

## New dean had rough road to success

It was a rocky road, but FIU finally has a dean for the School of Education. He's John Carpenter, proclaimed a civil rights advocate by his supporters.

During his selection there were claims of racism, bias and "a Watergate-type conspiracy." Carpenter is white.

Those claims came from the Black Employees Association Faculty (BEAF) and were made when the possibility of a black being named dean became remote.

Robert Fisher, vice president for academic affairs, made the final recommendation to President Harold Crosby.

Fisher said, "They (BEAF) naturally have to advocate a black. But I couldn't imagine a better-qualified man for this job."

Carpenter submitted his application for the dean position after a once-extended deadline (Aug. 11). It was accepted because of "a technical error: the listing of an incorrect application deadline" in the state job bulletin.

Five candidates went through a search and screen committee, a ranking by the faculty from the School of Education, Fisher's recommendation and a consultation between Crosby and Gregory Wolfe, the incoming president.

Carpenter is leaving the University of Southern California to take the position here. He also earned his Ph.D. there.

Carpenter has worked with a Cuban refugee education program and is a member of the Ford Foundation Conference on Race and Ethnicity. He also was director of a program in national educational policy and management.

Fisher said, "Carpenter had very strong recommendations from black scholars."

The new dean is expected to make a two-week visit to FIU in about ten days and will probably take office in early May.

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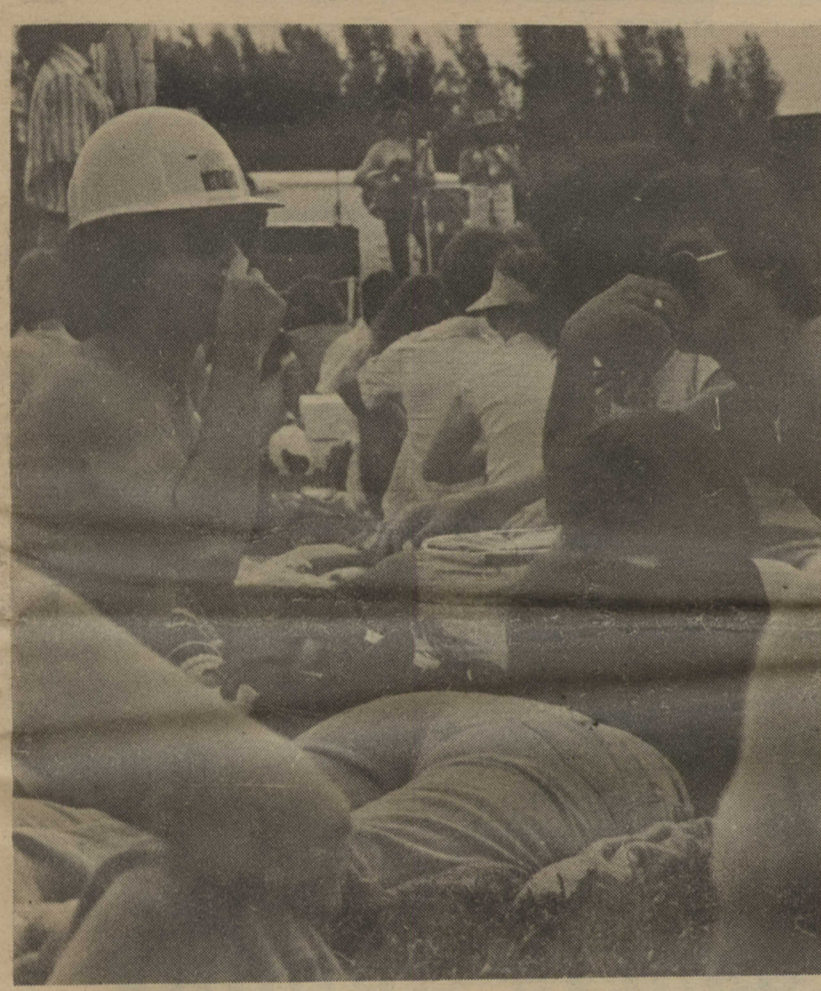

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## Another Jam planned

These are some of the 8,000 who attended the first Sun Tan Jam at North Miami Campus. Another Jam, this one featuring jazz, is scheduled for Sunday. See story page 2.

# Tracy tired out, petition just out

SGA elections commissioner Dave Tracy looks tired.

He should. He's been commissioner for the past year and Tuesday completed what will probably be his last election.

That was a special election to finally decide the controversial student petition which would have been Constitutional Amendment 15 and which would have capped the SGA's payroll at \$5,000 per quarter.

The amendment failed. Tracy's term as commissioner was also controversial and very hectic. He was in charge of the first winter election ever, several runoffs, special elections and, of course, the regular elections.

"I have no regrets," Tracy said. "There were some frustrations. Each election had its idiosyncrasies. And with at least one election each quarter, it was sometimes confusing."

This special election, in which the ballot question lost 77 to 71, was called by the International Court after the election in which the same ballot question passed 137 to 74 was protested, because ballots of three of FIU's six schools were mixed together.

The Court set the time and date after an SGA secretary said Tracy had

asked for the special election to be in the last week of February.

"This election should have been in spring," Tracy said. "This should have been placed on the spring ballot when more people vote."

Martin Verster, an International Court justice, said, "It had to be in this quarter because the election being protested was this quarter."

Tracy questioned the need of a special election but said there was no scheduling.

The cost of this election was \$231.

Tracy, a technology student, will be graduated at the end of this term and will take one class in spring.

"The SGA has its ups and downs," Tracy said. "But I've had some good experiences. I'm a meat and potatoes man and liked working on many committees."

Tracy says he is going to take a year off and sell real estate to gather funds to come back to FIU and complete a master's program.

He's been a firefighter for seven years.

Anita Tejon will become elections commissioner in spring.

# Institute director quits during book scandal

PEGGY LYNN SCHUMO  
North Miami Campus Editor

(NORTH MIAMI CAMPUS) Dr. Edward Marcus resigned as director of the Elders Institute just days after being placed on suspension with pay. Marcus allegedly influenced the Elders Advisory Council to okay the sale and distribution of a book, bearing the FIU seal, without obtaining FIU authorization, said Rose Foster, NMC assistant vice president of academic affairs.

Marvin Dunn, associate vice president of university outreach, suspended Marcus Feb. 16, after the book "A Layman's Look at Flaws in the Laws"—an outgrowth of an Elders Institute action course last fall—was distributed throughout the FIU community.

Dunn also ordered the confiscation of existing copies into the care of Foster.

Of a printing of 500, about 35 copies are unaccounted for. They were sold before the books were ordered confiscated, Foster said.

Dr. Toni Eisnor, director of institutes, was appointed acting director of the Elders Institute by Dunn when Marcus was suspended. Dunn could not be reached for comment on Marcus' resignation.

The office of academic affairs normally should have been the first stop for advisement and approval for any dissemination of EI material. But Foster said she had no idea of the book's existence until after it was distributed.

"If the book had come to this office, I would not have sent it to the University attorney. I'd have read the book to determine the appropriateness of the document," Foster said. "We have to set standards for ourselves and

FIU and this book does not in any way enhance the University."

University procedure states that before any publishing or duplicating activity occurs, it first has to go through university relations and this was not done, Foster said.

Elders Advisory Board member Molly Dugan, an attorney, said she advised Marcus on several occasions to wait for FIU authorization both before publishing and before distributing the book for sale.

Marcus denies ever receiving any advice about the book. Although he wrote the forward, Marcus said he didn't have time to read the book.

Marcus said the incident was blown out of proportion and didn't warrant a suspension.

Eisnor said she told Marcus on several occasions not to release the book

until FIU attorney Bill Gleen's opinion could be heard. The book was sent to Glenn's office Jan. 22 by the Elders Advisory Board.

Joan Russell, an attorney in Glenn's office, is checking the book for any possible violations of the law and said she will report her findings to Dunn in two or three days.

H.M. Nils, the major moderator of "Flaws in the Laws" and the book's author, said "I am very surprised—I was under the impression the book had been cleared."

"I don't think he (Marcus) understood President (Harold) Crosby's directives—it's a case of human error on Marcus's part."

After reading a copy, Dugan said the book could create legal difficulties for FIU—including a class action suit against the University.

# Short Shrift

## Rat hop

Beginning today, the Rat will be sponsoring free disco during evening hours every Wednesday. Rat employees will be spinning records and the disco will be on the Rat's inner patio. Because this is a test, the hours are flexible and aren't set yet. They will vary from week to week until the best response is found.

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## Exceptional help for exceptional children

Anyone wanting to help out the Student Council for Exceptional Children (SCEC) with the special olympics Saturday should contact Max Foreman at 821-1952. The special olympics are sponsored by Dade County's Association for Retarded Citizens. The SCEC will be at Hialeah's Milander Park (4700 Palm Ave.) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The SCEC is also selling tickets for the March 31 skateathon for retarded citizens at the Midway Super Skating Center from 5:15 to 7:15 p.m. Each skater will receive a coupon from Burger King.

## Welcome Wolfe

"Mi Amigo" is what we want to say,  
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We'd rather speak than simply stare,  
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With all the students joining me,  
To wish you many happy years,  
Full of joy and fun and tears,  
So WELCOME, Dr. Wolfe, to you,  
From all of us at FIU!

Henry Wm. Daigneault

## Poet shows his stuff

Henry William Daigneault, a graduate student in the School of Education, is presenting a one-man poetry exhibit in the lobby of Tamiami Campus library from March 5 to 12.

Says here that Mr. Daigneault has often been described as the poet in residence at FIU. Also says here that his poetry is enhanced by visual aids which compliment the theme of his poems.

The theme of his poems? Says here his style has been described as a questioning, penetrating, incisive type of poetry, which challenges man's place among the angels.

A limited edition of Daigneault's first book, entitled "Echoes," will be available for purchase at the FIU Bookstore. To reserve a copy, call 651-2902.

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# Athletics propose budget increase

MARTY KLINKENBERG  
News Editor

The University Athletic Council approved, Tuesday, the athletic department's proposed 1979-80 budget of \$298,858. The total amount spent for athletics in 1978-79 was \$236,200.

The budget, prepared by Athletic Director Tom Wonderling, will be reviewed by the SGA Activity and Services (A&S) Budget Committee, which will suggest to the SGA senate how much the department deserves. The senate has to give the final vote of approval.

Wonderling made a presentation to the A&S committee a week ago and explained the athletic department budget. He doesn't expect, however, to be granted the entire proposed budget. Last year, the department was allocated less than what was proposed.

The biggest increase in the budget calls for \$45,000 to be allocated for support service operations. A year ago, support services called for \$28,000.

The support service funds pay for insurance premiums, medical services, transportation, national and state memberships, office supplies and equipment, postage and mailing, rental and facilities, professional meetings and national tournaments.

Wonderling said during Tuesday's meeting that last year's \$28,000 allotment was "unrealistic" and that payments far surpassed that amount.

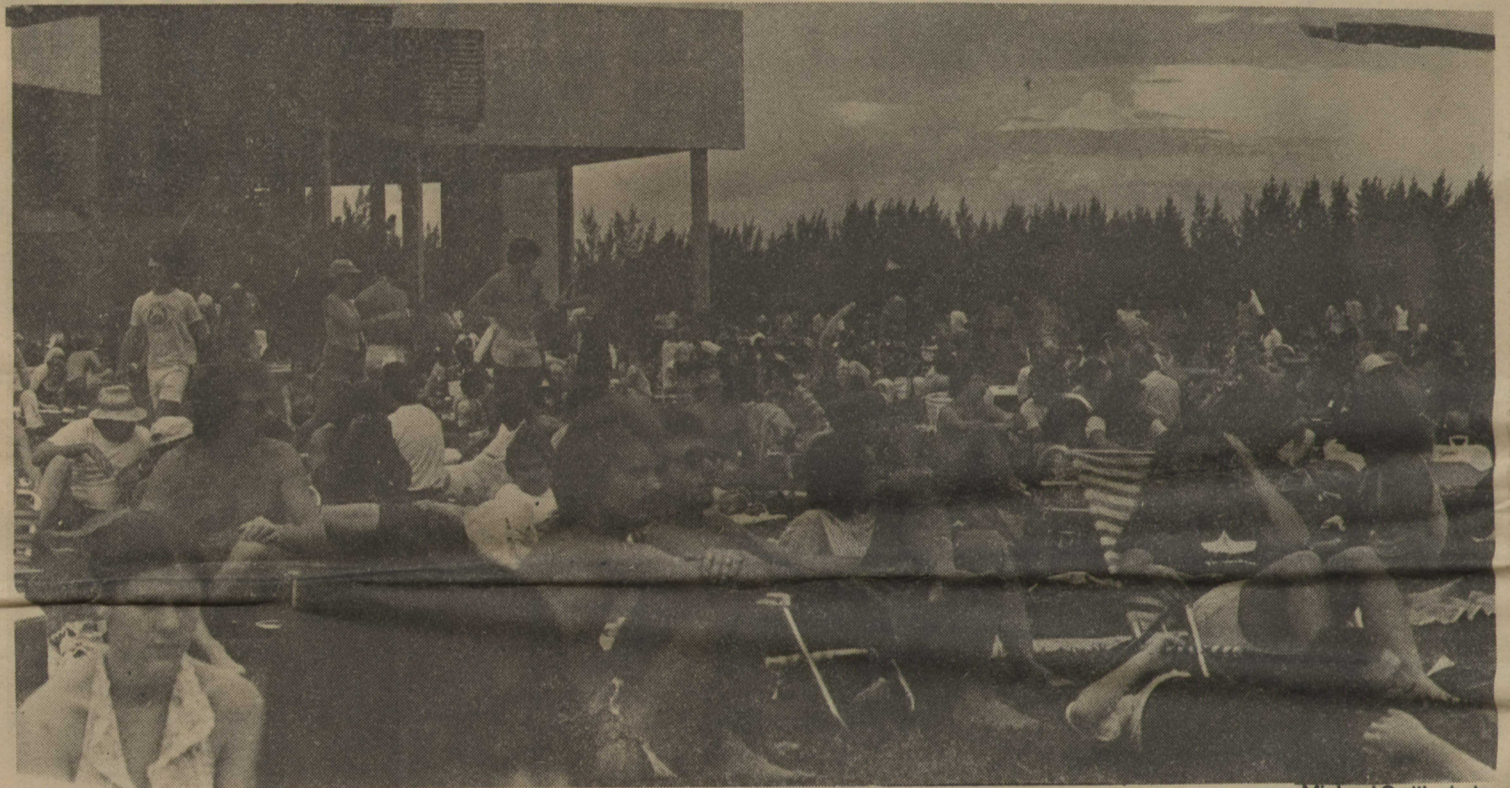
"It's a matter of stealing from Peter to pay Paul," Wonderling said. "You end up taking money allocated for other things within the budget and use them where you need it. You have to tighten the budget down."

The 1979-80 budget calls for \$79,500 to be dispersed among FIU's intercollegiate athletic programs. This is a 10 per cent increase.

Baseball receives the highest amount on the proposal at \$15,400, while women's basketball receives the least at \$4,400. Soccer had the next highest allotment at \$12,100, while volleyball was next with a budget of \$9,100.

"It's a healthy situation when you have to sit down and justify the budget," Wonderling said. "This is the way you catch mistakes and other people bring out sides of issues you might not see yourself."

"I think the A&S hearings are going quite well. It depends on the mood of various individuals, whether we get what we asked for. It's a rather unpredictable situation when you're depending on the body to make decisions for 13,000 people. I'm optimistic, though. The student government has always been very supportive of the athletic program."



The first Jam was a big success

Michael Smith photo

# Second Sun Tan Jam is Sunday

PEGGY LYNN SCHUMO  
North Miami Editor

Less than two months after the phenomenal success of Sun Tan Jam at North Miami Campus, the social and cultural program council will attempt an even greater all-day Jam Sunday in

"Sun Tan Jam II," said Cap Weinstein, student activities assistant programmer.

The Billy Marcus Quintet will highlight the festivities scheduled for 12:30 to 6 p.m. Sunday, with his jazz renditions—both innovative and improvisational.

"The first Jam turned a lot of people on to FIU and we hope that Sun-

day's Jam attracts even bigger numbers to the North Miami Campus," Weinstein said.

Sun Tan Jam II is a part of PACE's Orange Winter Jazz Festival, which will feature over 40 free concerts through April 1. The Jam will again be partially sponsored by WWL-Love 94 radio.

Other groups on Sunday's program include Joe Rohm and the FIU Jazz Ensemble, folk singer Patti Ecker, contemporary music and Latin funk by Ross and Levine, and the jazz group Encounter featuring vocalist Debi Champion.

Also on hand will be K.J., sometimes known as the Rock Monarch. Ventriloquist Peter Michael will add a bit of comic relief between the high energy music.

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# Opinion

## Letters

### Kaminsky suffers case of hubris

(Ed. Note: A copy of the following letter was sent also to *The Falcon Times*, the student newspaper at Miami-Dade Community College's north campus.)

To The Editor:

It is with infrequency that issues of *The Falcon Times* reach New World Center Campus. Only recently did an issue containing Professor Howard Kaminsky's latest letter come to my desk.

As a researcher trained to deal with educational questions, I must provide the professor with some additional information. I feel that his argument ignores some obvious facts.

First, no one can deny that Miami-Dade Community College graduates students with varying degrees of educational achievement. Even the FIU History Department, of which Professor Kaminsky is a part, must produce some better students.

Second, reputations of educational areas also vary. It can be said with some certainty that there are Departments of History with better reputations than that of FIU's.

Third, we, the faculty of Miami-Dade Community College, would be remiss in our duties if we did not send our better and best students toward colleges with better reputations.

It would appear that Professor Kaminsky's arguments suffer from two faults. The first is generalizing from a selected sample. The second is hubris.

Stephen Walfish

Department of Natural Sciences  
M-DCC New World Center Campus

### International has no ethics, Part 2

To The Editor:

We assume that an official **paper** expressing opinions for the student body on any issue will express pro or con sentiments based on **observation, integrity and actual awareness of the events** they elect to critique.

Thus, the Jan. 31 issue re the petition to lower SGA salaries put forward by Ms. Fabiola Garcia and approved by 600 students is now being appealed to the International Court, and has been the subject of unfair, distorted comments in *the International*. Questions of course come to mind on an issue of this nature.

- Did any representatives of the press ever attend meetings where this item was discussed?

- Why is all the article comment so one-sided?

- Do members of *the International* fail to understand the issue, and as a result provide unfair coverage?

- Do the prejudiced comments reflect negative attitudes toward SGA held by the staff of *the International*?

We note that no representative from *the International* was present at election committee meetings that certified the results of the elections. Why not, gentlemen, why not, pray tell?

Are you really interested and concerned with the efforts of SGA to function effectively and achieve results for the University?

*The International's* inadequate, irresponsible reporting changes its status to a journalistic corpus delicti — which we trust you will take steps to correct on future issues involving the SGA. Thank you.

Lou A. Blanchard  
R.N., M. Ed., Associate,  
School of Public Affairs

### THE ELDER AND THE YOUNGER

by RON KRAMER '79



## Editorials

# Let's dump the SGA

The SGA does what the SGA wants. Not what students want.

Now that a petition signed by 600 students and approved 137 to 74 in one election has been "killed" by a special election with one of the lowest voter turnouts in history, it's time for students to seriously think about getting rid of the student government form of distributing money.

(One of the reasons for the low turnout was that the polls were open for the shortest amount of time ever).

Students should decide how students' money (in the form of Activity and Service fees) is to be spent.

But the present system just doesn't make it. The SGA wastes money (like what was spent for this unnecessary election) and rarely provides a worthwhile service for the majority of students.

Unfortunately, Florida schools need student governments because of state law. Perhaps the law can be changed.

The student petition would have been a big help in controlling the SGA's foolish spending.

There are good people in the SGA. And

it probably is good experience. But it should not be allowed to continue at the expense of the majority of students.

We don't want to pick on the SGA and we aren't trying to antagonize any of its members. We try to cover the SGA as fairly and objectively as possible. And when they do something good, we compliment them.

Problem is they seldom do anything good.

## Paper chase

Seems now colleges and universities around the nation are running low on paper.

Many are cutting back on production of Xerox copying, mimeographing and computer printing. In fact, one has cut back to 60 per cent of its normal production.

One of the main problems is that mills are using "too much" money on anti-pollutants.

We think schools need to learn that paper doesn't grow on trees.



## Spring break

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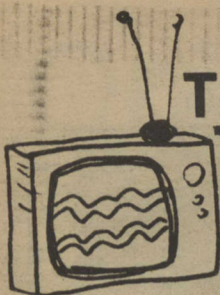
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## Television

# Benny Hill is a mountain of fun

The last time we told you about a good TV show was when we claimed a then-new sitcom, about an alien being named Mork, was going to become the hottest thing on the box.

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It is a comedy from England called "The Benny Hill Show" and, surprisingly enough, it stars a British

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It's raucous, childish, ridiculous and very funny.

Most of the jokes are old and some are corny. There's music and satire and musical satire.

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The lecture will be Tuesday, March 6 at 12:30 p.m. in OE 222 and is open to all interested persons.  
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"Madame Rosa" with Simone Signoret, Tamiami Campus UH 140, Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. and Fridays at 7:30 and 10 p.m.  
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# Baseball team readies comeback

**BILL SOPKO**  
Sports Editor

Today the baseball team will have a chance to recover from a double-tragic weekend.

The sky was dark and ominous above Mark Light Stadium Friday night in the first of a two-game series between the unbeaten Sunblazers and the University of Miami's unbeaten Hurricanes.

For seven and a half innings, the rain held off and righty Chris Lein held Miami off. He was coasting along, pitching a masterful three-hit shut out with the 'Blazers ahead, 3-0.

Then it happened. Call it a tidal wave, or a typhoon. Better yet, call it a Hurricane. Whatever it was, the University of Miami used it in the bottom of the eighth inning as they erupted for 11

runs to wipe out the three run lead and crush FIU, 11-3.

The Sunblazers had picked up a single run in the fifth inning, and added two more in the seventh on a two-run double by catcher Mark Campbell. But the Hurricanes' stagnant bats started lashing in the eighth as they sent 15 men to the plate, including a record 10 consecutive batters reaching base safely.

Apart from the three FIU runs, the game seemed to be a pitcher's duel between Lein and Miami starter Randy Guerra. Lein was pitching his way out of several precarious situations or letting his slick fielding defense show its stuff while Guerra had checked the 'Blazers on four hits and had struck out nine. Guerra left in the top of the eighth

with two men on base and was relieved by winner Mark Batten (2-0). It was Guerra who did much of the damage at the plate when he delivered a towering double for the go-ahead runs as the tide of the game changed completely in Miami's favor.

In the second game, Miami (4-0) jumped on FIU (5-2) for five runs in the first inning, and cashed in on four costly Sunblazer errors for five more runs as they beat FIU 12-4 for a sweep of the two-game series.

The Sunblazers couldn't get their young pitching game established, as they used four pitchers and surrendered ten hits to the Hurricanes.

The Sunblazers return to action today with Biscayne College (3-0) at Biscayne.



Wonderling

## Coach knows winning way for softball

**BILL SOPKO**  
Sports Editor

If there is a pattern for coaching success, FIU's Linda Miskovic certainly knows it.

Miskovic, 30, coached the volleyball team the past two years and led them to second place regional finishes. Now she will be attempting to lead the women's softball team to a championship season.

A five-letter winner at Western Illinois University, Miskovic was appointed head coach by Athletic Director Tom Wonderling after Wonderling fired last year's head coach, Judy Blueker.

Miskovic began coaching softball at Chicago's Lourdes High School. The team won four straight city championships. She hopes to have the same success here, when the season starts Feb. 28.

Three starters return from last year's 19-18 team: Lisa Brown, Linda McTague and Lillian Kraft. A fine recruiting year also brought FIU some of the best local talent in Lori 'Nadelman from Miami-Dade Community College North, Anne Harris from Dade South, and Nora Martinez from Brevard Community College. Those three, along with Maureen Fleming, a New Jersey native, will play important roles.

Miskovic's plans for her first crack at coaching collegiate softball include "a lot of individual work, and an emphasis on the strategies of the game."

The Lady Sunblazers' schedule includes about 50 per cent junior college and 50 per cent senior college competition.

### NCAA wrestling results

Both of FIU's NCAA Division II qualifiers, Nate Richardson (150 lbs.) and Kurt Ferraro (177 lbs.) were beaten in the preliminary round of the National tournament last weekend in Brookings, S.D.

Richardson lost a 17-11 decision to Mark Polletti of Lake Superior College, while Ferraro was pinned in 6:55 by Ralph Turner of St. Cloud State.

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## These kids are no dummies

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Staff Writer

The average student age at FIU is 28. So, students enrolled in DAMP may be a little out of place because of their age, but, the difference is made through their academic ability.

DAMP stands for Deep Accelerated Math Program and is made up of gifted high school students.

The six-year program is offered only to gifted high school students who have completed the two-year prerequisite.

"High schools can't always accommodate gifted students. One of the worst things that can happen to a gifted student is getting a poor teacher. He may try to put limitations on him and this does more harm than good," said Willie Williams, professor of

Mathematics sciences.

Every Saturday at 9 a.m. nine students age 13-17 come study math and work in the computer lab. "Computers are our main teaching device. It presents a challenge for them," Williams said.

Students enrolled in the program can receive 18 college credits if they remain in the program for three years. Cost of the program is \$16.50 per credit hour and funding is available for needy students.

Although the program has been considered a success and has served 175-200 students, it is losing its funding and this may be its last year here. "In the past the funding has come through Dade County and FIU but Dade County is cutting back their funding.

"Dade County is experiencing a budget crunch and cannot afford to continue the program," Williams said.

## Single parents can get some help

FIU will sponsor a seminar Saturday, March 3 which will deal with the problems facing single parents.

As part of the North Miami Campus' continuing series, "Saturday A.M.," the School of Education will sponsor a play "Divide and Multiply" followed by group discussions on relevant topics brought to the surface by the play.

Often tense, sometimes humorous, "Divide and Multiply" is an eyeopener for single, separated or divorced parents. Awaiting word of their son's condition

after an accident, this couple learns a lesson about divorce, which they are contemplating, from someone who has endured the anguish of it and survived to resume a happy and rewarding life.

The public is invited to attend "Saturday A.M." from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Trade Center, room 333, at North Miami Campus. Registration is \$3.

For more information call Sandra Woods at 940-5700.

## Pop drug is new head headache

One of the new "recreational drugs" finding fans on college campuses is butyl nitrate, an inhalant sold legally in many Coconut Grove record stores and head shops.

Butyl nitrate is sold as a room freshener under brand names such as Rush, Lockerroom and Momma Poppers.

The chemical causes increased heart rate and a dizzy feeling. Some say it

heightens the intensity of orgasm.

There are no deaths on record attributed to butyl nitrate or its cousin amyl nitrate, another heart stimulant. (Amyl, which was popular in the Sixties, now requires a prescription).

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The search for Judi Andersen's replacement is nearly over. Andersen's a tough act to follow.

Andersen, the reigning Miss USA—from Hawaii—finished as the first runner-up in the 1978 Miss Universe Pageant, but, alas, her reign is about over.

One of the last chances to see Andersen as Miss USA will be March 1 to 4, when she will be at Hollywood's Diplomat Hotel for the Miss Florida-USA Pageant. Approximately 50 young women will compete for the title Sunday on live, statewide television.

To qualify, applicants must have never married, between 18 and 27 years old, and must live, work or attend school in Florida, and must also be a U.S. citizen.

For entry information telephone (301) 589-0505.

## North Miami Campus tries open registration

In an attempt to raise registration figures at North Miami Campus, experimental open registration will occur at NMC daily through March 16. Change day at both campuses is March 26 and classes begin March 27.

"Because new students often do not know when registration occurs, it is on their behalf that the North Miami Campus is experimenting to find a way to provide improved methods for their entrance into FIU," said Rose Foster, NMC assistant vice president for academic affairs.

During this registration period, students can register for courses they'll be taking at NMC. Faculty advisors and counselors will be available during regular business hours for student advisement.

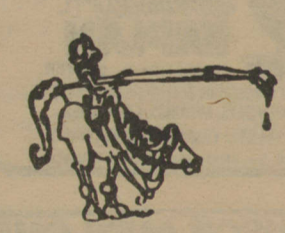
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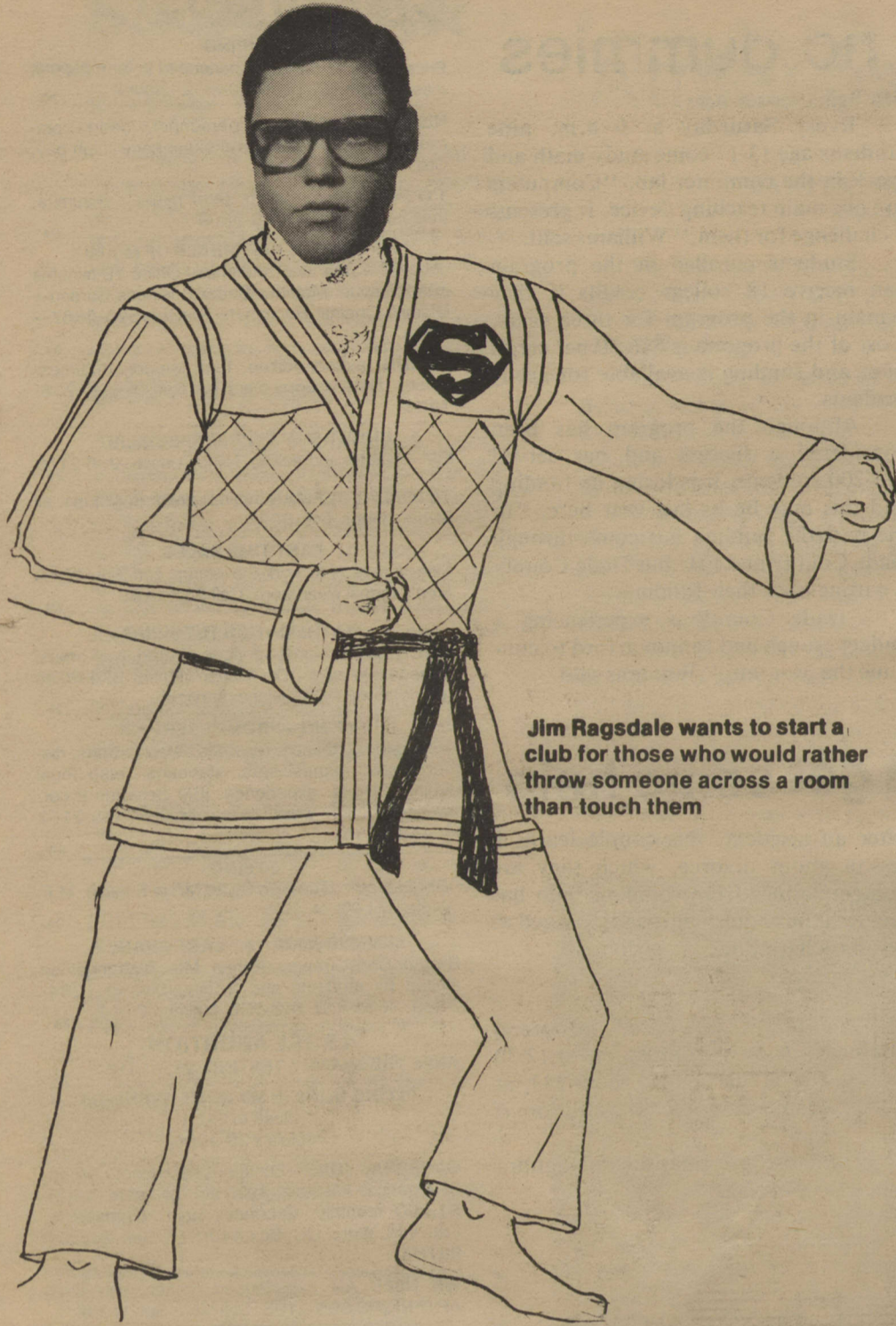
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# It's a bird, it's a plane, it's Jim Ragsdale

MARTY KLINKENBERG

News Editor

At first, the philosophy Jim Ragsdale preaches sounds like it is fresh from the twilight zone.

"The ultimate," Ragsdale says, a smile crossing his face, "is to be able to throw someone across a room without ever touching them. The best feelings I have is when I throw someone and don't even feel myself doing it."

Ragsdale, a 21-year-old pre-law student at FIU, is a judo expert. He has twice won the junior national and international championships and currently holds the world heavyweight YMCA title, which he won in Mexico City in 1978.

He doesn't look like Arnold Schwarzenegger or talk like Muhammad Ali. He is more like Clark Kent-ish than anything else, studious looking and clean-cut with dark-rimmed glasses.

"Judo is a heavy thing, really," Ragsdale said. "It takes a lot of time and training. It is more psychological than anything else. You have to know you're going to win before you go out there. There is a lot of psyching out. It is unlike any other sport."

When Ragsdale attended Miami-Dade Community College North, in 1975-76, he helped establish a judo club, which, in its first year, won the national junior college team championship.

He is interested in forming another club, this time at FIU, along with Heriberto Garcia, who owns the

Samurai Judo Club in Westchester Mall.

Garcia finished third in the master division of the National Championships in 1977 and once was the national black-belt champion.

According to Ragsdale, the newly formed FIU Judo Club is accepting memberships at no cost, although a slight fee may be charged once the club is organized.

It will compete against Dade North's and possibly will travel to April's international championships in Mexico City.

"Any money the club makes will be for our own good," Ragsdale said. "I think we can help people who are interested. Not only men, but women who want to learn self-defense. We have the facilities on campus (the W-9 building) and the initial response is good."

Although Ragsdale said, without bragging, that he had broken three of his opponent's arms by accident during competition, he added that he has never had to use judo in self-defense.

"When you have a Lamborghini and someone wants to race you with a Dodge, you don't have to think about it. You have a psychological edge. You know you can win. So I know I could tear someone's arm off, so it doesn't worry me."

Anyone interested in joining FIU's judo club should call Garcia at 552-7128 before 9 a.m. daily and after 10 p.m., or between 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

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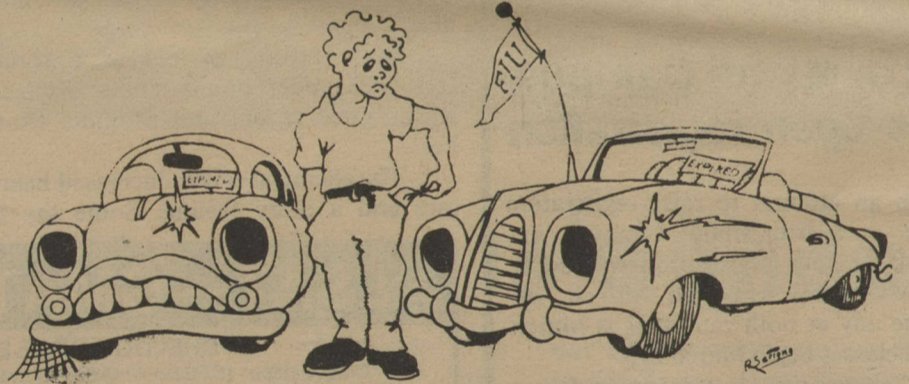
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