

Woody Allen's **DON'T DRINK THE WATER** will be presented by the Drama Department the second week in May, the first full-length production this year.

Mrs. Sherry Reynolds and Robert Walker are the directors. Walker is Thespian President and Mrs. Reynolds, the sponsor.

The play revolves around a United States Embassy in a Communist country. The Embassy is run by the bumbling incompetent Axel McGee (played by Michael Bast) who has trouble on his hands when the Hollanders (Kevin Koloff, Janet Raskin, and Betty Mayer) are chased by Communist police and must seek asylum at the Embassy. With the help of Father Drobney (James Needel), the Hollanders make a daring escape.

The exact time and dates will be announced.

Dig Tests?

North Miami Senior High is offering an opportunity for students to find out where their abilities and interests are strongest.

Free aptitude tests will be given at 8:30 a.m. every Monday and Friday during April and May. After a student takes the test he is called back so that the results can be evaluated for him. There is a 10-person limit per testing session. Interested students should see Mrs. Loux in the Guidance Center.

Four Tour

For eight weeks, beginning in April, four North Miami High students will be doing their quinquimester in Spain. The four students are: Grant Fern, Lisa Dickerson, Eddie Morales, and Ray Steinbrecher. They will study not just language, but culture, history, art, music and drama.

The participants in this new program will receive no less than .25 credits toward graduation for the successful completion of the quin.

During their stay in the Spanish capital of Madrid, the Dade County delegation will be meeting Spanish people, eating Spanish food, singing Spanish songs, attending bullfights, soccer games, songfests and taking numerous trips to Segovia, Toledo, Avila, Salamanca and Castille.

'Snow' Go!

"Snow Castle," Scholastic Art Award winning entry submitted by Debbie Forriker has been sent to New York for the National exhibits. The Gold Key award winner from North Miami painted her entry in three days.

As a previous award winner, Debbie won statewide recognition for her watercolor and pastel entries last year. She also won a first place ranking in Dade County for her pastel and chalk work.

Debbie proudly exhibits her Gold Key pin and would like to go to New York and win in national competition.



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WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE COLUMBIA SCHOLASTIC PRESS ASSOCIATION AWARDED THE PIONEER A FIRST PLACE FOR 1972-73.

New Suspension Program Keeps Student on Campus

A program of indoor suspension has been initiated at North Miami Senior High in an effort to prevent suspensions and expulsions. Responsible for this program is NM Assistant Principal Paul Duncan, who claims 90 to 95 percent of all the suspensions and expulsions throughout a school year can now be eliminated.

Through indoor suspension, Mr. Duncan says students are being rehabilitated and have an opportunity to keep up with their schoolwork while they are in isolation.

Assigned to the task of taking charge of those on indoor suspension is Mr. Reid Stevenson, a basketball coach and teacher at NM. Instead of students being suspended and sent home for missing school, they are kept in

school and the state money otherwise withheld is saved by the school board. In the case of a suspension, a student was barred from school and up to \$3.50 per day was withheld if the student was a bus rider. Now that the students are kept in school, that money is saved even though an extra teacher, Mr. Stevenson, is needed. The savings alone are enough to pay Mr. Stevenson's salary.

Aside from the money saved on suspensions, indoor suspension also offers one-third credit to every student assigned. Vocational speakers as well as behavioral specialists are invited to speak to students, and as Mr. Stevenson explain it, they are well received by the students. Students are also offered volunteer cafeteria cleanup duty.

It Took Awhile

YFP Claims Victory; Beats City Hall

If at first you don't succeed, try, try again. This has become the motto of Youth For Progress in regard to their struggle with the City of North Miami concerning outdoor rock concerts. The proverb has been proven true, as the organization has 'beat City Hall'.

Throughout the past year YFP has been trying to receive approval to hold outdoor concerts, as the indoor music performances did not attract a very large group of young people. Finally, early in March each group compromised enough to please the Council and four concerts were approved, under the condition that the first concert be a 'success'. In this case, success is few noise complaints from the residents in the surrounding area of the concert site.

The concerts will be held in the sequence of one afternoon concert, one night, etc. The first concert was held at Griffing Park on April 6, and there was a large turnout. Now YFP has to wait for the verdict from the Council before planning the next event.

All Youth For Progress concerts are free in the hopes that young people will have a place to

go when there is no money available for other entertainment. The events are co-sponsored by the North Miami Parks and Recreation Department and the Youth Opportunity Board.

1973-74:

Six-Day Cycle Survives; Mod Grows to 45 Minutes

(The Pioneer, other publications, and various rumors, may have given you several misconceptions about how the schedule is going to be next year at North Miami. With this article we intend to clear up the picture.)

In a recent interview, Principal Dale H. Boggy referred to next year's scheduling as "a modified flexible situation." While there will be considerably less freedom for the student, some flexibility will be retained.

The six-day cycle will be back for the third year at North Miami, but gone is the 20-minute mod. Instead, the school day will be divided into 45-minute periods. Classes may meet more often than they do now, but like this year, there is a possibility that



7:30 a.m.



7:59 a.m.



8:01 a.m.

FROG POND: (Photos by Richard Nicolla)

will be scheduled into classes all day, with little time, if any, for resource center scheduling.

There will, however, be exceptions. Students who are capable of handling some freedom of scheduling in the tenth grade (an ability which Mr. Boggy says "will show up early") will be given consideration towards having a more flexible schedule.

Mr. Boggy and the administration expect that the change will provide for a disciplined education with the retention of the freedom necessary for self-study.

some classes will not meet every day. Certain classes which require outside research, says Mr. Boggy, will probably meet three days per cycle for one period each class. For example, physical education, in order to provide for extra time to dress out, shower, etc., will meet for two periods per class (90 minutes), three times a cycle.

No one, however, will be on "free time" per se. Students will be accounted for every minute of the school day, by being scheduled into resource centers which will benefit him the most, including the library.

The schedule for 10th graders will be less flexible than the juniors' and seniors' schedules. For the most part, sophomores

Pioneer Lake Drained

A few months ago, Pete Collins, president of the Student Council, appealed to the City of North Miami's Council to install drainage pipes in front of the school and thereby remove the unsightly and sometimes dangerous puddle. Subsequent investigations showed that the pipes should have been there and money had been allocated for just this purpose. The pipes were not found and, unfortunately, neither was the money.

The Student Council was not allied, however, and insisted that the pipes be installed, as indeed they were, after a new appropriation of money. The

excavation in front of the school indicated where the drains were placed. All believed the problem to have been solved.

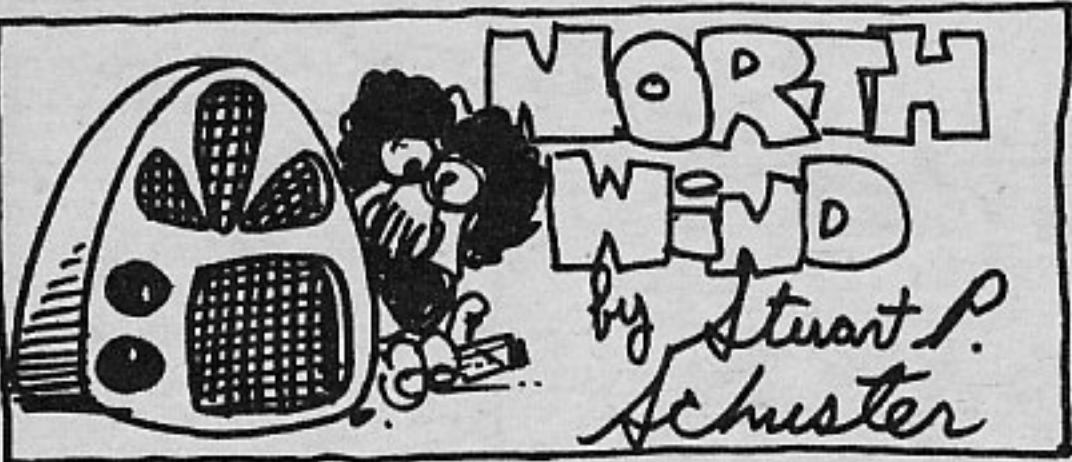
The day of March 26, unfortunately, showed a large rainfall and the subsequent re-emergence of "Pioneer Lake" in all its force. The problem this time was not the absence of pipes, but the presence of rocks which had blocked the new system. City workers hastened to clear out the system and install a rock-proof box which will prevent such a recurrence. Thus, after much debate and work, the puddle will no longer be a problem to passing motorists and students.



TEACHER OF THE YEAR — NM students elected Miss Shirley Cooper as their 1973 "Teacher of the Year." The typing teacher is only in her first year of teaching.



Apathy Candidate Joe Bagga-donutz sez: "66 votes doth not a victory make"



'I ask not for a larger garden; but for fine seeds'

—Russell Conwell

An open letter to the newly elected Student Council president:
 You are now president of your Student Council. You will get your picture in your high school newspaper as well as the yearbook. You are respected by your peers as well as your teachers and neighbors. The burdens of responsibility are yours if you are willing to accept them. The ability to make the institution of education through school atmosphere that much better is also up to you. How can you change it? By keeping the cafeteria clean, yes, but by also understanding you don't have to be a puppet if you don't want to.

You were elected on a day a blackout struck the southeastern coast of Florida [a most unfortunate event which I'm sure you were not the least bit responsible]. Despite the blackout you accepted your position and I assume you are making plans to revitalize your student council. As any politician knows, he is elected by a majority vote and must answer to those who put him in office. You must do what is best — and more — for the student body of your school.

Sure, the cafeteria must be kept clean. Of course, human relations on campus must be allowed to flourish. Basically, school is a place to study but is also a meeting ground of interaction. Whites, Blacks, Cubans, Puerto Ricans, Europeans. Language barriers. Social clubs. Busing. If ever a melting pot of races and colors existed, it is reflected here. As you were elected president of your Student Council, so must you elect to show your colors as an individual or let the opportunity to correct and change go past you.

As an individual and a student make your school a place of pleasurable existence — not forced education. Of course there's nothing in history or no law yet in the lawbooks that can dispell prejudice, but remember you are still a human being, even though you are president. Don't misinterpret a position of honor. Don't abuse a privilege. Do keep your head together while those around you are losing theirs.

In the future, I hope another blackout does not besiege our school or community as it did on the day you were elected. As for you, keep your eyes open, and you'll never be in the dark.

Sincerely,
 Stuart P. Schuster
 Editor, The Pioneer 1972-73

Students Have Responsibility In City Election

By Dee DiBenedictis

The recent indictment of three of North Miami's elected officials has sent a wave of speculation throughout the city as to who will be the next politicians to suffer investigation by the State Attorney's office.

These developments should make the voters realize their responsibility in the upcoming city elections May 8. Before the news broke about the alleged council corruption, only two people opposed the incumbent in the race for mayor. Since then many more have jumped on the campaign band wagon. This makes you wonder about their qualifications. Everyone is trying to benefit from the humiliation of the indicted men.

“... city elections important as national...”

It is now up to the voters to try to separate the good from the bad, the truth from the lies, the sincere hopes from the campaign promises. It is important that those of us who are able to vote in this election do more than show the apathy of our parents. City elections are as important in many ways as the national.

City officials determine what your surroundings will look like — one family homes and scenic parks or concrete jungles of high rise apartments. Will it be efficient sewage systems or malodorous package plants? There is more responsibility in the hands of our city officials than the proper angle to cut the ribbon at the opening ceremonies at some new building.

It is vital that all registered voters turn out for this election and voice their opinions for city government.

Is Patriotism Last Refuge?

By Desmond Sheridan

What is Patriotism? Is it the reciting of meaningless words?, waving a symbol of the nation?, a “my country right or wrong” attitude?, an undying hatred for Communism? These things are what some people believe make a “patriot.” But do mere words make a patriot? I think not.

Patriotism is, rather, a state of mind in which you love your country, but want to see it change for the better.

Some will tell you that being anti-military spending or anti-gun is anti-American, because guns and the military seem to have some sort of link to patriotism. Nothing could be further from the truth. In fact America was built on the premise of Peace, not on war and violence.

It is very possible that the progressive person is more patriotic than the Conservative who is still mired down in antiquated traditions. The latter, however, will tell you that he is the more patriotic because he waves the flag, sings the Star-Spangled Banner at baseball games, and participates in American Legion parades.

Some of the most dangerous groups on the right of the right side of the political spectrum, such as the John Birchers, the Ku Klux Klan, and the McCarthysts hide behind the veil of Patriotism to justify their actions. However, no one could have said it better than Samuel Johnson when he said “Patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel.”

Youth Influenced by 'Invisible' Fadmakers

By Philip Knocke

Every morning I involuntarily count those standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. The count consistently comes to about half of the total homeroom attendance.

I always wondered about that 50 percent which is seated, and have broken them down into three sections.

A small minority do not honor the flag in this manner because of religious persuasion. An even smaller portion have steadfast and complex reasons why this form of patriotism is not to their liking.

The vast majority of those seated, however, have no good reason for doing so, besides the fact that many others are doing the same thing. If one asks a member of the last group his or her reason for not honoring the flag, one invariably gets the same answer, that they cannot condone the acts done in the name of the flag. If the person is asked to go into detail, most likely a statement laden with “you know”'s, “like”'s, and “I mean”'s will issue forth. These people have evidently succumbed to the sinister and insidious clutches of The Fadmakers.

The Fadmakers are never seen or heard, yet they are surely at work in this country, and the young are their prime and most easily won victims. They are the instituters of the fads with which Americans are so fascinated, and, apparently so susceptible.

One of the most conspicuous victories of these infiltrators has been the Hippie movement. The Fadmakers, however, did not merely institute, but insured the movement's success by branding all those who do not follow their doctrine unfavorable things, such as “rednecks” and “squares.” Their disciples soon took up the call and made it fashionable for one to ridicule and shun those who were “conformists,” never realizing that they were conformists as well. They were merely complying with the whims of their Fadmaker masters.

A much more destructive plan was brewing, though, and encouraged by their previous success, the Fadmakers started the “Hate Your Country . . . Right or Wrong” movement. Vietnam was the main weapon in this plan. The 'makers used it to instill unreasoning animosity towards government. One became blindly against U.S. involvement in Vietnam, and didn't even bother to analyse America's reasons for involvement. Again, the movement enjoyed unparalleled success.

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'Where Were You When the Lights Went Out?'

By Renee Sweeney

Maybe you were sitting in a resource center, or maybe you were just sitting in class, when all of a sudden — to your bewilderment — the lights slowly flicker and finally go out.

This was the beginning of the largest black-out ever to be experienced by South Floridians. Four FPL power generators received a surge of power and overloaded — dutifully discontinuing the rendering of their services to the millions of people which depend on them daily.

The black-out — which affected areas from Key West to Stuart — caused many problems. Most traffic lights were out, which accounted for many flared tempers and frayed nerves.

But, maybe one of the strangest inconveniences was for the student who was on his only free mods to eat lunch — and deciding to eat off-campus, found to their dismay, that the local eateries had closed down because of their inability to cook and serve food. The school cafeteria did remain open the entire time.

But maybe the most unexpected part of it all came the next morning when at 9:15 the lights began to blink and finally died. After a short moment mixed with shouts, laughter, groans, and jokes about FPL, students began another day in the dark without much complaint.

By Evan Lewis

Where were you when the lights went out?

At the time I was in room 217 doing the two-finger routine on a typewriter. The lights flickered a couple of times before going out. I immediately envisioned that someone had finally gotten their nerve up and had sabotaged the school's power supply. I soon learned, to my dismay, that the real cause was some of good ol' bumblin, inefficient FP&L had blown generators, submerging the whole Eastern coast of South Florida into inky gloom.

Disappointed, I left school feeling that in some way I had been wronged, because the damage to the school's power was not permanent, or even indefinitely prolonged.

We went to the MacDonald's on Biscayne Boulevard and found it closed. We then made an inquiring phone call to the MacDonald's on 119th and were overjoyed to find that it was open for business. On arriving there, I was again let down when I found out that the only thing they were selling was hamburgers and milk.

Looking back, I thought of all the interesting things that were probably happening in elevators all around South Florida. This finally brought to mind the fact that nine months after the '66 blackout in New York, the birth rate soared.



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Speakers Show Super Success

By Ava Stern

You'd think the people who talk the most would be heard the most. Why isn't this the case at North Miami?

Members of the National Forensic League (North Miami's debate team) have received national recognition — but their fame is strangely quiet on the home campus.

NFL is the second highest honorary in the United States. In order to participate in the Forensic League a student must achieve a certain status in speech competition. It is hard work and until now the outcome has been extremely unrewarding for the students, according to Debate Coach Elizabeth Drosdick.

Members of the debate team are skilled students whose talents dominate several debating events. Kevin Koloff, president of North Miami's debate team, is the state champion in Congressional debate. He won by speaking on such issues as day-care centers, morality laws, gun control, and welfare.

Matthew Perry, vice-president of the team, is the master of two-man debate where an affirmative or negative team debate a topic of national importance. Matthew has also won numerous other awards.

Kenneth Lazarus is a versatile debater who is competent in three events — original oratory, where a student writes a speech and presents it memorized; extemporaneous speaking, where the student chooses a topic of national or international concern and in 20 minutes a six-minute speech must be prepared without using notes. Ken is also talented in contemporary speaking and won second place in the Congressional State Tournament. As Ms. Drosdick claims, "He has the unique ability to be a finalist in any event he has ever entered!"

Harris Holzberg, treasurer of the team, has won many awards and his talent lies in original oratory speaking. Robert Humphreys is the Dade County Original Oratory Champion. Michael Bast is District

Champion in oral interpretation and won this honor with his rendition of Edward Albee's "The Zoo Story." A new addition to the debate team this year is female advocate, Diane Evans. Diane is a top debater and as Ms. Drosdick says, "Excellent and undefeatable!"

The only problem the debate team has is that many students do not join until their senior year. Since debate is not considered an academic subject, interested students are persuaded to go into something more "educational." So many people are just not informed as to how educational debate is.

College scholarships can also be won just as Kevin Koloff was awarded a complete scholarship to Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire.

Strong newcomers for next year's debate team include several junior debaters whose talents fall in dramatic interpretation and extemporaneous speaking.



VARSITY CHEERLEADERS FOR 1973-44 — (kneeling) Mary Anne Murray, Kathy Thompson, Sherry Thomas, Julie Peeler, Elaine Collins; (standing) Martha Collins, Captain Lisa Schottenheimer, Wendy Criswell, Debbie Schuster, Basketball Co-Captain Caroline Shelton, and Football Co-Captain Judy Loffredo. Not pictured, Diane Larsen.

Now Is The Time For All Good Freaks To Come To The Aid Of Their Resource Center

By Michael Bast

Last month marked the 25th anniversary of Israel, a country created by the people thrown out of their land, who fought to win it back.

Well, dear friends, the time has come for a modern return to a native land. The time has come for the Return of the Intellectual Freak to Our Homeland, The English Resource Center!

In the chaos of the new school year and absence of a leader, the Jocks drove out the Intellectuals and Occupied the Disputed Territory themselves.

It wasn't that long ago when Chitwood (Praise his holy name!) put his paw on my shoulder and said, "Son, leave that land which is your home and go to the land which I will show you!"

And lo, it came to pass that I went to the Promised Land and saw others like myself: Rubin, Friedel, Washbon, Lerman, Lapidus, Yanich. All who had brains but felt unloved were welcome here — a place they could call home. Unlike the discriminating Jocks, the Freaks allowed anyone here, provided he could hop up and down on one

foot, twiddle his thumbs, and recite pi to 50 places.

And it came to pass that it was June and time for the seniors to graduate (and make room for more) and as is the time-honored tradition, two of Chitwood's loyalist disciples (Friedel and Washbon) left unto me the English Resource Center, the Holy Land.

Which brings us to our plight today. We must regain what is rightfully ours, that those who follow in our footsteps may have a place to talk about the Significant.

Intellectual Freaks of the School Arise! Return to our (Praise Chitwood!) land. We need you from the Math resource center, you from the Science Wing, you from the A.P. work-

room, and even you from the 100 wing! Let's make it what it once was — a place to jive, a place to schpiel, and a place to Breathe Free. Just remember, when the Intellectuals are back in their land, all of World Communism will be destroyed.

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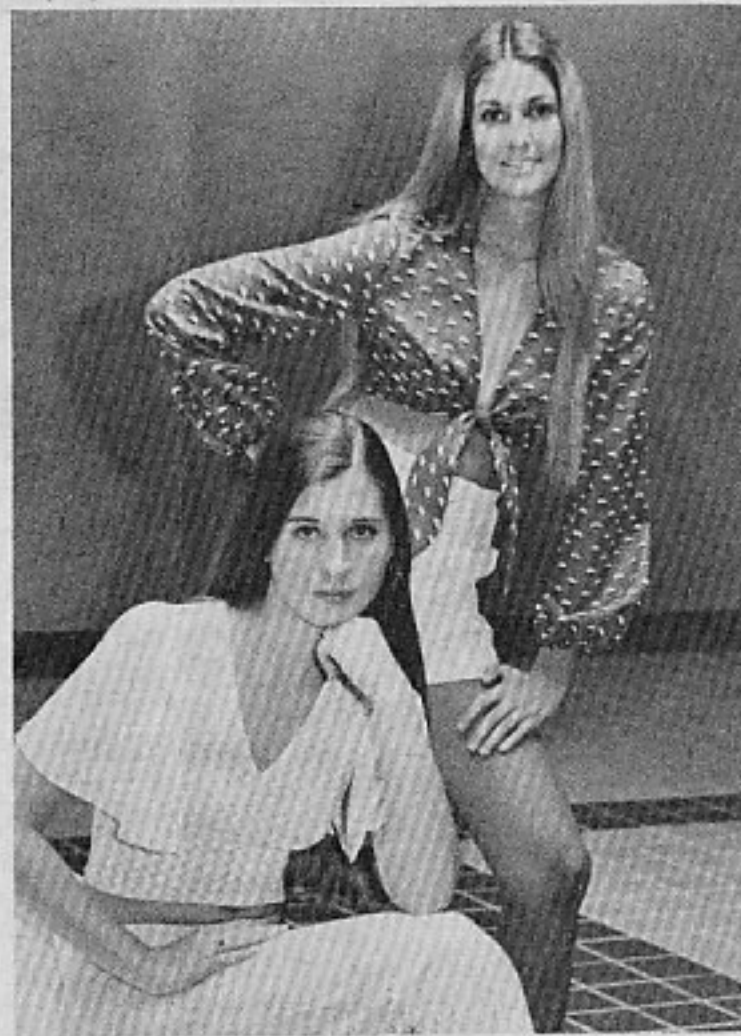
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Vocational Grads Earn High Rate of Success

By Scott Dressler

In the life time of an average person there usually is a turning point somewhere along the line. Most students by the time they enter high school are a little confused and undecided about whether or not they will seek some sort of Vocational training.

For the student that seeks a trade at North Miami, he has a wide variety of areas to choose from including Cooperative Business Education, Cooperative Distributive Education, Machine Shop, Industrial Electricity, Electronics, Cosmetology, Auto Mechanics, General Metal Work, General Electricity, and Technical Drafting. For the male student, the most sought-after course is Auto Mechanics.

A census taken recently has shown that 16 percent of the students enrolled in Dade County schools have turned to the vocational area of education.

It would take some time to go into each and every department, so for now I will just elaborate on Auto Mechanics. After speaking with Auto Mechanics department head, Mr. Lippman, I was quite impressed to know that his experience stretches far beyond

that of the average vocational teacher. He has taught at North Miami for eight years and has well over six years experience in the trade required by the school board. His colleague, Mr. Nelson, has taught here for three years, worked in the trade for 14 years, and has been around cars since he was a small boy. The experience of these very well-trained and qualified men cannot be conveyed any more clearly than by measuring the graduate success rate.

Mr. Lewis, the Assistant Principal of Industrial Education, spoke very highly of Mr. Lippman and Mr. Nelson by saying that he is very pleased with the high success rate and the volume of work put out. In his words, "Our main objective is to help the student reach his goal." Mr. Lewis further commented, "For a good mechanic, there is never a shortage of jobs as compared to the so-called white-collar worker. Now-a-days, there is no salary gap between the white collar worker and the blue collar worker. As a matter of fact, the blue collar worker is earning higher wages, in most cases."



MELODIE LIMPACH and her Early American exhibit.

(Photo by Richard Nicoletta)

NM Repeats Fair Honors

North Miami placed third in the Fifth Annual Dade County Social Studies Fair, winning the same spot earned last year. Nineteen senior high schools participated in the March 23 event.

Individual first prize winners at North Miami were Doug Wood, mobiles; and Amy Hackmyer and Patti Kahn, posters. Second prizes were awarded to Melodie Limpach, models; and James Bremmen and Carol and Janet Raskin, collage. Lisa Haas won a third place in art.

Mr. Lieberman, who worked with the students on their achievements, said the purpose of the fair "is to promote and encourage excellence and interest in Social Studies in the Dade County School System."

The Fair awarded \$3,000 in scholarships to the winning school winning debate team and College Bowl teams. Judges were School Board members, Metro Commissioners, teachers and businessmen.

Mystery Solved

Koloff Infiltrates Room 5

By Kevin Koloff

As a ninth grader at North Miami Junior High, there were many mysteries about the senior high that intrigued me. What was "mod" scheduling, the six-day cycle, Mr. Duncan? Who killed Lord Farquar, and what kind of yogurt did the principal eat?

But more than any of these lurked, over my head, the mystery of Room 5. Who were these powerful people who hung out therein, who seemed to be able to control pep rallies, bagel sales, and which way the wind blew in the 300 wing? Naturally, I was perplexed. Many was the time that I would get wind of little hints, all of which only seemed to further mystify me. Tall, dark strangers with glasses would whisper to me, "Pssst . . . kid! Paint party — Room 5 — tonight!" or "Hey, kid! Wanna buy a hot Room 5?"

So it was that I resolved to solve the puzzle. For two long years I worked, joining clubs, running for offices. There were setbacks, such as being kicked out of Key Club as a sophomore. But still I persisted.

Meanwhile, strange-looking people kept coming out of and going into The Room. More and more I learned code words, bits of Room 5 stuff like "March of Dimes Walk," "Intramural Basketball," and "Coffee House." These spurred me on all the more.

After two years of establishing

my presence came my senior year. It was getting late; would I ever be able to infiltrate The Room?

As a last, ultimate resort, I offered my services as Parliamentarian to the Student Council. Finally, my disguise was complete. And it all paid off. My heart beat wildly as I read the Sacred Clipboard. I was invited to one of the most secretive, clandestine rituals of the Gods who ran the Place — an S.C.C. meeting! Oh, joy! At last I was to see the interior of the Kremlin!

Came the day of reckoning. It was time. I held my breath, closed my eyes, opened the door, and bravely ventured forth. It was dark inside. I opened my eyes. It was still dark inside. Why, I wondered, the need for such clandestine darkness? Perhaps a deep, dark, secret which none were fit to see? Perhaps. . .

"Jones," said a voice, "stop playing games and turn on the lights."

There it was, laid out before me. Tables, chairs, a Lost and Found department, purses, comic books . . . it looked just like my bedroom (except for the "found" part of the Lost and Found).

I finally came to the realization — it was nothing! Two years of work, and when the clues were assembled, no one murdered Lord Farquar at all! He died of boredom!

So next time someone tells you about the strange Room 5 mystery, yawn and say, "Yeah, what's for lunch?"

Anyway, maybe I can win my Pulitzer Prize if I can prove Harvey Gulkis sleeps with a nite-lite.

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SUPERSTAR JIM SICKLER of the challenging Pioneer team, goes up for a rebound with Dolphin Bob Kutchenburg. (photo by Joe Torelli)

Faculty Massacre Dolphin Slaughter, 117-76

By Richard Gaines
The annual faculty massacre took place Friday, March 9th, when the Dolphin basketball team defeated the "luckless" North Miami teacher-team 117-76.

As I waited in line to get into the gym, I had memories of last year's game when the faculty barely won and it was rumored that Mercury Morris wanted to meet a certain referee in the parking lot after the game. I wondered what this year's would be like. I was soon to find out.

As I entered the gym and found my way to my seat, I noticed that the teachers and the Dolphins were both on the court warming up, taking their practice shots. After a short delay the introductions began before the sellout crowd. The World Champion Dolphins got the biggest cheers as they were introduced but Mr. Sessler got his kicks by leading the faculty through a banner held by the cheerleaders. The Dolphin Fishgirls were introduced before a bunch of hecklers and whistlers. In my section people shouted "Where is Joan Donohue?" The players came out to center court—the Dolphins clad in white uniforms with orange numbers and trim—the faculty in their cut-offs with green shirts.

There was the tip-off and the game was underway at last. With the superiority of the Dolphins, the fans wondered how the scrawny teachers stayed in there the first period. People began asking how long could the faculty hang in there. The first period closed with the faculty just trailing the Dolphins. But by halftime it was known to all that the slaughter had begun. Halftime was highlighted with everyone pretending they were Oscar Robertson fighting for the ball to take a few shots at the basket.

I got up and walked over to the concessions and saw that they were pushing drinks and baked goods at inflated prices. I purchased a coke, to my amazement I found a dime mixed in with the ice cubes at the bottom of the cup.

I began to fight my way through the crowd as the Dolphins started coming out of their locker room. Marlin Briscoe kissed one girl and shook hands with another. The girls ran away screaming that Briscoe shook their hands. I finally reached my seat as the amateurs were cleared off the floor so the second half could begin.

During the last half the massacre continued. The only big play was when Coach Del Bello went for the ball and hit one of the Dolphins in the face. Of course, no harm was done and it was all in good fun. With four minutes to go, I couldn't watch the slaughter any more, so I left.

Future Teachers Teach Now, Tutor Elementary Students

There is an old saying that a child's smile is the greatest form of thanks. Sixteen North Miami students have experienced the beauty of this reward for their work.

Last year the principal of North Miami Elementary School, Mr. A. Perfetti, requested that a volunteer group of high school students be engaged to act as teachers aids at the school. The first group of students was from an interest club at North Miami, Future Teachers of America. The program proved to be very successful and soon students from both the regular school and Micro School volunteered their time on the basis of 2-3 hours per week.

Begun in November

The students began to give their time in early November under the guidance of Volunteer Chairman Alice Carr. The students were given various jobs

to perform, either clerical or tutoring.

Many students at North Miami Elementary are slower in their ability to read or write than their classmates. These children needed more individual help than the teachers had time to give, so our volunteer students used their time to privately tutor these youngsters. They gave lessons in reading, math, etc.

300 Volunteer Hours

The North Miami High students have given over 300 hours volunteer time to the elementary school, and they deserve recognition.

The students are: Ralph DeMeo, Cindy Rebell, Diane Renken, Melissa Graham, Elizabeth Glass, Phyllis Faber, Donna Ruotolo, Ben Carr, Karen Tucker, Renee Steinberg, Sandra Altman, Linda Rosenwaig, Elyn Saks, David O'Dell, Bonnie McQuilton, and Barbara Nicholson.

Swim Scores

It was a long, frustrating season for the Pioneer swim team, under the direction of Coach Arthur Sims, earning an overall record of 8-15-1.

The girls' team has had a winning season with a record of 6-4.

Top swimmers for the girls are: Rozanne Holden, Lackie Sloan, Nell Park, Sandy Cesaretti.

The boys' team was not as successful and closed the season 2-11-1.

The top swimmers for the boys are: Bill Huntix, Jack Webb, Don Lossing, Alan Sklansky, and David Christopher.

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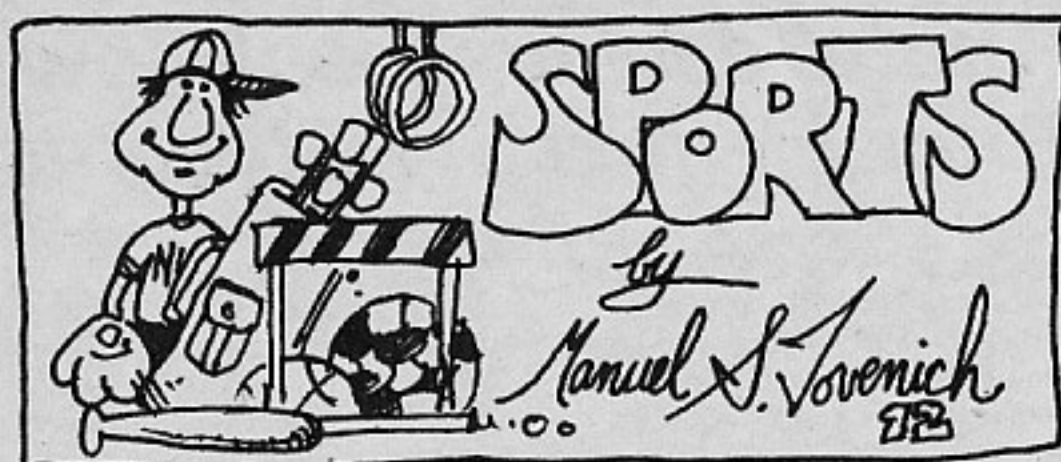
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Sports Wrap Up

TENNIS

Led by undefeated Mark Joffe, the NM boys' tennis team concluded their 1973 season with a surprising and very respectable 7-5 record. This was far better than expected, as this year was supposedly a rebuilding year, with many of the players facing tournament type competition for the first time.

Joffe, ranked third in the state and seventh in the nation, was the big Pioneer weapon as he concluded a perfect 12-0 record with his dazzling shotmaking and powerful serve in the number one singles, as well as doubles. He is now looking forth to the district meet, for a possible trip to the state tournament.

Other participants who contributed greatly to the team were: Walter Tate, playing the number two spot, Tom Chaille, David "cross-court" Popper, and Don Lamson.

On the other hand, the girls' team led by their ace star — Karen Zum, ended their season at a commanding 8-4 record.

Giving Karen some support, Coach Anderson had Terri Dundee playing the second spot, Wendy Gale the third, Carol Freed fourth, and Penny Weiss fifth.

Another fact that contributed greatly to both teams was the depth they possessed. Maria Makela and Laura Garcia were good back-up players, with the boys having either Dale Belibe, Brett Koven or Mike Duke ready to step in.

Overall it was a very successful year with their combined season record of 15-9. Congratulations go to Coach Jerry Anderson for the fine job he has done.

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SOCCER

"Team finishes with eight straight wins"

Going against improbable odds, the Soccer team put it all together a bit late — as they rallied from a shaky 2-5 season start, to win their next eight consecutive games and close their record at a very impressive 10-5 showing.

After defeating Miami Beach 3-2, Norland 2-1, and Jackson 2-0, the team went up against the South Miami Cobras. This game produced some of the most exciting action of the season. NM barely pulled it out with only 2:50 remaining in the overtime period, as Andy King beat the goalie with a high shot to the upper left post. The final score was in our favor 3-2, but the prospects of playing Miami High next was not well received. Known for their unsportsmanlike actions, as well as their brawling instead of their soccer ability, Miami High did not disappoint us. After a fine victory by NM 2-1, what was supposed to be a soccer field turned into a combined boxing-wrestling-and-hockey arena. At the end, the losers paid sorely for their misbehaviour, as they were in the process of being expelled from the GMAC soccer league.

Following that game, the Pioneers handily whizzed past Northwestern 5-1, Killian 4-0, and North Miami Beach 3-2.

This game was particularly satisfying as NMB held a 2-0 advantage at the end of the first quarter. That was soon shattered as Teo McNutt scored three goals in the game, to give NM a deserving come-from-behind 3-2 victory. That was the second time in as many games that McNutt had scored three consecutive goals.

This year's high scorer was center forward Eddie Rodriguez, with 14 goals. Teo McNutt was close behind with nine. Anthony Nitty deserves recognition at the goalie spot, as he played while injured in the latter part of the season. Only four goals were scored upon him in the last four games. Kevin Lee, the Pioneers' right wing was one of the most consistent players along with Louis Peleja. Ben Carr also did a very fine job at half-back, countered by Frank Paver, Paul Spaulding and Bob McCuler at fullback.

Once again, congratulations go to Coach Salvatore Bello for sticking behind his team after a rough start. The conclusion of the season was worth it.

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GOLF

For the second straight year NM golf team has brought back to NM the northern division title and trophy. Congratulations go to Jeff Flit, John Ramsey, Donny Raskin, and Bob Goodman for a job well done. Special recognition goes to first-year coach Howard Wimmers for the task he has done with them.

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FOOTBALL

Eric Schottenheimer dominated the annual football banquet, as he had the honor of being chosen as the team's most valuable player. Eric also won the best offensive back award. Eddie King won as the best defensive player, with Willie Johnson being voted as the outstanding linemen. Congratulations go to all these fine players.

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Baseball Season In Full Swing

By Shane Rasche

Early season results show that the Pioneer baseball team is on its way to another year in the District playoffs.

Here is a capsule review of the season as it stands at press time:

NM, 5 - Central, 2 — Terry Fitzgerald pitched a five hitter as the Pioneers won their opening game of the season.

NM, 9 - Northwestern, 2 — Ron Dobbins pitched a two-hitter and hit a grand slam home run as NM won its second game of the season.

Miami Springs, 5 - NM, 2 — The Pioneers suffered the first loss of the season as Springs scored all their runs in the first inning.

North Miami Beach, 10 - NM, 7 — The Pioneers tied the game at 7-7 in the fifth inning on Gary Warren's home run, but NMB scored three runs in the sixth to beat NM.

Norland, 3 - NM, 1 — North Miami couldn't get it together as they dropped their third straight game.

NM, 8 - Curley, 7 — Kevin Thur knocked in Steve Rosen with the winning run in the eighth inning. The victory evened the Pioneers' record at 3-3.

NM, 5 - Hialeah, 0 — Terry Fitzgerald pitched a fine game and also hit a three-run homerun in the first inning to lead the Pioneers to their second straight win.

NM, 2 - Carol City, 1 — John Luciani knocked in the winning run with a single in the sixth inning.

Jackson, 2 - NM, 1 — Terry Fitzgerald pitched a good game, but NM couldn't seem to hit, as the Pioneer win streak was stopped at three games.

NM, 10 - Edison, 0 — Ron Dobbins led the Pioneers to a decisive victory with his fine pitching and also had a two-run homerun.

NM, 10 - Central, 6 — The Pioneers took advantage of seven Central errors and defeated the Rockets. Darrell Keatly hit a homerun for NM.

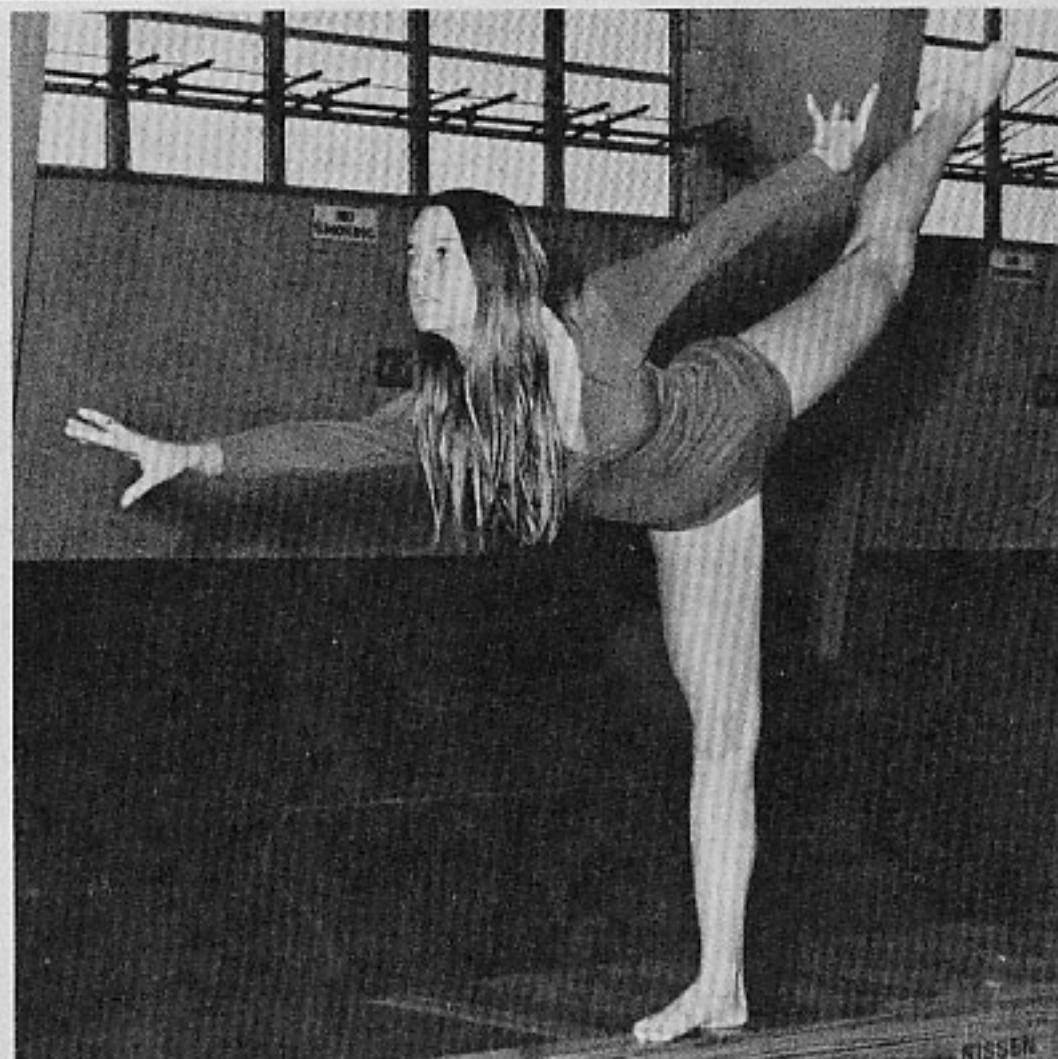
NM, 6 - Northwestern, 2 — Nick Belmonte laced two triples to raise the Pioneer win streak to a season tying three games.

Miami Springs, 4 - NM, 2 — The Pioneers lost to the Golden Hawks for the second time this season.

North Miami Beach, 7 - NM, 2 — Steve Nicosia led the Chargers to their second win this season over the Pioneers.

Norland, 5 - NM, 3 — Norland scored two runs in the eighth inning, as the Pioneers dropped their third game in a row.

NM, 3 - Key West, 0 — The Pioneers traveled down to Key West and defeated the Conchs 3-0.



MARILYN MILLER has the gymnastics team high point average with 4.785.

(Photo by Mr. Sickler)

Girls Gymnastics Team Striving for Recognition

By Scott Dressler

After a two-year layoff, the North Miami Girls' Gymnastics Team is back and going strong.

Gymnastics Coach Jim Sickler feels the main reason the team was organized again was that the athletic department felt they should give the girls the opportunity to compete in a interscholastic sport in which they can excel. At present, the girls are competing at a Junior Varsity level and are doing fairly well with a 2-2 record.

The Pioneer gymnasts lost to Carol City by a fraction of a point, which was followed by another loss to North Miami Beach. The next week the girls won their first match which was a triangular meet against Central and Norland. Following that meet they beat Miramar with an outstanding performance.

After being asked if the girls would be able to compete at the Varsity level, Coach Sickler responded by saying: "I can't foresee the girls competing at a Varsity level for at least two more years without some professional training."

The team consists of nine girls that compete in various categories. Marilyn Miller in all around competition, which consists of free exercise, vaulting, beam, and uneven bars.

Her all around average is 4.785. Julie Simpson competes unlimited with the free exercise

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average 4.488, vaulting average 5.738, and beam 4.675. Sue Shirley on the bars with a 4.688 average. Robin Nelson competes in vaulting with a 4.275 average, uneven bars 4.6125. Rose Valdez competing in free exercise averages a 3.40, beam 3.5125. Chris Hammond, vaulting with a 3.35 average. Kim Nordmeyer competes in free exercise with a 3.30 average. Jill Morgan, beam 3.4375; and Lolly Knox, uneven bars with an average of 4.0625.

Even though the girls show a 2-2 record, Coach Sickler isn't 100 percent pleased with their efforts. In his words: "I feel the girls are involved in too many other functions and are not as dedicated as a gymnast should be."

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