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## Bids over budget for NMC building

BILL ASHTON
Staff Writer

Bids received by FIU last week indicate that the North Miami Campus student services building cannot be built with the budget allocated to it.

The contractor submitting the lowest bid said that the job could be done for approximately \$5.6 million, but only \$3.68 million has been budgeted for construction. Bids on the student services center were opened Tuesday, April 4.

If the \$5.6 million bid had been accepted, according to NMC Assistant Vice President for Administrative Affairs Duke Campbell, ground would have been broken within 30 days.

The plans for the NMC student services building (Academic II) include SGA offices, student activities offices, student lounges and other recreational areas, a second floor cafeteria, a third floor pub (similar to Tamiami's Rathskeller), a full-service post office, multi-purpose rooms and a theatre.

Campbell said that "it is not unusual for bids to run one or two hundred thousand dollars over estimate. You can handle it. This is different."

"We have two options. We can

modify the set of plans that the contractor said are substantially over budget, or we can completely redesign the structure—start from scratch. We won't know what to do until we see the report of the architects."

The architects are presently analyzing the differences between cost estimates and bid figures.

FIU Physical Planning Consultant Tad Dooney said that administration officials and architects would get together to "identify costs and arrive at areas that may be cut out." He said that they "would attempt to resolve the bid overrun while retaining all programs, if possible."

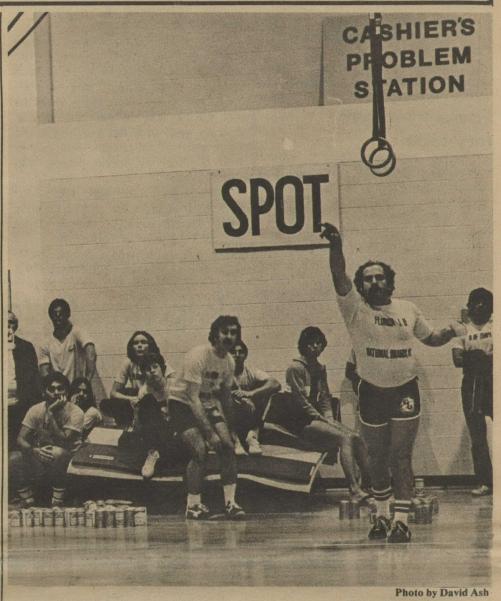
Dooney added that the low-bidding contractor, Shafer and Miller, Inc., was on the site already, because it is building Academic I at the North Miami Campus.

Student activities officials involved in the planning of the NMC center are comfortable with the present plans.

"The design and concept of Academic II will greatly enhance activities at the North Miami Campus," said Lillian Lodge Kopenhaver, assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs. "Looking out on the bay ties in with the concept of the great outdoors."



"The Mirror Game", a children's musical fantasy written and directed by FIU's Professor of Acting and Children's Theatre Judith Edwards, was presented in University Theatre on April 4-8. The play will now tour area schools in conjunction with PACE, April 11-14.



What grace! What style! What am I doing here? See story and photos, page 4.

## Elections continue until Wednesday

BILL ASHTON
Staff Writer

This year's SGA elections have been relatively untouched by controversy. Candidates for four Presiding Board positions are running unopposed, and will enter office April 26, unless confronted with strong write-in opposition.

The four are Cindy Burton, alone on the ballot for Chairman; Ed Rivas, candidate for Comptroller; Linda Kavanagh, running for Consularie; and Fabiola Garcia, running for Scribe.

In the only contested Board race, SGA Associate Albert Hoskin is running against North Miami Campus Council member Richard "Cap" Weinstein for the Associate Chairman position.

Voting in all the races will continue until Wednesday evening. Students voting at the North Miami Campus, however, must cast their ballots before 9 on Tuesday evening.

Commissioner of Elections Micky Minagorri announced Tuesday that four Associate candidates' names had been removed from the ballot. Three of them, Alicia Negrin, Education; Albert Zanetti, Arts and Sciences; and Eduard Vitello, Technology; had collected insufficient signatures on their petitions of candidacy. The fourth, Tharion Abtahi, was found to be a student in the College of Arts and Sciences, despite having filed to run for an Education seat.

All of the disqualified candidates, except Abtahi, are free to continue to run as write-ins.

Minagorri said that the election results will be announced "as soon as possible" Wednesday evening.

All FIU students (including special students) can vote for Presiding Board candidates and proposed constitutional amendments. Degree-seeking students can also vote for Associate candidates in their School or College. See last week's International for details on the amendments and candidates.

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## in brief

#### **Auditions scheduled**

Auditions for the 1978-79 Helen Elizabeth Baker Memorial Scholarship for new or returning students will be held Wednesday, April 26, 1978 in the Athenaeum Auditorium, Tamiami Campus beginning at 10:00 a.m. The recipient of the scholarship shall receive

Students should call the music secretary (552-2895) for an appointment and/or further information.

#### Farmworkers walk for justice

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#### Mayan women studied

"Women In Maya Art" will be the topic of a lecture by Ellen Jacobs, Professor of Art at FIU, at the regular monthly meeting of the Institute of Maya Studies. The meeting will be held in the auditorium of the Museum of Science on Wednesday, April 19, 1978 at 8 p.m.

#### Calendar

- TUESDAY, April 11\_
- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, 9-5 p.m. in
- \* Jewish Film Festival, 12:30-2:00 p.m., UH 140. Faculty Recital, Joe Rohm "My Worlds", AT 100 at 8 p.m.
- Student Government Elections, 9 a.m. 9 p.m., UH Forum.
- WEDNESDAY, April 12
- \* Faculty Senate Meeting, 2 p.m.
- \* Men's Tennis vs. Fla. Bible College at FIU, 2 p.m. \* FIU Softball vs. Miami-Dade South at MDCC South Campus, 3 p.m.
- \* A.I.A./Student Chapter meeting at 4 p.m., UH 212D.
- \* SGA Senate meeting, 11-3 p.m., UH 150.
- I'HURSDAY, April 13\_
- \* SGA Forum meeting, 12:30 1:30 p.m., UH Forum

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## Saga controversy continues

BILL SOPKO Staff Writer

Juan Argudin, Director of Auxilary Services, recently voiced his dismay over an anonymous letter which appeared in the March 14 issue of the International, concerning the re-hiring of Saga food services.

"It is okay for someone to state their opinion—that is what the newspaper is there for. But the facts in that letter are all wrong," said Argudin.

"Out of the whole letter, only the part stating that 51 per cent of the students who voted last year supported the present system is true—and that in itself is deceiving, because only 100 students voted."

(We must note here that Mr. Argudin's figures do not accurately reflect election records. While it is true that 51.3 per cent of those who voted found Saga's service satisfactory, a much more impressive percentage (79.8

support a FIU takeover of food facilities outside caterers. We have never now run by Saga—i.e. the Cafeteria and the Rathskeller. More important is the inaccuracy of Mr. Argudin's statement that "only 100 students voted" —the actual number of voters was 456.)

The letter printed in the International stated that Saga is not living up to terms of it's contract. It stated that Saga does not post the five-meal per week plan, with savings over posted prices, and that Saga has often discouraged student groups from bringing outside vendors on campus.

Argudin argued that "Saga offered the five-meal plan at the beginning of the fall term, and tried it for two weeks. We had a person working at the table eight hours a day, and we only sold about four coupons. And those were sold to faculty members, not students, so we discontinued the program."

"I don't know what the letter meant about discouraging students from bringing outside vendors on campus,"

per cent) of those voting said they would he added. "I would imagine he meant discouraged anybody from obtaining outside services. In fact, if anyone can find service for a better price, they can do what they want. Saga does 95 per cent of the catering, and at a fairly inexpensive cost. Saga has rights to the Cafeteria and the Rathskeller, but the catering is up for grabs, though people who need a caterer usually choose to employ Saga. We have never discouraged anyone from looking elsewhere."

The letter also stated that the students in the SGA have never even seen the new contract.

"This statement is also false," said Argudin. "The Student Government has agreed upon the renewal of the food service contract for the next three years. In fact, I have in my files a letter of approval from Clayton Hamilton, Chairperson (sic) of the SGA, on the renewal of Saga's contract. That letter in the International was ridiculous."

## Help for students in academic hot water

Students having problems academically can now take advantage of the new Academic Affairs Retention Program.

The program, according to Coordinator of Student Retention and Learning Skills Howard Wade, offers personal counseling, tutorial services in cooperation with the math and language departments, and help in developing library skills.

"The Retention Program is available to all students, with emphasis on minorities and those with academic

\* SGA Movie "Sinbad - Double Feature", 12:30 p.m., UH 140.

\* UBS meeting, 12:30 - 2 p.m., UH 213 W.

FRIDAY, April 14\_

- \* Women's Tennis vs. Rollins at FIU, 3 p.m.

  \* SGA movie "Sinbad Double Feature", 7:30 and 10 p.m.
- \* Federation of Cuban Students, 12:30 1:30 p.m., MONDAY, April 17\_
- Last day to apply for Spring Quarter Graduation \* Pre-med meeting, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
- TUESDAY, April 18\_

Soc. Services

- \* Men's Baseball vs. University of Miami at FIU,
- How to use the Federal Register Workshop, 9 to 12 p.m., UH 210.

problems," said Wade.

The promised "early alert system" has been established, according to Wade, and has been in operation since the end of the winter term. The earlyalert system begins with the Registrars' Office furnishing the counseling services with a print-out listing students currently on academic probation/dismissal. The Registrar mails each student a notification of this fact, and mentions that the counseling office is available to serve them. "We personally counsel and advise each student and help them with their problems," said Wade.

"Future plans call for all faculty to notify the Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs or myself, at the midpoint of the quarter, when any student has received a D or F," he added.

Wade feels that the notification procedure for students on academic probation is likely to change. "Our offices need to know student status before the warning procedure as it stands now is implemented," he said.

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NAIVETÉ, I GUESS.

## letters

Editor:

From gradeschool onward, textbooks and television barrage us with Da Vinci portraits and Einsteinian formulas.

Repition causes the images and formulas to become fixed in our minds -and the ease with which we conjure them from our memories makes us feel confident we know what the Mona Lisa and  $E = MC^2$  really mean.

what we neglect to notice, however, is that our "understanding" of these cultural monuments is on a shallow attitudinal level—quite removed from any real involvement or struggle to understand the pieces themselves. More over, though our reactions and perceptions are instantaneous, they are in reality "second hand", as they do not implications? Is it one of life's strange

the piece—but rather a history of the opinions of the masses serving as a buffer to our own.

JUNK?, above the photographs of of sophistication—for ART's sake. Ralph Buckley's sculptures was a sad example of this shallowness.

A Michealangelo recieving the same "head" would bring on looks of puzzlement-because we already know Michealangelo's work is "ART" not "JUNK"—because it fufills a certain formula for art (art which, incidentally, is "supposed" to be free & creative and, ha ha, searching for new personal

Is ignorance justification for faulty

rely upon our personal experience with contradictions that a paper that carries Feiffer-like cartoon strips as their own "art work" head a Ralph Buckley Sculpture with "Art or Junk?". Let Last week's headline, ART or no value judgements fall even on levels

**Name Withheld** 



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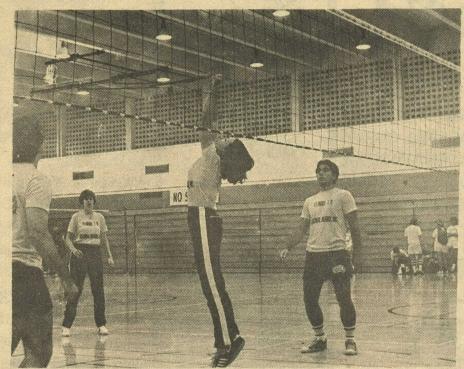
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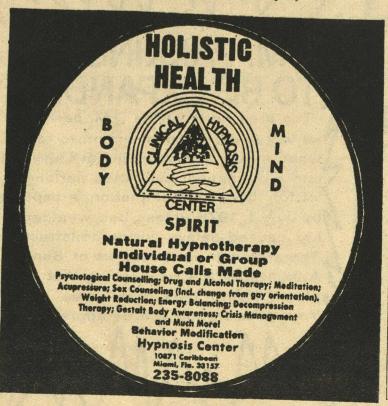
## Bodies broken but spirits high



Melanie Miller gets airborne during a volleyball match.



The team members, Pat Fletcher, Susan Palmquist, Melanie Miller, (left to right, sitting) and Tom Colombrito, Stewart Sherman, and Ken Blitz (standing) in a curbside pose. After the all-the-beer-you-can-drink party they reportedly posed once again in the same vicinity.



The FIU Budweiser College Super- stars were bussed to Bush Gardens for a stars Team did not take time out to cry when they failed to place in the State Championships last weekend. They were too busy having a good time.

The team was flown to Tampa for developed the weekend competition and treated to Superstars were wined and dined late into the evening by their Miami sponsor, National Brands Inc.. "Escargot Colombrito over a white bib napkin and

The following morning all but this reporter (who had to be rung thrice) their opposition. Eight universities par- an empty can. ticipated in the one day mini-Olympics at the University of South Florida. Events included in the competition were an obstacle course, volleyball, a beercan toss, a frisbee throw, a 220 yd. relay and a tug-o-war for the finalists.

been due to a switch in the competition format. FIU had originally trained for, and expected to do well in the canoe race. In the Miami area-wide contest FIU defeated 49 teams in both the canoe race and the beer can toss. However, the University of South Florida was unable to provide canoes, and a frisbee throwing contest had to be substituted.

Florida State University was the largest school represented and made a strong showing in volleyball, the beer can toss and the 220 relay. A tally of points found FSU pitted against the much smaller University of West Florida in the tug-o-war for first place. Many of the smaller schools, including FIU, them on across the victory line.

barbequed ribs dinner and all the Budweiser they could drink. Second place FSU sulked at a corner table for a few minutes but a spirit of camaraderie soon

"Hey how come ya'll guys from a lavish dinner upon their arrival. The FIU all look older than us?" asked a UWF student. Tom Colombrito looked down briefly at his round belly. He startted to explain how FIU was just a junior. Heaven," said team alternate Tom and senior year institution and a commuter school, but somehow rambled on into an explanation of the longterm sideaffects of beer drinking. "By the way, could you get me another if you're rose one-eyed and bushy-tailed to face headed that way?" he asked, holding up

Foot-stompin' and chanting began at the far end of the room as the University of South Florida chorused, "USF. USF, USF, USF." All around the room the other university teams joined in the chant. Everywhere cans were lifted in FIU's inability to place may have toasts in an Octoberfest-like at-

A special toast was given to Doug Hudlicka, the FIU Superstars coordinator, from National Brands. Doug expressed his hope that we had learned something about the other universities and students from the other parts of Florida and that we had begun new friendships between the schools.

The remainder of the afternoon was spent riding the Python and the water flume, and seeing the attractions. Rival cheers were given throughout the park. A student from Jacksonville U. came up to me and asked, "Say, just where is FIU, anyway?"



This may look friendly but, in fact, it was a necessity after the rigors of non-stop competition and imbibing.

Text and photos by David Ash

## United Black Students Meeting?

Thursday, April 13 UH 213W, 12:30 p.m. MINORITY RETENTION PROGRAM

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## SGA NEWS

April 5 meeting

1) Ms. Francena Thomas was present at the meeting to talk about the 'Minorities Problem" and the 'Affirmative Action Program" in FIU. 2) \$727.00 were allocated toward celebrating Sun Day - May 3 thru May

**FREE ELECTION T-SHIRTS!!!** Students running for SGA positions and present SGA members pick it up at UH 310! Voting student picked at random, will also receive T-shirts. VOTE!

#### **FORUM MADNESS**

The University Forum will be April **1**3 (Thurs.) at 12:30 in UH 150. Bring your ID card and meet your new representatives.

> INTERNATIONAL WEEK MAY 8 - 13

Persons interested in participating in the Fashion Show (May 9) and ★ Bargain Day (May 11), applications are available in UH 310 Dianne.

Students for International Understanding Meeting - Tuesdays -12:30 p.m., UH 317. Int'l Diplomatic Gathering/Int'l Week Coming Up!!!

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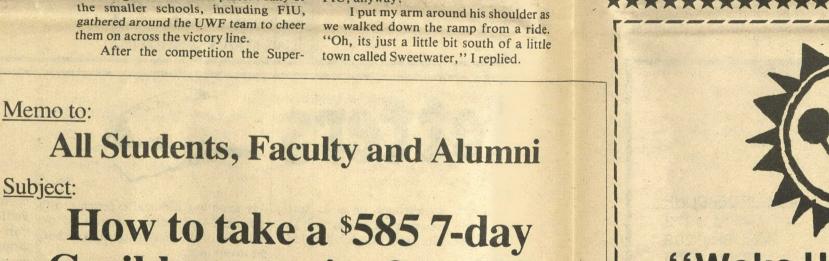
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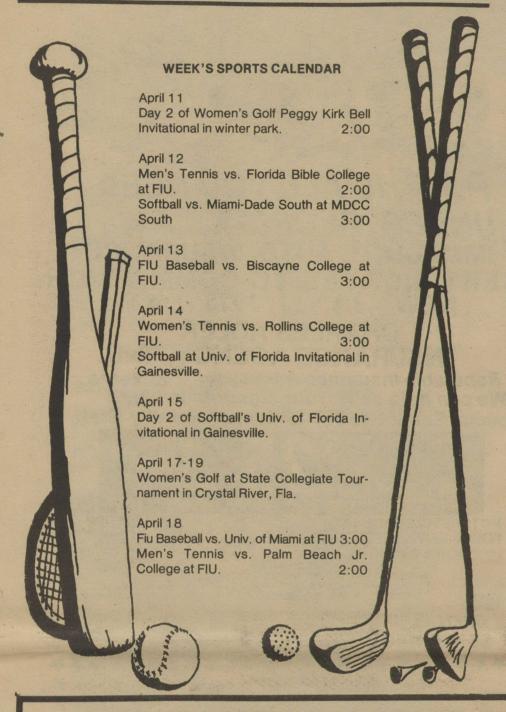
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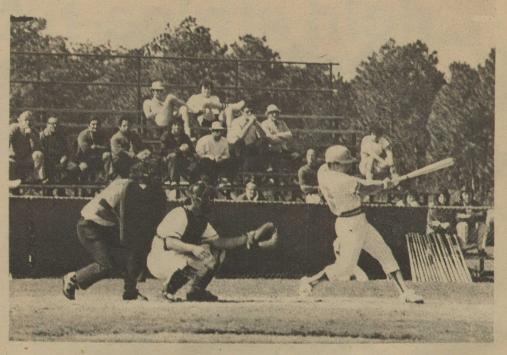
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## sports 2





### Baseball enters twilight zone

which ran from March 17 to April 1, FIU's baseball squad (16-9) descends into a tough April schedule.

Among the upcomong tough opponents include the University of South Florida on April 9 and the other team in town, the University of Miami on April 18. All these matches will be played at FIU.

Offensively, the Sunblazers are powered by catcher Kevin Ruffler who is hitting .424 with seven home runs and Keith Snyder who is batting .413 with six

The pitching has also been improving slowly. Jeff Curry, a junior, has been added to the staff to pitch for the first time in four years. In two outings, his earned run average (ERA) is holding

After winning both weeks of the at a low 1.54. Continued development is Third Annual Sunblazers Twin Classic coming from pitchers Frank Araneo, Scott Hodge, Dan Ledduke and reliever Dennis Rixie.

> While pitching on the whole was considered the sore spot of the team, one pitching hurtle remains, Wally Pero. Pero has accumulated, in 29 innings, a 6.52 ERA. Pero's last start was March 25 and since has dissappeared into the bullpen.

Coach Tom Wonderling, in looking

forward to an at-large bid to NCAA Division II play, said, "This last half of our schedule is extremely important, now that we begin competing against other Florida schools, our success will play a major role as to whether we receive an NCAA Division II at-large

## **Recreational Sports Activities** Spring 1978

SPORT	TYPE OF COMPETITION	PERIOD OF ACTIVITY	SIGN-UP DEADLINE
TENNIS	Single Elimination Tournament - Singles	April 19 - June 1	April 14, 1978 Mod. Bldg. 202 Phone 2756
RAQUETBALL	Single Elimination Tournament - Singles	April 20 - June 2	April 14, 1978 Mod. Bldg. 202 Phone 2756
AIR HOCKEY	Single Elimination Tournament - Individual Competition Tournament Games Free	April 17 - June 1	April 14, 1978 U.H. 240 Phone 2187
CHESS	Single Elimination Speed Chess - Max. 5 min. per player Max. 10 Min. per game	April 17 - June 1	April 14, 1978 U.H. 240 Phone 2187
TABLE TENNIS Top 6 vs. BrCC Club	Single Elimination Tournament - Singles Standard Table Tennis Rules	April 17 - June 1	April 14, 1978 U.H. 240 Phone 2187
PIN BALL	Single Elimination Tournament - Best Score of Two Games Tournament Games Free	April 17 - June 1	April 14, 1978 U.H. 240 Phone 2187
FOOSBALL	Single Elimination Tournament - Two Person Teams Tournament Games Free	April 17 - June 1	April 14, 1978 U.H. 240 Phone 2187

#### FIU Baseball Stats as of April 6, 1978

			BATTING			
	AB	Н	R	RBI	HR	AVG.
Ruffler	99	42	19	35	7	.424
Snyder	104	43	27	29	6	.413
Becker	69	24	14	17	6	.348
Campbell	90	31	22	8	1	.344
Jendra	91	31	29	15	6	.341
Siemon	50	16	11	9	2	.320
Jacoby	80	20	10	21	2	.250
Karr	80	19	12	11	2	.238
Fernandez	80	19	22	5	0	.238
Jordan	68	15	11	8	0	.221
Kubit	5	1	1	1	0	.200
Boullosa	21	4	5	5	0	.190
Rixie	6	1	1	0	0	.167

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Jendra	1	0	6.1	4	0	0	2	0.00
Curry	1	0	11.2	10	7	2	2	1.54
Araneo	2	2	4.5	38	28	16	28	3.20
Ledduke	4	2	56.2	54	25	21	28	3.34
Hodge	4	4	58.1	65	32	24	- 27	3.70
Rixie	3	0	17.1	19	13	11	6	5.71
Pero	1	1	29.0	50	32	21	18	6.52

**MARTIN SVENSSON** 

## **Baseball predictions:** Yanks, Reds at top in '78

baseball fever has struck the nation. Royals all hanging on to the end. With the opening of the season last look forward to another recordbreaking attendance year, probably bettering 1977.

Why not? All the pennant races look good. The American League East should prove exciting once more with the Yankees and Bosox battling it out. Both teams have extrordinary power hitters with the Yankees having a definite edge in the pitching department.

The Yankees with a starting rotation of Catfish Hunter, Ron Guidry, Don Gullett and Ed Figueroa look solid. For relief there are names like Dick Tidrow, Sparky Lyle, Rich Gossage and Rawly Eastwick. For backup there is two former 20-game winners, Ken Holtzman and Andy Messersmith. Boston's aquisitions of Mike Torrez and Dennis Eckersley will help, but not

The American West may prove the hottest race of them all. Right to the very end there may be a three-way race for the pennant with the California

For another consecutive year, Angels, Texas Rangers and Kansas City

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> National League East is probably the most disappointing to look towards. The Philadelphia Phillies talent outrank everyone with the only real competition coming from Pittsburg which is definitely not the same team it was a few years ago.

> National League West will be a twohorse race between the Cincinnati Reds and the L.A. Dodgers. The Dodgers getting the fast break that they did last year looks doubtful. Based on raw determination, excellent talent plus a never say die attitude, the Reds will repeat their 1975-76 performance. In addition, having a potential 30-game winner like Tom Seaver doesn't hurt.

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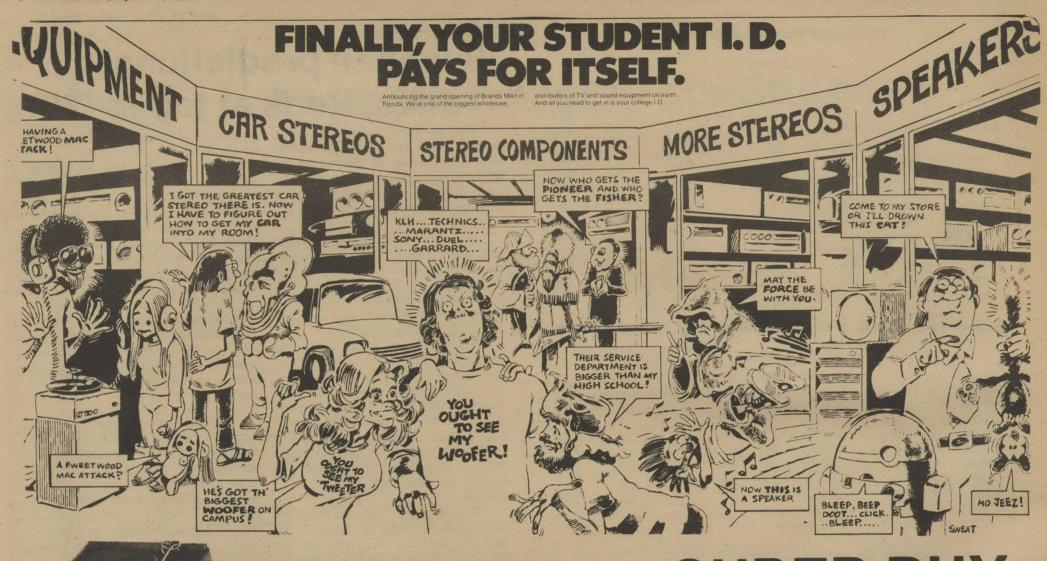
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