

The black and white of FIU's soul

That's FIU associate professor John Parker happily accommodating someone else's child on his lap. Parker was watching the Unique Dance Troupe from Florida Memorial College Feb. 16 — part of the FIU's Black History Week — before becoming charmed by the precocious youngster, who had his own style of dancing. For more pictures of FIU's celebration of black culture, see page 12. And for a peak at what's on display in FIU's Visual Arts Gallery, turn to page 6.



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Espinosa captures SGA presidency; voter turnout rises to 8.5 percent

By KIMBERLY MILLER
Staff Writer

Jorge Espinosa won as president in this past week's SGA election, beating opponent Mark Seery by 122 votes. Al Martin was voted vice president over Bob Rahal, with 289 votes to 242. Rick Estrada was elected consularie, while incumbent Matilda Iriate won the comptroller's seat. Sarah Nichols was elected scribe.

Estrada and Nichols campaigned as write-in candidates; their names did not appear on the ballot.

More students voted in this election than either the last fall election or the 1980 spring election.

A total of 718 votes were cast, including 111 votes from Bay Vista, for the organization that controls \$1.2 million of student money. That's a voter turnout of about 8.5 percent. In the 1981 fall election, voter turnout was approximately 4.5 percent.

Joe Kaplan, director of student support services, said voter turnout increased because the polls at the Tamiami Campus were moved from the UH building to the PC lobby.

"And the candidates finally realized that they had to campaign if they wanted the job, because the election was shortened from five days to three days," Kaplan said.

He also attributed the larger turnout to the enthusiasm of freshman Lauren Goodhart, election commissioner.

"Lauren's dedication to the elections turned the results around," he said.

In the College of Arts and Sciences, where five candidates were vying for two senate seats, Enrique Ventura and Patty Altonaga captured the most votes.

P. Michael Santiago, a write-in candidate, and Nazir Nagaria and Marilyn Arias won the open senate seats in the School of Business and Organizational Sciences.

In the School of Education, Aileen Milian, Cecilia Rosello and David Iredia won as write-in candidates, along with Linda Vogel, whose name was on the ballot.

Jeff Miller and Leonard Levy won the vacant seats in the School of Hospitality Management. Laurie Ciraldo, John Robison and M.E. Ghafarian are the new senators for the School of Technology.

The School of Public Affairs and Services now has Joseph Gallegos, Zane Nutter, Yun Won Hwang and Abba-Aji Muhammad as senators for the next six months.

The competition for budget committee seats proved to be a bit sparser, with some schools having no candidates, and other schools getting write-in candidates elected with less than 10 votes.

No budget committee representative was elected from the School of Education or from Hospitality Management. This means the senate can appoint someone to fill the seats for the duration of the term.

There is a possibility of a run-off election at the Bay Vista Campus for the budget seat in the School of Technology because two students received the same number of write-in votes. It first must be confirmed whether either of the candidates wishes to hold the position.

Student government money may be cut off

By WENDY COBOURNE CARSON
Editor

Florida's Senate Education Committee reviewed a resolution Feb. 22 that would change the tuition structure of state universities by adding an intercollegiate athletics fee and eliminating the activity and service (A&S) fee from total tuition cost.

The A&S fee, \$4.04 of every semester hour, is given to the student governments of the state's nine universities to pay for student events and services, including athletics, health clinics, student clubs and concerts. The fee currently adds up to \$13.5 million for the state. FIU's student government allocates approximately \$1 million in A&S fees.

The Florida Student Association, which represents the student governments of the nine universities, opposes "taking away the students' money from the students" for one main reason, said Rob Auslander, executive director of FSA.

"There is no way there can be zero funding, because the fee funds so many career service and administrative positions that are integral to the operation of a university," Auslander said.

"There is not one area of the university that is not touched or funded — almost — by the A&S fee," he said. "You can be talking about child care centers, recreations, intramurals. It funds every aspect of student life, as well as academic programs."

But Auslander said he feels assured that the fee will not be eliminated. Resolution No. 969 is merely a forum to begin evaluating the state's education fee structure, contends Auslander. So contends Sen. Curtis Peterson (D., Lakeland), sponsor of the resolution.

"I just wanted it to be discussed," said Peterson. "The issues need discussions."

Auslander thinks "the review is healthy. We're not in adversarial positions at all."

Peterson's resolution proposes including in the cost of tuition an athletics fee of \$1.41 per semester hour, and eliminating the A&S fee from tuition to allow each university to determine and collect it separately. That would reduce current tuition for every course level by \$2.63.

But Auslander thinks that terminating the A&S fee would be unrealistic.

"There is a bit of a myth about the fee," said Auslander. "A lot of people don't realize that much of the fee funds career service personnel throughout each university. And athletics are really breaking us"

At FIU this year, more than 30 percent, or \$328,360 of the \$1,060,968 in the A&S fund, was allocated to athletics. The state average is 23.9 percent, with FIU second highest. The University of South Florida leads with 35.6 percent of its A&S fees funding athletics. Neither FIU or USF has a football team.

And the A&S fee, which was not increased when total tuition was increased this past fall, has to bear the "state mandates for seven and eight percent salary increases for

World travel offered through FIU program

By KEVIN YELVINGTON
Contributor

How would you like to travel to Europe, South America, or even New Zealand at a reduced rate? How about working and earning money once you got there or receiving credit for classes taken at universities? If this sounds interesting, keep reading.

The Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE), an organization designed to aid U.S. students studying or working abroad and foreign students doing the same here, is administering the program.

FIU is offering a variety of work and study abroad programs, including credit for courses in England, the Netherlands, Honduras, Mexico and Canada this summer. The work program is available year-round to students.

Because of the CIEE's cooperation with foreign organizations of the same nature, the student is able to obtain a work visa with little difficulty. Students are furnished with a list of prospective employers and places to live. Students can work for up to six months

in a foreign country.

These programs are "in keeping with this University's goal of achieving greater international understanding," said Rose Watson, director of international students and programs at FIU.

Specifically, FIU's credit programs for this summer are:

- At Cambridge University, England: "The Age of Shakespeare," "British Culture and Institutions" and "Contemporary British Education"

- In the Netherlands: "Vocational Education in the Netherlands"

- At the University of Guadalajara, Mexico: "U.S. — Mexican politics"

- At the University of San Pedro Sula, Honduras: "Archaeological Field Study"

- At Laval University, Quebec City, Canada: "French Language and Cultural Studies"

This program is open to all students and professors. The costs range from \$975 to \$1,675 for round-trip transportation, tuition, room and board. This cost doesn't include FIU tuition.

For those interested in earning money rather than

credits, a fee of \$50 enables those who qualify to obtain from CIEE a "blue card" — the official document recognized by Britain, or equivalent permission to work in other countries. CIEE eliminates much of the "red tape" and has arranged some travel discounts.

To qualify for the work program you must be at least 18 years old, a full-time student (graduate or undergraduate) at the time of application or one semester previous, a U.S. citizen living in the United States, and able to prove you have enough money to support yourself until you receive your first paycheck.

Two other cards can be bought for further discounts in travel. The International Student Identity Card, \$6, entitles the student to travel bargains in most of the world. The American Youth Hostel card, \$14, enables the student to secure inexpensive housing in hostels and dormitories abroad.

A Study Abroad Fair will be held during International Week, which begins Mar. 8, and detailed information of these programs will be offered then. For more information contact Watson in UH 340 or call 554-2421.

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'Eternal flame'
usually a
burn-out

Here burns the Torch of Knowledge, Service and Understanding, illuminating Primera Casa, the administration building at Tamiami. "The eternal flame from this torch stands as a constant reminder of Florida International University's commit-

ment to mankind," states the sign. But the flame is no longer eternal; the torch's lighting is reserved for "special" occasions. This occasion: to allow a photographer to take a picture for FIU's yearbook, *Elan*.

Money woes end SGA's photo IDs

By PAUL EVANS
Staff Writer

The policy of issuing students photo identification cards has been temporarily canceled by the SGA because there are no funds available for the program.

Since its inception this past fall, the program has had to deal with a number of problems. Foremost among them was the fact that students who were no longer enrolled in classes at FIU were able to use their cards to get into student events and for campus health and fitness centers.

The cards have no expiration dates, which enables former students to continue using the cards, and sometimes makes it difficult for current students to use theirs.

The SGA spent \$12,000 to make the IDs, but no expiration date means the card is no good at some campus facilities. Also, new students haven't been issued the cards.

Bay Vista health services nurse Barbara Johnson said that she will no longer accept the photo IDs as a valid form of identification, and neither will the hospitals that honor the student accident and sickness insurance plan.

"I can treat anybody in an emergency," Johnson said, "and I'll usually give people their tetanus shots or [tuberculosis] tests because that's part of the registration process. I just have them show me their green registration card that you get when you pay your fees."

SGA is currently trying to solve their funding problems by turning over the ID program to FIU's administration. But Robert Winter, executive director of planning and analysis, said that the photo ID problem is not a top priority with the administration.

"We're doing an analysis of the registration process," Winter said. "The problems with the IDs will be a part of that. This isn't a light issue, but I doubt that we'll have an answer to it by the beginning of the fall term. With all the budget problems we're having right now, it's hard to give something like that top priority."

Come to the fair and have fun or find a career

By CAROLE AMANN
Contributor

Student can take a free "crash course" in career opportunities tomorrow at FIU's annual Career Fair at Tamiami Campus.

Career opportunities in accounting, business, communications, education, health-related professions, management, marketing and many other fields will be discussed tomorrow by more than 100 representatives from private industries and government agencies.

"The purpose of the Career Fair is to provide an opportunity for students to talk to organizations and find out about employment opportunities and requirements," said

Elina Artigas, a coordinator of the Cooperative Education and Placement Department at FIU's Tamiami Campus. The affair will take place on the first and second floors of UH from noon to 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

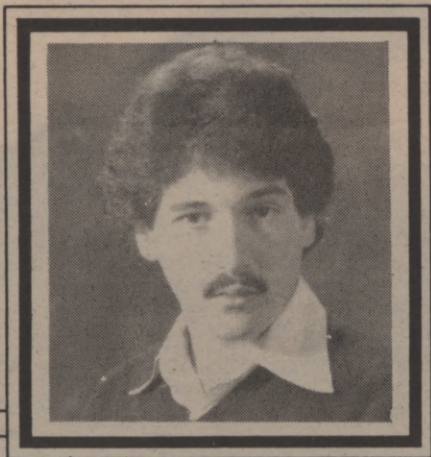
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Federal government agencies will be represented by employers from the Food and Drug Administration, the FBI, the Federal Aviation Administration — to name a few.

Employers from county and state agencies will include the Department of Transportation, the Dade County School System, the City of Miami Police Department and the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services.

"Students may obtain general information about these companies and bring their resumes," said Ina Roper, co-op coordinator at Bay Vista. "If a company is interested in a student, he or she can submit their resume and possibly get interviewed." Roper said a Bay Vista Career Fair is being planned for May.

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On the money means a shot in the hoop

By TODD ANTHONY
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No doubt to the non-basketball fanatic it was essentially a meaningless moment, a futile, pointless exercise in jock stupidity.

To those of us who were in the game it was more like great art.

The image is still clear in my memory. It was nearly midnight on the University of Southern California campus; floodlights from the adjacent parking garage provided just enough illumination to see the basket and the concrete-reinforced pole supporting it. The asphalt court was slick from a light mist that had been wafting down for nearly an hour.

My team was losing badly, although I had been playing well. The four of us were a fairly motley bunch even for a pickup basketball game. In addition to myself, we had two sub-six foot Mexicans who were not exactly masters of the game and a skinny black dude who looked stoned out and who had spent most of the game standing away from the action frowning disapprovingly.

Our opponents included two of the USC football team's finest, Roy Foster and Dennis Johnson, and two other guys who could really play.

Through some freak accident I actually managed to pull down a rebound and heard from somewhere out in the darkness, the words, "Yo, Birdman!" (whenever I play in a basketball game where I am the only caucasian on the court, I am inevitably nicknamed Larry Bird or some variation thereof).

I passed the ball off in the direction of the voice even though I couldn't see if there was anyone out there to receive it.

A second later the ball came back, arching high into the yellow light and dropping through the hoop with a crisp snap of the net.

A smile had replaced the scowl on the face of the skinny black dude. "Cash money," he said. "Y'all best cover me."

The USC football players laughed. I retrieved the ball and passed it to him (we were playing make-it-take-it).

In one smooth motion he dribbled, jumped slightly, and shot the ball from no closer than 25 feet.

Again the ball arched crazily into the light and came swishing down through the basket touching nothing but net.

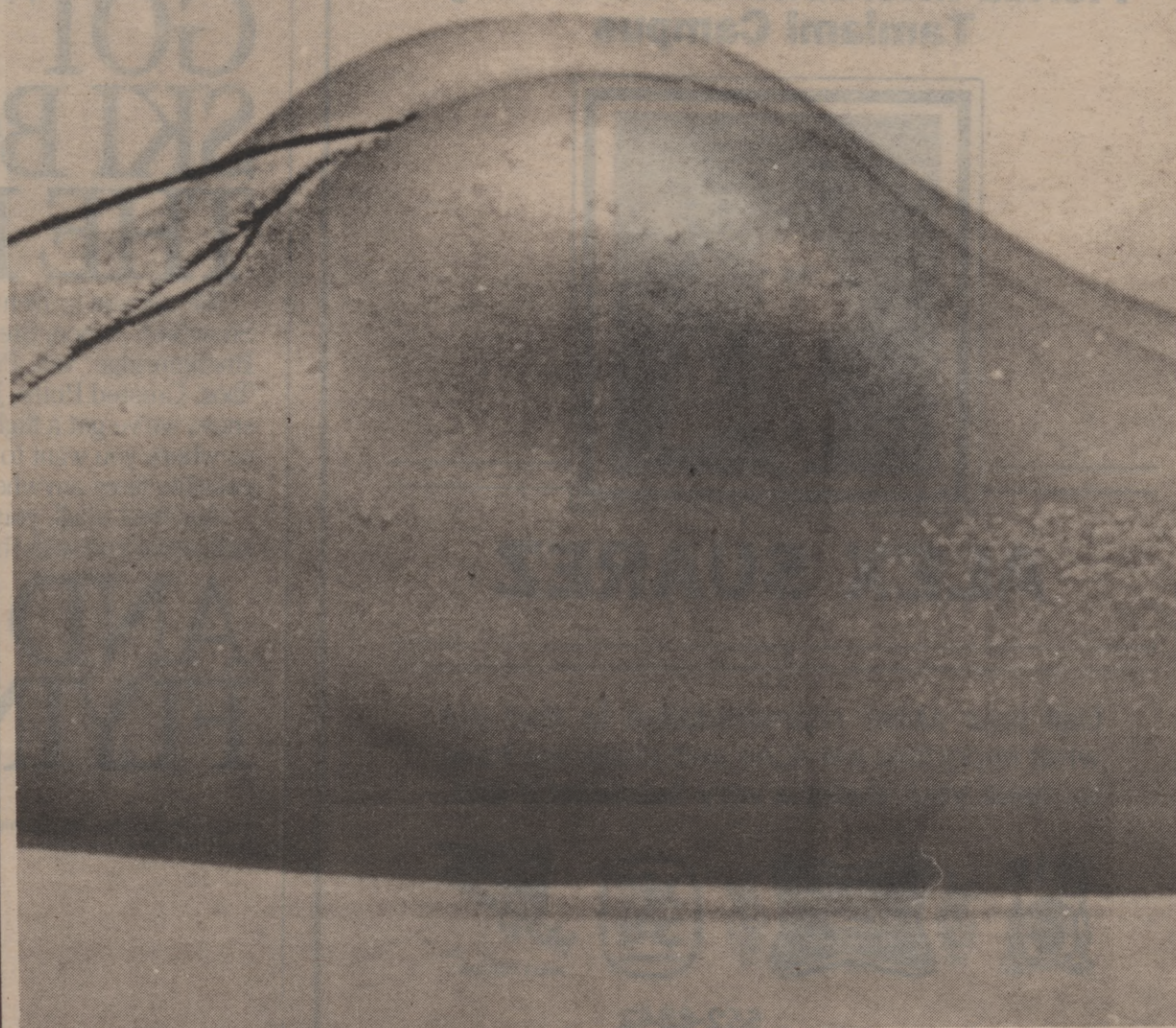
Again, the smile. "Jus' like cash money," he said.

This time it was Dennis Johnson who scowled, as he threw my teammate the ball and muttered a skeptical "shit" under his breath.

Another swish. D.J. went out to play some defense on the smiling shooter. The football player was a mammoth physical specimen, standing about 6-4 and carrying around 230 pounds of solid muscle. Cash Money was about 5-11 and weighed maybe half as much as the defender.

Two more quick baskets ensued, the second of which prompted Foster, the other USC football player, to forsake the guy he was playing against in favor of helping D.J. in double coverage.

But the man was not to be denied. He whirled, he twirled; he danced between them and around them and when he got tired of running around he



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Bottom up

took the ball about 30 feet from the basket and fired three of the craziest, off-balance jump shots I have ever seen.

All wishes.

Suddenly the score was tied at 20-20, with the first team to hit 21 the victor. Some serious pride was on the line.

My teammate took the ball out (by this time I had become more a spectator than a player), the two USC football players sticking to him like flypaper. He could have passed off to me for an easy layup to win the game, but like I said, there was serious pride on the line.

Instead he stopped and called for the other two members of the opposing team to come out and cover him, which they did.

He picked up the ball and faced off against four angry defenders. He smiled, took a quick step backwards, and jumped. The four guys from the other team jumped right with him.

I was standing under the basket, a good 35 to 40 feet away. I could barely make out their silhouettes in the darkness.

I heard my teammate yell "Cash...", and I looked up. The ball came looping down through the misty rain from out of the midnight sky and split the net with a resounding swoosh. "... Money," he said.

I heard Roy Foster say "Damn!"

I saw Dennis Johnson shaking his head in disgust.

Cash Money disappeared into the night.

Letter'

Alumni who borrowed are thieves

To the Editor:

So a bunch of selfish FIU alumni decided to rip off the government by not repaying the federal loans that got them an education.

Many people may think it's only fair to steal money from the government for themselves if they reason that the government steals their money via taxes.

But what these self-centered people didn't realize is that their defaulting on the [National Direct Student Loan] will deprive others of the right to an education at FIU (*International*, Feb. 17, 1981).

I doubt very few of those who haven't repaid their loans truly cannot afford it. I had

a teacher in high school who encouraged the class to get the loan and said "you don't have to worry about paying it back; there's no way they can really make you pay."

These aren't just freeloaders. They're fools. They rob others of a most valuable right: the opportunity for an education. And, ultimately, they will have robbed themselves of the assets those potential students would eventually offer to society.

If it wasn't unconstitutional, I'd suggest these bums have their U.S. citizenship taken away until they repay their loans.

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To the Editor:

I just added my name, student number and \$7.50 to the thousands who have been forced to buy an FIU parking decal.

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especially large fire trucks — would be prevented from parking near the building.

Now about FIU. It is the only college parking lot I know of in which any space is at least five minutes away from the closest classroom. And during classes, there still is enough room to land a Lear jet.

So if space isn't a problem, what is? Is it to prevent rogue students from other colleges from secretly visiting FIU? Is it to prevent shoppers from the 163rd St. Shopping Center from parking at FIU and taking the bus? Businessmen from Biscayne Blvd? Is it like a bridge, when after the bridge is paid for they keep the toll booth up to collect tolls for the upkeep of the toll booth, utilities, insurance and the toll booth collectors' salaries?

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FIU softball team has come along way

By MARCIA CUMMINGS
Staff Writer

Softball at FIU has come a long way, baby. Beginning as a recreational sport for "all interested FIU women," softball is now an intercollegiate sport with its own budget, its own scholarships and its own home facility with concrete dugouts and electric scoreboard.

Coach Linda Miskovic knows. She saw it happen. And she says she is going to make it happen this season with a team that promises to be one of the best in the state.

"This is the best over-all team that FIU has ever fielded," said Miskovic, a two-sport coach who earlier coached volleyball. "This is the first year that the team is composed entirely of experienced players with excellent junior college backgrounds and it's going to make a big difference."

Although there are only five players returning from 1981, the potential of the new recruits is impressive.

Rita Lewis played with Miami-Dade Community College South and is a junior from Davie, FL. She

has also been playing with the Miami Dots, a national amateur championship club team. And in pre-season play she has been outstanding. Lewis has been named to several club All-American teams.

"Rita has been batting 1.000," says Miskovic. "Everytime she hits it's a double or a triple. She definitely has All-American potential."

'This is the best overall team that FIU has ever fielded...the general attitude toward softball has changed.'

Linda Miskovic

Newcomers Gayle Harrington and Karen Purpura are sporting batting averages of .700.

Harrington played first base for Dade-South, and Purpura, who is from Gainesville, played shortstop for Lake City, a traditionally strong softball junior-college team.

Kathy Morgan, Martha Falcon and Betty Gallager are among the "glad-to-have-you-back" returnees, Miskovic said.

"Morgan is an excellent pitcher. And Falcon and Gallager led the '81 team in triples.

The '82 fielding is strong and the batting should be excellent.

All in all it adds up to a championship season and certainly represents a serious change in softball — at FIU, Miskovic said.

"The general attitude toward softball has changed," said Miskovic. "The sport is now thought of in competitive terms. In fact, since the AIAW started the national championships, the image of softball seems to be changing throughout the country."

Miskovic also thinks that the new facility will add incentive to the team.

"It's going to make a difference," said Miskovic. "We feel like a top team when we just look at it [the facility]. And its going to be great to have dugouts to duck into when it starts to rain."

The Sunblazers open their season in the Miami-Dade South Invitational Feb. 27 and 28 at Dade.



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All American Ricky Davidson wants final year as tennis star to lead to pros

By MARCIA CUMMINGS
Staff Writer

Ricky Davidson is as all American as apple pie and he has a certificate to prove it.

Davidson won his official All American title during the 1981 tennis season at FIU. He is the first All American in tennis since 1976 and Steve Temple. He also helped the Sunblazers tennis squad to its first sixth-place finish in the NCAA Division II National Championships since 1978.

There is no question that he is talented.

He just happened to pick up tennis when he was 14 and he's been impressive ever since.

"I started playing tennis by accident," says the 6-2 Davidson, who put down a basketball for a tennis racquet. "One day I stopped by Moore Park, borrowed a racquet and I've been playing ever since. The Park was like a summer camp or clinic and the pro encouraged everyone to enter the National Junior Tennis League tournaments where different parks' teams played against each other."

The tennis coach at Miami Curley High School was interested in the young player and by the time Davidson was 15, he was holding down the No. 5 and 6 spots on the school team.

That team also included some of the most talented young players in the country.

"The No. 1 player, Blaine Willenborg, is now playing for UCLA," said Davidson. "Ethan Adams, who played the No. 2 spot, turned pro and Jean Desdunes, the No. 3 player, is now playing No. 2 for Clemson."

After Curley, Davidson was recruited by Miami-Dade New World Center where he was voted Most Valuable Player in 1979 and made it to the semi-finals of the Junior College National Championships.

Tennis coach Gary Montour recruited Davidson for FIU, where he started at the No. 2 spot at the beginning of the 1981 season then moved on to play the No. 1 position.

With only one more year of collegiate eligibility left, Davidson is concentrating on making All American one more time and savoring his post-graduation plans.

This coming summer, Davidson will start playing the pro circuit — a dream he has relished for a while.

"Professional tennis has always been my dream," said Davidson. "Whether I make it as a pro or not is not the real issue right now. I just want to try because I'll never know if I don't."

His one concern is his attitude and his one drawback is his timing.

"Sometimes I worry that I'm not hungry enough for pro tennis," said Davidson. "I think I'm too complacent but, that may change when I start playing professionally."

Professional tennis may also decide if he started playing too late.

"People tell me that I should have started playing tennis earlier," said Davidson. "They say I could have been better."

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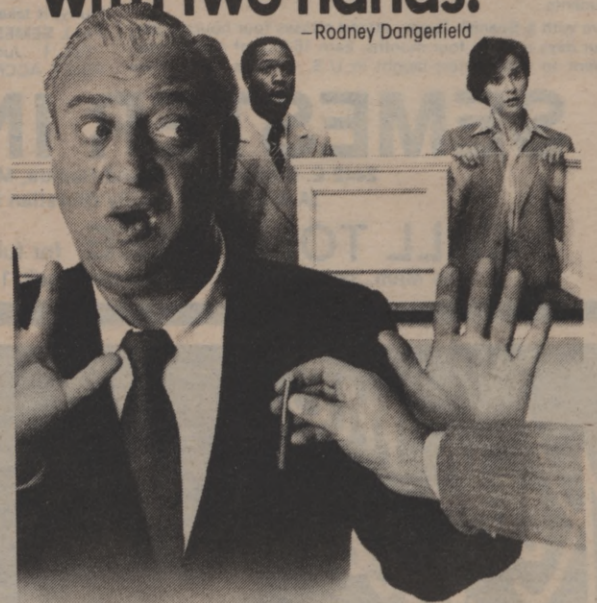
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FSA opposes proposal to drop activity fee

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employees" who are paid through the fund, said Auslander.

But the FSA doesn't want the fee raised, just reinstated less the \$1.41 intercollegiate athletics fee.

"Our board of directors [which comprises the nine student government presidents] does not want to do this in light of the financial problems that students are having right now," Auslander said.

Rather than increase the fee, the FSA proposes that each university annually review A&S-funded positions and possibly eliminate or reclassify some, gradually reducing A&S funding of university personnel.

But the FSA supports another part of the resolution that deals with health fees.

The resolution proposes that students registered for less than six credits be charged the health fee on a voluntary basis; that the fee be limited to \$25, as it is now; and that students attending classes at a branch campus be assessed the fee on a voluntary basis.

Peterson said those provisions were "slightly amended" and approved by Senate Education Committee Feb. 22. The committee voted against another proposal that would allow students who had proof of "alternate health care programs" to be exempt from the fee.

The resolution will be considered by the Senate Appropriations Committee before it is presented to the full Senate. "And that may be the last day of the session," said Peterson.

Then Senate Resolution No. 969 will need the approval of the House and Gov. Bob Graham before it can be enacted.

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Barry University professor Jesus Mendez will talk about class and culture in Argentina and the life of Victoria Ocampo tonight at 8 in DM 100. The free lecture is sponsored by the FIU History Society and the Latin American Caribbean Studies Association.

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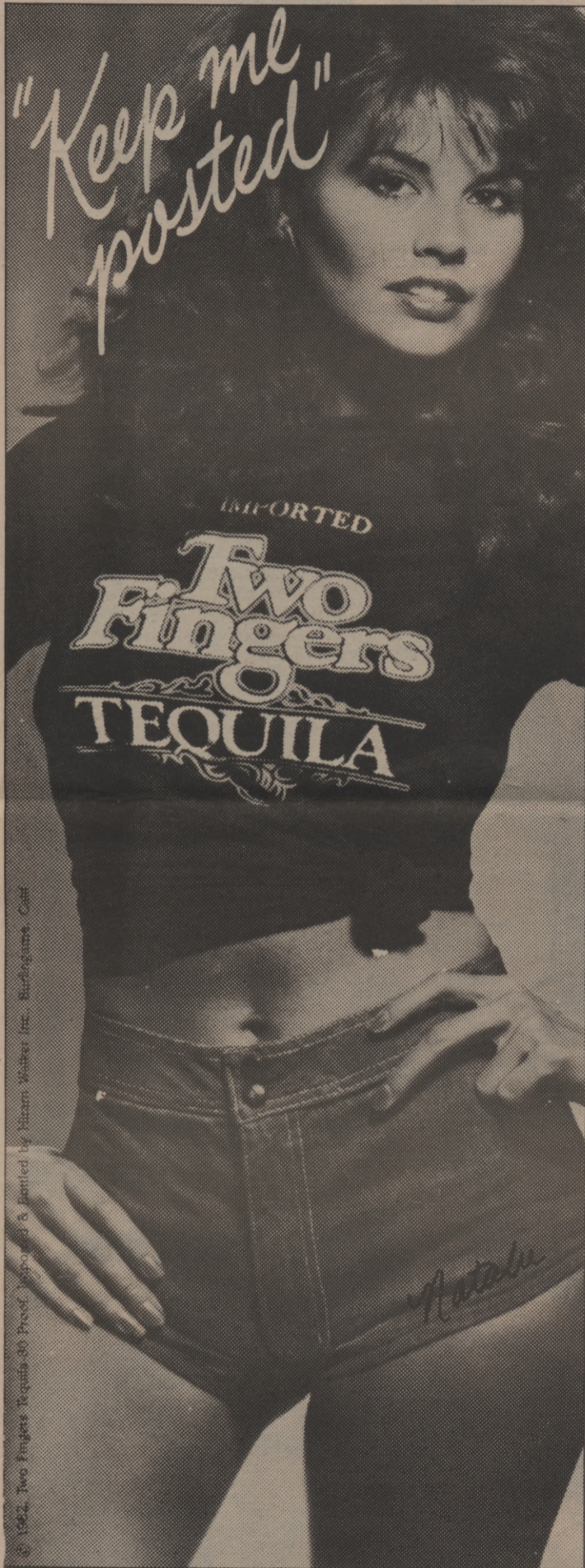
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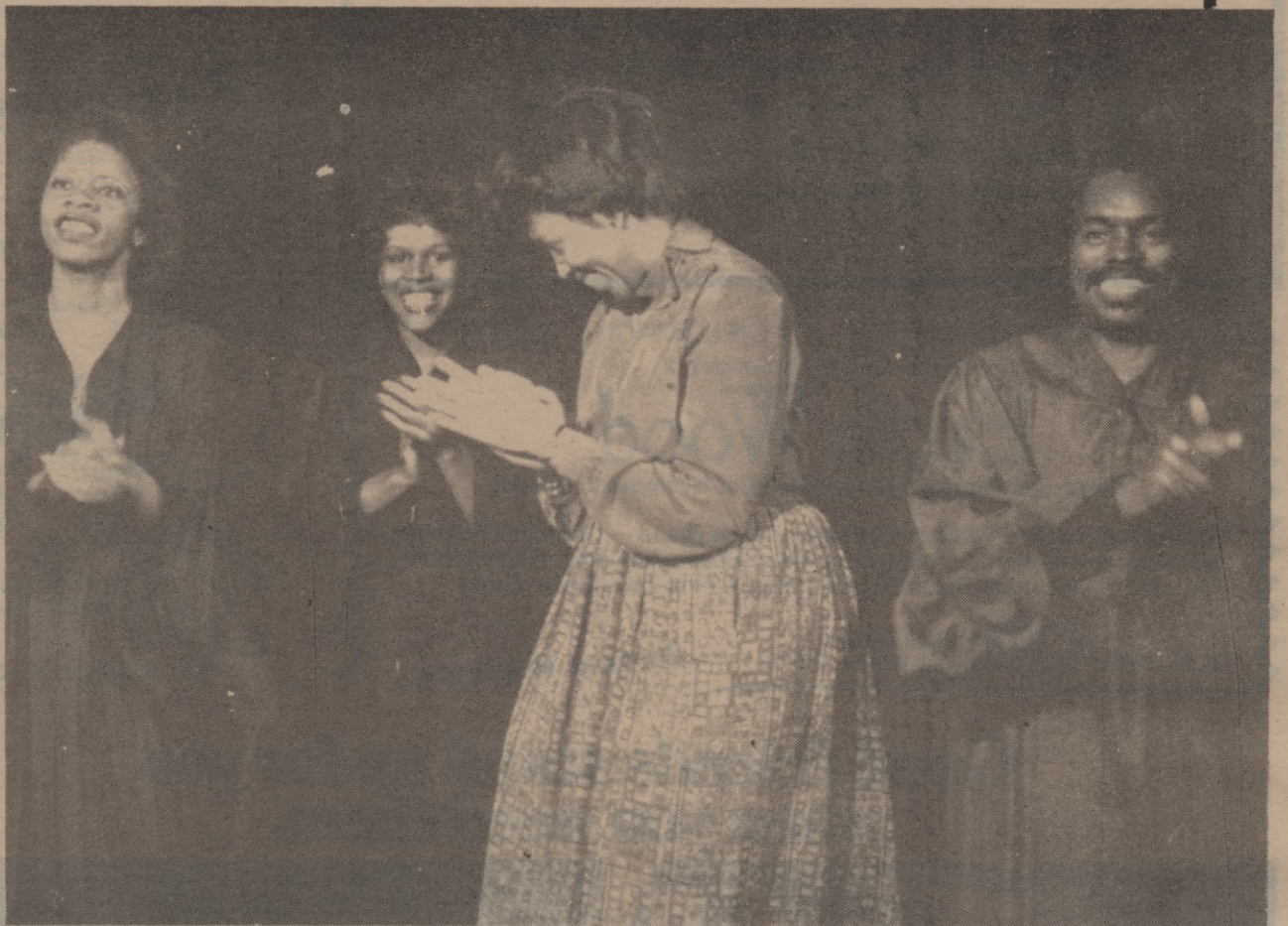
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the week-long tribute. Other events included a speech by Rep. Walter Fauntroy, chairperson of the Congressional Black Caucus; a fashion show; a "Gospel Extravaganza;" a soul-food day; a seminar on "Cultural Dimensions of the Black Experience;" and a final dance Feb. 19. Black-oriented movies were shown free throughout the week, including *Men of Bronze*, *A Piece of the Action*, and *Putney Swope*.

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