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Yeung beats Zanetti for SGA Chair

WENDY COBOURNE
News Editor

Not quite eight percent of the FIU student population voted in last week's SGA elections.

"It was one of the best voter turnouts," said Rony Rousseau, SGA Elections Commissioner. "And that's with no give-aways."

In past elections, SGA gave out free T-shirts and raffled a bicycle to encourage voting.

Nearly 900 of FIU's 11,432 students elected the new Presiding Board, the International Court justices, the Budget Committee members and 22 senators.

Elvis Yeung won the top seat of chairperson with 419 votes, beating John "Butch" Zanetti's 315 votes. Yeung begins his one-year term May 7.

Yeung, who succeeds two-term chairperson Anita Tejon, said he would not make "any major changes."

"I'm not going to run this place like I'm the head honcho and that I make all the decisions like she did," Yeung said.

The 7.9 percent of the student population voting were able to voice how they thought the nearly \$10 million in Activity and Service (A&S) funds should be allocated by the SGA.

Results of the question had not been tabulated by Tuesday night.

Yeung said he would "take the results, sit down and determine the priorities and then take it to the senate."

Yeung's Associate Chairperson is Audrey Weintraub, who won with 350 votes, 89 more than Roberto Noda.

Only one person, Cecil Rodriguez, ran for Comptroller, and he received 428 votes.

Steven Cohen ran against Tony Cotarello for the office of Scribe. Cohen beat Cotarello 392 votes to one.

New Consularie Richard Fatigate received 436 votes, the most votes for any office in this election. Two other candidates for the office received one vote apiece.

Some students evidently elected themselves into Budget Committee seats.

Carol Gullen, Phil Desantolo and Neal Watstein each received one vote and won the one seat available in each of their schools.

One student from each school at each campus was supposed to be elected to fill the 10 open seats for the Budget Committee. Two schools are headquartered at only one campus and representatives are not necessary, according to Rousseau.

No legitimate candidates ran for the Budget Committee seat in Bay Vista's School of Education and the four persons running in Tamiami's School of Hospitality Management each received one vote.

A run-off election will be held Monday and Tuesday to determine who will fill the vacant seats. One senator seat from the School of Public Affairs also needs to be filled.

The SGA elections committee had to hand-count the votes because the Dade County Elections Committee would not loan them the voting machines.

The voting machines were returned "a couple of days late, maybe a week late" after last October's SGA elections, according to Tom Riley, student activities coordinator.

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After the votes were counted (supervised below by Assistant Dean of Student Affairs Karel King) the SGA victory celebration began. To the right, newly elected Chairperson Elvis Young dances up a storm in victory party in the Rat. Above, the students' choice for Associate Chair, Audrey Weintraub, shows her elation by doing a little dance. The new SGA officers take office May 7.



Unexpected funds will enable baseball team to finish season

FIU's baseball team must be blessed.

It needed a minimum of \$2,000 to finish its season and got over \$5,000 from a the most unlikely source — the Student Government Association.

The SGA had a quorum at its meeting last Wednesday, the first quorum in over a month, and it voted to give the baseball team \$5,090.

"I was really surprised the SGA had a quorum and very happy to say the least that it voted to give us money," said acting Athletic Director Nancy Olson.

Had the SGA not provided the money, FIU probably would have had to cancel a crucial road trip this weekend to Lakeland to meet the nation's No. 1 ranked team, Florida Southern.

Had the trip been cancelled, FIU's chances of receiving a post-season playoff bid would have diminished considerable, Coach Danny Price said.

And on Tuesday of last week, things didn't look good. The baseball team had used all the money in its

budget and the only source to provide additional funding was the SGA.

In order for the SGA to act on the matter, legislation would have to be introduced to the senate. In order for the senate to act on legislation, it must have a quorum.

At the previous three SGA meetings, a quorum had not been present. Last Wednesday, the bare minimum needed for a quorum, 12 people, were at the meeting.

Voting on a bill introduced by senators Mark Croley and John Rullman, the senate passed the motion, 10-1, with one abstention.

"I think a few SGA people heard about the team's victory over the University of Miami and decided to do something about the situation," Olson said.

Luckily, if FIU does get an NCAA playoff bid, that organization pays all the expenses.

A horn-hollering time

FIU's Jazz Ensemble got together last week for a short jam session outside the Rathskeller. Shown here are three of the members blowing their horns. The Jazz Ensemble will join noted musician Rick Matteson on May 2 for a free concert at the Tamiami Campus. Matteson has performed with jazz greats Louis Armstrong and Clark Terry. The internationally known soloist plays valve trombone, bass trumpet, euphonium, tuba and piano. Matteson will also give a free workshop at FIU this week. (See page 10 for details.)



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Shur may have been arrested in FIU office

WENDY COBOURNE
News Editor

Another man has been arrested in connection with the alleged counterfeit Quaalude operation in which FIU biology lab manager Henry Schur was arrested nearly three weeks ago.

Police arrested J. R. Kartee, 50, of 250 Arvida Parkway, Coral Gables, at Miami International Airport last Wednesday, according to Ray Havens, Dade's chief of criminal investigations division.

Kartee is charged with conspiracy, sale of narcotics and intent to distribute narcotics, Havens said. No narcotics were confiscated from Kartee, he said.

Meanwhile, Schur, who was arrested April 10 after selling 5,000 Quaaludes to an undercover agent, has been put on "administrative leave" with pay, according to Jim Flood, FIU personnel director. FIU payroll records show Schur makes \$15,985 annually, or approximately \$600 biweekly.

Police originally reported that Schur was arrested at a warehouse he owned at 27401 S.W. 182 Ave., near Homestead. However, Havens said Schur was arrested in his FIU office after Schur was filmed selling 5,000 of the tablets to an investigator for \$5,000.

Police found sophisticated equipment at the dirty warehouse capable of producing 36,000 tablets an hour, Havens said. Forty pounds of methaqualone powder, a substance used in manufacturing Quaaludes, were confiscated from the warehouse.

Equipment found at the warehouse includes:

- A machine that counts pills.
- A machine to mix ingredients.
- Temperature controlling equipment.
- A 9,000 pound pill-puncher.
- Dies to stamp tablets to resemble legitimate pharmaceutical Quaaludes.
- Scales to weigh the pills.

A set of scales valued at about \$200 were reported stolen from FIU several weeks ago, according to University police Capt. W.E. Ball.

"We are not insinuating in any way that these were taken by Mr. Schur," Ball said.

The scales confiscated from the warehouse need to be photographed and processed before it can be determined if they were stolen from FIU, he said.

SGA imposes new quorum rule

WENDY COBOURNE
News Editor

SGA had a quorum at its meeting on April 23. Often, no business is conducted at the weekly meetings because of a lack of quorum.

But last week enough senators were present to pass a bill to dock the pay of senators who only show up to get their names on the roll and then leave the meetings.

The "Let's play quorum count for dollars" bill

was passed last Wednesday after a short controversy between current SGA chair Anita Tejon and Elvis Yeung, who begins his term as the new chairperson May 7, over whether a quorum was actually present.

Senators receive \$25 for attendance at the meetings, \$12.50 for committee attendance and \$12.50 for senatorial duties.

The new bill requires that "every quorum count be a roll call and any delinquent senators not responding to any quorum count of any meeting be

docked for one-half their emolument that they receive for that meeting."

That means senators not present during any quorum count will be docked \$6.25, one-half of the \$12.50 usually received for senatorial duties.

"People need incentives to come to meetings and one of the best incentives is money," said Susan Purcell, co-sponsor of the bill.

Senate proceedings have been hindered recently because of poor senate attendance at the meetings. Purcell said senators often leave the meetings after the opening roll call and "never quite make their way back to participate in the duties for which they were elected."

Children's urine may contaminate pools

"Children using swimming pools sometimes help make them unfit for use by children." This apparent paradox was discovered by Alan Beech, a scientist at FIU. Beech has spent the past two years studying pollutants in public and commercial pools in the Miami area and found that if large amounts of nitrate, which are produced in some pools, are swallowed, they may be harmful to infants and small children.

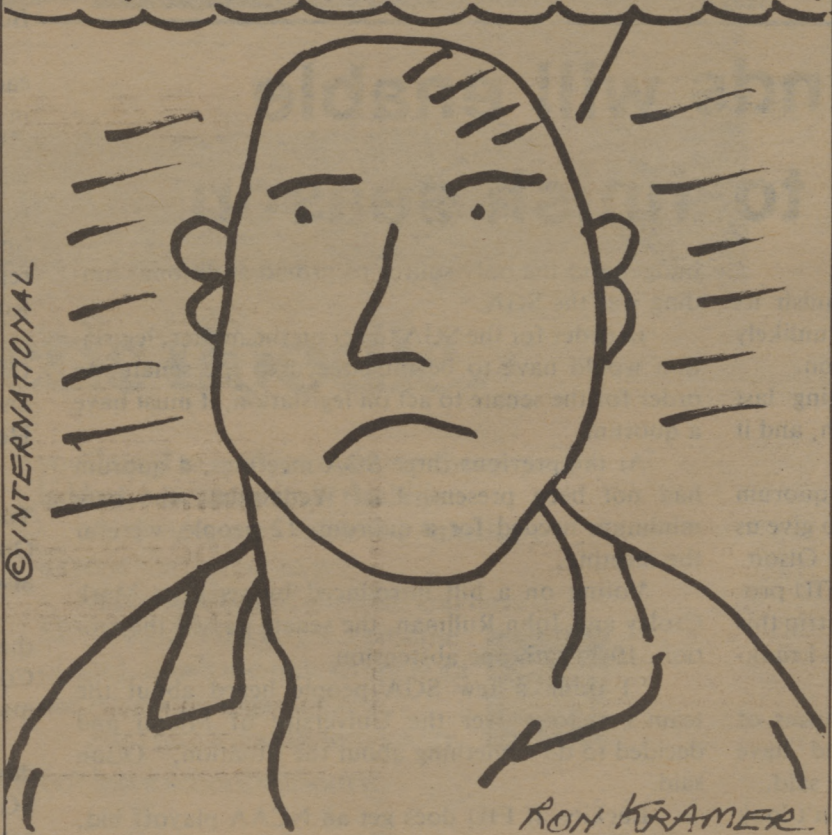
Scientists have shown that nitrate is produced by a chemical reaction between chlorinated water and urea, a substance present in urine. When children urinate in the water, the urea is changed into nitrate. Pools that had been emptied and refilled less than 12 months before the water was analyzed, contained less nitrate. This suggested that the amount of nitrate increased gradually over a long period of use.

"At this time, we do not know how much water children swallow while playing in pools," Beech said. "We do know that if large amounts of nitrate are swallowed, they may be harmful to infants or small children." This is due to methemoglobinemia, or blue-baby disease. Many chemicals, including nitrates, raise the methemoglobin level of blood, making it less able to carry oxygen.

Methemoglobin is a normal part of everyone's blood. It is not harmful to adults because their livers change it back to hemoglobin.

Kramer's Kartoon

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Briggs named new Physical Plant director

Bradley Biggs, carrying an impressive background in education, housing and construction, has been appointed the new assistant director of FIU's Physical Plant division.

Biggs, appointed in February, is currently working with the department on energy-saving measures for FIU.

"Last year the department saved \$290,000 in energy costs," Biggs said. "We are now working to generate additional savings."

In order to save electricity and "several thousand dollars" a year, the custodial personnel workload has been reduced from three shifts a day to two, he said.

Biggs, former administrator for the Boston Housing Authority, is currently looking at instruments and new equipment to save more energy. Window treatments and motion detector devices which automatically switch off the lights when a classroom is not in use are among future energy-saving plans proposed by Biggs.

Bus service rolling

FIU's transportation service between campuses, FITS, has been a success this quarter, according to Juan Argudin, director of Auxillary Services.

"Ridership has been very high and there have been very few problems with the buses," he said. "The only complaints we've had are about the early morning times the buses leave."

FIU began an in-house bus service this quarter to replace the expensive MTA service the University used during the fall and winter quarters. The School of Public Affairs provided the \$8,000 needed to operate the service.

However, no money has been committed for the summer quarter and Argudin doubts there will be a service then.

"The demand won't be as high, so the University may not be willing to spend money on the bus service," he said. "Hopefully, for the fall, some money will be found."



James Quigley/International

High school graduates earn degrees faster with scholars program

BRIAN HOROWITZ
Staff Writer

FIU offers highly motivated high school students the chance to receive personal academic instruction, scholarship aid and their bachelor's degree in less than four years.

Under the Faculty Scholars program, each qualified student receives personal attention from a mentor, a professor knowledgeable in the students' field of study.

"The mentor is the key, along with the student's incentive to achieve academic success," said Dwight Fennell, assistant director of the program.

When the program was initiated in 1977, study was available only in the College of Arts and Sciences. Now Faculty Scholars may pursue study in any of FIU's schools.

Program enrollment more than doubled from

1978 to 1979. Fourteen students were accepted in 1978 compared to 33 students in 1979.

Other universities in Florida have similar programs, said Fennell, but FIU is the only college to combine the mentor concept, the scholarship and the accelerated programs which allow the students to graduate in two to three years.

Students accepted into the program must have a high school grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale, a high school diploma, a minimum SAT test score of 1200 and at least 45 credits through the College Level Examination Program (CLEP).

Once accepted, the student and the mentor establish a rapport to discuss any problems concerning the student's area of study.

The program is currently designed to prepare students for graduate school. Fennell believes that in the future, students who show a desire to enter the business field upon graduation will be prepared to do so.

"We plan to monitor their academic achievements in graduate school," Fennell said.

Short term plans for the program are to identify resources to make it more comfortable, he said. Specialists of certain academic areas will be brought in, seminars and lecture series will be held.

A long term goal, he said, is to expand the program with a more practical application of student involvement.

Top cop sought

BRIAN HOROWITZ
Staff Writer

The search and screen committee examining the applicants for the position of Public Safety Director has narrowed its choices to 25 to 30 applicants according to its chairperson, Bennie Osborn.

"The committee is looking for someone who has experience within a university setting which has dormitories," Osborn said.

(Although FIU does not have dormitories at the present, the University does intend to expand in that area within the next two years).

The job opening was first announced at FIU only, and 14 people applied, including former Acting Director or Public Safety William Raimond, who had dropped out of the application pool, he said, because the decision was taking too long. He has since reapplied.

Advertisements for the position were later published in New York and throughout Florida. Affirmative action standards require that positions be advertised nationally.

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Lise Martin

Drugs didn't end with the sixties

Since the sixties, drugs and drug users have scored high in the headlines of our daily newspapers. People seem to be attracted to the sensational, the bizarre and the low-beat element of life. Slowly, most of the things we used to take for granted seem to be changing. Fitness, once a thing to be prized, seems to be becoming almost an ephemeral goal, as even professional athletes turn on their bodies, or turn them off, depending on how you look at it, with drugs.

Last week, the arrest on drug charges of a person connected closely with FIU, and several scares of people flipping out on quaaludes laced with angel dust, combined to make me realize just how closely the drug scene has almost completely permeated our lives.

It used to be possible to avoid this entire scene with just a shifting of one's friends and one's activities, but now, it is engulfing us.

For example, a recent day at a beach, frequented mostly by people under 35:

The day starts innocently enough with joggers, frisbee players and young couples with children playing at the shore's edge. The sun is not yet hot and the scene fairly simmers with relaxation. About noon, they start to gather.

They are all "cool" and eye the scene from 180 degree angles without swiveling their heads at all. Maybe it is my imagination, but as I walk down the middle of them to get a drink, I feel they are interested in me as a customer of their wares. I am right, not far off at all, when a man about twenty-six walks up to me and says, "joints, THC, 'ludes."

I tell him I have withdrawn from that scene and he smiles, "Yeah," he says, "I dry out too, for a few days, once every five years." I get my drink and decide I made a mistake and should have brought my fishing rod. There are no pushers at the end of the pier. Pushers! It conveys the almost prophetic vision of the song by the group Steppenwolf in the movie "Easy Rider." Pushers, 1980's style.

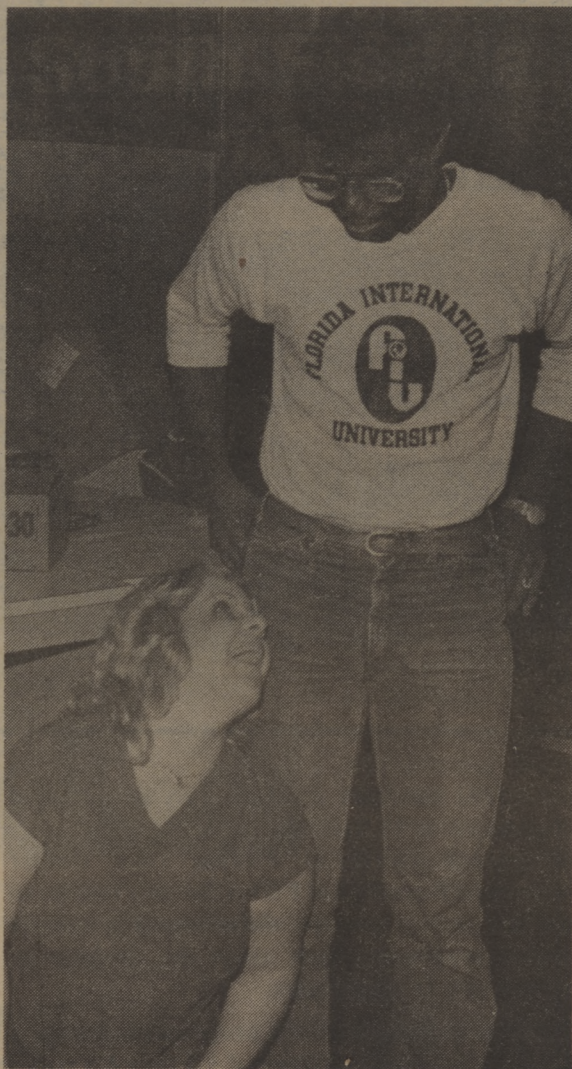
And indeed, the scene has changed. I make my way back to my blanket as waves of marijuana billow through the air. Large white tablets are passed around as casually as frisbees. The sand is packed now, but there is a row of onlookers, watching. Soon, two rescue squads who have taken up position begin their task as there is a casualty, the first, but not the last of the day.

He is draped over the pier, like a drunk asleep, but he has clearly been hit by a surfeit of drugs. Alcohol doesn't put one out as thoroughly as this guy is out. The group gathers, now a crowd, almost a melee, as they see what their fallen brother looks like lying on the ground. After two hours, people are being escorted by their friends to their cars. They are literally falling like a swarm of drunks. But still, the casualness is maintained. Everyone is "cool" here.

I take a swim; it is still very beautiful here with the sea and the sky and the rocks and I take a walk towards the picnic area where families have gathered. Yes, it is possible to stay down here at this end and try to avoid the circus, but it is close, too close.

Through the parking lot on my way home, I see them sitting in their cars with the doors open, hawking their wares. A baggie, containing at least one hundred neatly rolled joints, is displayed. The drugs seem to pour out of the trucks and vans and their tattooed arms and hands in one giant purple, yellow, orange, pink, white, blue swirl. And all around are people taking these drugs, smoking them, and doing whatever one does with them.

Newly elected SGA officers Elvis Yeung and Audrey Weintraub



James Quigley/International

Editorial

You're warned: Do not print this photo

The SGA elections concluded Friday afternoon — an event to which *The International* sent a photographer to cover what they call the thrill of victory. Many photos of winners were snapped. Some SGA leaders did not like one particular photo.

A spokesman, Tom Riley, student activities coordinator, came to *The International* office to voice displeasure.

"Let me remind you," Riley said to *International* staff members, "that the SGA runs this building (UH) and also places considerable advertising in your newspaper." He strongly urged us not to print the photo.

In other words, print it and lose your advertising, and, possibly, be thrown off campus.

Above is the photo in question. An innocent one, we think. The SGA thinks it has sexual implications. They readily posed for it. We just shot it.

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It has something to do with the Constitution.

Letters

Week a success

To the Editor:

This letter is to highly commend the International Week Committee and their student director Donahue Bailey in programming FIU's fifth annual celebration. This celebration has grown from a simple two-day presentation of activities in 1975 to a full week of enjoyable international programs and special events.

It certainly has attracted great recognition at FIU and each year this community waits in suspense for its happening. I am sure that many people on this campus are aware that FIU does not have a marching band as yet. However, isn't it wonderful that our Student Government Association has afforded us the privilege of bringing one of the nation's top bands to our campus, the U.S. Navy Band, to help us kick off this celebration.

Ruth Hamilton, FIU Assistant Director of Student Activities, obtained a music copy of FIU's Alma Mater from our music department's Dr. Yoshihiro Obata and forwarded same to Lt. John Bledsoe, Director of the U.S. Navy Band. Director Bledsoe transposed this music score for his band instruments at their Navy base and without a rehearsal here, Dir. Bledsoe and his Navy Band accompanied our music student Patricia Rizzi as she sang our Alma Mater. This rendition was impressive and certainly enhanced the closing of our opening day ceremonies and celebration.

I must also add that during the opening ceremonies, the act of our students honoring the United Nations flag, the U.S. flag, the Florida state flag and the FIU flag with the accompaniment of the U.S. Navy Band was a beautiful event.

GEORGE FEDERICI
Information Center

Cop explains tickets

To the Editor:

In viewing your articles in *The International* from the week of April 16, I find it very unfortunate that you know little about the police department on campus and some of my job functions as a police officer. Also, your source of information concerning the parking citations issued at the UM-FIU baseball game could not have been too dependable.

For one thing, the citations issued to vehicles parked in front of the "No Parking Signs" were \$5 parking fines, not \$15 as stated in your article. The proper way of handling that situation would have been towing the vehicles away. In the event of any emergency that could have taken place during the game, the emergency vehicle or vehicles would have been delayed two to three minutes because of cars blocking the primary entrance leading up to the stands of the baseball field.

I myself was one of two officers that issued no more than 10 citations, not the massive amount which Mr. Kelch (with all respect, Rich) made it appear to *The International* readers. God forbid if a life would have been lost because an emergency vehicle could not have gained easy entrance.

I suggest you and your staff do some worthwhile printing again, which may possibly lead this growing University into the construction of proper parking facilities on the west side of campus where your sporting events take place.

Then maybe the next time the UM comes to FIU for a baseball game the players, coaches, and most importantly the spectators can park their cars, and watch the game with peace of mind, but not those who have cars parked under the "No Parking Signs."

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Letters to the editor are welcomed and encouraged.

The Elder and the Younger



More Letters

Use me for reference and other things

To the Editor

"More people should be here. I have good books and plenty of reference materials, but people don't take advantage of me. I have things to offer students. I just can't understand why people don't use me. Maybe they don't like me. It might have to do with my structure. I think I was built well, but something seems to be missing. I know what it is. I don't cook. Maybe that is my problem. If students could get something to eat here, maybe they would take more advantage of me. That just might solve my problems.

"I want students to use me. I have lots of different resources. In fact some of them could be unusual, things that you might not find in other places. I am going to do something about the food. A good place like me should not be wasted. If food is the answer to my problems, I will attempt to do something. Yes, maybe tomorrow I will...."

That is the library talking and what he/she might be saying is definitely true. I do believe that if students

could get something to eat at the snack bar in the evening they might use the library more often. Many students come from work directly to school. They don't even have time to eat something. Then again, they might stop at a fast food chain or take out a sandwich. If the snack bar was open, they could get something to eat and then they might even have a few extra minutes to use the library.

To walk from Academic I to the library isn't that far, but it isn't two steps away. Many students are thirsty and sometimes even hungry when they reach the library. To walk over to the library and then find out that snack bar is closed and there is nowhere to get a cold drink except by walking back towards the main building can be upsetting to some students.

I know that shouldn't upset them too much, but when you are hot and thirsty and find that the snack bar is closed some people could be provoked into doing something, like complaining to the administration. I know that many students have, but

that still hasn't changed the situation.

I know the University can't possibly meet all student needs, but I just think that the need for the snack bar to be open in the evening is not asking for too much. Maybe keeping it open until 10 p.m. is overdoing a good thing, but at least until 8 p.m. makes sense to me and many other students who sometimes come to school at night or have a break and go to the library and find that the snack bar is already closed.

I know that the University is new and has lots to learn about students and their needs, but I still feel that having the snack bar open early in the evening is not asking for great things to happen and until the main cafeteria is opened something could be available in its place for evening students and all students to use. There might be an increase in the amount of student who use the library also.

ELLEN LIEBMAN
Student

Coverage bad for International Week Events

To the Editor:

Did you know that during International Week: Venezuela won first prize in the Booth Contest on Bazaar Day?

That the International Fashion Show was a beautiful and colorful event, with students modeling costumes from all over the world?

That the Hawaiian Luau, and the dance that followed afterwards with the Miami Sound Machine was a huge success, with hundreds of students and friends dancing the night away?

These are just a few examples of the events which took place two weeks ago during International Week,

and yet *The International*, supposedly in business to portray FIU happenings, only published one insignificant picture and paragraph on the most popular event of the year.

Is this an upper-level university newspaper, or a high school newspaper catering to teenieboppers by publishing a huge picture and lengthy article about some unknown rock group call Van Halen?

What's more important, the students who participated in the main event of FIU or one full page of photographs of Colorado?

The participants of International Week as well as FIU students are extremely disappointed and angered at *The International* for not having given us the appropriate coverage we so well deserved.

PATRICIA BRID
Senator, Hospitality

(Editor's note: *The International* ran a photo and story on page two of the March 31 paper, a photo and story on page one of the April 9 paper, a photo and story on page three of the April 16 paper and a photo and story on page 1 of the April 23 paper — nearly a full month of coverage of International Week, an event that lasted only five days.)

Jewish Meditating

To the Editor

Jewish Experience in Meditation (JEM) is a method of meditation which has its source in Kabbalah (Jewish mysticism). It is over 2,500 years old, but has been adopted to the modern day to make it available for all Jewish people, no matter what their background in Judaism.

Jewish meditation uses the letters of the Hebrew alphabet which correspond to different parts of the body, and by learning to meditate on these letters, one is able to heal the body as well as the soul.

JEM provides relaxation and helps in handling stress. Certain aspects of their meditation are very beneficial in untying psychological knots and allowing one to think with a free mind.

It is unfortunate, but many other meditation groups try to persuade all kinds of religions to join them by using deceptive statements and false information.

JEM is an alternative for Jewish people who would like to meditate but want to preserve their own heritage and learn what Torah really has to say.

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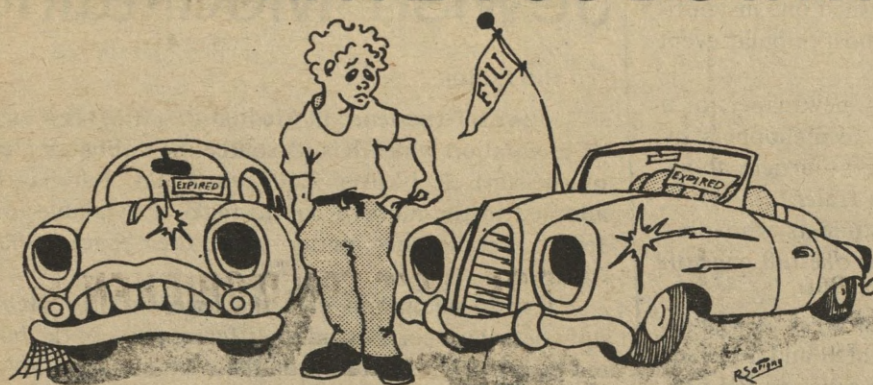
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Price confident of playoff bid

Despite the results of this
weekend's season ending two-game
series against Florida Southern College
in Lakeland, FIU Coach Danny Price
seems confident that his Sunblazers will
receive their third consecutive invitation
to the NCAA Division II South
Regional Baseball Championships."Except for Florida Southern, I
don't believe there's any other team
that comes close to us," he said.If you can believe everything you
read on paper, you may tend to agree
with the first year head coach.According to the latest NCAA
Division II national statistics released
through April 19, FIU had a leader in
all but one offensive category.Centerfielder Rusty McNealy ranked
eighth nationally in batting average
(.431) and shortstop Jorge Llano
(.399). McNealy also led the nation with
69 base hits.Leftfielder Marc Serdar led the
country with 60 RBIs followed closely
by teammate Joe Hughes (56). McNealy
was tops with 46 stolen bases; Hughes
led with 19 doubles; and Serdar shared
the national lead with 12 home runs.Team-wise, the Sunblazers led the
country with a .356 batting average and
their 10.5 scoring average was the best
in the nation.But two words Price keeps men-
tioning make FIU baseball fans cringe.
His carefully phrased team evaluations
always seem to include the two words,
"...except Southern."The same Florida Southern who
has been ranked as the No. 1 team in
Division II all season. The same Florida
Southern who has advanced from the
regionals into the nationals the last
seven seasons in a row.

A University of Miami player breaks up a play at second base

Women's tennis team aiming for title

If history has a way of repeating itself,
then Coach Nancy Olson and her FIU
women's tennis team find themselves in an
enviable position.After winning the FAIAW Division II
State Championship in Tampa two weeks
ago, the Sunblazers have emerged as the team
to beat in the AIAW South Regionals, May
7-11, in Columbus, Georgia."Florida schools always come 1-2-3-4 in
our region," confirmed Tournament Direc-
tor Mary Blackman from Columbus College,
who believes FIU's main challenge in the four
state championship should come from intra-
state rival Stetson University.In winning the state title, the Blazers
dethroned the two-time defending champ
Hatters by a one point (20-19) in the overall
standings.Olson looks for the Deland group to be a
bunch of Mad Hatters for their Columbus
rematch.

"I see a very close tournament. It should

come down to who's tougher mentally. We
can beat Stetson. That's not an overconfident
statement. But, we beat them once and we
believe we can do it again."For the regionals, FIU will be
represented by three All-State performers and
five state champions. No. 1 singles Donna
Kocyba (7-10 in 1980 dual meets) from Dade-
South, No. 2 seed Debbie Harit (15-2) from
Montreal, Canada, and No. 3 seed Nenni
Delmestre (8-6) from Yugoslavia were
selected to the All-State squad.State champs include Harit, Trish
Legault (13-4) from Hollywood, at No. 4
singles, Patti Zoratti (16-1) from West Palm
Beach at the No. 6 position, and the No. 3
doubles team of Delmestre and Kocyba.Besides the team members, however,
Olson gives a great deal of credit to her as-
sistant coach, Diane Armao, a former Universi-
ty of Miami tennis standout."We owe a lot to Diane," said Zoratti.
"Her drills have kept us in shape physicallyand helped our games. She's also helped us
acquire a good mental attitude when we take
the courts.""It's purely a total team effort," said
Olson, "and that's why we're state cham-
pions."And that's why FIU hopes history will
repeat itself in Georgia.At least 12 teams will be represented in
the South Regional Tournament from the
states of Florida, Alabama, Georgia, and
Mississippi. Florida schools in attendance
will be FIU, Stetson, Florida Southern Col-
lege, and the University of Central Florida.The Sunblazers have improved in each of
the four years they've competed on the inter-
collegiate level. In 1977, the squad ended with
a 2-7 record. In 1978, the team was 12-7. Last
season, with a 10-3 record, the Sunblazers
finished second in state competition and third
in the regionals. The 1980 dual meet record
was 13-4.

Miskovic coach of the year

Volleyball Coach Linda Miskovic was
honored this past weekend when she was
named the Florida Association for Inter-
collegiate Athletics for Women's State
Volleyball Coach of the Year.Miskovic received the award during the
annual FAIAW spring meetings in Daytona
Beach in a ceremony sponsored by the
Florida Citrus Commission."This is a great honor for both me and
our University to be chosen as the coach of
the year in Florida," said Miskovic. "I ap-preciate the support of all those coaches who
made this presentation possible."Under Miskovic, the Lady Sunblazers
compiled a 40-13-3 season record and finish-
ed second in the AIAW Division II National
Volleyball Championships, marking the
highest finish ever for an FIU athletic team.In winning the award, Miskovic out-
performed Miami's Cheryl Holt, Central Florida's
Lucy McDaniel and Florida State's Cecile
Reynaud in voting participated in by
coaches of the 13 FAIAW member volleyball
programs in the state.

Linda Miskovic

Baseball team
losses rubber
game to MiamiPEDRO FONTEBOA
Sports EditorBob Shaffer took the mound for the
Sunblazers last night at Mark Light Field with
hopes of defeating the nation's top ranked Divi-
sion I school, Miami, for the second time in a
week.But this time Miami was prepared for the
left-hander.Shaffer pitched only 1/3 of an inning, giving
up one hit, six walks and five runs, to get his
first loss in six decisions. The Hurricanes (47-8)
got a total of 11 hits and 12 walks as they
defeated FIU, 13-6."Our biggest problem all year has been
walks," said Danny Price, FIU head coach.
"We have been giving up too many walks and
they are hurting us."Sunblazer pitchers have walked 299 batters
in 47 games, just 39 short of the school record
set in 1973. Of the 299 walks, 43 per cent have
scored runs. The figure is one that Price feels his
staff will have to lower if it is to be successful in
post season play.FIU (37-10), which is ranked tenth in the
nation in Division II, will travel to Lakeland this
Friday and Saturday for a two-game series with
top ranked Florida Southern (35-4).The Sunblazers' loss to Miami was disap-
pointing to Price. He hoped his team could
repeat last week's 6-4 victory."The loss will not hurt our momentum, but
it won't help either," the first year coach said."I feel we won the most important of the three
games we played this season. It was important
for the team to beat Miami on TV."Last week's game was televised locally and
was also broadcast on the radio.Miami scored seven runs in the first inning
to give game-winner Bob Bastian a comfortable
lead. But FIU wasn't going to quit after an in-
ning.In the second inning, the Sunblazers scored
three runs, two on Tim Fogarty's inside-the-
park home run with Joe Hughes on base. But
again pitching hurt FIU.Allen Mathy, who relieved Shaffer, tossed
the next 5 1/2 innings, giving up six walks, six hits
and six runs as Miami took an 11-4 lead.Miami was led Matt Tyner, Frank Castro
and Alex DeJesus, each of whom had a home
run. Jim Morrison pitched the final three in-
nings for Miami in relief.FIU gave up two unearned runs in the
seventh inning on two errors. One occurred
when Miami's Ross Jones was stealing second
base. FIU catcher Pete Dawe's throw bounced
off second baseman Steve Kerian into left field.
The throw to the plate was also wide and Jones
scored easily for Miami."Since we were behind by a few runs, the
players got a little lackadaisical," Price said,
referring to Jones' three base sweep. "But we
came back the following inning to load the bases
and scored a run. So we didn't give up."FIU, however, did have some good
moments during the game. The Sunblazers
reached Bastian, who entered the game with a
2.06 earned run average, for four hits and four
earned runs.Marc Serdar had two runs-batted-in to ex-
tend his nation-leading total to 63. That amount
also ties the school record for most RBI in a
season. Rusty McNealy had two stolen bases to
extend his school-record to an even 50."You win a few, lose a few," Price said.
"Our biggest concern right now is the series with
Florida Southern."

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Tots display art work

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their work and joined the old folks for refreshments. A fun time was had by all. The Childcare Center is located in the W buildings at the west side of the campus.



Skellings' work is encouraging poetry

BILL CHILDERS
Bay Vista News Editor

Florida International University scored a major literary coup last month when Edmund Skellings, a professor of communications and the director of the Institute for Creative Communications, was awarded the position of Poet Laureate for the State of Florida.

The position was awarded to Dr. Skellings after a three-member panel, selected by the governor and the Fine Arts Council of Florida, had looked over the work of 400 different nominees for over a month.

The panel was made up of distinguished poets from other states; they were Richard Eberhart, Poet Laureate of New Hampshire; Lucille Clifton, Poet Laureate of Maryland and Bin Ramke, poet and professor at Columbus College in Georgia. The decision to appoint Dr. Skellings as State Poet Laureate was made by common consensus of the panel. The panel said that the decision was not an easy

one, because there were so many strong contenders for the award.

The 400 other contestants for the position included such notable writers as Tennessee Williams. Though Mr. Williams is a writer of extreme stature, the panel thought that his work was primarily identified with his plays.

Rebecca Cushmer, Secretary of State for the Division of Cultural Affairs was quoted as saying that "Dr. Skellings' work seems to be the only one consisting of the level (of poetry) that is deemed necessary for the post."

The panel was most impressed with Skellings' work in "Trilogy."

Dr. Skellings doesn't have much to say about the appointment. "As Norman Mailer once said, talking about yourself is like trying to push a truck uphill." He directs questions about the appointment to Bob Wood at University Relations; "You appreciate that

I've done about 1,000 interviews already," he said.

When asked how he felt about the award, Skellings said, "How do you feel when you've just won a prize — you feel good."

"I think it is an opportunity to work for the state... for more books and poetry in the state."

Work is exactly what Dr. Skellings will be doing, and for no money. The State of Florida doesn't pay any money to the Poet Laureate for his work; the poet receives recognition only. The last Poet Laureate held the position for life, a long time to work at something and receive no monetary compensation.

Though Dr. Skellings is a poet, his present work in research for FIU includes not only the writing of poetry but the presentation of poetry to children. This research involves the use of color animation videotapes that tell the story of the poem. John Hopkins University is presently looking into the value of such poetic animations.

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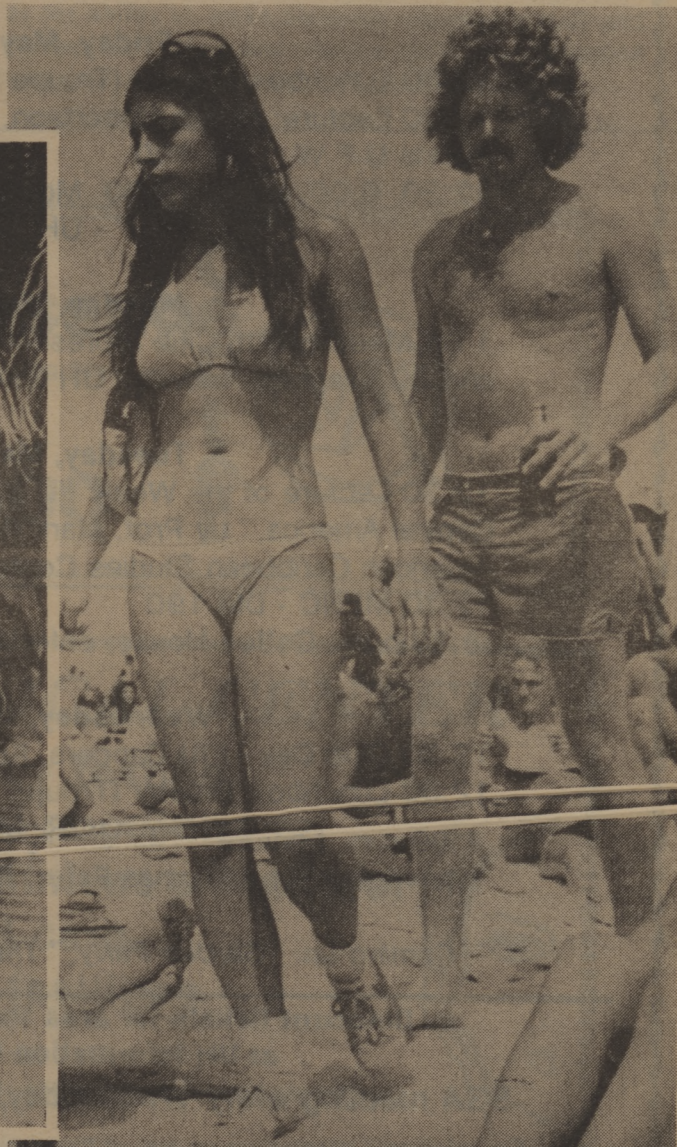
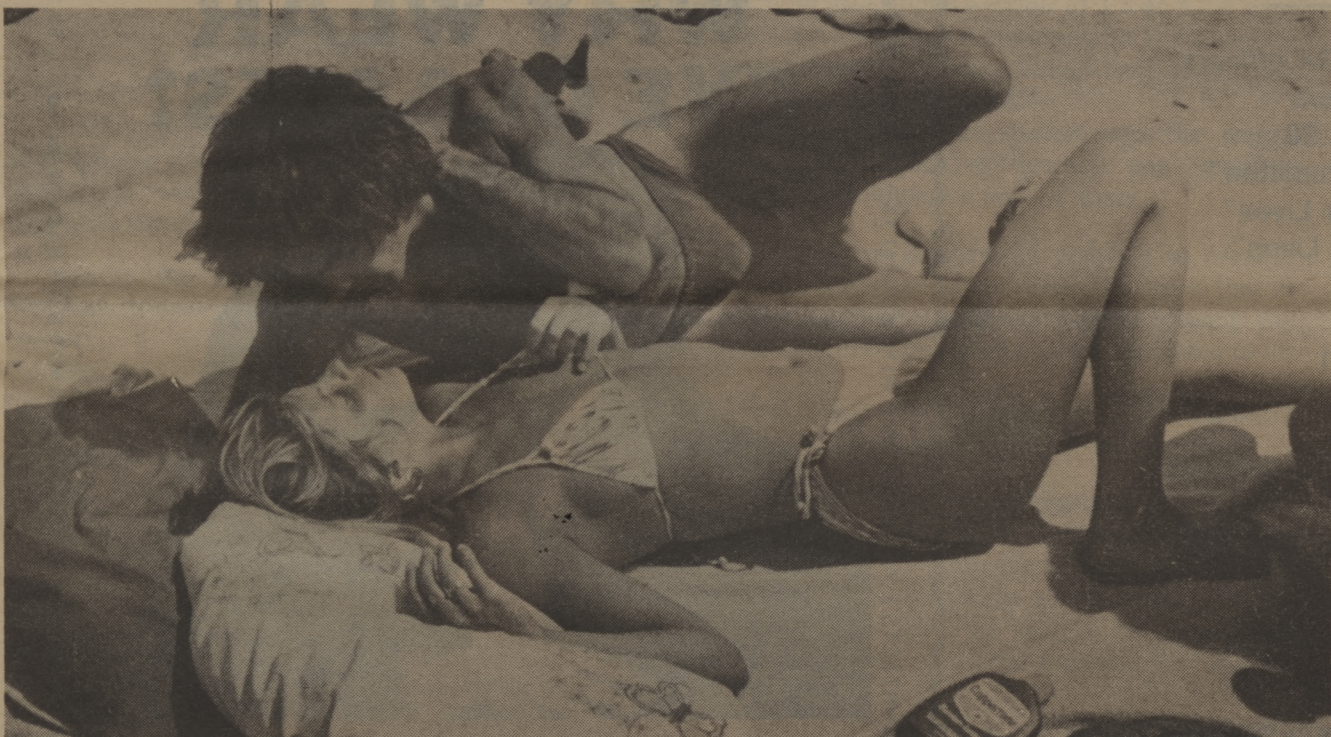
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Sun shines on South Florida during love on the beach

We always dreamed of love on the beach. The grand expansion of aesthetic beauty surrounding this block of type is Love on the Beach, courtesy of WWWL (FM 93.9), Love-94. Not much snow — and what there was, was going for \$90 a gram — but the sun showed all day and some folks considered this a Jam. (To the Max.) Speaking of jammed, scope out that scene down in the boat on the left. Quick, look to the right: It's all Greek to us. And down there at bottom right is a weekend with a capital "W." These other two views are particularly nice as they are exactly what most of the about 1,700 sun-tan jammers were looking for: Love and Sun.

June Tobias photos



Onda Sheck

Now is the time for all to choose top-ten lists

Now that the war has started, it will probably be only a short time before the holocaust. Armageddon. Miami, 2017.

So I'd best get this off my head right now: I hate the number 10. Everyone seems to like the number 10. I like four. But most things of high quality are considered 10. Like Bo Derek.

And top tens, such as the ones that follow. My final will and testament be damned, I want to figure out my top ten lists before the nuclear stuff starts flying.

These aren't my favorites, of course, they are completely (ar, ar) subjective, based on a dream I had.

ALBUMS: If you were exiled to a desert island with nothing but a stereo, a glass of iced tea, your best friend's girl, some barbecued ribs (this is known as paradise), which album would you take? Heavy, huh?

1. "Greetings from Asbury Park, N.J." by Bruce Springsteen. A personal favorite and one of the best rock albums ever.

2. "Buddy Holly Lives." Thanks go to Paul McCartney for buying the Holly catalog and distributing 20 of the best Crickets' songs. Don't worry, Paul's made plenty of bread on this gold album.

3. "The Beatles, 1962-67." I even like *their* early stuff better.

4. "Candy-O" by the Cars. They sound as good, if not better, in concert.

5. "The Stranger" by Billy Joel. I've worn out "Piano Man" twice but my original copy of "Stranger" is still playable. Got to admit, though, any album that sells as "Stranger" did is at least worthwhile.

6. "Darkness on the Edge of Town" by Springsteen.

7. "Dark Side of the Moon" by Pink Floyd.

8. "Steppenwolf Live."

9. "Goodbye Yellow Brick Road" by Elton John.

MOVIES: "Billy Jack" is on television May 10 and I may watch it for the twentieth or fortieth time. This is the perfect movie.

2. Tie: "Gone with the Wind," "Godfather," "Sound of Music," insert your personal favorite here.

3. Tie: All Marilyn Monroe films. I would rather watch any Marilyn Monroe film than do anything else known to our form of existence.

4. "Flesh Gordon." Funny.

5. "Won Ton Ton: The Dog that Saved

Hollywood." Over 50 top actors appeared in this masterpiece and the damn dog stole the film.

6. "Myra Breckinridge." Yes.

7. "A Boy and His Dog." I like the film better than the short story.

8. "The French Connection."

9. "Tommy."

10. "Inserts."

SONGS: I think that line about subjectivity back at the beginning of this news hole is growing bleary, so for this final category I'm listing personal favorites and recognized classics side by side.

1. "Candle in the Wind," Bernie Taupin/Elton John.

"White Christmas," Bing Crosby.

2. "One Tin Soldier," Coven's version.

"I Wanna Hold Your Hand," the Beatles.

3. "Born to be Wild," Steppenwolf.

"Pretty Woman," Roy Orbison.

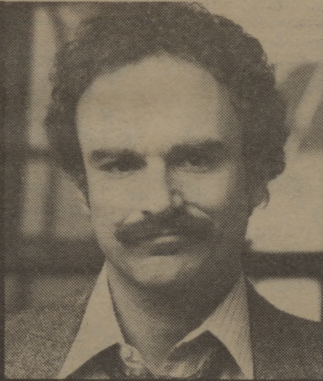
4. "Captain Jack," Billy Joel.

"Stairway to Heaven," Led Zeppelin.

5. "Incident at 57th Street," Bruce Springsteen.

"Born to Run," Springsteen.

Hey, this is fun. You, too, can make top ten lists. Go ahead. I've got a war to fight.



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Family systems, family ways

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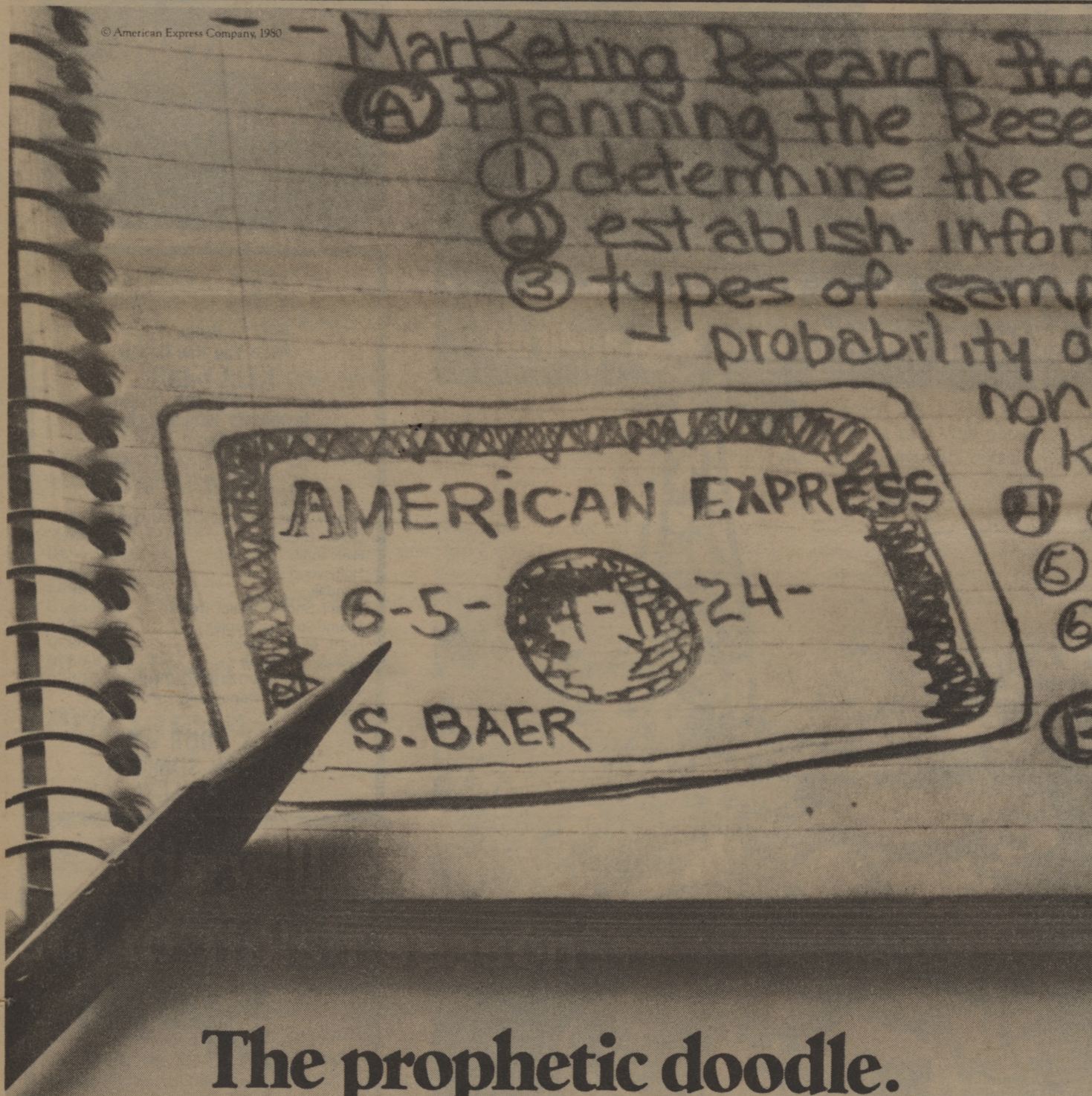
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