in a gala luncheon at the New York Hilton.

*Vincent Herold*, vice principal, is teaching a course in Zoology at Fairleigh Dickinson University. He is also taking a course in School Finance at Montclair State College.

*John Mintzer*, principal, recently returned from a conference in Houston, Texas sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals. There were over 10,000 principals attending the five-day program entitled "Common Sense Priorities for the Seventies."

*Richard Looram*, student teacher, is practice teaching in the physical education department. He will be graduated in June from Montclair State College.

*Arthur Yockel*, science teacher, is studying Principles of Secondary Education at Fairleigh Dickinson University.

*Nicholas Rotunda*, mathematics teacher, is teaching two undergraduate courses at Fairleigh Dickinson University. He is also enrolled at Montclair for a course in secondary administration.

*Dave Eickhorst*, business teacher, recently replaced Louise Lackey in the business education department.

*Sharon Portner*, social studies teacher, is taking courses at the Museum of Natural History in the field of culture, archeology and art.

*Kathleen Mahony*, social studies teacher, taught a course in British History at Seton Hall University last semester.

*Buddy Ajalat*, music teacher, recently attended the Music Educator's National Conference, Eastern Division, in Atlantic City. Fourteen of our high school music students were on the program which began February 26 and ended March 1.



Robert Berlin

Professor Robert Berlin of New York University is here teaching a writing class of Bruce Emra, Northern Highlands English teacher, in teaching-methods experiment (see article).

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TEACHING METHODS

The professors themselves could see the tapes and note their colleagues' methods and success in teaching the one class. It is further hoped that members of the Highlands' English department will be able to see the tapes for discussion and application in their own classes.

The experiment continues a relationship between Mr. Emra and Professor Berlin over several years. Professor Berlin supervised Mr. Emra's practice teaching at Teaneck High School while Mr. Emra was a student at N.Y.U. He has invited Mr. Emra to bring a small group of students each semester to N.Y.U. to be interviewed by him in his class. The students are interviewed so that the future English teachers can see "real high school students" and their interests and goals as opposed to just discussing high school students theoretically. This year Northern Highlands seniors who have participated include: Betty Ann Hosking, Carlin Miskowski, Kathy Roach, Jim Davis, Chris Lewis, Tom Roach and Greg Trecartin.

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## Madrigal Group To Perform At State Workshop

The Northern Highlands Madrigal Group has been asked by the New Jersey Music Educator's Association to perform at their Spring Workshop.

The conference will be held in Atlantic City on May 9, 10 at the Traymore Hotel. The program of performing organizations is presented for teachers from grades one through twelve.

Mr. Gerald F. Hopkins, Superintendent of the Northern Highlands Regional High School District has said the trip will be sponsored by the Music Department. Mr. Buddy Ajalat will accompany the group.

# HOME and SCHOOL NEWS

## GENERAL MEETING — April 29, 1971

Judging from questions and remarks during our Parent-Liaison Seminars, there is an interest in how parents can effectively evaluate schools. In response to this interest, we are happy to provide the platform for a discussion of this topic on April 29th at 8:00 P.M. Our speaker, Mr. James Angel, is director of the Educational Records Bureau in New York City, a non-profit school-oriented organization. Both Mr. Angel and his associate will speak on "School Evaluation", commenting on such areas as administration and supervision, academic achievement and curriculum. If you've ever wondered whether the quality of education being given to the child is commensurate with the amount of money being spent, then you should find this program provocative.

Prior to the program, a short business meeting will be held during which the slate of officers for the school year of 1971-1972 will be presented. Join us in the auditorium on April 29th for a most enlightening program.

## FOLKE FESTIVALE INTERNAZIONALE — JUNE 4th and 5th

A work session was held in the auditorium on March 10th to recruit workers and enlist ideas for making our Folke Festivale Internationale a smashing success. The dates for our international fun fair are creeping up and we still need helping hands. Here is a good way to meet new people and remember: all profits go to the Scholarship Fund. Come on, "get on the bandwagon" and call Chairman Eleanor Bauer at 825-0625 to volunteer. We need YOU.

## GUIDANCE SEMINARS

We are again arranging seminars for parents to meet with Miss Blanchard, director of the Guidance Department. If you are curious about the guidance program, join with other interested parents and Miss Blanchard to learn more about the work of this important department. Carolyn Janke, 327-8493, will be happy to enroll you and advise you of meeting times.

## PARENT — LIASON SEMINARS

Again in March, Home and School Association brought together a group of parents with key members of the administrative staff. We think this is a meaningful effort toward promoting open discussion between home and school, and as long as there is an interest, we will arrange for the seminars.

If you are concerned about school problems, don't just gossip with your neighbors. Come to these meetings and get THE FACTS. Call any one of the following ladies to register your name and find out time and place for the next scheduled seminar:

Lois Badavas .... 825-0624  
Agnes Bondy .... 327-3833  
Harriet Levy ..... 327-7089

## Guidance Department News

HELEN M. BLANCHARD,  
DIRECTOR

On Tuesday, March 23rd, several juniors attended the Engineering Career Day Program, held at Rutgers, the State University, in New Brunswick. This program was designed for the high school junior who is qualifying in pre-engineering and is seriously interested in engineering as a profession.

Thirty companies with large engineering complexes worked with the New Jersey Society of Professional Engineers and provided substantial financial support for the project. Each company set up "shop" in an individual classroom and presented its engineering story to groups of students in an atmosphere that was quiet and conducive to man-to-man discussion.

At the luncheon, Astronaut Col. Edwin Aldrin, Jr., was the guest speaker.

Valley Hospital in Ridgewood designated March 25th as Health Career Day for Northern Highlands. Some 50 underclassmen spent the day at Valley Hospital where they were given a complete tour of the facilities of the hospital.

This project was intended to present the various opportunities available in health careers to students. The opportunities include dietary, admitting, medical records, medical tech-

nology, administration, nursing, personnel, pharmacy, purchasing, physical therapy, x-ray, medicine, medical secretary, hospital secretary, inhalation therapy technician, and operating room technician.

## Experiment in Office Procedures

There is a new experimental program which is being conducted in the Office Practice class this year. Twice a week, students in this class will be working for assigned staff in guidance and in various departments. Staff members will be required to give these students the experience in handling office procedures and performing secretarial work which will benefit both parties. Each participating staff member was given an outline by which he or she will be asked to write a critique on their secretary at the end of the marking period. This grade will be included in the marking period average.

The girls have to fill out weekly logs which must be signed by their boss and turned into Mrs. Edwards. If the boss has nothing for his secretary to do on a particular day, she is given the day off and it is noted in her log.

Students were asked their opinion of this project and most seemed to think it was helpful, not only for its experience but also for the opportunity to relate to someone on a different level other than a classroom situation.

The following assignments were made:

Miss Spera	Joyce Ficarra
Mrs. Kedron	Carol Kjellander
Mr. Fedele	Debbie Coleman
Mrs. Woodruff	Nancy Sutton
Miss Gimello	Jeanne England
Miss Blanchard	Dorothy Denier
Mrs. Edwards	Leslie Hayward
Mr. Lenskold	Paula Turner
Mr. Ryan	Mary Parodi
Mr. Ajalat	Lynda Hayes

The program will be continued throughout the third marking period. It is believed that this program has been successful and the students have benefited from it.



# MASTER CALENDAR

## APRIL

3	home—11:00 a.m.	Baseball Game	Ridgewood
6	away— 4:00 p.m.	Tennis Match	Demarest
6	home— 4:00 p.m.	Baseball Game	Demarest
7	home— 4:00 p.m.	Tennis Match	Old Tappan
8	home— 4:00 p.m.	Tennis Match	Old Tappan
9		Good Friday — School will be closed	
12-16		Spring Recess	
12-25		Scotland Trip	

12	away— 4:00 p.m.	Baseball Game	Mahwah
13	home— 4:00 p.m.	Tennis Match	Ramapo
13	away— 4:00 p.m.	Baseball Game	Ramapo
16	away— 4:00 p.m.	Tennis Match	River Dell
16	home— 4:00 p.m.	Baseball Game	River Dell
17	away— 2:00 p.m.	Baseball Game	Teaneck
23	away— 4:00 p.m.	Tennis Match	Pascack Valley
23	home— 4:00 p.m.	Baseball Game	Pascack Valley
24	away—10:00 a.m.	Baseball Game	Paramus
26	home— 4:00 p.m.	Tennis Match	Pascack Hills
26	away— 4:00 p.m.	Baseball Game	Pascack Hills
28	Band Concert	Auditorium	8:00 P.M.
28	away— 4:00 p.m.	Tennis Match	Indian Hills
28	home— 4:00 p.m.	Baseball Game	Indian Hills
30	Freshman Dance	8:00 P.M.	
30	away— 4:00 p.m.	Tennis Match	Lodi
30	home— 4:00 p.m.	Baseball Game	Lodi

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3	home— 4:00 p.m.	Tennis Match	Demarest
3	away— 4:00 p.m.	Baseball Game	Demarest
5	away— 4:00 p.m.	Tennis Match	Old Tappan
5	home— 4:00 p.m.	Baseball Game	Old Tappan
7- 8	Senior Play	Auditorium	8:00 P.M.
7	away— 4:00 p.m.	Tennis Match	Ramapo
7	home— 4:00 p.m.	Baseball Game	Ramapo
10	away— 4:00 p.m.	Baseball Game	River Dell
10	away— 4:00 p.m.	Tennis Game	River Dell
11	home— 4:00 p.m.	Baseball Game	St. Joseph's H.S.
14	Spring Concert	Auditorium	8:00 P.M.
	Vocal Music		
14	home— 4:00 p.m.	Tennis Match	Pascack Valley
14	away— 4:00 p.m.	Basketball Game	Pascack Valley
18	away— 4:00 p.m.	Tennis Match	Pascack Hills
18	home— 5:45 p.m.	Baseball Game	Pascack Hills
21		Senior Prom	
21	away— 4:00 p.m.	Tennis Match	Indian Hills
21	away— 4:00 p.m.	Baseball Game	Indian Hills
25	home— 4:00 p.m.	Tennis Match	Lodi
25	away— 4:00 p.m.	Baseball Game	Lodi
27	home— 5:45 p.m.	Baseball Game	Wayne Hills
31		Memorial Day	

## Transportation Notes

Parents, or Guardians of high school students requesting transportation for the 1971-72 school year to private/parochial schools must submit an application to the Secretary of the Northern Highlands Regional High School District, Hillside Avenue, Allendale, New Jersey by May 1, 1971. Applications may be secured from the office of the Secretary and a separate application is necessary for each child.

Bids will be solicited for bus routes in June and awards will be announced at the July meeting of the Board of Education. Parents will be informed in July of the bus route their child is assigned. If the cost of transportation should exceed \$150 per child per year, the parent must then provide transportation or contract for transportation himself and is then eligible for a reimbursement of up to \$150 for the school year.

All requests for elementary school private/parochial transportation should be made through the Secretary of the local Board of Education, Mr. A. Grossman in Allendale and Mrs. C. Davis in Upper Saddle River.

Questions relative to private/parochial school transportation will be answered by calling the office of the Secretary of the Board of Education.

### RESULTS OF ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION Upper Saddle River March 30, 1971

	Votes
Jack A. Peyman	313*
Richard L. Martino	238*
Robert Carr	209*
C. Ronald Ross	173
Erwin N. Taylor	165
William James Nigro	111
Et Stein	105
Charles C. Coscia	48
*ELECTED	

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