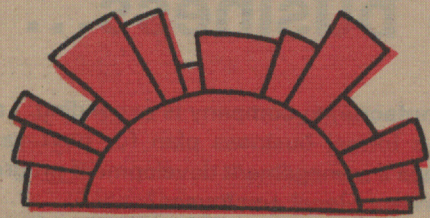


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## Coming up...

### Honor Society to hold dance

Phi Theta Kappa, a newly-installed FIU honor society, will sponsor a Valentine's Day dance at 8 p.m. Feb. 15 on the Tamiami Campus.

The party is free and open to all students. If you want more information on the dance or becoming a member, call 541-6701 or visit UH 215.

### Lecture discusses Middle East

The Hillel Jewish Student Union will present a lecture entitled, "Middle East Mishugas," from 12 p.m.-2 p.m. Feb. 18 in SC 245 on the Bay Vista Campus.

The speaker, John Rothmann, is a political and foreign policy consultant specializing in Middle East and Soviet affairs. The lecture is free and open to the public. Call 940-5610 for more information.

### Theater presents 'West Side Story'

"West Side Story" will be performed at FIU on Feb. 20-25, 27, 28 and March 1-3 on the Tamiami Campus. For more information, call 554-2895.

### FIU sponsors race

The recreational sports department at FIU and the Miami Shores Running Club will sponsor a five-mile road race in conjunction with the celebration of Engineer's Week.

The race will begin at 8 a.m. Feb. 23 on the Bay Vista Campus. For more information, call 940-5808.

## Calendar

Tuesday, Feb. 12, Black History opening ceremonies, 12:15 p.m. in UH Forum.

Tuesday, Feb. 12, CLAST Workshop, PC 246.

Wednesday, Feb. 13, Black History Fair, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m., BVC SC patio.

Wednesday, Feb. 13, movie - "Octopussy," 2 & 8 p.m. showings, AC II 110.

Thursday, Feb. 14, Valentine party, 9 p.m. - 1 a.m., UH Ballroom

Thursday, Feb. 14, movie - "Trading Places," 1:30, 6 and 8 p.m., UH 140

Friday, Feb. 15, baseball vs. Seton Hall University, 7:30 p.m. at Sunblazer Field.

Friday, Feb. 15, Grand Prix Billiards Tournament, 11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., UH 213

Monday, Feb. 18, Guest speaker Alex Haley, 11 a.m., UH 140.



Happy Valentine's Day

Photo by Gary Boisson

Phil Dorsett and Cindy Lenzen snuggle in their togas at a dorm party Thursday night.

## Tutor: Program discriminates

by Jeffrey L. Kleinman

Editor

A paid FIU tutor who was told at the beginning of the spring semester that he could only help black students on university time, thinks FIU is promoting "reverse discrimination."

"If you're black it's free, if you're white you pay," complained Jay Starkman, a senior honors student who said he was permitted to tutor anyone who needed help last semester. "If that's not reverse discrimination, what is?" he said.

The one-on-one tutorial program is being funded by a state grant earmarked for use on black students only, said Clair T. McElfresh, dean of undergraduate studies.

"It's a minority tutorial service," said McElfresh. "We have a grant which comes from the state which specifies those funds be used on minority students."

Starkman, who is white, doesn't agree. "There's got to be an equal opportunity for white students," he said. "Black students don't pay any less taxes than white students."

McElfresh, however, emphasized that FIU offers other tutorial services for all students. He said the university provides free labs, departmental tutoring and remedial classes.

"Our population (at FIU) has grown where we have to use all the funds for minority students," said McElfresh.

The Florida Board of Regents granted FIU a block sum to use for minority student services. The university's minority student services office oversees the tutorial program under the supervision of undergraduate studies.

Starkman said he was assigned an office last semester and could tutor anyone who needed help. Now, Starkman said, students who want tutors must be black and arrange an appointment through Coordinator Walter McDaniels' office.

McDaniels said that once a black student registers,

a tutor will contact him in a few days.

If a student is not black, he must either attend other campus programs or hire the tutor on private time, McDaniels said.

Starkman said the new system of obtaining a tutor is not to his liking.

"No matter what color you are, it's now really hard to get tutoring immediately," said Starkman. Instead of instant help, he continued, a student must now wait until a tutor contacts him.

McElfresh said the one-on-one tutoring may be the most effective, but non-black students could find help in the other university programs.

FIU's use of the state funds must be used for black students only, said McElfresh. "That's a state mandate."

"I think it stinks," said Starkman.

## Students fight common exams

by Keith Donner

Staff Writer

A drive to end common final exams in the College of Business Administration gained momentum last week with the addition of about 100 signatures to a petition that Student Government Association senators from that school have been circulating.

The petition drive, which is spearheaded by SGA senator Barry Grossman, started three weeks ago. Grossman said he hopes to have at least half of the 3,447 business students sign the petition by March. There are now 500 signatures, he said.

Common finals are tests written by one business instructor and given to all students of the same class, whether taught by that instructor or not.

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## Common finals face dilemma

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Grossman, who campaigned for his SGA seat last November on the issue of ending common finals, said he decided to start the petition after meeting with an unsympathetic faculty member.

"I got the idea after a dean told me this is not a democracy," he said.

Students who signed the petition said they objected to taking a test on material that is not always covered in class. They said it is hard to study for the exams because sometimes they are made by instructors other than their own.

"In accounting," said business student John Norris, "a common final has been made by one instructor. Not all students have the same instructor."

Besides accounting, there are common finals in two statistics courses and one in management science. There was until last year a common final for a finance and an international business course.

Another student, Mark Malatak, said he thinks having to second guess what will be on the exam is unfair. "You've got several professors teaching the same material in a different fashion. The possibility of relaying the same exact information is not possible," he said.

## Chicago concert funds SGA trip

by Mark Smith

Staff Writer

The Student Government Association's senate meeting Wednesday ended on a tumultuous note when College of Business senator Jorge Dominicus confronted College of Arts and Sciences senator Ed Dorta-Duque over a proposed trip by Dorta-Duque and 11 other students and three FIU administrators, all of whom are members of the Social and Cultural Committee.

The proposed trip is to the National Association of Campus Activities conference in Chicago from Feb. 18-23.

The confrontation arose when Dominicus questioned the use of SGA funds, some of which were left over from November's Chicago concert, by Dorta-Duque for the trip. Dominicus estimated the trip's cost at \$12,000 and said it was "a waste of the student's money."

Duque could not explain why SGA was paying for three FIU administrators to make the trip.

**The \$2,000 trip is 'a waste of students' money.'**  
-Jorge Dominicus, SGA senator

Dorta-Duque immediately denied that it was a waste of the students' money and later said that the trip would benefit the Social and Cultural Committee, SGA and FIU students. He also put the actual cost of the trip at \$9,500, \$6,500 of which would come from the committee's budget. Dorta-Duque said he did not know how much of the \$6,500 would come from leftover Chicago concert funds, the total of which he put at \$19,000.

In other SGA news:

•Clair T. McElfresh, dean of undergraduate studies, thanked the senate for appropriating \$1,500 to expand the peer counseling program from 10 to 13 counselors.

•Chris Bishop, newly-appointed director of the alumni affairs office, asked the SGA senate for its help in expanding FIU's alumni group. He said that out of 20,000 students who have graduated from FIU since it opened 12 years ago, only 550 are currently active alumni. "Obviously there has been a problem in the past involving alumni in FIU," he said. He also said he wants to involve freshman in alumni activities instead of waiting until they graduate.

•Sixteen members of SGA went to Tallahassee over the weekend joining the Florida Student Association in lobbying for the Southeast Florida Plan and the retention of the current Florida drinking age, said SGA President Genish Chen-Shue. Chen-Shue said the trip will cost \$3,000 for the group of 16 SGA members.

Terri Bowman said students who don't have the instructor who made up the exam are penalized. "Unless you've attended every class with the teacher who makes up the final, there's no way you can do well on it," she said.

Faculty members who favor common finals said standardized exams maintain the quality of the students' educations. Another important reason for common finals, they said, is to ensure that adjunct professors (those who are part-time) follow course guidelines.

"By having common standards, we are able to maintain a comparability," said Lewis Davidson, director of the accounting program. "Otherwise we can't keep control over academic standards."

Davidson, who has taught at the University of North Carolina, the University of Texas, the University of Illinois and Pennsylvania State University, said FIU students are just as bright as those at more prestigious universities. The problem, he said, is that FIU still thinks of itself as a South Florida university instead of striving to become a nationally recognized place of learning.

"We should not compare ourselves with other schools in Florida," he said. "Most universities of high quality have common finals."

Davidson said he thinks the accounting final is reasonable. The cutoff for passing is a 50 to 60, he said. He said the reason some students don't do well on the exam is because of the approach they take. "There is a difference between bookkeeping and accounting. People are trying to learn by rote, not analytical methodology," he said.

Laura Howard, who teaches business statistics, said her exams are harder than the common final. "If the students do well on my class exams, they should do well on the finals," she said.

Some students who didn't sign the petition said they like the idea of having a uniform standard. "If we have common finals we are being judged as a school as a whole," said student Gary Brady. "So if you have an instructor who is lax in his teaching methods, you will not pass the course and not wind up being short-changed on an education," he said.

"Plus, common finals prepare you for board exams which exist in the real world," Brady added.

"However," she said, "if I could be guaranteed that every teacher follows the same lesson plan, I'd feel a lot better," she added.

Steve Zanakis, chairman of the decision sciences department, said he favors common finals but is willing to listen to students' concerns. "Obviously we have to sit down and discuss it. It is not something that can be discussed in a vacuum," he said.

SGA's Grossman said he is concerned about students who won't sign the petition because of possible teacher retaliation. "Some are scared of reprisals by faculty," he said. "Very few students are actually against the petition."

"They are afraid and they shouldn't be," Grossman added.

Diane Rabin said she thinks common finals are good provided that teachers follow the course guidelines. "I think the idea of common finals is good. As a student I like to know that what I'm learning is the same thing that Jane Doe is learning with a different teacher," she said. "A common final guarantees that."

## Minding your own business...

**Q. My manufacturing company is expanding. I am drawing up a formal business plan for next year. Should I include a management development program for my supervisory-level employees?**

**A. Yes, you should.** A management development program will ensure that you'll have the number of supervisors your business will need as it grows and that they'll be trained in the way you think is right for your business. These programs can also weed out your less talented employees, whom you might want to move to areas of the business for which they are better suited.



**Q. I let customers at my retail store charge their purchases and pay at the end of the month. Unfortunately, I have 21 customers accounts whose accounts are now over 90 days old. They simply do not respond to my monthly requests for payment. What should I do?**

**A. First, do not let them charge any more purchases.** Second, call up as many as you can, or talk to them when they next come into the store, and discuss the situation with them. You'd be surprised how many will respond to a verbal reminder and pay their bill. Third, write off the rest as uncollectible.

If you find you were unable to collect some large amounts, change your credit limits. In the typical retail store, a 30-day charge limit of \$100 is not overly restrictive. This should be more than adequate for most customers. If someone needs more than this, they can personally talk to you about it.

*The authors of this column are Dr. Richard Hodgetts and Donna Schaeffer. Hodgetts is an FIU professor of management and Schaeffer is an FIU counselor at the Small Business Development Center.*

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## Editor's Forum

by Jeffrey L. Kleinman



Last summer I almost became a victim of a head-on collision. If I didn't suddenly swerve my car to the right, my AMC would have been crunched by a four-wheel drive pickup that crossed the lane and headed straight for me. When I swerved, my car rumbled off the road, missing a metal pole by a few feet.

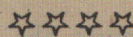
Of course I put the blame on the idiot who nearly smashed me. The thought of a big, black truck aiming right at my face made me thoroughly curse him under my breath, once I caught my breath. But as I pondered over what had just happened, the more I stopped blaming the driver and the more I started blaming the situation.

My near-accident took place on a dangerous, curved and narrow access road leading to the Bay Vista Campus. It's the only road in which to enter or leave the campus. That wouldn't be so bad if it wasn't a safety hazard. Because of complex political squabbles with the city of North Miami, another already-existing road leading to the campus cannot be opened by FIU. So students, faculty and visitors must rely on the two-lane joyride complete with dangerous curves, deep potholes and narrow shoulders.

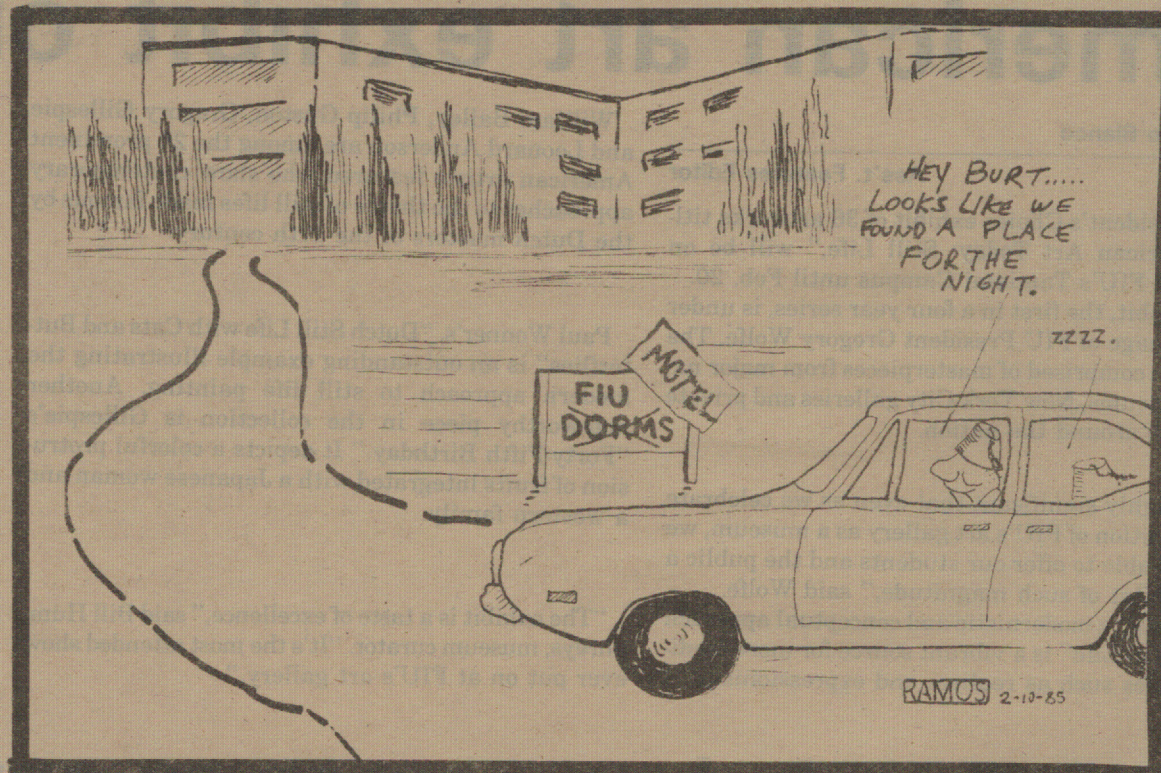
When a new high school football stadium opens on the road next fall, I hesitate to even dream what the traffic situation will be like. Imagine this: a Thursday night football game ends at 10 p.m., the Ruth Foreman Theatre (on campus) lets out at 10 p.m., BVC classes let out at 10 p.m. and dorm residents start leaving to start their weekend partying at 10 p.m.

How is that awful road going to hold all that traffic? Putting a cop in the middle of the road won't solve anything. He'll just be supervising intensive gridlock while listening to the screams of frustration. And accidents? Maybe the next person to be threatened by a head-on won't quite be so lucky as me.

It would be simple to open the other road. But because North Miami chooses to block that move, FIU must heavily lobby for the widening of the access road into a four-lane deal. Now's the time to start, not when somebody gets killed.



Another one of my traffic concerns rests with the lack of a lead light for southbound cars turning left onto BVC. Instead, cars wait forever to cross busy Biscayne Boulevard at peak traffic hours. FIU administrators have said in the past that they have been lobbying for the installation of the lead arrow. But where is it? If they won't scream again, I will. Pretty please Metropolitan Dade County, install the light so there will be no more accidents at this major intersection. Thank you.



## Dorms need accountability

by Myies Barchas

Contributor

FIU has a wonderful asset and a serious problem on its hands. A few years ago, FIU decided to build a housing complex on the Bay Vista Campus. This was a great and necessary idea. But since then, there have been continual administrative foulups causing numerous problems for FIU students and the university itself.

The first flop came in the initial bidding process and contract signings. FIU, in a desperate attempt to build dorms, searched for private bids to put up the money and the complex. It seems they did not search hard or long enough. Only one bid was entered, and that by a nearly bankrupt company. For whatever rational reason, FIU accepted the bid. Who in fact accepted this lone bid?

Finally the dorms opened and students greeted filthy, damaged and unfinished rooms. But residents adjusted, made themselves at home and got to like this beautiful place. However, we all lived without telephones for three months. Why did it take an extraordinary amount of time to install wiring. Many students observed telephone employees sitting down, doing nothing half the time and working at a slower pace than it seemed it possible.

The final item on the long list of foulups occurred last week when residents received a "housing consolidation" notice from the housing director. This meant that students living in rooms not fully occupied would be condensed. In other words, many would have to uproot after being settled, and move in the middle of the semester. Who ordered this with lack of consideration for students and their academic progress.

## Commentary

Then FIU signed a lease agreement boxing itself in with a 93 percent occupancy requirement to break even. FIU officials couldn't have realistically expected a 93 percent occupancy rate over the first few years in a relatively unknown commuter school. Who made these ridiculous projections? Who signed this binding suicidal contract? Then to top it off, throughout construction, inspectors described the work being done as shoddy and slummy. Who at FIU was overseeing all this? Who didn't demand greater quality?

Three times FIU projected the opening of the dorms. First in August, then in January and finally in May. Students who were promised these dates adjusted their lives accordingly. I could see missing the deadline once. Construction delays are common. But three consecutive delays are inexcusable. Who at FIU didn't assure efficiency and essential timeliness? One reason for the delay was that the developer, Canrael Properties, Inc., didn't properly follow state codes. Canrael is a private company and it thought that it could follow private codes even though it was building on state land. Who at FIU didn't cover every angle and discover this fact from the outset?

A meeting with Judy Blucker, FIU vice president for student affairs, postponed the consolidation plan. To raise funds, the administration planned to use part of the dorms as a hotel for visiting conference groups. After residents voiced their concern over a transient atmosphere, possible damages and security matters, the administration backed off.

The end result to raise funds is that FIU's Student Government Association may be bailing out \$200,000 semi-annual deficits incurred by the housing department. FIU's general emergency fund can only cover one of these gigantic shortfalls. Thus, SGA funds and floating bonds may be used as long as necessary to keep the dorms solvent. In effect, SGA might save the dorms from a possible default caused by incompetency of top FIU administrators.

FIU must investigate who is responsible for this mess and throw them out of their high-salaried positions. President Wolfe, the students are thinking about bailing you out with their money and precious time. You owe us accountability of who is responsible and the taking of appropriate action.

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# American art exhibit on display

by Rodolfo Blanco

Ass't. Features Editor

The President's Choice exhibit of 36 artworks titled, "American Art Today: Still Life," will be on display at FIU's Tamiami Campus until Feb. 20.

The exhibit, the first in a four-year series, is under the patronage of FIU President Gregory Wolfe. The artwork is comprised of masterpieces from major national museums, New York City galleries and private collections around the nation.

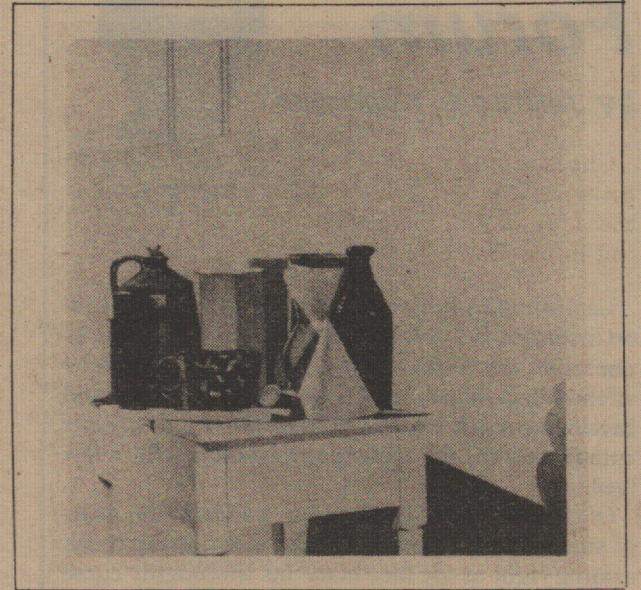
"It is highly significant that even as we celebrate the recognition of FIU's art gallery as a museum, we should be able to offer our students and the public a major exhibit of such magnitude," said Wolfe.

With today's modernistic and conceptual approach to art, "Still Life" is a vibrant source for more traditional styles such as realism and expressionism.

William Bailey, Philip Guston, Gregory Gillespie and Leonard Anderson are among the 25 prominent American artists featured who show contemporary approaches to the theme of still lifes made famous by the Dutch masters of the 17th century.

Paul Wonner's, "Dutch Still Life with Cats and Butterflies" is an outstanding example illustrating the modern approach to still life painting. Another noteworthy piece in the collection is Gillespie's "Forty-Fifth Birthday." It depicts a colorful protrusion of fruits integrated with a Japanese woman and a western family.

"The exhibit is a taste of excellence," said Bill Humphreys, museum curator. "It's the most attended show ever put on at FIU's art gallery."



# Workshop helps women re-enter university

by Diana DeBarros

Features Editor

Anne Koppler always wanted to go to college right after graduating high school. Instead, at age 19, she became a wife. Five years later she had the first of two children. Then her husband wanted to go to school after leaving his tour of duty in the Air Force. It wasn't until 10 years after Anne graduated from high school in Wichita that she felt she had the time and resources to continue her education. "I went back (to school) because I wanted to learn. I didn't go back just to get a better job," said Koppler.

Maryjo Crosby, 30, laughed when she confessed she has been going to college since 1973. She laughed again when she admitted she has been working her master's degree in adult education since 1978. Crosby was even cheerful when she said she always had a job and had four children since enrolling at FIU in the winter of 1975.

Koppler and Crosby are just a sample of the growing number of women who want to earn a college degree despite the demands of families, jobs and the fact many have been away from academics for years.

"Our data, which is taken from fall semester enrollment, shows 25.9 percent of all students at FIU are women age 25 and older, and 48.3 percent of all females attending the university are in the 25-years-old and up category," said Sid Walesh, acting director of resource analysis. More than half, 52 percent, of FIU students are women, he added.

In light of these figures, the Women's Studies Center and Counseling Services offered a re-entry women's workshop last Friday. Bernadine J. Smith, coordinator of the informal talk, defined a re-entry woman at FIU as, "those returning to education after an absence, or postponement for reasons of family, work or other commitments."

The thrust of the workshop was re-entry women need a group that works with the administration in a formal way to provide better child care facilities and financial aid. "A problem with getting financial aid for a young woman with a family is that they don't often qualify because the husband works," said Smith.

Crosby confirmed Smith's assessment of the financial aid problem. "I was told there's not that much financial aid available to graduate students, and I never pursued it because when I was trying to get employee (financial) aid, it turned out to be very time consuming getting all the documents together."

The other key element addressed at the seminar was the lack of comprehensive, on-campus child care facilities. Although both FIU campuses offer day care centers, Koppler said she would like a drop-in service at the Tamiami Campus while she attends classes.

"On teacher's work days you see young kids all over the campus with their parents," she said. "I've taken my boys to class and the library because I couldn't get a sitter and I didn't want to pay for day care for a couple of hours."

Judy Blucker, acting vice president of student affairs, said of the present child care situation at FIU: "I'm sure that's a real need for mothers who are trying to go to school, and finding a good place to keep a child is a problem. I know at Bay Vista and the child development center there they have a drop-in service."

Beyond the immediate problems of financial aid and child care, is the re-entry dilemma itself. The director of FIU women's studies, Marilyn Hoder-Salmon, was quick to point out that the women she has come in contact with are bright and thoroughly motivated and have every opportunity for success. "Every woman that has come through my door with aspects of the returning-woman-student syndrome comes across as a thoroughly capable individual who can achieve at higher education," she said.

In addition to Hoder-Salmon's assessment of the re-entry woman student at the workshop, Mary Jo Crosby is living proof that perseverance pays off. "Although I'm not a re-entry student, but a delayed one, I know my abilities," she said. "It's just a matter of saying this is it, you're gonna do it."

# FIU offers study program in England

by Mina Socarras

Ass't. Features Editor

When you mention Cambridge, most people think of the dastardly liquid diet. But, unlike the diet, this Cambridge is a phenomenal experience where students attend the prestigious University of Cambridge in England.

"Most students go to Cambridge to study literature more than anything else. But Cambridge offers many fine courses in fields like international relations, business, and the British theater. Members of the British Parliament are often lecturers at Cambridge," said Dr. Mary Volcansek, political science professor and director of the program.

The program began in 1980 by the Board of Extramural Studies, University of Cambridge and the International Affairs Center at FIU. Other Florida colleges and universities that have participated in the Cambridge program include Broward Community College, New College, University of South Florida, Gulf Coast Community College, Florida Atlantic University, University of Central Florida, Palm Beach Junior College and the University of West Florida.

"Students are housed in dorms at the different colleges in Cambridge and live with students from all over the world," said Volcansek. "Since we started this program a romance blossomed between one of our FIU students and a student from Italy. Well, the result was marriage!"

There are two terms students can attend Cambridge. Term I starts July 1 and runs through July 26. The cost for that term is \$1,150. Term II begins July 28, and runs through August 10. The cost of Term II is \$860. Both terms include room, breakfast

and an evening meal. That amount does not include airfare, and books, or tuition which is required by state law to the relevant Florida college or university. This is based on projected exchange rates and will be adjusted to the prevailing rate as of May 15, 1985.

There are special airfares for groups on regularly scheduled flights if students choose to depart with a group. If students choose to travel with a group, they and their luggage will be transported by bus to the University of Cambridge. If a student makes his own travel arrangements, transfers are his responsibility.

"Students are free on weekends, so many of them take the train to London (about 50 miles away). Hotels are a bit expensive in London, therefore, many of the students leave on the first train early in the morning and return on the last evening train," said Volcansek.

Although Dr. Volcansek enjoyed her stint as director of the Cambridge Study Program, she is handing the title down to Dr. Elizabeth Lowe of the FIU English department.

The British are coming, the British are coming...oops, the Americans are coming, the Americans are coming!

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## Chocolate is for Valentine lovers

by Diana DeBarros

Features Editor

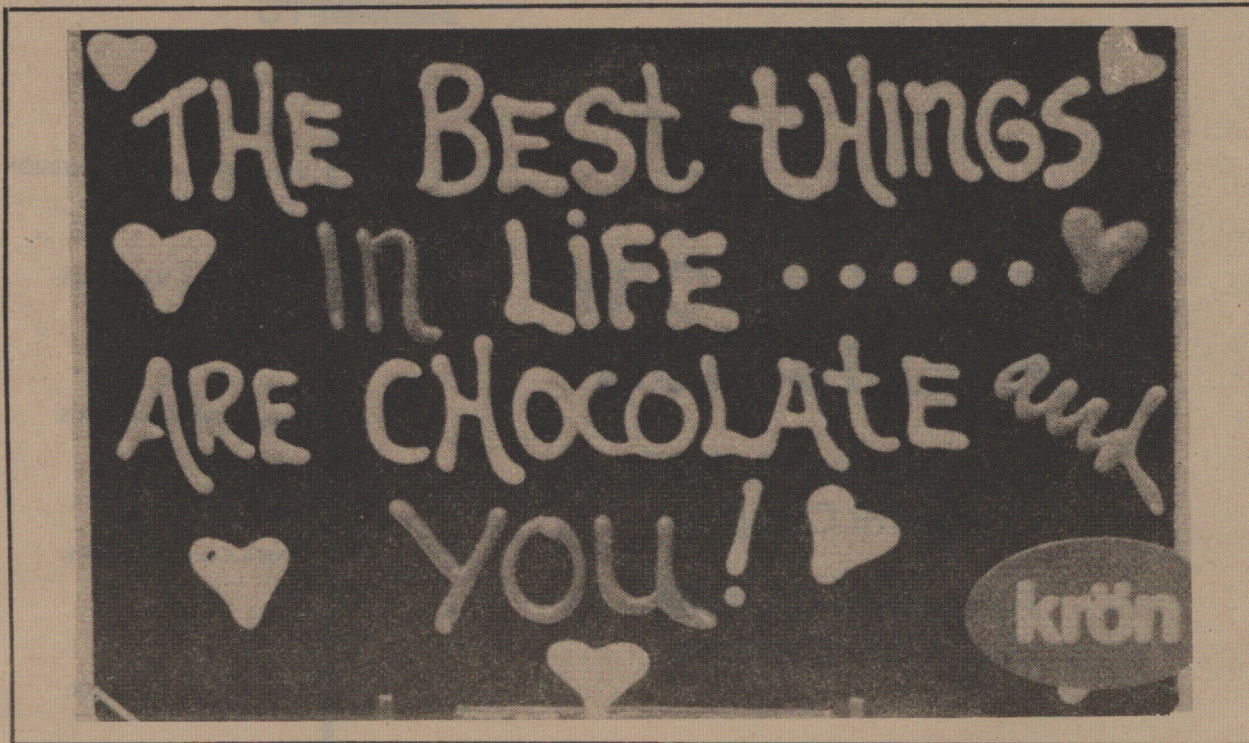
Chocolate. The dark, luscious stuff was an instant hit when the Spanish conquistadores brought back cocoa beans after their rampages of raping and pillaging in the New World.

Chocolate bars sprang up all over Europe. Soon, chocolate gained a reputation as an aphrodisiac. Although claims for its ability to enflame passion and love has never been proved, it has long been a favorite gift given on the day devoted to lovers, Feb. 14, St. Valentine's Day.

Naomi Turner, owner and chief chocolate dipper at Jimmie's Candies, 148 N. Federal Highway in Dania, is almost reverent when she talks about the confection. "I never get sick of it. I eat chocolate all the time, except I've had to stop for a few days. But I'll be back eating it again," said Turner.

She is flanked on all sides by trays of Australian apricots, marshmallows, nuts, chunks of semi-sweet chocolate, vats of melted milk chocolate and heart-shaped plastic molds. Naomi sits at her command post dipping, swirling, scooping and scraping the dark mass before her in preparation of the Feb. 14 invasion. "We started our Valentine's Day selling Feb. 4. On the 14th you won't be able to get near this place."

And the biggest seller on Valentine's Day? Assorted chocolates nestled in pink and red heart-shaped boxes, of course. "Last year we were down to our last two Valentine boxes and two men both wanted the same one. They actually started bidding on it," said Frances Jacobs, Turner's helper for seven years.



At upscale Kron Chocolatier in the Bal Harbour Shops complex, chocolate-covered prunes and apricots for blue-haired ladies were not to be seen. Instead, co-owner Cobbie Danzansky dipped voluptuous strawberries in a puddle of melted chocolate. "We'll sell approximately 50 boxes of dipped strawberries for Valentine's Day, and, our hearts are real big. But this year our big seller will be the long-stemmed chocolate roses."

"The favorite though, is our heavenly hash," said Naomi as she scooped up a handful of melted chocolate and dribbled it over a mound of marshmallows. "And the older customers go for chocolate-covered apricots and prunes."

And will the nude, female sculpture be a hot item for Valentine's Day? "The torsos were big sellers at Christmas," said sister and co-owner Nancy Kasky. "A lot of plastic surgeons get them from someone who has been ah...done over," Kasky said.

"And legs," sister Cobbie said. "We have legs, but I don't think we'll have any for Valentine's Day."

However, if 12 chocolate roses at \$125-an-arrangement is not your idea of cheaper by the dozen, and Dania is comparable to a trek across Australia's Outback, then a Whitman's Sampler found at any drugstore says "I love you" just as sweetly.

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# BVC pool splashes open Feb. 14

by Robert Stark

Sports Editor

FIU will finally open its Aquatic Center Feb. 14 at the Bay Vista Campus.

The Aquatic Center, which ran into some early delay problems four months ago, will feature an Olympic-sized pool, a diving well and shower and restroom facilities. It is located between the Student Center building and the library on the Bay Vista Campus.

"We are enormously proud of the Aquatic Center, which is one of the finest in the nation," said FIU President Gregory B. Wolfe. "We look forward to developing a swimming team and other water sports programs that will bring more competitive sports excitement to South Florida."

However, FIU's \$1.3 million project had delay problems in its initial stages. The pool was originally set to be completed by May 1984. But design modifications, weather and inaccurate campus blueprints slipped the opening date months more down the calendar.

"It is late, but it wasn't 100 percent avoidable," said Jon Walker, head of recreational sports at FIU.

The grand opening festivities for the Aquatic Center will begin at 11:30 a.m. Guests of honor at the dedication will include Olympic swimmers Eleanor Holm Whalen, a gold medalist in the 1932 Olympics and Michele Richardson, a silver medalist in the 1984 Olympics. They will be joined by members of the Dade and Broward legislative delegations, the Board of Regents and the mayors of North Miami and North Miami Beach.

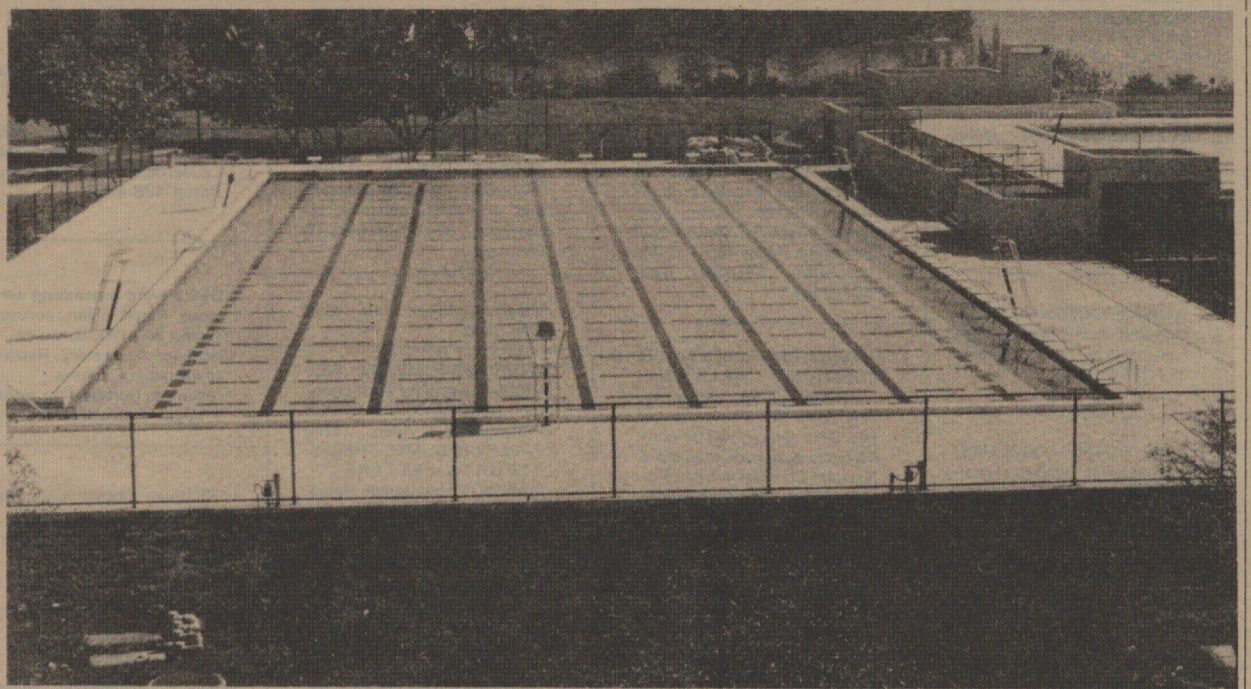


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The BVC Aquatic Center features an Olympic-sized pool and a diving well. The center will be open seven days a week from 12 to 5 p.m.

Intramural swim meets, water polo and scuba lessons will be the main programs for the pool, which will be open seven days a week from 12 to 5 p.m. The facility will be free to FIU students, while faculty and staff will pay a semester fee similar to that of the nautical fee. The center will be closed to the general public.

The first pool ever on an FIU campus, the Aquatic Center will be propane gas heated during the cold months and cleaned by an automatic cleaning system.

## Sports briefs

### Women's Golf

Coach Ken Juhn and the women's golf team received a belated Christmas gift when the NCAA computerized rankings listed them as third in the nation out of a field of 92 Division I teams.

Anette Peitersen and Liz Ornelas were also ranked individually, 20th and 25th respectively.

### Men's Golf

The team looks forward to being a poor host at the Sunshine Intercollegiate, March 12-15. "We should be able to win it," said coach Bobby Shave.

The all freshman squad had a disappointing first half, but Shave hopes that a return to the basics in practice will re-energize them for the spring.

The Betsy Rawls Tournament in March will have the toughest field that the Sunblazers will face and a win or loss there could determine whether or not the team will be traveling to Cape Cod for the NCAA Nationals in May.

### Women's Tennis

With four of his six starters as freshmen, coach Mark Mason wants this to be a "fun year," one where the players can get "match tough."

The top seeded player is Vidya Damodharan, an Indian native who has played both singles and doubles in the U.S. Open. She and returnee Rosa Czerniak, the number three seed and team captain, will make up the top doubles team.

### Men's Tennis

If all goes as planned for Guy Calhoun's squad, this should be a banner year for men's tennis. "We're going to have a really good team," he said. "We should be competing for national honors this year."

The 1985 team consists of such players as Jeff Singletary, a transfer who was ranked fourth in the state last year and returning sophomore Sebastian Mehech, who was ranked among the top 40 nationally going into the season.

FIU will take on four of the top eight teams in Division II. It could happen that the Division I teams on the schedule will be some of the weaker opponents.

## FIU women rally to top UM

The FIU women's basketball team is taking no prisoners in its quest for an NCAA Division II playoff bid. The University of Miami team was no exception on Feb. 7.

The Sunblazers (17-5) rallied from a 16 point deficit to defeat the Hurricanes (15-6) 73-72 before a rowdy FIU crowd at the Miami Christian High School gym.

Led by Lynette Richardson's 22 points and scrappy rebounding, FIU pressured the UM in the second half of the game to finally force a 49-49 tie in the last period. With 57 seconds left, Kim Pelligrini sank a short jumper to give FIU the lead. The final seconds led to Richardson's most important rebounding of the year.

The UM, faced with a strong Sunblazer defense began to miss shots that were made in the first half. Earlier in the first half, the Hurricanes had done just

the same to the host Sunblazers. A man-to-man defense by the UM kept FIU distanced from the Division I team early on in the game.

But the Sunblazers gave the UM team a dose of its own medicine in the second half to help secure its hopes for the playoffs.

FIU was also led by unsung hero Lillie Young, who had 22 points and 15 rebounds. Kim Pelligrini added 14 points.

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The two teams will meet one more time this year March 4 at the UM. FIU's next home game will be Feb. 25 against Rollins College at the Miami Christian High School gym at 5:30 p.m.

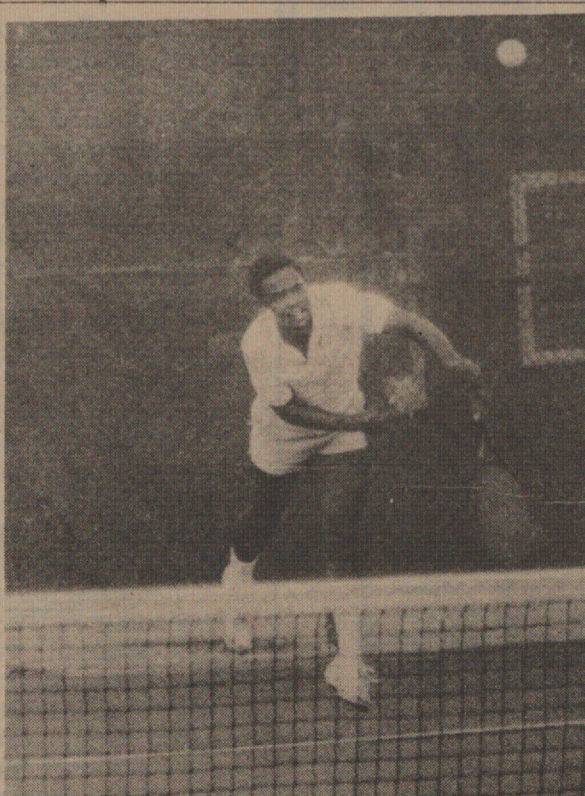


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FIU's Jerome Lawrence smashes a serve against a St. Thomas opponent during a match on Feb. 5. Lawrence won his match 6-1, 6-0.

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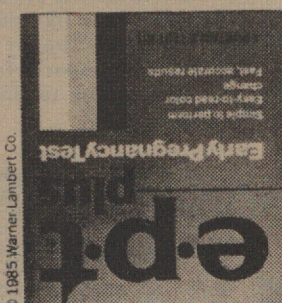
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