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## Students More Restricted

# Scheduling Gets Rearranged

By Dee DiBenedictis

Mutters, sighs and groans were heard on the first day of classes at North Miami High as students learned of the new and unbending rules that were being enforced this year.

Previously, modular scheduling meant structured time in classes and unstructured or "free" time that the student was to spend studying, receiving individual help from teachers or researching in the library. The decision of how much time was spent on each subject was yours to decide whenever you were ready. Now all has changed.

Last year a survey was sent home to all parents asking

questions based on their knowledge of the modular scheduling. Apparently, the parents were somewhat dissatisfied with the system. Also, a drop in enrollment for the '72-'73 year made it possible for the school to return to one shift instead of a long day. These two factors contributed the overhauling done on our somewhat liberal modular scheduling.

Basically the new system allows the school to know where you are at all times. The day starts at 8:00 a.m. with all students in homeroom. Thereafter, any time not spent in class is to be on record in the attendance office with a schedule of where you will spend this time. In

filling out this card you are committing yourself to that resource center for nine weeks, after which you are given the opportunity to revise your schedule. The school day officially ends at 2:37 p.m., but if you are one of the lucky few whose last class ends at 1:37, you are permitted to leave at that time.

A maximum of two mods per day is allowed for lunch when you can leave the campus. Students must be in school between 8 and 11 a.m. and 1 and 1:30 p.m. The time-in between is designated as lunch time. Along with all the complaints about the new system, we can heave a sigh of relief — no more 1:04 attendance checks!

## NM Loses Head Librarian; Summer Car Crash Victim



In Memorium  
... Mrs. Haid Burgardt

Mrs. Haidi Burgardt, our much loved school librarian, was killed in a car accident last June. Mrs. Burgardt was 69 years young and she had worked for the school since September of 1964.

Mrs. Burgardt was born in Germany and came to the U.S. just before Hitler went into power. She attended the University of Cologne and the University of Miami. She had a master's degree, with majors in Social Studies, Law, Education, and Library Language Recording for the Blind, and spoke and

read many languages. Before she came down to work for the Dade County schools, Mrs. Burgardt was a hospital dietitian for a hospital in New York.

Mrs. Burgardt was a favorite of teachers and students alike. "She was a character!" says Mrs. Carmele Andrews, a fellow librarian and friend of Mrs. Burgardt. "She was the kind of woman who went to all the football games and wore her beanie on spirit week. We all miss her very much! She can't be replaced."

A corner of the library has been set up as a memorial for Mrs. Burgardt. Among the pictures of Germany and the beautiful flowers there is a small plaque with her favorite poem which says a lot about her. It reads:

A bell is not a bell  
until you ring it.  
A song is not a song  
until you sing it.  
Love wasn't put  
in the heart to stay  
for Love isn't love  
until you give it away . . .

## PTSA Aids School, Community

By placing an "S" in the letter title PTA, North Miami High has constructed a whole new concept in parent - teacher-student relationships. In 40,000 schools across the nation Parent Teacher Student Associations have started the year with many goals in sight.

President of North Miami's PTSA, Mrs. Judy Feldman, explained just what the organization stands for and its plans for the future.

"Since school is such a central part of a young person's life, we should try to make it a part of their parents' lives also. Through PTSA we hope to build a solid-line of communication between the home,

school and community."

Due to the budget cutback for Dade County schools, there is a shortage of teachers and aides. Members of PTSA are trying to help alleviate the heavy workload for teachers by working in the Resource Centers and Library checking out books and taking attendance. Commenting on this, Mrs. Feldman said, "We want to extend a helping hand so the teachers will have time to teach."

PTSA is interested in having new members, so if you would like to join, fill out the membership envelope in the monthly newsletter sent out by the group.

## Pioneer High Now Known As Micro-School

There is no longer a Pioneer High. It is now a micro-school.

The name isn't the only thing that has changed. This year the new micro-school must operate under the same basic rules that NM does. They follow a six day cycle and have two mods for lunch. The students must remain in the building from 8:00 a.m. to 2:37 p.m., except for lunch, every school day.

What exactly is a micro-school?

Mrs. Mitchell explained that the students may choose what they study, when they study, and even how they are to be graded. Any student is eligible to enroll in the micro-school but first they must be interviewed with their parents.

There are a lot more students this year and a few of the classes are very overloaded. Because of this the teachers have started independent study which lets a student come in on his free time to study a particular subject with his teacher. "This has cut down quite a bit on the overloaded classes," said Mrs. Mitchell.

Mr. Frank Smith is in charge of the micro-school although the instructors all have their different responsibilities.



1972 NATIONAL MERIT SEMI-FINALISTS pictured with Assistant Principal Mrs. Elizabeth Bragg are (left to right) Michael Greene, Jean Robin Solow, Diane Evans, Alex Milligan and Kevin Koloff. Not shown are Candice Flores, Brian Miejewski, James Needell and Ken Lazarus.

## Nine Seniors Named Merit Semi-Finalists

Nine students at North Miami Senior High have been named Semifinalists in the 1972-73 National Merit Scholarship Program, it was announced by Mrs. Elizabeth Bragg, assistant principal.

The nine seniors are Diane Evans, Candice Flores, Michael Greene, James Needell, Kevin Koloff, Brian Miezjewski, Alex Milligan, Ken Lazarus, and Jean Robin Solow.

The semifinalists received the highest scores in Florida on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test-National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT-NMSQT), which was given to over one million students last October.

Semifinalists must advance to the Finalists standing to be considered for the Merit Scholarship. Semifinalists become finalists by receiving the endorsement of their schools and substantiating their high NMSQT performance on a second examination. Each will be considered for one of the 1000 National Merit \$1,000.00 scholarships and the four year Merit Scholarships and the four year Merit Scholarships provided by some 500 corporations, foundations,

colleges, unions and other organizations.

Letters of Commendation honoring them for their high performance on the PSAT-NMSQT have been awarded to 11 other students at North Miami Senior High.

These students are Donal Ford, Barbara Mauger, Steven Morningstar, Charles Neckman, Matthew Perry, Randy Rosen, Robert Sims, Mark Sipe, Arnold Straus, and Douglas Wood.

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

Although Commended students advance no further in the Merit Scholarship competition, their standing in this nationwide program deserves public recognition.

## Officer Saxton Initiates Youth Relations Program

By Jody Greenwald

Intense green eyes sparkle as a smile greets him in the hallways.

"How ya doing?" he calls out. "Fine, Skip, just fine," replies the smile.

Meet Skip Saxton — legal advisor, friend, and (not to mention) North Miami Police officer.

Trucking around North Miami High school three days a week, Skip has started a program of police and youth relations after a three year stagnant period due to a manpower shortage in the North Miami Police Department.

He raps with students in crowded hallways, or in Room 11, his home base, ready to discuss legal problems and police hassles.

The object of the program, Skip explains, is to project a more personal and positive side of the police. Although he is only one of many, his success is evident as young people gather around him in friendly conversation or serious discussion.

Traffic violations, police harassment, and courtroom procedures are among the topics that students talk over with Skip. He explains the psychol-



SKIP SAXTON will be talking with students at North Miami High and other North Dade schools this year for a youth-police relations project. (Staff Photo by Phil Knocke).

ogy of being a cop and how emotions get strained and attitudes become stern. He offers assistance to students who don't understand court procedures and want to prove their case in court.

Skip plans to continue the program through the summer with various field trips and campouts.

Besides North Miami High, Skip will also be at other junior and senior high schools located in the North Dade area.



*..Fighting fire with fire never helped anyone. Miami Beach became a peoples' inferno this past summer. What was planned as peaceful protesting during the Republican convention became nothing more than a festival of hate.*

*..The non-delegates wanted to prove to Nixon and his band of war mongers that four more years of destructive power could not be tolerated.*

*..A meeting was held prior to the convention to discuss tactics. Civil disobedience along with a "Street Without Joy" parade was planned. Poet Allen Ginsberg suggested setting up a voters' registration center at the convention site. That was dismissed as a deterrent to the cause.*

*..Flamingo Park, the non-delegate refugee camp, became a war zone. A negative spirit was forced upon everyone not strong enough to resist it. Daily talks of Vietnam genocide, etc., obviously instilled guilt feelings in the minds of the white middle-class majority of demonstrators. Even music was banned from the park. Had the flower generation wilted from frustration?*

*..The final night of the convention, the night that President Nixon gave his acceptance speech, was filled with insane excitement. Thousands of demonstrators were expected to engage in mass civil disobedience by lining the streets surrounding the convention center and, thereupon, not permitting the Republican delegates to enter.*

*..All things not being perfect, something went wrong. Thinking up a few tactics of their own, the police brought most of the delegates in earlier. Thus, the mass sit-in was discarded.*

*..But the non-delegates would not give up that easily. Instead of throwing in the hat and going home they hung around in hopes of disrupting at least some of the convention.*

*..Suddenly it became a game of instant heroes. Tear gas literally filled the air and mass arrests were made. Excitement filled the hearts of demonstrators as they played cops and robbers with the police.*

*..Now, the convention had ended, and almost everyone got what they came for. The non-delegates got the status of being teargassed and arrested — playing revolutionary for a day. The police got the satisfaction of fighting the one element of society that threatens them the most. And Nixon got the Republican nomination again.*

*..But what about the innocent ones — the senior citizens of Miami Beach? Their old and delicate eyes were teargassed, too. The blood pressure in Miami Beach must have been high enough to pop a volcano.*

*..A positive approach would have resulted in a more important outcome. Singing and dancing in the streets makes more of an impression than fighting in them. Love-filled energy is much stronger than any negative force.*

*..Perhaps, if we turn back through the pages of history, we will find that the most satisfactory revolutions were made through peaceful means.*



## Let's Take Action Not Shelter Terrorists

By Desmond Sheridan

A few months ago three Japanese terrorists, working for Arab guerrillas murdered 26 people, including 16 American citizens at Lod airport in Tel-Aviv. Two of terrorists committed suicide and the other was sentenced to life in prison, (Israel has no death penalty).

There was a huge amount of public furor, but it soon died down and no decisive action was taken.

Then on September 5 eight Arab guerrillas attacked the Israeli Olympic headquarters in Munich, killing 2 and taking 11 hostages.

They demanded the release of 200 captured terrorists by Israel and a plane to Cairo. Right there Israel made its big mistake. The government should have immediately said, if you harm the hostages everyone of the 200 will die.

But, as you know, in the ensuing shoot-out at Munich airport, all eleven of the hostages, five guerrillas, and one Munich policeman were killed.

The five dead killers were flown to Beirut for a hero's funeral.

This bears out the fact that two countries, Lebanon and Syria, are basically responsible for harboring, assisting and giving financial aid to the guerrillas.

Israel should now threaten and use military action against these two countries if they don't stop the guerrilla activities. This policy has proved effective in the past when used against Jordan.

It was Jordan who formerly protected the terrorists, but King Heussein under pressure from Israel forced them out of the country.

It is truly a sad day when Israeli citizens are not safe abroad and the United Nations attempts to condemn Israel for its retaliations against the guerrillas.

These murderers must be stopped now. And to do this, any countries that shelter terrorists should be alienated from the rest of the world, no plane service, shipping or any communications whatsoever. A complete isolation should force these countries to throw out the terrorists.

However the International community will not agree to do this. Such countries as the U.S.S.R. refuse to do this. Nevertheless the U.S. ought to do it immediately. This would set an example and the rest of the free world would follow. Until such time we can only hope that no more lives will be lost.

## Fischer To Gambit Electronic Woodpusher?

By Stuart Schuster

"Never push a pushcart for a pushcart also bears fruit."

—Oat Willie

As the world anxiously awaited the outcome of the World Championship chess match between USA'er Bobby Fischer and Communist counterpart Boris Spassky, an unknown child prodigy looked on in anticipation. As far as Mr. Fischer was concerned, the chess board he had been hovering over for more than a month could have just as well been a cup of Ovaltine. And after his show of arrogance against the World Chess Federation, Bobby went into the most important chess match in history with about as much popularity as the famed Doublemint Twins.

Ever since man stumbled out of the woods and into civilized existence, he has nurtured his instincts, sharpened his wits enough to outsmart his fellow Neanderthalian, and begun to realize there's more than one way to make fire besides rubbing sticks together. No one knows exactly when but somewhere along the not so important timeline, somebody discovered a chessboard, and before long Woolworth's began to put

them on sale every other week. The fad caught on like wildfire. Englishmen began to play chess at tea time, Americans began to play anytime, Poland never caught on. Then man broadened his horizons to higher dimensions and perfected his skills. Chess had outlived its expectancy. In a frantic furor Man began to search for ways to revive dying Chess. TIME magazine wrote mock eulogies. The International passtime had gasped its last breath.

Then like a Messiah sent from the ruins of memories, Man discovered he doesn't have to play Chess and win — he can let his computers do it. Will Mans inevitable destination be found on an 8x3 punch card? Will there in fact be one day, an aluminum Grandmaster?

Will mans anxieties, in time, build up to a crescendo and thunder down upon our ears in Atomic orchestration? In the hushed aftermath, the world will be one large field of poppies swaying in the gentle breeze. Bobby Fischer will be sitting in the middle of it studying the flashing light bulbs of his opponent and complaining about the lighting.

## Safety For Cyclists

By Dee DiBenedictis

Last year at Christmas time, stores all over Dade County were swamped with orders for bicycles, varying from a child's tricycle to 10 speeds. If you were one of the people ordering, you are aware of the great demand for bikes and the long waiting period before yours was delivered.

Bicycling has become the latest fad all over the country. It's the best alternative to an automobile for people who need transportation. It's non-polluting, economical and good for the health and well being of the rider.

Yet why are such a large percentage of these new bikes sitting in garages and carpports gathering dust and cobwebs? The answer is a simple one — riding your bike any farther than the neighborhood 7-11 can easily result in a disaster. The streets are so congested with automobiles it is very easy for a cyclist to be struck or driven off the road.

So what's the solution? Bike paths. Simply defined, bike paths are lanes of traffic specifically designed for the use of bicycles. Constructing these paths would allow enjoyable and safe transportation to favorite places such as Greynolds Park, Haulover Cut and Interama. South Florida is ideally suited to cycling due to its mild climate and flat terrain.

In November a bond issue will be placed on the ballot concerning bike paths and you are urged to vote in favor of it. Then go dust off that 10 speed and ride!

## Student Vote: Nixon Leading

By Scott Treworgy

With the coming November presidential election only a month away, it was decided that a poll should be taken to measure student opinion of the presidential candidates.

Out of the 150 persons polled, 28 per cent (42) were for McGovern, 40 per cent (60) were for Nixon, and 32 per cent (48) were undecided. So it seems that as in most elections it will be the undecided "voter" who will determine the final outcome.

Of those supporting McGovern, his stands on the following issues were cited as most important: foreign policy, 80 per cent; economic policies, 65 per cent; defense spending, 65 per cent; race relations, 60 per cent; and 50 per cent also liked his image and 45 per cent believed in his credibility.

Of those supporting Nixon, 83 per cent favored his foreign policy, 53 per cent his defense spending, and 50 per cent liked his economic policies. In addition, 53 per cent also liked his credibility and 43 per cent his image.

So, as can be seen by the results, the war in Viet Nam and our relations with other nations, the economy, defense spending, and civil rights and busing are, in that order, considered the most important issues. However, 29 per cent of those polled considered image and credibility a major factor in their selection, showing that candidates are still not elected primarily on the basis of their positions and qualifications.

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**CANDIDATE LEE WEISSENBORN** addresses Government students on the importance of voting.



**WILLIAM LEHMAN**, candidate for the 13th Congressional District and guest speaker to Mr. Lieberman's Government classes, answers questions of Pioneer Co-Editor Stuart Schuster. (Photo by Richard Nicoletta)

**Demo-Runoffs**

# Candidates Woo NM Students

By **STUART P. SCHUSTER**  
They spoke of war, politics, and people.

Candidates for the 13th Congressional District, William Lehman and Lee Weissenborn, came to North Miami Sept. 27, to talk to students in Mr. Lieberman's Government class. Addressing an intensely observant crowd of students the candidates touched upon everything from political scandal to ecology.

First speaker William Lehman distinguished an air of respect when he spoke. Former member and Chairman of the School Board, Lehman was graduated from the University of Alabama and also attended Harvard University, the University of Edinburgh, Kings College at Cambridge, and Oxford University. He taught at various levels in Dade County schools and Miami Dade Junior College. Lehman feels now, as a politician, he can better serve the community. At the state level, he feels funds are 'funneled through various channels and never reach the schools and communities.'

Other planks in his platform are such issues as tax overhaul and a bill for senior citizens. Lehman is concerned with the future of education in Florida. As a former teacher, he wants to utilize the office to better education in the long run.

When asked what he knew of the falsified Big Vote scandal, Lehman replied, "I was neither involved nor informed of endorsements by Big Vote. I was not on the bona-fide or the counterfeit endorsement... I am not gearing any special campaign tactics as a result of Mr. Weissenborn's predicament... I wasn't involved."

Lehman claims to take no sides in the dispute, and summed up the situation by quoting author Bobby Burns, "O what a tangled web we weave, when we practice to deceive."

## CLUB COLUMN

By Tom Schaffer

As club editor of the Pioneer, I would like to thank all the clubs that gave me information for my first column. After putting a note on the clips of over 40 clubs, I had only 8 clubs contact me. What happened to the other 32?

**KEY CLUB** will be having its annual calendar sale at \$1.00 each. If you want to know, when things will be happening in school, you'd better get one. They will participate in the Cerebral Palsy Walkathon on Oct. 28. Key's annual Leadership banquet is scheduled for Oct. 17.

**PREPS** has been selling Dolphin and High School Football magazines. Members will collect for Cystic Fibrosis and participate in the walkathon. They will also be serving the food at the Booster Clubs Bar-B-Que Chicken Dinner, which will be coming up soon.

**PEP CLUB**, which is back for its second year of helping the cheerleaders cheer, has been selling cow bells to help us show our school spirit. Go to any of our football games and you can see them playing with their ding-a-lings.

**KAZOO CLUB** has been making weekly appearances at all the pep rallies and football games, sitting behind their sister club, Pep Club. For those who have never heard the Kazoo Band, they are available for parties, weddings, and Bar-mitzvahs. Just get in touch with any member.

**LETTERMEN** have been selling Prep Football magazines, and they will help at the Boosters Club Bar-B-Que.

**SUB-DEBS** started off the year with a Bang! Along with Key, the club was responsible for that festively decorated stage at Sophomore Orientation. Since school has started, Sub Deb girls have been working hard in the Attendance and Guidance offices in an effort to offset the shortage of secretarial help. As a community service project Sub Debs aided Cerebral Palsy in the organiza-



tion of their Walk-A-Thon. Members are very proud that Renate Lampl, our Austrian AFS student, chose Sub Debs as her Service Club.

**KALEIDOSCOPE**, our school's creative writing class magazine, is sponsoring a poetry contest. The best entries will appear in the fall issue. Entries should be given to Mrs. Hunt in Room 203. Deadline for the contest is Wednesday, Oct. 11.

**INTERACT** will be selling student directories soon, so if you want to know the phone numbers and addresses of your classmates, you'd better get one.

**We can win in November with Your help!**

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**CONVENTION CONFESSION**

**"I Was A Victim Of The Revolution"**

By Michael Bast

Speaking of violence, the Establishment is so scared of violence these days they'll arrest anybody. Like me for instance. The Wednesday evening of the Democratic Convention after McGovern had gotten the nomination, I turned off the TV set and went to sleep. About an hour later (1 A.M.) I heard this tap - tap - tapping on my window. I woke up and saw Andy Cohen (Miami Beach

High) outside. Staggering to the front door (I heard giggles from the car, no doubt because I was in my underwear) I was informed that Andy was working as a chauffeur at the Democratic National Convention and would I like to come along? At this point my father woke up and with a few historic words, like "My party calls!" off I went to the Democratic National Convention at 1:30 in the

morning. By the time the gigglers were dropped off and we got to the complex, it was two o'clock. Andy had been issued two "Service" tags which are what you use to get into the complex. (There are also "Media" tags.) Well, we got in with those, and drove to the place where in the daytime is the drivers' lounge, but in the nighttime is not the drivers' lounge, but the place where all the policemen sleep. Immediately we found ourselves surrounded by six, large, armed, surly - from - being - awakened law enforcement authorities. And they were sure that we were Up To No Good. Especially because one of us had two service tags and the others of us had no service tags and also, coincidentally, no identification. (What do you expect at 1 A.M.?) Well the cops called the security, and they in turn called Buckingham Palace or somewhere and eventually (no jive) we ended up with the Treasury Department (Real G-Men)!

The Treasury men weren't nasty, just the cops.

They asked all sorts of questions. They asked us if we took drugs. When we said no, they wrote "claims he doesn't take drugs." They asked if we belonged to organizations. I started to mention a few: TIFTY, USCF, etc., and they began writing furiously until we explained this meant "Temple Israel Federation of Temple Youth" and "United States Chess Federation." They weren't at all amused. They asked if we had guns at home, a criminal record, if we could type (type!?!?!); all sorts of things. At about 4:30 A.M. we were mug-shot and released.

I'm sure there's a moral to be had here, but it eluded me then and it eludes me now.

**Campus Life Kicks Off New Year**

By Evan Lewis

If you have never had a free rump roast, chances are that you have never been to the new **Campus Life** resource center. Many kids have literally had their rumps roasted on the famous **Campus Life** electric chair.

**Campus Life** is the name of a high school club that specializes in the unique and the unusual: tub packs, pillow fights, laugh-outs, tug-o-wars, haunted houses, spaghetti breakfasts, and many other weird activities.

**Campus Life** makes things happen! This year **Campus Life** has opened a new resource center across the street from our school. It operates under Mr. Boggy's approval and follows the rules as any other resource center. The center is

**YFP Elects New Offices**

The new Youth for Progress officers for the '72-'73 year are Patrice Book, and Dee Di-Benedictis, co-presidents, and Laurie Matuszak and Jay Wolfson, vice presidents.

The main goal of the Y.F.P. is to set-up "Flicks," reorganize "Coffee Houses," and process permits for concerts. The ambition of Y.F.P. is to keep the kids off the streets.

Applications are being taken for new members in the activities office.

equipped with ping pong tables, pool tables, color T.V., rap rooms and study rooms.

Remember Mike Richmond, last year's senior class president? He is giving his time to keep the center open. **Campus Life** means kids... and lots of them. It's open to all students with no dues or membership requirements. **Campus Life** also meets every other Thursday night for an evening of informal fun and stimulating discussion.

**Five Hour Day**

By Richard Gaines

According to Florida state law, students must spend a minimum of five hours or more each day in a classroom study type situation. Flexible scheduling is permitted, which means each student must spend the equivalent of one hour per day in each subject area. This does not permit the students to have an open campus except for lunch, which is from eleven a.m. to one p.m.

spend an hour less in school. This was greatly abused by too many students making a great effort to beat the system by leaving early.

Mr. Boggy says "The students are not here to beat the system but to get an education. At 15 years of age and up the students should be able to handle the responsibility."

Those people who every now and then go to take a smoke or to socialize on the island in front of the school should take heed from Mr. Boggy and cut it out of their daily schedule or necessary disciplinary steps will be taken against them.

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# Be Gentle With Sophomores, In 1975 They'll Be Seniors

By Michael Bast

Why I signed up to be a Senior Consultant I'll never quite know, but the fact remains I did.

At the first Senior Consultant meeting, I found out who my counterparts were. It was the same room 5 set that does everything in this school. The same bunch that I ran against in the sophomore class election. I can't say I was surprised. In any case, what Mark Weissman tried to impress upon us most was that sophomores are new and scared and above all, please, please, be gentle with them.

At the second meeting we chose which teacher we would be assigned to. Four of us wanted Sherry Reynolds, so Mark put a number behind his back. I guessed right and won her. It's always nice to have a teacher who attracts you, because you know how closely a teacher must work with her Senior Consultant. Real close. Pete Collins success-

fully used the word "jocular" in a sentence, so the evening was his.

Finally the big day arrived. Carefully reviewing all the tips I'd been given about gentleness and patience with the sophomores, I walked into the room and addressed them.

"All right, you toads, sit down and shut up! I'm your Senior Consultant Michael Bast! I'm here to answer any questions any of you idiots may have. Yes sir! You in the back. Clubs? (my face lit up!) Right. There are three clubs in this school. Chess Club, Thespians and Spanish National Honor Society ... Yes, of course I'm sure ... A service club? Never heard of it. But just in case, look it up in your handbook. What do you think I am, your personal secretary?"



"Okay, you. Sophomore privileges? None. Any sophomore caught walking in the halls not carrying a senior's books will be shot. Sophomores must walk around the building and climb in the window of their class. Huh? What do you want, toots? Oh, you want to know about the armbands you've been issued reading 'Kick Me, I'm A Sophomore': these must be worn at all times. Yes, you. What do you mean, where is the sophomore patio?!"

Ah, sweet voice of youth. Someday, those folks will grow up and become President and then we'll all be sorry.

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# Of Rice Paddies and Chili Peppers, Alex Experiences New Culture

By Alex Milligan

When I was asked to write about my experience as an American Abroad foreign exchange student I thought sure, that's no problem, I can do it tonight. I could start at the beginning, last October, when I applied, and end with my arrival back in Miami just over three weeks ago. It is not that easy — I could start from last October but the story doesn't end with my arrival and even if it did, there is so very much to say between "beginning" and "end". I will try, though, to tell you of my summer.

The American Field Service has given thousands of young people all over the globe the opportunity of learning more about our world by sending them to live with — and become a part of — a family in a foreign country. I was fortunate in receiving an American Abroad scholarship, entitling me to spend a summer in Malaysia.

I left Miami early in June excited and anticipating a marvelous summer. I had already corresponded with my host sister Wendy and it seemed we would have no problem at all in communicating. I had heard from AFS Malaysia and learned that the country is not totally jungle-infested and overrun by tigers and snakes. I already knew that I'd be attending school. At the time of my departure I thought I knew quite a bit about Malaysia.

What I didn't realize is that I'd arrive in Malaysia totally exhausted among people I had never known, in a strange country as far from Miami as you can possibly get. Nor did I realize how lovely and breath-takingly green a country Ma-

aysia would be, that people no matter how different they looked (and they did) could be also, just so nice.

Malaysia is not the United States. It's something that hits you the moment you step off that plane. You feel it wherever you go, it's unforgettable. Billboards are written in English, Malay, in Chinese figures, in Javi script. Stalls with exotic dishes line the streets. People on TV look different, sound different even when speaking English.

As a South East Asian country Malaysia is one of the most modern, most stable and most developed. Its government has worked hard to secure this status since Malaysia's recent independence from Great Britain (August 31, 1957.)

Malaysia's distinguishing characteristic is its people, the variety of backgrounds, languages and customs. There are three main races — Malay, Chinese, and Indian. Any white person, regardless of origin, is known as a European. Until recently the races did not mix well socially, economically, or politically but the government has tried to turn the racial distinctions from a hindrance to a help. The Chinese are no longer the only businessmen, Malays are no longer the farmers and the Indians are no longer shopkeepers. The common link between races is the fact that all three are Asian and have managed to shake the old belief that Europeans govern Asian better than Asians govern Asian. At the moment the Malay is favored by government policy in respect to education and employment as he was (and in some cases still is) the most economically deprived. Race relations

are not yet perfect but Malaysia is fast becoming known as a country whose people are learning to share ideas, knowledge and hopes while retaining the individualities of their backgrounds.

My host family was not typically Malaysian. Intermarriage between races is a rarity yet my "father" is Malay and married to an Australian Chinese. I did not live a strict Malay life because of this. Most Malays are strict Muslims while my family was not. English was the first language of the household (except for the servants) rather than Malay. We did abide by certain Malay customs, such as eating with the fingers of the right hand rather than using silver ware. Our meals (makan in Malay), were made up of curries, mounds of rice and dishes involving coconut milk and hot chili peppers. These things were strange to me at first but my family was understanding. Some things I never got used to; I still need two or three glasses of water to eat a good, spicy curry. Some things have become habit.

My family consisted of my "father" and "mother" whom I called Auntie and Uncle. I had two "brothers" Azlan, 7, and 11-year-old Ihsan, and a "sister" Wendy who is 16. My host parents realized their home was not typically Malay and tried to expose me to as much of their country as possible. During our two week holiday from school we travelled to Port Dixon which still has the feel of British Colonialism. One week-end we drove to Cameron Highlands, the mountains of Malaysia where it really gets cold! Several days were spent shopping in Singapore, a bustling, very modern city I must see again. We spent several days in Perlis, Uncle's home state near the Thai border. In fact one afternoon we did travel into Thailand. We also visited Penang, Malaysia's loveliest spot.

During all this hopping about I could see how beautiful the country is. There is an abundance of rice padi, of rubber plantations; mountains and oceanside vary the scenery. I also learned what beautiful people Malaysians themselves are — so generous and warm and hospitable.



AMERICAN FIELD SERVICE STUDENTS at North Miami are Renate Lamp from Australia and Rozan Holden from South Africa, pictured with Mr. David Bullington, AFC Coordinator, and Alexandra Milligan, recently returned from Malaysia.

(Staff Photo by Philip Knoeke)

For most of my stay I attended school and tried to get involved in as many activities and meet as many people as possible.

School was an experience in itself. I wore a uniform which looks great on tiny Asian figures but made me look like a turquoise and white Mack truck. School rules were strict — no make-up whatsoever, socks and sneakers, hair touching the shoulders must be pulled back, nails cut short. Schools up to the pre-University level are either all-girl or all-boy. The school system drove me up the wall. Malaysians take more courses than the average American but learn facts rather than how to put facts to work. The student is taught by the teacher and does very little outside research. Asunta Convent School was as different from North Miami as night and day.

In school I made my closest friendships which I couldn't have done had I not attended a school. Two Chinese girls in my class, Siew Peng and Jennifer, have become especially close to me. It was hard leaving knowing I wouldn't see my "family" for a very long time... It's sad realizing that when I return, and I will, many of the people who have made this summer so wonderful I'll never again find.

AFS has given me so much through this experience in Malaysia. I've learned about another way of life, other people and myself. I want to do more of this; learning through travel.

## AFS Students, From Australia, South Africa

This year North Miami Senior High is proud to play host to American Foreign Exchange Students Rozanne Holden and Renate Lamp. Rozanne hails from South Africa and enjoys what she has seen of America as does Renate, a native of Australia.

In co-operation with world friendship, schools in the U.S. are involved each year in A.F.S. Since its creation at the time of WW I, students from 32 countries have been involved in the program — to visit a foreign country and study for a year.

Rozanne is 18, graduated and seeking experience in America. She attended no colleges in South Africa but plans on furthering her education in the future. Both girls are staying with local families with children attending North Miami.

"The kids are very friendly here," says Rozanne, commenting on her peers. Both girls are looking forward to studying in America this year and are anxious to find out and learn about the people of the United States.

## Students May Lend A Hand

Because of a recent cut-back in office help in all areas of the school, the office workers are very shorthanded. A couple of concerned students have started a program which is devised to let students, during their "unstructured time", assist any office worker by doing such tasks as operating the switchboard, typing, filing, and running errands.

Mark Weissman, in charge of organization, suggests that students — who must spend their "unstructured time" somewhere — might as well spend it in an air-conditioned office while helping school employees, than to sit in a hot, crowded resource center.

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# Norland Outclasses North Miami 34-0

North Miami's erratic football team, suffered its second defeat in as many outings to the heavily favored close rival Norland.

Norland, coming into this game as the top ranked team in the county, proved its predictors right by overpowering the bottom ranked Pioneers 34-0.

The Vikings got their first score four plays into the second period when running back Bill Vining took a pitchout from Q.B. Mike Kypriss from 17 yards out, rumbling in for the score. The two point conversion proved successful giving Norland an 8-0 lead early in the second period.

Kypriss then followed his earlier march, with a 67 yard series capped by a Q.B. keeper from 14 yards out.

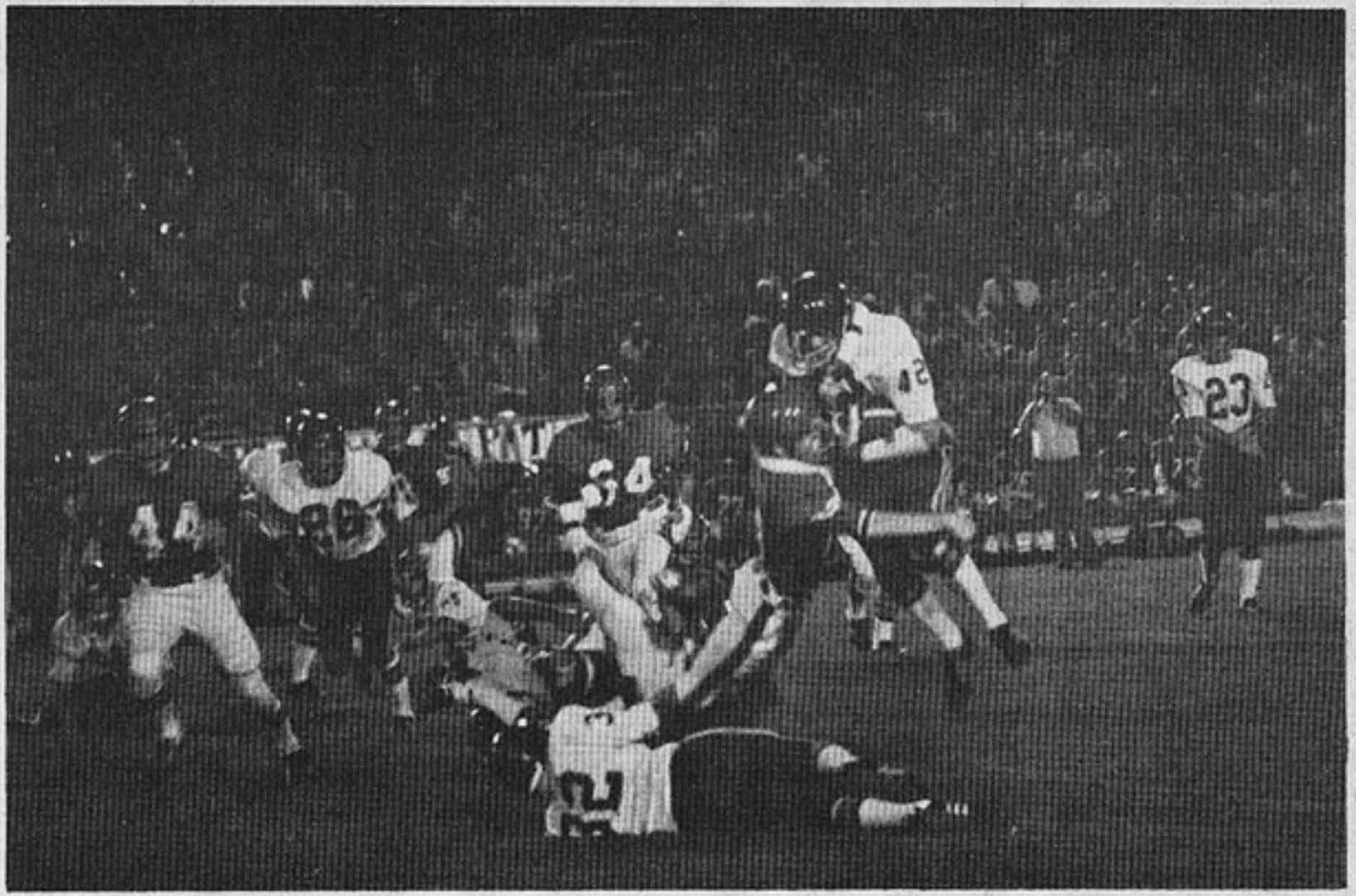
The Vikings' other scores came in the second half as the

Pioneer defense proved unsuccessful in holding Norland's wish-bone attack. It was a great improvement over their earlier performance against Central when they were literally knocked off the field.

As far as those improvements go, NM ballhandling improved nearly 100 per cent. NM only had one turnover this game compared to nine against Central.

The most alarming fact however is that in two games, the Pioneers have been outscored 75-0. This is an average of about 9 points per quarter. Not very encouraging when our offense is nil.

Mr. Boggy summed up the feeling of most of the student body when he said, "You know losing tonight really hurts, but in my book what really counts is that we are playing hard, and our team is giving it all they have."



ERIC SCHOTTENHEIMER picked up tough yardage, and a few bruises in the Jamboree (Photo By Richard Nicoella)

## Too Many Turnovers Hurt Pioneers In Jamboree Pre-Season Opener

Coach Rogers' youthful and spirited Pioneers opened their 1972 football hopes against Hialeah in the first quarter of the Jamboree held at Miami Dade J.C. Stadium.

Hialeah was awarded the ball at their own 30-yard line, due to the fact no kickoffs were allowed for this pre-season encounter. Three plays later on a fourth down situation the Pioneer defense forced Hialeah to punt. NM fielded the ball at their own 37-yard line, bringing in for the first time the offensive unit trying to make the score-board light up.

Terry Fitzgerald was at the helm leading a powerful ground game, countered by discreet passes to the backs coming out of the backfield. The heart-break for NM occurred in the drive as Fitzgerald moved them down to the opposition's seven-yard line. First and goal from the seven. On the quarterback keeper Fitzgerald fumbled the ball and it was recovered by Hialeah.

Time ran out with the Thoroughbreds getting off only two plays with no significant value.

NM dominated the quarter entirely, 0-0.

The third quarter saw the Pioneers against top ranked Norland. The change was incredible. They in no way resembled the team that dominated the first quarter. Norland scored a remarkable 20 points in that one quarter against a bewildered NM defense.

After that disappointing quarter Coach Rogers remarked, "We just had too many turnovers."

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Central got on the scoreboard early in the second quarter on a 7-yard romp by their half-back. Central's coach took a big gamble that paid off at the end. He sent in his blocking power and converted in his two-point try, leaving the Pioneers trailing 8-0 at the half.

The Pioneers did not get on the board until the third quarter, when their quarterback Freddie London completed a 12-yard touchdown pass to his split-end Derik Lockhart. The Pioneers were then forced to try for their two-point conversion, but it proved unsuccessful as the Rockets stopped the Pioneers short of the goal line.

Congratulations should go to Coach Sickler, and his staff. The outstanding players in the game were Freddie London, Q.B.; Derik Lockhart, Split end; Mike Ship D.B., and Leon Lotmore D.T.

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# SPORTS

By Manuel Serra Jovenich

"Wait till next year" — those were the words muttered at the conclusion of last year's horrendous 3-7 football season.

Well, here we are, one year later hoping those words turn out to be true. Apparently it seems as though it might have been wishful thinking, after a disappointing season opener against Central, losing 41-0.

The worst is yet to come though, for our schedule calls for games against such power houses as Norland, Jackson and Springs. I am in no way blaming the players for not putting forth enough effort, but the facts are simple: We are short-comed by such necessities as size, speed and experience.

Also, from what I have seen during the Pioneers outing in the gridiron, they appeared to me as being overly conservative. I just can't reason why with 50 seconds left in the Central game, and trailing "rather badly" the coaches still refused to open up with some passing, choosing instead to keep running up the middle which had proved unsuccessful during the course of the game.

Evaluating the game, Coach Rogers had two old but wise comments. First he summarized the impossibility of making the kind of mistakes they made in the game (nine turnovers) and still come out ahead. Second, he conceded the fact that you can't get down on yourself and still be a winner.

I personally think the Pioneer team will surprise some people at the end of the season. The way I see it they might have a .500 season, if breaks go their way.

Here is my evaluation on the team:

**Coach:** Jim Rogers replaced Ed Sullivan as head coach. He is a strict disciplinarian and might be just the kind of person to pull the team out of oblivion into stardom.

**Last year's record:** 3-7. What else can I say???

**Strengths:** If Zahler's knee holds out and Schottenheimer keeps trucking the way he has, we should have a strong running game, countered by strong linebacking on defense.

**Weakness:** Speed, the inability of a deep threat, inexperience, and size in some key positions.

**Returning Lettermen:** 7

**Top Players:** By far the top player is North Miami's own version of Number 42, Eric Schottenheimer. Eric, out of necessity, has been going both ways on defense as well as offense, and has more than adequately filled in as fullback, linebacker and lineman. His sidekick, Kevin Zahler, has shown good moves from his halfback spot. On defense, Eddie King shows All-City potential with Mark Poritzky and Frank Rich doing their part on the defensive line.

**Captains:** Who else but the three future All-Cities — Mark Poritzky, Eric Schottenheimer and linebacker Eddie King.

After careful examination of the NM opponents here are my predictions for the up-coming season:

DATE	TEAM	PREDICTION
Sept. 14	Central JC	Loss
Sept. 28	Norland JC	Loss
Sept. 29	Hialeah	Win
Oct. 7	Springs JC	Loss
Oct. 20	Northwestern JC	Loss
Oct. 27	Lakes (Homecoming) Hialeah	Toss-up
Nov. 3	Miami High Orange Bowl	Toss-up
Nov. 9	Jackson JC	Loss
Nov. 18	Carol City JC	Win
Nov. 23	NM Beach JC	Win

I sincerely hope this year will be one of self-pride and satisfaction knowing that our team will be representing us and giving us all they have, without letting us down.

What will this year be like? Only time will tell, but it's not fair to the players if the student body does not even care to support them. Remember, they represent you, and the only way to let them know how we appreciate it, is by going to the games no matter how well they are doing. If a little school spirit is too much to ask, I don't even think you should be coming here.

**PAST PIONEERS SEASONS**

1967 - 4-6	1970 - 5-5
1968 - 4-2-4	1971 - 3-7
1969 - 6-4	1972 - ?



KEVIN ZAHLER RUMBLES ON THE HIALEAH DEFENSE for a few tough yards. Although no flag was dropped, the photo clearly shows a Hialeah player grabbing Zahler's face mask. The Pioneers lost a close one 6-0. (Photo by Richard Nicoella).

## Central Ruins Rogers Season Debut 41-0

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First Downs	15	N.M.	6
Rushing Yardage	298		112
Passing Yardage	46		28
Passes	2-8-1		4-10-2
Fumbles	2		5
Yards Penalized	105		47

By Scott Dressler

Shock struck the North Miami bench as Head Coach Jim Rogers made his coaching debut.

The stage was set at Miami Dade J. C. Stadium with North Miami all fired up by Coach Rogers pregame speech. The Pioneers took the field with the winning of the toss and elected to receive. The Pioneers went into the game with the feeling that this was the start of a winning season, even though the Miami Central Rockets were strong favorites.

Pioneers had the ball with good field position about their own 36 yard line. Terry Fitzgerald was in at quarterback and three plays later there was a first down at the North Miami 46.

NM tried to get a scoring drive together against a strong Central defense, but was stopped on a third down pass intended for fullback Eric Schottenheimer. The ball was overthrown and Central defender No. 64, Larry Turnquest, picked it off. From then on Central moved the ball good against North Miami.

In at quarterback for Central was Steve Martell, No. 1. Six plays later the touchdown came on third and two from the Pioneers 23 yard line. The fake was to the outside, hand off to No. 8, Curtis Hicks, up the middle. The Pioneers defense was ripped apart as Central went on the scoreboard in the middle of the first quarter with 6:32 left. Central was in to try for the conversion a bad snap for center No. 6, Keith Phillips, the holder pitched it back to Central's kicker. North Miami's defense came on strong and held their two point conversion attempt. Ronnie Walker on the tackle for the Pioneers, they were brought down on the 11 yard line.

The second quarter of play Central opened North Miami's defense for 28 points at half time. The scoreboard read Central 34, NMO. At the start of the third quarter North Miami

to kick, Central fielded the ball on their own 29 yard line. Steve Martell was still in as quarterback for Central.

North Miami's Coach Rogers' frustration wasn't over yet. Score came once again with 10:55 left in the third quarter on a second down play. The ball went to Elvis Peacock for a 61 yard run around right end, for his third touchdown of the night. The extra point was good and in the third quarter this left the Pioneers with a sickening looking scoreboard, 41-0.

Speaking with Coach Rogers after the game he was asked how such a defeat affected the team and coaching staff.

"Well, one thing you find out after a loss like that, is that you don't make mistakes like we did and win football. We made every mistake in the book and you just can't do that against a team like Central. You can't give them the ball inside your 20 yd. line three times in three consecutive plays. I think we've learned several things, the mistakes will kill us, which I've told the players all along. We've learned that you can't get down on yourself and be a winner. We picked up in practice and we will be really high for Norland."

Coach Rogers, asked if he was going to change his game plan considerably against Norland, replied "In terms of changing the game plan, the first thing we're going to change is the fumbling and we're going to play football instead of basketball."

Asked if he was going to put the ball in the air more, he said, "We are not going to throw the ball that much because we're not that good at throwing — our game is running. Our game

plan this week is not going to be anything fancy, we're just going to eliminate mistakes. We're going to stay with what we think we do best, once again running the football.

"Everybody likes you when you're a winner and nobody likes you when you're a loser — this is another thing the kids are learning about football. This is something the kids are learning here, that they couldn't possibly learn in other areas. A lot of this is pure life.

"We are going to come up and be a different football team Friday, I can guarantee that."

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