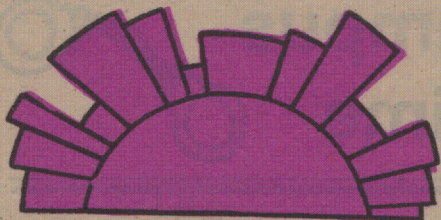


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Coming up...

UF speaker lectures on geological holes

Geology is more than rocks. And to prove that, the FIU geology department and the FIU Geology Club are sponsoring a lecture about the detection of subsurface cavities through electrical resistivity measurements. In English that translates to: How to find holes underground.

University of Florida Professor Douglas Smith will speak at 1:30 p.m. March 6 in PC 432 on the Tamiami Campus.

FIU offers teaching scholarships

FIU is offering 30 scholarships to teachers who want to earn a professional degree in teaching disabled students in secondary schools.

Applicants should hold an existing Florida teaching certificate and be currently working in, or interested in moving into the secondary school setting.

In addition to the professional certificate, students will earn 18 graduate credits for completing the coursework.

Applications for the scholarships will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, call 554-2093 or 554-3395.

Calendar

Tuesday, March 5, International Week -- Fashion Show, 12:15 p.m., UH Forum.

Tuesday, March 5, CLAST Workshops -- reading and writing, PC 246.

Wednesday, March 6, International Week -- Carifesta, 12:15 p.m., UH Forum.

Wednesday, March 6, SGA meeting, 3 p.m., UH 150.

Wednesday, March 6, Marketing Club meeting, 11 a.m., SC 240, BVC.

Thursday, March 7, International Week -- International Bazaar, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., UH Forum.

Thursday, March 7, CLAST Workshops -- math, PC 211.

Thursday, March 7, Visiting Author Series -- Alison Lurie, guest speaker, "The Language of Clothes."

Friday, March 8, International Week -- Copacabana, 8:30 p.m., Bus Loop, Tamiami Campus.

Friday, March 8 - Monday, March 11, Annual Student Exhibition, Tamiami Gallery

Friday, March 8 - Sunday March 10, Chess Tournament, UH 213.

FIU rewrites drinking policy



Sunblazer file photo

by Jeffrey L. Kleinman

Editor

FIU administrators have decided to prohibit the sale of hard liquor on campus until a special committee meets this week to revise a 1977 alcohol policy.

The decision to ban hard liquor such as mixed drinks, affected a party organized by Marc Kreamer and the Tae Kwon Do Club at the Bay Vista Campus Friday night. Kreamer organized a similar party Jan. 25 where mixed drinks were sold.

Kreamer said a week before the party that he would comply with the university rule. He was not available for further comment.

The FIU administration is in the process of updating the 1977 alcohol policy. The outdated policy specifies that only beer may be served on campus. The policy states that only those 18 and older may consume alcohol.

The Florida drinking age has since been raised to 19.

The 1977 policy also only mentions the Tamiami Campus. BVC did not open yet.

"We're violating our own policy," said Judy Blucker, vice president for student affairs. Blucker said FIU serves wine, won't serve those under 19, and serves on BVC. That's why she said the policy needs to be updated.

After Tom Riley, assistant dean for student affairs, found out that Kreamer sold mixed drinks at the Jan. 25 party, he asked Blucker to disallow anything other than beer and wine. Blucker talked to Kreamer and she said he agreed to comply with the policy.

Riley said even though his committee, consisting of a broad range of administrators, will create a more "liberal" alcohol policy than the previous one, it probably will not allow for anything other than beer and wine to be served or sold on campus. The committee meets this week to hammer out a proposal written by BVC Director of Student Unions George Wilson.

Wilson, however, said he is against the university's desire to ban hard liquor.

"Alcohol is alcohol," Wilson said. Wilson, a member of Riley's committee said a university party is an acceptable place for mixed drinks because it is a "controlled environment."

"The minute you prohibit people from doing things, that's when they feel the need to be adventurous like bringing their own flasks to the bathroom," Wilson said.

Blucker said she suggested to Kreamer that he serve "two or three types of beer" to make up for the lack of mixed drinks.

Riley said he didn't know Kreamer sold hard liquor at his Jan. 25 party. When he found out, he contacted Blucker.

Riley, who is enforcing the temporary policy, said he has mixed emotions about the sale of hard liquor at FIU. "Drinking has become such an issue nationwide," he said. "I think we should get into more alcohol awareness."

"I would prefer to downplay all the drinking," he added.

Riley said FIU top administrators must approve the new drinking policy before it is officially enacted. It will be "more in tune with the times," he said.

Wilson said he has been instructed to shut down any party that serves anything harder than beer and wine. Wilson, who did not attend the Jan. 25 party where mixed drinks were served, said there were no reports of fights or excess drunkenness. However, police records show that the BVC nursery school was vandalized the night of the party.

Students lobby for program on Soviet Union's culture

by Jesus D. Felipe

Contributor

The Student Government Association's senate passed a resolution last month supporting a Soviet studies certificate program at FIU.

"We decided that we wanted to get together and somehow push for a Soviet studies program," said Kevin Kollar, a member of the East European Committee which circulated a petition for the program in November, 1984.

"We felt that a Soviet studies program was of prime importance in today's world because of the tensions that go on between the superpowers," Kollar added. "We got approximately 200 and some signatures and everyone seemed enthusiastic about it."

Ralph S. Clem, chairperson and professor of the FIU international relations department, said the university could offer a "meaningful program" within a year.

Clem detailed the needs for such a program.

"Specifically, we need somebody in Soviet politics, somebody in Russian language and somebody badly in Soviet economics," Clem said. "Those are the three specialties that we lack in order to get a meaningful program."

According to Rufino Reinaldo Sanchez, chairperson and associate professor of FIU's modern languages department, the certificate program is now subject to approval by the International Relations Faculty Council, the Curriculum Committee of the arts and sciences department and the university faculty senate.

In the meantime, students wait patiently.

"We also want, hopefully at a later time, even a degree in Soviet studies," said Kollar.

"We are interested in being able to offer Russian language on a permanent basis because it will benefit the students in international relations who are interested in Soviet studies," said Sanchez.

"The international relations program has my support as far as the Soviet studies program is concerned."

FIU graduate receives award

These stories were compiled by Sunblazer staffers from FIU media service reports.

A Dade County elementary school principal, who received her master's degree from FIU in 1973, has been named Florida's winner of the National Distinguished Principal's Award.

Della Zaher, the principal of Miami Shores Elementary School, competed with principals from each of Florida's public elementary and middle schools for the award.

After serving FIU since 1971, Margie Reid, who retired last semester, presented a \$500 check at her farewell reception party. The money will provide an FIU student with scholarship assistance.

Reid, who worked as executive secretary to Provost Steve Altman for the past seven years, said she gave the scholarship as an expression of her regard for FIU and its students.

"Watching the university grow has been a wonderful experience and I'm looking forward to watching it develop further," said Reid.

Crime



The following police reports were compiled by Sunblazer staffer Keith Donner. All police reports are public record and may be obtained at the Tamiami public safety office.

Feb. 8: Judi Gibson had \$1,000 worth of designer clothes stolen from her Bay Vista dorm room, police said.

Feb. 15: Thieves took two hubcaps from Warren Brown's 1981 Ford Thunderbird at the Bay Vista Campus.

Feb. 18: Lois Whitehead reported that her \$350 camera was taken while she was in the photo lab at the Tamiami Campus.

Feb. 19: The FIU physical plant at the Bay Vista Campus reported 10 gallons of paint worth \$135 as missing.

Feb. 22: Police said someone broke into Patrick Diehl's car in Tamiami's VH parking lot and stole \$900 worth of camera equipment.

Feb. 25: A \$400 flat-bed dolly was taken from the service area outside the Tamiami Rathskeller, police said.

Someone took a \$180 bug light that was hanging in the cafeteria at the Tamiami Campus, police said.

FIU's minority student services office is seeking donations for the Minority Student Loan fund.

The fund was established three years ago to help black students defray the costs of books and tuition. However, the demand on the fund has steadily grown, both in the number of applications received and in the larger amounts requested, says Ozzie Ritchie, director of minority services.

"We have sponsored fundraisers -- bake sales, concerts, dinners and luncheons -- but we are still one-third of the way to our goal of \$2,500," she said.

Senator donates \$10,000 to FIU

by Adrian Walker

Staff Writer

State Sen. Gwen Margolis (D-North Miami) has contributed \$10,000 to endow an annual scholarship for black students in communications. The first recipient will be selected by the Communication Department in fall of '86.

"I think there is a definite shortage of blacks in the media in Miami," Margolis said. "I wanted to do whatever I could to encourage black students in this field."

Margolis, whose family has owned gospel station WMBM since 1960, has long been a champion of greater minority involvement in journalism.

"It's sad that we don't have more blacks writing for newspapers and on the air. I have no idea why we don't," Margolis added.

FIU Provost Steve Altman sees the scholarship as an encouraging message to FIU's black students. "It shows that a premium is being placed on black students completing their education and a need for them in the profession."

Mort Stern, chairman of the communication department, echoed the need for more blacks in communications.

Nationwide, fewer than six percent of the reporters on daily newspapers are black, and 60 percent have no minority employees at all.

"I think the most important thing," Stern said, "is to see that there are more opportunities in the field. This scholarship is important because it comes from a media organization. It says that people within the profession are willing to help."

"Back in the '60's we used to say that blacks were welcome in the field of communications. The message now has to be that blacks are not just welcome but wanted. This is a first step, but an important one," Stern added.

"I'd like to see other media organizations join (with Margolis) in showing that blacks are not just welcome but wanted."

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Editor's Forum

by Jeffrey L. Kleinman



Bicyclists beware.

As if not enough of you are getting whammed by cars already, you keep asking for more. You must enjoy the pain.

It's always the car driver that appears as the ogre. When there is a bicycle accident involving a car, the media portray the bicyclist as an innocent hero. The cameras focus on the twisted wheel and spokes, the ambulance, the statistics on bicycle fatalities. My heart used to bleed for the poor people knocked off their bikes by the mean, uncaring, pigs of the road.

But the longer I drive, the more I start to realize that cars can't be responsible for every bike accident. Bikers jut between cars, sometimes surprising even the most solid of drivers. Bikers, when they straddle the right corner of the road, take up just enough space to make a car swerve into the middle lane and risk hitting another vehicle.

Bikers make sudden moves, sudden turns, sudden signals. Car drivers are continually put on the defensive. Bicyclists are playing with their lives by provoking car drivers.

Bikers don't even have to pay the state for the privilege of frustrating drivers. They are daredevils just waiting to have their bones broken. They seem to revel in seeing the "guilty" driver booked for manslaughter.

People on bikes don't even think of obeying traffic rules. Why should they if they don't have any license for anyone to revoke? Why should they if by disobeying traffic laws they are only risking a jaywalker's summons for ignoring signs, lights and cars.

Why do people pressure bikers to get off the sidewalks? That's where they really belong. Bikes travel closer to the speed of a jogger than that of a Corvette.

After getting into a few close calls with obnoxious bikers who think they own the road sitting on top of a 20-pound two-wheeler, I wish I could teach them a lesson. I would be pleased to send a biker up 30 feet and have his face crash into the ground. Not killed. Just hurt and humiliated. And taught a lesson. Even though I never want to kill bicyclists, they seem to wish death upon themselves with their roadside behavior.

Until bicyclists learn the lesson of not arguing with two-ton masses of steel and rubber, I've developed a safer method of getting them out of my way. If I feel a bike is obstructing the flow of traffic, I will blow him out of his mind with my horn.

Don't think that's fair?

If I drove my car on his bike path, he'd probably ding me to death with his bell.

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Focus

by Gary Boisson

Letters

To the Editor:

In regards to your humorous column on diets (Feb. 19) highlighting the minority skinny people, let me point out that there is hope. America is on a health and fitness kick. Eighty percent of Americans are overweight. But let's address the five percent or so who are underweight.

On the market today are products that are nutritional that help you gain weight regardless of your metabolism. Your metabolism rate will definitely change. No longer do you have to look like the sideview of a French postcard.

These products have been around for over five years and are a proven success, not only to gain 10 to 29 pounds, but to lose the same amount.

They're fun to use and you don't really have to count calories. You can be underweight, overweight, or just want to maintain your weight.

These herbal products contain no drugs at all. They're for anybody in any state of health. They supply all daily nutrients. They burn off or add calories. They eliminate cellulite. They increase circulation. They eliminate excess fluids. They increase energy and vitality. They increase mental alertness.

Hard to believe? What can you lose or gain by looking into it -- except weight?

Milt Forrest

To the Editor:

This is in rebuttal to the article written by Melissa Kroll (Feb. 5 issue) concerning funding for the Florida Public Interest Research Group (FPIRG). Ms. Kroll states that "the group does nothing to help students as students." She is obviously not aware of the fact that students can earn college credit through FPIRG's internship program, in addition to learning public speaking, investigative research and organizing skills.

One of the group's projects this semester addresses the threat of toxins in drinking water. Chemical contamination of our drinking water supply is of critical concern to everyone who lives in this community, whether they are students or citizens.

As a student majoring in environmental science with emphasis on water quality, I can put my knowledge to practical use through FPIRG's direct action campaign for clean water. This provides a valuable learning experience for me outside of traditional classroom training, while allowing me to accumulate academic credits for my degree.

FPIRG is a student-run organization, and it is up to the students on the governing board to decide what issues will be dealt with. If Ms. Kroll is interested in changing the focus of FPIRG's efforts, why doesn't she get involved with instituting those changes instead of complaining about the status quo? That is what FPIRG is all about.

Cindy Dwyer,
FPIRG intern

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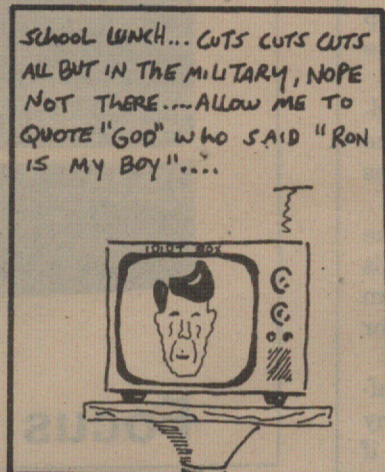
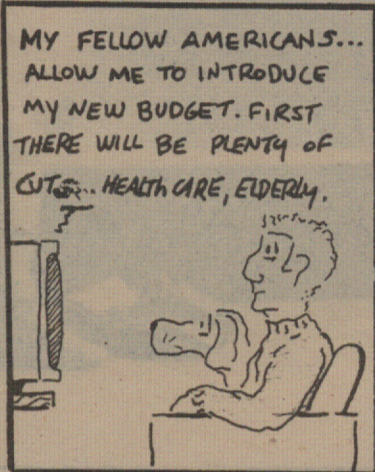
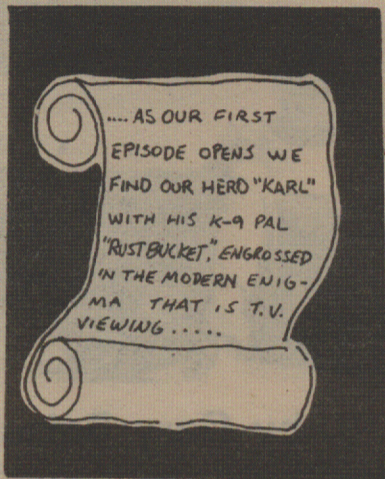
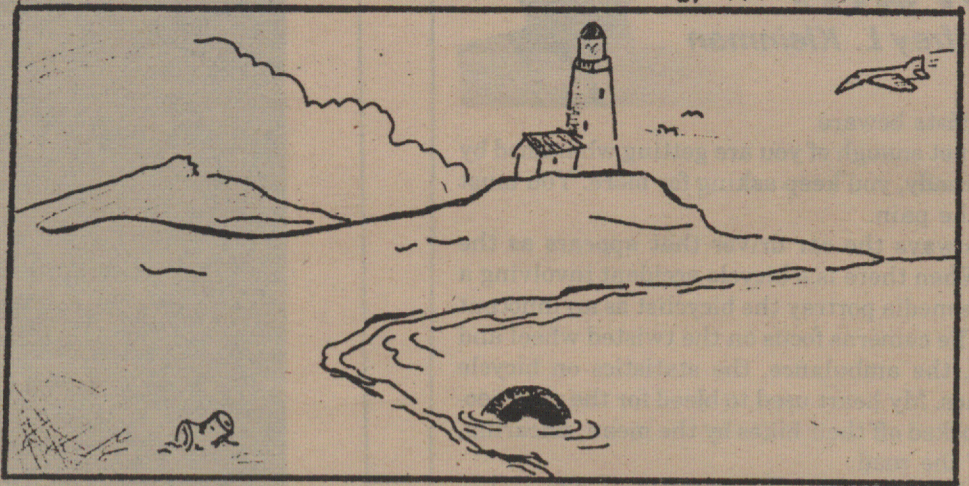
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"SAND HAVEN"

by MARIO RAMOS

SANDHAVEN BY MARIO RAMOS



To the Editor:

Sometime last year I wrote an article criticizing FIU for being insensitive to the problems of international students in regards to payments of university fees. Some positive changes have occurred since I wrote the article for the campus newspaper. The mannerisms of journalism do require that a writer go public when the going is bad as when the going is good.

Hence, I feel obligated to compliment the university authorities, especially the international students office, for its initiatives in bringing our problems to the authorities.

In my article, I characterized the actions of FIU towards international student payment as punitive and draconic. It is a pleasure to state that the contrary is the case now; the university has become sympathetic and accommodative.

The present concession made by FIU allows foreign students who are delinquent in payment to continue to attend classes, while such students pay during the semester. However, such students cannot register for the following semester unless their debt is paid.

This is a fair agreement and is a highly appreciated change of heart for the university. I hail the present concession.

In the same article, I also accused FIU of charging international students four times the tuition of other students. I called for FIU administrators to equilibrate international student fees to those of other students. In a short reply to the article, following a copy of the article and a personal note I sent to him, FIU President Gregory Wolfe explained the situation to me. He wrote: "Unfortunately, it is not possible for individual state universities to establish their own tuition fees. Tuition is a concern of the Florida Board of Regents and the Florida Legislature, who have mandated that those students who come to Florida from out-of-state or out-of-country should pay a higher percentage of the cost of their education than do Florida residents."

I unequivocally accept the explanation of the president and commend him for his reply. The true test of a democracy rests on how it treats the problems of its minorities. That the problems were aired and looked into, even though they weren't totally solved, is laudable and exemplary. Helping international students to pursue their studies is compatible with America's global role as leader of the free world.

I do not believe in economic or military aid to developing countries. Experience has shown that charity, which a rugged conservative would dub "handout," never helps the recipient country because of misuse and graft. In fact some funds never get to their destinations.

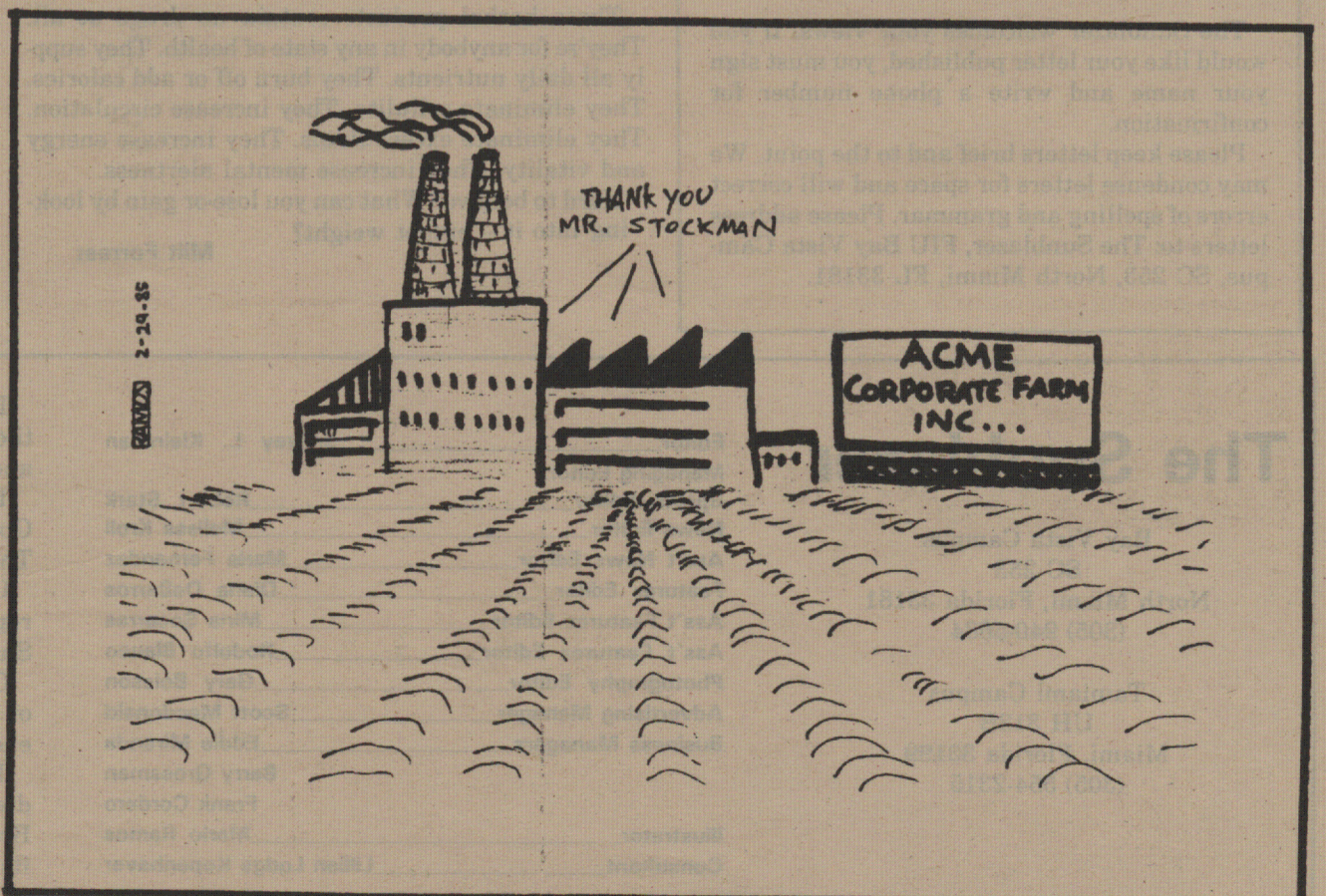
The only meaningful way to help the developing countries is to help their people by granting scholarships and making it easy for students to study abroad. The purpose of studying abroad is to have the advantage of knowing and seeing the social, economic, political and cultural setup of the host country.

If foreign aids to developing countries in the past had been used for the purpose of educating the citizens of those countries, the world would have been amazed at the tremendous progress that could have been made just within a decade. Even the United States used this technique in the 1880s when it sent students to study in Germany.

It is no exaggeration to claim that it is the cream of intellectuals who came back home to flourish and lay the basis of the present-day American intellectual apex. So, I believe that the same impact will occur to those countries whose students study here. And when the history of their countries will be rewritten, the footnotes will bare the source where the knowledge came from -- this country. I cannot think of a more effective and harmless way to help a people than to show and teach them how to do things.

I am not asking FIU to educate foreign students free-of-charge. But if the university realizes the importance of assisting international students and takes the first step of a long journey, other institutions would follow.

Doumo Iyalanfa,
Communication senior



INTERNATIONAL



WEEK

COPACABANA

"The Night Club of the Americas" - 8:30 p.m.-1 a.m.

Tamiami Campus: Friday, March 8

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CARIFIESTA

CARIFIESTA - Tamiami Campus

March 6 - Symposium, Exhibits, Theatre

March 7 - Carifiesta-Round-Up-Dance

Band: PLUTO

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, March 5: International Costume Show, Showcase of costumes from different areas of the World. Some International costumes courtesy of EPCOT CENTER, Orlando Florida, 12:30 p.m. UH Forum, FREE

International Film Festival: "The Conformist" Rated: R,UH 140 FREE

African Day: "All Nigerian Festival of the Arts". Documentary, 3:30 p.m. UH 140, FREE. African Poetry, Dances and Food - Co-sponsored by Ebony International.

Lecture Series: Career Resources Center Presents: Panel on International Careers. U.S. and Home Country Options. Reception to follow in UH 210. 6:30 p.m. UH 150, FREE.

African Jazz Ensemble: "Asante" 7:30-10:00 p.m. Rathskeller, FREE.

Wednesday, March 6: Carifiesta/Fiestaval, Entertainment: Steel Band. 12:00 Noon. UH Forum, FREE. Children's Art Festival Awards Ceremony. 12:30 p.m. UH Forum. Program: Tourism & Cultural Exhibition. 10:00-6:00 p.m. UH Ballroom, FREE. Symposium: "Women in the Caribbean". Rum Tasting. Exhibition: "Caribbean Collection" 10:00-11:00 p.m. Library, FREE. Carifiesta Theatre: Skits, Dance, Fashion Show, Poetry & Music. International Film Festival: "The Conformist" Rated: R

Thursday, March 7: Bazaar Day: Food, music & artifacts from around the world. Entertainment: "American Balalaika Company". Co-sponsored by PACE and Miller Beer. International Film Festival: "Gorky Park" Rated: R 2:00/6/9:00 p.m. FREE. International Run For Hunger: Sponsored by Campus Ministry and Recreational Sports. Registration forms-UH 211. For more information call: 554-2408. Lecture Series: FIU Women's Study Center Presents: Alison Lurie, "The Language of Clothes". 7:30 p.m. DM 150 FREE. For more information call: 554-2408. Carifiesta Dance: "Carifiesta Round-Up" An evening of dancing and entertainment featuring Cosmic Force Disco & Pluto's Band from Sundays on the Bay.

Friday, March 8: International Film Festival: "Gorky Park" Rated: R 1:30/6/9:00 p.m. UH 140, FREE. Chess Tournament: 7:00 p.m. Game Room UH 212. Copacabana: Featuring dances from the Americas, Entertainment: Orquesta "La Tremenda".

Saturday, March 9: International Superstars Competition: Sponsored by Recreational Sports. Mile Run, Power Lift, Obstacle race, and more. 9:00 a.m. Recreational Sports Multi-Purpose Field. For more information call: 554-2575. Chess Tournament: 7:00 p.m. Game Room, UH 212. For more information call: 554-2189.

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- LIVE IN THE RAT SERIES: WEDNESDAYS
- SGA SENATE MEETINGS: WEDNESDAYS AT 3 p.m.
- MINI CONCERT SERIES: AMERICAN BALALAIKA
- MOVIE OF THE WEEK: "THE CONFORMIST" Mar. 5-6
"GORKY PARK" Mar. 7-8

Hall and Oates rock Sportatorium

by Rodolfo Blanco

Ass't. Features Editor

After nearly two decades of trial and error in making pop records, Hall and Oates have emerged as one of the best pop duo's in music chart history. Stardom

eluded them throughout the '70's, but the decade taught them how to appeal to the masses.

Originally from Philadelphia, Hall and Oates began blending their street, soul sounds (soul rock) and the hit singles started popping on the charts. It was the old favorite, Top 10 hits that captivated the fans at the Hollywood Sportatorium, Saturday, Feb. 16.

The group, touring to support their latest album, "Big Bam Boom," immediately got the audience of more than 1500 going with "Out of Touch." Then they launched into other smash hits including, "Family Man," "Rich Girl," "Kiss On My List," and "Say It Isn't So."

Concert Review

Dressed in his usual white boots, jeans, T-shirt and jacket, Hall sang and played keyboard and guitar. His vocals were at times weak, but he did manage to make the highnotes the group is known for.

After finishing the set with their first big hits, "Loving Feeling" and the rhythmic, "I Can't Go For That," the group entered into a funky, rap-type, instrumentation, taking time to introduce their band, including saxophonist Charlie De Chant, a Coconut Grove resident.

Their recent hit, "Method of Modern Love" ended in a cloud of smoke and a barrage of flashing lights. "Maneater," "Private Eyes," "Adult Education," and the catchy, "You Make My Dreams" finished the fast-paced, well-timed and coordinated show, even though Hall and Oates are not great crowd communicators. Instead, they prefer wasting their time trying to outperform each other.

The opening act was General Public, a British group led by former English Beat members Ranking Roger and David Wakeling.

Minding your own business...

Q. My partner just told me that a contract does not have to be written to be binding. Is this true?

A. While it's best to put all contracts in writing, especially those that involve money, some contracts may be binding if they are made orally. Keep in mind that a contract has to be in writing if:

- land, or an interest in land, is being sold;
- the services or goods contracted for will not be provided within one year;
- one person is promising to pay the debts of another;
- real property, valued at \$500 or more, is being purchased.

Q. How can I obtain a copy of my credit rating?

A. You can obtain credit file information either by telephone, mail, or in person after you make a written request to a credit bureau. There are dozens of credit bureaus. You may want to ask your banker or attorney which one to contact. You'll have to fill out an authorization form and show identification if you go in person.

You won't have access to your actual file, but the credit bureau must tell you the nature and substance of all information it has about you, where it got that information, and who it has sent your credit rating to within the last six months.

There is usually a nominal fee, but if you have been denied credit within the last 30 days, you may see your life file without charge.

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.



Photo by Gary Boisson

FPIRG supporters pass out petitions to revise offshore oil drilling. This student signs despite his unstable footing.

Greeks have first bash

by Tony Suarez

Contributor

Four days of fun and games marked FIU's first Greek Week. The festivities, which ran Feb. 28 to March 3, were sponsored by the Greek Council.

The council kicked things off Thursday with "Greek Night at the Rat."

Friday, there was a best buns contest, a chance for students to shake their booties in the Rathskeller for fun and profit.

No Greek Week would be complete without a toga party. And the Greeks had their own brand of eating, drinking and merry-making Saturday night. Although admission was free to the toga party, there was a \$3 charge for unlimited beer with moderation suggested.

However, for those who chose to overindulge, the sponsors provided free rides. "The Greek Council will continue with the Greek philosophy of moderation," said Joe Bonnanno, dean of student affairs. Proceeds from the toga party will go to the United Way.



Greek week closed Sunday with a pool party at the Bay Vista Campus Aquatic Center.

Raul Gastesi, president of the Greek Council said, "We're here and we're going to get better."

The year-old Greek Council consists of two members selected from each of the three fraternities and the two sororities at FIU. A future project of the council, in conjunction with the Student Government Association, is to have fraternity and sorority houses on both campuses.

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Caribbean center makes waves

by Mina Socarras

Ass't. Features Editor

Mark Rosenberg, assistant professor in the political science department, wants FIU to make scholarly waves in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Rosenberg heads the FIU Latin American/Caribbean Center, one of 12 centers that promote broader understanding of Latin America and the Caribbean through certificate programs, seminars, workshops, faculty research and publications.

"We hope to become one of the most important centers for studies on Latin America and the Caribbean," said Rosenberg.

The center finished a major international conference in Honduras in November which brought together government, labor and church leaders for two days of discussion of problems in Honduras. Following that meeting, the center, in conjunction with the FIU economics department, sponsored the IES Caribe, an association of Caribbean research institutions which the center helped to establish.

"We are currently finishing program details for the Third Annual Journalism workshop of Latin America to be held at the Miami Herald," said Rosenberg. The workshop is for professional working journalists.

The center is also developing a major telecourse on Latin America with Columbia University and WPBT-TV, Channel 2, said Rosenberg.

Future plans for the center include workshops on Latin American economics and business.

The center's certificate program consists of taking six courses from three different departments which offer Caribbean-related topics. The student must also be able to speak Spanish or Portuguese.

The center will offer a field trip to Mexico during the summer. The center also arranges to help students enter universities in Costa Rica and Argentina. The Mexican program is three weeks, the Argentinian program is six weeks and the Costa Rican program is five weeks.

Carifesta: A Caribbean celebration

by Olive Findlay

Contributor

Throughout Carifesta, the spirit of togetherness and the explosion of cultures will be at FIU this week for all to share.

Carifesta, a Caribbean celebration, will take place during Wednesday and Thursday during International Week.

"Having a Caribbean day was one of the burning issues since I came to school, but it never became a reality until last year," says Genish Chen-Shue, president of the Student Government Association and one of the founders of Carifesta.

Up until Chen-Shue helped organize the celebration, Caribbean students had no direct involvement with International Week.

Carifesta evolved through the collaboration of such people as Michael Foulkes, an SGA senator; Sydney Roberts, a past president of the Caribbean Students Association; and Chen-Shue.

"We had to come up with a name that represented an event to be accepted by the International Week Committee," said Chen-Shue. "We came up with names such as Festival, Caribbean Day and Caribbean Festival, but settled for Carifesta to show the Spanish influence in our region." The biggest problem, says Chen-Shue, was how to portray in a day or two the diverse cultures, languages and races of the Caribbean.

"People tend to think of us as struggling educationally, but that is a false belief," he said. The strongest emphasis in the Caribbean is the British educational system. The Caribbean has produced prominent leaders such as Marcus Garvey, a Jamaican who inspired a whole race to dignity, and triggered a world revolution of black consciousness.

CARIFESTA '85

Carifesta represents the widest cross section of Caribbean people. Those involved are from Jamaica, Trinidad, Guyana, the Leeward Islands, the Windward Islands, the Bahamas, Belize and other countries.

The festival is planned to capture every aspect of the culture. Whether you prefer the calm viewing of the Caribbean Collection, the revelry of Fiestaval, the intellectual discussion of the Symposium, the drama of Carifesta Theatre or the jamming of Round Up Dance, there is something in Carifesta for everyone.

The Schedule:

Wednesday

Caribbean Collection -- an exhibition of paintings, photographs and arts and crafts of Caribbean way of life

Fiestaval -- a carnival celebration with Junkonoo, floats, steel band, Mr. and Miss Carifesta and a balloon extravaganza

Touristic Display -- films and display on the Islands

Symposium -- "Women of the Caribbean" featuring Dame Nita Barrowa as guest speaker. She is the chairperson for the International Decade of Women in the United Nations. Barrowa is followed by a panel discussion and rum tasting.

Carifesta Theatre -- featuring a play showing the social, cultural and political evolution of the 1960's, 70's and early 80's with such features as the Grenadian revolution and unrest in Jamaica.

Thursday

Bazaar Day -- Caribbean booth with music, pictures and other display, and an array of mouth-watering Caribbean foods.

Carifesta Round Up Dance -- featuring Pluto's Band and Cosmic Force Disco

Shutterbugs exhibit photographs

by Keith Donner

Staff Writer

The FIU shutterbugs have descended Bay Vista Campus. Sipping champagne and dressed in their finery, about 125 photography enthusiasts celebrated the opening of "Collection '85," the student photography exhibition at the Activities Center in the BVC dorms.

The Feb. 22, Friday-night opening reception, sponsored by the Photography Club and the Student Government Association, was the first event in what will be a good month for photography lovers.

The exhibit, running until March 22, showcases the work of 45 student photographers.

Most of the photos are in black and white, and offer a wide range of students' perspectives.

"It covers the gamut of active photography," said Sylvia Pattee, who has two photos on display.

Pattee and the other students with photos in the exhibit said they have been working hard on their prints.

Mark Friedman said exhibits raise the quality of students' photos. "I think it's important for students to show their work because that way they will try harder to perfect their work," he added.

"Collection '85" is the second student photography group exhibit at BVC. Last year the exhibit was at the Ruth Foreman Theatre.

Students said they tried to display their work in a more formal and accessible place, but had to settle on the dorms after finding there just wasn't any other place that would take them.

The Art Gallery and libraries were not available, the students said, and the Ruth Foreman Theatre told them they were not going to have any more student exhibitions.

The Photography Gallery at BVC, the only public gallery devoted to photography in South Florida, is booked solid for the next two years, students added.

Mirta Gomez and Ed Del Valle, curators of the Gallery and advisors to the Photography Club, said they hope to expand the Gallery. "The 'Gallery' as it's called is really only a hallway," said Gomez. "I think it is sad that a major international center like Miami only had one wall that it calls a photography gallery."

Gomez said she would like to have a larger gallery where students can display their work year-round. "We have a lot of promising students," she said. "But how can we expect them to stay at FIU if they don't get the opportunity to have their work exhibited and appreciated in a gallery setting."

Del Valle said he hopes that FIU and the business community would get together more for promoting the arts.

"I don't understand Miami," he said. "In most other places the business community takes great pride in supporting the arts at the public universities. FIU is an integral part of the quality of life in South Florida. I just hope people will take a greater interest in seeing that FIU becomes an international center for art and culture."

Meanwhile, Photo Club Vice-President Sharon Pyle said students will have to make due with what they have. Pyle said no amount of adversity could dampen the students' enthusiasm for the art.

"This is really great. Most everyone loves photography, and this gives people the opportunity to see what's going on in the FIU art scene," she said.

Pyle said the club is planning a juried photo contest and more group exhibits. She also hopes for one or two small-group exhibits for the most promising students.

The main event of this year's calendar, she said, is the March 14 "Evening With William Eggleston," sponsored by her club and SGA. Eggleston, considered to be the father and dean of color photography, is expected to attract people from all over the country, Pyle said.

Pyle said everyone is welcome to all Photo Club activities. Anyone interested in getting involved should contact her or Gomez and Del Valle at the Photography Gallery, room 105 at Academic II at BVC.

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Tennis team in 'rebuilding year'

by Robert Stark

Sports Editor

The FIU women's tennis team, with four freshmen, could be considered young and inexperienced.

Thus, 1985 is what coach Mark Mason calls a "rebuilding year."

The team's overall record stands at 5-11. But five of the team's losses were to Division I opponents, including the University of Miami, which is ranked No. 3 in the nation in Division I.

But Mason believes some players such as freshman Vidya Damodharan have potential for the future if not for the Nationals in May.

Damodharan arrived at FIU in late January from India. She immediately helped the Sunblazers. She has twice defeated key opponents such as three time National's player from Florida Southern.

One of her important games lies in this week against Stetson University on March 9. "If she wins," said Mason, "it's almost a certainty she'll go to the Nationals."

Damodharan and senior captain Rosa Czerniak team together for the No. 1 doubles at FIU. Together, they both have an outside chance for the Nationals.

The team also consists of senior Cathi Espinosa, junior Cynthia Samuel and freshmen Renee Boscia, Jodi Dell and Heidi Reinoso.

The team will play Columbia University on Friday at 3:30 p.m. at FIU and Stetson, Saturday at 10 a.m. at FIU.

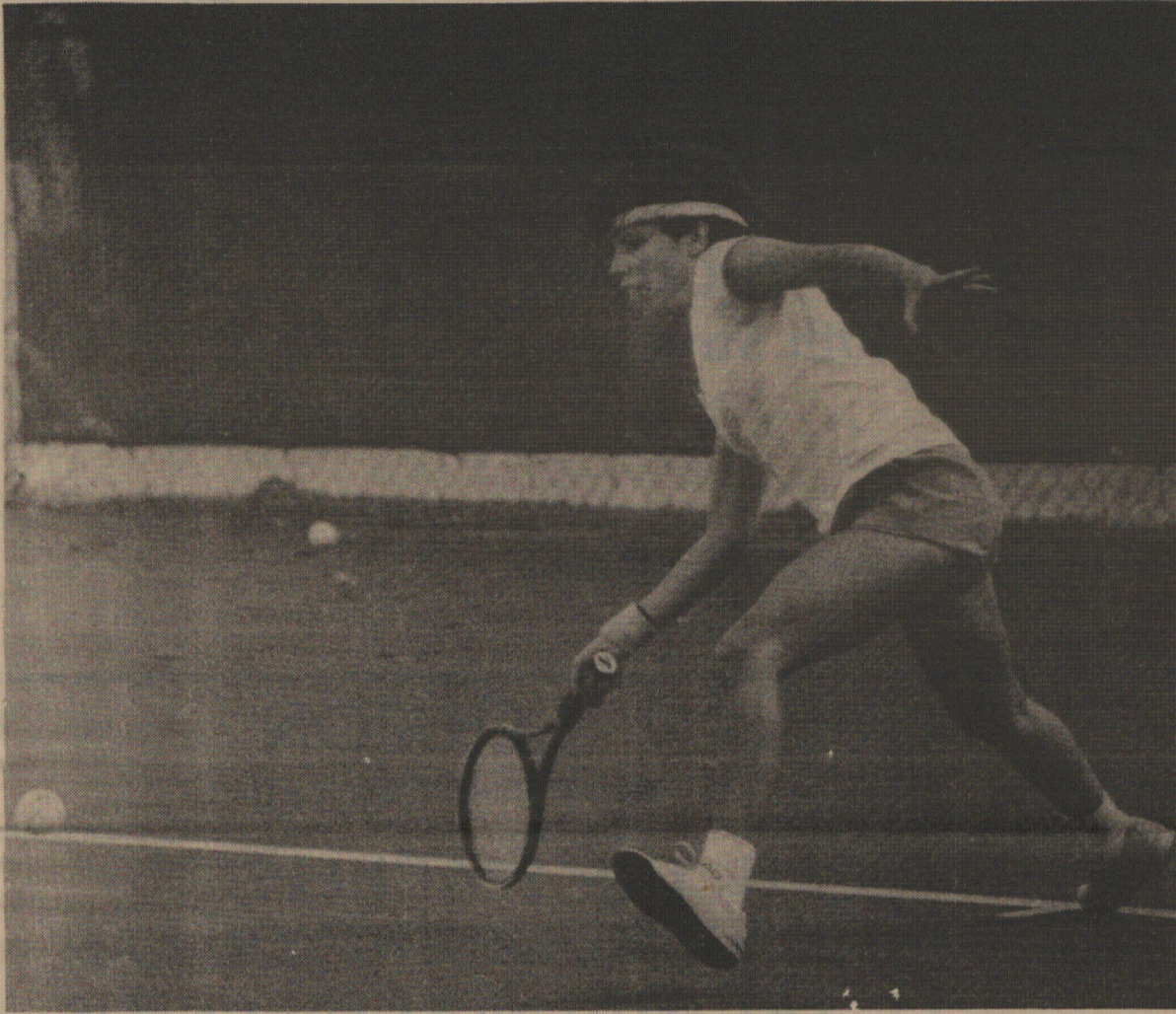
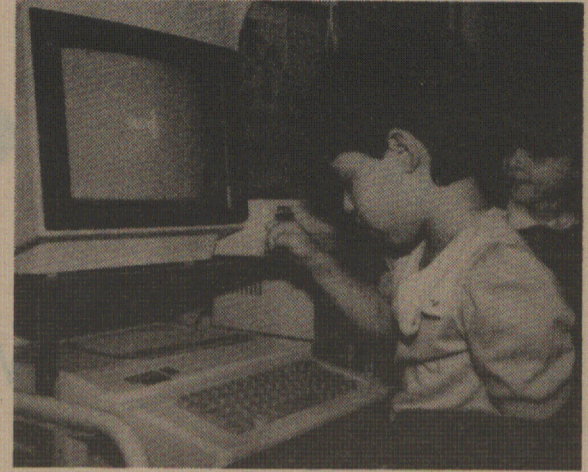


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FIU's Cathi Espinosa lunges for the ball during a tennis match against Barry University at FIU's Tamiami courts. Espinosa won her match 6-2, 6-0.



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Golf team places fifth in Gainesville

The FIU women's golf team placed fifth in the Lady Gator Invitational in Gainesville on Feb. 22, 23 and 24.

The Division I Sunblazer team which was recently ranked third in the nation, finished with a total of 914, just six shots behind third place Southern Methodist University.

The University of Florida won the team event with a total of 887.

After placing seventh on the second round of play, FIU came back on the third day, having the best round as a team under coach Ken Juhn.

Individually, the Sunblazers were led by Shelly Sanders who shot a 227 and finished 12th in the tournament. Michelle Hutchins shot a 71 in the final round, her personal best at FIU, to tie for 15th with teammate Liz Ornelas at 228.

The team will compete in the Betsy Rawls Tournament later in March and a strong performance there will determine whether or not the team will be traveling to Cape Cod for the NCAA Nationals in May.

Scuba dive set

On Saturday, March 9, the FIU Scuba Club will dive the freighter "Arida." This wreck lies about four miles off Key Biscayne in 88 feet of water.

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Basketball teams await regional bids

Men's team finishes at 19-8; women ranked 20th

by Robert Stark

Sports Editor

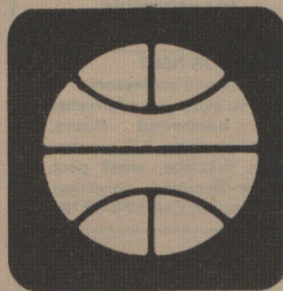
FIU men's basketball coach Rich Walker is very optimistic about his team's chances in receiving a post-season bid.

Women's coach Cindy Russo says her 20th ranked Sunblazers have about a 50-50 chance in receiving a bid.

But if both teams make it to their respective regionals, it would mark the first time both teams made post-season tournaments in the same season.

The men's team finished with its best record in the school's history at 19-8. Walker is very pleased at his team's success and said, "We met most of our goals this year." But he added, "It would be unfortunate for this team not to get a bid. But our chances are very good and we're in a good position right now."

The team is in competition with eight other teams for the South Regional bid. But FIU has an advantage. The Sunblazers have finished their season already, while the other teams are still playing games. And any for any of those teams would be very beneficial to FIU.



Russo's team currently has a record of 22-5, heading into their final game against the UM on Monday night. But the coach feels that because of favoritism used in the regionals, her team may not get a bid.

The women's team has a chance at one of the large bids in the South Regional. However, the people involved in picking the teams are from areas other than Florida. "They just don't like the schools in Florida," said Russo.

But the Sunblazers rely heavily on their tough schedule for a possible bid. The team's "power rating" (used in considering how tough a schedule is) is one of the best in the region. FIU's power rating is second only to Mercer (21-6).

The schools FIU is competing with have considerably lower power ratings, giving FIU an advantage. For example FIU defeated the UM which was ranked 20th in Division I at the time. The team also had key victories against three Division I team on their opponents' home courts.

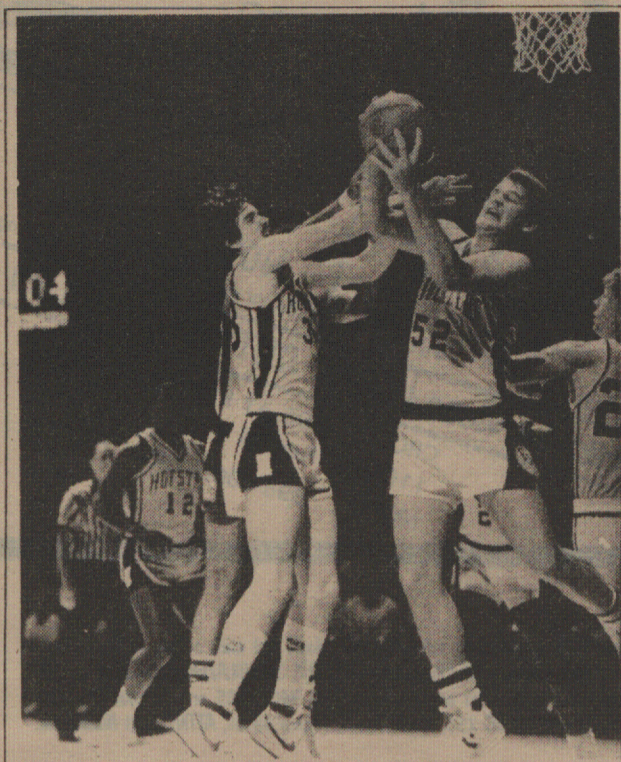


Photo by Gary Boisson

Andre Laz (52) supplied FIU with strength under the boards for the Sunblazers throughout the season.

Farney leads FIU in victory over Barry, 8-3

The FIU baseball team (7-3) won its third straight game by defeating Barry University 8-3, Feb. 28, at Sunblazer Field.

Jeff Farney, not originally a pitcher in college, gave up only three hits and three unearned runs to win in his first collegiate start as a pitcher. He also struck out 10 Barry players.

Offensively, FIU's Alex Ojea and Orlando Lolo had three hits and two RBI each.

The team's next few games are:

- Tuesday and Wednesday, March 5 and 6 vs. Jersey City State College.
- Thursday and Friday, March 7 and 8 vs. Georgetown University.
- Saturday, March 8 vs. James Madison University.

FIU baseball on WQDY

Throughout March, radio station WQDY 1430 out of Homestead, will be broadcasting eight FIU home games all starting at 7:15 p.m.

Announcers for the games will be Paul Olson and Bob Diamond. The broadcast will start off with a pre-game show with head coach Danny Price.

For this week the station will broadcast the March 8 game against Georgetown University and the March 11 game against Liberty Baptist.

"We could've been undefeated technically at this time," said Russo, pointing out that her team never lost by more than five points.

The team was led throughout the year by junior Lynette Richardson who is the No. 3 scorer in the nation in Division II.

The men's team was led by junior forward Patrick McDonald who was recently named to the NCAA Division II All-South second team. McDonald averaged 16.3 points per game and nine rebounds a game.

But the praise doesn't stop with McDonald.

Walker pointed out the important play of Andre Laz who made a big difference in the back boards as well as Mark Hollin's consistency (also led the team in scoring with a game average of 17.2). Albert Cabrera was a "stabilizing force" throughout the season and Wyman Roberts provided the speed for the team.

(Bids for post-season play were given out on Sunday, March 3. At the time of publication it was not known whether either team received a bid.)



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Sophomore point guard Janet Hollack is second in rebounding for the 20th ranked Sunblazers.

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\$36.00 Twice a week | 128 ADULT SOCCER
\$20.00 |
| 110 FLOWER ARRANGEMENT
\$45.00 | 120 JAZZ-A-ROBICS
\$20.00 Once a week
\$40.00 Twice a week | 130 BEGINNING & INTERMEDIATE TENNIS
\$30.00 |

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| 202 ADVANCED PHOTOGRAPHY
\$21.00 | 208 JAZZ DANCE
\$21.00 Once a week
\$42.00 Twice a week | 214 BEGINNING & INTERMEDIATE TENNIS
\$40.00 |
| 204 CUONG NHU KARATE
\$25.00 | 212 TOTAL BODY SHAPE-UP
\$21.00 Once a week
\$42.00 Twice a week | 220 Preparation for the GRADUATE RECORD EXAM(GRE)
\$160.00
\$25.00 Material Fee paid to the instructor |
| 206 BEGINNING BALLET
\$21.00 Once a week
\$42.00 Twice a week | | |

Off Campus Courses

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| 300 SCUBA DIVING
\$59.00
\$20.00 Boat Rental | 302 WATER SKI-ING (Beginner and Advanced)
\$70.00 | 304 HORSEBACK RIDING
\$65.00 |
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Test Preparation courses

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| 136 Preparation course for the LAW SCHOOL ADMISSION TEST(LSAT)
\$160.00
\$25.00 Material Fee paid to the instructor | 148 Preparation Course for the GRADUATION ADMISSION TEST(GMAT)
\$160.00
\$25.00 Material Fee paid to the instructor | 156 Preparation Course for the SCHOLASTIC AP-TITUDE TEST(SAT)
\$135.00
\$25.00 Material Fee paid to the instructor |
| 140 Preparation Course for the GRADUATE RECORD EXAM(GRE)
\$160.00
\$25.00 Material Fee paid to the instructor | 154 Preparation Course for the SCHOLASTIC AP-TITUDE TEST
\$135.00
\$25.00 Material fee paid to the instructor. | 158 Preparation Course for the MEDICAL COLLEGE ADMISSION TEST(MCAT)
\$170.00
\$30.00 Material Fee paid to the instructor |

Field Trips

- Saltwater Everglades**
\$45.00 (Includes canoe rental, naturalist guide, lunch (buffet at Bear Lake), bait, ice, and transportation)
- Camping at Fisheating Creek**
\$80.00 (Includes canoe rental, tent rental, provisions, bait, ice, and transportation)
- All trips include transportation to and from FIU.** Each expedition will be preceded by a mandatory 1 hour orientation class to insure that participants are properly prepared for each trip.