

'Premier plan' voted down

DEREK JOY
Contributor

The Board of Regents (BOR) voted 5-2 to oppose adoption of Policy 26 of the 'Role and Scope' study at their meeting in Tallahassee on March 6.

Policy 26 would have given the University of Florida and Florida State University "flagship" status within the State University System (SUS). These two universities would have been given preference in the area of advanced programs.

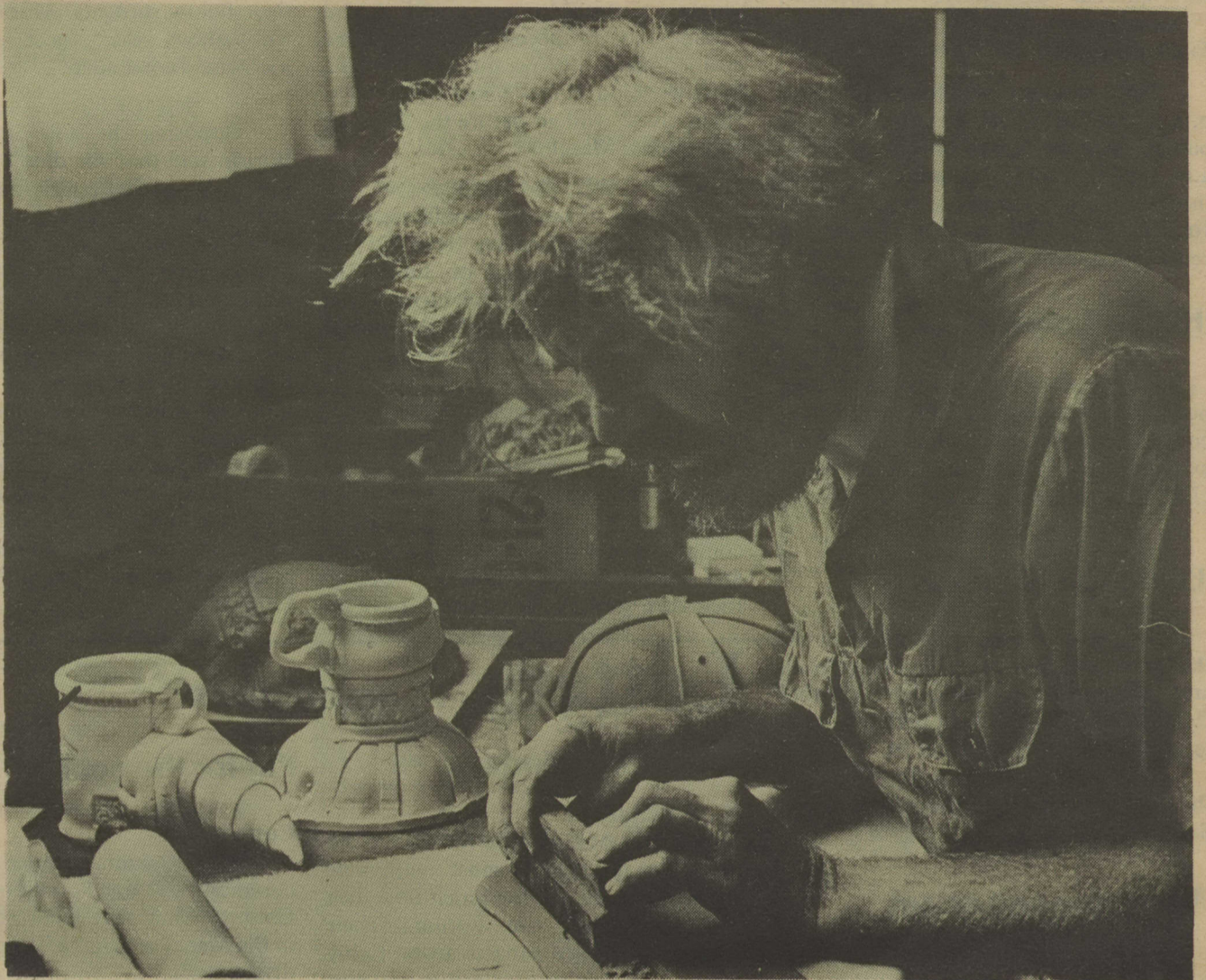
Regent Murray H. Dubbin, who voted against Policy 26, said, "It served no useful purpose. It contained language that upset everyone."

"We (the BOR) made it clear that new programs would still have to prove their worth. The universities can now perform their missions without restraints," Dubbin said.

BOR Chairman James J. Gardener, who cast his vote in favor of Policy 26, said "The process of getting programs approved hasn't changed. Policy 26 was a common misunderstanding."

"We never said we won't approve graduate programs," Gardener said. "The demand and need for advanced programs must be met. The process of getting these programs approved is still the same."

President Harold B. Crosby was pleased with the decision. He indicated the decision won't restrict growth and development at FIU.



Internationally-known ceramicist Erik Gronborg will be on campus March 23 and 24 to present workshops and a lecture. Gronborg has exhibited his work in the U.S. and Europe. The workshops will focus on hand-building in clay and will be from 10 to 4 the 23rd and 24th in the Ceramic Hanger at the northeast corner of campus. The lecture will deal with his own work and will be Friday, at 8 p.m. in UH 150.

BEA votes 'no confidence' in Crosby

Bias charged over VP posts

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President Harold B. Crosby's recent permanent appointment of two vice presidents was followed by a vote of 'no confidence' by the Black Employees Association (BEA).

The President announced his appointment of Joseph Olander as executive vice president and Judy Merritt as vice president for student affairs at a meeting of the Hispanic Employees Association (HEA) on March 3.

"As I weighed the pros and cons of this decision, I believed it would be best for everyone concerned," he said. "I had very broad consultations with many people. I am convinced I complied with all laws."

BEA (faculty) members, through attorney H. T. Smith, alleged "President Crosby's decision to make these high level appointments without search and

screen committees is discriminatory against blacks and other minorities."

Smith requested a time slot on the BOR's April agenda to present BEA faculty members' charges and complaints. Smith is scheduled to meet the BOR Personnel Committee Chairman, Murray Dubbin, on March 27, at the North Miami Campus.

According to Dubbin, BOR Chairman James J. Gardener instructed him to hold the meeting "to listen to the grievances."

President Crosby indicated he "went to four senates with the question of whether or not to use the search and screen or a shorter process." He added, "This was in the interest of stability."

Smith emphasized, "All of the appointees have been white since Crosby obtained BOR approval to reorganize the administrative structure at FIU."

The President expressed disappointment with the BEA vote. "I believed it would work out well. People fail to look at the whole picture," he said. "This university has done better, comparatively, than the other eight."

Smith indicated blacks view the appointments without search and screen committees as "a scheme to keep top-line administrative positions 'lily white'."

A search and screen committee for the position of vice president for academic affairs submitted a list of applicants that is being reviewed by President Crosby Chronicle of Higher Education—a deletion which April 1.

President Crosby also said the vacant positions were publicized in the SUS publication and not the Chronicle of Higher Education—a deletion which bothered Smith.

University Attorney William Glenn said, "The university hasn't violated any laws."

Crosby said, "I haven't engaged in any discrimination." He further indicated his decision was made to facilitate stability and "move on with the objectives of the university."

Discrimination charges to air on Channel 7, Saturday, March 18

H. T. Smith, the attorney representing the Black Employees Association, will discuss "discriminatory employment practices at FIU" on Channel 7's "Perspectives." The program will be viewed Saturday, March 18, at 1 p.m.

One of the issues to be discussed is why the BEA sought Smith's services. Other issues will be interim appointments, affirmative action and desegregation. Smith has charged to President Harold Crosby that top level administrative appointments are being made in a discriminatory manner, violating both federal civil rights statutes and affirmative action commitments.

Smith is reluctant to discuss plans to challenge hiring practices at FIU but says he is considering several different courses of action.

Smith also represents June Blair, the ex-campus police officer, in her attempt to regain her position with the department of public safety.



Dr. Joseph Olander



Dr. Judy Merritt

In Brief

Fantastic

The theatre division of the Performing Arts Department of Florida International University will present "The Mirror Game," a children's fantasy by Judith Edwards, April 4 — 8.

Daily presentations are set for 2:00 p.m. at the University Theatre. The last performance on April 8 will be at 11:00 a.m. Children under 12 and adults with three or more children are free. Tickets for unaccompanied adults are \$1 and 50 cents for children over 12.

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Leading Sociologist

Reinhard Bendix, past president of the American Sociological Association and professor of sociology at the University of California at Berkeley, will lecture at FIU March 28 and 29.

For further information, contact the FIU Sociology-Anthropology Society, at 552-2247.

Welcome and orient

On Mar. 27, 1978 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. the Department of School and College Relations will present a Spring Quarter Orientation to welcome new students and familiarize them with available services.

The Orientation will be inside University House in order to increase student contact. Student Government will fund musical entertainment and food for Orientation. The program will also include a slide presentation, a welcome from Dr. Judy Merritt, and an informal exchange between students and representatives from all areas and departments in the University.

Concrete concepts

FIU is holding its first "Sidewalk Art Festival" May 12 and 13, 1978 in conjunction with International Week (May 8-13).

Prize money totaling \$1,250 has been made available (\$300 Best Show, seven(7) \$100 awards and ten (10) \$25 merit awards at the discretion of the judges). Categories eligible for entry are Oil/Acrylic/Mixed Media, Watercolor, Ceramics, Graphics, Jewellery, Weaving, Leather, Photo Art and Sculpture.

Applications are available from and should be mailed to FIU, Student Activities, UH 211, by April 1st. Artists may call 552-2137 or 552-2121 if an application needs to be mailed.

Two tongue talk

The Tri-ethnic Bilingual Program of FIU in conjunction with the State of Florida Department of Commerce, is organizing a conference to explore the role of bilingualism/biculturalism in the present and future growth of this area.

The conference, which will be held at the FIU campus, UH 210, on Thursday, Mar. 16, will start at 9 a.m. and is free to all participants.

For information, contact Miguel Gonzales-Pando or Maria Andrea Santamaria at 552-2646.

Senators try helping themselves—to more money

Two members of the FIU Student Senate, Mický Minagorri and Andre Tapanes have proposed a bill to raise the senators' salary \$100 per quarter. The bill, entitled "God Helps Those Who Help Themselves" will go before the SGA on Wednesday, March 15.

The bill, if passed, would raise the senators' quarterly salary from \$250 to \$350, effective the end of June. The approximate \$12,000 total increase per year would come out of the SGA budget and would be their first pay increase.

"The senators more than deserve a raise, based on my personal observation of their productivity," said Senator Jim McDonald. "The average senator puts in 30 hours per week in committee meetings, including weekends and vacations," he added. "Besides their own studies, the senators have the

added responsibility of representing their fellow students. This extra money will offset their cost of living," McDonald concluded.

Opposing the bill, Senator Cindy Burton said that she didn't see how the bill could pass with the spring election so near. "Many of the senators will be afraid to vote in favor of raising their salaries three weeks before the election. At least 17 of the 35 positions will be open and a bill requires two-thirds of those voting to pass. Personally, I fear that the additional money will attract more individuals who are only interested in the salary," Burton added.

FIU's SGA is one few student senates in the SUS whose associates are paid. The increase would bring the projected annual payroll to almost \$50,000.

Letters . . . and regrets

Praise the Winds

To the Editor:

A word of thanks to the FIU Wind Ensemble for their most enjoyable performance during the lunch hour last Friday (3/3) in the Forum. Their melodic offerings ranged from richly classical numbers to toe-tapping marches to an instrumental presentation of the ever popular West Side Story. Parts of the concert were heard by as many as four hundred FIU students, many of whom were on their way to classes, work, home, etc., but were drawn to the music nonetheless. The Ensemble, led by their spirited conductor (Yoshito Obata) gave us a splendid hour of entertainment. I'm sure that many of us look forward to their next performance.

TOM RICHMEYER
Elementary Education
adjunct professor

Raspberries for Saga, International

To the Editor:

Last week's International story about Saga food service was outrageous!

The story was one sided, giving the views only of Saga employees and supporters. Everyone says how peachy keen everything is, but they don't mention that Saga is not living up to its contract.

Saga does not provide the required five-meal per week plan with savings over posted prices, and Saga has sometimes discouraged student groups from bringing outside vendors on campus.

The story cites "overwhelming support" for Saga, but in fact only 51 per cent of those voting last fall supported the present system. Approximately 70 per cent felt that the cafeteria and Rat should be run as a non-profit organization. And keep this in mind: the students (even those in SGA) have not seen the proposed new contract.

The story left unchallenged Argudin's statement that the Student Senate supports a renewal of the contract! It has never even come up at an SGA meeting.

Until there is some student input, this is one student who does not support the renewal of Saga's contract!

NAME WITHHELD

Par for the course

Correction:

The discounts received by the FIU community at the Fountainbleau Park Country Club were incorrectly reported in the Mar. 7 article "FIU golfers receive discounts".

The correct discounts are as follows for students, faculty and staff. Weekdays and weekends, before 1 p.m., ½ green fees and full cart fee. After 1 p.m., full cart fee only.

To the Editor:

I am quite disappointed by the use of exaggerated, misleading and sensational headlines in the FIU school newspaper, the International. I cite the following two examples from the Feb. 28th issue:

Page 1: "Police Chief Shot Down"
(with a picture of FIU Chief Fenlon)

Actually, Fenlon is still alive and healthy. This rather bold headline related to a story which told why Fenlon was chastised in a report of the Board of Inquiry.

Page 2: "FIU Accounting Students Aid in the Battle Against IRS"

In reality, these FIU students are working with the IRS, not against it. These students are offering free taxpayer assistance, as part of an IRS sanctioned, approved, funded, and directed program.

Sensational headlines might be appropriate for various supermarket "rags" which are competing for the attention of the busy shopper. However, I personally feel that a university newspaper should seek to attain a more responsible level of journalism than the National Enquirer.

MYRON S. LUBBEL
Assistant Professor
Accounting Department

Editor's note:

Other members of the campus community shared Professor Lubbell's view. We're sorry to those who were negatively affected by the headlines. Suffice it to say a lesson in journalistic judgement was learned.

Communications program approved

A program leading to the degree of Bachelor of Science in Communications Technology was approved by the Board of Regents on March 6.

Delayed more than a year due to the BOR's 'Role and Scope' study, the new program will be implemented beginning the Fall term.

"Traditional courses in the mass communications and something extra will be offered," said Robert W. Ellis, dean of the School of Technology. "Emphasis will be placed on communications technology skills."

"Industry wants mass communications background and communications skills (when filling vacancies)," Ellis said, explaining the benefits of the program. He also emphasized the availability of local industry's facilities as an added benefit.

According to Ellis, the scarcity of jobs was another important factor in planning the program. "Less than 10 per cent of the graduates nation-wide get jobs in the communications industry," he said.

"The program was structured so that community college students can enter easily," Ellis said. However, students with backgrounds other than mass communications can also enter the new program.

It is possible that enrollment could be limited to 200 students per year.

FIU already has a successful placement rate of 40 to 50 per cent. "We want to develop an outstanding program so that people in Florida automatically think of FIU when considering a school of communications," Ellis said.



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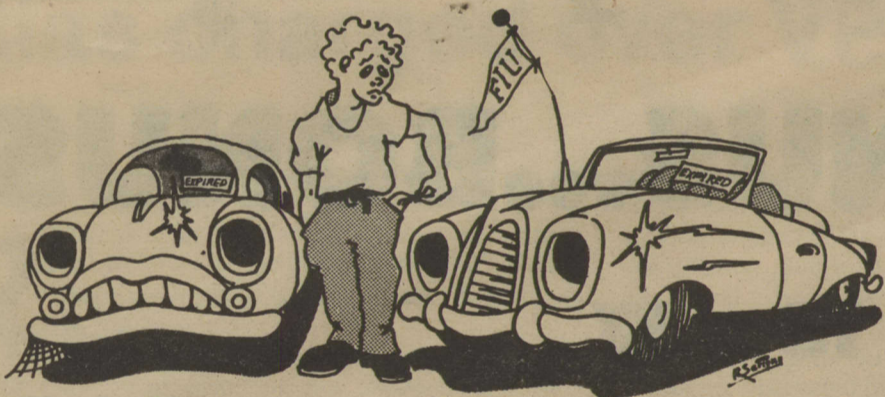
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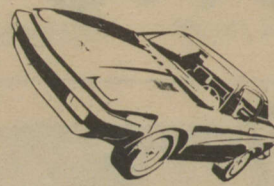
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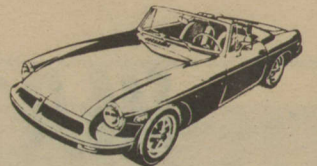
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