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## Bagadonutz for President

It has never been traditional for an editor of the Pioneer to endorse any particular candidate for student office, but this year's Pioneer has been far from traditional, so here goes.

Where to begin? Well, I think it would be prudent to say that this year student government in general has degenerated to an all time low in terms of effectiveness. You may think that no matter who gets into student office the results will be the same. If you think that, you're right. No matter who we have as President of the Student Council or whatever, we still finish with the same results — nothing.

So how do we pick a candidate for whom to vote? No candidate seems to have a real stand or position on anything. They all just take up a dreary "I'm not going to make any promises blah,blah,blah. . ."

Year after year it's the "same old corps of elitist's, the same old bunch who are active and keep afloat the term "school spirit." Always Pete and Patty Pioneer doing this or that. The truth is that most students really don't care about magazine drives, spirit week, Pioneer paraphenalia perpetually on sale, or any of that other stuff which constitutes school spirit.

At least one candidate for the Student Council presidency has been honest enough to come right out and say "who really cares?!" That candidate, my fellow Pioneers is Joseph E. (Joe) Bagadonutz.

Bagadonutz is a member of the North Miami apathy party which has made a big comeback this year. They have reaffirmed themselves as a viable organization in school politics.

In order to celebrate their triumphant return to the scene they gave an "I don't give a damn dance". No one showed up, it was a huge success.

Joe Bagadonutz started out as a joke, but perhaps he does represent the fact that most of the students are sick and tired of the same old stuff regarding Student government.

I know that when election time rolls around I will be writing in my vote for Joe Bagadonutz just to demonstrate the fact that I believe the Student Council to be so useless that it doesn't matter who is the president, even a fictional character can do the job as well as anybody.

This is not intended to be an attack on this year's Student Council or any individual connected with it. It is not their fault that they have no power. It is instead the fault of previous administrations who failed in their minimal efforts to gain status for the Student Council. They didn't care either.

It will be interesting to see whether or not whoever it is that counts the votes will have the courage to tell us how many votes Joe Bagadonutz receives so that we can find out how many people really do or do not care.

Desmond Sheridan,  
Editor

### *On the cover*

COVER: THE PIONEER salutes Valedictorian Phil Knocke and Salutatorian Debbie Hellings, Class of 1974. (photo by Joe Torelli)

# Knocke and Hellings, 1 and 2

Philip Knocke, with a 4.140 grade average, was named Valedictorian for the Class of '74, and Deborah Hellings, with a 4.056 average will be Salutatorian.

The top 25 scholars in order of ranking are:

Philip Knocke, Deborah Hellings, Janet S. Raskin, Debra Morone, Carol F. Raskin, Debra Lambert, Marcia Annunziata, Merrill Melnick, Donna Forsyth, Sharon Piper, Lisa M. Haas, Joyce A. Jacobs.

Helena Wang, Michael Stern, Melodie Limpach, Gary Gordon, Shawn Poertner, Karan Shrum, Nancy Baird, Teresa Hall, Deborah Santi, Renos Augustine, Thomas Barkstrom, Karla D. Jordan, and Jody E. Yanow.

Honorable Mention went to Denise Russell who transferred to North Miami. From her previous schools and here she had a 3.929 average. That would have placed her fourth in our placement.

## Silver Knights announced

The Silver Knight nominees from North Miami High were announced last month, recognizing those students who have best served their school, church or community in their respective categories.

North Miami nominees are David Summerford, English; Caroline Shelton, Physical Education; Carol Raskin, Foreign Language; Barry Lancett, Citizenship; Phillip Knocke, General Scholarship; Steve Procko, Journalism; Frank Bellamy, Music;

Donna Forsyth, Mathematics; Jim Greene, Social Science; and Debra Morrone, Vocational.

These nominees will represent North Miami High in aiming for the Silver Knight Trophy. Fourteen winners (one in each category) and 42 runners-up (three in each category) will be named at the awards ceremony in May. The program is sponsored by the Miami Herald.

## Fifty-two make Principal's list

Fifty-two students achieved the perfect 4.0 average needed to have their names written on the Principal's List for the second quinmester.

### SENIORS

Nancy Baird	Debra Morrone	Donna Forsyth
Thomas Barkstrom	Bruce Ramsey	Gary Gordon
Terry Bergman	Greg Sahlsten	Lisa Haas
Jim Cannon	Lisa Sklaroff	Deborah Hellings
Pamela Cervenka	Jeff VanLear	Chris Hionedes
Georgeann Ellis	Charles Veres	Philip Knocke
Manuel Ferro	Helen Wang	Debra Mell
		Merril Melnick

### JUNIORS

Tim Andrews	Alan Fistel	Garland Pobletts
Jean-Pierre Auffret	Hillary Harmon	Hap Pomerantz
Robert Baglos	Lelia Kirchner	Gina Temple
Sue Davis	Donald Lee	Karen Thompson
Victor Dinardo	Robert Meuser	Denise Towne
Grant Fern		

### SOPHOMORES

Kris Benson	Patrice Katz	Pamela Sasso
William Brath	Jann Lamendola	Beth Stark
Debbie Carman	Teri Parmentier	Lizanne Tredwell
Betsy Glickman	Cecil Pendergast	Jennifer VanLear
Horace Jones		

# CALENDER

March 15  
Swimming vs. Edison  
Track Cougan Invitation

March 16  
Baseball vs. Carol City

March 19  
Baseball vs. Hialeah  
Golf vs. Miami High

March 20  
Golf vs. South Miami  
Baseball vs. Springs  
Track vs. Central.  
Lakes, and Hialeah

March 22  
Swimming vs. Lakes  
Track vs. NMB

March 23  
Track-Sophomore Meet

March 25  
Baseball vs. Southwest

March 26  
Track vs. Carol City

March 27  
Golf vs. Springs

March 30  
Track-Florida Relays

April 2  
Baseball vs. NMB

April 2-6  
Track GMAC

April 4  
Golf vs. Lakes  
Baseball vs. Norland

April 5  
Golf vs. Norland  
Swimming vs. Norland  
Baseball vs. Northwestern

April 6  
Track vs. Stranahan

April 9  
Baseball vs. Central

April 10  
Baseball vs. Lakes

April 12  
Baseball vs. Carol City  
Golf vs. Killian

April 15  
Baseball vs. Hialeah

April 17  
Golf vs. Carol City





# Chess team travels to Tampa tourney

by Doug Curnick

The North Miami Chess Team, headed by Jean Auffret, and hosted by such notables as Bob Mitchell, Doug Curnick, Earl Hahn, Ira Margolis, and Joe Cropper, migrated to Tampa the weekend of February 16 to compete in the Suncoast High School Tournament at The Causeway Inn South.

Indeed, it almost seemed like we immigrated permanently, for cries of "No gas! No gas!" met us everywhere we went. But fortunately, through sheer perseverance

(and an even-numbered license plate), we managed to scrounge up enough gas to replenish our diminishing supplies and get back to Miami.

The team finished second in the tournament, ending just a half-point behind the Southeastern champion, Plant High School, from Plant City, with a score of 11 to 10-1/2. Bob Mitchell came out of the four-round event with the top individual player trophy, while Joe Cropper won first place in the Class E division.

In match play, the Pioneers have had great success. Our last match with Coral Gables ended in a 6-4 win, while the previous match with North Miami Beach wound up with a resounding 10-0 rout of the Chargers. This marks the 25th and 26th consecutive win (and one tie) of the Pioneers against a school in match play.

Plans are underway for the Chess Team to participate in the State Championship match in Orlando.

# Legislator Becker: I'll try anything for gas

by Steve Procko

"Politicians have not been falling down as much as the people have."

Alan Becker, Florida State Legislator, visited North Miami February 12 to speak to Mr. Norman Liberman's government class, answering anything and everything that the students asked. This presentation followed a speech given by Becker at a Student Honors Committee on Government (SHCOG) meeting.

ON GAS RATIONING: "In order to get gas, I'll try anything."

ON THE ENERGY CRISIS: "The oil

companies are involved in a complete conspiracy and profiteering matter with the full cooperation of the Federal government."

ON CAPITAL PUNISHMENT: "There are two reasons given on capital punishment, arbitrary or discriminatory, and they always contradict each other."

Becker strongly believes in full disclosure of campaign funds, "I spent the least amount on my campaign that any otehr winning candidate . . . \$9,100 with \$7,000 coming from my own pocket."

Strong emphasis was placed on the matter of the energy crisis, "The big oil

companies, in the past year, have managed to squeeze out most of their independent competitors . . . You didn't hear a word about an energy crisis until after the Supreme Court ruling on the Alaskan pipeline . . . Overall it's been a pretty good year for major oil companies."

ON THE '76 ELECTIONS: "It may take a Democrat to get us out of the gas situation."

ON ASKEW: "Askew will be re-elected but Tom Adams will not run for lieutenant governor."

Becker's reply to his election and office, "I enjoy what I'm doing but I wouldn't try it again because I'd go broke."

## EDITORIAL:

# Call for impeachment

by Philip Knocke

In these days of a waning impeachment furor, it might be appropriate at this time to scrutinize one of the oft-cited "drawbacks" of an impeachment probe and subsequent trial. This one argument has contributed more towards an abatement of the impeachment investigations than any other single factor which this reporter can recall. The fallacious statement of which I speak has caused so many Americans to falter in their convictions that it now appears unlikely that the President will ever be tried for those crimes of which many think him guilty. Senators, Congressmen, workers, students, all regurgitate the same absurdly erroneous platitude when questioned about

the issue, I.E., that "an impeachment trial will tear this country apart." This axiom will invariably be followed by a comparison to the Johnson trial and subsequent reduction in Presidential powers caused by that tribulation.

If Johnson's trial "tore the country apart" at that time, it was only because the job was more than seventy-five percent accomplished. If President Nixon were to be impeached now, it would occur against the background of relatively stabile and prosperous times, in an America which has weathered recent economic and social hurricanes with amazing ease and little disruption.

This observer's main complaint, however, concerns the treatment of America as if it were a thing of crystal or paper, which could be shattered by the whisper of a political wind. The United States is the sturdiest country on earth, its strength resting on the tested pillars of constitutional law and orderly change. Many times in the past, and often in the present, the United States has drawn on this reservoir of strength, and thus withstood tidal waves which have entirely immersed lesser nations. The energy crisis which sent the countries of western Europe whimpering to the feet of Arab sheiks, which has

caused driving bans and strict rationing in many of our allies' countries, has barely touched the United States, whose people have risen to the challenge by accepting relatively minor inconveniences, and cutting consumption. The dollar remains the most stabile and viable currency worldwide, at a time when the yen and franc fluctuate with devastating regularity and magnitude. In summary, it would take more than a "mere" impeachment to "tear this country apart." It would have to succeed where so many have attempted, and failed, in the past.

It is the latter allegation that this reporter will first dispute. Any likening of the Andrew Johnson impeachment trial to a hypothetical interrogation of President Nixon would have to be carried out against the background of history, for no two historical events are exactly analogous. When President Johnson confronted his Senatorial tribunal in 1868, the country had just suffered an internal conflagration unprecedented in American history. The State had been torn in two, and its economy was struggling to stabilize after a divisive, bloody conflict which had decimated half of the country and cost the other half many men and much equipment.

## CLOSE UP:

# Seven very busy days in the nation's Capitol

by Fran Donnerstein

A week in Washington, D.C.! Well-earned vacation, here I come!

These were my thoughts as I boarded a National Airlines 727 ("Judy" I think), on February 3, to begin seven days on the Close Up program. Close Up is an in-depth look at our political system in action, at our nation's Capitol.

About 250 students from Miami went that week, including 10 other students and Social Studies teacher, Mrs. Lemmie Mitchell, from North Miami High.

A typical Close Up day consisted of breakfast at 7:30, then a seminar at the hotel or some government building. Lunch would be at someplace like the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, the State Department, etc. Another seminar or two, with a speaker would usually take place afterwards and then back to the hotel for dinner, with a possible stop at certain points of interest on the way. There would usually be one final guest speaker at night and following that we would go into our small group workshops, which were for the purpose of having a rap session about the day's activities and to go over the following day's schedule. Curfew was at 11:30, except on the last night when it was 1:00.

Many different speakers included journalists, cabinet department members, congressmen from Dade County and Florida's Senator Chiles.

One of the most asked questions of the week was, "Do you think Nixon will be impeached?". Most of the speakers felt that he would not finish out this term; that he would be impeached or resign. Mr. Thad Garrett, Chief Assistant to Shirley Chisholm, said, "I think the President is doing a good job of impeaching himself."

We took a tour of Washington our first day and saw places like the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials, the National Cathedral, Embassy Row, the White House, Cabinet Department building, the Watergate, the Pentagon and Capitol Hill.

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A special stop was made at Arlington Cemetery, later in the week. There we visited the graves of John and Robert Kennedy and saw the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Also during the week, we went to the play "The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui." This was the story of the power rise of a gangster and it was a clear parody to the rise of Adolph Hitler.

On Friday, two days before we left, we awoke to find what we had been praying for all week. The ground was covered with snow and it was still falling hard. Most of us had never seen snow, and as you can imagine, the place went crazy. There were four hours of free time that morning on Capitol Hill, so snowball fights took place on the Capitol lawn. But, after we froze, a lot of us went inside the Senate side of Congress to see part of a session. We also chose to go to Committee hearings and Congress and Senate offices. However, all the Senators and Congressmen we tried to find were either snowed in or at a session.

Our last day left us with the entire afternoon to do what we wanted. Transportation was provided to the White House, the Smithsonian Institute or Georgetown. There was a banquet and dance that night and all of us hated to think about leaving the next morning. We had become like a 250 member family and decided to have reunion as soon as possible.

So, that was the week that was. A week of learning and togetherness. The Close Up program is a worthwhile one for anybody. For those interested in government and those who aren't.

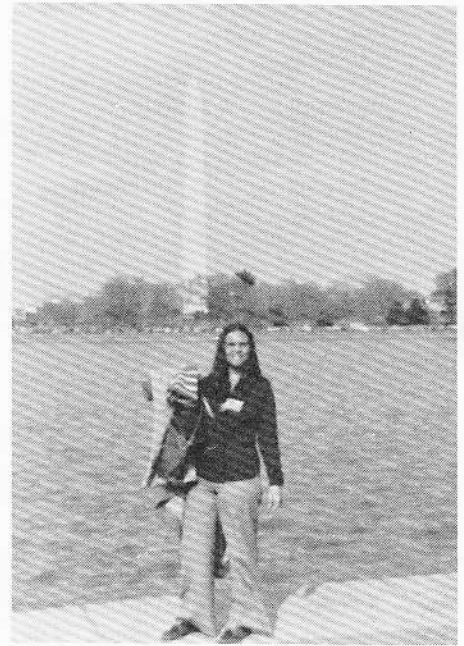
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**ENTERTAINMENT:**

# Live and recorded

by Glenn Rubin

How many of you remember the days when guys wore grease in their hair, when the most popular song lyrics were "Sha-na-na-na" and "Shoo-bop-sha-wadda-wadda", when everyone had a nickname like 'Sonny', 'Cha-Cha', or 'Big D', when the top Groups in the country were "The Comets", "The Flamingoes", and "The Silhouettes", and kids idolized people like Elvis, Fabian, and Sandra Dee as much as the kids now go for Alice Cooper, Elton John, and Jethro Tull?

Well, if you don't, if you do, or if you want to, the hit Broadway musical "Grease" is for you. You may ask, "What's a 'Grease'?" Well, I'll tell you. It's the longest running Broadway musical, a fast paced show with big helpings of '50's music, dance, and anything else associated with the "Fabulous Fifties" — the clothes, hair styles, and language. Not too many people use phrases like 'ring-a-ding-ding', 'hey, that's really keen', 'swift, man', and 'toodles' anymore.

"Grease" has a large cast of fine singers and dancers, and, in my unprofessional opinion, is the greatest thing that ever happened to the Fifties — outside of the Fifties themselves, of course!

by Phil Cohen

Although Pink Floyd has been together for over seven years, popularity in the U.S. has only come to them recently. All their albums prior to "Dark Side of the Moon" were overlooked and underheard by American audiences.

This is the reason why Pink Floyd has just issued a new two L.P. set composed totally of music recorded and released years ago. The album, "A Nice Pair" is just that, a nice pair of the old Pink Floyd records.

Listeners who are expecting another "Dark Side of the Moon" will probably be surprised by this record, which has a sound radically different from today's Pink Floyd.

The music on this eclectic album ranges from the Top 40-ish sounds of "Bike" and "Lucifer Sam" to the spaced out experimentalism of "Astronomy Domine" and "Interstellar Overdrive". In addition the L.P. includes "Flaming", a song which has never previously been on an L.P. All in all, it's a nice pair, and well worth listening to.



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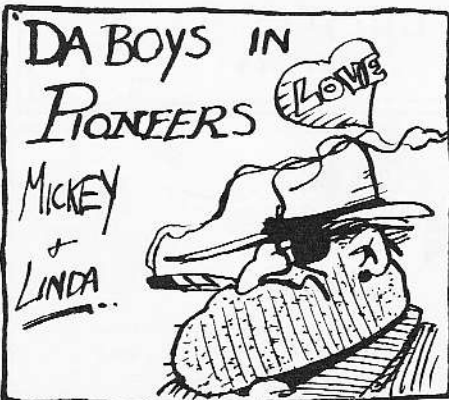


# Lancaster Turns Pro

"To play pro football is something I always wanted to do," said Coach Larry Lancaster referring to his signing of a three-year contract with the San Diego Chargers. The first year English teacher and baseball coach at North Miami was also offered a job with the Houston Oilers, but accepted the position with San Diego.

Mr. Lancaster is scheduled to report to the Charger camp on March 15, for three days testing for physical and mental strength. If they feel he is an asset to the team, he will return to San Diego in July, "hopefully for the rest of the year."

"Playing football would probably be the greatest, most important thing in my life," he said. "But the first thing, now, before I leave North Miami, is to bring the baseball team to the State championship."



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## SPORTS SHORTS

By David Wilson and Mike Cimino

### GOLF

The golf team is off to a somewhat mediocre start this year. After losing to Miami Springs in the opening match of the season the team came back to defeat Hialeah. Unfortunately, after the win over Hialeah, they lost to Edison by only a few strokes. Coach Wimmers has said that the team doesn't have all that much potential this season but everyone is hoping for a surprise.

### GYMNASTICS

This year the gymnastics team is composed mainly of sophomores. Coach Dan Pelletier has said that the girls team is experienced enough to give any team in the county a good run for their money. The boys team is much more inexperienced but they are coming along well and could give us a few surprises as the season moves along.

### J.V. BASKETBALL

Although the Junior Varsity Basketball team finished the season with a somewhat disappointing record of 8 wins and 16 losses, the team served its purpose of developing athletes for the Varsity team. After the season was underway two J.V. players were promoted to the Varsity and they stepped right in to starting positions. Dwight West was the first to be moved up to the Varsity. He performed well enough to be given a starting assignment after only a few games. Unfortunately for both the team and Dwight, he broke his arm in a game against Miami Springs. The other player who was moved up is Sonny Hammond. Sonny performed extremely well. In the Varsity's final game against first-ranked Jackson he led the team with 18 points.

A promising player for next year's Varsity team is Brian Cokey who started nearly all the J.V. games playing center.

### GIRL'S BASKETBALL

The girl's basketball season ended with the North Miami team holding a respectable 4 and 6 record. After losing a close match to Northwestern by only seven points, the girls finished the season strong with a 46-7 win over Coral Park. The high scorer for the girl's team this season was sophomore Julie Bender, who has played very well for the team this year.

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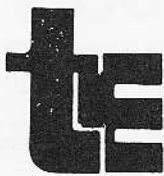
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# SPORTS

BY SHANE RASCHE

**THE BASKETBALL TEAM** ended its season in the fashion it started in, with a loss. NM dropped a first round playoff game to North Miami Beach 68-54. The Pioneers were in good shape at halftime, trailing by only three. Both teams played even during the third quarter and entering the final quarter, two points separated the teams. But that was, as they say, all she wrote as the Chargers opened up a big lead and won the game.


There were some good moments in the Pioneer season, like the 71-50 win over Central, the 80-55 tournament win over Hialeah and the halftime score of the Jackson game. NM fans had dream thoughts of snapping Jackson's 26 game winning streak when the score was 25-23 at the half with the Generals in the lead. But Cecil Rose and the Thompson cousins were not about to be upset by the 6-17 Pioneers. They started hitting and NM started folding. At the end the scoreboard had Jackson winning by 26.

Some individual honors were handed out to team members. Artis McDuffy was named to the Best of the Rest team by the Miami Herald and he also received Honorable Mention from the Miami News. Receiving Honorable Mention from the Herald were Butch Ducanson, Willie Moore and Eddie Brown.

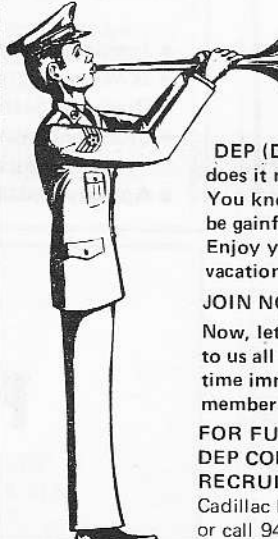
**THE TRACK TEAM** got its season under way by losing their first two meets, but the team shows much more promise than that. The outstanding player in this years team, in my opinion, is Charlie Johnson. Johnson is one of Dade County's best 100 yard runners. He also does well in the shot put and discus throw. Other outstanding members are Larry Majors, Greg Harris, Tom Yaedeker, and Steve Yaedeker.

**THE SOCCER TEAM** started strong, but at press time, they were on a five game losing streak with one game left. With a record of 8-2-1, the Pioneers visited Miami Springs for the biggest game of the year. They were defeated 5-0 and that was the beginning of the trouble times.

**SPORTS NOTES** . . . The basketball team suffered a big blow when Dwight West broke his wrist. He started the year as a Junior Varsity player, but because of good play he was promoted to varsity . . . Stan Sprow was named to the Miami Herald All City Bowling team, Sprow, the only lefthander on the team, averaged a county high, 190. Jenny Evans was named to the girls second team. Miss Evans carried an average of 160 . . . NM has a new football coach. He is Jim Catlett, who came over from Hialeah-Miami Lakes. Coach Catlett replaces Jerry Anderson, who is going to Carol City to become the Chiefs' head coach . . . Coach Larry Lancaster has signed as a free agent with the San Diego Chargers of the National Football League. Coach Lancaster played last season with the Miami Buccaneers, a semi-pro team.

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