

Swim Across Your Own Channel

There's an old story about a very foolish man who set out to swim the English Channel. He swam all the way out to the middle and decided he couldn't make it. So he turned around and swam back.

If that man could make it back to the shore where he started, it stands to reason he could have made it to the other side, an equal distance away. Yet he gave up because it seemed to far away.

How many high school students are today making the very same mistake. Of course they are not trying to swim the English Channel but they have a special one of their own. Their channel is their year at school.

These students will go for one semester, a half of a school year, and then they will decide they cannot make the other half. So they are now ready to drop out without going on to the other side, to finish out the year.

Now half of our present year is over. Students are now at that crucial middle mark. Most of our students are going to finish the year. They will not be so foolish as to stop and turn around. However some will not follow them on to the end of the channel.

Those which will continue have proved they can go this far. The other half is in sight for them. Why not make the year complete? You can swim YOUR channel, too!

Do You Master Your Fate?

Oh! So you're not a teacher's pet? So you don't get the best grades because teachers don't stay after school to give you extra help? Is all that right?

Usually students say "It seems that some students are always on top . . . because teachers coach and assist them after hours . . . others of us who aren't so good (because of lack of assistance would like a little help also. I'm ready, willing, and able—but can't do much without willing co-operation."

He might be ready for and he might be able to profit from co-operation from his instructors, but is he really willing? "God helps him who helps himself" is a time-honored saying. Folks who reach the highest rungs of the ladder of success really work for their position. They don't wait for success to come to them; they go out after it.

Ask your teacher to give you extra help and tell her of your ambitions to make good. Ten to one you'll get co-operation.

You won't be a "Teacher's pet" either. That brand doesn't really do any work; they just flatter people bluff their lessons. Work for your own good and you'll be on top.

It's your move now. After all, who really is the master of your fate?????

Be Proud as an Individual

"On October 23, 1958, Boris Pasterak, the great Russian poet and novelist, was awarded the Nobel Prize of Literature.

Then came the deluge—a deluge of abuse in his own country, vaster and more ferocious than any poet in history has.

Even after renouncing the prize the campaign still continued in full fury.

Why did the Kremlin take this stand against Pasternak and his book? Dr. Zhiago tells of a crucial time in Russian History and strikes at the core of the Soviet system.

How does that concern you, a student at Hialeah? Because he exalts man above the state, life above dogma, and conscience above conformity. That's it. The important message to you the builders of tomorrow's world.

"Conscience above conformity". The wisdom of these words will perhaps coax or force open that little door in your mind and make you think. Do you "Let your conscience be your guide?" When you come to the choices you make every day? They may seem little at the time but by making the right decision then it will aid you in making really big ones.

Often it comes to the choice between going along with the gang or doing what you know is correct. Just because your best friends jump off a cliff, will you? Of course not, if you are of reasonable intelligence. Then why go drag, take a drink or stay out a little late just because "Everyone else does?"

You are an individual. Be one proudly. It is your God-given right in this country to make your own choices. Use it, don't abuse it.

Hialeah Paper Doll



JO-ANN BUJOLD, SENIOR, THIS WEEK'S PAPER DOLL. Jo-Ann is an active member in Y-Teens and is on the staff of the '59 annual. When asked how she liked Hialeah High School, she replied, "I think Hialeah High is the best high school in Dade County. I wouldn't go to any other school."

Is It Always Greener On the Other Side?

Among the many new problems which seem to arise each school year at this time, is the too common dilemma of early marriages. Although there have been many teenage girls who have married young, and have had a happy and successful marriage, regretfully speaking, there are just as many, if not more, unsuccessful marriages, mostly because of the immature age at which the marriage trend falls, today in modern times.

Not only are those adolescent girls inexperienced, (pertaining to the business world, or people in general), unable to accept responsibilities, but they are also throwing aside one of the most important aspects of their marriage and also concerning parenthood, which is the vitalness and importance of a good education.

Too many girls foolishly try to run away from one problem, quite often concerning home relations, and most assuredly run face to face with even larger and greater problems.

Frequently, most teenage girls tend to be too optimistic, in thinking that "its always greener on the other side," but they soon find out that "life isn't a bowl of cherries."

No one wants to tell these girls what to do or just how to run their lives, but instead a helpful bit of information, concerning the actual facts of this particular matter is being submitted to the teenage girls who really is seeking to have a successful marriage in the future, and is willing to listen to all unbiased opinions and various facts.

It also may be a guide to you—future Mrs.—to read the enticing article, written by Rosalind Russell, "I'm Glad I Didn't Marry Young," in the February edition of the Reader's Digest.

Reckless Drivers Mistreat Safety

Since Hialeah High has had two accidents in the past month you would think that the students would be more careful before and after school. But students are just as careless and reckless just as if there were no accidents to remind them how careful and cautious they should be.

Darting between buses without looking is one of the most dangerous things a person can do around a crowded school, a school crowded with school buses, cars and students. Of course this is only one of the dangerous accidents that can occur but all of them are very important. Each should be treated with the same amount of caution and safety.

Record Notes

By SUSAN CHARLES

Once again the idea of the senior parking lot and its courtesies come into view. Taking into respect that the lines are small and hard to get between, we offer these suggestions:

1. Don't roar into the lot. Drive carefully.
2. Park as nearly between the lines as you possibly can. That last space that need only another inch for a car may be the one reserved for you.
3. When parking in front of the auditorium, park immediately behind the card in front of you. Don't park just on the end and leave two spaces which are impossible to get to.
4. Please be careful about papers and trash thrown about the place.

Now that it is getting toward the end of school, students are seemingly getting a devil-may-care attitude about their studies and their respect toward the school. It may be spring, and it may not. It could be well to remember that all through life, one will be bound by his friends and by culture. The teenage time is the best opportunity to get into the swing of the culture and not try to buck the world.

The fallslater on will be bigger and harder to take. Reality will have to be faced some time and hiding behind a gang or impressionable belief will not help.

Face your studies and accept your responsibilities.

Not All Can Lead Some Must Follow

Let's face it, we can't all be leaders. Not all of us have the ability or talent that others possess. So we resign ourselves to be followers.

Here at Hialeah High, we have both leaders and followers in each grade level. The leaders are those people that everyone seems to know and look up to.

For example, at the junior assembly a few weeks ago, the magazine subscription lists were given out. The leaders of the class were very enthusiastic about them. Then came the average students who sat back and thought, "Well I guess I'll take at least one subscription, that will mean I've done my part for the Junior class." Then there were that certain few. The group that took the pamphlet subscription list, and they either tore it up, or made airplanes out of it.

Why were these students in school; most of them don't have to be here, they are over 16, but either their parents made them go, or they are too lazy to work.

It is mainly these few individuals that this article is written for. If you can't be a leader, at least be a good follower. Don't sit back and take a lazy attitude, not caring what goes on. Pick yourself up out of that rut, and wake up. Why don't you try to support those leaders for a change, don't let them do all the work, and some day you might find to your surprise you're not just a good follower anymore, but a leader!

Let HHS Stand on Own Feet

The senior privileges have late come into a bright light. Many students want these privileges and also want to make sure they have the same or equal ones as high schools who have been in session many, many, years. Research has been suggested on the privileges of other schools.

These schools probably worked long and hard for these and Hialeah should, earn hers also.

Why doesn't H.H.S. stand on her own two feet and form her own traditions and senior rights. These are honors and should be earned—not donated.

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