

Student Council Service Offers Counseling for Peers

Student Council's new Curriculum - Forum - Interracial Committee will man a counseling service for students, work-

ing in cooperation with the Guidance Department.

This is one of three major committees recommended by Student Council at its first 1973 meeting.

Pete Collins, Student Council president, brought members up to date on developments concerning "Pioneer Lake", the body of water which appears in front of North Miami Senior High School after every rainfall. He said that investigations have shown there should be drainage pipes to take care of the excess water, but in truth there are no pipes, even though money was allocated for this purpose.

The meeting was called to divide representatives into committees chaired temporarily by the Student Senate. The three committees are the Activities Committee, Beautification Committee and the newly combined Curriculum - Forum - Interracial Committee which will review all proposals placed in a new suggestion box.

The Activities Committee will keep the front bulletin window posted with each week's events, and manage such projects as dances, bake sales, and picnics. There is also a temporary Constitution Committee whose job it will be to include the Student Senate in the Student Constitution as an official representative body.

The Beautification Committee will be responsible for following the progress involved in draining "Pioneer Lake," organizing a cafeteria clean-up, freeing the bulletin boards of outdated posters, assisting seniors in their periodic cleaning of the Senior Patio and painting Pioneer Archway.

Earthquake Victims Relieved By YFP

The week before Christmas the small Central American city of Managua was razed by a devastating earthquake, leaving thousands of people homeless. Soon relief efforts began all over the country, in the hope of easing the plight of these people.

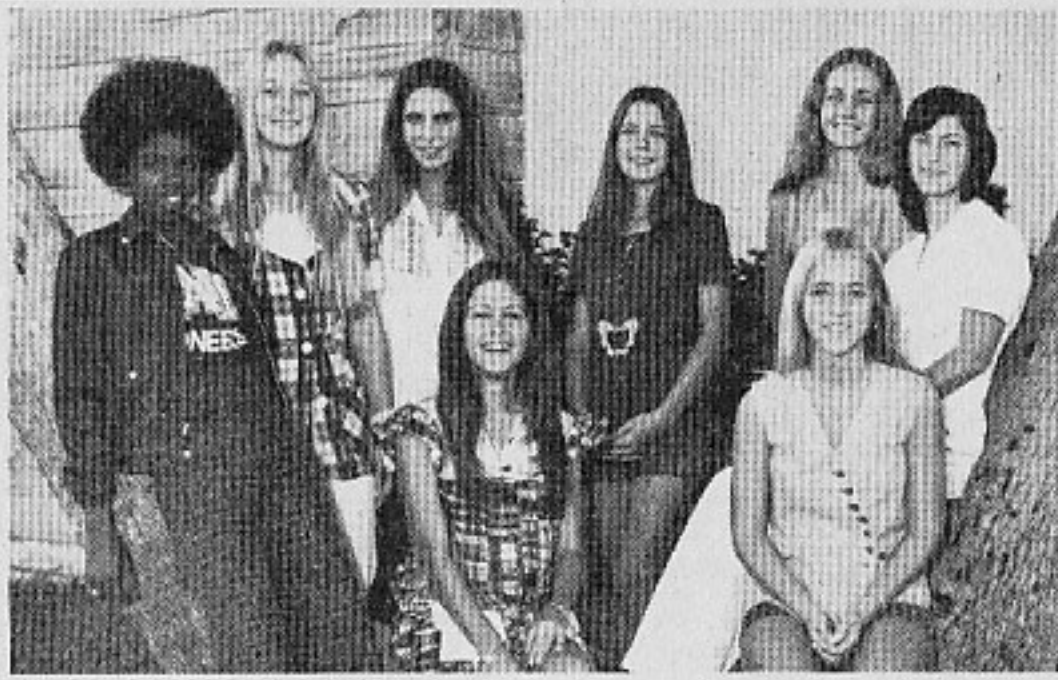
Spearheading the projects in Miami was a local group of young people known as the North Dade Youth For Progress, headed by Co-Presidents Patrice Book and Dee DiBenedictis. This community organization took it upon themselves to set up a donation pick-up service.

On December 26 calls for donations were publicized in the local papers and on the radio stations. Anyone wishing to donate needed items could call either of the two dispatch numbers given and a member of YFP would be sent out to pick it up.

In a television interview a few days after the project had begun, advisor to the group, Ron Book, explained what a great response was made to the cry for help: "I never expected such a response from the people of Miami. It just goes to show that people do still care about their neighbors."

Assisting Youth For Progress in their efforts was Lanica Airlines, which transported the items by plane to Nicaragua. Three times during the week following the first publicized calls Lanica sent 18 food trucks to the Book home, which was the collection center.

The phones hardly stopped ringing during the week as people called in to donate clothes, food, plastic jugs and money. Even blood and a pair of crutches were given to the group. Calls came in from as far north as Pompano and as south as Key West.



MISS CONESTOGA '73 finalists, chosen by student vote, are Jestina Grant, Diane Dominix, Barbara Grossman, Lisa Dickerson, Tina Ireland, Luisa Fernandez and Jennifer Griffin. Two other finalists, not pictured, are Sue Shirley and Robin Mendelson. (Photo by Richard Nicoletta)

Marching Bands Wins 1st in State Meet

After two band contests without a single victory, the North Miami Senior High School Marching Band finally put it all together in their biggest band contest of the year, the 1972 Winternational.

Performing on a field soaked from afternoon downpours, the Pioneer marching band placed second, a mere eight-tenths of a point behind a fantastic Valdosta, Georgia band, and in front of such fine organizations as Dalton, Georgia, Vidor, Texas, and local arch-rivals North Miami Beach and Hialeah-Miami Lakes.

Because North Miami scored ahead of all other Florida bands in the contest, they earned the distinction of being Florida champion of the Winternational. When the Pioneers were announced in second place in the contest, and the top band in Florida, they went wild, jumping around and screaming with jubilation.

In the midst of the happiness was North Miami band director Jeff Schleifer, who found time to comment on the Valdosta band. "Valdosta has been competing nationally for five years," he explained, "and they have won two national championships."

Fine bands like North Miami and Valdosta are what made this first Winternational a tremendous success. More than 2300 people braved the threat of wind, rain and cold to see Miami's biggest band contest of the year.

A vote of thanks should be expressed to the North Miami Music Patrons Association, who worked many very hard and long hours to make the Winternational successful.

In addition to the Winternational, the North Miami band also did a great job in the North-South Shrine game and the Orange Bowl Parade.

Competition Now Open For Silver Knight Awards

Each year the Miami Herald sponsors the Silver Knight program to recognize outstanding Dade County high school seniors. The program, begun in 1959, enables every Senior to vie for a trophy that represents his abilities in a certain area.

There are 14 categories a student can qualify for: English and Literature, Foreign Language, Mathematics, Science, Social Science, Arts, Industrial Vocation, Journalism, Music, Speech, Drama, Athletics, Citizenship, and General Scholarship.

The qualification most needed to apply for a Silver Knight is service. The judges in each category weigh their decision on how well each student exemplifies leadership, ability and willingness to help others.

One student from each category is selected from every participating high school. Afterwards they are placed in competition with all other students nominated by each school. On May 3 the Silver Knight awards will be presented at the Dade County Auditorium.

Final winners in each category receive Silver Knight trophies and \$200 cash to be

used in furthering their education. Three runners-up in each division will receive \$50 and a plaque. The official school candidates will be given a certificate and a Silver Knight pin or tie-tac.

Applications for Silver Knight are now being accepted and can be secured in the Guidance Office. Deadline to submit these forms is February 2. Announcement of the nominees from North Miami will be made in homeroom on February 9th.

\$35,000 Raised by Walkers

by Dee DiBenedictis

While in the process of working for a worthy cause, North Miami High walked off with quite a few prizes.

Each year a Walkathon is held to raise money for Cerebral Palsy in which participants find people to sponsor them for so much money per mile. Various groups from North Miami participated in this event, walking for a total of over \$1,500.00.

Last month, JoAnne Zarowny, a former student and acting rep-

resentative from CP, came to North Miami to present prizes won in the Walk-a-thon. Because of its outstanding contribution, NM received a trophy. We were in the only school in Dade County to collect such a large sum.

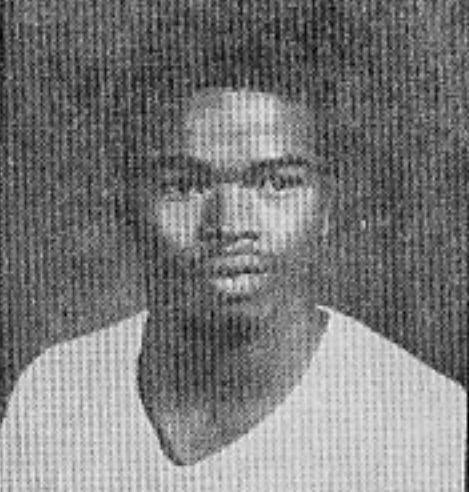
North Miami Key Club proved to be a set of strong walkers as they received a \$25 Savings Bond as a reward for collecting more funds than any other boy's organization.

The oldest walker to complete the 20 mile walk was our own Activities Director, Mr. Harvey

Gulkis. As a reward for his efforts, he received a pair of tickets to the Miami Dolphin-St. Louis Cardinal football game.

A total of over \$35,000 was collected from 1,400 walkers in Dade County. Monies from the walk, co-ordinated by Diane Smith, will be used to support the existing programs at the Cerebral Palsy of Miami Center. Programs include special education, physical therapy and the newest programs for babies.

In Memoriam



On December 26, 1972, Eugene Lawrence met an untimely death. A 19-year-old Junior at North Miami, Gene was shot by a neighbor and pronounced dead on arrival at North Dade Hospital. He was respected and liked by students and faculty, and his presence will be sorely missed.

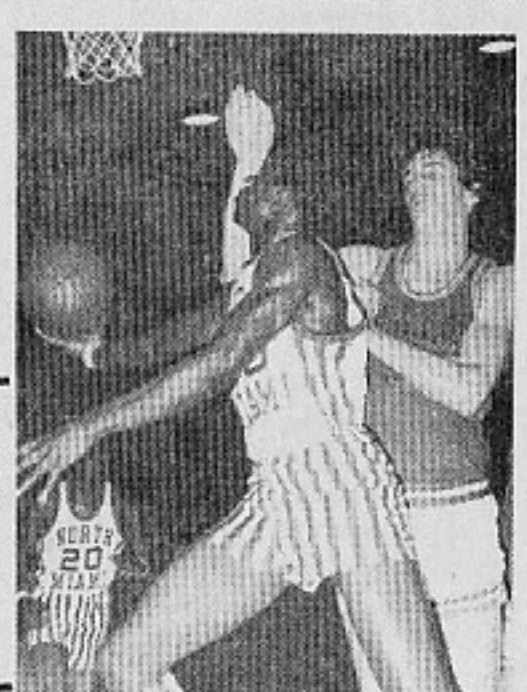


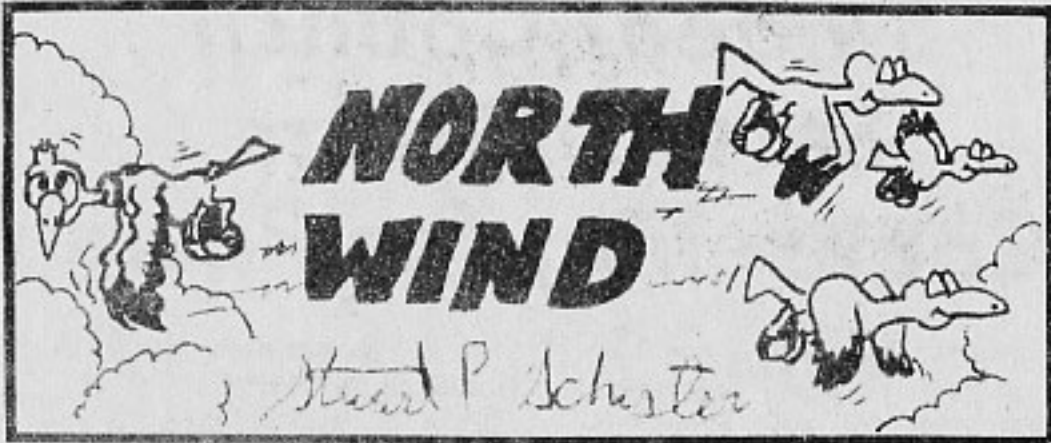
Little did Ava Stern know that by attending a play with her contemporary literature class she would come to meet and have lunch with star Frank Gorshin. Gorshin was more than happy to give an interview to an overjoyed Ava and posed for pictures with her. Ava's interview appears on page 5.



NASA, R.I.P. The last Apollo mission marked the end to an era of moon exploration. Although Gene Cernan best stated it as 'only the beginning,' it is really the end. Editorials on page 2.

The Pioneer cagers are still hot in the race for a playoff berth, showing off their new uniforms as they make a hoopla of opposition Hialeah, 64-57. Story on page 6





NASA, R.I.P.

It's the dream I'll miss most. Not so much the blazing beacon illuminating the skies for miles around, but the hope and ambition of man's future on this planet. It's the memories. It's the Lords Prayer from the capsule of Apollo 9, hurtling through the heavens in a madcap space-race that costs too much. It's the amazement of wondering what's behind the heavens that has captivated me since boyhood. I remember John Glenn and the Friendship 7, the roaring crowds at the launch pads, sitting out the endless countdown — for a moment of awe-inspiring exuberance, the ticker tape parades.

When I learned of the phasing out of the space program, it made me think of two things. I thought about the Great American Dream. I visualized the proud, pathetic hordes of immigrants at the turn of the century, their faces when the statue of Liberty first came into view. The land where freedom and opportunity abounded from the highest mountain to the lowest foothill.

On the other hand, I thought about the child I will someday father. I pictured myself as a child of the universe — and wondered if there will be a universe for my child to live in. From the first immigrant that set foot on Ellis Island to Neil Armstrong bouncing around the lunar surface declaring his small step for mankind, perseverance has been the cornerstone of mankind.

It's the accomplishment of a miracle in my lifetime that I'll never forget. But miracles are only God's work to begin with. To believe in a miracle, one must have hope. Hope was the power that guided each capsule to a safe return. The miracle is the returning. Miracle accomplished. Touchdown, Houston.

In my lifetime I'll most likely never see men walk on the moon nor patronize the heavens again. Instead, Americans turn their lovely eyes elsewhere. If Queen Isabella had squelched Columbus' incentive for exploration, I suppose we'd all be in Spain now complaining about the economy.

Now, America is aware of her potential. It was misunderstanding that caused war throughout history. It's the fact that someone must preserve humanity or die in the rubble of misfortune. The giant leap for mankind has turned into a wounding limp of man.

Peace for Re-Election

By Desmond Sheridan

It appears that my visions of doom in our December 12 issue were correct. I said in effect that the "peace" in Vietnam was phony.

We now get word from our leaders in Washington that there has been a dramatic escalation of the bombing over North Vietnam and that we are resuming mining their ports.

The question is why have we gone from "peace at hand" to a huge escalation of the war. It becomes more obvious by the moment that this "peace" was nothing but a re-election ploy by President Richard Nixon. A peace that goes from being labeled certain to a massive resumption of hostilities is nothing but a move to gain political advantage.

However the real question comes down to this — what is the United States doing hitting North Vietnam, a tiny agrarian country, with the most massive air armada ever organized for war, which is armed with every possible armament ever conceived, short of nuclear weapons? The answer to this question

is yet to be found.

The excuse that we're doing it to protect Democracy is shot full of holes when one reviews President Thieu. There is no free press, no free speech and a person can be arrested at any time without charge and jailed for an indefinite period without ever having seen a court room. To top off everything, local elections within the hamlet have been halted by the central Saigon government in order to replace hamlet chiefs with Thieu's own men. This does not sound like a free and Democratic government.

It seems that President Nixon's promise to unify the country really meant that he wanted to unify the people behind himself for his own re-election, and now that the election is over he doesn't seem to mind splitting the people again by re-escalating the war.

Maybe one of these days the war will actually end and our men and prisoners can come home but from these developments it appears that at least for the next two or three years the war will go on.

Z.P.G. Achieved

One of the most important achievements in the history of the United States, something that could very well have saved our country, has been virtually overlooked by most people and the news media. This accomplishment is the attainment of Zero Population Growth. The birth rate per family has dropped down to a level of 2.08 children from a staggering 3.8 children in 1957.

Among the causes for ZPG are the pill, environmental considerations, and tremendous economic pressures.

Although an encouraging sign, it does not mean that the population will level off significantly in the near future. However the population should level off at about the 280,000,000 by 2037.

The reaching of this plateau means that the U.S. will be able to improve itself a great deal without the millstone of overpopulation hanging around its neck. We will be able to achieve such objectives as socialized medicine, better housing and possibly we can cut down on the tremendous food shortage.

Our next objective should be the decentralization of the huge population centers or at least to make the inner cities liveable. And while we are about controlling the unborn we should also be making an effort to help protect the living through research in diseases to really make the future the human millenium.

Senior Scores Plague Students

At this time of the year, we can safely assume that half the battle is over for the seniors. The Senior Placement test results are in and SAT scores have been recorded.

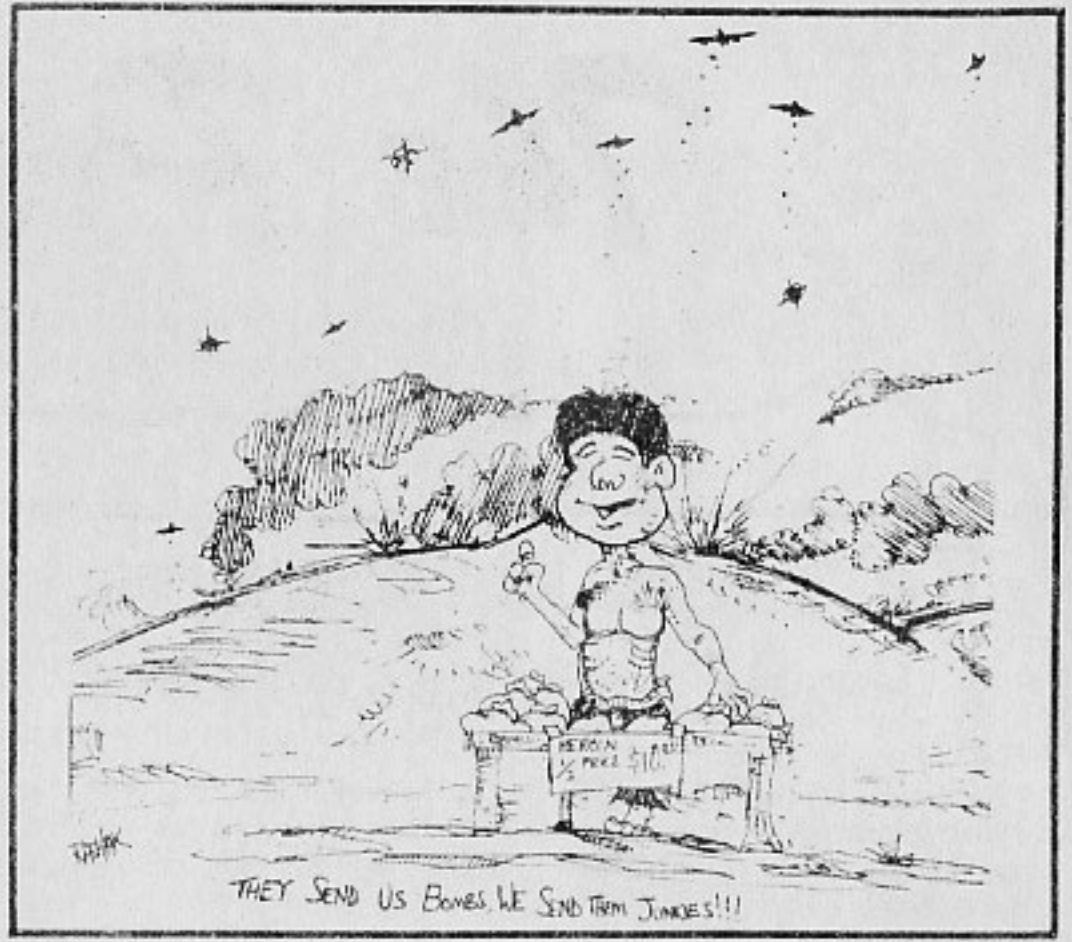
The problem of being able to accept the results of the scores is still at hand. Some senior that may have scored above 400 aren't geniuses. They merely did well on the exam. At the same token, those who scored under 300 aren't stupid!

It seems that the students feel superior or inferior, whichever the case may be, with the results of these test scores. There is really no reason for this. "Who cares how "they" did! I know I did the best I could!" should be the attitude of the students. It doesn't make sense to be jealous over the other person's score. YOU are an individual and perform to the best of your capabilities.

It's very true that some students are very ignorant in that they constantly ask you "What did you get? What did you get? I got ...!" Usually, this is unintentional as some students don't understand psychologically how a person who hasn't scored well feels. In most cases, it is a very difficult thing to accept.

If this is the situation, the student should talk the problem over with his or her parents. The student should also speak to one of the guidance counselors in our school, for that's what they're here for.

Don't think that you, as a college-bound student, are judged just by these test results because you are not. College admissions take everything into consideration. Above all, don't rate yourself by how other people scored. You are yourself! And nobody can score any higher than that.



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

This letter is directed to some of the faculty in our school, specifically the aides in the resource centers and the librarians.

Alright, a student has to spend at least one hour a day in a particular resource center. That is the rule and we must abide by it. But when some students are in the resource centers and they are quietly talking, what purpose does it serve to "kick" them out? I understand that some students are rowdy and prevent others from studying, but what about those (like myself) who are quiet, and at times have nothing to do to occupy themselves with so they engage in some conversation? The aides come over and literally scream their lungs out. This is outrageous!

The same applies to the librarians. It's had enough that the library is like a "holy shrine" and in order to enter this "realm of knowledge" you have to pass the third degree. You walk in (making sure to walk through the correct door), have your library card out (as if you'd be there if you didn't have to), and of course, don't forget to check those precious little mods in. And God (excuse me) forbid you should be there more than six mods a week!

Editor, I'm sorry to use up so much space, but something just has to be done about the way the students are being treated in these areas. Is it any wonder that there's so much rebellion going on?

A student of NM

In reply to Desmond Sheridan's editorial in the last issue

on capital punishment, his remarks pay grim tribute to the lack of compassion and vengeance of the American public, the majority of which favor executions.

The death penalty has never been a deterrent to murder.

If it is the public safety we are concerned with, then the question is how criminals can be caught and rehabilitated

Capital punishment has also been used in a discriminatory fashion, as in the case of rape, where blacks make up only 47 per cent of the arrests, and 89 per cent of the executions.

As long as the death penalty is left to the discretion of a judge or jury it will be unconstitutional. When only a few murders are executed and minorities are the main victims, this is cruel and unusual punishment and violates the 8th Amendment, and the equal protection under the law clause of the 14th Amendment.

If we execute men after they are apprehended and no longer threaten society, we are resorting to the primitive principle of vengeance which has taken innocent lives, and accomplish nothing but to cheapen life.

Scott Treworgy

I would like to make it public, how I feel about the way other clubs treat Kazoo Club. At the football games we were told to keep our mouths shut, because we were showing too much school spirit.

Members of Kazoo happen to have the most spirit in the school and don't like being told not to show it. Members want their club to have equal rights and equal lefts.

Tom Schaffer

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A Station Just For The Student, WBLT

WBLT, North Miami's own radio show, was reactivated and will hopefully survive the rest of the year.

The Friday, December 15 the show's purpose is to give stu-

dents of the Radio-T.V. class experience in the production of a radio show.

Students gain valuable experience producing and directing simulated radio "shows" in which popular music is piped through to resource centers. Students tape music prior to air time and go over the air live. WBLT is on every Friday morning from 8:30 to 11 o'clock.

The shows so far have been a success, with a minimum of confusion or complaints. The production is assisted by Mrs. Hicks and the Audio-Visual class.

Students questioned about the radio show have enjoyed it, but felt a little more variety was needed. There was, however, a small amount of static from members of the faculty.

WBLT is seeking student support through participation. Students may bring in music diversions to room 221 for each show.

Please Help . . .

Tina Ireland is spear-heading a student drive to aid the earthquake victims of Managua, Nicaragua.

She is asking students to collect beans, rice, manual can openers, wash cloths, soap and combs. Contributions should be taken to Room 5 where clubs will pack the items for shipment.

The drive lasts through Friday, January 19.

Mr. Falisa New AV Technician

Ronal Falisa, North Miami's new Audio Visual technician, recently transferred here from central maintenance.

Mr. Falisa is a graduate from the University of Indiana, where he majored in Physics and Electronics. He was in the service for three years as a staff sergeant. Later he was transferred to Germany and worked as a communication engineer.

Mr. Falisa came back to the States and worked for IBM and General Telephone in St. Petersburg.

When he moved to Miami he went to work for the Board of Public Instruction.



Mr. Falisa

Write This Poem

by Stuart P. Schuster
Write this Poem

*I stood in the subway —
The festering city below
with the richmen, poor-
men, ugllymen . . .*

*Echoing the bricklayers
lament, the trashman
and the songstress w-
the fried-egg city side-
walks.*

*The voice; less crowds
and their excuse-me
glances . . . and I walk-
ed the other way and
wondered how many of
them wrote this poem.*

Death of a Telephone

*The telephone died be-
neath my eyes and the
dial tone lingered in
my halloed ears.*

*Death due to benign lone-
liness and old age . . .
A useless ring-a-ding and
mimicked voices —
Song long, Goodbyes.
My telephone is dead.
Write instead.*



I want to Breathe

*No rain, No wind
No Pennsylvania winters
in a breathless city
And the hustle-bustle traf-
fic jams, smokescreen
double-yellow lines ev-
erywhere.*

*Passing through the rel-
ished land of cigars
and sunshine w-New
York plates.*

*Oh, back in the city
You're but a gasp away.
Oh, rolling hills and red-
land meadows
I want to breathe today.*

It's "Limbo" for Wives of POWs

The new Universal release, "Limbo" featuring Kate Jackson, Stuart Margolin and Kathleen Nolan, projects the intense trauma of the POW wives. The movie is based on the story by Joan Silver showing the catastrophic horror that the wives of POW's and MIA's go through.

A young girl Sandy Lauton, receives word that her husband is missing in action in Vietnam. She moves in with Mary Kaye Buel, the wife of a POW. All the wives of the POW's and MIA's go to meetings and discuss each others tragic misfortune.

The story then becomes very complicated as Sandy meets a man, Alan, and falls so much in love with him that she decides she wants to room with him. The tragedy begins when she gets word that her husband is alive. His rank is then changed from MIA to POW.

The title "Limbo" might

sound a bit confusing but it is actually the perfect title for this particular movie. The wives were in fact living in "limbo."

They were nowhere, the wives were merely existing but not living. The overused theme in "Limbo" was "man versus himself" trite but very effective.



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And The Envelope Please! This is the Envelope?!

By Evan Lewis

In the recent Miss Conestoga elections, I had the honor (if you want to call it that) of helping to tally the votes. After seeing the finalists with my lecherous eyes, I must say that they were very well chosen. But I am not writing this story to contemplate on the beauties of nature which North Miami has yielded. Instead, I'm going to show the many people and characters whose names appeared on the ballots.

First of all, Barry Young was the winner of the Miss Conestoga Contest in the male category by one vote followed by Charles Webb, John Ritter, Jaime Navarro, Robert Thompson, Todd Dressler, Steve Morningstar, Gerald Cronk, and Al Stettner, each of whom received one vote apiece. Special mention goes to the 1972-73 NM girl's track team.

In the faculty section, Frau Steinig had top honors. Other candidates included Miss Terminy, Ms. Sherry Reynolds, Mr. Wimmers, Mrs. Mallicote, and Miss Foster, with special mention to Mrs. Duncan.

In the world of news and en-

tertainment, there was a 3-way tie for first place. The winners were Richard Nixon Bill Cosby, and the late Marilyn Monroe. The other contestants were Super Fly, Geraldine Jones, Jimi Hendrix, Grand Funk Railroad, Shirley Chisholm, Joni Mitchell, Carly Simon, Joan Baez, Betty Grable, Ali McGraw, Bette Davis, Don Knotts, Helen Keller, Jane Fonda, Ann Margret, Sophia Loren, Aretha Franklin, and special mention goes to Mary Magdalene.

Last and definitely least were characters and funny names. First place was narrowly held by Mini Mouse followed by Olive Oil Popeyestein. The other competitors in this disaster included Suzie Q., Raggedy Ann, me, Suzy Cheesecake, Santa Claus, I. M. Ugly, Liz Driz, Alice B. Toke-less, with special mention to Elmer Dypthong.

As a final comment, after looking at all these names, I say to the people who lack the necessary school spirit to write decent answers but instead make up for it writing imaginative creations - way to go!

Theatre Lovers Unite!

In our dearly beloved school where the curriculum is rather "blah," there is one particular class the students of North Miami should definitely take a part in. This, of course, is North Miami's Contemporary Literature class.

"Ugh! What do I want to take a literature class for? I'm barely passing English!" you say. Or, "I have enough troubles of my own without burdening myself with a stupid English class ... that isn't even required!" Well now, are you in for a surprise. North Miami's Contemporary Lit class, sponsored by Mrs. Sherry Reynolds and Mrs. Merri Mastoropoulos, is not an ordinary English class. There are no tests (have I caught your attention yet?), no homework assignments (now I've got your attention!), and you only meet as a class once every cycle.

Going to view plays is the only assignment the pupils are responsible for. In other words, you are studying live theater. "Oh, a bunch of boring plays!" you say. Again, you are wrong. So far the Contemporary Lit class has seen Arthur Miller's "The Crucible," "The Seagull" by Anton Chekhov, the rock musical "Godspell," "House of Blue Leaves," "Man of La Mancha," "The Prisoner of Second Avenue" starring Frank Goshin, "No, No, Nanette," "Guys and Dolls" and the ballet "Giselle," just to name a few.

Now, the Contemporary Lit class is not restricted to viewing theater just in Miami. Last year the Contemporary Lit class went to London during the spring vacation, and this year several of the students will be going to Greece along with Mrs. Reynolds and Mrs. Mastoropoulos.

This is truly the most enjoyable class where you can actually learn while having fun. Now honestly, what other class can you say that about?

WUT IT IS MAN! WUT IT IS!!



Intellectuals Guide to Polite Polemics

By Michael Bast

In all certainty, the foreign students biggest problem in attending NM is understanding the idiomatic expressions and colloquialisms. Well, gang, it is for you I have prepared this guide. Learn and enjoy.

Dig, dig it, or can you dig it? understand or appreciate: "I am going to blow your brains out with this gun. Dig me, Jackson?"

Heavy - fascinating or thought provoking. The speaker said some heavy things. (2) The elephant broke the scales? Heavy.

Hip - sophisticated, knowledgeable, socially aware. Generally, what everyone is trying to be. Different things are hip to different cliques. In one crowd, boots and denim jackets may be hip. In another, these same garments would be worn only by a square or grease or whoever isn't hip. Father to son "Now you get hip to those beans or go to your room."

Jive - lie, kid, or talk in an amusing manner, to shoot the proverbial bull, rap. "Honest, it was this big." "Don't gimme

no jive." (Note double negative.)

Jump Back, Mama! - (must be accompanied by appropriate jump roughly akin to the "what's it to ya?" of the 50's. Guaranteed to get you out of any kind of trouble "Jump back, mama! What it is. What it is! Ahhhhh!")

Lemma hol' - Give me or I'll hurt you. This is actually a deceptive term. The speaker wants to keep the indicated item, not just hold it. "Y' got long hair, lemma hol' a reefer."

What it is! - This can not be translated any closer into American than "Hello!" The correct response is important here. For a while I used to say "I know what it is, what I don't know is why!" I also used to get beat up a lot. The powers that be inform me that the socially aware citizen must answer, "It ain't!"

Zapin? - A corruption of "What's happening?" Roughly equivalent to the Yiddish "Nu?" Percival meet Lance. Lance, Percival. "So pleased to make your acquaintance." "Zapin!" I hope you can dig this heavy jive to make you hip.

NM Theatre Blossoms At Last

The North Miami Drama Department is going to put on a play by A. A. Milne entitled **The Ugly Duckling**. This is a children's show for adults or an adult show for children.

The play, starring David Feinman, Kevin Koloff and Sandy Mayben, is directed by Michael Bast and will be the first major production of the year.

Earlier in the year, "Freeze Dried Theatre" a collection of music and humor was presented. Being as successful as it was, it spawned "Son of Freeze Dried Theatre", due sometime in February.

The Ugly Duckling will be the joint effort of the Drama 3&4 classes as well as the Thespians. After production here, the show will be taken on the road to many of the elementary schools in order to make money for the department.

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Who Was That Dining With Ava?

by Ava Stern

It started out to be a quiet, normal day. Everything seemed to be the same, except that this was the day I was to interview Frank Gorshin, star of "The Prisoner of Second Avenue," recently presented at Coconut Grove Playhouse. As I arrived at the David William Hotel, I was beginning to feel a bit nervous. I thought to myself, "Here I am! Me! About to interview a famous entertainer." I walked up to the desk clerk and explained why I was there. A few seconds later, she asked me to pick up the phone and dial four digits. Before I knew what was happening, Mr. Gorshin answered.

"Ava, have you eaten yet?" he asked with such enthusiasm I almost fell to the floor.

"No... not yet," I replied. "Well then meet me in the lobby in five minutes and we'll go to lunch."

My heart fell into my stomach. In five minutes Frank Gorshin, my sister, my "chauffeur," and I were dining in the "Chez Vendome."

After we gave our orders to the Maitre'd I decided that this was the perfect time to start the interview. Since I wanted to look like I knew what I was doing, I brought along a tape recorder to record the entire conversation. Little did I know that the recorder was going to break down right in the middle of the interview, and my sister's pen saved the day.

Mr. Gorshin smiled vivaciously as he was telling me that he was born April 5, 1934, in Pittsburgh, Penn. He met his wife while he was performing at "The Purple Onion," a nightclub in Los Angeles.

"I was working in the club and she was a waitress there. I would work on Friday and Saturday night and always felt bad and she would always

cheer me up!"

Mr. Gorshin was married April 8, 1961, and has been happily married for 12 years now.

I asked Mr. Gorshin when he found out he had a great talent for doing impressions, and after taking a sip of his white wine, replied, "Well, I never really found out that I knew I had it. I mean, I just liked to do them and I knew that when I did them they made people laugh and people enjoyed them."

"Do the impressions come naturally to you?"

"Well, sometimes. That's the way it happened many times in the past. I'll see a movie and I'll just do the impression... but that doesn't mean I can do anybody I want to do because I can't."

Some of Mr. Gorshin's impressions include Kirk Douglas, Burt Lancaster, George C. Scott, Peter Falk, Lee Marvin, Marlon Brando and about 34 others.

Since we were talking about his career, I asked Mr. Gorshin to tell me who has been the biggest influence in his life and he answered, "Nobody! Well gee, I guess that doesn't sound right but I think it's honest though. I wanted it badly and I would have done it myself. Of course, my wife helped me in certain things but I really would have done it myself."

"There was really never any

particular time, particular year, or a moment that I started in show-business. It was just something that when I was a kid in high school, I found I liked to do things in front of people. I worked as an usher in a theater and I got to do impressions because I got to see pictures over and over again. I found that whenever I did the impressions it would entertain people so I would do shows in high school. I entered talent contests around town which I won and then I graduated and went to Carnegie Tech to major in acting. It was convenient because it was in my home town and because I really didn't know what I wanted to do so I decided to study dramatics because that seemed to be what I enjoyed."

Frank Gorshin is the father of one son, Mitchell, now eight years old. He confessed that he wouldn't mind if Mitchell wanted to go into show-business because, "What father wouldn't like to see his son follow in his footsteps?" I then asked him what he thought of the 'generation gap' being a father and all. He smiled again and replied, "What generation gap?"

Actually, "The Prisoner of Second Avenue" is the first straight acting role Mr. Gorshin has ever done and he would definitely like to do more of them. He has also performed in "Promises, Promises" in Sacramento and "Jimmy"



PIONEER REPORTER AVA STERN lunches with stage and screen personality Frank Gorshin.

which ran in New York.

Mr. Gorshin has performed in many television shows such as "The Kopy Kats" and of course as the Riddler on television's "Batman." The role of the Riddler was really the big break in his career. "That role made me a headliner," he proudly stated to me as he lit another one of

his Lark cigarettes.

As we left the Chez Vendome I thanked Mr. Gorshin for giving me this interview and of course for the fabulous lunch.

Mr. Gorshin's warmth and sensitivity shone out all through the interview and I realized how lucky I was to have met such a wonderful person.

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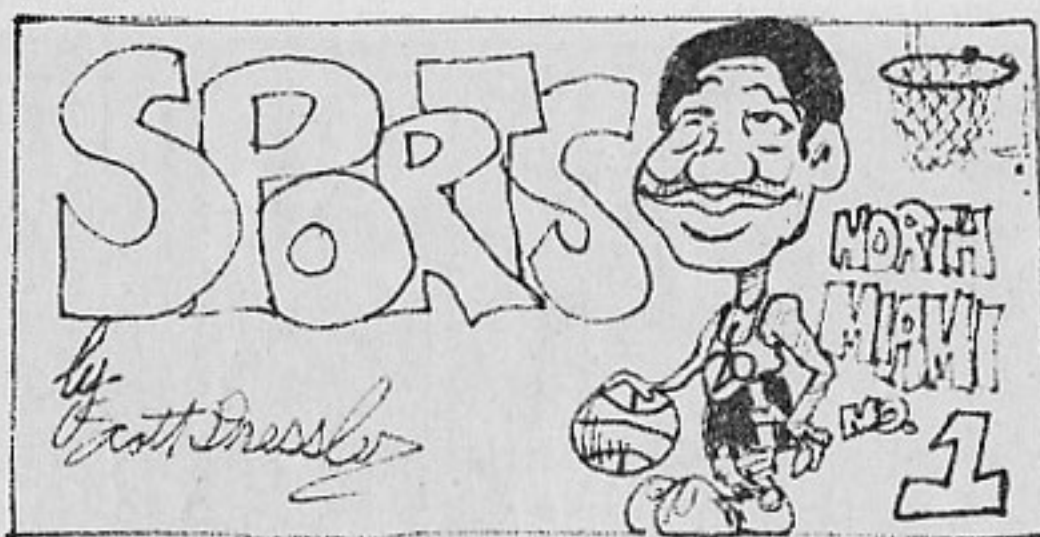
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After coming home from the Carol City basketball game, played before a capacity sellout crowd here in our gym, I felt proud of the performance our Pioneer basketball team put on. The Pioneers had been rated 10th in the county and last years state champs thought they would have an easy going game, but it was far from that. The Pioneers gave the Chiefs one heck of a scare. As the clock buzzed in the last 15 seconds, the game was tied 63-63. In the last four seconds the Chiefs had pulled it out to a 65-63 win.

In my opinion the whole attitude of the team had changed because the following week the Pioneers spirit and pride pulled it together to sweep over Hialeah-Miami Lakes by a foot stomping 10 point lead, 59-49.

Later on in the week the Pioneers faced the Number One county rated Miami Norland Vikings. When the Pioneers hit the court they acted as if they owned it. It was shocking how the Pioneers pushed this team around to a 73-59 victory. One of the most satisfied players was North Miami's Levi Williams, who in his sophomore year played for Norland. A little later in the schedule the Pioneers fell to defeat before such county powerhouses as Jackson, 82-62, and a heartbreaker to Northwestern 72-70.

It seemed as if the Pioneer basketball team had started to fall down hill, but Christmas came early in the North Miami gym as they bounced over Hialeah by the score of 64-57.

After the Hialeah game I felt team captain, Pete Bisbano, summed up the feeling of the entire team by saying "The team was down in a slump after having lost two close games. We are really up for the games to come."

Over the holiday season the basketball team hit the road and came home with an even 4-4 record. The Pioneers first disappointment of the Christmas tournament at North Fort Meyers was a bitter defeat of 78 - 53 by Riverdale. The players proved themselves later in the tournament in placing third by beating Bishop Verot by a very wide margin 110 - 41 victory.

The Pioneers have had some very tense finishes such as the one they lost to Edison 67 - 63. This game seems to have been the turning point in the season, as the unity of a few team members and the basketball coach became shaky due to a few disagreements. This has had a lot to do with the changing of the starting line-up.

In the week to follow our team had fallen apart to the likes of our arch rivals North Miami Beach, by a disappointing 76-70 loss. The following day they were hosted at Miami Springs gym which found the Pioneers bitterly defeated, on a far from close 80-55 game.

With the Pioneers standing at 4-7 (a team member, who shall remain anonymous,) walked off the Springs gym floor with one thought: "Our team has had its problems, but you can bet by our next game you will see an entirely different playing team, besides, we can only go one way and that's up."



LEVI WILLIAMS maneuvers past a defender in the decisive win over Hialeah-Miami Lakes, 59-49.

Racketmen Set For Season Bowlers Are Dade Champs

"Although the team is short in experience, I believe we will be able to come through in crucial matches, and improve last years 6-8 record" — these were the words spoken by David Popper in preparation for the Tennis team, season opener against a strong Miami Beach team February 1.

This year's team has the advantage of being loaded with more depth than in some of the previous seasons. Led by nationally and state ranked Captain Mark Joffe, the Pioneer team is anxiously waiting a chance to prove to themselves, and to the school, that this season will be one of the most successful NM has ever had. Mark also has an excellent chance of being chosen as the county's top player at the conclusion of the season. Backing up Joffe are Co-Captain David "Tad Davis" Popper, Tom Chaille, Walter Tate, Robert Mitchell and Don Lamson.

The girls team, after finishing the season at 10-4, proved to be just as strong as last year. Losing only Lindsay Gimble through graduation, the team has three returning lettermen. They are Karen Zam, Carol Freed, and Penny Weiss.

Jerry Anderson continues as head coach, with all home matches being played at the San Souci tennis complex.

After an uphill battle all the way, the North Miami boys bowling team won the Dade County championship. Bowling coach Jordan Sessler was very pleased with the effort his team put forth in the biggest game of their season by striking down Coral Gables by a score of 37-11.

High games were tabulated by Andy Citzin with an electrifying score of 244, Bill Marin with 239, Stan Sprow with a 221, Jim Hilton with 212, and Marc Mendelson with a 215. Congratulations are forthcoming to other members of the team such as Alan Fistel, and David Wesche, on a great season.

NM Wrestlers Pin Jackson 50-8

The wrestling team the past two years has now shown 2nd year Coach Fgell much promise.

The Pioneer wrestlers are now 2-4 and their most recent match against Jackson proved their potential for meets to come. Pins were displayed by L. C. Cochran, Dave Gammon, Calvin Cook, Mark Poritzky, and Wade Stanborough. The remaining members of the team (with the exception of Willie Johnson,) rallied to beat their opponents point wise. The points were in favor of NM with a 50-8 victory.

North Miami Kicks C.C. 1-0

by Manuel Serra-Jovenich

A new season, new home field, new uniforms, but most of all a new mental attitude and incredible depth, proved to be the difference as the NM soccer team overcame a sluggish first half to beat Carol City by the score of 1-0.

Whether it was due to nervousness or uncertainty the NM team did not look very sharp the first two quarters, making mistakes which cost them possession of the ball. The half did, however, produce some excitement, as the Pioneers had many scoring opportunities but could not capitalize. With the offense in low gear, the defense was outstanding. Led by goalie Anthony Nitty and fullbacks Tom Sheppard, Paul Spalding and Frank Paver, they made it impossible for any of the Chief players to take any clean shots at the goal.

The half ended in a 0-0 deadlock, but it was easy to see that either one of the teams could explode at any moment. Coach Bellos's half-time speech was something else in itself. We can't report his exact words but you can say it did the trick.

The second half was a complete change. With the team more relaxed, and their job cut out for them, they proved who the better team was. The only score of the game came midway through the third quarter, as Jim Sexton threw the ball in-bounce with a perfect lead to Theodore McNutt, who spotted Andy King in the open near the goal. King's shot hit the right crossbar but went in. Andy should have run for his life, as he was mobbed by the entire team, showing the type of spirit it possesses.

The large crowd as well as the band, helped to produce a spirit which was lacking last year. Coach Bello also considers this team very lucky in having the depth that it has. There were three key injuries in the game but the team is so well balanced that you could not feel the loss of these fine players.

The road ahead is not easy, but the team is certain that with the support of the students, going to state doesn't sound like a crazy idea.



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