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## **News briefs**

#### AGC holds meeting

The Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) FIU student chapter, will hold a general meeting on Wednesday. October 31 at 6:30 p.m. in UH 130. Burton Harris. President of Security Bond Associates. Inc. will speak on "Construction Bonding."

All construction students should attend this meeting. Application forms will be distributed and dues for the academic year will be collected.

#### Elections to be held

FIU senatorial elections take place Tuesday and Wednesday. Nov. 6 and 7, on both campuses. The list of candidates and their qualifications are available in the student government offices for confused FIU voters.

The SGA presidential election takes place int he spring, but don't forget to vote for your representatives in SGA now. The winners represent specific schools and colleges at the university.

So. Reagan and Mondale shouldn't be the only horserace on your mind. Cast your ballots at FIU too. For more information, contact the SGA offices on either campus.

#### MAPS meets again

The second session of the Monday afternoon poetry series "Maps" will be held on Monday Nov. 19 at 4:30 p.m. in the Visual Arts Gallery on the Tamiami Campus (PC 112).

This is a chance to hear your classmates read their original works. Harry Kurit. Jane Shufer. Elicia Albo. David Miller. Gail Melching and Jim Miele will be reading at this session.

If you wish to read at future dates please contact Jim Miele at the Tamiami writing lab (PC 2 245B) Monday through Thursday. 1 to 4 p.m.

#### **AMA Sponsors drive**

The Bay Vista student chapter of the American Marketing Association is sponsoring a canned goods and paper goods drive for the poor and needy at Thanksgiving.

Students, faculty and staff are asked to help these people by bringing non-perishable products to the contribution boxes located at the main staircase on the second floor of Academic One and in the student government office on the second floor of the Student Center building.

Please help!

## Calendar

Monday, Nov. 5, Scuba Club meeting, UH Pit. 6 p.m. For more information call Phillip at 233-7304 or Robert at 553-1175.

Tuesday, Nov. 6, SGA elections, polling station on BVC in AC 1 lobby, on Tamiami, AT 100.

Wednesday, Nov. 7, SGA elections.

Thursday, Nov. 8, Mini-Concert, contemporary music, "Paramont," 12: 15 p.m., in Pit area.

Thursday, Nov. 8, Movie, "Lord of the Flies," UH 140, 1:30, 6 and 8 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 9, "Harold and Maude," Ruth Foreman Theatre, BVC. For more information call 940-5902



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Dracula Jaime Canaves scares Beverly Walker to death.

Photo by Elizabeth Chaviano

## More police are needed

by James Sprang

Contibutor

The FIU director of public safety praised his staff's performance and said a manpower shortage limits the number of on-campus police patrols.

"From the outset I told the administration that at least 15 more men were needed for the department to fulfill its mission." Harvey Gunson said "There have been no staff additions since 1978." he added." and the university is growing fast."

Gunson said that the university police force consists of 29 sworn police officers with dispatchers and clericals bringing the total to between 40 and 45 for both campuses. He also pointed out that the 29 law enforcement officers have to be spread over a 24-hour period of three shifts. "Four men on the night shift represent the largest number on Bay Vista at any given time." he said.

Gunson said that the administration denied his repeated requests for additional police officers. "Each time I was told that the funds were not available," he said. "And meantime there's the stadium... and as far as I am concerned there is easy access to the campus. Anybody can drive straight down 151st Street past the entrance and they are on the campus."

"We've done a great job of preventing crime so far."
Gunson said. "Actually, this force is on its way to becoming one of the best campus security forces in the country." He said that there were no serious problems on either campus but the main problem was larceny, petty theft due to carelessness that occured mainly in the parking lots. "Concern." he said, "is something also."

"My job is crime prevention. I never list anything as being security safe because if somebody wants to commit a crime, they will," he said.

He said his major concern was the safety of the student, "exacerbated now since the new dorms"

arrival." Beyond that, he said he was concerned with the safety "of personal property and that belonging to the state."

According to Steve Belcher, an assistant to the vice-president of human resources. "public safety, affirmative action, personnel and the vice-president's office make up the human resources department. The university just doesn't have any money. We are aware of the problem but can do nothing without funds." he said.

"Here's how the budget process works." Belcher said. "Each year the departments make their requests via their vice-president to the budget office where all such requests are coordinated. The executive council decides based on guidelines from the board of regents whether there will be additions. "most times there are restrictions stating specifically what areas get the additional staffing." Belcher said.

He acknowledged that for the last several years Gunson has requested added staff for public safety, and stressed the importance of understanding that the requests were denied, but not because administration found them unreasonable. He said complaints were received from both students and staff regarding the lack of a police presence.

Gunson holds a master's degree in criminology and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. His career dates back to 1955 and the New York City Police Department from where he retired. Before coming to FIU Gunson was chief of police in Williamsburg. Va. He said if more funds were allocated he would send officers to crime schools for training, purchase better equipment such as surveillance equipment and install a computer to handle the clerical system. "Universities are great for planning things."

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#### Scuba Club meets

The Scuba Club will be holding a meeting on November 13 at 6:00pm in the UH Pit on the Tamiami campus.

Video tapes of local dive spots will be shown and upcoming trips and events will be discussed.

Everyone is welcome. For more information call 553-1175 or 233-7304.

#### Writing lab moves

The writing lab at the Bay Vista Campus has moved to the Academic II building. Tutor Bonnie Silberg sais her quarters are now located in AC1I, room 138.

Despite the smaller room, Silberg said she hopes FIU students will continue to take advantage of the help that she offers.

If you can't tell your adjectives from your nouns, if your participles dangle or if you just need some old-fashioned help on your term paper, call Silberg at 940-5754.

#### AMA brings speaker

The American Marketing Association at Tamiami Campus will be holding a meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 6 in UH 150.

Scheduled as guest speaker is Walter Dartland, consumer advocate for the area. All students are welcomed to attend. The meeting will be held from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

#### Workshop to be sponsored

"Selling to the Government." a free workshop offered by the Small Business Development Center at FIU. will be held from 7-10 p.m. on Nov. 7 & 8 at North Miami Jr. High, 13105 N.E. 7 Avenue.

Those interested are encouraged to register early, as seating may be limited.

The center also offers professional business counseling in areas such as increasing sales, obtaining loans, developing business plans, etc.

For further information call 554-2272 at Tamiami or 940-5790 at Bay Vista.

#### Yearbook seeks help

Work has begun on the FIU yearbook, scheduled to come out in May, 1985. Any student interested in being part of it please contact SGA in UH 310.

#### Film to be shown

On Monday, Nov. 5, the Women's Studies Center will present the film "One Way or Another" by director Sara Gomez Yara. The film will be shown free of charge in AT 132a at noon.

#### Sports seminar planned

The student development services, as part of their Wellness Series, is sponsoring a free seminar entitled "Video View of Recreational Sport Activities". The seminar which will take place on Nov. — "H 316 from 12, 15 to 1; 15 p.m. will inform the seminar of recreational facilities and programs that are available for the FIU community.

#### Data processing meeting

The next meeting of the student chapter of the Data Processing Management Association will be neld on Wednesday. November 7, at 5:45 p.m.

The field trip to the Microcomputer Institute at the University of Miami School of Continuing Studies on Friday, November 9, at 10 a.m. will be the topic. For more information come to the meeting, or see notices on Jack Gilman's door in DM 311B.

#### Hillel holds party

The Jewish Student Union for North Dade will hold its first region-wide party Saturday. November 10. beginning at 9 p.m. in SC 320 on the Bay Vista Campus.

There will be prizes for imtish including a cookie eating contest.

Admission cost is \$4, and includes a free beer. Music will be provided by Audio Fantasy.

#### Organizations must register

All FIU student organizations must re-register in UH 212D during the week of Monday. November 5 through Thursday, November 8. Re-registration will take place from 12:30 to 4:00pm.

Re-registration is mandatory for all student organizations. For more information, call Ricky Miguez at 554-2121 or 554-3074.

#### Correction

In the article that appeared in the October 29 issue, of *The Sunblazer*, Nader's debated opponent was incorrectly named Pusher. The correct name is Rusher.

## New vice-president moves in

by Jeffrey L. Kleinman

Ass't News Editor

Suprised. Nervous. Confident. Sentimental. With these four mixed emotions embedded in her psyche, Dr. Judy Blucker will take over the position of vice president of student affairs on Oct.29, replacing Pat

## Finance Club is worth joining

by Maria L. Fernandez

Ass't News Editor

There are many worthwhile organizations on campus that students may join. One of them is the finance association, an affiliate of SGA.

The purpose of the association is to encourage and reward finance students in the area of scholarship and to expose them to prominent leaders in the business and academic areas of the Greater Miami Community.

In order to become a member, students should have an overall GPA of 2.0 or higher and major in finance or any related fields, such as accounting. The members are encouraged to participate in activities.

Membership is open to both graduate and undergraduate students. Membership fee is \$15 a year.

Some of the activities the finance association has planned for this year include guest lectures and seminars, volleyball games, parties and picnics, dine & discuss with prospective employers, and a possible field trip to New York to visit Wall Street.

Members of the finance association can become members of the national honor society if they meet certain special requirements.

Students may pick up an application for membership at DM 368 in the finance department at the Tamiami campus.

# Domestic violence is exposed

by Mellissa Kroll

**News Editor** 

In past years, although everyone knew domestic violence existed, no one dared talk about it. It was something that always happened to someone else in some other place.

Yet, this year, 11 to 13 million people reported cases of domestic violence to the police. Society is now becoming able to admit that domestic violence is a problem, but according to former general mastering the circuit court family division, Fred M. Dellapa, law enforcement agencies are having a difficult time dealing with the surge of reported cases. In a recent lecture at FIU, Dellapa spoke about the way the law deals with domestic violence situations and why the way the law deals with the problem needs improvement.

The law states that assault and battery committed by a husband against his wife is a misdemeanor. This exempts the abuser from excessive fines or prolonged periods in prison. The abuser is usually notified of the charges against him by mail and given a court date. "Prosecutors hesitate to even bother because so many of the cases are dropped after notification." he said.

Dellapa as well as state representatives Elaine-Gordon and Roberta Fox presented a bill to Congress to allow arrests in serious domestic abuse cases. "The bill was an exception to the warrant rule, a rule which does; not allow arrests in domestic violence cases because it is a misdemeanor. When we pointed out that in the state of Florida, it is a felony for a man to beat his dog, but only a misdemeanor for him to beat his wife, the bill was unanimously passed." Dellapa said.

Although arrests cannot be made at all times or in all cases. an exception to the warrant rule is in effect in Florida when a 74130 temporary restraining order is filed at the state prosecutor's office. An attorney is not needed to file. All that is necessary is a person who is legally able to deliver a court document. Once the abuser receives an official copy, he is in contempt of court by violating the document and can be arrested.

Anyone who feels he or she is a victim of domestic violence or wishes to seek help can contact any number of facilities. Victims Advocate. 1510 NW 7th Street. telephone 547-7933. is open during office hours. Afterward, calls are forwarded to Safe Space. a hidden shelter for abused victims. telephone 579-2915. There is someone to answer calls 24 hours a day.

Hansen, who resigned for a higher position at Daytona Beach Community College.

Blucker, an assistant dean in the School of Education since 1981, and an instructor at FIU since 1972, will serve on an interim basis. President Gregory Wolfe will conduct a national search for Hansen's permanent replacement during Blucker's tenure.

Blucker's new duties are two-fold. First, she will be responsible for overseeing the 10 departments that fall under the division of student affairs. Also, Blucker was appointed on an interim basis, she said she plans to keep the status quo established by her predecessor. "I think in this interim time, it will be better to maintain what Dr.Hansen has established," Blucker said.

Blucker described herself as being mildly nervous about leaving familiar territory and traveling to unfamiliar turf. "I'm leaving something I know very well, to go to something I don't know, but I've viewed my appointment as a positive opportunity."

Blucker expressed confidence in FIU's growth. She said she is firmly convinced that when FIU provides more on-campus amenities - like the soon-to-be-opened 4,500-seat gymnasium - student life will improve.

"I'd like to see transfer students become more involved." Blucker added.

Other thoughts of Blucker as she looks forward to her new job:

- On student government representation: "I think SGA is doing a fine job. Both campuses have adequate representation."
- On getting advice from FIU's cross-town neighbor: "I called the University of Miami yesterday to ask about the swimming pool (FIU's opens next semester on the Bay Vista Campus)." But Blucker added, "We're going to go our own separate ways."
- On the way the division of student affair handled the recent three-way fight for SGA president that included a civil lawsuit: "Anyone in our society has a right to file a civil suit. The university couldn't have avoided that conflict anyway."

Blucker said she's sorry to leave the School of Education but looks forward to starting her new duties. Ironically, the departing Pat Hansen also started as a faculty member in education. "It is just a strange coincidence," Blucker said of her similar fate.

Blucker arrived at FIU in July of 1972 as an assistant professor of education. She was promoted to chairperson in 1978 and assistant dean in 1981.

### Reagan wins election

by Isabel Fernandez

Edito

The Youth for Reagan group and the student government association sponsored a mock election on Thursday, October 25 at both campuses.

Over 1,000 students voted for their candidate to fill the position of United States President. Results indicate a major win by candidate Ronald Reagan.

Reagan received 80.4 percent of the votes, Mondale received 18.6 percent of votes and 1 percent of the students who voted were undecided.

Ricardo Juncadella, Youth for Reagan's FIU campus coordinator, stated that all students, even those who do not qualify to vote in the real elections, were allowed to participate in the mock election.

"International students and the such were allowed to vote. This may indicate a difference between our results and Tuesday's results. However, Reagan won by such a large margin, we feel confident that Reagan will be President for the next four years," stated Juncadella.

#### Police shortage

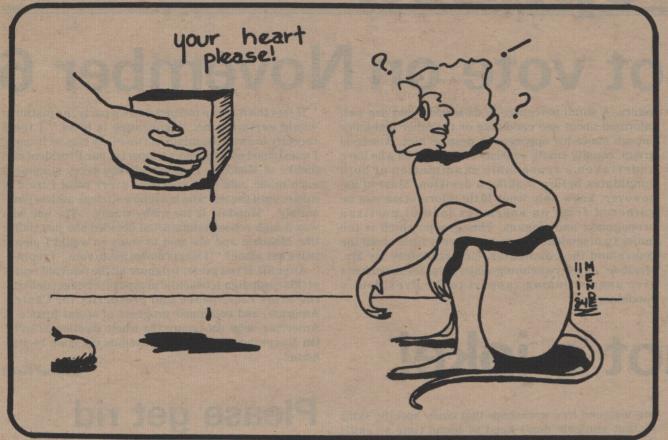
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Gunson said there are six emergency phones at Bay Vista, one on the boat dock, four in the parking lot area and one near the bus stop. He said the phones were not in working condition because of difficulties with a newly-installed Rolm system.

Gunson suggested that students ask the student government to make a contribution to his department. Ed Labrador, vice-president of the student government, laughed. He said, "We don't have that kind of money. Ever more since we donated \$30,000 to the Visual Arts Gallery, everybody thinks we have money."

Gunson also asked students to volunteer time as student police assistants. He said it would be organized so that students would patrol in groups. All interested students may contact the director of public safety by calling 940-5555. Incidentally, that is the telephone number for the campus police.

## opinion



## Last chance to reconsider

by David Miller

Contributer

On Tuesday. November 6, the American public, in its infinite stupidity, is going to re-elect Ronald Reagan. Today, as a last measure of futilty. I shall explain how Mr. Reagan has been a close friend of the radical right/lunatic fringe for many years.

Shortly after Robert Welch founded the John Birch Society in 1958, the JBS set up offices in California and Welch made an alliance with an ex-actor named Ronald Reagan. When Reagan wrote a 1960 letter to Richard Nixon comparing John Kennedy to Adolph Hitler and Karl Marx, he was merely mimicking Robert Welch, who had said JFK was worse than Hitler (according to Welch, JFK was ''immoral,'' but Hitler was only "amoral"). When Reagan claimed the income tax was a product of Karl Marx, he was again mimicking Robert Welch.

In 1962 Reagan, still a nominal Democrat (although he had campaigned for Nixon in 1960 and for Dwight Eisenhower in 1952-56), campaigned for John Rousselot and other Birch Society members who were running for Congress. The Reagan people were proud of this pro-JBS activity, and Lee Edwards mentioned Reagan support for Rousselot in a 1967 pro-Reagan biography. When Reagan ran for Governor of California in 1966, Robert Welch pledged his support of Reagan, and after the election Welch claimed responsibility for electing Reagan. Significantly, Ronald Reagan has never criticized the John Birch Society.

In 1964 Reagan, now a Republican, made several speeches on behalf of presidential candidate Barry Goldwater, who had praised the John Birch Society as "some of the finest people I know." The 1964 GOP convention was dominated by Birchers and neo-Nazis, many of whom shouted down moderates such as Nelson Rockefeller while voting against a resolution condemning the Birch Society and the Nazis. When Goldwater defended "extremism in defense of liberty," Ronald Reagan applauded. Of course, in 1984 Reagan invited Goldwater to give another pro-extremism speech at this year's GOP convention.

During Reagan's eight years as governor, the number of Nazis in California increased dramatically; a 1975 film, "California Reich," claimed there were 100,000 avid Nazis in the state. Yet Gov. Reagan in eight years made not a single anti-Nazi speech, took no

anti-Nazi action (though he did denounce Communists and liberals in speech after speech). When Nazis publicly called for the execution of black school superintendent Marcus Foster in 1973 (Foster was indeed shot to death late that year). Gov. Reagan took no action against the Nazis.

As I noted in a previous column. Reagans' press secretary. Lyn Nofziger, had worked with Nazis in California in 1971-72. Reagan's appointments secretary. Helene von Damm (now Ambassador to Austria), was a business partner of an Austrian ex-Nazi named Otto von Bolschwing, a fact documented in the 11-20-81 San Jose Mercury. Shortly after the 1976 GOP convention, the Miami Herald reported that candidate Reagan had made a quick trip to Munich, site of Germanys worst neo-Nazi activity: the Herald implied that Reagan might have received money from neo-Nazis there.

As governor of California. Reagan wrote several articles for The American Mercury, a neo-Nazi magazine controlled by Liberty Lobby, the organzation that claims there was no Holocaust. When Reagan ran for President in 1980, Liberty Lobby, the John Birch Society and the Ku Klux Klan endorsed Reagan. Reagan repudiated the Klan endorsement but accepted the endorsement of the JBS and Liberty Lobby. Shortly after becoming President in 1981, Reagan named Warren Richardson, chief lobbyist for Liberty Lobby, assistant secretary for legislation of the Department of Health and Human Services.

As governor of California. Ronald Reagan named John Birch Society leader Lewis Uhlen to two different task forces concerning welfare and taxation. So when you read that Gov. Reagan called for a "bloodbath" on the campuses in 1970 or demanded that we turn Vietnam into a parking lot a few months later, you shouldn't be surprised: Reagan was simply talking like just another Bircher. Nor should you be surprised to learn that President Reagan sadly eulogized Larry McDonald, the second director of the Birch Society, when McDonald died in 1983.

When you vote for Reagan-Bush on Nov. 6. you're also voting for Jesse Helms and Robet Welch and Lary McDonald and Willis Carto and Jimmy Swaggart and all the other lunatics of the Radical Right. *Siegheil*, America: let's all wrap ourselves in the flag and read American Opinion and vote for John Schmitz' favorite President.

# What is the threat to peace?

by Miguel Oxamendi

Columnist

What is the single greatest threat to peace in the world today? There can be only one answer. The Soviet Union with its fellow totalitarian allies along with various enslaved nations across the earth's surface make up a military power whose aims are not self-defense but instead world domination. Under the aegis of a single communist state. That state would be the Soviet Union, which has to this day master-minded a global network of terror that exploited every weaker nation from eastern Europe to Central America. The USSR has murdered 20 million of its own citizens during Stalin's purge, subjegated Eastern Europe, was responsible for the murder of over 200 innocent men, women and children on KAL 007, and their record of shame goes on and on.

How can any American truly believe that the western world can peacefully live with this "evil empire?" Those naive little people who say we should trust the Soviet Union's leadership when they call for peace. Nonsense! I say the only communist that can be trusted is a dead communist and even then look out for booby traps. When a communist says he wants peace he means a piece of this and a piece of that or he'll carve a piece out of your scalp.

The only thing the Soviet leadeship understands is force. Without a viable military force, any nation that wishes to deal with the Soviet Union must do so with the understanding that they will receive no pity and can expect only eventual absorbtion into the "evil empire."

Over the past two decades the Soviet Union has been supporting a peace offensive against the west. They have, through their support of leftist peace movements, been attempting to undermine the west's efforts to defend itself. The Greens in West Germany, the Freeze Movement in the US, and even the international Greenpeace organization are either willing or unknowning dupes of the USSR.

The Soviet Union has not just financially supported these organizations it is also the controlling force behind them. Many of the individuals in these movements are unaware of their role in the communist plan for world domination. Many are naive but nonetheless their leadership receives its instructions from the Kremlin.

I recommend that the congress and the justice department investigate the extent of Soviet leadership in these organizations. Furthermore, an investigation should also be launched to discover the extend of communist infiltration into the US government.

If this sounds like McCarthyism, then so be it. For decades the leftist media and Hollywood have been unjustly criticizing this great American.

The Western European countries should do the same. Especially in England where it seems that every other government official is a communist spy and a homosexual. An investigation of the type conducted during the '50's would shed light on the extend of Russian influence in the west allowing us to nutralize this cancer.

For your part in the preservation of peace. I suggest you ignore persons involved in the pacifist movements. You must ignore calls for a nuclear freeze. These are just the cries of communist puppets. You must instead write your congressman and ask him to support the "Peace Through Strength Resolution." Only in this way can the world be spared nuclear catastrophy or Soviet domination.

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## opinion

## Please do not vote on November 6

Fellow students and Sunblazer readers:

Over 13 years ago the 26th amendment to our constitution lowered the voting age to 18. Since that time we have shown ourselves to be the least informed group of the electorate and, until this year, the least active as well. November 6 is election day, and I would like to take this opportunity to encourage many of my fellow students in their present conditions to stay home Tuesday. If you are uninformed, DONOT VOTE!

From talking with fellow students I have concluded that a majority of students are not reasonably informed about the presidential (and vice-presidential) nominees. There seem to be three types of student

voters. A small percentge of us support and are well informed about one candidate or the other and know enough about his opponent to despise him. A second group, equally small, consists of those of us who have undertaken a reasonable examination of both candidates before making a decision. Most of us, however, know only what little information can be gathered from an enormous load of partisan propaganda and slogans. This group, which is the majority of student voters, knows very little about the issues and the candidates. Unfortunately for Mr. Mondale, an overwhelming majority of these students give unquestioning support to the President's candidacy.

If this third group formed its own party, its platform would certainly be, "Ignorance is bliss." I tried recently to sway the minds of two of my closest friends. I questioned each friend's support of our President and dislike of Mondale. I easily rebuked every statement each made, and each conceded every point I tried to make, until the one who is a fellow student-athlete put it simply, "Mondale is too wishy-washy." The one who was a high school salutatorian decided she just didn't like Mondale and she had to study so would I please leave her alone? "If you promise not to vote," I replied.

After all, if you prefer to ignore all the relevant issues of this campaign (economic prosperity, budget deficits, the arms race, peace and prosperity for Central America, and continued progress of social justice in America), why not ignore the whole election as well? On November 6, make a conscious decision to stay

Samuel Fistel

## CLAST is not a joke!

Dear Editor:

I am responding to the Editor's Forum on October 15. 1984, regarding the College Level Academic Skills Test. You were correct in stating that the exam is "absolutely mandatory" for all students upon reaching 55-60 credits at any community college or state university. You also asked what is so important about taking the test. You then proceeded to give an opinion without adequate information about the CLAST, the reasons for its implementation, and the university's commitment to help students acquire the skills on the test.

According to the State of Florida Department of Education. "The College Level Academic Skills Test has been designed as an achievement test. It is intended to measure the level of achievement of the communication and computation skills which are expected of all students by the time they complete their sophomore year in college." You stated the exam is "a joke." Do you think it's a joke that statewide I out of 4 students taking the test fail all four sections? Do you think it's a joke that 63 percent of the students taking the test fail the reading section? These students cannot pass a test designed at the secondary education level; do you think THAT is a joke?

You also stated that logic is unnecessary for journalism, history, and English majors. Journalist not only need to be logical, they need to be able to research (that sometimes requires reading), they need to be able to write (53 percent of the students statewide fail the essay), and they need to be able to at least understand statistics and the kinds of math used every day in order to reach conclusions for their articles. These skills are eventually used by everyone in the work force.

The CLAST is not formulated to hold students back. You said, "If you don't pass it, you don't graduate." The university offers the Test of Academic Skills (TAS) as a

pre-test, and free workshops that cover specific skills so that students don't need to spend time on skills they've already mastered. Free courses are offered for students who need more than a review of the skills, and students who fail any portion of the test aren't denied an education. However, they are required to re-take the test until they pass it, or earn 36 credits of upper division course work. The university wants its students to be successful, and is trying to help the students prepare for CLAST. Unfortunately, very little can be done if the students don't want help, or become defensive and rebellious.

Your irresponsible attack of CLAST illustrates the high level of ignorance about the test that is found throughout the university. As the university newspaper, you should be informing the students about the importance about taking the CLAST, not misinforming the student body with unresearched opinions.

Finally, I was disturbed by your comment that students are required to take an exam at the "high school level" after successfully completing two and a half years at the university level. That says a lot about the state of education, but it says a lot more about your feelings to improve those conditions. I am a former freshman of the university, proud of my achievements, and pleased tha I'll receive an education with my degree, rather than receiving a degree that means little more than a certificate of attendance. When I took the CLAST, I did not feel that the university administration wanted only to be #1 at my expense. The freshman letter did state. "You can help us be #1 in the state on CLAST by maintaining your high academic standards." I took that as a compliment. By the way, do you also react this defensively when the university wants to have a #1 soccer team?

Maria B. Morera

# Please get rid of David Miller

Dear Editor:

For several weeks now, we (Reagan supporters) have been offended by the senseless, irresponsible, subjectivist, and unintelligent columnist David Miller. Mr. Miller exercises the lowest form of Journalism (if it can be called this at all) that I have ever witnessed. He uses his weekly granted columns to try to persuade people to see things from his selfish, irresponsible, inane, and incoherent point of view. His most recent thrill is to associate the President with gays, anti-Christians. Nazis, etc., never knowing where to draw the line. Where is your sense of "justice" Mr. Miller? Are you familiar with the words. "Innocent until proven guilty," Mr. Miller? Maybe you should, for the first time in your life, give someone the benefit of the doubt.

Your "always shoot first and never ask questions later" philosophy is an example of your lack of intelligence and respect for other people's opinions.

You accuse recognized and respected officials of being bigots, anti-Christian, immoral, and downright idiots, but the fact is, Mr. Miller, that you are the master of all these "qualities" which you so malignantly express.

Mr. Miller has gone far enough! He is an insult to the readership of this newspaper! I am disappointed in the way this newspaper allows its columnists to write whatever they feel or think without respecting the beliefs of others. It is the responsibility of this newspaper to see that columnists such as David Miller restrain from writing selfish and impudent articles which are a nuisance to the readers.

John Lopes

## FPIRG writes back

Dear Editor:

This letter is written in response to the comments made by Bret Clark regarding the Florida Public Interest Research Group, (FPIRG). It is curious that someone so stridently insistent on the "truth" would have failed to mention that his employment with FPIRG was not continued for imcompetence, which would tend to color his perceptions.

This is not to say that FPIRG is without its weaknesses: like all young organizations. FRIRG has had its share of growing pains. And yet, FPIRG's accomplishments would do credit to a much older and established organization. For instance:

\*FPIRG students took a lead in pressing for greater protection for new car buyers that resulted in the passage of the "Lemon Law." This-law provides for a refund of purchase price for chronically defective cars.

\*An investigation by FRIRG interns and volunteers into unfair banking practices led to legislation to limit the "hold" banks place on checks. These "holds" cost consumers one billion dollars a day.

\*FPIRG has published countless consumer reports. ranging from doctor directories to handbooks on renter's rights.

\*In the area of inveronmental protection. FRIRG lobbied successfully for 12 million dollars to clean up Florida's toxic problem -the second worst in the nation.

\*Working with SGA. Circle K. and other student groups, FPIRG added over 11,000 students to the rolls in Florida, giving them a real voice in political decision making.

\*The success of PIRGs are indictive of a student body no longer content to hide in an ivory tower, but who wish to actively influence the decisions that effect their environment, their society, their lives. Consider:

FRIRG was established by Florida students. Neil Friedman, former student-body president of FSU, headed the first organizing drive and became PIRG's first executive director.

A majority of FIU students mandated a PIRG and the fee to support it. It is an insult to the intelligence and integrity of students to intimate that they are victims of their own decisions to establish and organize, or that they are insincere about their own stated beliefs.

FPIRG is controlled by students. Once PIRG is established, elections are held for local and state boards -the internal decision-making positions. These students approve the budget, set organizational priorities, choose issues and hire the executive director, who is responsible for implementing the decisions of the all-students board of directors.

This coming semester. FPIRG will continue its work to uncover the toxic threat in Florida, to press for the deletion of invironmentally sensitive areas from offshore oil drilling, and will open up a consumer tenant hotline. Anyone wishing more information can reach the FPIRG coordinator, Angela Di Leo, at 940-5506, or leave a note in the FPIRG box, U.H. RM.311.

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## opinion

## Schoolwide elections get no attention

Dear Editor:

In this season of popular elections, voters are once again forced to confront some of the problems inherent in the democratic system. Whether our concerns reside in school, city, state, or national decisions, one of the most pressing problems is that once candidates have been elected to public office, there are no guarantees that the chosen will fulfill the promises made during their campaigns. Neither are we guaranteed that the candidates will be as dedicated once in office as they appeared to be prior to the elections. The first problem is well documented. However, the second problem seems to be restricted to those offices which are not supplied the privilege of constant media attention and evaluation, namely, our schoolwide elections.

A particularly distressing problem is the one created by those I dare to call the "resume politicos". who ardently seek their office with the sole intention of one day being able to include such respectable titles on their resumes. As an unhappy victim of numerous impotent student administrations. I have found it necessary to do my part to help avoid future pseudo-political puppet shows. My recommendations involve the participation of the governing agencies themselves, the media, and by far the most important factor, a responsible student body. They are as follows:

The governing bodies should establish and enforce appropriate attendance policies, and make these policies clear to prospective candidates prior to the election. It should be understood that the office being sought entails not a title, but a *ioh*, and attendance is the minimal expectation.

The media too is capable of effecting the quality of the student government administrations. By supplying adequate coverage of official meetings and functions, student news services can report on the efficiency and apparent integrity of such events, and might also take advantage of opportunities to editorially reinforce outstanding efforts.

As effective as these measures might be, it is important to keep in mind that they are post-facto, and are only capable of improving upon future situations. It remains only the VOTER who has the occasional power to influence his or her political surrounding immediately, and for this reason, should put forth maximum effort to make a responsible decision. Agreed, a responsible decision is difficult without adequate information about our prospective representation, but this lack of information also serves to amplify the importance of the precious little that we are granted. The so-called propaganda usually takes the form of a prepared hand-out, poster, or newspaper advertisement. These should not be taken lightly. We

must work under the assumption that if a candidate is not able to produce appropriate and qualitative expression in a carefully prepared and biased statement, he or she will be thoroughly incapable of producing work of any substance when called upon to do so spontaneously. Look at what is being stated and how, grammar is also a fairly reliable indicator. We should estimate the amount of time and care that went into producing a given piece of political advertisement. While we are at it, let's look for a realistic assessment of a candidate's own goals and capabilities. Are the cited "qualifications" only the result of personal achievements, or do they reflect the important qualities of cooperation which are so necessary for smooth bureaucratic functioning?

Of course, I concede that these measures fall short of guaranteeing any sort of quality representation, but they do provide an important first step in maximizing the effectiveness of our collective political voice. The disappointing lack of concrete answers to the questions facing us brings tomind the words of a semi-renowned logician who stated. "Politics is one of the last bastions of insanity left to man," Although one might be hard pressed for a counter argument, we should treasure the fact that we are still given free choice in the matter. Let's take every opportunity to make the most of it.

Stevan D. Mitchell

## Consumers lost in small claims spin

by Melba Moran

Contributor

The Small Claims Court is often referred to as the "People's Court," established to allow consumers a simple, speedy, fair and inexpensive forum to air grievances without the aid of an attorney.

These complaints, involving civil disputes of \$1,500 or less, center on such problems as unsatisfactory products, faulty auto repair service or the improper withholding of security deposits by landlords. The Court was to provide a haven for the individual consumer who felt like a small cog in the justice wheel. Unfortunately, it seems the consumer is getting lost in the spin.

The Florida Public Interest Group recently took a look at the state's Small Claims Court. Its findings were similar to those of a recent Florida Supreme Court analysis which found that, rather than being utilized by the average citizen, small claims courts have instead become a vehicle for debt assessment by corporations and government agencies.

The FPIRG investigation analyzed over 2.000 court cases. of these only 83 could be identified as consumer-oriented. For the purpose of the study, consumer cases were defined as including individuals suing businesses over unsatisfactory products, auto repair complaints, business fraud and similar complaints. The majority of the cases were businesses or government agencies using the courts to assess debts to individuals. The research also indicated a high rate of dismissals, although the cause of the dismissals were frequently not indicated in court records.

Why are these courts not being better utilized by consumers? Dade County Consumer Advocate Walter Dartland, whose office conducts frequent small claims court clinics, says the real problem is that even when people have a ligitimate complaint, they do not use the court. According to Dartland, "They are intimidated by the entire court system: the language, the customs and the procedural rules. People need to be convinced that even though there are rules for small claims court, they

are flexible and they owe it to themselves and the court system to utilize the court as a method of mediation."

The study of various courts revealed further problems, such as the ambiguity of the role of the court clerk, inconvenient court hours and locations, the difficulty involved in collecting final judgments and the associated costs of filing and collecting a claim.

The clerks of the small claims court provide the public with their initial contact with the court. A major problem in the state is the extent to which these clerks should provide information to the public, and yet remain within the bounds of not giving out legal advice.

The inconvenience of the court hours for people who work from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. also discourages use of the small claims court. After taking time off from work to file the complaint, plaintiffs must later spend more time returning for the trial and spend even more time if collection is to be pursued.

Another disturbing problem uncovered by this study is that collection of successful judgments appears to be difficult, but it is impossible to determine the extent of this problem because satisfaction of judgment is often not filed in court records. In court, winning the case is only half the battle. Collection is that part of the small claims process with which the courts are least interested. Interviews with judges around the state indicate a general belief on their part that the job of the court ends once they have pronounced their judments. The Supreme Court cited this problem as prevelant throughout Florida.

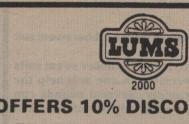
Still another obstacle in filing a case in small claims court is the eventual associated expense. Although the filing fees have remained low, the sum of the other costs and fees incurred as a result of a claim may be considerable. However, if the plaintiff wins the case, the judge generally adds onto the final judgment all the costs associated with filing the complaint.

The Florida Supreme Court Study and the FPIRG investigation indicate that there is plenty of room for improvement of the small claims court. Legislative action at the state level needs to be seriously considered in such areas as:

- establishing an effective collection processing technique;
- providing information and assistance to consumers in all aspects of court procedures:
- providing convenient court hours.

With the help of legislative action in these major problem areas, the "People's Court" could provide the service for which it had been created. The number for the Small Claims Court in Miami is 375-5775.

For anyone interested in earning course credit or volunteering time to set up FPIRG's Consumer Tenant hotline, call 545-2122.



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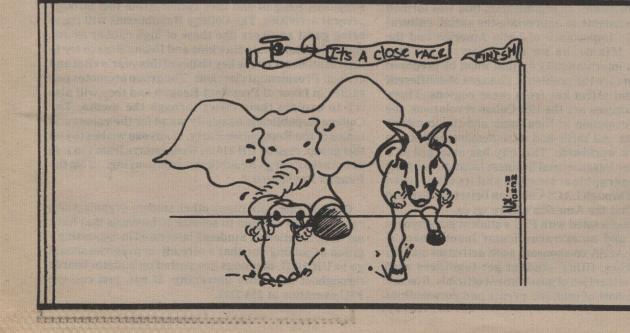
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## features

# What's your wellness concern?

Q: I have been dating a wonderful - he's perfect for me in every way, with one major exception. He and I are not of the same faith. I have thought about breaking up with him before our relationship becomes too serious because I know that my parents would die if I ever married outside our faith. Yet, I really like himand religion isn't that important to either of us. What should I do?

A: There are many characteristics that we look for when we are considering entering into a long term relationship with someone, (and possibly marriage) including home background, personal standards of right and wrong, ideals regarding home and interests, intelligence, vocational preferences and attitudes, ambition for money and social standing, spending and saving habits, relative emphasis on home and outside activities, cultural tastes, personal habits, circle of friends, recreational and social interests, temperament and mood, punctuality and neatness, attitudes toward parents of both, tendency to be critical, tendency to praise and reassure, and last but certainly not least, religious interests and preferences.

Upon considering this long list, you might easily come to the conclusion that religion is only one small part of the numerous characteristics that you should consider in choosing a mate. Unfortunately, it is not that simple. Religious backgrounds very often influence many of the characteristics listed above. Even though you might not be practicing your faith today, your values, lifestyle, and priorities are probably based on the religious beliefs of your family. Many people find that religion is not a priority to them when they are in their twenties, but do find that they become interested in religion later in life.

Religion is a very personal and often emotional issue for many of us. I would suggest that you not ignore the implications of an interfaith relationship, but rather confront them.

#### Q: Why is it dangerous to wear a rubber sweat suit when exercising?

A: The apparent attraction to rubber sweat suits is the belief that exercising in one will help the athlete lose weight rapidly. Several pounds can "magically" disappear after only one afternoon of exercise.

The exercise enthusiast may be thrilled with the pounds he initially sheds, but the weight loss is misleading. It is primarily lost fluid, not lost fat. As soon as he drinks a glass of water, he begins to replace that fluid and regain the lost weight.

When someone exercises, only 30 percent of the energy generated powers the muscles. The other 70 percent is lost as external heat. The primary mechanism for cooling the body during exercise is perspiration. The heart pumps large amounts of heated blood from the muscles to the skin, where evaporating perspiration dissipates the heat.

Wearing a rubber suit interferes with this evaporation by trapping perspiration inside. As a result, the body begins to work abnormally hard in an effort to cool itself. The exerciser perspires even more and may lose so much fluid that he becomes dehydrated.

At the very least, this causes the recreation enthusiast to tire faster and stop exercising sooner than he normally would, thus actually hindering his efforts to burn calories and lose weight. At the worse extreme, dehydration (brought on more quickly by hot weather) can cause fainting and even death.

Failure to dissipate body heat can also damage internal organs. Exercising in a rubberized sweat suit can send body temperatures soaring to between 106°F and 112°F in a period of 20 minutes or less. Once over 106°F, it takes only a few minutes for permanent damage to your brain, liver or kidneys to occur. These organs can literally be boiled inside the body. There have been actual cases of people dying of heat stroke and organ damage after jogging in rubber suits.

The above are wellness concerns expressed by students. Additional comments and questions may be submitted to the Wellness Center, UH340, telephone number 554-2434

## What's your The Editor's Choice:

by Isabel Fernandez

= excellent

= worth going out of your way to see

= no better than the rest

= waste of time and money

Miamian Jose Echevarria (also known as Rocky Echevarria and now Steven Bauer) is the star of the new movie "Thief of Hearts."

"Thief of Hearts" is a new release which is currently playing at most major theaters in the area. The storyline centers around a young man who is a thief by

profession. As he steals from the home of a famous author and his interior decorator wife, our thief steals the woman's journals.

After reading the journals, he becomes obsessed with the woman and enters her life. This movie takes off from here

Editing and set design are excellent in "Thief of Hearts." The acting is good, with our Miami boy putting on a good show. However, no award nominations will come from here.

Although previews and advertisements lead you to believe the contrary, the film contains only one sex scene.

"Thief of Hearts" contains nudity, obscene language and violence, to a slight degree. Adult admission is \$4 at most theaters.

Due to its commercial appeal, an early arrival to the theater is suggested since large crowds of all ages are turning out to see this one.

My rating for this film:



## I love reading newspapers

by Jeffrey L. Kleinman

Ass't. News Editor

I love reading newspapers. My friends call my behavior compulsive. My relatives call my behavior obsessive. To tell you the truth, I haven't yet figured out the difference between the two terms.

But, I wholeheartedly admit that I am a newspaper junkie. I always go out of my way to find a newstand and load up on local, out-of-town and international papers. Vending boxes don't escape me either. I don't feel complete unless I shove my quarters down the skinny slots of newspaper vending machines.

The Miami Herald, The Miami News, The Washington Post, The New York Times. The Wall Street Journal, The Los Angeles Times, The Toronto Star, Ahh. Candy in my stomach and NEWSPAPER PRINT ON MY HANDS!

Whenever I'm finished reading, the black ink covers my fingers like Calvins cover Brooke's behind. But oh boy, do I hear it from the people around me.

"Wash your hands before you eat. Don't touch my white outfit, get away from me you dirty scuz. Your jet black fingerprints are all over the walls." It just never ends.

Of course I make fingerprints on my hamburger bun. Who can help it after reading a dozen newspapers? I

haven't gotten sick yet from eating imprinted rolls. As a matter of fact. I think I love newspapers even more since I've been ingesting ink. The ink is now swimming in my bloodstream after I eat the ink that comes off my fingers onto my food.

During a recent trip. I made my folks stop at every Florida city on the way to Walt Disney World just so I could pick up the local papers.

The car drowned in newspapers. The Sarasota Herald-Tribune, the St. Petersburg Times, The Tampa Tribune. The Gainesville Sun, The Orlando Sentinel, Hold on. I'm getting newspaper hungry. I'll be right back after I devour the Tallahassee Democrat.

Now, working for the school newspaper has furthered my desire to wallow in the end product of journalism. College papers from all across the country pour into the two offices of The FIU Sunblazer. So I've become thoroughly enamored with The Daily Nebraskan. The South Florida Oracle. The Daily Texan. The Independent Alligator. The Daily Vidette, the Florida Flambeau and The Miami Hurricane.

People who thought I was nuts before, now think I belong in an institution for the newspaper fanatic.

So, I'm a newspaper junkie. Big deal, go criticize the people who watch television for eight hours a day. Go criticize the people who eat and drink all day. Go criticize the people who take drugs all day.

I think reading Mike Royko in The Chicago Tribune is a lot better. So there.

## Two groups have reorganized

by Rodolfo Blanco

Ass't. Features Editor

Usually when a person decides to study at a university, he or she is trying to find some enrichment in his or her life. Well, at FIU there are currently over 85 registered student organizations that have been formed for the social, cultural and academic growth of its students. FIU is granting and serving the student body with an opportunity to enhance their goals and horizons.

Two organizations that have just been reorganized again are the culturally and socially based Latin American and Caribbean Studies Association and the politically and public oriented College Republicans.

LACSA is basically an organization that was formed in order for students to appreciate the social, cultural and economic importance of Latin America and the Caribbean. Miami, as we well know, is rapidly becoming an international city that must be prepared to absorb and face the problems, changes and different situations that effect her from these regions. Three excellent examples are the 1959 Cuban revolutions, the Sandinista revolution in Nicaragua and the immense Haitian influx. All three had a tremendous impact on Miami's view worldwide. This city has emerged as a central, major international business location due to its climate, geographical location and its diversified population. Through LACSA one can better understand the impact that the America's have on us.

LACSA is associated with FIU's student government association and as extracurricular involvement is concerned, LACSA co-sponsors such activities such as guest speakers, films, student get-togethers with visitors, the attraction of government officials, literary figures and ahost of multiple events and personalities

that should captivate the interest of the student body. Apropos. LACSA organizes and sponsors general conferences and workshops each year.

LACSA in a way, provides students with a chance to develop new social contacts that someday might very well help a person in his or her field of study.

For more information, contact Leydiana Matrtinez at 445-0894 or stop by Dr. Mark Rosenberg's office in PC 237 of the Latin America and Carribbean center.

Secondly, the College Republicans are also an interesting, politically minded group. Of course, members of this group favor the re-election of President Reagan and they demonstrate this through several activities. The College Republicans will try to bring guest speakers like those of high caliber as Jeb Bush, Senator Paula Hawkins and Ileana Ross to try to inform students on the key issues of this year's vital and critical Presidential elections. The group promotes pep rallies in favor of President Reagan and they will also try to explain their views through the media. The College Republicans basically stand for the values and issues of the Republican Party. If anyone wishes to join this group, stop by UH 316 on Wednesdays from 1 to 1:30 pm. As the College Republicans enjoy saying: "Join the Reagan Revolution.'

Overall, there are many other student organizations ranging from religion to science to business that have not been mentioned. Students interested in organizing a group or joining one that's already in progress should go to UH 212D. Meetings are posted on bulletin boards throughout the entire university. If not, just call the FIU eventline at 554-2177.

## features

## Ruth Foreman speaks of her roots

by Diana DeBarros

Staff Writer

In the quiet darkness of the empty theater that bears her name, Ruth Foreman weaves her tale of how the Pied Piper Children's Theater began 36 years ago.

The year was 1948, and Foreman, recent graduate of Columbia University and soap opera actress, received an invitation to attend a party on Long Island to honor actor John Gielgud and the cast from a production of Hamlet

Maria Ouspenskya, the "grande dame" of early movies, was giving the party. Miss Forman recounts that, "(Ouspenskya) was like a queen. She looked like Helen Hayes, only older...a lady with a million wrinkles, and every wrinkle meant something. She beckoned to me...so I went over, very much in awe."

The Russian-born actress wanted to know all about Foreman, and being duly impressed, offered the following advice. "My dear", she said in a deep voice and pointing a long, boney finger at the young woman, "you should work with children, because in your heart you will always be a child."

The diminutive director of the Pied Piper Players may have the lightheartedness of a child, but it is tempered with the strength of a lion and the compassion of Cinderella's fairy godmother.

In addition to directing young actors, Ruth Foreman has the dubious honor of trying to fund scholarships for the best, the brightest and the most needy of the children. The number of scholarships have grown (this year it is 16), while financing has not.

Thus, on Labor Day, a time to shrug off the lethargy of summer, and when thoughts inevitably turn to school and careers, director Foreman came back from London with her psychic batteries charged, prepared to take on the arduous task of raising money for the scholarship program.

"We desperately need money", she admits. "I realize we have no grants coming in...no corporate people like the Grove (Playhouse), or other people that come in and co-sponsor. 'Well', I said, 'let's have a fund-raiser, everyone else does'.

But it is easier said than done, as she will testify. Acting upon the suggestion of FIU president Wolfe, Foreman contacted a former FIU student and banquet manager for the Bal Harbour Sheraton, to work out the details for a benefit dinner.

It has been a project fraught with problems; the biggest being lack of support from the board of directors of the children's theater.

The scholarship drive is not a subject Ruth Foreman is particularly fond of discussing. Like a proud mother, she is happiest when talking about the accomplishments of her theater and her young charges.

# Funds promote student life

by Marcia Diaz

Staff Writer

SGA gives funding to organizations that promote student life at FIU in order to help with the financial responsibility of the clubs.

Clubs with adopted constitutions, lists of members and officers, and stated purposes and objectives are automatically given \$25. Organizations seeking additional funds may present a budget request for more funds. After all preliminaries are completed, the IOC, the interorganizational council which acts as an intermediary between organizations and the SGA senate, presents the information to the senate where it must pass by a majority vote. Clubs may be allocated up to \$350 from SGA funds.

All organizations funded by SGA must follow state and constitutional laws of non-discrimination. Recently, Alpha Gamma Omega and Phi Sigma Sigma violated the non-discrimination laws by joining the newly formed Greek Council.

"The Greek Council now represents all fraternities and sororities on campus," stated Ricky Miquez, SGA senator. "If SGA were to fund Alpha Gamma Omega and Phi Sigma Sigma separately, then it would be biased." Because joining the Greek Council would violate the non-discriminary laws, SGA dropped the budget allocations of \$350 dollars to each.

The reverted funds have been returned to the SGA main account and SGA is hopeful for the future uses of the money with such activities as "Chicago" homecoming concert.

When she speaks of the children in Sleeping Beauty, the eyes sparkle and her face becomes soft.

"Noelle Taylor came in to my theater a very shy girl", recalls Foreman, "who everyone said was a pretty little girl but was so shy she couldn't open her mouth. Noelle felt she needed self-confidence."

Confidence is certainly an attribute to a beauty pageant contestant, and three years in the Pied Piper Players will work to the 16 year-old's advantage, enhancing her stage presence during the Miss Teen Florida contest.

On Saturday, Noelle had to abdicate her role as Princess Victoria in the Sleeping Beauty promotional held at Macy's. Miss Foreman had much misgivings

about this because the department store promotional is good publicity.

The Macy's people have always been very supportive, and there were at least 100 shoppers

## Sound J Thinking

by Bill Leonard

The 33-1/3 RPM black vinyl disc. for 30 years the andard for home musical entertainment, has come

standard for home musical entertainment, has come under a serious challenge from some younger competitors.

The first of these competitors is the cassette. Currently, the prerecorded cassette is outselling the LP on a 5 to 4 basis, though this is an average figure and varies with the type of music and artist. This was not always so. For about the first ten years of its existence, the cassette was unable to capture more than 20% of the market. The sound quality and selection available on cassette was inferior to the LP. Manufacturers were not enthusiastic about improvements in either area. It already cost them more to make cassettes, even though they sold them at the same price. They also saw no significant market for an improved product. Then suddenly, within the past few years, the cassette market surged.

What caused this demand? The Sony Walkman enterd the scene, and bought with it an explosive in portable sound. Suddenly the cassette was hot on the heels of the LP, and in 1983 passed it. The figures from this year show that the trend is continuing.

All of this activity has caused record companies to take a much greater interest in the cassette. In addition, recent manufacturing improvements have made it cheaper to produce than the LP. Cassettes are now being offered with bonus tracks not available on LP, and special tape formulations and noise reduction systems are being tried to improve the quality. (Three of these new generation cassettes will be reviewed in next week's column)

As if this were not enough to turn black vinyl LP's grey, the compact disc (CD) has entered the ring as a second challenger. These 41/4 inch discs, with their sonic superiority, greater convenience, and no wear endurance, could very well finish the job that the cassette has started. Though they are expected to remain somewhat more expensive than the LP, they will come down in price to a point that their advantages will outweigh the higher cost factor.

Don't be alarmed, though. Your turntable won't become obsolete overnight. New LP's will be manufactured for at least another 15 years, and equipment to play those that are already sold for some time after that. Be equally assured, however, that in the journey to the end of the LP, the first steps have been taken.



stopping to watch the young actors. Miss Foreman regards all the by-standers as potential theater-goers. not to mention the possibility of well-heeled matrons in the audience, anxious to part with money at the rate of \$100 a plate for the opportunity to trot out gowns, furs and jewels for a scholarship fund-raiser.

Fortunately, the Sleeping Beauty promotion went smoothly, thanks to Stephanie Blanchard who stepped in to pinch hit as the princess.

Stephanie and her sister Christine, who is also in Sleeping Beauty, are twins. They are twins so identical that from the distance of the second row in the small theater. I cannot tell the difference between the two. I'm intrigued with their clone-like similarities: I find myself comparing them not to see where they are alike, but for any difference.

The Blanchard girls have been real troopers, willingly donning an ape costume five nights a week for the play, "Harold and Maude". They don't really mind, though, since they get paid to cavort as an ape, incontrast to their roles as the good and evil apprentices in Sleeping Beauty.

Anthony Gonzalez, who plays Princes Paul and William, knows at the tender age of 17 the value of self-promotion. He has taken the stage name of Anthony Foreman. "I was very flattered by it", says the director. "He's a very dedicated young man, right now he's doing a commercial and he gets auditions because people think he's my son."

Anyone who meets Ruth Foreman wants her to succeed, she's that kind of woman.

On opening night of "Harold and Maude", a dignitary from Governor Graham's office presented her with an award. It was a rather long-winded pronouncement, reminiscent of a politician stumping for votes.

It spoke volumes, however, for Ruth Foreman's ability to attract and excite people. It is her hope that the magic won't fail for the benefit dinner. With a little luck and a whole lot of sheer, raw determination, the prognosis for her success looks good.

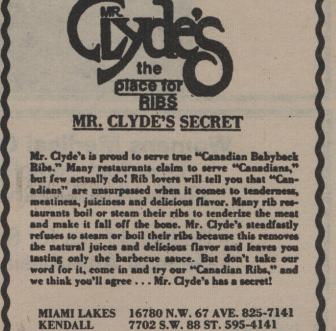
# Give my regards to Broad Street

by Mina Socarras

Contributor

"Give My Regards to Broad Street" should be retitled "A Day in the Life of Paul McCartney." The film, his first attempt as a screenwriter, has some worthy qualities, though.

First, the photography is never boring, whether the next shot is a low angle shot of this monstrous-looking bearded man, or a slow motion shot of Linda McCartney as a damsel in distress on a white horse. Second, the music is pure Paul McCartney... sugary and upbeat to slow and melancholic. Third, the production of "Ballroom Dancing" was worth the whole movie. A Lawrence Welk clone orchestra in the backdrop with blonde beehive-wigged dancers dressed in pink are some of the features in this number. A moment later, a "West Side Story" knife fight begins between three characters, one whom looks like Billy Idol, another a '50s greaser, and both of them fighting for a girl who looks like Buffy from "Family Affair." Anyway, it's worth seeing just for this refreshing number



## features

## Real-life witch does no haunting

by Diana DeBarros

Contributor

According to the man in charge of dispensing dragon's blood, wolfbane and frankincense, witches are victims of bad press.

Steve Poznanski bustles about his little shop in Hialeah Gardens, surrounded by herbs, oils, occult books and pentagrams. He speaks of conspiracies launched by early Christians to turn people away from herbal healing and ancient rituals. Those Christian public relations men, otherwise known as priests, had a smear campaign going to stamp out witchcraft.

It must have been pretty effective, because before you could utter the word "slander", witches were no longer your friendly, neighborhood shamen, but rather, cackling old hags who became the stock fiends in fairy

tales and who put Salem, Massachusetts, on the map when the citizens of this gentle hamlet became self-appointed witchbusters.

Poznanki, the proprietor of Mi-World Supplies, ought to know. After all, he claims to be one of six witches in the entire state of Florida.

"Oh yes", he concedes with a hint of disdain, "there are about a 1,000 people in the state who call themselves witches, but they're not really witches. They're magicians"

He doesn't look very magical and certainly not witch-like as he sits at a card table draped in black polyester cloth with a hand-printed sign tacked above the table, posting psychic readings at \$50 a session. In fact, in appearance he reminds me of my old neighbor, Norman, the retired plumber, ex-marine and devout dog-hater.

Steve could do quite well as a department store Santa Claus. He has a kindly, soft-spoken manner, lively blue eyes and none of the characteristics of the wicked witch of the West.

He scoffs at the idea of witches being ugly, vicious, old women, "strictly something out of the movies. But Alfredo, the other witch in the area, could use a haircut."

The big season for witches everywhere is, of course. Halloween. It is November eve, or Hallowmas, that marks the beginning of winter and a time to honor the dead.

Unlike ordinary mortals. Poznanski regards costumes for Halloween as a rather childish indulgence. "We don't dress up. That's a misconception. The reason people originally dressed up was so they wouldn't be recognized should the Grim Reaper come to their door. For us. Halloween is a solemn ritual with usually about 50 to 100 people attending. When the ceremony is over then there is eating and drinking, you know, socializing."

Compared to the revelry in bars and at private parties on Halloween night, the witches celebration sounds as wild as a church social.

Things are so low key that the middle-age witch admits that the demand for potions, an integral part of the Halloween ritual, don't even pick up.

"But you know something," he says brightly. "the week after Christmas there's always a boom in business. Now Christmas week is flat, really dead, so's the first week of school: but the week after Christmas, that's a different story. I can't figure that one, and, I've even tried to chart it (astrological chart, that is) but it's a mystery to me."

I was sorry to know that witches were not ancient. hump-backed hags. Perhaps there's hope for ghoul lovers, though. As long as there's dried bat blood and black cat bone still left in the world. Halloween won't be just for children carrying plastic pumpkins and wearing Big Bird costumes.

## Hope exists for the lonely

by Laura Baril

Staff Writer

Displaying dissappointment and complaining about the lack of social organizations and events at FIU is similar to standing in the path of a speeding car.

You are not helpless, picnicking on a strip of sand while the Titanic sinks. Actual progress and accomplishment can be made in the field of gaining influence and winning friends. You must not attempt to harbor excuses why you are a loner in computers 2112 or a Friday night regular at home. Fear of contracting popular diseases or possibly being the target of yet another Miami homicide are unsatisfactory justifications.

There are many solutions to the enigma known as friendlessness: immersing yourself in campus activities and presenting yourself as an open, pleasant person, not a cadaver.

People of the same religion, ethnic group and similar backgrounds usually stick together. If you are a white. Anglo-Saxon, do not attend the minority students' meeting during lunch. There are a few fraternities and sororities who offer the chance to create long lasting friendships with people with whom you have something in common.

If you are a postical activist, you can find solace by seeking out campaign enthusiasts who have tables set up in UH. To become even more familiar with the carousings on campus, join the student government and attain more information on the student body in general and the various programs and offerings the university has to present.

Do you sit with arms crossed. lips clamped tightly shut. listening to the lecture on enzymes and DNA molecules? Try relaxing and engaging in small talk with your fellow classmate. This is not a controlled environment. In the Rat. do you glance across the crowded room, wondering if you should approach that other person? Well, he is wondering the same thing, and someone has to make the first move.

Instead of saying. "U of M has more spirit and is more sociable," think why this is true. It is you who determines the atmosphere of your school. If you want more, you must do more to increase the final output and proceeds. There is a wealth of experience and friendship awaiting those who desire it and are willing to put forth an effort for it. Whoever says it isn't easy to make friends and enjoy oneself at FIU is obstinate and low on self esteem or shy.

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## sports

## Miami (9-0) cruises by Buffalo 38-7

by Bill Herman

Ass't. Sports Editor

The wave was n full gear last Sunday at the Orange Bowl as over 58,000 fans cheered the Dolphins to a 38-7 victory over the winless Buffalo Bills.

Before Buffalo walked into their locker room at halftime, they found themselves trailing the Dolphins 24-0

"Their is now way to top the Dolphin offense." said Bills quarterback Joe Ferguson. "The only way to beat them is to outscore them."



Miami opened the scoring in the first quarter with a seven yard pass reception by Mark Clayton. That catch was just a warning of things to come from Clayton. Late in the second quarter, Dan Marino, from his own 35 yard line, lobbed a perfect pass to Clayton on the right sideline. Clayton caught the ball at the 50, and then raced past two defenders into the endzone. This was considered by many to be the big play of the game and was good for 65 yards and a touchdown.

"When I caught the ball and saw nobody in front of me, I got all excited because I knew I was going to score," said a jubilant Mark Clayton after the game. Clayton finished the game with three catches for 106 yards and two touchdowns.



Mike Charles sacked Bill quarterbnack Joe Ferguson two times and forced one fumble.

However, the Dolphin defense was the real story of the game. They shut down the Buffalo offense and held them scoreless until the last minute of the game.

"We wanted the shutout bad," explained Dolphin defender Mike Kozlowski, "It really meant a lot to us."

The defense still had much to be proud of. They recorded five sacks on quarterback Joe Ferguson and forced three fumbles. Also, Robert Sowell intercepted a

pass and lateraled to Paul Lankford who made the total return 29 yards.

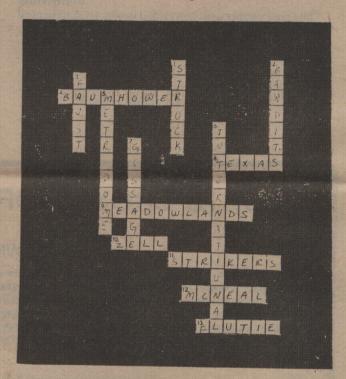
"I was really proud of the way Paul Lankford played," said Sowell. "He had a great game."

The Dolphins' special teams play had one of their better performances of the season. Punt returner Fulton Walker broke 'hree tackles on his way to a 37 yard return; his longest of the season. The kicking team did well and did not allow any long returns agains them. Uwe Von Schamann was successful on all of his extra points and was perfect on a 22 yard field goal.

Most importantly for Miami, there were no injuries this game. This is a rare occasion for the Dolphins because they have had several injuries thus far throughout the season. This is important for the team because it gives them time to get other players healed. Defense end Kim Bokamper, recurperating from a broken ankle, is expected to return within the next week. Also, tight-end Dan Johnson is still trying to shake badly bruised ribs.

With the Dolphins victory, they are 9-0 and hold a three game lead over the New York Jets and the New England Patriots in the AFC East. They have the best record in the league, and only Denver and San Francisco are close with 8-1 records.

### Answers to puzzle



## FIU lacks true rivalries

by Jeffrey L. Kleinman

Ass't. News Editor

College rivalries abound everywhere.

Students at Florida State University, for instance, desire to see University of Florida students swallowed by a giant Central Florida sinkhole.

Athletics obviously create most of the inter-university hate. In response to the 107 violations allegedly committed by UF's football program. Seminole students proudly affixed bumper stickers exclaiming: "Florida 107 - FSU 0.

Seminoles hate Gators. It's as simple as that. If you go to school in Tallahassee, Gators are scums. If you go to school in Gainesville. Seminoles are scuzzes. The adjectives, of course, are reversible.

Rivalries are healthy, but they can obviously get out of hand. Just try wearing garnet and gold in Gatortown. You won't have to count your scratches. The coroner will do it for you.

And just dare to wear blue and orange in the state's capital. Do that and you'll be an undertaker's delight.

Other schools that go at it with blood and guts (the stake most of the time is a football game) are Michigan and Michigan State. USC and UCLA, Texas and Oklahoma and Pennsylvania State and Pittsburgh.

Rivalries put color into athletic contests. One of those colors happens to be red. For blood.

FIU. still in its athletic infancy, has no true rivals. Cross-town University of Miami would be a perfect candidate for a rival, but UM is seeped in tradition. An established Division I power wants nothing to do with a growing Division II power. So. FIU resorts to competing against Glassboro State in baseball and basketball. FIU fans don't get too excited about that

FIU's quality baseball team has been no match for weaker teams. But when UM plays FIU. FIU is no match for the Hurricanes. And even with future parity with UM, the lack of fans at Sunblazer Field will negate any true rivalry effect. Something's wrong when UM cheers drown FIU cheers when the game is played at FIU.

FIU's championship soccer team, which wiped UM all over the field last year, just lost its potential rival. UM dropped its soccer program at the beginning of the year.

Football?

Not a chance for a rivalry there. FIU may have a football team after the turn of the century, but it will be a Division II team playing Slippery Rock State University, in front of 8.500 fans at Tamiami Stadium. The Fightin' Sunblazers wouldn't even be the type of competition that the UM Hurricanes would seek for breather games.

Basketball? Well, there FIU has a chance to develop a rivalry with UM. A new gymnasium is in the works. A revived UM basketball team exists. Sounds good, right?

Well, UM, which hopped right back into Division I, where it left off 13 years ago, is playing tough teams. No cross-town rivalry here. FIU isn't even on UM's schedule.

UM has tradition. It has money. It-has an active alumni.

Twelve-year-old FIU will have all that in time also. But for now. FIU is playing its own separate game and UM is playing its.

## Sports briefs Women's golf

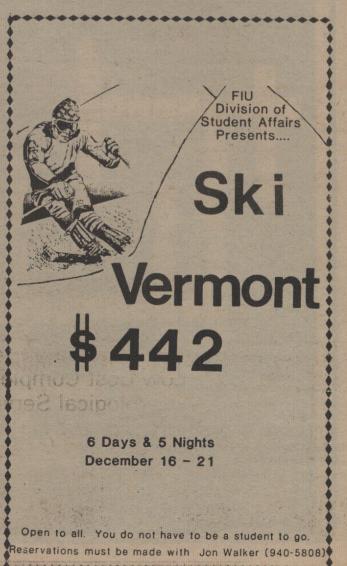
In the Lady Tar Heel Tournament in North Carolina, on Oct. 26-28, the FIU women's golf team placed seventh out of 14 teams with a total of 929, one shot behind sixth place Kentucky and 35 shots behind first place Georgia.

FIU's Liz Ornelas tied for eighth place with 224 in 54 holes, while teammates Shelly Sanders (231) and

Yvonne McQuillan finished 21st and 30th respectively. Top medalist for the tournament was the UM's Michelle Derteotti with a 218.

### Lacrosse

The FIU Lacrosse Team is presently preparing for its coming season. Players interested in participating in this year's quest for the league championship should contact Coach John Baer or Jeff Daly at 264-4442 or 556-0836.



## Sports

## Golf team to host classy tournament

by Liz Ornelas

Contributor

There is only one thing that FIU women's golf team grumbles about when it comes to hosting the Eighth Annual Pat Bradley Championship -- that they aren't going to be one of the visiting teams and share in the fun of free accommodations and transportation.

Nevertheless, the Sunblazers are glad to be a part of what is quickly becoming one of the best golf tournaments in the country.

The tournament, which is scheduled Nov. 11-13 at Florida's number one ranked municipal golf course. Key Biscayne Golf Links, has once again drawn an outstanding field — one that FIU women's golf coach Ken Juhn is quite proud of.

"This is the best field we've ever had," Juhn said.
"We have teams from as far away as the Big Ten
Conference. We appreciate that they think enough of
our tournament to travel so far."

"The addition of the University of Florida and Mississippi State adds quality to our field. And of course, we'd like to get the best field possible," he said.

Out of the 16 teams participating in this year's Pat Bradley, six finished in the top ten spots at the 1984 NCAA National Championships, while four finished in the top five. The University of Miami, national golf champs, will be returning to defend their team title. Furman University, the University of Florida and the University of South Florida, which all placed in the top five teams at nationals are also among the teams slated to participate.

Out-of-state teams include: Mississippi State. North Carolina, Georgia, Ohio State, Purdue, Kentucky. Furman, and Duke Universities.

Besides having such a strong field, several of the nation's top golfers will be vying for individual honors.

Coach Juhn sees 1984 NCAA champion Cindy Schreyer, U.S. Amateur champion Deb Richard and 1982 Pat Bradley champion Page Marsh as individuals to watch. In addition: Michele Berteotti, Dottie Pepper and Kathe Kingston all placed in the top ten in national competition.

Juhn, who has been coaching the women's golf team at FIU for four years, began preparation for this year's tournament six months ago. One of the special features of the three-day event - free transportation and housing - has kept the coach busy for most of the summer.

"It was a little trouble this time around. It seems we scheduled our tournament at the same time that the American Heart Association scheduled its convention. Most of the hotels in Miami are at full occupancy." Juhn explained.

"Fortunately, we got some help from Bob Griese, who is connected with Sheraton. He was able to help with housing for seven teams which got me out of a jam." he said.

Whatever the reasons for obtaining a first-class field. Juhn is determined to see that the tournament gets better with eacy passing year.

Despite any problems he may have had, including the good-natured grumbling from his own team, coach Juhn admits that free accommodations, free transportation and a fine golf course to play on, have provided excellent incentives for teams to travel to Miami. He also believes the sunny South Florida weather is a major attraction.

"Our objective is to improve." Juhn said. "There are many good tournaments. We're just trying to do the best we can--to get a good field and to play on one of the finest golf courses in the country."

"We think it's a very positive event for Dade County. It provides the kind of wholesome visibility this area needs." he said.

## FIU cross

by George Karakatsanis

Staff Writer

The cross country season ended better than expected last Saturday, October 26th, as the Sunblazers competed in the Florida-State Championships at the University of South Florida. The men took the fifth position out of 10 Division II schools and finished tenth overall. The women's team took the 5th position out of eight Division II schools and eighth overall.

This time it was John Santalo who led FIU, as Emil Herran, Fred Colli, Peter Sordo, Seth Conner and John Perroti followed. Santalo, who has been injured for the most part of the season, said before the race that he would try to go out and run a personal record no matter how it hurt. That he did, as he placed 13th overall with a time of 28: 53 in the five mile race, three places ahead of

previous leader Emil Herran.

In the women's three mile race. Charlene Flanagan led FIU as she placed 15th with a time of 20:41. Sharon Stotsbery kept improving and she came in 28th to exactly equal Kelly White's time. They both crossed the line in a time of 23:02. Chris Simoniello and Allison Hess followed to complete the 149 points they totaled.

Coach Bob Zell was pleased with the way this season ended, especially since both teams had to start from the beginning after most runners of last year's teams transferred to other schools. All of the runners are now training on their own as they are resting for the upcoming track and field season. Athletes who are interested in trying out for the track season should contact coach Zell in the athletic department at 554-2756.

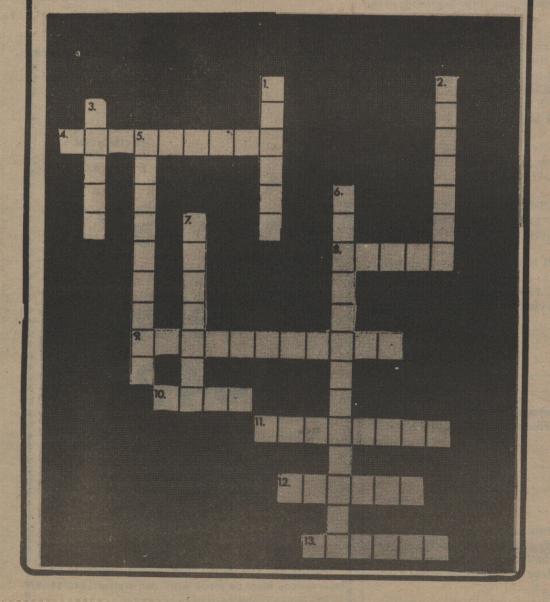
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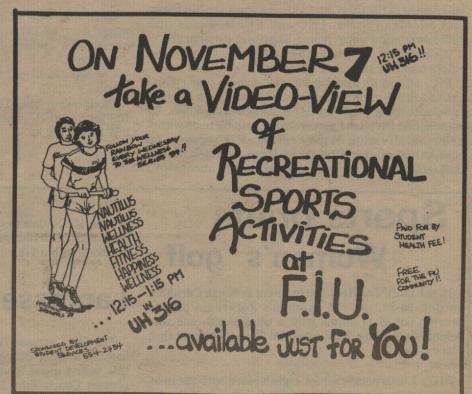
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## FIU soccer ups record to 9-3-1

by Andrew Moo

On Saturday, October 27, the FIU defense seemed to be putting soccer coach Karl Kremser through a blood

The Sunblazers came out 3-2 winners over visiting Flagler College, but Kremser was visibly concerned about the worst defensive display by his team this season. "They almost made an old man out of me," he

Opposing forwards rarely get past defenders Louis Marcantonio and Troy Edwards, but the Flagler Saints did, and twice too often.

There was a question as to why FIU goalkeeper Marc Wolff played the game with a slightly-separated left shoulder, but somehow he is the only goalkeeper named on the current soccer roster.

FIU scored first on Munga Eketebi's first goal of the season. Five minutes into the second half, Eketebi, in a strong solo effort, ran circles around two defenders, then put the ball past Joe Campana, the Flagler goalie.

Eleven minutes later, however, the Saints equalized on a goal by Ingemar Laveni. They went ahead in the 76th minute of play, 2-1, when forward Scott Craige showed up Wolff's susceptible left side by scoring on a long-range shot from outside the penalty area.

Happily for the Sunblazers, Eketebi found his form that afternoon. On a Rodolfo Oliver assist, the 6-2 forward scored again at 84:05.

Oliver himself put the Sunblazers ahead 3-2 at 87:55, from an Orlando Barrios corner and Bobby Pinto pass.

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The following day, October 28, the FIU more than made amends by securing a 5-0 shutout against Florida Atlantic University

The game, played under the lights at Lockhart Stadium, was marred by Marc Wolff re-injuring his left shoulder, two minutes into the game, after he made a



Photo by Gary Boisson

FIU's Greg Dunning beats a leaping Flagler player to the ball during a Sunblazer 3-2 victory at the Tamiami Campus.

diving save. His replacement, George Maysonet, was never seriously tested for the remainder of the game, however, as FAU only took three more shots at goal.

Rodolfo Oliver had an outstanding game and opened the scoring at 7:20. Louis Marcantonio came from defense to score goal No.2 at 32: 40, with an assist from Ben Martin. Martin played portions of the game even though he had a 102-degree temperature.

Munga Eketebi re-asserted his authority on the FIU offense, when he added the third goal. At halftime, the Sunblazers led 3-0.

In the second half, Marcantonio scored at 76:06 with

goal No.5 while Juan Gomez served dessert at 78:06. During the game, Gomez took nine shots at goal.

With these two victories, the Sunblazers have raised their record to 9-3-1. In a recent tournament in South Carolina, they suffered two identical 3-0 losses against Division I opponents. Clemson and North Carolina

(Rich Kelch, FIU Sports Information director, contributed to this story)

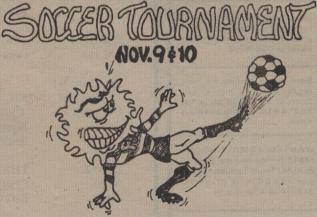
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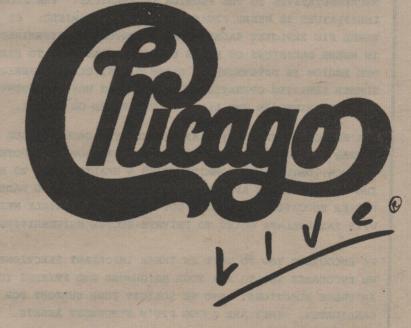
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