

# Dasein Is One-To-One Drug Program

By Vicki del Valle

Are drugs the answer? Obviously, many students at NM seem to think so. Here's Help's project Dasein, a program started here last year to aid drug abusers, has come back to help answer that question.

The program, which not only aids drug abusers but also students with other problems, operates in seven other schools besides North Miami Senior High. More schools want the program but there are not enough funds.

"We've made the program a lot more structured this year," says Mr. Steve Safron, the 21 year old director of the Here's Help school program. Mr. Safron who was also involved with drugs, went straight on his own. He heard about HH and joined "to see what I could do".

"During the years I was on

drugs ('67-'69) my grades were very low, but when I 'went straight' I started attending Dade Junior College where my grades improved."

Mr. Safron received his Associate's degree at Dade Junior. While there he took psychology related courses to aid him in his work with Here's Help. He plans to attend FIU in January.

When Dasein goes into a new school, it is presented to the principals of the schools to introduce them to the function and purpose of the program for their approval.

In order to have a better understanding, the teachers go through a thorough orientation and have special faculty meetings at which the program is explained to them and any questions they may have are answered. This enables the program to have the complete co-

operation of the teachers. The counselors also have special meetings to learn what types of students should get involved in Dasein.

There are group leaders who go to the classroom to make the students aware of the program. There is also a contact teacher who is always around to help and give out information about the program. Mr. L. L. Williams, a counselor, is NM's contact teacher. This person must get along well with the students and understand their problems.

Not all students involved in the program will be 'on drugs'. Dasein is also for kids with family, social, and numerous other problems. In this way they hope to keep the kids from going into drugs.

There will be group meetings held twice a week in a portable. These sessions are going to be

from 9 to 9:57 a.m. If you're planning to attend the meetings just to miss a class, don't do it; they'll find out and send you right back.

During the meetings students may set up individual appointments if they would rather not bring up a problem in the group. This proved to be very helpful last year and added to the success of the groups.

The sessions are based on reality confrontation. This way the students can air out their problems and past experiences with other students. By relating with the students they will begin to see how their problem started and how it can be coped with better or possibly solved.

Before the student can be placed in one of these groups he must be interviewed by a group

leader who will decide whether or not the student will benefit from the program. If so, the group leader will place him in a group that will be best for that particular student. If the leader thinks that another program would be better then he will refer him to that program.

There is a 2 week warming up period for new students that decide to enter. During these two weeks the student will be more on the level of observer than participant. This way the student will be more apt to stick with it.

Any student interested in further information about the program can contact Mr. Safron between 9 and 10:57 a.m. any Wednesday in Mr. Henley's office, or contact Mr. Williams.

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## Mr. Schwemmer Retires After 14 Years At NM

Mr. Oro Schwemmer retired October 31 as a guidance counselor for North Miami after 14 years. His face has been a familiar sight in the main office and he will be sorely missed by both students and teachers alike.

Mr. Schwemmer's long career began in 1928 when he joined the ROTC. He spent the next 12 years in the Army, Marines and finally the Navy. He left the Navy having achieved the rank of lieutenant commander. From there he went to the University of Miami and acquired his Master's Degree in Human Relations.

His first teaching job was at Benjamin Franklin Elementary School where he taught fourth grade. He taught at Edison Senior High for five years and finally came to North Miami. Since then, North Miami has been Mr. Schwemmer's second home for 14 years.

Mr. Schwemmer recalls that he had been teaching Spanish for four or five years at North Miami when he fell ill and had to be taken to the hospital. His wife took over his job teaching Spanish. When he was released his wife would not give the job back.



Mr. Schwemmer

Mr. Schwemmer plans to spend his days of retirement by traveling at least one third of every year with his wife. He will dedicate his time to his hobby, stamp collecting.

We at North Miami sincerely wish Mr. Schwemmer a happy retirement and hope that he enjoys the rest of his life to the fullest.

## Order Restored After Outsiders Create Trouble

By Stuart P. Schuster

Threatened by feelings of anti-sentiment and marred by minor incidents around campus, North Miami Senior High recently was troubled by student unrest brought about by alleged outsiders in school. The unwanted element has since been eliminated and administrative crack-downs have brought order back to the school. The arrest of four, including one student, and the suspension of 10 students were the results meted out to those involved.

The majority of Spanish-speaking and black students involved were peaceful, discounting the original instigators from which the disturbances originated. Willingly, both sides were eager to settle differences, and conferences were held throughout the week with administrators in an attempt to iron out differences.

Misconceptions and rumors were most deceiving to the student body and minor incidents were blown out of proportion, initiating an element of fear which was prevalent throughout the school week.



NEW SOPHOMORE OFFICERS (left to right) are Diane Talley, recording secretary; Hap Pomerantz, treasurer; David Cava, president; Robin Straus, vice president, and Robin Rosenberg, corresponding secretary. (Photo by Phil Knocke)

## North Miami Band Close Second

By Ross Greene

Six of Dade County's top high school marching bands gathered at the NM Recreation Field October 14 for the annual Band Contest sponsored by the Optimist Club of North Miami. The top prize was \$500 and a performance at the Dolphin game the following afternoon.

Coral Park, Carol City, Hialeah-Miami Lakes, Dunedin, North Miami Beach, and our own North Miami Pioneer Marching Band participated, and it was just as close as most people thought it would be. Only two points separated the top four finishing bands, with first place going to the North Miami Beach Charger Band, directed by Dennis Silkebakken, former

director at North Miami.

The Pioneer Band was less than four-tenths of a point behind in second place. Dunedin was third, and Miami Lakes fourth, with Coral Park and Carol City finishing behind the leaders.

Precision, execution, and general effect all played a big part in the judging, with judges down on the field looking for mistakes. The North Miami Band performed two minutes longer than any other band, leaving a greater exposure to error.

The student body gave the contest great support, with over 2,000 people on hand to see the bands compete.

## Pioneers Defeat Stingarees, 13-6 In Orange Bowl

"You never know how sweet victory is until you taste defeat" best describes NM feelings after the Pioneers upset a strong Miami High team for their first victory of the year, 13-6.

Miami High (4-2) apparently underestimated North Miami's ability and paid the consequences in our first Orange Bowl game.

North Miami's first score came early in the first quarter

from the 25-yard line, second and 10, when a hand-off from quarterback Darrell Keatley to fullback Eric Schottenheimer proved successful on a 75-yard run. Terry Fitzgerald kicked the point after, and NM led, 7-0.

Our second score came early in the second quarter when middle guard Willie Johnson recovered a Miami High fumble at the 46-yard line. In 13 plays NM moved down the field to score, converting twice on

fourth down plays. The TD came on third down, from seven yards out, when Keatley found split end Grant Downing open in the end zone. Miami High scored once in the final quarter.

The secret of this game depended upon a total team effort. The defense, countered by a strong offense, dominated the game entirely, bringing home a well deserved and long coming first victory.



"Woe unto them that call good evil and evil good."  
—Isa. 5:20

The era of long time passing has passed. Those wilted flowers that died such a pitiful death in the rambling rhetoric of the pre-Vietnam era are experiencing a regeneration and 'new-morning.' The young boys are returning home, hat in hand. The undaunted jeers of those uncrestful are ringing in the ears of those who are deaf.

The bleak Kent-Jackson memories can only be soothed by the healer time before they can be corrected. Somewhere, sometime the Spock generation will graduate college and leave in its wake a decade of tears, pleas, and woe. Instead of placards laden with anti-establishment slogans clenched in their angrily trembling fists, there will be a child, symbolizing America's rebirth.

We were all touched by the heartening scenes of the Vietnam Veterans Against the War, pleading from their wheel-chair fixations for the National Guardsmen to come down from the rooftops, put down their guns, and join the swelling ranks of dissent.

Little does America realize there is no difference between the man in a permanent cast and the man in the uniform. The soldier does not notch his gun barrel with every life he takes, nor does the hippie avoid rain for fear of becoming clean. Justified or not, students all over the world are dissenting. Some are shouting, some are being listened to.

I stood in a parking lot one afternoon watching America. One mob of students was on my left, another on my right.

## VIVA Says: POW's Never Have A Nice Day

By Dee DiBenedictis

In Southeast Asia there are over 1700 American men shouting for our help. Why is it that we turn a deaf ear?

As of August 5, 1972, 522 Prisoners of War and 1240 men Missing in Action have been reported to the United States Government. These men are our brothers, husbands, sons and cousins who have been sent to defend our basic right-freedom.

Those of us left behind here must help these men in every way possible to be set free, or at least be given humane treatment. According to the Geneva Convention, the following action must take place in regard to Prisoners of War:

Names of all prisoners of war be published.

All prisoners receive proper medical care and adequate food.

Regular impartial inspections be made of prisoner of war facilities.

A free flow of mail between prisoners and their families. The United States has no proof that these four requests are being fulfilled.

As Americans, there are ways we can help in a positive manner instead of sitting back and shaking our heads in despair.

An organization based in Los Angeles named VIVA (Voices in Vital America) works toward the goal of releasing our boys. VIVA is a non-profit student organization that prints POW publications, buttons, letters and bumper stickers in the hope of making the public aware of the POW's plight. They are responsible for the widespread use of the POW-MIA bracelet that so many concerned citizens are wearing. The thin slender band ties a nation to its heroes in foreign lands and acts an invisible bond between the wearer and the captured man.

Locally, there is a Miami chapter of VIVA, and a student organization that is being set up here at North Miami Senior High by two interested Seniors, Dee Bennett and Terry Kant. The group will distribute petitions and letters and work to raise funds that will be sent to VIVA as a donation in their name.

So do something positive for your fellow man and contact these people in order to volunteer your time to save the most precious thing we have — a human life.



## Changes Chastise Students

By Mickey Perricone

It looks like cookie and cake time again for the students at North Miami Senior High. It seems that there have been some changes in the campus life. I recall hearing some strange rumor that students will be shot on sight of leaving school before eleven o'clock. Also suspensions will be distributed for all those students wandering the hallways looking for a friend, trying to find a bathroom, and possibly leaving a few minutes early.

All of the decisions seem to have been made by the faculty and students. These rules are being observed by everyone and enforced strictly by personnel.

I truly hope that soon we may be put back on our normal school campus because it seems like we all had a little more trust and respect for everyone and we were treated as our age not as under. So I am hopefully thinking that if we can all work our heads together we could just have our age back.

## Female Chauvinists?

By Desmond Sheridan

Equal rights for women is a fairly familiar slogan heard around the nation these days, but in truth there is a good deal of discrimination against men.

Divorce is a prime example. In over 90 per cent of all divorces involving children, they are awarded to the wife. Alimony, however is the biggest discriminatory practice in divorce. Comedian Johnny Carson for example must pay his estranged wife \$100,000 a year alimony plus \$200,000 cash.

But let's look at the average person. A man earning \$12,000 a year takes home about \$10,000, but after alimony of about \$2,000 he is left with a severely restricted income. If a man is financially handicapped like this he may not be able to financially support a second wife. Thus he is restricted from remarrying, whereas his wife has a free ride for the rest of her life, unless she remarries.

As all of you male drivers know, automobile insurance is another big area of discrimina-

tion. If an 18-year-old male has the exact same driving record as an 18-year-old female, he will be charged more for insurance.

And while Gloria Steinem is saying that everything should be 52 per cent women, why not the army as well?

Naturally there is a good deal of discrimination against women, but it's also a good idea to look at discrimination against men because both "causes" are equally important.


## Bruised Blues

political games war games  
school games it's all the same  
game.

fight spite might is right  
laugh and sing and leap for hate  
murder your mind and call it  
fate,


slug 'em mug 'em bruise the  
quiet  
it's really a gas when school's  
a riot.

Jody Greenwald



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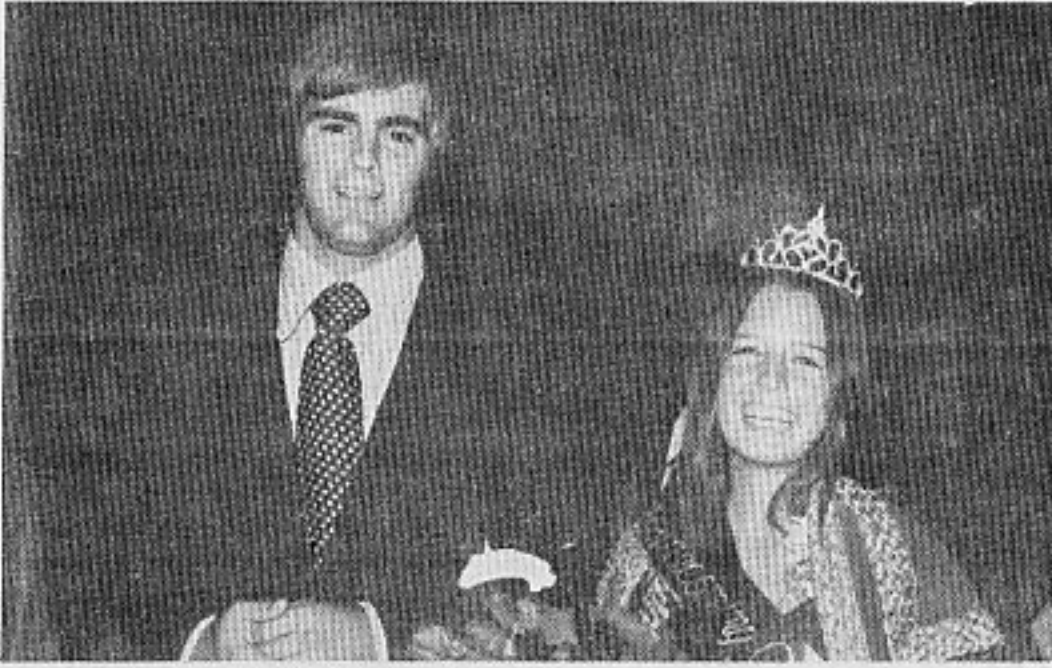


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HOMEcoming QUEEN MARILYN MILLER smiles happily with escort Steve Tally. (photo by Richard Niccolella)

# NM Homecoming Week Was A Very Memorable Event

A week of Homecoming festivities and colorful events culminated in a heartbreaking football game against Hialeah-Miami Lakes.

It was a special week set aside when all the alumni came back to North Miami High to join in the annual event. It was a week full of activities and fun, with a pep rally, band festival, and parade in which all of the service clubs participated.

The parade was on an electric Thursday night, November 4th, starting at Griffing Park, on to City Hall, down 8th Avenue and back to school. Each service club presented a float with the main theme having to do with the Homecoming game against Hialeah-Miami Lakes. Honors went to Sub-Debs and Key for "Best All Around," Preps and Pioneers for "Most Colorful," and "Most Original," recognition was given to Honoria and Octagon. The winning decorations and themes were "Winning is Greek to the Trojans" (Sub-Debs and Key), "Tame the Trojans" (Preps and Pioneers), and "Dredge Miami Lakes" (Honoria and Octagon).

Participants in the parade included our Band and Majorettes, followed by the North Miami Junior High Band, and the North Miami Recreation Center Chorus.

A surprise performance by the faculty at the pep rally included a special rendition of "All in the Family," starring Mr. Duncan as Archie Bunker, and Mrs. Johnson as America's most lovable dingbat, Edith Bunker. The filled-to-the-hilt auditorium was very much excited by the performance that nearly brought the house down. Football players were introduced and applauded by the student body.

Pioneer spirit was high at the football game in which the Pioneers lost to Hialeah-Miami Lakes, 17-0.

The 1972 Homecoming Court, introduced at halftime, consisted of Queen Marilyn Miller and her 12th grade princesses: Barbara Grossman, Diane Dominix, Tina Ireland, and Sue Shirley; 11th grade: Louisa Fernandez and Lisa Dickerson; 10th grade: Jennifer Griffin and Delores La Chance.

The 1971 Homecoming queen, Tevie Dante, crowned Marilyn as the new queen. The official song of the Class of '73, "One Tin Soldier," was played, followed by the Alma Mater.

# War, Corruption, and Hypocrisy Cited In Nixon-McGovern Debate

by Desmond Sheridan

Tuesday, October 3, saw a Key Club sponsored debate against representatives of the campaign to re-elect the president and the McGovern-for-President campaign.

Representing the president was Mr. Paul Bethel, Republican candidate for Congress in the 13th Congressional District. He is running against Democrat William Lehman. Mr. Bethel was a war correspondent, and in the diplomatic service for 12 years.

The representative for Senator McGovern was Mrs. Nancy Clasby, a PhD in English who teaches at the University of Miami. She is a political amateur and a volunteer for the McGovern campaign.

They both opened with a 10 minute speech stating the positions of their candidates.

First Mrs. Clasby spoke a lot on the war and the bombing. She told of Nixon's promises to end the war and failure to do so. She said it was ridiculous to be fighting Communism in Vietnam while hobnobbing with the big time communists in China and the Soviet Union. Also on the war she spoke of Gen. Lavelle's unauthorized bombing

of North Vietnam and the low morale in the armed forces.

Most of all though, she talked about governmental corruption, calling it "stinky" and citing many examples. Some of the examples were the grain deal to the Soviet Union, the Watergate caper, realtors making big profits from the FHA, the ITT case, and CIA involvement in drug traffic in Laos. In conclusion she said that the Nixon administration is guilty of police state tactics, and that McGovern is honest and for the "little people".

Mr. Bethel called McGovern a hypocrite, because he put his child in a private school while supporting busing in the Senate.

He said that when American ground troops were introduced to combat in Indochina in 1965, they should have fought a full-scale war in order to win and

get out. He told of a bill called HR 1 which was introduced by the President, but is now stalled in a Democratically controlled Congress. He said this was a comprehensive plan to make Social Security inflation-proof by linking it to the cost of living. He thinks the bill would give free health insurance to people with incomes under \$3,000 a year.

On the subject of drugs, he said Nixon doesn't want to bust kids just the big pushers.

He stated that Nixon is honest but not a crowd pleaser.

On the chance of the Senator winning, Mrs. Clasby was very confident of victory, but Mr. Bethel said his chances were "as scarce as hen's teeth".

At the conclusion of the debate, they fielded questions from the audience. There was a turnout of about 150 students to hear the debate.

## Chess Whiz Sweeps

# Bast Tops Team

Michael Bast mowed over all in his path to take first place by a score of 5-0 in the NM Organizational Chess Tournament held here recently.

The tournament is held at the beginning of each year to determine who will play each board on the 10-man team. Boards one through five constitute the "A" team, boards six through 10 the "B" team. Anyone who would like to come out for the team is welcome to challenge his way up.

There were several people who had the same number of wins and losses, so the decision was turned over to a system known as Tiebreakers. To find Tiebreakers, the wins are added up for all of the player-in-question's opponent's, dropping the high and the low, and pitting this score against that of the other players, with

whom he is tied. The results were:

Rank - Name	TB Wins
1. Michael Bast	5
2. Andrew King	7½ 4
3. John Auffret	7 4
4. Bob Glickman	7 3½
5. Ira Margolis	8 3
6. Matthew Perry	7 3
7. Vaughn Hoglean	5½ 3
8. Steven Sagraves	11½ 2½
9. Gary Gordon	6½ 2½
10. Don Caple	5½ 2½

## Be Gentle With Seniors — They May Crack Any Day

By Gale Glaser

I feel someone tap me on the shoulder. I turned around and am confronted by a freak in a green and gray hat wearing a '73 Pride button. My ever alert senses tell me that this is A SENIOR.

"Hey kid," he says, "what mod is this?"

"Uh . . . what?" I say in my usual intelligent manner.

"A Sophomore!" he screams gleefully, "well, what do you know!"

This is where my trouble starts. Being a Sophomore isn't easy. It is very difficult to try to act cool when you can't find your homeroom.

"Uh, pardon me", I stammer, "where's 228?"

"A Soph, huh?", says the weirdo with the kazoo.

"Yeah".  
"Well, you go all the way down this hall until you come to some stairs. Go up there."

I quickly learn never to ask directions of anyone wearing a Greenie.

You can always tell the Sophomores. We're the ones who get in the wrong line in the cafeteria; (we're the ones who actually eat in the cafeteria) have dripping wet hair from P.E. (remember that?), and have Class of '75 tattooed on our foreheads.

But you can also always tell the Seniors. They're the ones who bite their nails down to the bone worrying over Senior Placements, PSATs and SATs . . . . . look what the Class of '75 has to look forward to.


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## Everything You Want To Know About Traffic School, But —

By Evan Lewis

Last August 14, I was on my way to the beach, but before going I had to drop my younger brother off at his girlfriend's and pick up another friend. I was running late so I was speeding going up 10th Ave. towards 159th St. All of a sudden, out steps a North Miami Beach police officer and waves me over. He gave me a ticket which led into three nights of the Wonderful World of Traffic School.

I arrived at North Miami High School at 20 to 7 and went into the Main Office and paid my registration fee of \$4.00. I was then directed to go to Room 1. When I arrived there were about 8 people looking bored and uncomfortable. More people started drifting in and 25 people had congregated by the time the instructor came in at 7:30. He introduced himself as captain of the Bay Harbor police.

From there on he set the pattern of the three sessions I would have. The class started

with question asking and discussion. Then the class was allowed a 15 or 20 minute break in which to drink coffee, smoke cigarettes and whatever else we wanted to do. When I returned, a very gory movie called "Mechanized Death" was being shown followed by some Green Cross films on "how to".

The second night was pretty much the same kind of drag except I had a Florida Highway Patrolman and no horror film was shown.

The third and final night, another gruesome goodie named "Signal 30" was the thriller. At the end of the class I was given a little card proclaiming boldly I had passed the D.D.C. (Defensive Driver Course) given by the B.P.I. (Board of Public Instruction).

I went home proudly bearing my little card but could not help wondering what I had learned for those \$4.00 I had given to expand my knowledge.

## Super Seniors Selected By Student Body

by Dee DiBenedictis

Once again the Seniors have chosen those special members of their class who stand out above all others — the Senior Superlatives. Being elected a Superlative indicates that a student has devoted time and energy towards helping our school as well as his or her academic and extra-curricular undergraduate career.

There are 12 categories of Superlatives and each Senior was asked to nominate one girl and boy for each. Runoffs were held for those few categories where there was not a substantial lead between the top two people in the first balloting.

The Class of '73 Superlatives are Best All Around — Pete Collins and Penny Weiss; Outstanding Service — Jeff Flit and Sue Levin; Most School Spirit — Mark Reisfield and Kathy Chance; Unsung Hero — Mike Matthews and Karen Zum; Wittiest — Mark Weissman and Amy Hackmeyer; Most Athletic — Eric Schottenheimer and Karen Introcasto; Most Likely to Succeed — Skippy Straus and Alexandra Milligan; Best Looking — Terrance Fitzgerald and Sue Shirley; Most Soul — Robert Thompson and Jestina Grant; Most Intellectual — Matthew Perry and Diane Evans; Most Talented — Kevin Koloff and Marilyn Miller, and Most Out-Going — Manuel Serra Jovenich and Jodi DeLuca.

## One O'clock Two O'clock Three O'clock Rock!

After the football games, instead of going for pizza, students can come back to the school for the Pioneer sponsored Sock Hop.

Turnouts for the Sock Hops have been successful. Three-hundred students were at the Sock Hop debut after the first football game. The purpose of the Sock Hop is to promote spirit and togetherness at North Miami.

There is a Sock Hop after all home games. Admission is 50 cents per person.



J.V. CHEERLEADERS FOR '72-'73 are (top row) Kim Normeyer, Elaine Collins, Kathy Thompson, Jean-Ne Daday, (bottom row) Julie Peeler, Cathy Fitzgerald, Sherri Thomas, and Jennifer Griffin.

(Photo by Richard Niccolella)

## Army Chorus Holds Contemporary Concert

The U.S. Army Field Band Soldier's Chorus presented a contemporary concert for all music and humanities students October 13th in the auditorium.

Over 1,000 students assembled in the auditorium for one hour to listen to songs such as "Space Cowboy," "Bridge Over Troubled Waters," and "City of New Orleans."

The Field Band, under the direction of Sergeant Major Gene Coughlin, developed from a more formal band two years ago in Washington, D.C. They tour the United States and other nations as well, performing mainly in high schools. Sometimes they team-up with another Army Band in a more formalized concert in which "not as many light pieces — heavier, classical pieces" are

played.

The group tours six months out of the year — the other six months they rehearse intensively.

Members of the U.S. Army Field Band fulfill all obligatory Army requirements. To become a member, a person must audition as a civilian. Then, if selected, he enlists for three years, although a majority of the members remain involved in an army career simply because they enjoy it.

The U.S. Army Field Band requests that anyone wishing to comment on their performance should write to The Commanding Officer, United States Army Field Band, The Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

## Voices of Poetry

The bloody rose  
fell silently upon  
the virgin snow  
And the trees wept  
with dead tears  
which flew away  
with the wind  
And the sky looked down  
with shame  
and tried to hide the blemish  
with the new, pure snow  
But the wind whirled them  
away  
and left the snow's sin  
exposed naked to the  
jeering clouds  
But the moon lit up the snow  
and made the rose shimmer  
The stars came out to see  
the snow's sparkling  
splendor  
And when the child awoke  
And wandered out next morn  
She stumbled upon a glittering  
gem  
of ruby colored tinge  
which had crystallized  
and died  
for lack of love  
And she kissed it  
and cried.

— Renee Sweeney



And the sleeping giant slumbers  
beneath the Hong Kong moon  
of sight  
and the creeping shadows from  
the pier  
reveal the Eastern night  
It's not that easy  
to see the world from the trees  
Is the downtown temptress  
calling you  
or is it only me?

"Alive!" she cried  
at the facelessness there  
The voice in the mirror  
has dropped to a stare  
"Kill not the saintly . . ."  
Out the angels come  
Some will walk to heaven and  
some will try to run

— Stuart Schuster

Did you ever just wonder if the  
sun will rise or the sun will  
set?  
Did you ever just wonder what  
it is like to be dead?  
Did you ever just wonder what  
it would be like to be alone  
or how about the people next  
door?

Did you ever wonder what it is  
like to be Black or maybe  
Red?  
Did you ever wonder if there is  
a heaven or hell?  
Did you ever just wonder to  
wonder . . . . .

I wonder?

—Terry Cohen

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## YFP Armory Concert Is Big Success

Youth for Progress held its first free concert of the school year Friday, October 13, in the North Miami Armory. Attendance was good and spirits were high as Patrice Book, YFP co-president lit the no smoking signs and introduced bands.

First to play was Tau Ceti, making their debut, holding the audience spellbound for over an hour.

Others performing were Warehouse, a band familiar to many people in North Miami, and the headliner, Swampfire.

The concert had been scheduled to end at 10:30 and many people left before Swampfire, the last band, had a chance to play. Since the concert was running behind schedule Swampfire played a short set, but a spokesman for YFP said that they would try to get them for another concert in the near future.

Youth for Progress will continue to bring concerts to the North Miami area, hopefully some of these will be outdoors.

"This year," said YFP co-president Dee DiBenedictis, "we will attempt to bring bigger and better things to the kids of North Miami."

## What A Price To Pay!!!

By Kevin Koloff

When you get to the top of that mountain in Tibet, and the old guru with the beard is there, you might ask him the secret of life. If all he says is that the road to success is long and hard, and the road back home from success is worse — well, just remember, he ain't jiving.

It begins early, probably about the time of man's creation, but more likely 5:40 Thursday morning. Today is the day. We are to travel to Tallahassee to participate in the Annual State Congressional Debate Tournament — a fiasco in which, once a year, the best debaters in the state get together to play Congressman, pass a few bills as law, and have a good time.

Miss Drosdick, our coach, is to pick up Matt Perry, Bob Humphreys, and myself, drive to Ken Lazarus' house, where, along with Mitch Sklar, a friend from Norland High, we will undertake our perilous journey. David Feinman will go by Trailways bus, as his parents will not allow his travelling when students are driving the car.

Pitfall No. 1: Where is Bob Humphreys? He doesn't show up, and so, being pressed for time, we will continue on without him (but don't give up

on him; he shall return — for better or worse).

Om. Ultimate truth shines down upon us. Bob Humphreys is waiting at the Hilton for us. It seems his radio alarm was set for 5:00 a.m., but nothing's on that particular station at 5:00 a.m., so it didn't wake him up, and he flew up and beat us there. Score one for Bob.

That evening, as we prepare to leave, we find David to have a terrible upset stomach from something he ate, and he will miss the first session. When we get back, the stomach problem has evolved into a type of food poisoning which only three doctors in the country have been known to pronounce correctly.

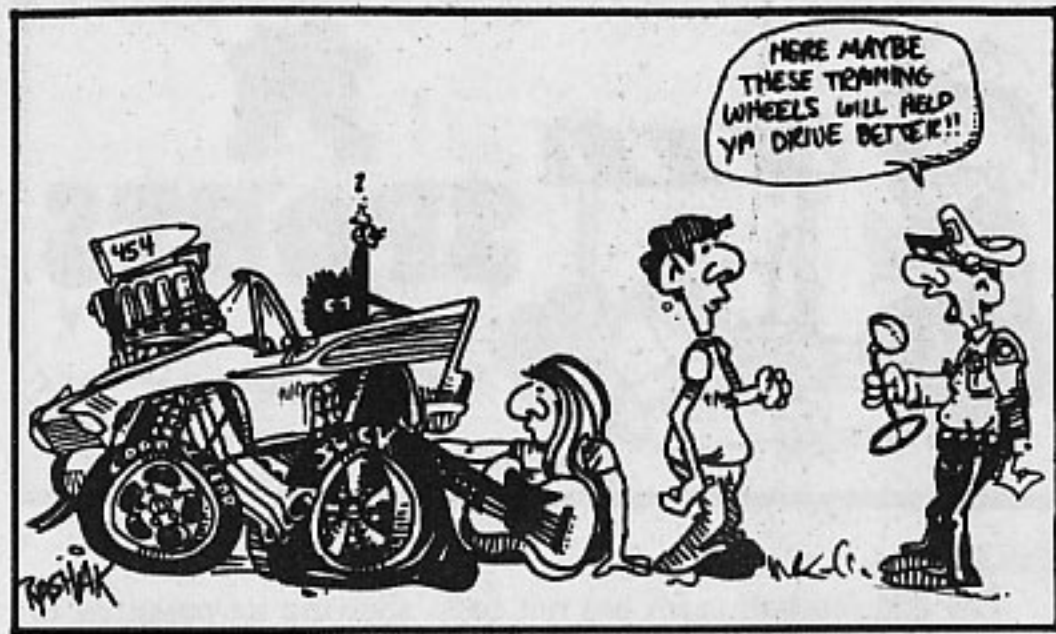
Dave is released from the hospital late that night, and I am elected to drive back to the hotel.

The next day, Dave flies back home, but not before he succeeds in creating the largest Excedrin headache (for us) since a Milwaukee doctor experimented with Donny Osmond music on the minds of pack rats. He leaves a note saying that he had left us his share of the hotel bill — and then forgets to leave the money.

Let it suffice to say that for various reasons, we get very little sleep during our two nights in Tallahassee. This is true of all debaters, and it makes the Congressional Debate sessions a lot more interesting. During these sessions, the Senate legalizes marijuana, bans firearms, abolishes all laws against sex crimes, and in general has a ball.

To make a long story short, the award ceremony is on Saturday, and the results are good. Ken has come in second in the House of Representatives by a nominal margin, and — shock of shocks — I am declared State Champion by winning Best Speaker of the Senate. I will go to Nationals in Pittsburgh this June.

It begins a few miles out of the capital. We overheat in way such as I have never seen a car overheat in all my days. Stopping at a gas station on the highway, we stop the car, ask the attendant to bring some water, try to start the car — and the battery's dead. Well, no problem, we'll just — whadaya mean, you don't have any jumper cables I guess we'll have to — no phone for at least how many miles, did you say?



After a half hour of searching for a good place to eat (Miss Drosdick decides that maybe that restaurant was in Ocala, after all), we come upon a hole. This is, of course, no ordinary hole. It is a foot-wide, foot-deep 50-foot

long monster which we stumble into. We emerge with the sound of a flat tire. So we just change it, right? Ha! The Lord should love us so much.

We turn out to be the seventh car in an hour and a half which has stumbled into this hole.

As the Orlando Police arrive, we come to the realization that the rims of both wheels are bent, as well as the tires being flat. We have but one spare, and the policeman agrees with Ken that the other tire is irreparable. I promptly take out my guitar, sit on the curb, and croak the blues.

It is at this point that Mitch stubs his toe, and begin to bleed profusely all over South Orange Blossom Trail. But wait — where is Bob Humphreys? He seems to disappear more frequently than Houdini at a Lester Maddox film festival, but in truth, he has brought the injured tire and wheel to a gas station half a mile down the road, and found that — miracle of miracles! — it can be fixed.

The policeman bandages Mitch, helps us change the tires, loads the luggage back in the trunk, takes several interrogations, makes sure everyone has called mother to tell her we will be home late, and closes the trunk with a thud.

"In your language, ten-four," sighs Mitch.

All is not yet well. The wheels are terribly misaligned, and the car shakes violently. We decide we will go to the house of Miss Drosdick's brother, where we will break in (he is in Nassau), and spend the night, so we can 'fix the car in the morning. First we go to the gas station to return the cables. We now get on the expressway, where our crooked wheels threaten to send us to that great debate tournament in the sky.

After much contemplation, we select the Robert Meyer Motor Inn but we have very little money and thus can only afford two rooms — a room for one for Miss Drosdick, and a room for two for Bob, Matthew (forgot he was there, didn't you?), Mitch, Ken and myself.

Mitch and Miss Drosdick check in. Miss Drosdick goes to her room and we accompany Mitch to our room, where we find that the room for two he has given us has but one twin bed.

It's not funny, but after sneaking in through the second floor parking lot, we are exhausted, and thus we sit and laugh hysterically. Five of us, and one twin bed.

Well, like I said, Mitch is pretty smart, so he goes, checks us out and into another room with two twins. Now we have two beds which will hold two apiece, and five guys, so what do we do with Matthew?

The answer: Mitch has kept the key to the old room that we checked out of (dreadfully sorry, dangling participle there, old boy). He goes and borrows the pillows and sheets and Matt is quite comfortable on the floor.

I awaken at 11:00 to find the others still fast asleep. So much for getting home in time for the Dolphin game.

We come across an ad for Radial Tire Center ("Best in the South"), which is having a Grand OPENING Sale. This involves prizes, hot dogs for a nickel apiece, and all the coke we can drink free, so I quickly decide where I will have lunch.

The ride home is a typical one. I drive the last 100-mile stretch.

Home. Sleep. It's been great, and I did achieve my ultimate goal, at any rate. But don't think the road there and back hasn't been more excruciatingly grueling than a Shirley Temple movie on a hot afternoon.

Ten-four.

## North Miami Pioneers Lose To Stronger Hawks And Bulls

NORTHWESTERN 14, NM 6

"Do or die, this is one game we have to win or we'll be in real trouble." These were the words of defensive half-back Steve Rosen, as he sat on the sideline awaiting the opening kickoff of the Northwestern game. Rosen was injured against Hialeah, which has taken him out of action for a couple of weeks.

Early in the first quarter, the weather changed from a dry field to a wet sponge. North Miami's running attack seemed to be slipping and sliding. The Pioneers could not get any drive together until the middle of the fourth quarter, when, with 6:32 left, quarterback Darrell Keatly passed to Eric Schottenheimer from 15 yards out. Following the

SPRINGS 19, NM 6

A funny thing happened to North Miami in their game against Springs. Their longtime non-scoring streak of 13 quarters was finally halted early in the second quarter with 8:20 remaining, after Q.B. Darrell Keatly rolled right from eight yards out intending to pass, but could not find a receiver open. Electing to keep the ball rather than throw a possible interception, he rumbled into the end zone, cashing in on NM's first I.D. of the year.

A little trickery was in store in the point after, when holder Terry Fitzgerald faked the hold, but instead tried for a two point conversion that would have put NM ahead 8-6. Unfortunately the pass fell short of the in-

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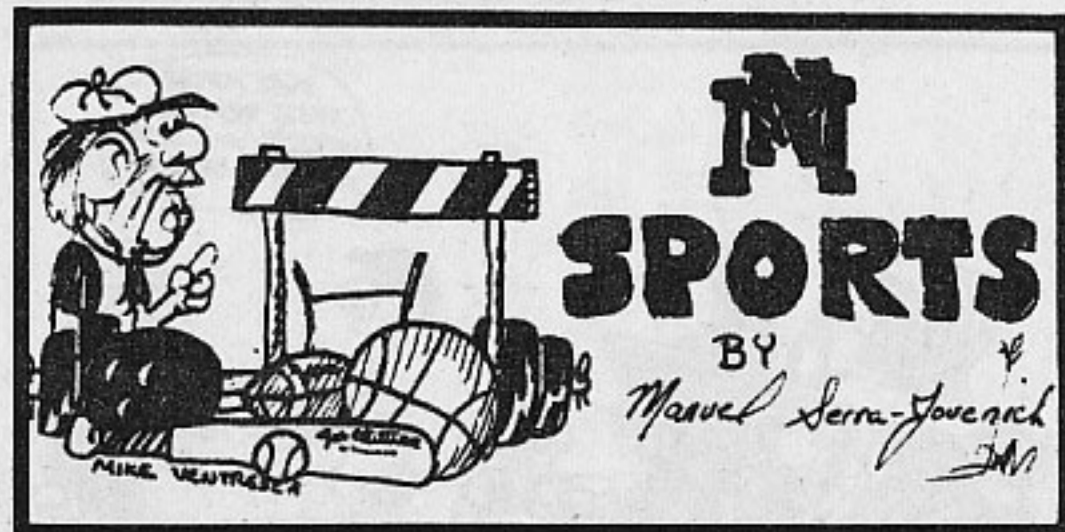
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**FOOTBALL**

The NM football team has not been showing its potential in the weekly struggle, being overscored 136-12 following the sixth week of the season. (Sounds like Basketball, huh???)

One thing is for sure, the spirit has not yet deserted the team.

The Pioneers have finally changed their offensive tactics to a more open game. Against Springs the double-reverse was used twice in as many quarters. A few fleaflicker plays have also been seen. This is quite a change from NM's first few games.

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**CROSS COUNTRY**

First year coach Richard Gaskin has made his presence felt by guiding Cross Country to an undefeated record with impressive victories over established opponents.

Cross Country consists of a 2½ mile course with the fastest time winning. Unlike many other sports low score indicate victory, not defeat.

In our opener NM defeated Miami High 18-35, followed by other victories against a strong Jackson team 21-34, and Edison 15-52. At that meet Collie Carter broke the old school record of 13:24 with a fabulous time of 13:20.

The team is rounded out by the Yeadaker family — Mark, Steve, and Tom — who have done a good job behind Carter. Paul Jurisich closes out the team.

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**BOWLING**

Coach Jordan Sessler is continuing last years winning ways by holding first place in both boys and girls teams in the northern division.

High averages have been by Karen Introcaso-172, and Stan Sprow-188.

The girls team scores include a shutout of Northwestern 24-0; NM-20 — Edison-4, and NM-18 — Pace-6. The boys have also won all their matches by very respectable scores.

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**COACHES**

New coaches seem to be the new thing this year. Among some of our new fearless leaders are Jim Sickler-JV football; Jim Rogers-Varsity football; Howard Wimmers-golf; Fred Reed,baseball, and Richard Gaskin-Cross Country. And if it ever comes about, Jim Sickler-Gymnastics.

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**SOCCER**

For all you Soccer nuts out there, practice will be starting in the very near future. There are three things that you need: 1) Birth Certificate. 2) School Insurance. 3) Medical Card. Anyone interested should see Coach Bello as soon as possible.

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.... And what ever became of Al Stetner????? Congratulations should also go to Tim Hall, for his first quarterback sack of the year.

**North Miami Homecoming Drowned By Lakes**

Homecoming Week — it began as a week of celebration but ended in a day of disappointment. The Pioneers striving for their first victory, were drowned by Hialeah — Miami Lakes 17-0, making it their fourth shut out in six defeats.

It's hard to describe how a second year school could handle an established North Miami team so readily. There were few, if any, bright spots the night that victory was in the minds of all North Miami students.

North Miami thus far this year has not been able to scratch up a victory but as far as disappointment goes, there isn't a person that can honestly say North Miami's coaching staff and team's efforts aren't any less than that of a winning team.

Homecoming week had produced an atmosphere of great hope capped off by one of the best Pep Rallies ever seen at North Miami. The coaches didn't promise anything but a solid effort and hopes for North Miami's first victory. Unfortunately this wasn't enough and the team fell to it's sixth straight defeat.

One thing is for sure, North Miami coaches have already realized that they won't be in the state playoffs.

**Carlton: Pride Of North Miami**

It was announced Nov. 2nd that NM graduate, Steve Carlton, won the Cy Young Award as the best pitcher in the National League.

Steve Carlton, a North Miami graduate, tied a major league record held by Sandy Koufax for most victories in a season by a left-handed pitcher. Carlton got his 27th victory when he pitched the Philadelphia Phillies to an 11-1 win over the Chicago Cubs on October 3.

"Any time you're linked with Sandy Koufax, you're in good company," said Carlton. The North Miamian finished the season with a league high 310 strikeouts, while posting an outstanding 1.98 earned run average.

"I'm glad it's over, but I am certainly pleased about my season," said Carlton about the season that could earn him the Cy Young Award for the best pitcher in baseball. Carlton said he was "going to relax and do some hunting" and not think about next season.



Robert Davis Moves Upfield On A Tough Jackson Defense. Jackson Tied North Miami 9 - 9. (Photo by Richard Nicollela)

**North Miami JV's Coming On Strong**

North Miami's young but spirited J.V. football players have been showing great promise for the future, tying a strong Jackson team 9-9, and annihilating North Miami Beach 12-0.

Against Jackson NM scored from the two yard line after running back Kevin Thur recovered a fumble for the T.D. The conversion attempt proved unsuccessful. Their other score came by way of a 43 yard field goal by Eduardo Rodriguez.

The Pioneers were on the threshold of a victory, but blew it when Q.B. Freddie London was tackled in the end zone for a safety, thus awarding Jackson 2 points and bringing them from behind to tie a tough NM

team 9-9. Against NMB, they once again showed traits of a winning team, and not that of beginners luck, by shutting out the Chargers 12-0.

Once again NM efforts paid off when London behind good blocking snuck the ball into the end zone from the two yard line, putting the Pioneers in the lead they would not relinquish.

Their second score was when defensive end Charles Gayas picked up a Charger fumble and rumbled untouched into the end zone for an easy score.

The junior varsity coaches should be commended for their outstanding efforts in making NM winners.

**Pioneers Win Moral Victory**

"I don't believe it! You can bet that's what North Miami's coaching staff was thinking when a fabulous 48-yard touchdown pass from wide receiver Grant Downing to running back Kevin Zahler was nullified, after officials spotted an ineligible receiver downfield.

North Miami's defense was very impressive, giving up only one touchdown and blocking the point after to a very powerful and heavily favored Hialeah team.

Our defense played an outstanding game but the offense proved ineffective in producing any points. The problem with the offense seems to be errors

at inopportune times. These errors included three interceptions, the costly one coming with 2:09 remaining in the game when the Pioneers were moving the ball steadily downfield to the Thoroughbreds' 30-yard line.

This mistake eliminated North Miami's latest scoring threat.

In the hearts of all North Miami players they knew their predictors had been dead wrong.

The score indicated a loss, but the complete domination by North Miami in the game left them with a hopeful attitude for the games ahead.

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