

Puff

No butts about it — some break smoking rules

By PHYLLIS SPINELLI
Staff Writer

*Smoking in the boys' room
Smoking in the boys' room
Now teacher don't you fill me up with your rules
'Cause everybody knows that smoking's not allowed in
school!*

— Brownsville Station

Smoking is an issue often ignited by people's passions. For the most part, the way we deal with it is by dividing ourselves into two groups, "smokers" and "non-smokers," or "you can smoke as long as you stay away from me."

This system seems to work fine in restaurants, movie theaters and airplanes. But when these two groups come together in an area of limited space, such as a classroom, the issue — like people's passions — can explode.

Several FIU students have recently voiced complaints about faculty who ignore the University smoking policy, according to Karel King, assistant dean of student affairs.

The policy states that smoking is not allowed during classes but is permitted in the classroom prior to the beginning of class and after the class ends. There is no smoking allowed in conference rooms, auditoriums or elevators, but it is allowed in corridors, lobbies or restrooms.

"Because there's virtually no enforcement of the policy, faculty are abusing it," said King. "And when students complain about it they are the ones who are penalized. For example, a faculty member will tell them that if they don't like it they can drop the class or it can reflect in their grade."

Some faculty members work around the rules, not technically breaking them.

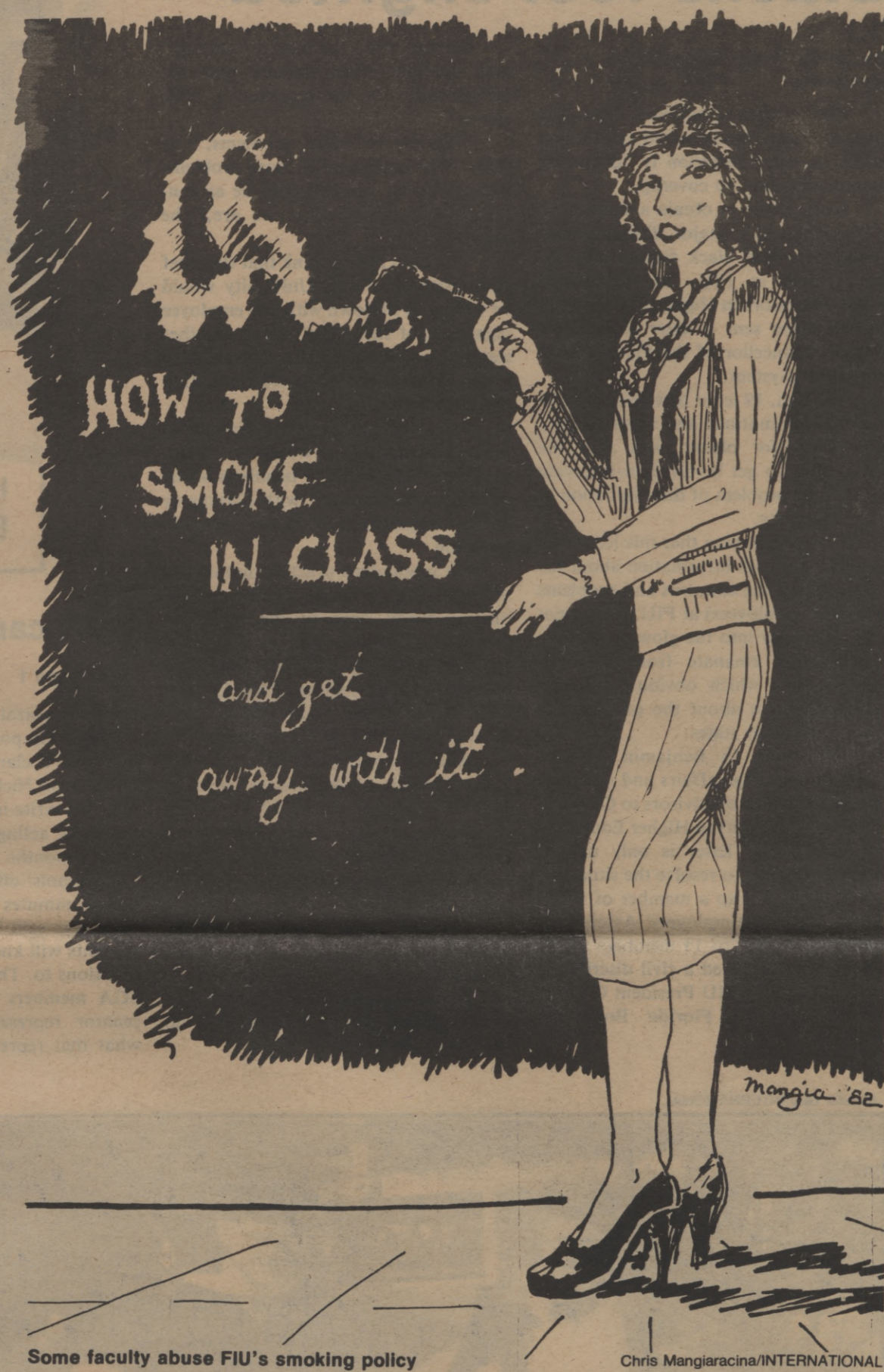
One person, who asked not to be identified, said he saw a professor place a chair in the doorway of the classroom. As he took attendance with one hand in the classroom, he smoked a cigaret with the other hand dangling in the hallway.

"So he really wasn't breaking the rules," said the student.

"There are a lot of rules in the world that are almost unenforceable," said Ron Arrowsmith, vice president of administrative affairs. "This smoking issue is one of them."

"If it's brought to my attention that faculty are not following the rules of the policy, I will do my best to enforce it," Arrowsmith said. "The policy has to be almost voluntary on people's behalf. What can you do, holler at them?"

King doesn't have an answer to the problem either. "You can't have campus safety patrolling the hallways," she said, "but I do think that people should live ethically."



Some faculty abuse FIU's smoking policy

Chris Mangiaracina/INTERNATIONAL

Who's promising what in the SGA election

By KIMBERLY MILLER
Staff Writer

The SGA elections begin next week, and the candidates are on the campaign trail.

Posters fill walls in the UH building at Tamiami, leaflets are being distributed between classes, candidates are walking around wearing "vote" buttons.

But what do each of the office-seekers stand for?

Both of the senior students running for the presidency have been members of the SGA and both want to see that the students are better represented. The two also want to have the students become a more active part in the decision-making of the organization that controls \$1.2 million of student money.

"I am going to bring back decision-making to the students, instead of the administration controlling the funds as they have in the past," said Mark Seery, presidential candidate. He added that "SGA and the administration should act in the best interest of the student, instead of the administration controlling SGA to act in the best interest of themselves."

Jorge Espinosa, Seery's opponent, said his No. 1 objective "will be to correct the budget problems. Disseminating of funds has been removed from the students. This must be changed."

Espinosa feels the SGA should "branch out" and act as a liaison for students seeking internships as well as "provide alternative travel means for students that want to travel abroad. Right now the procedure is very difused."

Two candidates are also vying for the vice presidency.

Alfonso Martin, a senior studying political science, said he is offering a "fresh approach" to the SGA because he has not been a part of it before and does not "owe" anybody anything because he is a senior.

"As an outsider looking in, I feel some reorganization will have to take place immediately," said Martin. "As vice president, I will help this change come about as well as work closely with the president to make SGA work for the students, not against them."

Martin's opponent Bob Rahal, who is also a political science major, said his main concern is involvement.

"We as a group [SGA] must get students involved," Rahal said. "The timing of SGA events doesn't correlate with when the students are available. Students should have more input in SGA, but the meetings are scheduled in the middle of the day when either most students are in class or at work. This must be changed."

Two senior business students are seeking the comptroller's office.

Matilda Iriate, the incumbent, wants to "set a balanced budget that will benefit the students. I will also keep a tab on SGA to make sure we don't run into a deficit."

Richard Whaler, her opponent, said "the records and books don't seem to be as organized as they can be and the funds aren't as well dispersed as they should be. I feel my goal is to correct these problems and work with the rest of the student body to make this a

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They have a BEAF: blacks feel slighted

By CHRISTINA A. CHEAKALOS
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Many black employees here feel they are being discriminated against and allege the administration is "distorting communication" to coverup.

In an effort to obtain a solution to what they call a major discrimination problem toward black faculty and administrators at FIU, the Concerned Black Educators in Higher Education in Florida have sent a letter to Barbara Newell, chancellor of the Florida State University System.

The Jan. 19 letter lists grievances in areas of promotions and annual salary increments for blacks, and asks the Chancellor to get involved in resolving the alleged problem of discrimination at this University.

"We are hoping that this letter will provide you with information about the other side of the concerns and problems (of black employees) at FIU that do not find their way into the glowing positive reports that emanate from FIU administration, which obviously distorts communication about the problems at FIU," the letter states.

According to Benjamin Cowins, director of college affairs and chairperson of the board of advisors to Concerned Black Educators in Higher Education in Florida, the letter is only one of several attempts to resolve the situation.

Cowins is also a member of FIU's Black Faculty Employees Association (BEAF) and one of 13 members of the BEAF who has filed a civil discrimination suit against FIU President Gregory Wolfe and the Florida Board of Regents.

Cowins said "the facts do add up," and that the black faculty and administrators are not receiving a "fair shake."

"Those are major problems," he said. "I'm quite sure if those problems were reversed, whites would be as concerned and disturbed as we are," he said.

"I would like to think that the chief administrator of this University would be willing to sit down with any employee regardless of their legal status or other status to resolve problems that are very visible when it comes to discrimination on this campus."

Pat Lutterbie, executive director to the president, feels it would be "inappropriate" for Wolfe or members of the administration to meet with Cowins or any of the plaintiffs while the case is in litigation.

"It is standard practice that once a situation is in the hands of attorneys, attorneys speak only to the other attorneys," Lutterbie said.

She finds the letter "a little problematic" because some of the 13 cases have been settled and "about three others have withdrawn their suits."

Another concern stated in the letter is the amount of tax dollars spent by FIU on legal fees. Cowins "would not be surprised if FIU spent \$300,000 last year alone in legal fees." He feels this is a waste of moneys and that the solution rests with Wolfe.

Lutterbie said Cowins' \$300,000 estimate on legal costs was "something of an exaggeration."

So far no response to the letter has been received, and the Chancellor did not return phone calls.



Hey, Bud

Bud Man was at the Rathskeller's welcome-back party Feb. 4 to promote partying and Budweiser beer. Mr. Man's real name is a big secret. Even David Zweig, the Rat bartender behind Mr. Man, didn't know Bud's christened moniker.

SGA candidates make election promises

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better organization."

For the position of scribe, no one has been declared an official candidate, but Sharon Nichols is actively campaigning as a write-in. Nichols, a freshman, has been acting secretary for the past several months.

Nichols' objective is "to take as accurate minutes as possible. Not just what was said but who said it, so the students will know who to address their questions to. This will act as a check on SGA members because the students a senator represents will know exactly what that representative said or didn't

say."

Rick Estrada is a write-in candidate for the seat of consularie, the office of parliamentarian. No official candidates are listed on the ballot.

Estrada said he wants the office because "I have an understanding of *Roberts Rules of Order*, and I want to fill a position that I think is a vital part of SGA. I also want to bridge the gap between athletics and the SGA." Estrada is a basketball player.

Students can question these presiding board candidates at a debate scheduled for Feb. 15 at Tamiami in the PC lobby. Elections are Feb. 15, 16 and 17.

Jennifer Guy/INTERNATIONAL



Honorable mention

Polish Ambassador Romuald Spasowski (right) talks with FIU President Gregory Wolfe before receiving an honorary doctorate of humane letters from the University. Spasowski, in case you haven't

been watching the news, recently defected from Poland. "I cannot describe my decision as defection," he said when accepting the degree. "It was my cry of protest against the oppression of the Polish people."

Black History Week includes scholarships

By KEVIN YELVINGTON
Contributor

Black History Week starts Feb. 15, and festivities include the awarding of two scholarships for black achievers, a speech by U.S. Congressman Walter Fauntroy, concerts, movies, and even soul food in the cafeteria. This University's third annual tribute to black history is sponsored by the SGA and coordinated by FIU's black history week committee.

The \$250 scholarships for study at FIU will be awarded Feb. 15 to Mr. and Ms. Outstanding Black Achievers in a ceremony to be conducted at the Tamiami Campus. The deadline for application for these scholarships has passed.

Valentine's day, the day before the official start of Black History Week, the Bay Vista Campus will host a free concert sponsored by the SGA, PACE (Performing Arts for Community and Education), and radio station Love 94. The 12:30 concert features the groups New Love and Family, plus recording artist Gil Scott-Heron.

Fauntroy, who is chairperson of the Congressional Black Caucus, will speak Feb. 15 on "Black History — A Unique Perspective" in AT 100 at 8 p.m.

The purpose of Black History Week is in keeping with one of the SGA's goals that activities "must reflect the students that attend the university" according to Joe Kaplan, director of student support services. "The idea is to bridge the gap between the different backgrounds."

A schedule of events will be placed on bulletin boards at each campus, Kaplan said. For more information call 554-2137 at Tamiami and 940-5804 at Bay Vista.

The floaters

"Recent Waves of Immigrants and Refugees into South Florida" is the offensively double-entendre title of a free lecture by Antonio Jorge, professor of International Relations. The talk is scheduled for Feb. 23 at 8 p.m. in UH 150.

What's news?

All sorts of groovy media-type persons will be at a forum Feb. 17 at 7 p.m. at Bay Vista's Student Center auditorium. The topic is "The Role of Media in a Multi-lingual/Multi-cultural Environment." We all know where that is. Among the speakers: Ron Sachs (WPLG, Ch. 10), Doug Clifton (*The Miami Herald*), Michael Patterson (*The Miami Times*) and FIU professor Eric S. Katz.

Calling all cops

The public safety department hotlines have been cooking lately, therefore the following public service message: The emergency numbers (for life-threatening situations, ambulance or

fire) are 2911 at Tamiami and 5911 at Bay Vista. The information numbers are 554-2626 and 940-5555 respectively. Be careful. Strive to be happy. Clip this message out and nail it to your forehead.

Rights on

Professor Farrokh Jhabuāla will speak on international human rights in a free lecture tonight at 8 in UH 150. It's sponsored by Students for International Understanding and the International Studies Program.

Tickets to ride

Tickets for the Youth Fair, March 18-April 4, are available now in the Cashier's Office. The books of ride tickets cost \$3.60.

Oh Maya

Anybody wanna see Mr. Lacombe's vacation slides? Charles Lacombe, adjunct professor of Maya studies at FIU, will present "The Mystery of Cuba" Feb. 17 at 8 p.m. in the auditorium of the Museum of Science. It's free.

Women's place

Hillel has another gig upcoming: Esther Herlitz, Israeli scholar in residence will talk about the status of women in Israel. It's in UH 210 at 12:15 p.m. Feb. 23. The lunch costs about three bucks. Call 554-2215 for info.

Get a leg up

Lovely. The American Marketing Association is sponsoring a Valentine's party Feb. 12 at 9 p.m. in the Rat. The \$2 entry nets you two beers and a wiener. Music by a local disc jockey, dancing and a best-legs contest are highlights.

The era of ERA

There will be no sexist slurs to make this item humorous as they offend the chicks that read the paper. There will be rallies to promote the Equal Rights Amendment in DM 100 Feb. 16 at 12:10 p.m. and Feb. 17 at AC I on Bay Vista Campus, same time. ERA supporters will provide literature and such.



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Editorial

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Letters

At least one minority faces crisis in Iran

To the Editor:

In the past two weeks we have seen the passing of the first anniversary of the release of the U.S. hostages from Iran and their subsequent return to the United States. We should take note of the occasion and be thankful for their safe return.

Our sense of justice, however, demands that we not forget a much larger group still being held hostage. We refer to the Iranian Baha'is. In this "hostage crisis" there are no ransom demands. In their place are the efforts of the government to methodically and violently destroy the largest religious minority in Iran.

To date, approximately 100 have been executed, thousands are homeless, businesses and properties have been seized, and shrines and graveyards destroyed. All of this has taken place without any fair trial or any justice that could be recognized.

Lest it be assumed that the Baha'is are suffering because of their affiliation with the previous regime, it should be pointed out that their persecution is historical. During the Pahlavi regime, they were the target of at least one Savak plot. The current Baha'i persecutions, however, seem to be the most severe since the martyrdom of 20,000 of the religion's followers in the 1850s.

We would like to encourage individuals and groups to write their congressmen and urge them to pay attention to the forthcoming congressional hearings on religious persecution, and pay particular attention to the plight of the Baha'is.

This letter has nothing to do with the recent defacement of the UH building (Tamiami). Such action is contrary to the spirit and principles of the Baha'i faith.

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Exposures

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Beach ball

SGA misdirects funds, student says

To the Editor:

The following letter is full of opinions and rumors. This letter by no means pretends to be the whole truth about the problems and corruption facing the next SGA president.

But I feel that it must be written (because rumors are generally grounded in fact). And if the rumors are true then it is up to us, you and me, to do something about it.

I will begin with some basic facts about the student activity fee (A&S) of which all students pay \$4.04 for each credit hour taken. For a 12-credit-hour course load, a student pays \$48.48 a semester. Roughly the SGA collects \$1.3 million for each academic year.

Florida legal statutes state that this money must go to activities that benefit the majority of the student body. These statutes also state that all such activities, with the exception of concerts, must be free and open to the whole student body.

Now to the problems. Last year the administration very slowly and quietly began to shift certain high-cost programs and positions from the administration budget to the SGA budget. These positions and programs serve a very small percentage of the student body. The staffing of the programs is used by certain members of the administration to fulfill their political ambition with the University as well as the community.

For example, the administration shifted four administratively funded positions in athletics to the SGA budget. At the same time they reduced the administrative funding of athletics and laid the burden on the SGA.

The result was that the athletics department received almost 50 percent of the money collected by the A&S fees. This fact was cleverly disguised by the administration. They subdivided athletics into different categories.

For example, they separated the fitness center from athletics and asked that it be funded by A&S fees. I bet that you don't know that we had already

been paying for it. Yes, the administration had increased the health fee to fund the fitness center and the health clinic. So why, I ask you, must we pay for it twice? Where is all this money going?

Some will say, "You have half a million dollars left over; what more do you want?" Well, I remind you that out of the remaining \$500,000 or less, we must pay the student senate and their travel expenses; we must pay the janitors who maintain the UH building; we must pay secretaries and other workers; and also we must fund other programs that genuinely serve the whole student body — or at least are open to the whole student body, such as the Campus Ministry.

In an attempt to cover up the growing deficit, the administration and some of their key people in student activities have reclassified certain non-concert events into the concert category, thus allowing them to charge the students an entrance fee. And as usual, who ends up paying for the same service time and time again? The students. The ones who can least afford it.

You will probably ask why the former SGA president approved such expenditures. And I agree with you; why did he? There is a persistent rumor going around that says that he was bought by the administration, that he was promised something in return for his cooperation.

I don't believe this rumor; he is a nice guy. As a matter of fact, I saw him the other day and he said that he was doing really well now that he was out of the SGA. He said that he greatly enjoys his new job as personal assistant to the highest member of the administration, FIU President Gregory Wolfe.

Wait a minute! Could this be his reward for cooperating? No, I don't believe it. But because this is a democracy, I will leave that decision to you. Is it fact or rumor?

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 **BUSCH.** The official beer of The Charlie Daniels Band.

Annabella and company Bow Wow Wow the crowd

By BARRY YELVINGTON
Contributor

"You don't know how sexless you made me," sang Annabella, lead singer for Bow Wow Wow, but at the Agora Ballroom Feb. 2 she was anything but sexless.

As the evening began I was "entertained" by The Kids, a local band who are destined to stay local. Their set lasted 45 minutes and seemed much longer. Though they have recorded some stuff, the Kids are unexciting and seem headed in the wrong direction, or no direction.

After The Kids left I decided to celebrate by buying myself a drink. As I stood around waiting for Bow Wow Wow, I noticed the crowd's appearance.

It seemed to me that some of the people must have

thought a different band was playing. They were wearing leather jackets, motorcycle boots, "anarchy" arm bands, and metal-studded clothing. Why they were wearing these things I don't know, because Bow Wow Wow is just about as far from Punk as you can get.

When Bow Wow Wow arrived on the stage all eyes were on the main attraction, Annabella. This night she sported a Mowhawk haircut, miniskirt and top. Later she changed into a T-shirt and shorts. The other three members of the band were decked out in the typical new romantic gear: colorful trousers and leather boots, baggy shirts, or, in drummer Dave Barbarossa's case, no shirt at all.

From the time they hit the first note it was all action. Annabella is the action. Her expressive face and dancing ability don't seem to fit a 16 year old. Neither

do the band's sex-related lyrics. Barbarossa kept things at a fast pace with his constant outpouring of jungle rhythms. Annabella was having a good time, remarkably motivating herself, because she wasn't going to get motivation from this crowd. The audience didn't respond to Bow Wow Wow's dance music; most of them simply stood around and watched.

"Chihuahua" was noticeably absent from the band's repertoire. As a single, it's doing fairly well on the British charts. So is the album, *See Jungle! See Jungle! Go join your gang yeah! City all over, go ape crazy.*

Lyrical content is not as important with Bow Wow Wow as the jungle Burundi beat and Annabella's showmanship. The rhythm makes you forget your troubles and want to dance till you're stupid.

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— Coach Bill Barnes

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A team is a team is a club: FIU fields winning lacrosse

By MARCIA CUMMINGS
Staff Writer

Take heart, all Baggataway lovers at FIU. Your favorite sport is flourishing.

For those of you who can't tell a Baggataway from an Bandaid, Baggataway is known today as lacrosse and, according to the *Encyclopedia Britannica*, is the oldest organized sport in America.

It was being played by the American Indian before Columbus set sail and was used by the Iroquios nation to train their warriors.

Lacrosse has been played as a club sport at FIU since 1973 and three years ago the team won the state championship.

According to Bill Barnes, head architect at FIU and one of the two coaches for the club, the FIU lacrosse team is one of the strongest in the state and eventually hopes to grow into a varsity sport, but right now its growing pains are being frustrated by lack of funds, facilities and interest.

"Our team is strong enough to give any team a good game," says Barnes, who is hoping to schedule such big names as the U.S. Army and Villanova. "And varsity sports frequently get started as a club sport...but we've got our problems."

Although the team is affiliated with

the Florida Lacrosse League, it receives no money from the league nor the SGA.

"We got left out when the SGA was handing out funds," says Barnes. "Right now, the club members pay all their own expenses including travel.

"We do get to use the fields without charge but we have to put up with every Sunday golfer in a five-mile radius," says Barnes. "There are pivots all over the field but the groundskeepers do keep the field mowed and line it for us occasionally."

But golf pivots, lack of funding and lack of spectators still can't dent the team's enthusiasm.

"We would like to see lacrosse become an intercollegiate sport at FIU," says David Burns, one of the team's leading scorers. "But the Florida League will have something to say about that."

Although the lacrosse matches don't attract much attention at FIU, it is popular elsewhere.

"Division I championships drew 25,000 people last year. But it's hard to draw spectators from a commuter school," says Burns.

The lacrosse club has won three of the four games played of a 12-game schedule including play-offs and they expect to keep winning.

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