

Jeff Coopwood wins Florida Best Actor

Miami High senior Jeff Coopwood was named Best Actor in the state by the Florida State Thespian Conference at the competitions held March 6-9 at the University of Miami.

Jeff, who was also the South Florida District Thespian Society's best actor, in Miami High's Silver Knight nominee for drama. Besides the Best

Actor award he placed second in the state in monologue, competing against 72 other high school students.

Last December Jeff played the part of Purlie in the black musical, "Purlie", which was staged at Miami Dade Community College North Campus.

He taught drama, debate, and public speaking during the summer at the University of

Miami to a group of various high school students. He hopes to become a professional actor and plans to attend New York University.

Jeff is also an N.F.L. member, Literary Honor Society, M.H.S. concert chorus and Honorary German Club member.

Jeff also adds to his list of accomplishments the fact that he won first place in declamation on a state wide basis in 1972-73, 13th place in the nation and was awarded third place in 1974-75 for the category of Outstanding Speaker. Jeff was also a N.F.L. (National Forensic League) Debate state semi finalist as well as a National Catholic Forensic League National Quarter finalists in the category of Debate.

Concerning his award of Best Actor in the state he also made the statement that he was pleased and very surprised to attain the state wide recognition that he is now receiving for his efforts.



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Jeff Coopwood, Silver Knight nominee, outstanding student.