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Race week brings a change for the Sebring girls, too.

"There are 15 benches out there in the park in the middle of that traffic circle," said 20-year-old Bonnie Jean Fisher, the Sebring librarian. "That's one bench for every eligible single girl in this town." Bonnie Jean, and the rest of the town's young ladies, were as popular as chorus girls this weekend — the men outnumber the wemen at least 30-1 here. Sebring girls, like local motels, take reservations for dates a year in advance for this festival.

There are 10 hotels in Sebring, with a total of 730 rooms, and 11 motels, with 173 living units, and many of these are filled by the 3,000 tourists — mostly retirees — who winter in Sebring. But the Chamber of Commerce estimates that 33,000 added sleepers are here overnight on the Friday evening of race week.

Like the race drivers they come to see, the spectators warmed up for yesterday's main event by driving around in circles.

Police Chief Curi keeps two barricades in his storeroom, marked "do not enter." These are brought out for race week, and placed at the points where Ridgeway St. intersects with the mid-town traffic circle. "The kids don't have anywhere else to go," said Fritz, the officer in charge, "and if we don't put up the barricades to stop them, they just ride around and around the circle all night."

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Alpha-Romeo collided along the inside of the race course, rupturing the gas tank of the Alpha-Romeo and sending a falming sheet of gasoline splashing against a three-foot-high wall separating the spectators from the race course.

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Bob Johnson of Columbus, Ohio, whose Cobra was in fourth place at the time — with one hour remaining in the race — received bad bruises as his car flipped end over end before coming to a , halt under the spectator bridge which crosses the course just below the main grandstand.

Observers in the area said it was a miracle that spectators weren't bathed in the flaming gasoline. One crewman received minor burns and scratches in the near stampede to evacuate the vicinity.

Both cars were destroyed in the accident and Sebring fire fighter spent 10 minutes trying to extinguish the flames. As hundreds of curiosity 'seekers converged on the area. Fiorida Highway patrolmen and race course officials were forced to get rough.

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According to pit stewards, Sanesi — driving a comparatively small racing car — was driving slowly along the inside of the course, with a crank shaft malfunction.

Johnson, who took over the driver's chores from Dan Gurney minutes before, came racing down the straightway at better than 150 MPH and smashed into left rear of Sanesi's car. The tank ruptured and gasoline exploited, while Johnson's car lost a wheel and began flipping over.

The sheet of flame covered more than twenty yards of the pit area and flames shot better than 15 feet in the area as fire engines raced through the maze of parked cars in the padock area to reach the scene.

It was the only sizable accident of the day and the major one here in four years. A Tampa Tribune photographer and a California driver were killed here four years ago in a single accident on the hairpin turn. Manager and

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during race weekend the bar is open as long as there is

The ice runs out isso hours before midnight. Perhaps the most attentive spectators at the downtown Sebring show are the tourist mostly elderly people, who vacation here. They stand a the edge of the bagpipe concerts, sit on the green be-he so outside the Circle Bar and stroll between the young celebrants, cheerful and enjoying the enthusiasm of yout.

Today, they will return to their shaded haunts at the tourist club, where the most exciting game on the premises is shuffleboard.

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Miami-Dade Junior College's baseball team, with eight straight victories and a 9-2 recvoid going into this weekend's games, has a double opportuni ty this week to gain undisputed postession at first place in the Florida Junior College Confer-

The Falcens play best to Man-ate J.C. of Bradenton, defend-ing state champs. Thursday and Friday, in the latter part of a four-game schedule.

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### **Plugs Important**

Experts point out that poor fucl economy is often the fault of old plugs. A good spark from a clean, new plug with the right gap will cut fuel costs and im-prove engine performance.

Cobra's 1963 Sebring showing, when the Ford-powered en trants lasted only half of the race. 4.48 1.48 1.78 (eg) 1.88 1.48 (eg) 1.88 1.48 - drove the second-place car, with John Surtees, of London, and Lorenzo Bandini, of Italy, finishing third. - T. 1788 14. Br. Fin. Odda 1 1 12's 1.50 The winning car traveled the record distance of 214 laps, a Sebring record of some 1,128 miles. FIFTH - Tret S Ferrari dominated the early race. After 20 laps of the 5.2 mile course, they held five of the first six places. By 2 p.m. however, four hours into the race, three Ford Cohras had moved into challenging positions, running fifth, sixth and seventh.

Miami Mayor Robert King High, a gubernatorial candi-date and a sometime-motorcycle rider, was the starter — and he got quite a jolt when more than 66 of the starting

Roger Penske, in a Corvette Grand Sport, took the lead and - one of the day's shining minor triumphs - held it through the first lap when Surtees lost control of his car briefly on the Webster curve. The inevitable Ferraris took it from there. Pedro Rodriguez, who co-drove the 1964 Daytana Con-tinental winner with Phil Hill, ran into trouble immediately - losing a spare tire in the first bour and was the first of the Ferraris out of the race. It was withdrawn at 1:30 p.m. with engine malfunctions and a bad water hose.

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In the two seasons Pete Liske was Penn State's No. 1 quarter-back, the Nittany Lions compil-ed a 16-4 won-lost record.



Those Fumes Can Make It Awfully Smoggy On The Track

**Ferraris Do** 

It Again

At Sebring

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drivers began racing for their cars a full five seconds be fore the signal was given. There are no recalls in marathous like this — early seconds stolen mean little in a 12-hour

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# **Pompano Results**