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FIU joins '90 per cent' Interpretations make students pay earlier

ROSE BROWN Managing Editor

FIU is one of the only two schools in the nine-member state university system that will require fall tuition to be paid before the start of classes Sept. 26.

The new tuition fee structure, recently announced by FIU Registrar Columbus Posey, is based on Florida Attorney General Robert Shevin's interpretation of a Florida law requiring payment for state services to be "due at the time the services are performed."

Posey, who had never attended or worked at a university which allowed for non-penalized fee payment after the start of classes, asked the Student Government Association Senate May 31 what it thought of a proposal to require fee payment during the first week of classes.

The Senate voted unanimously "not in support" of his proposal, claiming the fee change was not in the best interest of the student body. SGA supported the old system which allows students to pay fees as late as two weeks after the start of classes, with no financial penalty.

During the next month Posey said that he found Shevin's opinion (which was issued Nov. 17, 1977), and announced June 30 that, starting in fall, tuition fees would be due the day before the start of classes. Posey, who has been registrar for almost five months, said, "It was a strange situation for me when I came to FIU and students had weeks after class began to pay fees without a late fee charge."

He said that the new fee schedule will be good for students, who "will benefit by additional class seats available and a better chance of getting the schedule requested."

Posey's memo announcing the new schedule stated "a recent opinion...issued by the Attorney General of Florida requires a change in the University calendar with respect to the payment of fees."

The change will require each student to pre-pay all fees or pay the penalty of a \$25 late fee.

The Shevin opinion on which the new policy is based states that, unless otherwise provided by law, fees or revised charges are due and payable in advance of or upon the rendition of services which the public officers are authorized or required by law to perform."

Shevin backed his opinion with one issued by a previous attorney general, in 1933.

SGA Consularie Linda Kavanagh said "After reviewing the opinion I realized that it was not addressed to universities and it had many loopholes. Furthermore, charging a late fee does not comply with this opinion, or the actual law."

On June 2, FIU Vice President for Administrative Affairs Ronald G. Arrowsmith received a copy of General Counsel for the Education Department Herb Sikes' interpretation of the Shevin opinion. Sikes said "The state university system must collect fees in advance of class attendance."

Arrowsmith then called a special meeting to discuss the fee issue.

Those present at the meeting included Head Registrar Columbus Posey, Executive Vice President Dr. Joseph Olander, Vice President for Administrative Affairs Ron Arrowsmith, Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Robert Fisher and FIU Comptroller Tom Breslin.

They interpreted the interpretation of the opinion as affecting FIU's present procedure for fee collection.

Arrowsmith said, "If we don't come into compliance with this intent, we will get a bad audit report."

It was decided to adopt the pay now--learn later policy.

After the decision was made, the distribution of 65,000 copies of the newly printed FIU catalog (which goes into effect in fall) was delayed. More than \$600 was spent to add an insertion to explain the new payment policy.

Asked how the other state universities handled the fee situation,



Ron Arrowsmith

Posey said "I don't know what all the universities in Florida were doing but I thought they had changed or will be changing their procedures on fee payments. 90 per cent of the universities throughout the United States collect their fees prior to the beginning of classes."

FIU administrators have requested another interpretation of the law from Florida Vice Chancellor Stephen McArthur. He said, "It is a good argument to say that if students have to pay before class begins, then what is the purpose of a late fee?"

McArthur will meet with all State University vice presidents for administrative affairs on July 27 and 28 to discuss the fee payment policies.

BEA spokesman Spiva promoted to VP

BILL ASHTON Editor

Dr. Ulysses Van Spiva, who was chief spokesman for the FIU Black Employees Association during its discrimination suit against FIU, has been appointed Associate Executive Vice President of the University.

Spiva, who has recently been director of sponsored research at FIU, was once dean of the School of Health and Social Services.

In his new position, Spiva will

Part of the agreement, defined as "University Policy" by FIU President Harold Crosby, said that search and screen committees would be used in the filling of high administrative positions.

However, Spiva's new position, third on the FIU protocol list, is a "staff," rather than a "line," appointment. Staff jobs, according to Spiva, require no search and screen committee because they are merely advisory.

Spiva said those in staff positions report to those with line positions, while the line people make the decisions. talking to Olander...saying that I would like to get this position," he added. "Olander needed a Hispanic to fill that position (assistant executive vice president), and (Dr. Antonio) Jorge filled it."

Spiva leads a group of blacks promoted at FIU in the wake of the BEA lawsuit and settlement.

Among those recently given new jobs is Dr. Marvin Dunn, who is front-

runner in the Democratic primary race for State House district 112. Dunn is the new assistant vice president for university development.

Ozzie Ritchie was recently appointed assistant vice president for student affairs. Her main duty is to advise Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Judy Merritt, whose appointment as vice president was among those contested in the BEA suit.

serve as an advisor to Executive Vice



Dr. Van Spiva

President Joseph Olander, who was among the FIU administrators named in the suit which claimed that FIU had discriminated against blacks in employment.

The civil and class action suits were eventually settled out of court, with Olander and Spiva jointly announcing the agreement between FIU and BEA. "I am pleased to be working with Joe, because I've known him and worked very closely with him for the past six years," Spiva said.

"Within the last month I've been



Scenes from Charles Schuiz' "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown!" will be presented by the FIU Lunchbox Theatre at 12:30 p.m. on August 2, 3, and 4.

Recreational programs would cost \$3 million

BILL ASHTON

Editor

FIU's Student Government Association will soon decide the fate of a \$3.05 million two-campus recreational buildings program.

An activity and service request, submitted by SGA Associate Chairperson Richard "Cap" Weinstein, asks the Senate to put up \$260,000 per year for the next 15 years to back revenue bonds, the sale of which will fund the construction of the new facilities.

\$2,600,000 in A&S fees, which will be collected at the rate of \$2.49 per credit hour beginning in the fall, would go toward the project.

\$450,000 toward the North Miami Campus Aquatic Center will be contributed by the city of North Miami, if SGA comes up with matching funds. The \$900,000 Aquatic Center will center around a \$315,000 pool and a \$160,000 bathing pavilion.

North Miami Campus would also gain a \$150,000 racket sports facility.

The Tamiami Campus proposal, known as Phase III, would include a \$500,000 swimming pool facility with an artificial wave action machine. It would also include a \$600,000 recreation pavilion, three new tennis courts totalling \$52,500, four handball courts totalling \$72,000, and \$100,000 worth of trails and other walking, running and fitness facilities.

In addition, \$230,000 in Phase III money would go to renovate and improve present recreation facilities. \$160,000 of that would pay for lighting of the FIU baseball and soccer field.

The bonded indebtedness proposal should be brought to the Senate floor at the Wednesday, July 26, meeting. 2 International, July 26, 1978

SHORT SHRIFT

Traveling Medicine Show

The FIU Tamiami Campus Health Clinic is moving their operation July 26 to Owa Ehan 125.

The clinic is free to students.





They call the wind...

The FIU Civic Wind Ensemble will perform at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, July 26 in the Athenaeum (AT 100) on the Tamiami Campus.

Under the direction of Dr. Yoshihiro Obata, the Wind Ensemble will perform works by Chabrier, Orff, Copland, Wagner, Nelhybel, Krance and Copland.

The concert is open and free to the public. Please call 552-2895 for further information.

SGA budget is almost \$200,000

KATHY HASSALL

Staff Writer

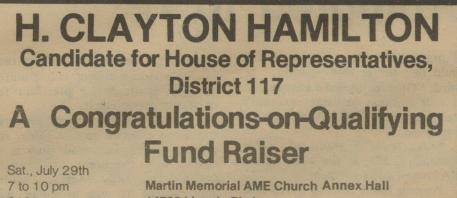
FIU's Student Government Association uses a great deal of tuition-derived A&S funds which are collected at the rate of \$2.14 per credit hour for the operation of SGA itself. The total A&S amount allocated to SGA for 1978-79 is \$199,830. The following, from SGA's yearly "Financial Plan," are intended uses for some of this money.

- \$65,688 for salaries for an accountant, a secretary, two clerk-typists, an illustrator, and the assistant director of student activities.
- \$36,000 for SGA stipends up to \$250 per associate, per quarter; \$300 per presiding board member, per quarter. Though payment is supposed to depend on attendence, most senate members receive the full amount. FIU's student government representatives are the only senate members in any Florida state university to be paid for their services.
- \$12,000 for SGA's Social and Cultural Committee expenditures. This money will be spent for S&C committee projects, such as student parties, dances, etc. — according to SGA comptroller Eduardo Rivas.
- \$1,000 to finance SGA elections including the cost of hiring poll sitters and paying the elections committee.

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- \$5,875 to fund travel for the SGA chairperson and representatives to statewide organizations.
- \$12,000 for film rentals. This money will pay for the continuation of SGA's "Movie of the Week" series films shown on both campuses and open to FIU students free of charge.

\$54,900 to finance other SGA programs. Some of these are specifically mentioned in the budget: money has been earmarked for Fall Festival (\$8,000), International Week (\$5,500), PACE (performing arts) programs (\$5,400), and the International Awareness Lecture Series (\$3,000). The majority of the program money — \$33,000 — will go into a general program fund. Out of this fund, SGA will vote allocations, as requests are made, for various programs and projects such as theatrical productions, student publications, or clinic services, as described above.

All this may seem to suggest that SGA has a generous supply of money at its disposal, but according to SGA Comptroller Ed Rivas, SGA's funding request for 1978-79 represents a considerably tightened budget.

"This year we have cut out a lot of allocations, a lot of programs," Rivas said, "and the reason is, there is just less money available." (Rivas was referring to the fact that A&S money, drawn from tuition, is directly affected by fluctuations in enrollment. Enrollment is lower this year than last — and available A&S funds have decreased accordingly.)

Rivas said that it was impossible, with shortened funds, for SGA to make all fund requestors happy. He pointed out that the art gallery, for instance, had requested "about \$30,000," and had been allocated only \$5,000.

"We're sorry," he said, "but we have to try to decide which programs are most important. We tried to pick the ones that would provide the most — that would help the most students."

Affirmative action in SGA subject of proposal

A bill entitled "Affirmative Action for the Student Government Association" has been introduced to the SGA, proposing that six Senate seats be set aside specifically for blacks.

The proposal, sponsored by SGA Consularie Linda Kavanagh, would require that the Senate "drop five (5) of our white Caucasian-like Associates and one woman Caucasian Presiding Board and fill these positions with any black person that will come to the SGA meetings."

The bill would also set salaries for the black associates, who would not be forced to be FIU students, at double the rate paid to other associates.

Kavanagh's bill, which she admits is potentially controversial and possibly unconstitutional, says that the legislation will prove "that we are not discriminatory."

New movie times for the summer are Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. and Fridays at 12:30 and 8 p.m.

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Editorial

A complex problem

The Student Government Association may decide as soon as today (Wednesday) whether to approve the Phase III recreational sports complex agreement.

The proposal, which would tie up over \$2 million in activity and service fees (collected from student tuition), may be the most important issue the Senate will ever face.

Nothing says the decision must be reached rapidly. The Senate has a responsibility to be sure its decision reflects the feeling of the student body. The budget committees, board of governors, and student organizations should be consulted, as should as many other students as possible.

Remember, when asked what should be done with the funds now being considered as Phase III seed money, the student body voted last fall to spend them on academic programs, not SGA projects.

Remember, also, that the proposal would, if passed, put the SGA (and thus the student body) in debt for 15 years.

It's worth thinking about.

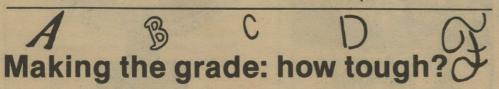
Go-go still going strong at FIU

Philip Giberson's last theatre production before leaving FIU for a year's absence is *In the Boom Boom Room*.

Written by David Rabe, the play opened July 19 and will play nightly, July 26-30 in VH 100. Curtain time is 8 p.m. every evening except Sunday, when the performance will start at 7 p.m.

The play, a hard-hitting look at a

go-go dancer named Chrissy and her search for self-respect in a brutalizing environment, is a personal favorite of Giberson's. He believes it is an even stronger play than Rabe's *Streamers*, which was recently produced at the Coconut Grove Playhouse, in that "the male and the female perspective is articulated and explored."



PETE KOLB News Editor

Grading, such as use of the F-grade and the A, varies considerably throughout FIU's schools and departments.

As examples, 20.3 per cent of undergraduate students' grades given out by the mathematics department at the Tamiami Campus were F's, while the international relations department gave out 2.3 per cent F's. In the history department 12 per cent of the grades were A's, while in the modern languages department A's totaled 44.8 per cent.

Nursing students received the highest percentage of A's. Of all grades earned in the program, which is being phased out by June of next year, 57.5 per cent were A's.

The figures are for the winter quarter and were taken from a July 10 report prepared by FIU's office of institutional research, and addressed to all deans and department chairpersons.

University-wide, the percentage of F's was 8.2: 8.8 per cent for undergraduate courses and 4.2 for graduate courses. A's were 26.6 per cent: 24 per cent for undergraduate courses and 43.6 for graduate courses. partment, which had the second highest percentage of F's at 13.8. Other departments at the Tamiami Campus with undergraduate failure rates over 10 per cent were physical science, 11.8; economics, 11.7; and history, 10.5. The mathematics department also had the highest failure rate in the fall quarter with 19.4 per cent.

Prior to the fall quarter of 1977, F's were not given at F_1U . The NC (no credit) grade designation had been used instead of the F. The traditional grading system, including the F-grade, was adopted at FIU by the Florida Board of Regents after the FIU administration and faculty had recommended the change.

Some of the departments and schools with low undergraduate percentages of F's at Tamiami were biology, 4.9 per cent; international relations, 2.3; modern languages, 3.9; and the School of Health and Social Services, 3.5.

Some Tamiami Campus departments with high percentages of A's, besides those previously mentioned, were fine arts, 35 per cent; sociology/anthropology, 33.3; education, 32.7; and several



NMC Parcourse aids fitness

With the combination of jogging and calisthenics having become one of South Florida's latest exercise fads, FIU has opened a Parcourse outdoor physical fitness trail at North Miami Campus.

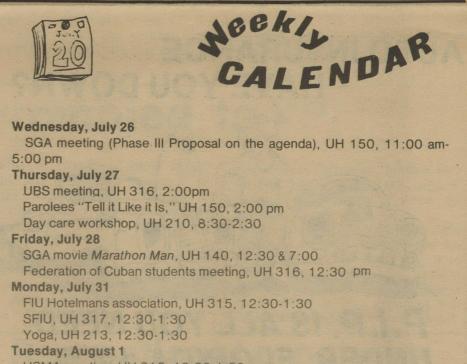
The North Miami Parcourse, located on the former Interama site near Biscayne Boulevard and 151 Street, consists of a mile-long jogging path. The path which is through a large wooded area along Biscayne Bay, is interrupted by a series of 18 fitness stations where participants are instructed in a variety of exercises to complement the jogging and exercise regime. The Parcourse acts as a coach for people who are inexperienced in pacing themselves in an exercise program.

The course provides two levels of activity — one for beginners and casual exercisers, the other for more advanced athletes. Both run the same course, with the advanced group doing more of the calisthenics.

In addition to being endorsed by the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, this outdoor fitness sports program has been reviewed by leading physical therapists, nationally-known physicians and athletic advisors who have highly acclaimed its beneficial effects on the body.

The Parcourse, which is one phase of the North Miami Beautification Project, was made possible through a CETA grant.

"This Parcourse is but the first step toward a complete recreational facility to be built on our North Miami Campus," FIU Athletic Director Tom Wonderling said. "In time, we will offer a full gambit of activities which will include swimming, sailing and racquet sports for the enjoyment of our University and the community."



Other University-wide totals were B's 27.5 per cent, C's 17.3 per cent, D's 4.5 per cent, incompletes 6.8 per cent, and drops 4.9 per cent.

The 20.3 per cent undergraduate failure rate in the mathematics department was 6.5 per cent higher than in the business de-

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Departments with low percentages of A's were history, 12; business, 14.9; international relations, 17; and criminal justice, 18.1.

Letters...

I would like to recognize the staff of the *International* for their ingenuity with the witty creation of "*the mouth*".

Personally, as one of the many students in this chaotic and crz.z. system, I find that a little truth and levity go hand in hand.

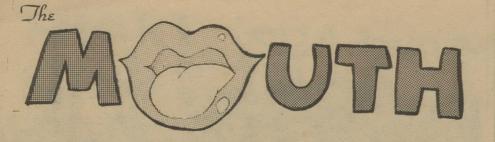
I'd like to give the *International* my own rating of the $\star \star \star$ for its outstanding originality of this creation.

It's sure nice to know we have the capacity and understanding to look at ourselves and have a good laugh in this sometimes irritating and confused world.

> Alicia Negrin S.G.A. Associate/Education

HSMA meeting, UH 315, 12:30-1:30 IBM training program, UH 213, 8:30 am-4:30 pm Disco Dance class, UH 210, 6:30-9:30 Wednesday, August 2 UFF meeting, UH 316, 12:30 pm IBM training program, UH 213, 8:30-4:00 Academic Committee meeting, UH 140, 2:30-4:30 SGA meeting, UH 150, 11:00-2:00 Thursday, August 3 UBS meeting, UH 316, 12:30-2:00 IBM training program, UH 213E, 8:30-4:00 Friday, August 4 Federation of Cuban students, UH 316, 12:30-1:30 IBM training program, UH 213E, 8:30-4:00 SGA Movie The Deep, UH 140, 12:30 & 7:30 Women's Forum, UH 213W, 12:30-2 pm Day care center workshop, UH 210, 8:30-4:30 Monday, August 7 FIU Hotelmans association, UH 315, 12:30-1:45 SFIU, UH 317, 12:30-1:30 IBM training program, UH 213E Yoga classes, UH 210, 12:30-1:30 **Tuesday, August 8** HSMA meeting, UH 315, 12:30-1:30 IBM training program, UH 213E, 8:30-4:00 Disco Dance, UH 210, 6:30

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Congratulations Van Spiva on your new promotion. Will you be getting a new suit to go along with it?

A message to the BOR...first it was the reorganization, then our nursing program, now the fee payment policy. No wonder you projected our enrollment to be down this year.

. . . For \$400 the Student Government better order a door that swings both ways!!! . . .

Didn't Cap ever hear the saying, "When the going gets tough, the tough get going?" Does the Associate Chair know if he's coming or going?

The University's insurance rates recently went up. Could this be because they found out that the administrators' offices are on the fifth floor of PC...with a balcony??? . . .

Linda Kavanagh, upon having her electricity turned off due to insufficient funds (NONE), is throwing a B.Y.O.C. party for the Financial Aid Office. Oh yeah, B.Y.O.C. means Bring Your Own Candle

Here's a hot topic: not to condemn anyone, but we hope it doesn't get too hot at the top of the Public Safety tower because there's no way to escape.

. . .

Page 99 of the new university catalog states under English Majors course descriptions "ENC 3424 Special attention will be paid to grammer, sentence construction ... " Note the spelling of grammar.

Does Public Safety know that a "Grass Management" course is being offered? Wouldn't you know it's a requirement for recreation majors? At least we are moving toward practical education.

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Attention, Center for Labor Research and Studies! We noticed that you are moving from PC to VH after you just moved from VH to PC. Is this another federally-funded program?

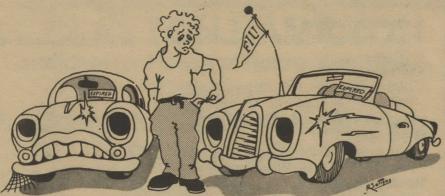
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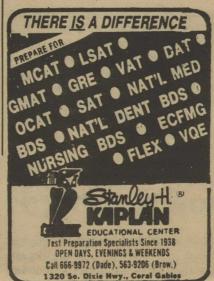
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2:45 iin UH 140.



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