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Students Consider Major Government Changes

Gables Debaters Are T.V. Stars

On December 9, two members of the National Forensic League appeared on Channel 10 from 12 until 12:30 on the program "Answers Please."

This is not the first appearance for Rusty Barefield and Tim Ferris who also appeared several weeks ago on the same show. At that time they were accompanied by Martin Goldberg and Phil Gerson.

Mr. Cotulos of the Tides Conservatory of Fine Arts in Coral Gables acts as moderator and coordinator of the telecast which appears each week. Usually two businessmen are interviewed and asked questions by a panel of high school students on topics of local interest. The last show in which Rusty and Tim appeared was concerned with the new state law which provides for a course in Dade County schools for the purpose of teaching "The evils of Communism vs. the benefits of Democracy."

Mr. Cotulos has been giving private lessons to aspiring debaters to improve their technique for several years and during that time most of the top debaters on the Coral Gables team have gotten to know him. He is often able to arrange speaking engagements for the N.F.L. members which help them to improve their talents and also give adult groups a change to see the youth of today in a favorable light.

There will be another program after Christmas in which Gables High students will appear and the subject will be the Chamber of Commerce.

Drama Club Holds Audience Spellbound With Performance

The Gables players' presentation of Trilogy lived up to its guarantee of thrills, chills, and deep emotional drama before a capacity and captivated audience last Thursday night in the Little Theater.

"The Hungerers", the first of the three one act plays, uses symbolism and moving music to portray the hunger of four individuals for immortality which they finally realize can only come after death. Stars were Betsy Patrick, Bob Wolf, Linda Sperleng, Helen Grossman, and Joe Melly.

Denise Most in the second play, "The Hitch-Hiker", depicts a distraught young girl who, on a cross-country trip, continually encounters a mysterious hitch-hiker. She soon finds out that she has really been killed and this stranger is actually her true self after death. The mood of this play

was furthered by the new drama concept of "Feldmanism". Supporting Denise were Barbara Seymore, Alan Ormsby, Bob Wolf, Clarice Jones, Barbara Russell, Linda Wright, Fran Jackson, Sam Mannone, and Betsy Warren.

Trilogy closed with "Sorry, Wrong Number", a spine-tingling tale sure to deflate your trust in telephones. It starred Esther Hersh, playing an invalid wife who, while trying to reach her husband by phone, accidentally cuts in on a conversation about a murder to be committed, which she later finds out to be hers. Her horror is shared by the nerve-tensed audience, her blood-curdling scream reverberating through the theater as the curtain closed. Co-stars were Donna Schiller, Dave Katz, Astrid Nelson, Michelle Pivar, Wayne Moore, Ray Jeyoslow, and Lana Ropes.

Two major resolutions were deferred by the Student Government to homerooms for debate at their bimonthly meeting on December 12. The two bills, which call for revisions to the one-year-old student government constitution, will come before the next business meeting on January 10.

The first of the two bills calls for a two party political system in the school. The homerooms would be divided into two distinctive groups which would act as political parties. They would hold their own primary election to select their candidate for each of the offices in Student Govern-

ment.

The candidates of each party would then clash in a run-off election. Students would not be bound to vote for their party's candidate in the run-off, but they are limited to voting for their own party in the primary.

The second bill stipulates that an office of the Student Government be set aside for a junior student. Advocates of this bill state that it would place at least one person in an experienced position while young. This would prepare him to be a better officer during his senior year.

Student Government And Thespians Sponsor Drive For Needy Families

Food contributed by students of Coral Gables Senior High during the past two weeks was distributed to needy families this week. Student Government carries out this program each year. The project is a unique one because its primary purpose is to help the needy families of students enrolled at Coral Gables Senior High.

After distributing the food to the families of Gables students it was found that an excess had been collected. This was turned over to a local sea scout troop to distribute to other needy families in this area.

The collection and distribution of food was directed this year by Bob Hayes and Warren Johnson, both are members of the Student Government Cabinet.

The traditional Student Government Christmas card post of-

fice concluded its service today. Students took better advantage of the service this year as approximately 7,000 cards were delivered. Approximately 6,000 cards were sent through the temporary post office last year.

The annual Thespian toy drive was held from December 4 to December 18, and everyone was asked to contribute some toy that would make the Christmas of a needy boy or girl as cheerful and full of surprises as that of most Gables students. Large cardboard boxes, gaily decorated with red crepe paper were placed in each homeroom for this purpose.

Monday, December 18, the much appreciated baskets were collected and taken down to the Elk Lodge where the members distributed them to designated homes of underprivileged children.

Merry Christmas

and a year of
HAPPY DAYS

Menacof Simplifies Auto Safety

For Newspapers Of Florida

Drivers throughout the state of Florida have now been given the opportunity to learn about driver education and highway safety from the man who has taught Coral Gables High students so well during the last eighteen years. Mr. Mitchell Menacof, the school's driving education teacher since the days when Ponce de Leon was a high school, has brought this all about with a simplified, illustrated explanation of the Florida Driver's Handbook.

The series of fifty cartoons and explanations has been appearing daily in the Miami Daily News under the title "In Florida It's the Law."

The series was created as Mr. Menacof says, "Because many youngsters and many adults can't interpret the Florida Driver's Handbook. They just can't understand it."

The series has been widely acclaimed by members of the Florida Highway Patrol, newspapers about the state, and Florida Superintendent of Public Instruction, Thomas D. Bailey.

Mr. Menacof has taught school for 24 years. In 1941, when he first arrived in Miami, he became football and basketball coach at St. Patrick Catholic High School. Two years later he moved to Ponce de Leon High School. When the Ponce students moved to new quarters at Coral Gables High, Mr. Menacof moved with them.

In addition to his school activities he has served two terms as President of the Florida Driver and Safety Education Association and served two terms as a member of the Board of Directors of the National Drivers and Safety Education Association in Washington, D. C.

Both his son and his wife are active in the associations and are also teachers. Son Nick is head basketball coach at Poplar Springs High School in Graceville, Florida, and his wife, Joanne, teaches at Borufay High School.

Mr. Menacof is now preparing a series similar to "In Florida It's the Law" for neighboring states.

Christmas Season Sparked By Chorus And Orchestra

The Christmas Concert presented by the Choral and Orchestra departments December 10 in the high school auditorium was a tremendous success. Drawing a crowd that easily filled all available seats, the Sunday afternoon performance provided an hour of entertainment for all ages.

The orchestra opened the program with several traditional Christmas carols and the Girls' Chorus performed three selections aided by their accompanists Sue Stokely and Elaine Fink.

Concert Chorus members, replacing the Girls' Chorus on the stage, sang a total of six songs which were all well received. "Deo Gracias", a lively number, had a marching short-chopped rhythm which enabled the Chorus to show their ability in a different sort of number from the usual Christmas style.

Rayna Cabrera, a smiling little brunette soloist did a fine job singing "Mary Had A Baby" and Bill Brown made an adapt Sir Christmas as he sang the solo for the number of the same name.

Miss Janis R. Burrell, director of the Choral department, was presented a lovely bouquet of red roses by Bill Brown after his number and Mr. Cremaschi, conduc-

tor of the Orchestra, was awarded a brightly gift wrapped package after the intermission.

The second half hour, in which the Orchestra moved to the stage and the Chorus sang below, was marked by the performance of the "Sound of Music" and, of special note, the "Sandpaper

Ballet". Michael Stephens as percussionist used two wooden blocks covered with sandpaper and achieved some quite pleasing sounds.

The performance ended with a medley of Christmas tunes played by the Orchestra and sung by the Choruses and the audience.



Concert Chorus applauds as Flo Clarke and Bill Brown present Miss Janis Burrell with a bouquet of roses at the Christmas Concert which was held December 10 in the school auditorium.

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The First Christmas Night Was Calm But Meaningful

By JUDY PRETTYMAN

The stillness and coldness of this first Christmas night made the stars shed their light more brightly than ever before. A shepherd stood against an old oak tree, whistling his flock a lullaby for slumber. The horses and cattle in the stable stirred uneasily, their hoofs clawing at the ground, as if they were aware of the momentous event to take place within the stable. A small newborn colt lay nestled by his mother's side, basking in the warmth of her body. The stillness was almost unbroken; the only sound was the breathing of horses and cattle.

Suddenly the baby's cry stirred the air; like trumpets declaring the entrance of a king, the cows bellowed, the horses whinnied for joy. Within the stable, sitting on the new mown hay were three people. There was a small, rather delicate woman, with long black hair crowning tender blue eyes. In her arms was a child wrapped in white cloth, with eyes that shone like the stars of this winter evening. His hands, small and innocent, bore little resemblance to those destined to heal the sick and cure the blind. Standing over mother and child was a lean, dark man leaning on a shepherd's staff. His eyes, transfixed toward Heaven, were those of a man giving heart-felt thanks.

This first Christmas was not a "rousing occasion," not a fabulous event; but simple, quiet, and calm: for this morning God had lent His son to earth.

I'm For That Foreign Food

By PEG MATLACK

Love those foreign dishes. I mean the food dishes, of course.

If you've ever gone out to eat at one of those cozy places that serve the foreign foods, you know what I'm talking about.

You walk into this beautifully decorated miniature tavern (beautifully decorated with wine bottles hanging from the ceiling, wine bottles with candles in them for lights, and of course there's a complimentary bottle of wine on the table from the chef) and you are greeted at the door by one of those suave head-waiters with a cute little napkin folded neatly over his arm who escorts you to a dimly-lit corner and motions to the violinists to come over and play for you. They are playing a romantic tune and you're just getting into the mood of things when a cute Brooklyn hash-joint waitress comes over and inquires politely, "So wat cha kids gonna have, eh?" You smile bravely and from what you can see of the menu in the dim light you order the chef's spaghetti specialty. Heh, Heh, you think to yourself, you certainly pulled one over on her didn't you, clever one? CRASH. The platter of spaghetti hits the place in front of you, the waitress smiles a toothless smile and leaves you with your meal.

Such a meal they wouldn't think of eating themselves, but feed it to the customers? Ah, yes. You have to admit, it would make a stunning rug or something; the colors are really terrific. All the reds, greens, yellows, purples, chartreuses, fuschias all mixed together on your plate, you lucky dog. You keep telling yourself that it can't possibly taste as bad as it looks; you tell yourself this until you get enough courage to take the first bite that is; then it's every man for himself. You very tactfully push the plate to the other side of the table and pray that she doesn't remember that you ordered salad too, but efficient that she is, she remembers and brings it to you quick as a bunny. You wonder how such a dinky restaurant can afford to pile the bowl so high with lettuce? Eat the first two leaves off the top and peek underneath, and what do you find hiding under there that makes it seem like you have so much lettuce? Onions, naturally.

Once again you push the plate aside and wave to the waitress to bring you the dessert. "The cheery one" returns with a plate of apple pie with the chef's own topping--a mixture of tomato sauce, hot peppers, and garlic placed smack dab in the middle of your pie for that authentic foreign flavor.

You pull ten dollars out of your pocket and you and your date slip quietly out the back door and it's off to Hot Shoppes for a good old fashioned Mighty Mo and french fried onion rings.

Editorial

Student Government activities took a turn for the best last week with the proposal of two constitutional amendments. The new resolutions if passed, should have an interesting if not startling effect upon Gables High politics.

The more progressive amendment, the one which calls for political parties, is a step toward stimulating greater interest among students for student government politics. The need for this stimulation became apparent last year as candidates for five of the school's most important offices were unopposed in their elections. These offices are Student Government President, Vice President, and Secretary, and senior class President and Vice President.

The political parties could serve as an effective way to renew interest in our school's politics. They would bring each election closer to the student body and provide everyone with a new outlet to express their opinions and political viewpoints.

Student Government can be a powerful tool in the hands of the students if they show enough interest to use it. Here is an opportunity to start taking advantage of our government.

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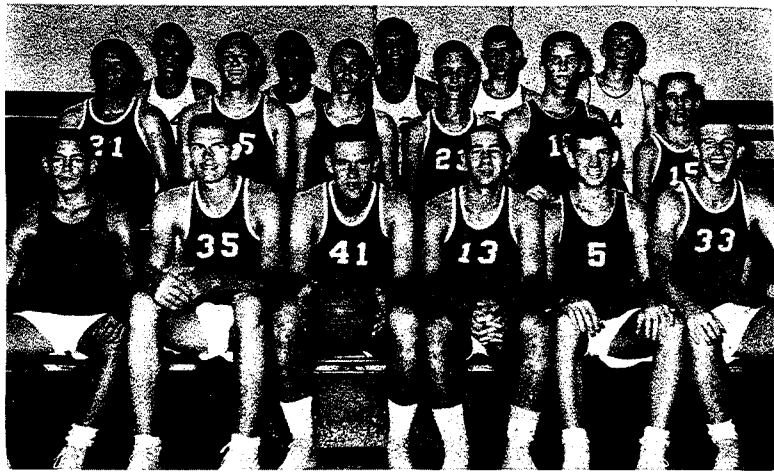
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Gables Opens Season With South Broward

The pairings for the 1961 Pompano Beach Holiday Basketball Tournament have been announced. The Cavaliers open up the tourney Tuesday night, December 26, at 7:15 against South Broward. Fort Lauderdale and Daytona Beach Seacrest will meet in the 9:00 nightcap. Pompano Beach meets Miami Beach and Fort Lauderdale Stranahan meets Orlando Boone Wednesday night. The semi-finals will be Thursday night. The finals and consolation will be played Friday night.

Almost all the participants will have started their seasons by December 26. This will put the Cavaliers at a disadvantage.

No one team can be selected as the tournament champion favorite. Only Gables and South Broward will be questionable quantities. The Bulldogs were ripped graduation as were the Cavaliers. Also, this will be the Cavaliers first game of the season.

Our 1961-62 basketball team consists of the following members: first row; Mike Duncan, Ellis Shaw, Steve Clifford, Larry Blume, H. Dale, Ted Waters, second row; Richie Harper, Phil Junger, Bob Winter, John German, John Gazitua, Mike Sandler, third row; Jim Smeenge, Carlos Royo, Vic Mendoza, Mike Royo, and Charles Shepard.

Sophomores Get New Intramural Program

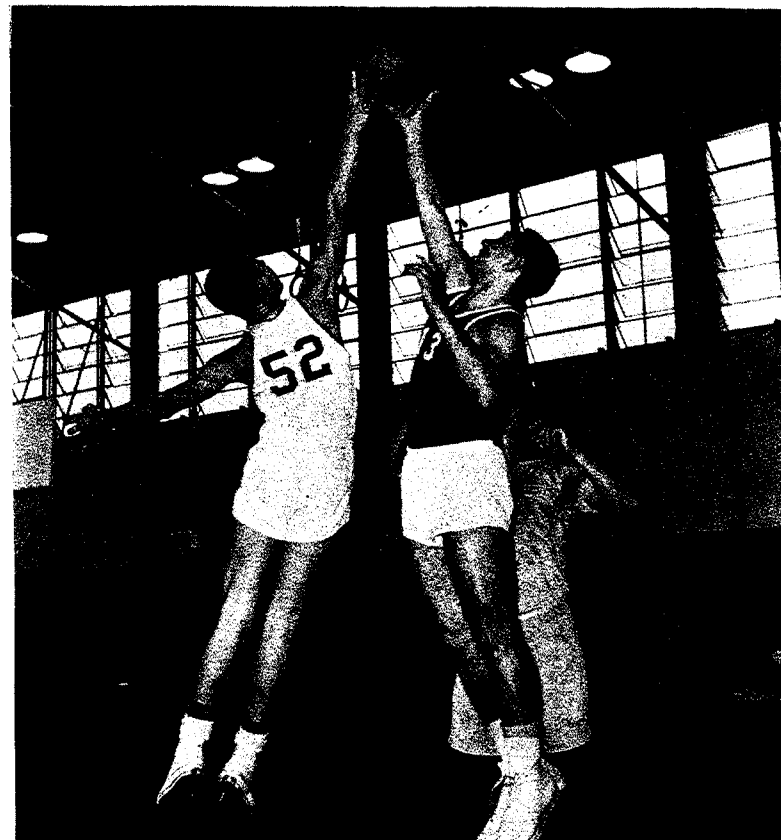
The Phys Ed department has instituted a new system of intramurals for the Sophomores. It is a point system with ten points for fielding a team, ten points for winning, 25 points for placing second in a sport, and 50 for finishing first. The aim of the system is to stimulate interest in intramurals on a homeroom level.

The teams are now involved in volleyball. It will be carried over into basketball and softball. At the end of the year a trophy will be awarded to the winning homeroom.

North Miami High Perils Big Ten Conference

After two years of membership North Miami High has dropped out of the Big Ten Conference because of rising costs. This cuts Big Ten membership down to five (Gables, Miami High, Edison, Jacksonville Lee, and Jacksonville Jackson). Plans are for the conference, however, to continue in operation. At present, no other schools are interested in membership in the conference.

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Two members of the 1961-62 Cavalier basketball team, Mike Royo (52) and Larry Blume (13), practice jumping center in preparation for the season opener against South Broward in the Pompano Tournament on December 26.

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Library Council Listens To Talk

Gables librarians were hosts at the Dade County High School Library Council held on Thursday, December 7.

Principal Harry N. Rath opened the meeting by welcoming the guests and expressing his appreciation for the work performed by the student librarians.

The guest speaker was Mr. Fred Shaw of the University of Miami, who gave an inspiring talk concerning the importance of wholesome reading in high school and college.

Nominations were held for officers of the State High School Library Council. Those selected from Gables were: Ann Howie, for president; Janet Powell, for corresponding secretary; and Sam M a n n a n e, for parliamentarian. Elections will be held next May at the State Convention in Leesburg.

The meeting was adjourned after hearing from president Buddy Ulm and vice-president Tom Varnes.

X-C announced its sweetheart and sponsor. Left to right are: Sharon Lester, sponsor; Joyce Morrill, sponsor; Lois Stoker, sweetheart; and Carol Brewington, sponsor. Top row: Bill Sadowski, president; Tom Backmeyer, treasurer; Bill Schneider, vice president; and Mike Donahue, secretary.

CLUB CAPERS

Before Christmas vacation downs us with presents and excitement, the clubs at Gables are performing their last activities until next year.

Roman Holiday, Anyone?

December 14-24 hosts an ancient Roman festival called "Saturnalia". JUNIOR CLASSICAL LEAGUE'S regular December meeting used this as its theme. December 19 they held a special Christmas meeting--all depicting the Roman holiday spirit.

Biology Election Results After Christmas

The newly formed Biology Club announced the requirements for officers. All members with a "C" average who presented a petition signed by 10% of the group were eligible if validated by the Election Board and the sponsor, Mr. Kerchner.

The results of the election will be known after Christmas vacation. Any sophomore, junior, or senior who is taking biology or has taken it may join this club. After maintaining membership you must maintain a "C" average. Look for the meeting dates on the activities board outside the main office.

Literary Society To Tap

Monday night, at Judy Linick's house the LITERARY CLUB listened attentively to the creative writing of member prospects. Tapping will take place shortly.

Attention, everyone! If you like fruit and cake why not combine your tastes and buy delicious (and fattening) fruit cake from any CRES-CENT member. Eat now and avoid the diet craze.

Future Business Leaders Of America Tapped New Members

Promising leaders in the business world were tapped by the honorary FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA. They are: Linda Gross, Barbara Conser, Lynda Stone, Roberta Sullivan, Floranne Ouzoonian, Sharon Moffat, Collette Dupras, Dorothy Smith, Vivian Cruz, Carolyn Sever, Carolyn Parker, Patti Burke, Linda Bechtel, Geraldine Kaplan, Dorma Sisk, and Lynne Sullivan.

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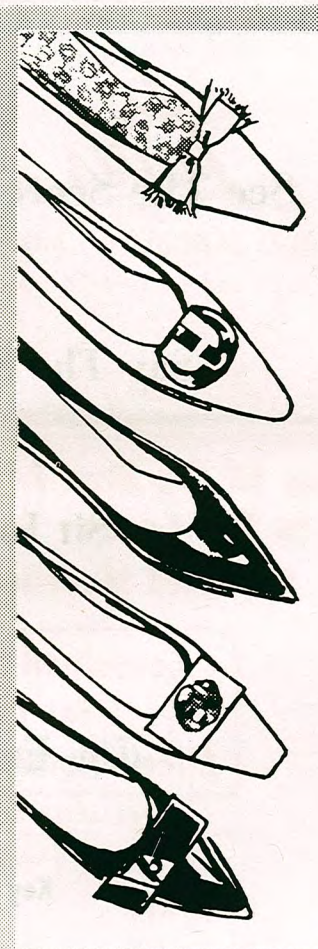


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G.A.A. Shows Spirit At Christmas Time

The Girls' Athletic Association was really in the spirit of Christmas the night of December 16. Starting the evening off right, the girls went Christmas caroling around the neighboring homes.

A combination Christmas party and business meeting followed at the home of their chaplain, Carol King, Carol, who lives on the Coral Gables waterway, planned entertainment which included fishing, boating, and lots of eats for all. This marked the first official meeting of all new members and the pledges delighted in forming a clean-up committee after the fun was over.

Helping others to enjoy a merrier Christmas, G.A.A. has sent appropriate subscriptions of magazines to the Hope School and the Old Folks Home. These magazines were thoroughly enjoyed by the children and gave the older men and women ideas for Christmas decorations.

One of the many sales by the G.A.A. offered many people a wider selection of Christmas cards and gift wrapping paper. The profits of this sale will finance future projects and drives.



Valentines at Christmas?!

Future Teachers of America will begin making valentines during Christmas vacation, in order to inscribe requested verses for Valentines Day. The girls will take orders following the Christmas holidays. Special verses are being prepared for the sponsors and sweethearts to present to their clubs.

Tip Toppers Give Children's Party

Saturday, December 23, the members of Tip Toppers will give their annual Christmas party for the 135 dependent Negro children of Ward B at the Kendall Home. There will be a "real" Santa Claus with gifts for all; along with songs, stories, and proper Christmas refreshments.

The following Wednesday the annual alumni get together will be held.

Six Outstanding Journalists Tapped

Quill and Scroll, the journalism honorary society, tapped six new members on Tuesday, December 12. Tapped were Joyce Denis, Gretchen Vandenberg, Donna Criswell, Lynn Fenster, Margie Morrison, and Janet Hall.

These students have made outstanding contributions to the journalism publications: the HIGHLIGHTS, the school newspaper, and the CAVALEON, the yearbook. They must have a minimum of 200 printed inches, be a junior or a senior, and have a 3.0 average in Journalism.

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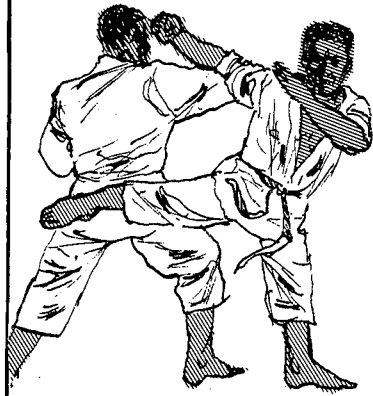
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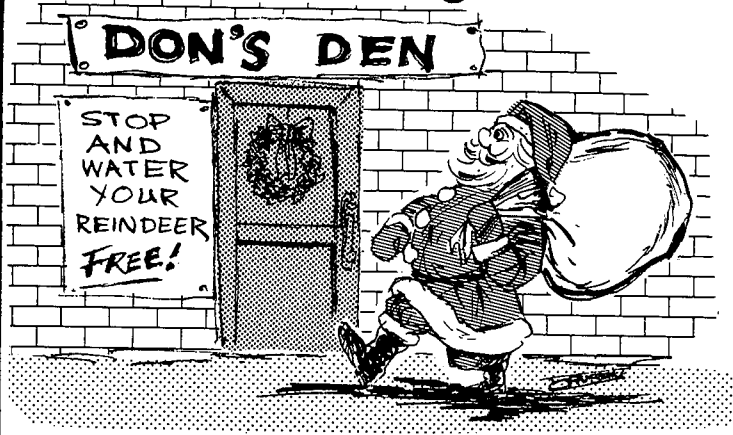
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The Big Tease

By MADY BERGER

Not only is economy going up, but so are hair styles! They seem to get higher, fuller, and bigger as the days go by. The invention of hair teasing never ceases to amaze me. It started in Paris,

where it had a soft, natural look, but on some of our girls, it looks as if the directions got mixed up in the mail.

It isn't that I mind teased hair styles, but what does bother me is not being able to see over a girl's teased head when I'm sitting in the bleachers watching a sports game. Especially if I happen to be interested in the outcome of the game--like most people are who pay to go to the event in the first place.

But that's nothing to the agony I go through sitting behind a teased-haired babe in class. As soon as the clock hits the three minute home stretch, the girl whips out her eight by ten inch comb and begins to tease away. As the loose hair begins to drift down onto my desk I can think only one thought: One day she is not going to be able to finish her task and will have to be content with looking like the porcupine she is impersonating.

Reporters, Writers Give Pointers To Aspiring Gables Journalists

Do you want to be a newspaper man? If you don't really want to, forget it. A good reporter must have the desire and the want to write. He must be curious, having a desire to know why, be able to work under pressure, be flexible, have flair and be able to think in words, pictures and motion. This is what it takes to make a career out of journalism according to top writers and journalists from all over the country who met at the Buildorama of Dupont Plaza Center recently for a seminar by the Greater Miami Chapter of Theta Sigma Phi.

Journalism offers chances for advancement to those who like the work. The medium of photography and picture editing will offer great opportunities in the future as talented persons in this field are badly needed.

A good all around liberal arts education is advisable. However, if you can't go to college, take any kind of a job writing for a newspaper. If you have talent, it will be recognized. There is nothing original on earth, it is all a copy. If you can adapt and

change old ideas and come up with a fresh new concept then you're in.

Today's writing is largely perceptive. Be able to evaluate, make rational decisions, and have a creative imagination.

Once you become a writer you have the opportunity to meet people in all walks of life, to influence public opinion, and to save our way of life by accurate reportage.

If you are working for a school annual, you have a chance to be creative. Students today hold to tradition which stifles their imagination. If you must be a free lance writer, get the publication "Writer's Market." Send your article to one publisher only (at a time) and to the publication that you think your article will appeal to.

Now that you have the "experts" opinion, the word expert, according to Joy Reese Shaw, the prize winning reporter for the Miami Herald, means, "X", an unknown factor; "spurt", a drip under pressure.

District VI Convenes To Discuss New Idea

Coral Gables Senior High will host a constitutional revision meeting of the District VI Association of Student Councils in the middle of January. Our school's student government is now serving as President of the association.

The January meeting will investigate a number of revisions that the executive board feels are needed. Foremost of these calls for a new system of succeeding officers. This would create first, second, and third vice presidents who each year would move one position higher. The creation of the offices would assure the association that their president is experienced in District VI business matters. In the past Presidents have complained that they spent too much time learning what they were supposed to do.

As President of the association, our student government has also planned other activities for the future. Among them is a workshop to be held in Key West in April, shortly after the state student council meeting in March. The April meeting will serve to initiate prospective candidates for next year's offices into the workings of the association.

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