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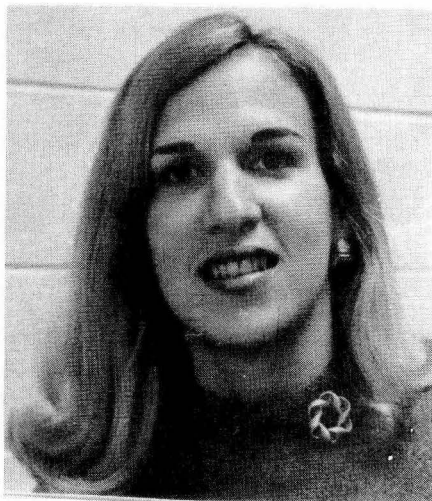
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## NEW TEACHERS BRING WEALTH OF TALENT, EXPERIENCE

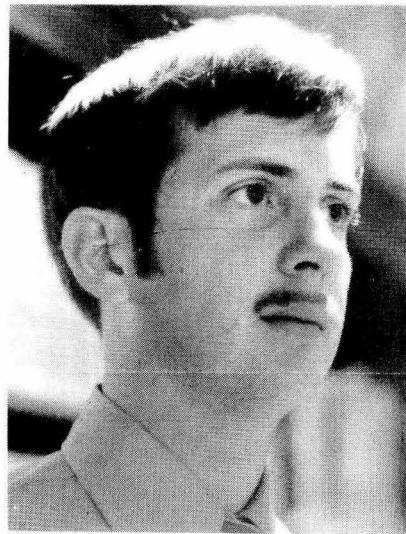
by S. A. Earl

This year Northern Highlands welcomes its new teachers who come from a variety of backgrounds and experiences.

An interesting personality, Lynne-Donna Feldman hails from Houston, Texas. She has attended Tulane University (Women's division of Newcomb College) in New Orleans, Louisiana, and received her MA in Political Science from Columbia. Mrs. Feldman was recently married in August of '71 and she and her husband live in Paramus. She sees teaching as a means to guide students into a situation rather than push them into it. She seeks to have her students form their own opinions and have the knowledge and ability to constructively research their own questions and ideas in this society where more and more responsibility is given to young adults. Before coming to Highlands Mrs. Feldman worked as a speech writer and administrative assistant to the senior vice president of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.



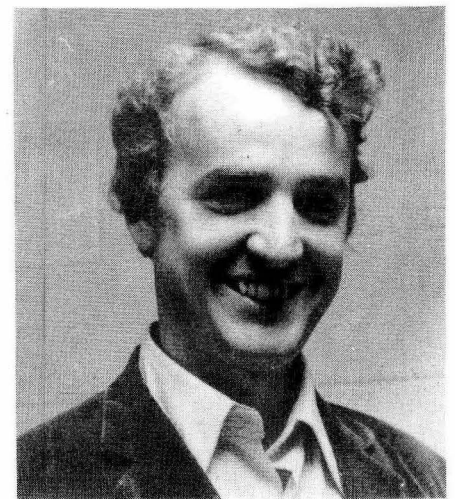
Mrs. Feldman



Mr. Dunn

A new member of our English department is a soft-spoken gentleman named Andrew Dunn. In addition to teaching English he is also one of our assistant track coaches. Mr. Dunn received his BA from Colby College in Maine and his MA from Colgate University in New York. He studied for one year at the University of Durham in England. Serving as a dental hygienist in the Army, he spent 2½ years in Korea. He enjoys photography, reading, and listening to folk, rock, and classical music. For Andy Dunn, the summer was spent working as an editor consultant for the First National City Bank. He likes the NHR English program and the positive attitude of the teachers towards students. He is presently living in Ridgewood with his wife and son, Jason.

A bit of international flavor has been added to our math department in the person of Nils P. Staer-Nielsen of Denmark. He attended the Teachers Training College of Silkeborg and has spent four years teaching Danish, Math, History, Geography, Biology, English, Art, Orientation and Special Education in Denmark. He has also taught English in night school and has been a photography instructor. Mr. Staer-Nielsen says the biggest difference between Denmark's educational system and ours is the Danish one is free from student expense. School starts at age 7 and nine years attendance of school is mandatory. The second oldest in a family of four children, he enjoys photography, fishing, sports and traveling. He chose teaching because he "wanted to do something with human beings". During his stay here he is living in Allendale.



Mr. Staer-Nielsen



*Building addition nears completion.*

#### FUTURE SCHEDULING

As soon as the addition to the high school is completed we will move into the new rooms and return to the seven period day.

When we reduce the schedule to seven periods, each student will lose one study hall per day. In the seven period day the length of periods will be 46 minutes. This will result in an additional six minutes of instruction time per period. When converting from an eight period to a seven period day, it is not possible to have all students stay with the same teacher. We will make every effort to keep the changes to a minimum. The faculty is aware of this; therefore, in all academic disciplines, the same material is being covered.

As soon as we know the actual date we will be moving into the new rooms, the parents, student body and faculty will be notified.

#### NEW TEACHERS (Cont.)



*Miss Cassatley*

After student teaching at Smithfield High School in Rhode Island Miss Karen Cassatley joins our business department. She received her BS from Bryant College in Smithfield, Rhode Island, which she attended from 1968-'72. She is now living in North Haledon, New Jersey.



*Mr. Toohey*

After teaching five years in Rochester, N. Y., and two in the Bronx, Joseph Toohey joins our math department. Iona College awarded him his BA in 1967 and he received his MS in 1972 from the University of Notre Dame. Mr. Toohey was a coordinator of the inner city tutoring program in Rochester. He resides in Kearny, New Jersey.

## Expanded Lab To Improve Reading Skills

The opening of the new addition to Northern Highlands will bring with it a second reading lab. This lab has been especially planned for optimum student involvement in their individual reading development. The room will be divided into three distinct areas, each one for different aspects of the reading improvement process — controlled reading, listening, vocabulary, study skills, recreational reading, and SAT review.

This kind of room arrangement will also enable us to have more students in the lab during any one period, often working under the supervision of more than one teacher. In order to introduce every student to this opportunity for self-help in reading, every ninth grader will have the chance to participate in a mini-lab session as part of his English curriculum. Continued lab attendance would be on a voluntary basis. It is hoped that freshmen as well as upperclassmen will take advantage of our extended facilities.

## Survey Results Aid Career Counseling

In an effort to identify the vocational interests of our students at Northern Highlands High School, a Career Interest Survey was conducted this past spring by The Explorers. Conducted in cooperation with the Guidance Department and English Department of Northern Highlands Regional High School, the survey asked each of the present 10th, 11th, and 12th graders to list their three career preferences. The results have been data processed, with the output delivered to us for use in career counseling.

Thirty-five thousand (35,000) young adults participated in the survey from Bergen County. Since completing the survey, The Explorers have used the results to work with Business, Industry, Professional and Trade Associations to create Career Interest groups which will provide participants with on-site, practical career exposures to professionals in that field. Students are personally invited to associate with groups corresponding to their career selections.

# GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Helen M. Blanchard, Director

## WEEKLY GUIDANCE BULLETIN

Each week, usually on Monday, all juniors and seniors receive a copy of this bulletin and are urged to share it with their parents. These communications, edited by Miss Philomena Spira, inform the students and parents of conferences that have been scheduled with representatives of various post high school educational institutions for that week, scholarship news, test reminders, and other pertinent material.

## CONFERENCES SCHEDULED IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

Among the post high school education institutions that have sent representatives to talk with our students and counselors are

Bloomfield College

St. Francis College

Rensselaer Polytech Inst.

Lafayette College

Pine Manor Junior College

Manhattan College

Baldwin Wallace College

Fisher Jr. College

Dominican College of Blauvelt

Moravian College

Stevens Institute of Technoigy

The Berkeley School

Nichols College

Belknap College

Wittenberg University

Butler University

Susquehanna University

Hood College

Bay Path Junior College

Allegheny College

Coe College

Emory and Henry College

The Western College

St. Michael's College

Bennett College

Katharine Gibbs

Fordham University

Bentley College

Post Jr. College

Cottey College

Boston College

Nathaniel Hawthorne College

Leicester Junior College

Luther College

Grahm Junior College

Drake University

Gustavus Adolphus College

Valparaiso University

Philadelphia College of Art

Northland College

Penn Hall Jr. College

Bethany College

University of Dayton

Luther College

Bryant College

## EDUCATIONAL PLACEMENT OF CLASS OF 1972

	Number	Percentage
4 yr. Colleges	175	57.8%
2 yr. Colleges	40	12.9%
Other Ed. Inst.	17	5.6%
Total ed.	232	76.3%

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE MATERIAL

The Parent's Confidential Statement of the College Scholarship Service of C.E.E.B., the Family Financial Assistance form for scholarship aid of ACT, and applications or the New Jersey State Scholarship are available in the Guidance Office.

## STUDENT - COUNSELOR ASSIGNMENTS FOR 1972-1973

### SENIORS — Class of 1973

A - Dr Mr. Rightmire  
Du - Le Miss Spera  
Li - Re Mr. Larsen  
Rh - Z Mr. Bohan

### JUNIORS — Class of 1974

A - Da Mr. Rightmire  
De - I Miss Spera  
I - Pe Mr. Larsen  
Pi - Z Mr. Bohan

### SOPHOMORES — Class of 1975

A - Fa Mr. Rightmire  
Fe - K Miss Spera  
L - Rob Mr. Larsen  
Roc - Z Mr. Bohan

### FRESHMEN — Class of 1976

A - Z Miss Gimello

## Highlands Mourns Arthur P. Yochel

Arthur P. Yochel, a physics and math teacher at Northern Highlands for two years died Oct. 1st after a long illness.

Mr. Yochel was graduated from N.Y.U. with honors and the degree Bachelor of Electrical Engineering (Electronics) and also received the Master of Science degree in the same field from Stevens Institute of Technology. He was elected to the honor professional engineering society Tan Beta Pi.

Mr. Yochel did fundamental research and development in the field of radio communications involving radar, radio transmitters and receivers. He had top security clearance and worked on several vital secret projects. He was employed by the International Telegraph and Telephone Labs (I.T.T.), Allen B. Dumont Labs and the Fairchild Space and Defense Systems for 24 years.

Mr. Yochel was a member of the Masons, a member of Wood Ridge Relief Assistance Board, a life member of several electronic professional engineering societies, an active radio ham, a world traveler and he read widely. Mr. Yochel was very involved in his field of electronics, was active in community work and tremendously dedicated to his students. Those of us who knew Art came to admire his high standards of professional ethics and to appreciate his concern for imparting the latest and best ideas of physics and math to his Northern Highlands students. He was a modest, likeable, articulate and competent teacher whom we shall miss.

## English Teacher Honored

The National Council of Teachers of English announces the appointment of Miss Maureen E. Mahoney, Northern Highlands Regional H. S., as a regional judge in the NCTE Achievement Awards Program for 1972. The nationally recognized competition, now in its fifteenth year, cites high school seniors for excellence in English and recommends them to colleges and universities for admission and financial aid. Approximately 7200 students are candidates for Achievement Awards in 1972. The NCTE also honors teachers and schools that have participated in the training of these young men and women.

## NHRHS Students Praised For '71 Scores; Two-Hundred Forty Take '72 Tests

Letters of Commendation honoring them for their high performance on the 1971 Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) have been awarded to 14 students at Northern Highlands, Principal Jack Mintzer has announced.

Those named Commended students are: Josh Brain, Patrick Curley, Josephseph Donovan, Chris Elam, John Haltiwanger, Jeffrey Hise, Kathleen Labriola, Diane Langevoort, Roderick Martin, Mark Minich, Patricia O'Donnell, Donna Polglase, Linda Trowsell and Janice Cole.

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) has named 37,000 commended students in the United States. These students are among the upper 2 percent of those who are expected to graduate from high school in 1973. The Commended students rank high, but below the 15,000 Semifinalists announced in September by NMSC.

Edward C. Smith, president of NMS, said: "Although Commended students advance no further in the Merit Scholarship competition, their standing in this nationwide program deserves public recognition. Their high performance on the PSAT/NMQST shows promise of continued success in college.

"The Commended students should be encouraged to pursue their education since their intellectual talent represents an important and much needed natural resource. Both these students and our nation will benefit from their continuing educational development."

The Commended students' names are reported to the colleges they named as their first and second choices when they took the PSAT/NMSQT in October 1971. The reports include home addresses, test scores, and anticipated college major and career intentions of the Commended students. NMSC encourages these students to make every effort to continue their education.

### PSAT/NMSQT TEST

On Saturday morning, October 28th, 240 juniors took the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test at the high school. This test is a two-hour version of the Scholastic Aptitude Test and measures verbal and mathematical abilities important

in college work. Taking this test is the first step necessary to enter the scholarship programs administered by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

Since a student's score on the test has been demonstrated to be comparable to that obtained on the SAT and to be predictive of his probable achievement on the SAT, it is useful in college planning. The score, however, is just one piece of information in assessing a student's academic aptitude.

### NEW TEACHERS (Cont.)



*Mrs. Burkhardt*

A native New Yorker, Mrs. Janie Burkhardt comes to Highlands after teaching four years in the Regional High School in Acton, Massachusetts, and one year in the Saddle River Day School. Mrs. Burkhardt received her BA in Comparative Literature from the University of Wisconsin. She studied abroad in France for one year then returned to the states for her MAT from Brown in Providence. She believes students should have a certain amount of say in what they are learning. Her home is Washington Heights, New York.

### Miss Reed not pictured

A new smiling face in the Phys. Ed. department is that of Miss Nancy Reed. She attended the University of Missouri from '68 to '72 where she received her certificate to teach physical education and modern dance. She lives in Wyckoff.



*Mr. De Luise*

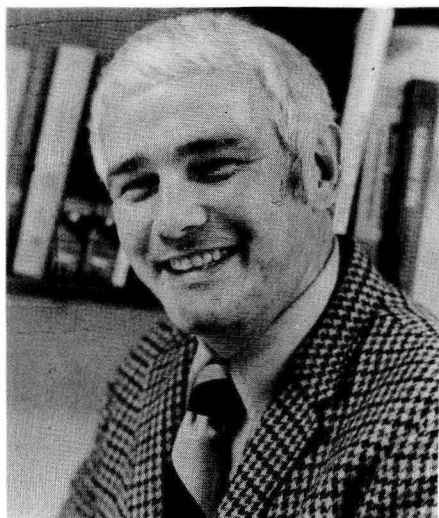
Frank De Luise is a new face at Highlands, though not necessarily a new face to some of our students. He taught at Allendale's Brookside School from 1967-72 and did his student teaching in Upper Saddle River. Mr. DeLuise was also a director of Camp Dolphin for 3 years, a teacher and director at A.C.L.D. play program for 6 years, and a part-time teacher consultant to Special Education (region). He received his BA from William Paterson College in reading and special education, and is now a special education teacher at N.H.R.H.S. Mr. De Luise lives in Allendale with his wife and two daughters.



*Mr. Yundzel*

The NHR Industrial Arts Department now claims Robert Yundzel. He has a combined total of twenty years teaching experience in Cliffside Park and Clifton, New Jersey and Weirtown, West Virginia. Bob Yundzel received his BS in 1951 from Newark State College and his MA from Montclair State College. He is married and has one child.

## NEW TEACHERS BRING TALENT AND EXPERIENCE



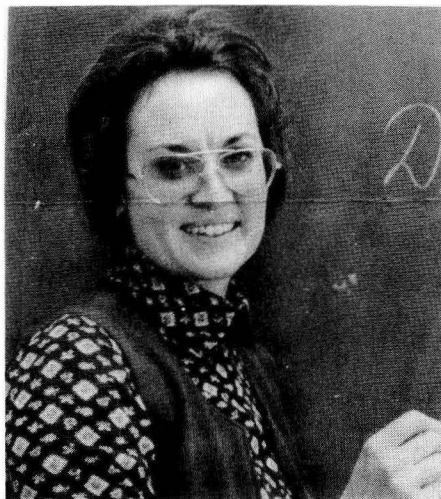
*Mr. Murphy*

Some say he looks like the 'Glad Man', still others claim he resembles George Peppard. In truth he is Michael Murphy of the math department. He received a BS in secondary education from Seton Hall and has attended Trenton State, Newark State, Augustana College, University of Pennsylvania, University of Illinois, and North Georgia College. Before coming to Highlands he spent one year teaching at Holy Trinity, two at Union Catholic, two at St. Joseph High School, one at North Marion in Florida, and four at Colonia High School. Mr. Murphy enjoys wood-working and sports. He is one of our track coaches this year. When asked if he has a special philosophy for the classroom he replied, "Each day is another beginning." He's presently living in South Brunswick with his wife and sons, Mike and Tim.



*Miss McCormack*

Mary Ann McCormack joins the Highlands math department after teaching seven years at St. Patrick's, one at St. Catherine's, nine at DePaul, and one at Sts. Peter and Paul High School in the Virgin Islands. She received her BA from the College of St. Elizabeth, her MS from the University of Notre Dame and also attended St. Peter's College. She has done recreational work with city children and taught high school equivalency courses in evening classes. Miss McCormack chose teaching because she "enjoys being with young people because they are always the hope of the future and (she) likes to be a part of it." She grew up in Westfield, New Jersey, but now lives in Ridgewood.



*Mrs. Foerster*

Mrs. Inger Foerster is a new freshmen English teacher. She received her BA from St. John's University in 1956, MA from William Paterson College in 1971, and has also attended New York University. Mrs. Foerster spent 1½ years teaching in Brooklyn at P.S. 176 and served as a substitute teacher for Glen Rock High School. A mother of three (Elizabeth 13, John 12, and Claire 7) she enjoys reading, theatre-going, and movies. Originally from Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, she now lives in Ridgewood. Mrs. Foerster's initial impression of Highlands is "a very good one!"



*Mr. Olender*

Francis Olender is a new member of the NHR Industrial Arts department. He received his BS in Physics from FDU in 1957 and is presently enrolled at Newark State College for his industrial education certificate. Mr. Olender has taught at the Wallington HS adult evening program. He is an ex-navyman and has spent over 25 years in engineering with Hewitt Robins Inc., where he attained the position of Manager of engineering. He makes his home in Wallington, N. J.



*Mr. Whitlock*

Returning to teaching after spending 13 years working with the sales and manufacture of equipment, Thomas Whitlock joins NHR's Industrial Arts department. Previous teaching experience includes three years at Ramapo Regional High School and five at Ramsey High. He received his BS from Trenton State College in 1951 and in 1954, his MA in administration from Columbia University. Mr. Whitlock is married and has two children.

## Important Panel To Give Information On Technical Schools And Colleges

The Home and School Association and the Guidance Department of Northern Highlands Regional High School are jointly sponsoring an information panel discussion on New Jersey post high school institutions for interested parents and students. The program will be held in the high school auditorium on Thursday evening, November 16, 1972, at 8:00 P.M.

Each of our guest panelists will give an initial presentation of five minutes on the type of institution he represents, its admission requirements, specific programs and advantages, characteristics of the students who seem to profit, enjoy and/or adjust. There will be a brief question and answer period following the formal presentation. There will be representatives from Rutgers University, Bergen Community College, Ramapo College, Drew University, International Institute, Lyon's Educational Center, Lincoln School, and DeVry Technical Institute/Bell and Howell Schools.

In addition to the discussion of the varied collegiate programs offered by the colleges represented, the participating technical schools will provide information on electronics technology, electronics engineering technology, para-medical and para-dental fields, architectural and mechanical drafting, automotive technology and mechanics, air conditioning, heating, computer programming and operation, fashion merchandising, and secretarial work.

## MASTER CALENDAR

### NOVEMBER

- 2-3 NJEA Convention in Atlantic City. Schools closed.
- 9 Math & English Practice Assessment Test. 8:20-9:50 A.M.
- 14 Math Assessment Test for seniors. 8:20-10:20 A.M.
- 15 English-Reading Assessment Test. " " " "
- 15 Student Recital Assembly. A. M.
- 17-18 School Play, "The Star Wagon", 8 P.M.
- 20-21 Musical Assembly. 11-12:15.
- 23-24 Thanksgiving Recess.
- 30 Fall Sports Dinner (tentative)

### DECEMBER

- 1 Young People's Concert, 8 P.M.
- 2 Fall Sports Dinner (tentative)
- 16 Senior Formal Dance, 8 P.M.
- 20 Home and School Association reception for alumni, 1:15-3 P.M.
- 20 Christmas Concert, 8 P.M.
- 22-Jan. 1 Christmas Recess.

### JANUARY

- 2 School reopens.
- 17 Student Recital Assembly.
- 24 Home and School Association Sports Night.
- 31 Band Concert, 8 P.M.

### INFORMATION NIGHT

All parents and students interested in learning more about post high school educational institutions are cordially invited to attend a program, jointly sponsored by the Home and School and Guidance Department, to be held on Thursday evening, November 16th, in the high school auditorium at 8:00 P.M.

## STUDENTS NEED YOUR TALENTS, ADVICE

### THE IFU FILE

(Inspiration From Understanding)

This year we are trying to up-date our records which will bring the talents and interests of *each* of you in our community to the attention of our high school. Your talents can prove an invaluable asset to our students whether they plan to continue their education after high school or

not. All too often they do not realize the potentials available in *many* areas and this information can do much to increase their scope.

Please inform Mrs. Eleanor Bauer of the Home and School Association of your particular talents and interests by phoning her at 825-0625 or drop her a note at 47 Brook Road, Upper Saddle River.

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