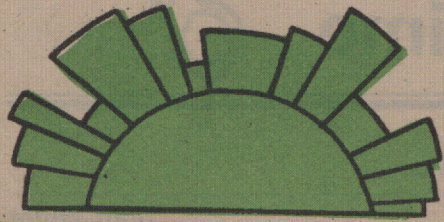


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## Coming up...

### Help FIU frosh adjust to college life

FIU's Office of Undergraduate Studies is now accepting applications for 1985-86 peer advisors. Thirteen advisors -- nine at the Tamiami Campus and four at the Bay Vista Campus -- will be hired from May 8, 1985 through April, 1986.

Advisors attend training sessions during the summer term. They contact incoming freshmen by telephone, organize and lead small group sessions, assist on advising and freshmen registration days and participate in orientation activities.

Applications are available in PC 215 on the Tamiami Campus and in ACII at BVC. March 29 is the deadline. Call 554-2892 for more information.

### FIU offers brushup course for Hispanics

A six week course specifically designed for Hispanic professionals wish to improve skills in their native language is being offered by FIU's Division of Continuing Education March 14-April 18.

The class will meet on Thursday evenings from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on the Tamiami Campus. The fee is \$90.

For registration and information call 940-5669.

### Rediscover Atlantis

The rediscovery of Atlantis will be one of the main themes of an upcoming symposium, the second of a series that began at the University of Massachusetts in September. The continuing program will focus on understanding the geologic and social changes in the future.

Registration is at noon March 15 at the Seville Hotel, 2901 Collins Ave. in Miami Beach. Tickets are \$80 for the entire weekend. For further details, call 253-1211.

## Calendar

Tuesday, March 12-18, Annual Student Art Exhibition, Tamiami Art Museum, PC 112.

Tuesday, March 12, Bishop Roman discussion, 11:30-1 p.m., Bay Vista Campus, SC 245.

Thursday, March 14-18, play - "Rocket to the Moon," Ruth Foreman Theatre, 8 p.m., Bay Vista Campus.

Thursday, March 14, William Eggleston, photographer, 7 p.m., Bay Vista Campus, AC II room 105.

Thursday, March 14, Run for Hunger, 5 p.m., Tamiami Fitness Center.

Thursday, March 14, Greek folk dancing, 6 p.m., UH Forum.

Friday, March 15, movie - "Harold and Maude," 12:30, 6, 8 & 10 p.m., UH 140.

Saturday, March 16, children's play - "Alladin," Pied Piper Players, Ruth Foreman Theatre, 2 p.m., BVC.

## Ground broken for dorms



Photo by Gary Boisson

Joseph Grassie of Worsham Bros. Co., Genish Chen-Shue, SGA president, Raul Masvidal, of the Board of Regents, Harry Mursten, of Mursten Construction Co. and FIU President Gregory B. Wolfe dig their way into FIU's future.

by Melissa Kroll

News Editor

FIU is coming closer to shedding its commuter school image by building dorms on its main campus.

In a March 7 groundbreaking ceremony attended by FIU administrators, students, President Gregory Wolfe and Student Government Association President Genish Chen-Shue, Tamiami's live-in community finally arrived.

The speeches at the ceremony were universally optimistic with proud words from Wolfe and great hopes from Raul Masvidal, a member of the Florida Board of Regents. SGA members and construction officials also gloated about FIU's new phase.

Chen-Shue welcomed the Tamiami dorms with hopes that they will promote greater school spirit and unity among students.

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## Coaches outraged by NCAA

by Robert Stark

Sports Editor

Both FIU basketball teams failed to receive a postseason bid last weekend leaving both team coaches outraged at the NCAA.

The women's team, despite a 22-6 record and No. 20 ranking, was ignored by the NCAA. The men's team, with a 19-8 record was also snubbed.

But both teams feel they have a strong protest against the NCAA.

FIU President Gregory B. Wolfe even filed a formal protest on Wednesday, March 6, protesting the way the FIU's women's team was left out.

The FIU protest involved two key arguments.

FIU first contended that the South Regional Committee, which decides rankings of the area teams, presented inaccurate and possibly, biased data. Florida's only member on the committee, Rollins

coach Gloria Crosby, was not referred to in the committee's rankings of the teams. Those rankings are basically followed by the National Committee's rankings which selects the top two teams in the region for the NCAA tournament.

FIU's second and strongest argument was that one team which was selected ahead of FIU was ineligible because it violated NCAA rules.

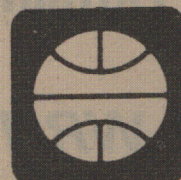
The Mississippi University of Women (19-3) played eight Division II opponents. But the National Collegiate Championship Handbook states on page 32 that "a minimum of 14 games against Division I or II teams is required for a team to be eligible for consideration for selection to the championship." The team only played one Division I team.

But the NCAA ignored that fact and relied on a 1980 ruling that stated that all NAIA schools are con-

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## Comparing two teams

FIU (22-6)



Mississippi University  
for Women (19-3)

Played 11 Division I opponents (won 7)

Played 1 Division I opponent (won 1)

Played 10 Division II opponents (won 8)

✓ Played 8 Division II opponents (won 7)

Played 7 NAIA opponents (won 7)

Played 13 NAIA opponents (won 11)

✓ National Collegiate Handbook, 1985 of Div. II Men's and Women's Basketball, states that "a minimum of 14 games against Division I or II teams is required for a team to be eligible for consideration to the championship."

# Youth Fair to bring traffic

by Jeffrey L. Kleinman

Editor

If you're a student who comes home from work at 5, stuffs down a quickie dinner, speeds to campus and arrives in class just as the professor utters his first word, think again about keeping your daredevil routine the next two weeks.

That's because traffic just won't be the same around FIU's Tamiami Campus.

The Dade County Youth Fair comes to town March 14, expected to attract one million visitors in 330,000 cars. The traffic crunch won't ease until the fair leaves March 31.

"The biggest crunches are usually in the evening," said Jack Metzger, director of communication for the fair.

FIU pushed for a later opening of the fair each day to give FIU day students the chance to leave the campus before the evening rush begins, said Ron Arrowsmith, FIU vice president for administrative affairs. So, instead of opening at 2 p.m. as in the past, the fair will open weekdays at 4 p.m.

Arrowsmith said the fair pays for the extra security to control the increased traffic flow near FIU. The fair also pays for extra FIU police to be stationed on campus during the fair.

Harvey Gunson, FIU's public safety chief, said his officers will be working overtime. "I don't expect any problems," he said.

But Gunson said he will station up to three extra officers at peak fair times.

Arrowsmith and Gunson offered some tips for those students who have late afternoon or evening classes, who may find themselves in traffic soup.

With about 24,000 cars a day bordering the campus, the two said it would be best to avoid SW 107 Avenue. Gunson and Arrowsmith suggested using SW 112 and SW 117 Avenues instead.

Arrowsmith also suggested leaving more time to get to the campus. "It will take the students longer to get to the university," he said.

Arrowsmith also said the fair should not pose a parking inconvenience to FIU because the hours of the fair's operation do not clash with the majority of FIU classes. The youth fair will only use FIU lots after 8 p.m. and on weekends.

Gunson said the fair normally brings some problems to the campus such as vandalism, car thefts and disorderly behavior. Arrowsmith added that FIU gets its share of litter, break-ins and strangers.

But Arrowsmith likes to overlook these temporary inconveniences. "Whenever you get so many people you're going to have some problems. The fair pays for any damage," he said.

Arrowsmith also said the fair makes the hectic two week affair sweeter by giving FIU scholarship money and by admitting the FIU community for free.

"It's worth the inconvenience," he said.

## Tamiami dorms ready in August?

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"A house is not a home without people living in it and a university is not a campus without dorms," Chen-Shue said.

The dorms, located off SW 107 Avenue, are scheduled to open in August, 1985. The construction companies, Worsham Brothers and Mursten Construction, are confident that the completion is already ahead of schedule.

"If the dorms open in August, it will be an interesting twist of fate," said Chen-Shue. "The project will take seven months from start to finish, and 20 years ago, the university took seven years from beginning to end."

Financial information concerning the Tamiami dorms hasn't been finalized but many students are signing up in the housing offices at both campuses to receive information.

## Crime



by Keith Donner

Staff Writer

Metro-Dade police arrested an FIU business student for allegedly stealing a car from the PC parking lot on the Tamiami Campus Feb. 12.

Eduardo Eugenio Torres, 23, of 2101 Brickell Ave., Miami, is charged with grand theft auto and possession of burglary tools.

At 8:30 that morning, police said, Guillermo Mulet and his wife saw a man driving a 1983 Toyota Land Cruiser that looked similar to theirs. When the Mulets realized it was their car and approached, the driver sped toward Sweetwater, police said.

Metro police found the car in a small shopping center in Sweetwater later that day. Witnesses told police they saw the driver enter a grocery store. Police said they found Torres in the store and arrested him.

Metro police then called FIU police to find Torres' 1984 Mercedes Benz. Police said they found a slim-jim and slap-hammer -- common burglary tools -- in the trunk.

Torres later was released from Dade County jail on \$2,500 bond. No trial date has been set.

Torres also faces expulsion from FIU. Torres refused to comment on the case.

In other FIU crime news:

Felix R. Mezquita had his 1984 Camaro Z-28 stolen from the DM lot on the Tamiami Campus Feb. 28, police reported. It was later found in Northwest Dade abandoned and stripped.

## New magazine to arrive at FIU

Maria Fernandez

Ass't. News Editor

There is a new entertainment magazine in town -- Front Row -- and not only is it free, but it's coming to FIU.

Frank Mann, a 23-year-old real estate/finance major says that Miami is only the preliminary stop for his business endeavor.

"In addition to FIU, I plan to distribute the magazine at the University of Miami and at Miami-Dade Community College," says Mann. "My long term goal is to eventually go national."

"I always loved movies, music and show business, and Front Row gives me the opportunity to put it all together," Mann added.

Mann has been interviewed on radio and cable television about his magazine. But it wasn't all rosy in the beginning.

**'M**y long-term goal is to eventually go national.'

-Frank Mann, magazine editor

"I really worked hard for this," he said. "I invested a lot of time and money. I practically did everything myself -- editing, layout, etc. And I had a difficult time getting advertisers for the first issue."

But Mann didn't give up. He believed in himself and kept pushing for Front Row's success. On Feb. 20, his dream came true.

"I tested it out in record stores," said Mann. "I'd leave about 100-200 copies, and by the next day they would be gone."

The magazine is designed to appeal to college students. "I see it as a way of pulling the three schools together," he said.

The first issue featured interviews with Kris Kristofferson, Nina Blackwood of MTV, and the Dazz Band.

Gold hasn't poured into Mann's lap just yet though.

"Right now, I'm just trying to break even."

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## Editor's Forum

by Jeffrey L. Kleinman



I realize that those running for Student Government Association positions may be nothing more than posters and signs to you. I agree. Where are the candidates? Hiding behind their fancy stenciled signs?

Gee whiz. If they don't at least introduce themselves to the editor of their college newspaper, who are they introducing themselves to? I love their signs. They're artistic, classy and well-positioned. I just wish I knew the people behind them.

I'm supposed to know these people so I can enlighten you. Except for the people running who I previously knew, there is only one candidate who went out of his way to meet me. And that's even more astonishing considering he's unopposed.

I didn't know him before the campaign, but he sure went out of his way to call me, introduce himself and meet me.



Just because Jorge Dominicus, the SGA presidential candidate, is unopposed, that doesn't mean you can't vote for him. He's shown more initiative while being unopposed than other candidates who have opposition. He's proven that he's more than a cardboard poster.

I can't endorse anyone this semester. Neither can the entire editorial board. That's because nobody at The Sunblazer knows any candidate well enough to compare him with other candidates.

It's just too bad I can't genuinely recommend someone. It's not because they're not qualified, but because they haven't campaigned properly. Signs don't make the office. Some irate campaigner will probably write me saying that they participated in debates and open forums with other candidates. That wouldn't help me much since I was never notified.

If their campaigns haven't impressed me, they've probably put you to sleep.

Jorge Dominicus campaigned the right way. Sure he posted signs. Sure he talked politics. Sure he promised the world. But at least he didn't hide behind his posters like most other candidates. I'd love to endorse a full slate of people for SGA. I just don't know who they are. But I love their posters.

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Hey...What's going to be the deciding factor for you in the coming elections, issues, candidates, platforms...



Nope...I'll vote for whoever has the most posters.



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## Letters

To the Editor:

Your recent editorial on bicyclists (March 5) is both good and original. But the part that is good is not original, and the part that is original is not good (with apologies to Samuel Johnson).

Your idea that we cyclists are to blame for car accidents is certainly a bold extension of the respected practice of blaming victims for the crimes against them. And if you are really serious about ridding the roads of hazards to carefree motoring, why not banish pedestrians to the sidewalks by eliminating crosswalks too? That would teach people to try to get around without cars!

Unfortunately, making your fuzzy ideas clearer also sharpens our image of a posturing bully bent on punishing and humiliating others, a little man in a muscle car blowing everyone else out of the way. The self-centered ravings of a twisted mind are certainly the stuff of which police blotters and psychiatric evaluations are made, but they rarely make epic editorial fare. Sadly, they shed more light on the character and intellect of the writer than they do on his chosen topic.

But there's a bright side to all this. Other aspiring students who may consider editing a college newspaper as a stepping stone to careers in journalism will be able to use you as an example. For myself, I can only congratulate you at having reached the pinnacle of your career at such an early age.

Donald E. Klingner,  
Associate professor of  
public administration

To the Editor:

I am writing in regards to a letter to the editor in response to his editorial on abortion (Feb. 5 issue). The viewpoint of the writer, and I'm sure to some others out there, was very attacking and negative of the people who think differently.

I believe people who criticize Jerry Falwell with words such as "fanaticism" and "narrow-minded bigot" are just caught up in the not-so-great part of our society, a society that feels that the easy way out is the best way.

These people might not live comfortably if they have to take care of a baby. Their solution: Abortion.

For those who decide to have the wedding night before the wedding day, a prophet once said, "If you don't want sinned fruit, stay out of its orchard."

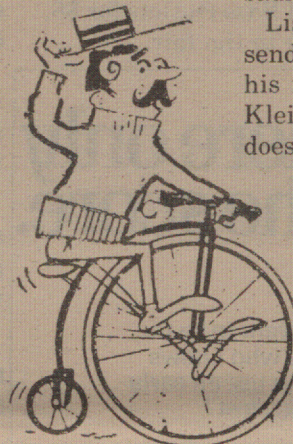
And if you do wallow in the fields, enjoy your baby. It's a miracle.

Nirma Hill

To the Editor:

As a fairly responsible bicyclist who happens to use his ten-speed for transportation to and from FIU's Tamiami Campus, I would like to comment on Jeffrey L. Kleinman's March 5 editorial.

Perhaps Mr. Kleinman attempted to deal with a very serious subject in a light-hearted manner. If this was his intention, he did not succeed. Kleinman merely came across as cold and inhuman; maybe even sadistic.



Listen: "I would be pleased to send a biker up 30 feet and have his face crash into the ground." Kleinman goes on to say that he doesn't wish to kill the biker, just maim and/or hurt him. In addition to being cold-blooded, this is also unrealistic. If any bicyclist was hit by a car, sent 10 yards into the air, thereupon to land on his face on pavement, he would be killed. Instantly.

Later, Kleinman makes light of his belief that all bikes should be relegated to

the sidewalk. Bicyclists are instructed to keep to the side of the streets, in the absence of any specifically defined bike path. We learned that in the third grade, when "Officer Friendly" came to class.

It is oftentimes not feasible for a biker to use the sidewalk, what with people walking, bus stops, fire hydrants and cars parked by people who think that the white strip of cement means "Park Here." Also, often, a sloping ramp is not provided at the end of a block. In short, sometimes we risk damage to both ourselves and our bikes if we stay on the sidewalks.

Obviously, there are some bicyclists who sneer in the face of safety, just as there are drivers who should not have been given a Florida driver's license.

But even more certainly, many bicyclist fatalities are caused by a driver's inattentiveness to the road. I suppose that bicyclists have to learn to live with the fact that their lives are in the hands of people who shouldn't be allowed to operate a motor vehicle, just as motorcyclists have.

Like one motorcyclist friend of mine likes to say, "I'm tired of my biker friends having to die for America's right to drive badly."

Joshua Raisen,  
Freshman

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## FIU has an entertaining neighbor

by Kenny Hart

Contributor

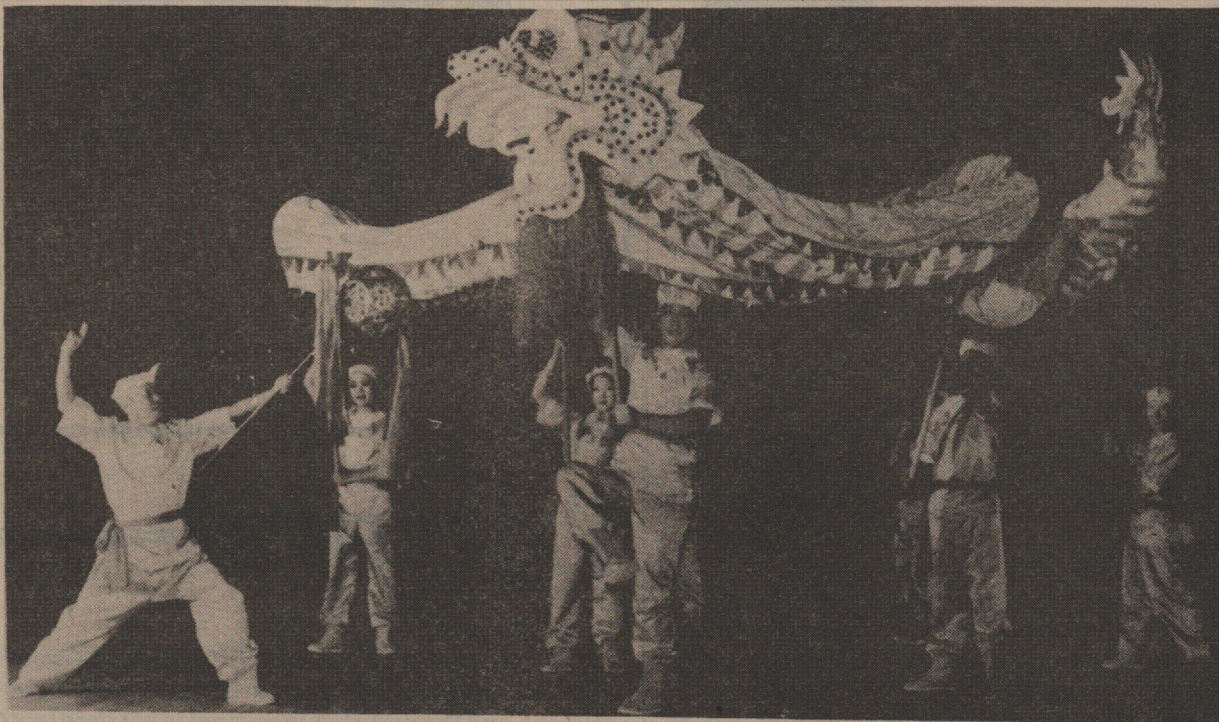
When the 35th Dade County Youth Fair opens Thursday FIU's Tamiami Campus' next-door neighbor will be an 18-day carnival of rides, family entertainment, and, pandemonium.

In addition to the mid-way rides and national entertainers, the Youth Fair provides a chance for Dade's students to exhibit their talents. This year's salute to youth achievement will showcase over 45,000 exhibits ranging from science, agriculture to the performing arts.

Admission to the fair is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children. But a variety of schemes can reduce costs even further. For instance, admission is free on Thursday with a receipt from any Publix Supermarket. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday there is a \$1 discount off the price of admission by bringing in an empty Pepsi-Cola can.

The big show in the grandstand will be rock singer, Billy Ocean, who made it big last fall with his number one song "Caribbean Queen." He is currently at the top of the record charts with "Lover Boy," another hit single from his "Suddenly" album.

Billy Ocean performs March 16 at 8 p.m. Tickets for the concert are on sale at all Bass Outlets for \$8, which includes admission price to the fair.



The Chinese Magic Circus dances with paper dragon at the Dade County Youth Fair. The fair opens March 14 at the Tamiami Fairgrounds.

For fairgoers who prefer to go the more mellow route to entertainment they will have a variety of options.

One new addition to the fair is an entertainment center called the Oasis. The new entertainment center will offer food while putting on family shows.

Returning to the fair this year is the Great American High Diving Team. The seven-member squad will perform daily, diving from a 90 foot tower into a tank of water only nine feet deep.

The Chinese Magic Circus returns for the third year and will have their shows in the re-designed amphitheater. Previously, the shows in the amphitheater were conducted in at large circus tent.

The Chinese magicians and acrobats in the circus train for years to perfect their acts, which were created more than 2,000 years ago.

This year the Fantasy Theater will offer entertainment to young children. The acting group, The Factory, will present pantomines, clowns, jugglers, acrobats and actors performing old-fashioned melodrama. Audiences will have the opportunity to cheer for the hero and hiss at the villain.

Also, for fans of country-western fans and light folk music the Youth Fair will provide Legacy and the New Seekers. Legacy, a country-western group will perform for the first nine days of the fair. Then the New Seekers take over for the second half of the fair. Both groups can be seen in the show tent.

For thrill-seekers, lovers of carnival junk food and mobs of people, the Dade County Youth Fair is an event not to be missed. Mark your calendars for March 18-31 and be there when the gates open Monday through Friday at 4 p.m., and 10 a.m. on weekends. Closing time every night is 11 p.m.

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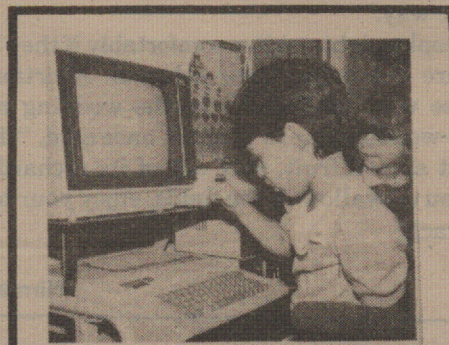
## The Rat celebrates St. Pat's

by Mina Socarras

Ass't. Features Editor

St. Patrick's Day is coming up and what better place to spend the day of the Irish than enjoying the festivities at the Tamiami Campus Rathskeller. "The Rat," as it is commonly known, is famous for its green beer in honor of St. Paddy's Day.

"The Rat gives students a chance to unwind and mingle with peers," said Everett Brice, manager of the Rathskeller. The St. Patrick's Day party is Thursday, March 14.



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Although the Rat is mostly known for its beer specials on Thursday, Brice is trying to expand the other events and facilities the Rat has to offer.

"We will be having a beach night theme party on March 21 because of spring break. We will be holding a contest for the person with the most outrageous Miami tourist costume, said Brice. The party is being sponsored by Hawaiian Tropic and they have contests with prizes, including beach towels and bags and suntan products.

Theme nights are a favorite at the Rat. Last Halloween they had a costume contest and the winner was given two free tickets to the Chicago concert.

During the Miami Grand Prix festivities, the Rat had a party sponsored by Lowenbrau, the sponsors of the race. The beer company brought in one of the racing cars, which was one of the winners. They also brought a go-cart to the campus that drew many people, vying for a chance to drive it around the student

union.

During the fall, the Rat had Monday Night Football and for Tuesday, Jazz Night was a huge success.

"SGA (Student Government Association) has been very helpful in programming the Rat," said Brice. Wednesday nights SGA sponsors "Live In The Rat," with different entertainment every Wednesday.

And what about the regulars of the Rat? Peter Rodriguez, a frequent customer, admits he has been coming to the Rat "too damn long. The Rat is the closest place to go on campus. I can't smoke in the library so..."

Then there was Marty Olson, all decked out in his red, Alpha Gamma Omega T-shirt, "Every Thursday night all the guys from the frat show up here to party!"

And what about the employees? "Our employees are all FIU students. This is not a place where there are strangers at the bar," said Brice.

Beyond the featured events at the Rat, Brice feels that the Rat should be a place where students can go for relaxation. "I welcome any suggestions that they may have. It is their place after all," he added.

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## Aloha luau opens International Week

by Diana DeBarros

Features Editor

Although the dancing girls had names like Keiki, Maile and Keala they didn't look Polynesian. But if whistles and shouts were an indication of authenticity, then they had all the right stuff. The cheering crowd watched the three girls swaying to South Seas music in their day-glow red, grass skirts, their hands gestured the words of songs about exptic places.

Then Taro Tekurio, a Tahaitian knife dancer, twirled machete-like blades around his body. No small feat considering he only wore a cloth wrap-around tied at the waist.

While Bay Vista Campus was drenched by rain on Monday, Tamiami Campus played host to sunny skies and a noon crowd of 350 people at International Week's annual Luau.

The event, sponsored by FIU's Student Government Association, sold out of student tickets less than two hours after it opened. The quickly crowd filled the 25 tables placed in the UH courtyard and then they spilled over into the adjoining patio and cafeteria.

Students weren't the only ones lining up for chicken and rice Polynesian style. Sara Gonzalez, an employee in the purchasing department, enjoyed the outdoor feast with her husband, an Eastern Airlines worker.



Photo by Gary Boisson

### Loose hips

Maile Lani entertains noontime lunch crowd at Luau at the Tamiami Campus.

Secretaries on their lunch hour yelled over the Hawaiian music played by the Royal Polynesians. And administrators, including FIU President Gregory Wolfe, milled in the crowd.

"It's been tremendous. We had a very good turnout and each year it seems to get better," SGA senator Marie Lou Owens said, as she doled out the Mandarian chicken.

"Originally, we planned for the Luau to be out in the fountain area but then an 80 percent chance of rain was predicted so that's why we moved it. I think it has gone well. No one seems to mind the change," she added.

Ruth Hamilton, director of student union activities, agreed with Owens that this year's Luau went well. But she said she misses the "ambience" of Luau when it was at night. "Three years ago we had it on the same night as Copacabana...it was more like a luau with torches and we even had a fire show...but it was probably too much. They (students) didn't eat the food," she said.

This year however, SGA planned for 300 people. And if success could be measured by food devoured, then Luau was a gourmet's delight.

## School's out for graduate

by Kimberly A. Thompson

Contributor

People and society as a whole all claim education is important. It is a must. Well, I agree. The problem with education is the more you obtain, the more you feel you need to function in the "cruel world."

When I was 18 years old and a high school graduate, I thought I was so smart. I knew everything and no one could teach me anything. After all, I graduated 52nd in my class.

I decided to pursue my education and go to college because I was not ready to be a full-time employee and work for the rest of my life. Besides college was fraternity parties, football teams and lots of fun that I didn't want to miss. But I knew I really didn't need college, I could survive very nicely with my high school diploma.

After I played for two entire quarters in Tallahassee including all-night parties in the dorm I lived in (dubbed "the hotel"), I dropped out. All this playing wore me out and it just wasn't enough, I wanted to work now. With my high school diploma, I'd survive.

I began working full-time in an office as a secretary with all these old people (32 - 50 years old, I was 18). I wanted to talk about dates, boys etc., and they wanted to talk about their kids, painting the house etc. I was earning great money (considering I had no real experience) but that just wasn't enough.

After a year of being a secretary to a group of men and accumulating quite a "secretarial spread" I decided to try school again, because I wanted more...

Starting at Miami-Dade was no problem - I was excited about it. Once I started, I realized I was hungry. The more classes I took, the more I wanted. Working part-time while attending school full-time, helped me keep my sanity.

Now I'm getting ready to graduate from FIU and am not really sure if I'm ready to face that "cruel world" yet. I've worked on and off throughout my senior year and realize that I'm in no way ready to compete with the "professionals" in my field.

But Daddy says after spending five and a half years trying to obtain a four-year degree I should get out there and give it a shot. Besides, I really don't want to be a professional student, and it sounds like fun...you know, playing adult...bills, migraines, deadlines, high heels and income tax!

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**Q.** I have been seeing this girl for about three weeks and she is a very nice person. The problem is I'm not interested in sleeping with her and I do not know how to handle it.

**A.** My friends tell me that I'm crazy because she's pretty and has a great figure. But for some reason, I'm not attracted to her in that way. She's been joking around and hinting about it this past week. I don't want to insult her and I don't want to lose her as a friend either. Any advice would help.

**A.** First of all, don't let your friends pressure you into anything. It's your body, not theirs. If sex is not immediately on the horizon, maybe you should tell her you just want to be her friend. But, if you want to keep her as a girlfriend, don't let today's so-called standards make you do something that you don't want to do. People who don't want to indulge in sex are not freaks. But don't just blow her off because you might regret losing her.

Address all questions to Ms. Dating and Sex Advisor at The Sunblazer, FIU Bay Vista Campus, SC 253, North Miami, Fl. 33181. All inquiries are confidential.



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Thursday, March 14, 7 p.m. in UH 150: LECTURE SERIES--"Imperatives of Intercultural Transactions for the Future" Dr. Francis Abraham, Grambling State University  
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## Basketball teams bypassed for bids

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sidered Division II opponents. But it does not appear in the 1985 handbook.

"It was a big injustice," said women's coach Cindy Russo.

Crosby also felt that it was unfortunate. "They (FIU) were one of the top teams in the regional as well as in the country," she said to the Sunblazer. "The problem with basketball is that it's subjective at best," she added, in reference to the selection of teams.

That subjectivity has Russo so enraged that she said "that if I had any other choice besides the NCAA to play in, I would do so right away."

**'T**he NCAA just conveniently applies and ignores its own rules when it wants to.'

-Cindy Russo, women's coach

The Sunblazers also had a better power ranking (a mathematical formula used to determine strength of a team's schedule) than the Mississippi team. FIU's ranking was 2.39 (second highest in the region). Mississippi's ranking was 2.00.

FIU Sports Information Director Rich Kelch claimed that "the NCAA system just isn't working. The process is all wrong and is losing its credibility."

"Anything that makes sense, just hasn't happened," Russo said. "They (Mississippi University for Women) play a predominantly NAIA (a smaller school division) and they schedule that way deliberately.

"We thought for sure we'd be in it," said senior center Kim Pellegrini. "It upsets me because our coaches worked so hard to get to where we are now."

"The NCAA just conveniently applies and ignores its own rules when it wants to," Russo added.

The men's team had a similar problem.

After not receiving a bid over the weekend, coach Rich Walker felt no outrage towards the NCAA. But in the early part of the week, it was found that Columbus College (22-6) was ruled ineligible for tournament play. Thus, FIU, which was next in line for a bid, appeared in good shape.

But another team, Delta State (19-10), received the bid.

What incensed Walker was that Delta State is from another region, the Gulf South, and was filling in for the South Regional which FIU is part of.

Walker also said that he was told by regional representative Wilburn A. Campbell Jr. of Albany State, that FIU would be the next team picked behind Columbus College. But the National Committee felt differently.



Photo by Robert Stark

FIU's Lynette Richardson shoots over a UM defender during March 4 game. UM won 82-73.

Walker pointed out that his team played a tougher schedule than Delta State. The Sunblazers played four Division I teams while Delta State played none.

For the future, Walker said that the NCAA should increase the field of teams and the problem will be alleviated. He also is questioning future FIU schedules. Whether to play any Division I team on a schedule will be a main concern in the future.

The women's team had to close out its season just a day after finding out about the unhappy NCAA news.

The team played the University of Miami at the Hurricanes' Lane Center.

Before a standing room only crowd of 300, the Sunblazers were defeated 82-73.

FIU showed problems early in the game, committing travelling violation after travelling violation. The team found itself down by 14 despite a few three-point plays by Lynette Richardson.

But FIU came back just before the half, cutting the lead to 44-37 at halftime.

However, the UM's Maria Rivera seemed to run circles around the Sunblazers, enroute to the Hurricane victory.

Richardson led the team with 27 points and Pellegrini added 17 rebounds.

With the effect of the news on the NCAA bid, Russo said, "Emotionally, I felt empty, at best. There were a lot of mixed emotions out there. I know everybody (the team) in their heart wanted to say, 'to hell with it'.

"What could this game possibly mean," she added. FIU had already defeated the Hurricanes earlier in the season when the UM was ranked 20th in the nation.

"I was a little down during the game and we all tried to cover it up," said junior forward Renae Siplin.

"All in all, though, it was still a great year," said Pellegrini.

## Riley named AD

Jerry Chaplin, FIU's assistant athletic director, recently resigned and will be leaving the university on March 11 for another position at Wheaton College.

Chaplin has been acting as FIU's athletic director since Nancy Olsen resigned from that post late last year.

Judy Blucker, vice president for student affairs, named Tom Riley as acting athletic director. Riley, assistant dean for student affairs, will be serving until the university names a new athletic director.

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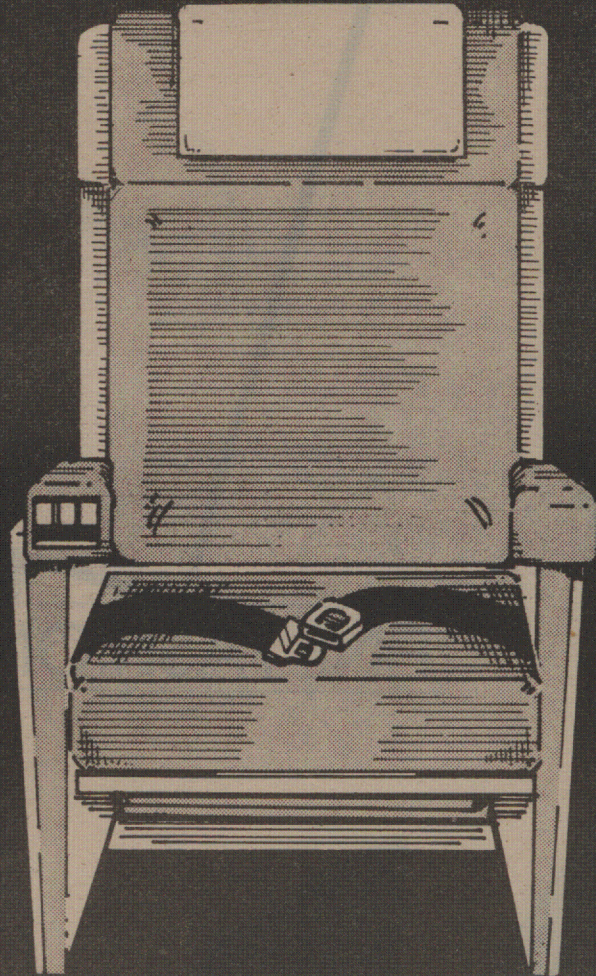
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## Sports Calendar



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• March 13, Baseball vs Georgetown Univ., 7:30 p.m. at Sunblazer Field (Tamiami Campus).

• March 14, Baseball vs Liberty Baptist College, 7:30 p.m. at Sunblazer Field.

• March 15, Baseball vs James Madison Univ., 7:30 p.m. at Sunblazer Field.

• March 15, Men's Tennis vs FIT, 2 p.m. at FIU courts on Tamiami Campus.

• March 16, Baseball vs Georgetown Univ., 7:30 p.m. at Sunblazer Field.

• March 17, Baseball vs Princeton Univ., 2 p.m. at Sunblazer Field.

• March 18-20, Men's Golf, North-South Col., Fountainbleau, Coral Gables.

• March 18, Men's Tennis vs Rollins College, 1 p.m. at FIU courts.

• March 18, Women's Tennis vs Northwestern Univ., 1 p.m. at FIU courts.

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