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### In-Depth

## Get ready for the longer semester run

See related story on FIU Faculty Senate's decision to protect their work-load, on page 3.

WENDY COBOURNE  
Contributor

Those rumors that FIU will convert to the semester system will probably become a reality as soon as the fall of 1981.

"Students will not like the change," said Lourdes Meneses, Director of Records and Registration.

"Students who are used to the shorter quarter system will find it hard to adjust to the longer semesters."

For Admissions and Records the change to the semester system would mean a chance to catch-up.

"Right now, we are on a treadmill. By the time we finish processing grades we have to start all over again,"

Meneses said.

The semester system would mean Admissions and Records would only have to process grades three times a year, with 17 weeks in between, during a regular academic year.

If the Florida cabinet follows the recommendations of the Department of Education's Articulation Committee as expected, all nine state universities will adopt a "modified semester system."

That would mean all public postsecondary institutions will be on a "common calendar."

Currently, Florida's 28 community colleges use the semester system — two terms, about 18 weeks long, and one slightly shorter summer term.

The state's nine universities, however, now divide the academic year into quarters, each lasting between 10 to 12 weeks.

In a memorandum to Commissioner of Education Ralph D. Turlington, the committee specifically recommended the following:

- ✓ If a common calendar is adopted, faculty salary compensation levels will not be diminished.

- ✓ The rate of tuition will not be increased solely as a result of the change.

- ✓ That the State Board of Education amend Rule 6A-10.19(2)(a) to establish three common entry periods for all postsecondary educational institutions.

If the rule is amended, the entry period for each term would be the same for all public universities and community colleges: Aug. 25 through Aug. 30 for

term one; Jan. 3 through Jan. 8 for term two and May 1 through May 8 for term three.

If the cabinet amends the rule, the fall and winter terms will last 17 weeks. The spring term will be eliminated and replaced by a 16-week summer term.

This means that a course currently taught in the 11-week quarter system will be stretched to span the 17 weeks of a semester.

A course worth five credits in the quarter system will be worth about three semester credits. However, fewer credits are required under the modified semester system for graduation.

According to the memo, adoption of the amendment would effect the public community colleges and universities "with a minimum of change either in legal framework or in existing practice."

The amendment requires state universities to advance the opening date for the first term — the fall term — by a month.

It would also "reduce the variation in the opening of instruction in community colleges from four weeks to six days." Relatively little adjustment would be required for term two.

The amendment would also allow the universities to begin term three in time to accept community college students who are ready to transfer at the end of the second term.

The "identifiable" transition cost is estimated by the committee to range from \$170,000 to \$225,000. "This one-

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## Olson unsure of present job, but Nuttall has designs on it

JIM CARSON  
Managing Editor

Although Nancy Olson has been appointed acting athletic director, she isn't sure whether she will seek the permanent position.

Although Bill Nuttall was not given the AD job, he will definitely seek the permanent position.

Those two facts are certain. But other aspects of what is brewing into a controversial topic are not.

Nuttall was recommended for the AD job by former AD Tom Wonderling, when Wonderling resigned last month.

Olson was picked as acting AD by Henry Thomas, acting vice president for Student Affairs, because of her previous position as assistant athletic director.

Now the confusion begins.

Olson, when appointed to her new position last Friday, was called interim athletic director. Monday she received a memo from Thomas describing her position as acting athletic director.

"First I was told I was interim AD and now I find out that I'm acting AD. I don't know what the difference is," Olson said.

According to Director of University Personnel Relations Jim Flood, there ac-

tually is no difference.

"The State University System defines acting while interim is only a term associated with acting," he said.

When Olson was given the acting AD position, Nuttall was under the impression that someone in an acting job could not be considered for the permanent job.

"Not so," said Flood. "Anyone who applies for the fulltime position will be considered."

"That is not the impression I got from Dr. Thomas' office," Nuttall said. "Although Dr. Thomas himself never

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## Olson gets AD post

Nancy Olson, assistant director of athletics under Tom Wonderling, has been named acting athletic director, filling the post vacated by Wonderling's resignation.

Olson's appointment makes her the first woman athletic director in the State University System.

Upon her appointment, Olson said one of her goals is "to make the athletic department financially healthy."

Olson came to FIU in August from Ely High School in Pompano Beach. Along with her duties as assistant athletic director, Olson has also served as women's tennis coach.

A health and physical education graduate from Bowling Green University, Olson received her master's in physical education from the University of Miami and is now pursuing her second master's degree, in sports administration, at Biscayne College.

## Short Shrift

### Flyin' high

You've always wanted to soar like a bird, right?

Now you can by joining FIU's Flying Club. Attend their meeting Feb. 6 at 6 p.m. in UH 317.

### Falashans and Ethiopia

Rachimin Alazar will be Hillel's Deli Luncheon featured speaker Feb. 12 at 12:30 in PC 244.

Alazar's topic is "The Falashans, Black Jews and Ethiopia." The lecture is free. Lunch is served and is \$2.25 for Hillel members and \$2.75 for non-members.

### Crocket, music and God

Billy Crocket will bring music to the lunchtime hour, with songs from Loggins & Messina, James Taylor and contemporary Christian music.

The concert is Feb. 11 at 12:15 in the UH Forum, and is sponsored by the Campus Light Fellowship. Atheists are welcomed.

### Ann Bishop to keynote

Ann Bishop will be the keynote speaker, Morey Alter will conduct a workshop, and so will Miami News columnist John Keasler and cartoonist Don Wright, among others.

The event is the Annual Journalism Day at FIU, Feb. 23 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call 552-2118 or 552-2231.

### 'Rebellion' explored

The Latin American and Caribbean Center at FIU will present two films during the remainder of winter quarter 1980 as part of an ongoing Latin American Film Festival.

"Rebellion in Patagonia," produced in Argentina in 1974, will be shown at 8:30 p.m., Feb. 19, in DM 100 on the Tamiami Campus.

The film dramatizes a series of strikes by Argentine rural workers during the 1920's and is spectacularly photographed against the ruggedly beautiful background of the vast Pampas and snow-capped Andes.

### Pell examines problems in education

A recent paper on the legality of functional literacy testing, written by FIU Professor Sara Pell, will be published this year as a chapter in a book on legal problems in education.

The tests, Pell said, may be more a tool for resegregating schools, or classes within schools, than they are an accurate gauge of how successful a potential high school graduate may or may not be in dealing with the everyday demands of life.

Pell cites several court cases in which judges have ruled unconstitutional laws which in many ways paralleled the Florida law providing for the tests.

Her research states the bases for these rulings and indicates the eventual impact they might have on a case under appeal to the Florida Supreme Court in which a former high school student, a black female, is suing the state to force it to award the diploma she was denied because of her score on the test.

Dr. Pell is with FIU's School of Education and is based on its North Miami Campus. For more information, call 940-5820.

# Fees go to health clinic

WENDY COBOURNE  
Contributor

While standing in long lines waiting to pay registration fees, many students openly wondered about a mysterious \$5 "health fee" automatically added to tuition fees. What happens to the money collected from this mandatory charge?

According to Tom Riley, director of Student Activities, the fee provides for FIU's health clinics, which many students do not even realize exist.

Of every \$5 collected, \$3.50 funds the operation of health clinics, one on each campus. The remaining \$1.50 covers every registered student with a \$1,000 blanket accident insurance policy, Riley said.

Each week the clinics treat 100 to

150 students, said Family Nurse Practitioner Lynn Hess. Hess is qualified to perform examinations and administer treatment to patients. She can administer drugs and issue prescriptions within established rules. Dr. Erwin Potash visits each clinic once a week to treat patients Hess is not qualified to treat.

Students are not customarily charged for treatment. If lab tests are required, however, the student will be charged for the cost of the test.

The \$1,000 accident policy covers injuries occurring at any time, regardless of whether the accident takes place on or off campus.

FIU was the last university in the State University System to initiate a health fee. FIU's fee is the lowest in the

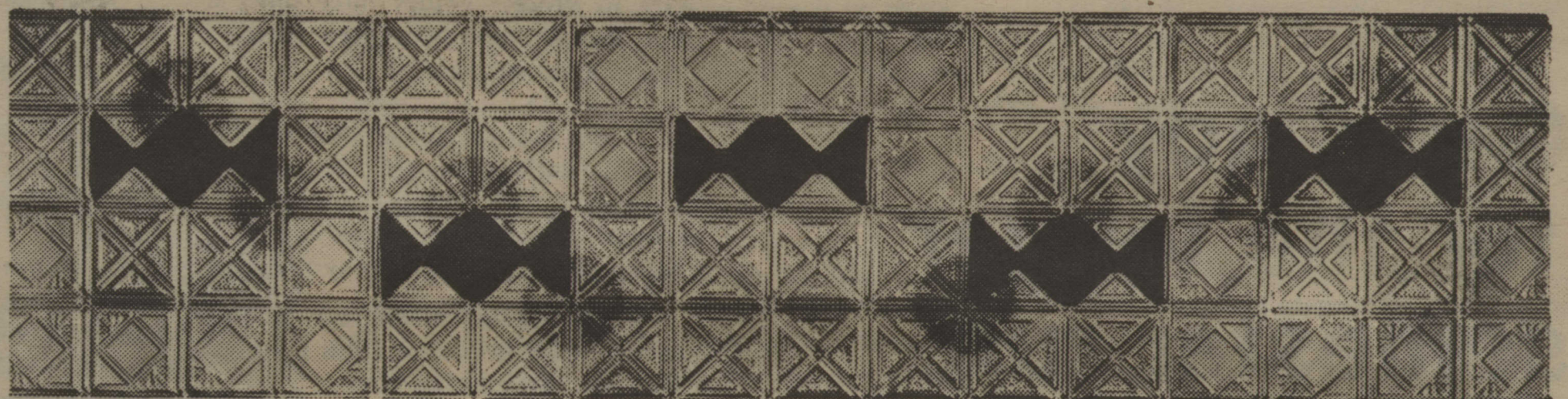
system.

The fee was introduced last quarter. Riley presented the concept to the SGA and the SGA senate approved it, then requested and received the president's approval.

The clinic was previously operated, with fewer services, from money allocated from the Activities and Services funds, which are \$2.69 of every credit a student pays for.

The introduction of the mandatory health fee resulted in \$200,000 more A & S funds to be used for other student services.

The clinic at the Tamiami Campus is located in OE 115; the North Miami Campus clinic is in the Trade Center. Both clinics are open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday.



## ART

This peculiar piece will go on display Feb. 8 as part of the Visual Arts

Gallery display called "Other Media." The Gallery is located in 112.

## North Campus library to expand

MIRTA ANA NARANJO  
Contributor

Nearly \$80,000 has been allocated for the expansion of the North Miami campus library to almost twice its original size.

The expansion includes extensions of the general collection and periodical areas and the addition of a curriculum lab. The lab is specifically for students in the School of Education.

"All the construction work is finished," said Antoinette Baker, assistant librarian. "Hopefully by the end of March, all areas will be totally functional."

Work on the library began about a year ago with funds provided by the Physical Planning Office of FIU. The expansion was needed to serve the campus' students until the library building is

completed.

Building #5 is scheduled to house the new library.

Once it is built, the North Miami library will be about the same size as the Tamiami library," Baker said. "However, it will be about six years before #5 is completed."

Because of the expansion, a minimum of two full-time workers will be hired. "We're doubling the public service area," said Baker, "but we have the same staff."

The library still needs to be furnished with extra carrels (the desks which extend from the shelves), circulation systems and security apparatus.

Currently, the Tamiami campus library is housing part of the North Campus library's collection.

## New degree program being offered

SELWYN KING  
Staff Writer

The profile of the university student today is changing. Today's student works full-time, supports a family and attends school part-time. This student is a mature individual who has valuable life experiences which he brings to a degree program.

Therefore, the University has developed a program which is designed to accommodate the roles he plays in society and one which also takes into consideration the student's individual time frame. This student needs the External Degree Program.

The External Degree Program of the State University System of Florida was established at FIU by the Board of

Regents in 1972 and reports to the division of Academic Affairs.

The concern of the State University System is to serve the citizens and residents of Florida. During the past seven years, over 600 students have graduated via the External Degree process.

"We are not designed to attract on-campus students," associate director Connie Clark said. "We attempt to identify prospective students who have difficulties attending on-campus programs."

FIU is one of 325 institutional members in America that belong to the Council for the Advancement of Experiential Learning. The External Degree Program here is one of the national leaders in assessment and evalua-

tion of experiential learning.

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# Faculty votes for smaller workload

**WENDY COBOURNE**  
Contributor

In light of the expected State University System (SUS) conversion from the current quarter system to the proposed semester system, FIU's Faculty Senate passed a motion endorsing a maximum teaching load of two three-credit courses per semester.

Should the modified semester become a reality, the adoption of the Senate's proposed maximum teaching load could substantially alter the teaching load of some faculty members in terms of the number of credits taught. The modified semester system was

proposed as a means of bringing about a "common calendar" between the State's nine universities and 28 community colleges.

According to Faculty Senate Chairman Tony Shershin, "There is a concern that the transfer to the semester will be used as a means to increase faculty work-loads."

Shershin said the Senate voted specifically for a limit of two three-credit courses because "that is a typical teaching load."

"The problem with the motion is that there is no such thing as a standard or typical teaching load at FIU," Shershin said.

The Senate's proposed maximum

load of two three-credit courses per semester could significantly reduce or increase the number of hours taught by some faculty within the nine-month academic year.

A teacher currently teaching two five-credit courses each quarter is teaching 30-credits in one academic year. Under the quarter system, 30-credits are worth 20-semester credits.

The Senate's proposal would limit the number of semester credits per teacher for one academic year to 12 credits. The teaching load in such a case would reduce by 40 per cent.

But Shershin said the teachers' work-loads are more affected by the

number of courses they must teach than by the amount of total credits they must teach.

Faculty preparation for two courses, whether the credit value is three or five, is "basically the same," he said.

Shershin said the limiting of teachers' work-load will give teachers more time to devote to research.

"When teaching more than two courses, research becomes almost prohibitive," he said.

If the Florida cabinet votes in favor of the modified semester system as expected, FIU is anticipating to be operating under such a system by the fall of 1981.



Lubell and VITA volunteers

Get some help



## Taxes can be taxing

Don't do your taxes yet. There's help on the way.

FIU's accounting students, coordinated by Dr. Myron S. Lubell, will be offering free income tax assistance to students, University personnel and area residents.

The students will set up in the UH Forum March 3-7 and March 10-14, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The students are working as part of

the IRS's sanctioned Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) and will receive technical backing from representatives of the IRS.

Lubell, author of the weekly tax column in the *Miami Herald*, "Tax Line," has been directing the VITA program for six years.

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Can't find a parking space? Just pull over on the grass.

This is not a bus stop. But get in anyway.

You can pay for your books ahead of me. I'm in no hurry.

Yesterday was the deadline to pay tuition fees, but I'll take your check and forget the \$50 penalty.

**Ron Kramer**

## Letters

### Letter had wrong info

To the Editor:

In regards to the letter of Ms. Bruna Romani, published in your Jan. 23 issue, I wish to state the following:

- ✓ There is NO such thing as "20th Century Italian Novel," offered by the Department of Modern Languages.
- ✓ Ms. Romani and the other students mentioned in her letter (a total of five including herself) were officially registered for Italian 3122, which is the 3rd quarter of elementary Italian language instruction.
- ✓ Italian 3122 was cancelled for insufficient enrollment.
- ✓ The adjunct lecturer who was assigned to teach the course was informed of the cancellation of the class.
- ✓ Following the normal procedure in cases like this, the Department of Registration and Records was also informed of the cancellation of the course.

**REINALDO SANCHEZ, Acting Chairperson  
Department of Modern Languages**

## Bookviews



### Women get aid for abortions

To the Editor:

As a member of the Dade County Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights, and as one who works closely with women faced with the decision of abortion, I would like to share a momentous ruling by U.S. District Judge John F. Dooling with you. Judge Dooling overruled the Hyde Amendment, which heretofore has restricted federally funded abortions for poor women.

In his 652-page opinion, Judge Dooling laid out two new Constitutional grounds for restoring the rights of women to receive federally funded abortions:

1. It extends the First Amendment, the guarantee of religious freedom, to the right to terminate a pregnancy.
2. Further, he ruled that denial of Medicaid funds is a violation of the rights of privacy, as protected by due process and the equal protection clause, of the Fifth Amendment.

This decision is expected to become a reality at the state level around February 15th, but the anti-abortionists have begun their protests.

Those of us who support "freedom of choice" must also make our voices heard. Now, more than ever, we must not be complacent. The compulsory pregnancy groups are calling for a convention in an effort to amend the Constitution.

In a phone conversation with Lourdes Soto, Attorney for the New York A.C.L.U., she stated that they will help insure that the states do not deny women their rights. It is imperative that the less fortunate amongst us are made aware of their rights.

If you believe that abortion is a woman's private decision, and that no woman should be compelled to carry full term, than I ask you to join with us in signing a petition that directs our State Legislators to uphold Judge John Dooling's ruling.

**SELMA BIRZON, M.S.W.  
The Ladies Center**

A petition is located at *The International*.

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Letters to the editor are welcomed and encouraged.

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# Semesters nearing

time cost...mostly involving changes in record systems in the State University System...may be offset within five years by reducing the number of registrations."

FIU's Faculty Senate, however, endorsed staying on the quarter system. A report from each of the the nine universities' Faculty Senate revealed that five of the Senates preferred switching to a modified semester system. The other four, including FIU, favored maintaining the quarter system.

Tony Shershin, FIU's Faculty Senate chairman said; "One of the main concerns of the faculty is what will happen to our work load. Since nothing has been settled, there is anxiety about it."

FIU's faculty also feels the estimated quarter of a million dollars for curriculum planning to make such a transition is too high.



**Cruisin'**



**Nettleford**

## Renaissance man visits FIU

Rex Nettleford, who simultaneously leads three careers in Jamaica as educator, dancer, and world political analyst, will speak at FIU Feb. 9.

He is ending a five-city tour in Miami following the publication of his book *Caribbean Cultural Identity: The Case of Jamaica*.

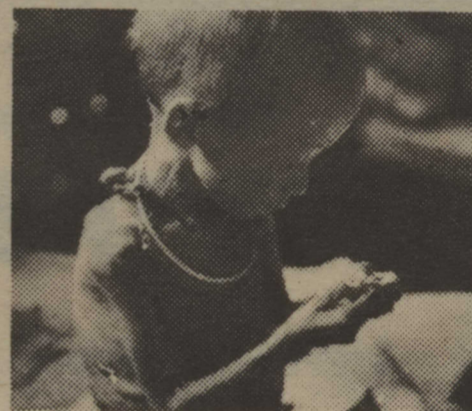
Widely regarded as "Renaissance Man" of the Caribbean, Nettleford is founder and chief choreographer of the Jamaica National Dance Theater Company, as well as chairman of the Institute of Jamaica. He heads depart-

ments of the University of the West Indies dealing with trade union education.

He is a governor of the Canadian International Development Research Center, and has advised the government of Nigeria and Ghana, among others, on cultural festivals.

In his new book, Nettleford argues that cultural development must guide economic development if Caribbean nations are to become self-governing.

His talk, sponsored by the Latin American-Caribbean Center, is at 11 a.m., Feb. 9 in UH 210.



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# Rush Week a success

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Rush Week, the brainchild of the A.S.S., was an organizational recruitment fair for more than 17 clubs and organizations.

"The purpose of A.S.S. is to promote social life on campus and the most effective way to do this is through clubs," Paul Valyo of A.S.S. said.

One of the more popular events of Rush Week was the coin pitch. Fair weather through bad weather, male or female, it didn't matter; a member of

A.S.S. submerged himself into A.S.S.'s mobile bathtub into which passersby tossed coins to be donated to muscular dystrophy.

"We thought it would be good for FIU students to do something that would benefit the community," Valyo said.

The most successful event of the week was Casino Night, which raised over \$600. The final night had the real flavor of a casino, from blackjack tables to dealers dressed in attire which would make a Las Vegas or Bahamian casino proud.

The first annual Rush Week may be history, but plans for the next Rush Week are in the cards.

— TERRY WILLIAMS

## Come and learn English at FIU

BEATRIZ PARGA DE BAYON  
Staff Writer

Hey, you! Come learn English at FIU.

Around the world, this is the way Dr. John Staczek, Associated Professor of Modern Languages and Education, attracts students for the English as a Second Language Program for International Students.

Staczek said word of mouth is the best advertising. After a student learns English in FIU's English Program, he returns to his country and discusses his experience at FIU.

There are 228 students from 18 countries; most students are from Latin America, and 10 per cent are from the

Arabian countries.

"Happy, satisfied students are the best public relations for my program," Dr. Staczek said.

After the Intensive English Program, most students return home, but approximately 10 per cent remain to continue regular courses at FIU.

The course costs \$700 per semester. International students who continue their studies pay \$51.50 per credit, which is three times more than Florida residents pay.

Many students find living in the United States hard at first because of the language barrier.

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## New VP wants students to attain goals

SELWYN KING

Staff Writer

The Division of Student Affairs has a new vice president who is determined to aid students in obtaining an education at FIU.

Associate Dean Henry Thomas of FIU's School of Public Affairs and Services is now acting vice president of Student Affairs, replacing Judy Merritt who resigned in November.

Thomas is making recommendations to President Wolfe on how the division is going to be structured for the spring and summer quarters.

One of his priorities is to set up a communication system to improve all services rendered to students.

"We have established a council of assistant deans," Thomas said. "The goal of the council is to help break down the barriers that exist between Student Affairs and the University.

Besides being an assistant professor of Public Administration, Thomas' career includes working for a number of years as chief of staff to FIGHT, a community organization which develops grassroots action in the black community of Rochester, New York. He was also in government service, working in the Budget Bureau in Rochester.

Thomas holds a B.A. degree from UCLA and an M.S. in Public Management from the University of Rochester in addition to Master's and Doctor's degrees in Public Administration from the University of Southern California.

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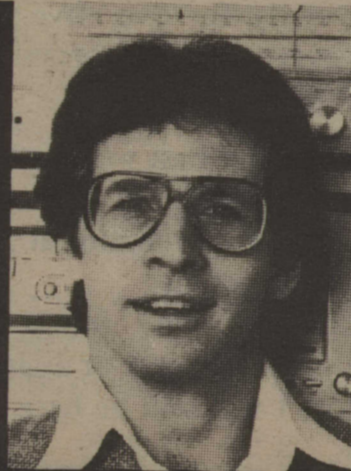
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# Nuttall confused over AD application procedure

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told me that, I was given the impression by his representatives that through the State University System's affirmative action policy, a person filling an acting administrative position could not be considered for the permanent job."

Dr. Thomas said he was not sure of the regulations governing that. "To my knowledge, there are no such rules, but I'm really not sure."

Thomas said he picked Olson, because she was next in line for the job. But Nuttall said the only reason Olson had the assistant AD job was because she is a woman.

"A while back, Wonderling asked me if I would like to take the position as assistant AD," said Nuttall, who is the soccer coach. "I said yes, but when he went to then vice president for Student Affairs, Judy Merritt, with the proposal, she said no because she wanted a woman for the job."

"So this summer, Nancy got it."

Olson, who was the second woman to be named athletic director of a coed high school at Broward County's Ely High in 1978, says she will make up her mind in a couple of months as to whether she will seek the fulltime FIU athletic director job.

"I'm very happy now and things are going very smoothly but I haven't decided on the future yet," she said. "I feel I'm qualified for the job, but I have to say I was very surprised to get it."

Nuttall is very surprised Olson is even considering the fulltime job.

"Shortly before Wonderling left, he called Nancy and I into his office and

told us he was resigning," Nuttall said. "He asked whether either of us would seek the job and Nancy said no and I said yes."

"So he said he would recommend me, which he did. He said if we both would have sought the job, he would have stayed neutral. So I'm very surprised that she may seek the job."

The final decision as to who will receive the athletic director's job will be made by President Gregory Wolfe by Sept. 1. A search and screen committee will be appointed to make a recommendation to Wolfe.

Nuttall said that if he doesn't get the job, he will evaluate his future at FIU.

"I have to think of my short and long range goals and my long range goals include getting into administration," he said. "Obviously, the door would be shut at FIU."

"If I don't get the job, I would begin to wonder about the policies of the University. Morale is already not that great here and when someone has been with the University for over five years and is passed over for an important job, it's bound to slip further."

Olson, who is the first woman to be picked athletic director in the state university system, will remain at FIU regardless of the outcome.

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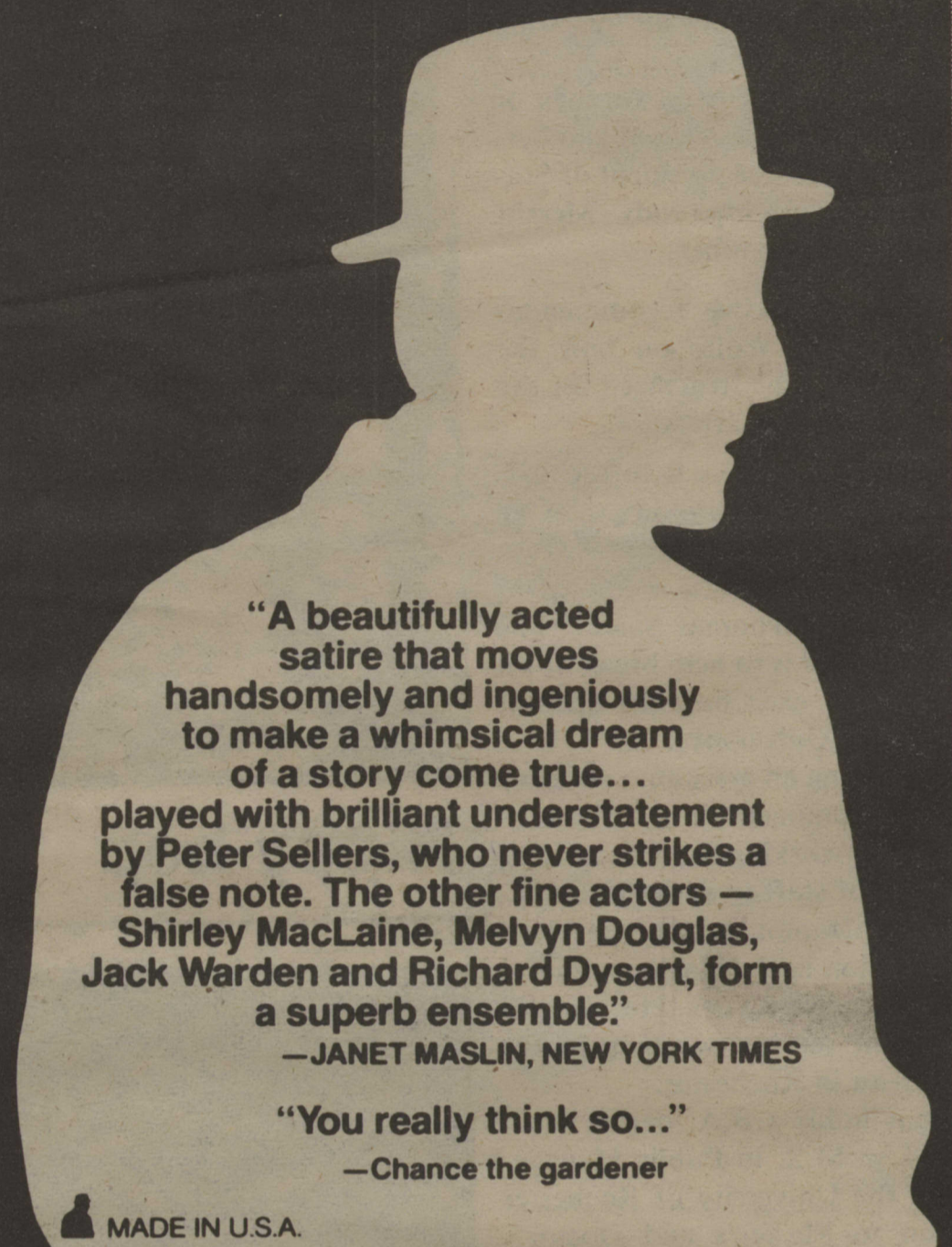
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Contributor

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The field of construction is no longer primarily a man's domain, as more women enter the field as carpenters, contractors and electricians. Female students from FIU's School

of Construction and from other university campuses across the nation are introduced into the field through the National Association for Women In Construction, an organization which helps place women in construction-oriented jobs.

Dr. Jack Clark, FIU construction professor, said, "Most of my female students are members of Women In Construction."

The organization provides scholarships as well as jobs for women interested in the field.

WICs, as the members are called, range in age, with many in their forties and a few in their sixties.

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"The reason many of the women are in the construction field is that their husbands have died and left them with the company assets.

"Most states give these women one year to become licensed and registered in the field," Clark said.

Clark, who attends and speaks at WIC meetings, said, "I don't believe that the men in the construction field have hang-ups or resent the women. The women are bright and do a terrific job."

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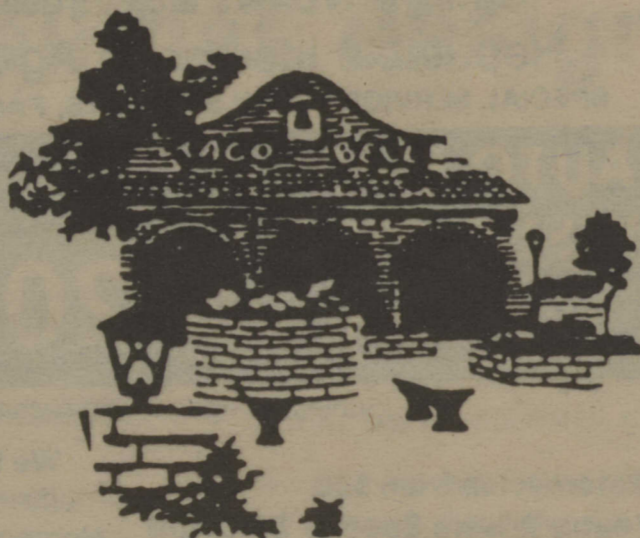
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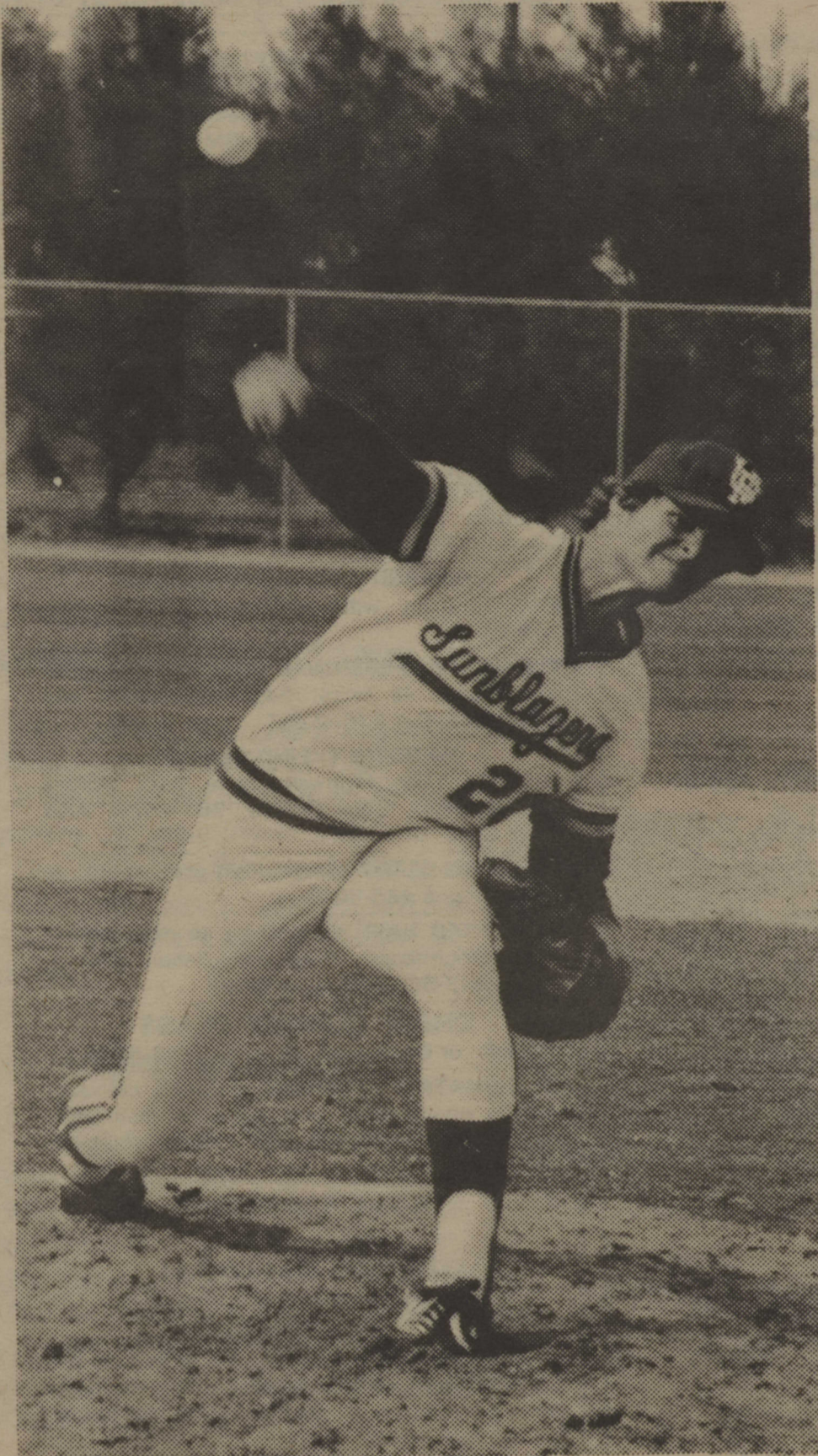
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# Price's coaching job is a dream come true



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Danny Price has always dreamed of the day he would be standing at the helm of a major inter-collegiate baseball program.

Little did he know that just a year after joining Coach Tom Wonderling's FIU baseball staff, he would be selected as the new coach of the nationally ranked Sunblazers.

"A dream? Being named FIU's new coach is more like a fantasy," said Price. "I've always dreamed about this day and I couldn't have asked for a better program to take over."

Price, who coached Miami Central High School in 1977, is no stranger to the FIU baseball tradition. Following a successful high school and junior college playing career, he started on the initial 1973 Sunblazers.

During that 41-25 season, he cracked 79 base hits to lead the team and establish a school record which has yet to be broken. In recognition of his offensive leadership, Price was voted the team's Most Valuable Player, then selected co-captain of the 1974 squad.

Since then, he has proven himself to be as adept a teacher as he was a player. Last year, while team batting instructor, the Sunblazers broke or tied 36 offensive records enroute to a team batting average of .318.

Under the new head coach, the 1980 Sunblazers can be expected to play a wide-open brand of ball.

"You can expect us to do anything and everything it takes to win," he said. "But basically, I'm a student of Tom Wonderling and we'll continue doing the same things it took to win in the past."

A native of Rocky Mount, N.C., Price was an outstanding athlete at Northern Nash High School in Rocky Mount. He went on to play at Indian C.C. in Ft. Pierce, where he was selected a Juco All-Star outfielder.

After making his mark at FIU, he worked at

coaching while continuing his education.

In September 1974, Price joined the Central H.S. staff and was named an assistant coach in both baseball and football. He worked toward his master of science degree in Health Education which he earned at FIU in 1976. In 1977, he was promoted to Central's head baseball coach.

"Danny is an outstanding teacher and a real student of the game," Wonderling said, shortly before his departure to Cal Poly Pomona. "I believe, with his expertise and his knowledge and pride in the FIU winning tradition, he is the best man for the job."

Under Wonderling, the Sunblazers enjoyed a 224-139 record in seven seasons for a .613 winning percentage. Last year, the team went on to a 45-13 record and was ranked as the country's best for most of the season before finishing third nationally in the collegiate baseball coaches' poll.

## Baseball starts

The baseball program at FIU embarks upon a new era when it opens the 1980 season against Florida Memorial College, Friday afternoon, Feb. 8 at 3 p.m. at Tamiami.

The 1980's will begin without Tom Wonderling, the Sunblazers first and only head baseball coach who led FIU to a 226-139 record in seven years.

In his place, Danny Price, Wonderling's top assistant in 1979, will attempt to carry on the winning tradition.

The Sunblazers will play 51 games this season, 37 of which will be played on their home turf.

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