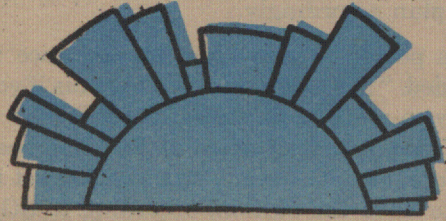


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Children and art

The children who attend the Child Care Center at FIU's Tamiami Campus will present their art work at the center's annual art show through May 17 in the lobby of the campus library.

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FIU's Art Museum will feature an exhibition of recent bronze sculpture and ceramic figures by nationally-known artist Stephen DeStaebler now through June 5.

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For more details, call 554-2890.

Deadline headline

Hey buds, don't forget that May 17 is the last day for everything. If you don't register, add, drop, pay or withdraw by 3 p.m., kiss your academic life good-bye for the summer semester.

Run for your life

"Run Against Crime," an 8-kilometer race sponsored by the Criminal Justice Student Society and Dade Crimestoppers, will take place at 8:30 a.m. May 18 at FIU's Bay Vista Campus.

The race is a fundraising event for Crimestoppers. Trophies will be awarded to the winners, and shirts will be given to the first 500 registrants.

The fee is \$8 in advance and \$10 at the gate. For further details, call 940-5808.

Picnic with the ants

Picnic to your heart's content May 27. It's Memorial Day and there is no school.

Seniors end their reign

by Natalie Butto

Sunblazer Staff Writer

All of the honor and emotion typical of most graduation ceremonies was present April 26 as FIU seniors proceeded down the aisle at the Miami Beach Convention Center to receive their long-awaited degrees.

The inside of the spacious hall was decorated with plants and greenery, blue chairs, yellow flowers and the oval FIU emblem, commemorating the annual event.

David Atiyah and Christine Donovan, who both received master's degrees in hospitality management, had more than their degrees in common. They said they plan to be married soon.

Grand Marshal Samuel Shapiro led the procession of students down the aisle. Administrative officials and special guests followed. Students cheered, threw flowers and blew fog horns when the faculty appeared.

Three graduates couldn't resist the urge to celebrate in the hall with a bottle of champagne. They toasted

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Photo by Lillian Cano

Marsha Needelman wears a hardhat to celebrate her graduation from FIU's construction school at the Miami Beach Convention Center.

Honors grad learned English at FIU

by Ira Marc Katz

Sunblazer Staff Writer

Imagine the feeling of coming to America and not being able to speak any English, yet desiring to receive a higher education. That was the scenario Paula Valdez-Rodriguez faced when she came to the United States four years ago from San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Not only did she accomplish her goal, but the FIU student did it in extraordinary fashion. The 32-year-old marketing major received her bachelor's degree with honors at FIU's commencement exercise at the Miami Beach Convention Center on April 26.

"It is a dream come true because when I first enrolled at Miami-Dade Community College four years ago, I literally couldn't speak one word of the English language," said Valdez-Rodriguez. "But most of my professors at both Miami-Dade and FIU worked with me hard to reach my goal."

Valdez-Rodriguez says she was inspired to get a formal education from her older brother, who came to the United States seven years ago and attended FIU. He was an education major and now teaches in the Dade County School System.

"I saw what an education did for him. It gave him a career, a chance to meet new people and develop himself mentally," said the marketing major who is now enrolled in the master's program in FIU's College of Business Administration.

"The only difference between my brother and I is in my field, one must have more than just an undergraduate education if they want to get ahead," said Valdez-Rodriguez. "Also, when I get my MBA, I can maybe do some teaching and help others learn."

"I'll be sensitive to people wanting to get an education because it is something that was not easy for me, especially when I first came to this country," she said.

Valdez-Rodriguez's brother, Miguel, attended the

graduation ceremony and explained how difficult it is for people like his sister to get a higher education.

"Putting the time into study was never a problem for her, but at FIU the teachers don't want to hear about problems you have in understanding the English vocabulary," he said.

"It is like trying to have someone from a lower-class family take a test with someone from a wealthy neighborhood. The language will have a much different meaning," said Miguel. "I saw my sister struggle with that problem at first, and I think professors at FIU should be more receptive to such problems."

While Valdez-Rodriguez would be considered a high minority student at most other institutions, at FIU she is not a minority in terms of non-white, black or Hispanic people who graduated at the end of the spring term.

In the undergraduate school at FIU, here is the following breakdown of graduating students, according to...

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SGA proposes FIU radio station

by Melissa Kroll

Sunblazer News Editor

Look out Y-100. FIU may soon offer some major competition around campus.

The Student Government Association increased its budget by \$85,000 in order to fund a radio station that would be broadcast from both campuses. The money was allocated to SGA by the A and S Fees Committee for the sole purpose of building a radio station.

"We are building a community at FIU," said Jorge Dominicus, the new SGA president. "Part of building this community is building a campus atmosphere. This radio station holds great possibilities to do just that."

An on-campus radio station does tend to promote a greater campus atmosphere, according to Rhonda Ginsburg, general manager of WVUM, the radio station broadcasting from the University of Miami. "You can walk through the dorms any night and hear the station all around," she said.

WVUM has been in operation since 1968. Up until four years ago, the station was only played on campus, as would the proposed FIU radio station. The UM station has approximately 20,000 listeners and broadcasts up to 9 miles on clear days.

WVUM was originally funded by student fund allocations, but now it relies mostly on outside funding.

The proposed stations, one for each campus, are expected to cost FIU approximately \$75,000. WVUM has a budget of \$50,000.

Miami-Dade Community College's south campus has a small radio station that plays by speaker to the outside lounge area. Even with its limited air time -- from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. -- Miami-Dade has approximately 70 listeners.

"Working on the radio station here has been a lot of fun, but it has been a big benefit too," said Paul DePani, spokesperson for the station and a Miami-Dade broadcasting student. "If its done right, having a radio station on campus can really be a service to

the school. It lets you find out what the people want to hear, and plan accordingly.

"This gives people in management a chance to learn," he added. "The experience is a big plus if you want to apply to a big radio station later."

Talk of starting a radio station at FIU has been discussed before, but SGA seems to be rather set in its decision to have the station, according to SGA members. The money allotted for the station has been approved by the Florida Board of Regents.

Any change in the use of that money could result in its loss. The radio station will be run by the media and service committee. It is possible that the station will run in cooperation with university programs since both the Department of Communication and the School of Business Administration have expressed interest in the station.

The possibility also exists that the radio station may eventually be able to support itself independently of both SGA and the university, said SGA members.

Business school to BVC?

by Adrian Walker

Sunblazer Ass't. News Editor

A administrative proposal to move FIU's entire business school to the Bay Vista Campus has drawn the wrath of students and faculty alike.

Billed as a space-saving measure to relieve overcrowding at the Tamiami Campus, the move was denounced by one faculty member as "totally political."

"The Bay Vista Campus is a white elephant and everyone knows it," said Philip L. Shepherd, an assistant professor in the school. "They're getting a lot of pressure from Tallahassee and the Board of Regents and they have to save Bay Vista, even if they have to kill the business school to do it," he added. "We'd stand to lose 25 to 50 percent of our students."

Business student James Connelly agrees. "Most of the students in the business school live in the general vicinity of Tamiami. The students are dead set against it."

An April 27 meeting of business school faculty to discuss the proposal with Dean Charles Nickerson, was described as "overwhelmingly negative" by one faculty member who did not want his name used. Nickerson, who could not be reached for comment, made a one-hour presentation in support of the plan.

According to Shepherd, "He (Nickerson) spelled out all the reasons for the move but none of them stand up to closer scrutiny. He contradicted himself," he said. "(Nickerson) said he would have room for expansion, then admitted that we might lose students."

"The ones who are really getting the shaft are the students," Shepherd continued. "The ones who are here now are being told they have nothing to worry about because the move is two years away," therefore discouraging opposition. "It's kids in high school now who don't know anything about all this who will be hurt."

Campus News

This report was compiled by Jeffrey L. Kleinman from collegiate newspapers and news services across the nation.

A policy that would prevent romantic relationships between students and faculty is being considered at the University of Texas At Arlington, the Daily Texan reported.

Sanford Levinson, a professor of law at the university, said while such a policy could be considered an invasion of privacy, it could also be defended as an effort to prevent sexual harassment. The faculty senate has put off voting for the issue until September, but a committee will study and work on the proposal until then.

University of Florida President Marshall Criser blamed UF fraternities for hampering the university's reputation and its efforts to raise money, the Independent Florida Alligator reported.

"Legislators ask me, 'How can I support UF with what's going on there?'" Criser said. "Universities draw more attention than other places," he said. "The Greek system is under attack at all times. (The media) take one incident and report that fraternities are the Sodom and Gomorrah in today's society."

Seniors

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their future and bathed their gowns in the process. FIU President Gregory B. Wolfe delivered a welcome address, portions of which he spoke in perfect Spanish.

Genish Chen-Shue, outgoing president of FIU's Student Government Organization, stressed FIU's mixture of people from all ethnic backgrounds. "We can form a mini-United Nations today," he said. "We are its (FIU's) world."

Wolfe granted an honorary degree in law to Rep. Dante Fascell, who represents Florida's 19th district in the U.S. Congress. Fascell is also chairman of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Sir William John Hughes Butterfield, vice chancellor of Cambridge University, received an honorary degree in science. Butterfield, acclaimed worldwide for his accomplishments in medicine and education, also gave the commencement address.

Butterfield spoke of the programs outlined by Pythagoras. The standards include courage, knowledge, judgement and leadership.

Butterfield added that President Wolfe represents those qualities.

"Keep educating yourself," Butterfield advised students. After the ceremony, Butterfield made known his feelings for FIU. "I think FIU is one of the most remarkable movements in education, a remarkable institution."

Butterfield traveled to Miami from England for the sole purpose of speaking at the ceremony despite the "pile of papers" waiting on his desk for his return.

After the speeches, graduates stepped to the stage to receive their degrees. One student expressed his sentiments on the top of his cap with the scrawled message, "Thank God."

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Staff elected

The Sunblazer added four new additions to its editorial staff during elections last month.

Mina Socarras takes over the features editor slot with the departure of Diana Debarros. Andy Itkoff and Lillian Cano have been added to the photography staff under the direction of executive photo editor Gary Boisson.

Adrian Walker was appointed assistant news editor.

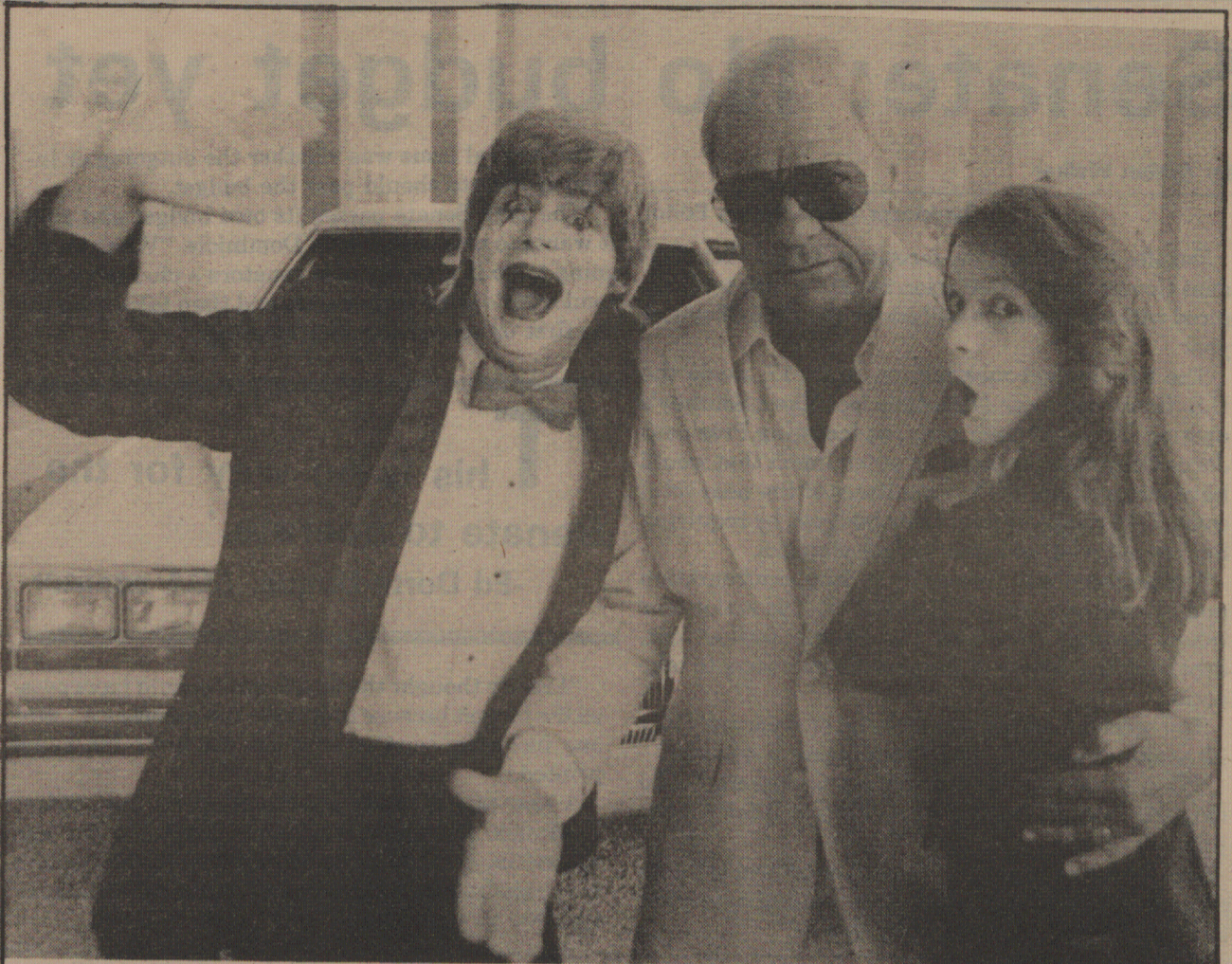
Jeffrey L. Kleinman and Robert Stark were re-elected for the positions of editor and managing editor, respectively. The paper needs reporters, photographers and advertising representatives. If interested, please call 940-5684 (news) or 940-5685 (advertising).

In other Sunblazer news:

•The Sunblazer will be published every two weeks during the summer semesters. Distribution day will remain Tuesday.

•Classified ad rates are only 10 cents a word. Mail your ads to: The Sunblazer, Florida International University, Bay Vista Campus, SC 253, North Miami, Fl. 33181.

•The Sunblazer recently purchased four new newstands for the Tamiami Campus. They will be located in PC, DM, and UH. Even though you have to open a door (like regular news boxes), don't be afraid to pick up a paper because they are still free. Don't try to stuff in your coins. You just won't find any slots.



There he is...

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Announcer Bert Parks greets performers at BVC's Culturefest '85.

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Senate: No budget yet

by Adrian Walker

Sunblazer Ass't. News Editor

Despite two tumultuous meetings, FIU's 12th Student Government Association Senate's 12th term expired without passing a budget for the 1985-86 school year.

The first budget meeting, on April 17, made the U.S. House debate on Nicaragua look like a Southby's auction. Trouble began early, as incoming President Jorge Dominicus proposed an amendment that would have stripped the SGA committees of the near-total control they enjoyed over their budgets, by requiring Senate approval of some budget changes.

The proposal was greeted by yelling, confrontation and at least one cry of "Heil Hitler." No action was taken because over half the Senate walked out, depriving the Senate of the quorum necessary to take action.

The second meeting was a model of decorum. Only 12 senators showed, again preventing a quorum.

"This is no way for the Senate to operate," said outgoing Sen. Ed Dorta-Duque. "This will destroy the unity of SGA."

Others were less surprised. As Sen. Shawn O'Toole pointed out, "Pretty much the same thing happened last year. We'll get the budget passed."

The central issue was whether the outgoing or incoming Senate should pass the budget.

"The 12th Senate passed its own budget and now it wants to pass ours," said Dominicus. "What we're going to do is give the new senators a chance to get comfortable with their duties and then take it up at the first or second summer meeting."

'T his is no way for the Senate to operate.'

-Ed Dorta-Duque, SGA senator

"I really thought the last Senate should have passed the budget because they have the experience," said one incoming senator who did not want his name printed.

A new budget must go into effect by July 1, but Dominicus foresees no problem. "Once we get our Senate in, it won't have any trouble agreeing on a very satisfactory budget," said Dominicus. "It's up to the new Senate now."

Grad

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ding to university officials:

- 15.9 percent of the students who received bachelor's degrees at commencement were non-resident aliens.
- White students comprised 43.2 percent of the class.
- Black students comprised 7 percent of the class.
- Hispanic students comprised 33.9 percent of the class.

At the graduate level:

- 11.5 percent of the students who graduated in April were non-resident aliens.
- 52.6 percent were white.
- 26.2 percent were Hispanic.
- 8.2 percent were black.

The School of Arts and Sciences had the largest percentage graduating students (31.3 percent). At the graduate level, the school also was the leader with 27.5 percent.



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Editor's Forum

by Jeffrey L. Kleinman



MARCO ISLAND, Fla. - The peace was paradise. Just to get away from the grind of a daily routine cleared my mind of all of its clutter. No classes. No tests. No deadlines. I just awoke each morning to the sounds of mating seagulls and the splash of the warm, smooth Gulf of Mexico.

For five days in this small, West Coast resort community, I relaxed and let it all hang out. Who says that you can't be stressed if you're young? Even though I'm only 20, the break put some zip back into my life.

Being run down is certainly no fun. During the spring semester, I came home late from the newspaper office, studied, ate and bedded near 1:30 a.m. During finals week, suffering from an ill-timed influenza, you could have scraped me off of the ground with a shovel.

But now I'm re-juiced and ready to go again. The therapy? Simple. Getting up late, reading interesting books, laying on the white sand under the sun and napping whenever I felt tired. I would recommend this antidote for anyone who feels burdened with exhaustion and stress.

I'm looking forward to summer classes. I'm looking forward to editing the campus paper. I'm looking forward to working for a Miami daily newspaper. These three things I have on tap for this summer may not have been pleasurable if I just didn't get away from it all for a few days.

And this island community was the perfect place for me to re-charge. It is quiet, scenic and new. The noisiest sound was waves crashing on the shore. There may be no other place better to enjoy a good book or peruse the daily paper. And it is certainly close enough to Miami not to even burn up a tank of gas.

I was uninhibited. But I suffered. There is always the excruciating pain of sunburn that tends to ruin perfect holidays. I creamed on the Noxema. That felt good for the moment. Now, I feel like a rattler shedding his skin. But soon, I'll be working 14 hour days again and the peace of the past will be all but forgotten.

I see them approaching. Shoot. Here come the classes. Here come the tests. Here come the assignments. Here come the long hours sitting behind a video terminal.

But at least I'm fresh. I'll be good for the next couple of semesters. Then some quiet paradise will have to rewind my key again.

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Reagan supports Nazism?

By David Miller

Sunblazer Columnist

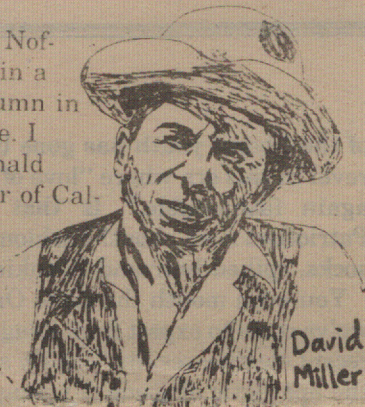
Many Americans are angry at President Reagan for announcing plans to visit a German cemetery where Nazi SS officers are buried. Many of my fellow Jews are bewildered, wondering how the President of the United States could be so seemingly pro-Nazi.

I'm not at all surprised at anything Mr. Reagan does. I've been following Reagan's career for a number of years, and I've always considered Reagan pro-fascist.

The Nov. 3, 1972 Los Angeles Free Press reported that several members of President Nixon's Committee to Re-Elect the President (CREEP), including a man named Lyn Nofziger, had worked with Nazis in California. Jack Anderson's syndicated column of Dec. 20, 1975 reported that ex-CREEP agents Nofziger and Ken Reitz (a "dirty tricks" specialist working under Donald Segretti) had recently joined the staff of presidential hopeful Ronald Reagan.

Anderson's column, printed in The Miami Herald, noted Nofziger's Nazi connection. Several Watergate books, including J. Anthony Lukas' 1976 book *Nightmare*, mentioned the CREEP-Nazi links of Lyn Nofziger.

I wrote about Lyn Nofziger and the Nazis in a November, 1982 column in the Miami Hurricane. I noted that when Ronald Reagan was governor of California from 1967 to 1975, Nazi membership increased dramatically. Yet Gov. Reagan did not denounce Nazis and did not initiate any anti-Nazi actions. Reagan was governor in 1971-72 when Lyn Nofziger and other CREEP agents went to California to work with the Nazis.



In a Hurricane column of Feb. 11, 1983, I wrote that in 1981, President Reagan had nominated Warren Richardson for assistant secretary for legislation of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Warren Richardson is general counsel and chief lobbyist for Liberty Lobby, a neo-Nazi organization that claims there was no Holocaust. Liberty Lobby controls The American Mercury, a "no Holocaust" magazine that has been pro-Nazi since the 1960s. In the early 1970s, Gov. Reagan wrote several articles for the Mercury, though he claimed ignorance of the magazine's pro-Nazism.

In 1980, Ronald Reagan was endorsed for President by Liberty Lobby and the Ku Klux Klan. Reagan denounced the Klan, but he accepted the endorsement of Liberty Lobby. And so one year later, President Reagan nominated Liberty Lobby's Warren Richardson for a key position with the Department of Health and Human Services.

President Reagan withdrew the Richardson nomination when the Richardson/Liberty Lobby connection was revealed. But it is significant that Mr. Reagan has never denounced anti-Semitic organizations such as Liberty Lobby and the John Birch Society (which has supported Reagan since 1966).

President Reagan isn't the only Reaganite to support Nazis and neo-Nazis. On Jan. 29, 1985 columnist Lars-Erik Nelson reported that Radio Liberty "has repeatedly transmitted anti-Semitic commentaries to the Soviet people."

Nelson added that in 1984, Radio Liberty "quoted from the anti-Semitic forgery, *Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, which outlines an alleged Jewish conspiracy against Christendom."

The head of Radio Liberty at this time was James Buckley, an ardent Reaganite whose brother, William F. Buckley Jr., is an avid Reagan supporter. In 1972, Bill Buckley published the pro-Hitler, pro-Mussolini autobiography of Oswald Mosley, founder of the British Union of Fascists. In 1961, Bill Buckley denounced the trial of mass murderer Adolf Eichmann, claiming the Nazi's trial would "further Communist aims."

On April 20, 1985, Erik-Lars Nelson reported that White House Communications Director Patrick Buchanan had repeatedly defended ex-Nazi John Demjanjuk, who is allegedly responsible for thousands of murders at the Treblinka death camp.

According to Nelson, in 1983 Pat Buchanan wrote a syndicated column defending Demjanjuk. After Assistant Attorney General Stephen Trott protested, Buchanan wrote a second column, denouncing the judge at Demjanjuk's Cleveland hearing and denouncing the hearing as an "official lynching."

Rep. Robert G. Torricelli (D-N.J.) has accused Patrick Buchanan of "favoring the abolition of a Justice Department office in charge of tracking down Nazi war criminals in the United States" (The Miami News, April 18, 1985). If this is true, what does that say about the entire Reagan administration?

As far as I am concerned, it is time to impeach Mr. Reagan and all his Nazi cohorts. **Now** more than ever.

Radio giveaways disturb my sleep

by Ron Schwartz

Special to The Sunblazer

Have you ever been disturbed in the middle of the night by screams of your next door neighbor. Now I can say I have.

A few weeks ago, at about 4:30 a.m., a loud, ear-piercing screech woke me. It was the woman next door.

Without hesitation, I scrambled out of bed, reached for my bathrobe and quickly dashed out of the house. When I reached her front door, it was locked. So, I broke it down. After all, I thought she was being raped or murdered.

The screams seemed to come from the kitchen. So I quickly grabbed an umbrella for my protection. I straightened my shoulders and sucked in my gut. I screamed, "Hey you in there. Leave her alone. I have a gun."

I approached the open doorway and saw Cheryl holding the phone, cord wrapped around her neck, crying like a baby. It seemed I scared the mad villain away.

I applied a cold compress to her head and shook her shoulders. "Who did it?" I asked.

Wiping the tears from her swollen, teary eyes, she screamed she just won \$200 from a radio station. I nearly fainted with dismay.

I now strongly believe large cash giveaways on the airwaves in the middle of the night should be illegal.

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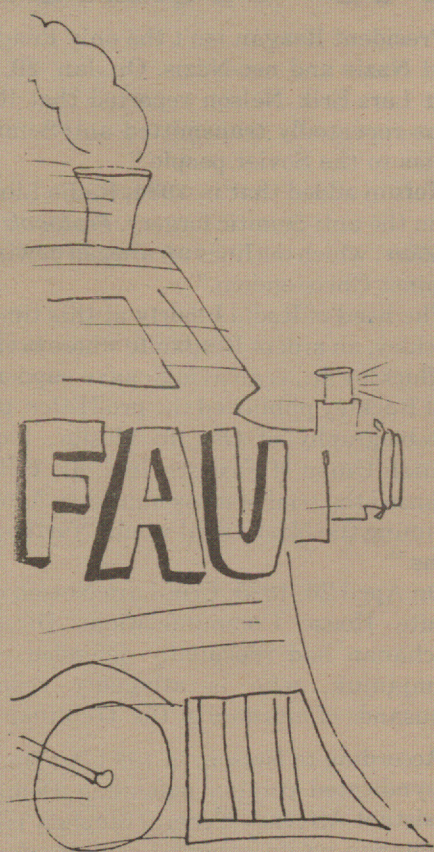
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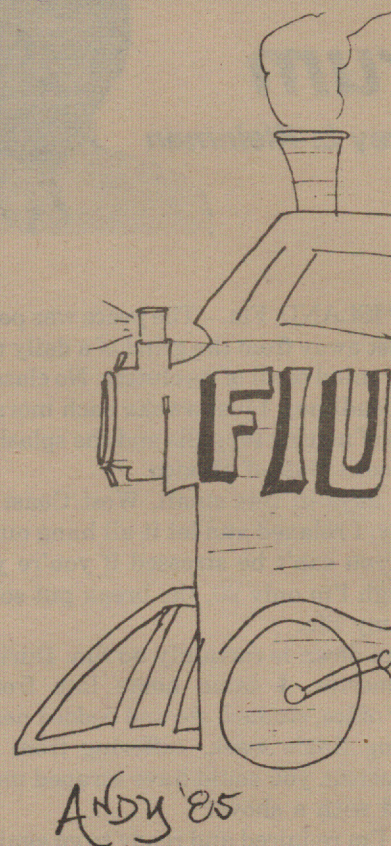
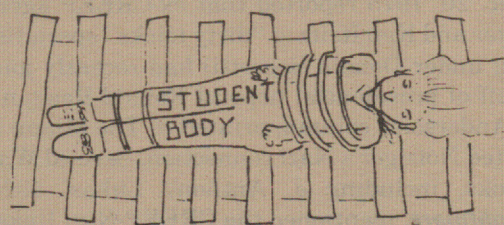
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University of South East Florida?



Letters

To the Editor:

I'd like to comment on Jorge Arrizurieta's recent flag-draped discourse (March 26) on the state of mind of today's conservative youth. His "what, me worry?" view of the world and his attempt to speak for "most young Americans" is one of the more simplistic generalities one would expect from a person who sees the world through Reagan-colored glasses.

He seems proud to include himself in that group of people whose political frame of reference is limited to only the last two presidential administrations. I realize it's not his fault if the Vietnam War came at a time in his life when the things that weighed heaviest on his mind included why the adults on Sesame Street couldn't see Mr. Snuffleupogus. Just a little read of recent history might reveal to him that the anti-war movement was a bit more than "disruptive and demoralizing behavior."

It was also an important reason why the Vietnam debacle was finally ended. Of course, the beauty of ending wars may be lost on people who revere a president that equates war dead with kitchen remodeling.

Jorge, you seem to rejoice in seeing that "the age

of the liberal youth has gone by the wayside." You revel in this era where "love of one's country is once again fashionable." Is that what youth's New Patriotism is all about? Fashion? Like day-glo colored socks, spiked hair and Frankie-Says-Relax shirts?

You even mouth the same Orwellian "newspeak" we've come to expect from Reagan when you say that recent election results "clearly show a departure from the apathetic attitude of young voters in the past to an arrival of an active and participative youth." Jorge, does that participative youth include the 93 percent of your FIU colleagues who did not vote in the last student government elections?

I see you even got in a line about President Reagan and "fundamental values." I would probably agree with you that there is nothing wrong with fundamental values like marriage, religion and family. But when they are espoused by a divorcee who doesn't go to church, who contemplates Armageddon in our lifetime and who can't get along with his own children, I start asking questions. Maybe you should too.

Joe Rutte

To the Editor:

I am a student at the Tamiami Campus and I was appalled at an advertisement I saw in The Sunblazer. You once said in a column that you are neither for or against abortion. If that is so, why did The Sunblazer have an advertisement for an abortion clinic?

It is clearly pro-abortion and you make a stand for it by allowing this advertisement. Abortion is an abomination. You are murdering a defenseless, innocent baby.

If you don't want to take a stand on the abortion issue, then don't let the abortion clinic have an advertisement in your newspaper.

Betty Sanchez

So long IBM, hello regular life

by Danielle McElhaney

Special to The Sunblazer

Can a non-committed group of individuals joined only by the forces of free thought thrive within universities such as FIU? "Why and what for?" you ask, smug in your commitment to IBM, MBA's and BMW's.

Like most students who descended on university campuses in 1980, college to me was the preparation for a life of material circumstances -- credit cards, status cars, and weekly excursions to Bloomingdale's.

At 20, I ascended the corporate ladder, aspiring to success in a shiny blue Honda and a redwood townhouse. A degree was the assurance of a 20 percent raise and a pat on the back from the boys.

At 21, consumed with worshipping idols of prosperity, I saturated my thoughts with money and how to spend it. A year passed with the purchase of a new car, a new wardrobe, a new VHS, a new microwave, and an assortment of gold to adorn my image. However, the burden of possessions and the shift of responsibility to things made me question how one so young could be set.

The answer was fear, the inability to face failure, and the possibility of falling from the position of my peers. Soon the questions turned to doubts and eventually conflicts occurred.

I began to question, without assuming the ideas of Vogue and Forbes. I challenged what I didn't understand. After 22 years of mediocre, multiple-choiced thought, this was not an easy endeavor. Many mistakes were made and time passed without measurable productivity.

Please don't call me a Yuppie

by Bonnie Spencer

Special to the Sunblazer

Don't call me that. I know I dress more conservatively than I used to, but don't call me a Yuppie even if I can't make it to your protest march this week.

Sure, I don't like what's going on in Nicaragua any more than you do. No, I'm not prepared to speak on it. All right, I'm listening. Tell me what you know.

On March 24, 1980, Archbishop Oscar Romero was assassinated by right-wing gunmen for speaking out against repression of his people and pleading for justice in El Salvador.

Can't say I knew about that, no, but I follow you. There has been a greater increase in military aid to El Salvador enabling the army to launch sophisticated air attacks against the civilian population, using such weapons as napalm and white phosphorus.

I didn't know all that but I did attend a talk on Central America in September of last year. A Miskito Indian woman from Nicaragua talked on changes in U.S. policies in Central America.

Can't say I remember specifics on what she said, but I was impressed with her strength and determination.

What else have I done recently?

No, I wasn't able to make the Vicki Starr talk at FIU recently on organizing workers in the 1930s. But I did read Mother Jones' autobiography. What a

strong woman.

Just don't start with that Yuppie stuff. Of course I have a job. I go to school too. Yes, I'm aware of the new conservative image at colleges, but I don't think I fit in that category.

After all, like many older students, I went to college in the early 1970s the first time around. I was a radical all the way.

I dressed liked Boy George before he existed, avoided aerosol spray cans because of their effect on the ozone, conserved water by not flushing toilets, read the Village Voice, supported Gary Hart's campaign, boycotted grapes and California wines, became vegetarian for a year, and finally, resigned a post as assistant editor on the college news rag in protest of the administration's censoring of the campus radio station.

The hard work that I'm now doing sort of polished my rough edges and I forgot how to protest. I read Time magazine now and you might say I've put on a passive face.

Sure, I want to get my journalism degree. Nothing wrong with stability, is there? I'm tired of fighting. I want to flow with the crowd like all other ex-radical lawyers, professors and social workers.

No, I can't make the protest march because my boss asked me to work another day, and I need the money, and I don't want to make him mad.

But for God's sake, don't call me a Yuppie.

'First-class' changed atmosphere

by Robert Stark

Sunblazer Managing Editor

Fresh out of high school they were coming to FIU with dreams.

FIU also had dreams. For nine years since it opened in 1972, the university was an upper division school for juniors, seniors and graduates. But school officials desperately wanted the university to become a high quality, four-year institution.

Both dreams meshed together in 1981 to form FIU's "first-class first class" freshmen.

"It was like giving birth," said Clair McElfresh, FIU's dean of undergraduate studies. "There was all of the labor, pain and the agony of waiting (for legislature approval of the class)."

The 197 chosen few were dubbed the "first-class first class" because of their high academic qualities. They came out of high school with an grade point average of 3.46 and an average Scholastic Aptitude Test score of 1,056. FIU's requirements to get in the class were a 3.0 GPA and an SAT score of 1,000.

They were just the type of students FIU was looking for to fill the university's void of young enthusiasm on campus.

And because of their qualities and importance to FIU, the freshmen were given the red-carpet treatment. Special orientation days, lunches and parties were provided. The local media blitz displayed the class as a young, bright, pioneer group for FIU.

'They matured the professors who weren't ready for their quick minds.'

-Clair McElfresh, dean of undergraduate studies

All of the attention focused upon these freshmen's past abilities. But could these young adults survive the stringent core curriculum courses and the diverse population around them? While the freshmen were at an age of 17 or 18, the remainder of FIU's student body averaged more than 25 years. Could these freshmen live up to their nickname?

Now, four years later, most of the first class are seniors. They've survived.

The ex-freshman look back on their whole experience, sigh and release an anxiety they once felt four years ago. "I felt like leaving the first day," said ex-freshman and now senior George Mandala.

"I felt real out of place," said senior Edwin R. Rojas. "I thought I was out of my league."

Such feelings about their early years is common among the freshmen. Some of the freshmen may have taken it a step further and dropped FIU altogether. Going into the fall 1985, 93 of the first-class freshmen were not enrolled at FIU. This would make a drop of 47.2 percent. But some may just be sitting out for the year.

Even so, such a retention rate is fairly normal. At the University of Florida in Gainesville, the general retention rate for freshmen in 1985 was 45 percent.

Of the original 197 FIU freshmen, 24 graduated this spring and five graduated last year.

While at FIU, the first-class freshmen had a strong impact on student life on campus. Professors and administrators couldn't miss it.

"Their mere presence made a dramatic difference," said FIU Vice Provost Steve Altman.

"They changed the atmosphere at FIU -- some good and some not so good," said associate professor Mary Jane Elkins, who taught English courses to the freshmen. "They had enthusiasm but they lacked maturity."

But McElfresh disagreed.

"It was more than making the freshmen grow up. It was that they made us (FIU) grow," he said. "All we did was provide a terribly rigorous routine in academics and the freshmen turned it around and said, 'OK, we're going to take it,' and they did."

Both professors and administrators pointed out that the classroom atmosphere changed dramatically.

"They matured the professors who weren't ready for their quick minds," explained McElfresh.

"My attitude had to change (because of the freshmen)," said Darden Pyron, associate professor of history. "There was a sense of energy among the freshmen that was different from the standard type

of student."

What McElfresh called a "healthy competition" also emerged between the upper division students and the freshmen.

"It seemed like the older people got motivated by the younger people in the classroom," said 21-year-old Isabel Fernandez, one of the freshmen who graduated early.

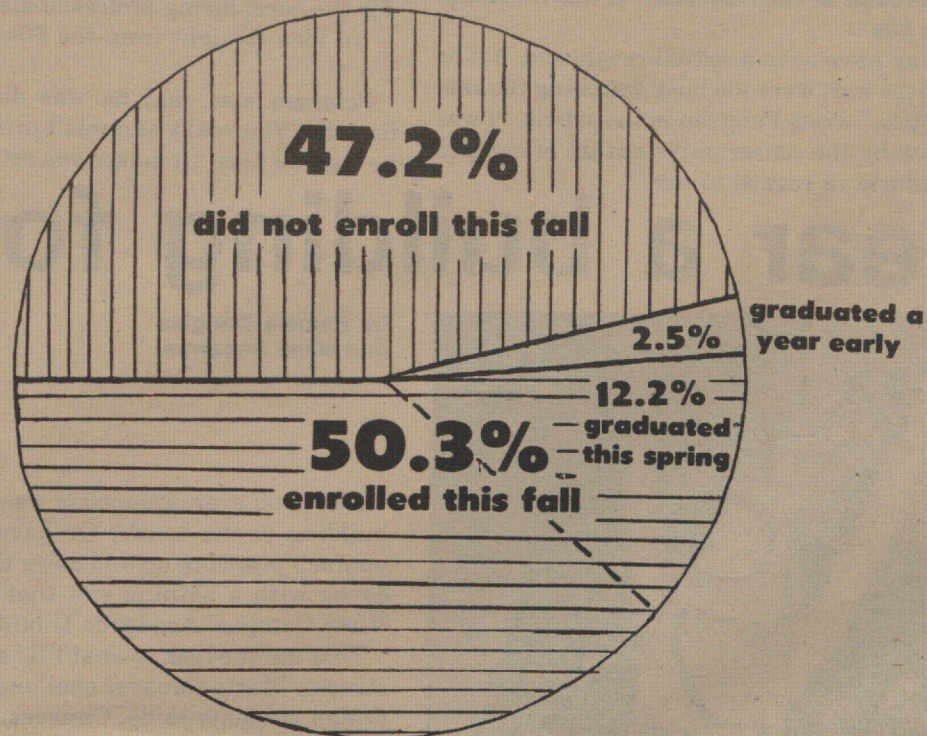
McElfresh was more frank. "The lethargic person who had been through the bureaucratic system in college was all of the sudden faced with a young element

And despite the lack of time (FIU was given approval in July of 1981 and the class was enrolled within the next month), McElfresh firmly said, "We knew what we were doing and all of the research (to form the class) was correct.

"The attitude seemed to be that we (FIU) didn't want the watered-down or regular run-of-the-mill courses," he said. "We wanted that core curriculum to be rigorous," he added.

The fact that the freshmen and FIU maintained these high standards was the reason for the program's

FIU's 'first-class' freshmen of 1981



in class," he said. "And this person now feels he's got to get off of his duff."

But the freshmen had problems too. Many of them felt they didn't receive good advisement in the early stages.

Fernandez said she was disappointed with her advisement. "But because we were high quality students and very independent, we were able to solve our own problems," she said.

"I thought they (professors and advisors) weren't ready for us," commented Rojas, who will graduate within the year.

Altman acknowledged an advisement problem and pointed out that it has since been smoothed out in further freshmen classes.

Before the freshmen came in 1981, FIU did not require advising for students. But since the freshmen classes, McElfresh stated that all FIU students are now required to have advising.

Some of the FIU freshman said they missed one thing their friends were getting at other universities.

"I wish I would have had more of a traditional college life, like at the University of Florida," said Mandala.

"Everyone I knew went to the UF, but I figured I'd stick it through," said Herb Slocomb.

Throughout their years at FIU, the freshmen have gained academic recognition.

College Level Academic Skills Test (CLAST) scores of the native freshmen were ranked highest in the state of Florida. They were also awarded a higher percentage of state scholarships than the University of Miami and Miami-Dade Community College.

A far as their social contribution to FIU, many feel it is something the university couldn't do without.

"The first-class brought with it the first signs of a social life," said FIU Student Government Association President Jorge Dominicis. "Now we have an established Greek fraternity as well as a sense of spirit. We're becoming a fun university."

"When I first saw a young couple holding hands on campus, I was probably the proudest and happiest papa around," bubbled McElfresh through a big smile.

Because these freshmen -- who were mostly from Dade County (86 percent) -- were the first class to go through the rough steps of a new program, thoughts of a "guinea pig" or experimental class were brought up.

But McElfresh disagreed, saying that there was too much thought and preparation on FIU's part.

success, McElfresh believed.

"Everyone expected that once the freshman class got in, we would lower our standards," he said. "But we didn't and neither did the students."

He continued, saying that student counselors, who help high school students find the right colleges, didn't recognize FIU's class at first. But two years later they were knocking on FIU's door. "They were asking, 'Hey, how do we get our students in?'" McElfresh said.

'The education I received was worth sticking it out for.'

-George Mandala, ex-freshman

Looking back, some of the freshman cited certain criticisms.

"The professors in lower division should dedicate more time in explaining to the students the difference in study habits from high school to college," said Fernandez, who now works as an assistant personnel manager at the Coconut Grove Hotel. "And the upper division babys the students a bit too much."

Rojas was more critical of the program. "I would recommend everyone to go to Miami-Dade the first two years of college, and then go to FIU," he said, pointing out the difficult studies as a freshman at FIU.

But in the end, both dreams of both parties were generally fulfilled.

FIU received the young enthusiasm it desperately needed in order to grow as a university. And a young, select group of high school students received what many, including themselves, called "the best base education in Florida."

"I couldn't be prouder of that freshman class," McElfresh stated.

"Now I look back and see how difficult it really was," said Fernandez. "I'll always feel proud that I was part of that class and it always makes a difference to be part of the chosen few."

"The education I received was worth sticking it out for," said Mandala.

And Rojas: "I just can't wait 'til I get out."

Sex: Playboy Advisor can't find it at FIU

by Jeffrey L. Kleinman

Sunblazer Editor

It wasn't exactly "The Girls of FIU," but it was at least something. After all, how many universities get analyzed for sex in Playboy magazine?

During the fall of 1984, James R. Petersen -- better known as The Playboy Advisor -- traveled to 20 college campuses nationwide to lecture about sex. But during his travels, he found modern campuses living in a time warp.

In the May 1985 Playboy, his seven-page article explained what he found. And what he found was basically the same at each campus: "It was freshman year in the 50s.

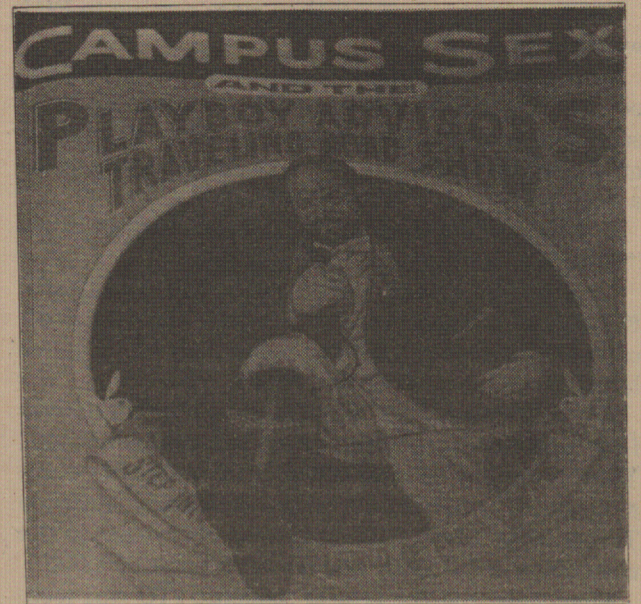
"There may have been a sexual revolution, but at the time, these kids were too busy watching Sesame Street to notice," wrote Petersen in the article. "I was overwhelmed by the conservative nature of campus life, particularly in regard to sex."

When Petersen spent a night at FIU last year talking and mingling, he found students asking his advice about hiring a hooker for a horny friend. He found students playing a different version of The Dating Game where males and females had to match nuts and bolts to win prizes, possibly resulting in introductions to each other. Petersen also observed students sitting on the hood of a car drinking Scotch.

Petersen wrote that he was disturbed with what he saw.

"I am still disturbed by their (the students) notion that sex is something that could be subcontracted," Petersen wrote. "These kids are sending a friend out for the cure, hiring professionals to get the job done -- an idea straight from the 50s."

Petersen also said he was disturbed about the Scotch. "You really shouldn't drink Scotch," he said he told the kids. "It makes you act like your parents."



Wear a building for your swimsuit

by Pamela Douglas and Mina Socarras

Sunblazer Writers



Photo by Andrew Itkoff

Model displays architectural suit.

Have you ever dreamed of wearing the Mayflower building to the beach? Or have you ever pictured yourself prancing up and down the sand on Key Biscayne with a bathing suit that resembles the Bay Vista Campus' Academic II building?

That unique task is what FIU swimwear design instructor Marta Canaves challenged her nine fashion design students to do. Canaves, along with her architect husband Jaime, a professor in the FIU construction department, collaborated with student designers and local architects to create the "Miami Archifashion Extravaganza."

The extravaganza showcased the students' abilities and raised funds for the Apparel Management Program Lecture Series in the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences. The show was the first event to be held in Mayfair's new ballroom in Coconut Grove.

One of the principal reasons for "Archifashion" is to raise the consciousness of the "Miami Vice look" typified lately through programs like Miami Vice and architecture such as Mayfair, Architectonica's The Atlantis and Canaves' 1901 Ponce de Leon Building.

Student designer Rachael Sheppard said she was very excited to be able to design with architect Ray Vera, who designed the Academic II building. "The

color combination that he used in his design struck me," said an awed Sheppard.

"The first time that I saw the building I thought it was beautiful." Her suit consisted of three-dimensional red bars vertically aligned.

Elena Puncelles, an FIU fashion design student, created a bathing suit based on Jaime Canaves' 1901 Ponce de Leon Building. "The Roman arch of Jaime's building was the main detail in my design," said Puncelles. The grey and pink maillot represented the exterior colors of the building and the white bathing suit cover had a side archway representing the Roman arch.

Jaime Canaves has been at FIU for six years. "This is the first time we are trying to include two differently assigned projects together," he said. "The architect is being sensitive to fashion."

"We feel Miami is becoming a trend setter," he added. "They have done it in architecture. Now they are doing it in fashion. Miami can become an overall design center."

Architect Antonio (Tony) Cantillo designed Mayfair in the Grove. When he was first told about the idea of designing a suit that resembled his architecture, he thought it was silly.

"As an architect, I see no connection between swimsuits and buildings. But, I believe that creative people can do anything," he said. "If you apply your mind to something, then that's the whole purpose."

Dear diary: My FIU days are over

Isabel Fernandez, a fall graduate of FIU, reveals her four-day diary revolving around her April 26 graduation ceremony.

APRIL 8.

Dear Diary: Well, the time finally came for me to purchase my FIU graduation cap and gown. I was excited at the thought of finally being able to wear my graduation garb, until I saw it. The robe itself is blue -- this color is not in this season -- with a brown tassel. Since I graduated from the business school, I guess they figured I didn't know how to match colors.

Anyway, the cap, like all caps, doesn't fit right. It sits on my head at a slant. I look like a French painter. Who said that graduation would be a time to be proud of my accomplishments? I think humility more accurately describes the feeling of wearing this outfit.

APRIL 15.

Dear Diary: Guess what? It's time to send out my graduation announcements. Let's see... Grandma, Aunt Jane, Uncle Ralph -- even my friend Oswald.

It's sort of sad how no one will be able to attend this weekday celebration at 3 p.m. Oswald told me to send them out anyway. That way people will remember to send gifts. Anyway, these an-

nouncements have freaked me out because graduation is right around the corner! Gee, I hope Mom and Dad have planned a nice celebration.

APRIL 17.

Dear Diary: Well, the Alumni Association held its senior breakfast today. It was much nicer than I expected. Lots of people showed up and I was able to show off my new job title. It was nice to see what kind of people I'll be dealing with in the future as colleagues. Wow, what a bunch!

Anyway, the occasion incited melancholy, as I was able to walk around those hallways which I haven't seen since I finished classes at the end of the fall semester. I even got to peek into the cafeteria and the rat. I even recognized people. I guess I haven't beer away as long as I thought.

APRIL 25.

Dear Diary: Well, tomorrow's the big day. Gee, I hope it isn't as boring as my high school graduation was. It seems silly, but I have some butterflies in my stomach. I think my mom is even as excited as I am.

Gosh, I didn't think it would mean so much to me. After all, it's been four months since I technically graduated. I was sure that I would have lost the thrill be now. Well, diary, let's hope my cap doesn't fall off on my way down the aisle.

APRIL 26.

Dear Diary: Graduation was *very* long. I didn't feel so bad about my cap and gown since the faculty wore even funnier outfits. Mr. Butterfield, gave a nice speech, as did the student government president. It was nice to see Gregg Wolfe again (even though some graduates claimed it was their first time even having seen him).

Yes, it's true. The diploma they give you is a fake. The guy sitting next to me cracked jokes during the entire ceremony (some of them were even funny). The whole thing was comical.

The group assembled on the stage and looked like Crayola crayons; they were so colorful. And you'd think the graduates deserve more than cement floors beneath their feet as they march down the paths of accomplishment. But no red carpets were provided. Nevertheless, even though my relatives and my buddies couldn't attend, it was a memorable moment in my life.

I know it was memorable for Mom too. A tear of pride, joy and love streamed down our cheeks simultaneously as we embraced in a congratulatory hug.

Say goodbye to spring semester

by Jeffrey L. Kleinman

Sunblazer Editor

It's finally over. You've finished classes, study sessions and final exams. You're ready for the summer. You're hyped for the warm surf and the cool sensation of iced tea.

But before you get involved at FIU this summer, take a look at the old. And to help you reflect on the spring semester, here's an account of some of the highlights -- and lowlights -- taken from the last 12 issues of The Sunblazer.

And now, the semester in review:

JANUARY.

•Marvin Dunn, an FIU psychology professor, announced his candidacy for Miami mayor. Dunn is the first ever black candidate for the position. "I know what the problems are and I can handle them," he said after he announced his intentions.

FEBRUARY.

•Angry residents on the Bay Vista Campus protested a move by FIU administrators to convert part of the dormitory building to a hotel to help cover operating losses. Resident crammed into the Student Center building hoping to get answers about the proposed plan. One student held a banner that read, "Welcome to the hotel by the bay."

•A former FIU professor who was denied tenure by the university maintained in closing arguments that he was more qualified than minority professors in the same department who were granted tenure. In a suit filed in 1978, Bruce Hammersley, 48, is seeking at least \$400,000 in compensatory damages, \$100,000 in punitive damages -- and his job back. U.S. District Court Judge Joe Eaton is expected to rule on the non-jury trial in June or July.

•The president of FIU's faculty union and members of Dade County's delegation to the state's Legislature traded barbs about University of Miami and FIU funding. President Bob Hogner called for an end to increasing state aid to UM until all plans are made to upgrade FIU, one of Florida's nine public universities. Rep. Ron Silver (D-North Miami) felt different. Silver, a UM graduate, felt that Hogner was out to destroy UM. "I resent the...attacking of a fine university which does a lot of service to the community," Silver told Hogner during the legislative hearing at Miami-Dade Community College's north campus.

MARCH.

•State Sen. Gwen Margolis (D-North Miami) contributed \$10,000 of her leftover campaign funds to endow an annual scholarship for black communication students. The first recipient will be selected by the department in 1986. "I think there is a definite short-

tage of blacks in the media in Miami," said Margolis. "I wanted to do whatever I could to encourage black students in this field."

•New ground was broken for dormitories on FIU's Tamiami Campus. The dormitory complex, to be located off Southwest 107 Avenue, is scheduled to open this August.

•A hotly contested race for the Student Government Association vice presidency took center stage since the presidential candidate ran unopposed. Senators C.J. Czaia and Shawn O'Toole engaged in a fiery campaign, charging one another with lack of leadership ability, questionable financial practices and unwillingness to cooperate with other university organizations. Czaia narrowly won the election.

•FIU students, mad that the NCAA snubbed both the men's and women's basketball teams when giving out invitations for post-season play, gave the association a "sour deal" party. The SGA hauled out 115 lemons to be signed and sent them to NCAA headquarters. The FIU women's team had a 22-6 record and the men's team had a 19-8 record. "It's too late now but I hope the NCAA will pay attention to us next year," said 6 foot 9 inch center Peter Kantzy.

\$3 billion offered for student loans

by George Coleman

Educational Press Service

ORLANDO -- Three billion dollars is available to students in the form of scholarships, loans and part-time jobs, according to a recent survey by the American Legion's Education and Scholarship Program. The secret lies in knowing where and when to apply.

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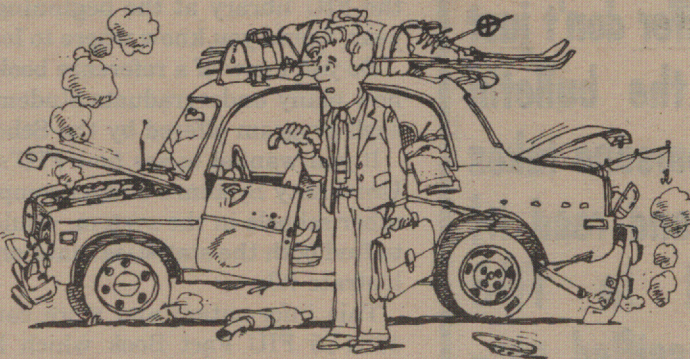
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U2 performs 'concert of the year'

by Mina Socarras

Sunblazer Features Editor

Ireland, usually known for St. Patrick's Day, Irish whiskey and leprechauns has a new symbol: U2.

The luck of the Irish became the luck of South Florida for anyone fortunate enough to have witnessed U2's last concert of their "Unforgettable Fire" tour of North America at the Sportatorium on May 4th.

"You've got everything in South Florida...Everything but oxygen," said lead singer Bono, as he sweated through a hot, humid night. "If anyone has a few cylinders of it, we would appreciate it down here onstage."

Dressed as a Revolutionary War soldier, Bono enthralled the audience with his unique vocals and stage escapades such as wearing the ever-present "white flag" as a blindfold (U2's symbol for universal peace).

The members of U2 are known for their sincere feelings while performing. Professing to be Christians, Bono and the other members-lead guitarist "The Edge", bassist Adam Clayton and drummer Larry Mullen Jr.-agree that their religious belief is very personal. Yet, in many of the group's songs, religion plays an important part as well as the group's strong sentiment against war and racism.

"We hope to live in a society where there won't be anymore flags, just one white flag," exclaimed Bono to the second sold out crowd at the Sportatorium.

Bono had great communication with his audience. And the audience loved it. Once, someone threw Bono a bouquet of roses. He took each rose and individually threw them back to the fans. He shortened the stem from the last rose and put it on his lapel.



Bono also called a young girl from the audience on to the stage. As the two of them stood on top of the amplifier, they embraced while Bono sang "Amazing Grace."

The audience, in turn showed enthusiasm. Banners were seen everywhere. One read "U2-one band in the name of love," which plays off one of the group's recent hits, "Pride, In The Name Of Love" (a song about Martin Luther King).

When U2 played "Fall Down" from the October album, Bono acknowledged that they had not played the song in front of an audience in 2½ years. "South Florida was one of the first places that gave airplay to that song," he added.

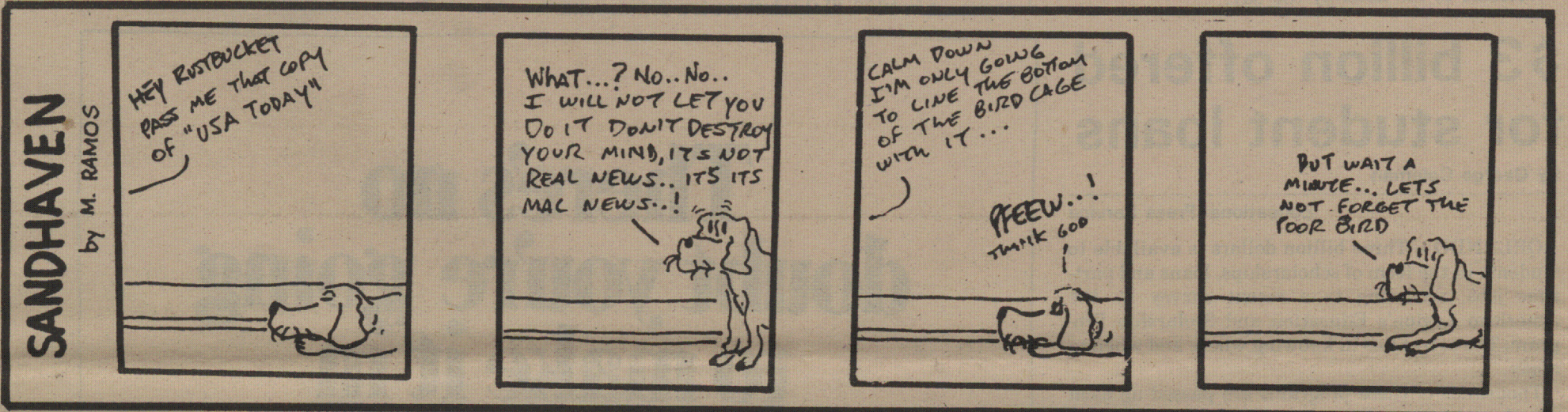
The group's key songs in the concert were "Gloria" from the October album, "I Will Follow" from the group's first album Boy and "Sunday, Bloody Sunday" from the gold album War.

"I think I know what you want," said Bono as he popped the cork from a bottle of champagne, making a toast to South Florida while celebrating the end of U2 successful tour.

Bono then wished the audience "God bless you" four times and went on to sing the second encore song "40."

Did Rolling Stone magazine really eat its words when it reviewed U2's first album and described the group as not being the "next big thing" and then turn around and call them the "Band of the 80's" in the magazine's March 14 issue? This concert probably proves it.

One thing is for sure, U2 did this concert "In The Name Of Love." Though he was physically exhausted from the night's performance, Bono put on an exceptional, mesmerizing show. And the "Band of the 80's" gave South Florida *the concert of the year*.



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Learn the facts with new book

FIU News Bureau

IF YOU NEEDED to know how many books were in the FIU library at the beginning of this academic year, would you know where to look for the answer?

Do you know of a reference book that will tell you how many undergraduate students are majoring in each program offered by the School of Education?

If you wanted to see how FIU's slice of the State University System's budget compares with those of other schools in the system, would you know where to find both the statistical data and a pie chart to illustrate it?

This information and more can be found in the 1984-85 FIU Fact Book which has recently been published by the Office of Resource Analysis in the university's Division of Planning and Analysis.

The book's 136 pages are filled with facts, figures and information to provide the answers to hundreds of frequently asked questions that arise from both within and outside FIU about student enrollment, academic programs, faculty, staff, and financial matters.

Published annually, the book reflects the current year's fall enrollments, staffing, and the operating budget effective with the fall term.

More than 150 of the books have been distributed, said Sidney Welsh, assistant executive director of planning and analysis. Copies have been sent to all members of the Executive Council, the Academic Council, and all FIU department chairpersons, as well as to other state universities, said Welsh. Copies are available for inspection at libraries on both FIU campuses.

"It is a document that each academic department needs to have available," said Welsh. "When a faculty or staff member needs information to write a grant proposal or to define the university in specific terms externally, the Fact Book provides the data in a convenient and easily accessible form," he said.

Business Q & A

Q. I have just started my own business. Do I have to keep my books on the calendar year?

A. No, you can keep your business records on any fiscal year (for instance, June 1 to May 31, Oct. 1 to Sept. 30) you choose. In fact, you may find advantages in not closing your books on Dec. 31.

For instance, public accounting firms are so busy preparing tax returns and annual financial statements between January and April that you may find you'll get better service and may be able to negotiate for a lower charge if you approach them in their slow months. The fiscal year for any seasonal business should probably conclude just when the season winds down.

Q. I run a small hotel. The maids in other motels nearby have joined a union. How can I keep my maids from doing the same thing?

A. The best thing you can do is to stay close with your maids. Be sure their pay and benefits are competitive and their working conditions are decent. They won't have any need for a union if they know they can express their complaints without repercussions and have a say in the decisions that affect them.

Q. I'm ready to move my business out of my home and into a storefront. My real estate agent has taken me to a number of sites. Sometimes he quotes the rates as net and sometimes gross. What is the difference between these terms?

A. When rent is quoted on a net basis, you pay for the space plus your share of utilities, taxes and maintenance. When rent is quoted on a gross basis, all you pay for is the space you occupy. The landlord provides the utilities and maintenance and pays the taxes.

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Blazers look for chance at bid for tournament

by Ira Marc Katz

Sports Ass't.

With bids expected to be given out early next week for the Atlantic Regional Tournament, there is a possibility that the FIU baseball team could be selected to the NCAA tourney.

Last week, officials confirmed that FIU "could be" a team selected to play in the college tourney, especially if the University of Miami is picked as the host.

NCAA official Keith Byers said from his New York office, he would not be surprised if such an arrangement developed. "It seems very logical to have two teams with competitive squads playing in one geographical area, it would also intensify fan interest," Byers said. "But a lot would depend on how FIU finishes the season if they were to receive a bid."

FIU at 35-21 may have another chance to beat the UM Hurricanes in upcoming NCAA tournament play.

The NCAA also called FIU on May 8 to say that the baseball team is being considered and remind the university to call them back when the season is over.

And to make a strong finish to be strongly considered for a bid, the Sunblazers (35-21 through May 9) needed to win their last four games on the road. But unfortunately for FIU, two games against Furman University were rained out and cancelled.

But FIU still had two important games against highly regarded Clemson University on May 10 and 11. As of publishing time, the results were not known, but an FIU sweep of Clemson would contribute immensely to their post-season hopes.

At the beginning of the season, FIU coach Danny Price said he thought it would take 40 wins to qualify for an NCAA bid.

"We have four games left and if we can win all of them, I would think with Miami expected to be the tournament host, then they would take us because we would bring in a large crowd," said Price before the rained out games. "And it would cost the NCAA very little to have us go six miles down the street to play in the tourney."

University of Miami coach Ron Fraser agreed with Price's theory. "If the NCAA gives us the bid for the host and they (FIU) win all of their remaining or the majority of their remaining games, I would think it is a good possibility they would want FIU to play in the tournament at Mark Light Stadium for both fan and economic reasons," said Fraser, whose team barely got by the Sunblazers this year, 4-3 and 6-3.

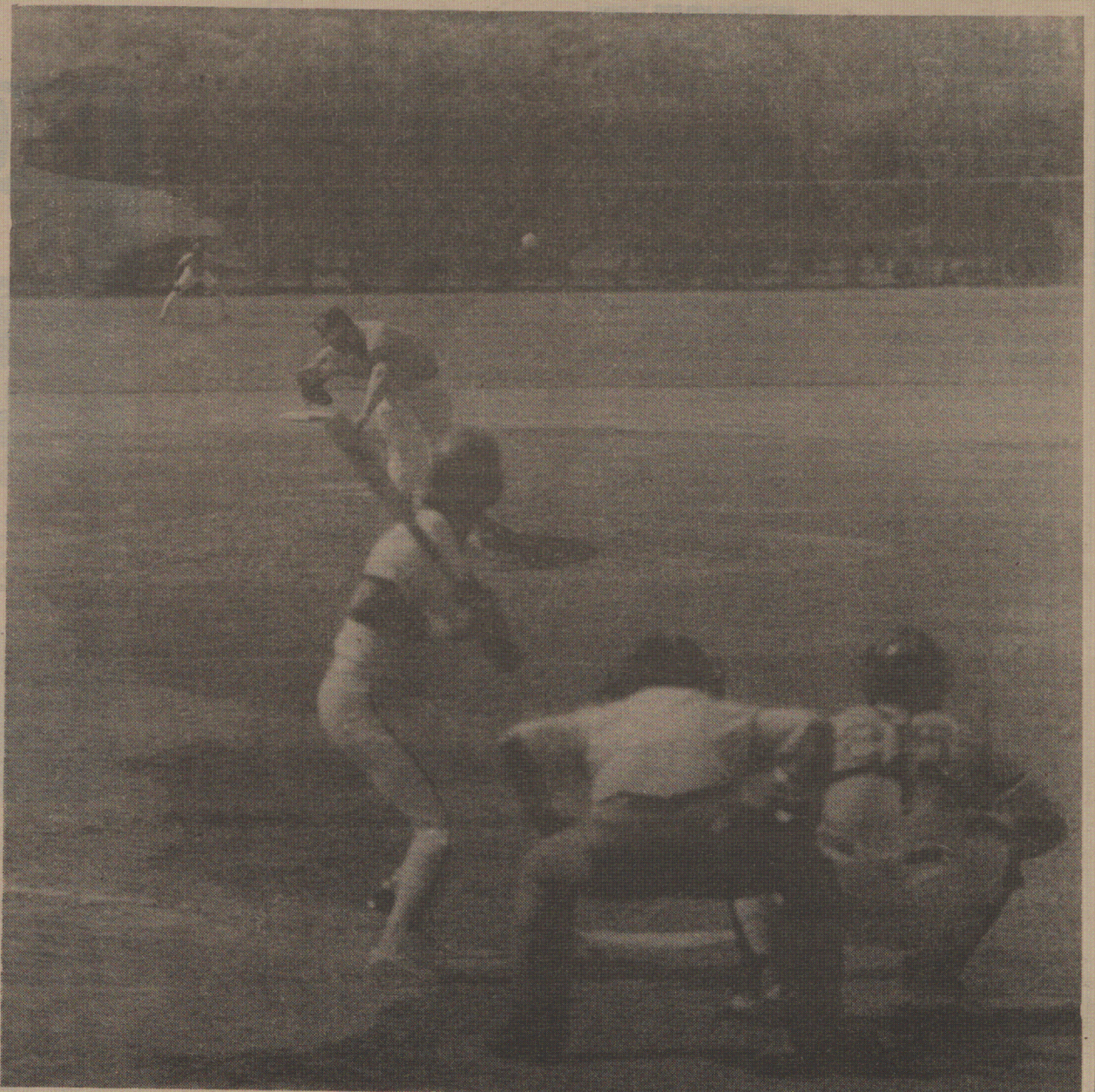


Photo by Robert Stark

FIU's Tim Reker pitches to a Boca Raton batter during a Sunblazer 4-1 victory. Reker was recently named as FIU's Pitcher of the Year.

"We won both games, but they are one of the least known but still better ball clubs we've played this year," said Fraser. "The game we won at Mark Light was very close (4-3) and they played better than the score would indicate at their field (6-3)."

Several FIU players expressed high hopes of getting another shot at playing the UM.

"Albert Garcia who was the losing pitcher of the game at Mark Light, told me he would like to get another chance at the Hurricanes," said assistant coach Rolando Casanova.

"Garcia should've won that game because we just made some bad mistakes that cost him the victory, he added. The Sunblazers out-hit the Hurricanes 11-4 but committed seven errors in the game.

FIU lefthander Tim Reker said he thought a tournament matchup would make many people happy.

If we play them at Mark Light, I know the NCAA would be very happy because the gate will increase by 1,000 or more people and that is all they care about," Reker said.

Center fielder Ken Adderley became the first FIU player since 1980 to hit for the cycle when the Sunblazers beat Furman 11-3 two weeks ago.

The last player to hit for the cycle (a homerun, triple, double and a single in one game) was Joe Hughes on March 23, five years ago.

New AD at FIU to be named

The position of athletic director at FIU, which has been seated by three different people in the past eight months, will once again be filled by another person.

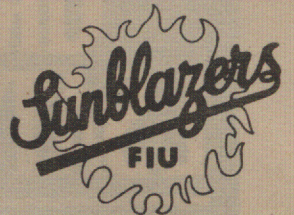
FIU will announce the pick for the AD job, which is down to three finalists, on May 23 or 24.

The position was initially open when Nancy Olson resigned in September of 1984. She was replaced by assistant AD Jerry Chaplin. He stayed on briefly until he accepted the associate director of athletics job at Wheaton College in Illinois.

Assistant Dean Tom Riley then replaced Chaplin as a temporary move. He will remain as the AD until the university appoints the permanent one in May.

Baseball stats

Through May 8



Leading hitters

Player	AB	R	H	AVG.
Ken Adderley	178	56	60	.273
Andre Lambros	167	34	55	.329
Alex Ojea	191	47	61	.319

Leading pitchers

Player	IP	W-L	ERA
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Mark Lee	91	5-6	3.96
Tim Reker	87.2	10-4	4.00

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