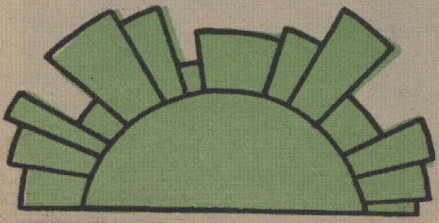


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Time to remember another FIU deadline. Ready boys and girls? OK, here goes.

May 31 is positively, absolutely and definitely the last day to apply for summer term graduation. It is also the last day to complete withdrawal with a 25 percent refund of tuition. If you don't do these things before 3 p.m., say goodbye. You're as good as dead.

Bathe and stroll

If you feel athletic on June 22, FIU's recreational sports department has just the thing for you.

The department is sponsoring a biathlon event consisting of a 900 meter swim and a four mile run. Some bathe and some stroll.

The event will take place at 8 a.m. at the Bay Vista Campus pool. For further details, call 940-5808.

Get 'em while they're here

Remember when you wanted so bad to see FIU students perform West Side Story and the show was sold out? Well, we're giving you plenty of warning for the theater's next production.

The premiere stage performance of a new musical comedy, "The Formula," will be presented beginning Aug. 8 at the Tamiami Campus. The opening night performance is already sold out. For ticket information, call 554-2895.

New AD faces challenge FIU's move to Division I is top priority

by Robert Stark

Sunblazer Sports Editor

Whether it was because of South Florida's warm climate or the challenge of bringing in a Division I program, Fordham University's athletic director has chosen FIU as his future home.

David Rice made it official at a May 22 press conference when he accepted the AD spot at FIU.

"His arrival heralds a new chapter in athletic development for the University and for Miami," said FIU President Gregory B. Wolfe.

And a new chapter it will be.

Staring Rice straight in the face is the big step FIU will make within the next two years to Division I. But he desires the challenge.

"The nice weather was definitely a factor but the challenge of bringing a Division II program into Division I prominence is something I particularly looked forward to," said the 44-year-old Rice.

At Fordham University in New York, Rice was the AD for six years after coaching the Rams' football team from 1975-78. He also served as president of the Metropolitan Collegiate Director of Athletics Association.

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David Rice, FIU's new athletic director, watches on as FIU President Gregory B. Wolfe signs the contract before a press conference at the Bankers' Club in downtown Miami.

Photo by Lillian Cano

Firemen cause quiet complaining

by Jon O'Neill

Sunblazer Staff Writer

Members of the South Florida Firemen's Conference apparently angered some students during a recent stay at the Bay Vista Campus dormitories, but publicity-shy dorm dwellers aren't voicing their complaints very loudly.

The behavior of some of the 28 firefighters attending the gathering May 5 through May 9 was described by some residents as obnoxious and disrespectful. However, these students hasten to point out they considered the incidents to be minor and not worthy of any formal action.

"The main problem was that they used this place like a resort hotel," said Myles Barchas, an Student Government Association senator and the most vocal of the angered residents.

"They left garbage around and said lewd things to the girls walking through the lobby.

"We expected them to show a little respect for where they were staying," Barchas continued. "While most of them were very cooperative, there were a few that got really out of hand."

Other students confirmed some instances of rude behavior, but downplayed their significance.

One female resident, who refused to give her name, said, "Those guys said some pretty sorry things to me, but it wasn't that big a deal. It was more annoying than anything else."

Another anonymous male student echoed her sentiments. "They acted silly. They were a pain, but nothing major happened," he said.

"The desk people had them under control and it was no problem. It was not something we need to read about."

Barchas agreed that the student aides working the lobby desk "did a good job" in coping with any problems that came up.

"This is not a major thing," Barchas added. "It just points out that maybe we need to start screening whoever is renting the empty rooms, just to make sure they abide by our rules."

BVC Housing Director Sharon Gottlieb acknowledged one instance of a fireman drinking beer in the lobby, but said that it was quickly and quietly handled.

Gottlieb also said that the renting of unused dorm space to outside organizations is a common practice during the spring and summer months when the dorms aren't full.

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Blackout disrupts FIU's routine too

by Jeffrey L. Kleinman

Sunblazer Editor

And then there was dark. FIU elevators halted. Bathrooms became creepy caves. Hamburger grills quit sizzling. Office telephones went dead. And computers of all types went kaput.

Welcome, FIU, to Blackout '85. "We made it through," said Tamiami Campus cafeteria director Nancy Erdvig, happy that none of her food spoiled. Erdvig said she used Sterno heaters to keep pre-cooked food warm.

Mike Schafer, the Bay Vista Campus cafeteria manager, closed his doors soon after selling out of the day's speciality of barbecued chicken.

At 11:46 a.m. both campuses went dark, along with the rest of Dade, Broward, Monroe and Palm Beach Counties.

Computers at the university's registration offices blipped off, and administrators delayed Friday's deadline for dropping and adding summer courses to Monday, said Marta Vazquez-Syms, assistant director of registration and records.

Most students did not have classes since the blackout occurred on Friday. Several dorm residents on BVC grilled themselves on the second floor sun deck. Others remained in their rooms.

"Everybody made a lot of noise with their battery-operated radios," said assistant secretary Ava Leff. Leff said she "hybernated" in her dorm and read. Leff said her room lost water pressure. "I was pretty mad because I wanted to take a shower," she said.

During the blackout, FIU was not left completely in the dark. Emergency generators kicked in soon after Florida Power and Light equipment failed, said Gerald Meyers, assistant director of the BVC physical plant.

The emergency power lit up hallways and some bathrooms, but did not cover air conditioning. "It was real stuffy in here," said Julia Woods, assistant director of administration at the Tamiami Campus library. She said the library staff had to check books out manually since the computer system went dead.

FIU Officer Terrence Bouie walked his beat at BVC after losing two-way radio contact with his Tamiami Campus headquarters. There were no reports of passengers stuck inside elevators.

The BVC pool closed during the blackout because its filter is run by electricity. Phil Bradford, the pool manager, said he opened the pool again at 4:15 p.m., about an hour after the power was restored to the campus.

Some professors remained in their offices, able to see by the sunlight that crept through their windows. Professors with windowless offices at BVC took refuge in the cafeteria and bought juice and chips, according to cafeteria manager Schafer.

One FIU student was ready to enter a completely darkened bathroom before she quickly stepped on the brakes. "It's a good thing I didn't go in," she said. "I may have missed the toilet."



Photo by Andrew Itkoff

North Miami Beach Officer Dan Smith directs traffic during The Blackout. All power was restored to both campuses by 4 p.m.

Employees asked to conserve

by Natalie Butto

Sunblazer Staff Writer

To help conserve energy on the Bay Vista Campus, FIU employees have been asked to inform the utilities department when they will not be using certain areas of the university.

Employees will fill out a form provided by the physical plant department so air conditioning power could be reduced in the unoccupied rooms.

Also discussed at the monthly meeting of the Bay Vista Awareness Committee was the status of the BVC cafeteria.

Mike Schafer, the cafeteria manager, told the Committee that he installed a bell in the entree and grill area of the cafeteria so that customers don't have to

wait silently if no one is manning the grill.

Also, a contract with a new dairy company will make available to the cafeteria various ice cream products. Schafer also discussed the need for the cafeteria's renovation, a project which would cost an estimated \$25,000-30,000, according to Committee chairman, Brad Biggs.

Schafer also said he may rent two beds at the BVC dorms so his breakfast cooks are not delayed by rush-hour traffic.

Also discussed at the meeting:

- Five major projects on the Bay Vista Campus are being considered by FIU. They are, in order of priority: Aquatic Center improvements (including 1 and 3 meter diving boards, 5 meter platform, and lighting), Student Center pub completion, par course relocation, racquet and tennis courts expansion, and a facility for the Educational Research Center For Child Development.

- FIU Lt. Michael Wright reported that Officer Dawn General is working on a program that would aid in identification of stolen items. A device would be used to engrave personal belongings -- especially those of dorm students -- and the engraved number would be entered into a computer.

Firemen

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Since April, the BVC dorms have accommodated four separate groups, all without incident. "Most students don't even realize they're here," Gottlieb said.

The firemen were attending a conference and doing course work on fire safety during their stay at BVC, and they rented 17 vacant rooms at the dorms.

Gottlieb said that this revenue raising practice will continue until the fall term, "when hopefully the dorms will be full of students again."

Correction

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The graduate on the front page of the last issue of The Sunblazer was Martha Nearman. Her name was spelled incorrectly. We apologize for the error.

Campus News

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

An elite University of Texas fraternity has been accused by a current member and an ex-member of giving beatings and electrical shocks to new members, The Daily Texan reports.

The Texas Cowboys were pointed out as violently initiating new members by hazing them at the group's annual picnic.

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The construction of a new arena on the campus of the University of Tennessee will not be delayed even though a 30x20 foot cavern was discovered on the construction site.

The repair of the crater could cost around \$20,000, according to The Daily Beacon.

Campus Crime

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

April 3: Charles Henington, a groundskeeping supervisor, reported that four paphiopedilum callosum plants (a type of orchid) were stolen from the greenhouse on the Tamiami Campus. Two days later, Henington reported that someone had again entered the greenhouse and stole a water hose.

April 15: A Kubota diesel motor and a Black and Decker grinding machine, both valued at \$2,204, were reported missing from the VH building on the Tamiami Campus, FIU police said.

May 2: Young Jig You reported that his 1977 Cadillac Coupe de Ville was missing from in front of the fitness center at the Tamiami Campus. You later found his car at the DM parking lot in good condition, police said.

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Editor's Forum

by Jeffrey L. Kleinman



Cathy Crowell Webb's rape recantation just doesn't sit well with me. Even though she seems sincere enough, I still think the whole affair was designed by Webb and Gary Dotson, the man accused of raping Webb.

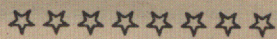
Dotson and his loving mother are too cool to be victims of Webb's lie. If Dotson didn't rape Webb, he should be pressing for perjury charges. He's not. Probably never will.

But Dotson did rape Webb. The two must have secretly communicated and decided to create the scenario. Their vision of an end result will probably be exactly the way it will be played in reality. Webb and Dotson will sell their stories to magazines, book publishing houses and movie companies for millions of dollars.

Webb took the risk of being snagged for perjury and the embarrassment of being termed a liar. She'll win. And so will Dotson.

If Dotson was innocent, he wouldn't be able to calmly face Webb. They shook hands on national television. How sweet. They were asked to give one another a hug. They politely declined. If I was Dotson, and I was innocent, I would have hugged Webb. I would also have smothered the witch in the process.

But Dotson is not out for blood from someone who wasted seven years of his life. That's because he's really guilty. And if my theory is correct, Dotson and Webb deserve one another. But they certainly don't deserve the royalties that they are guaranteed to receive.



In other matters:

- I'm happy to see that FIU finally put up signs labeling the buildings on the Bay Vista Campus. Now new students and strangers will know what building they're in while they're lost.

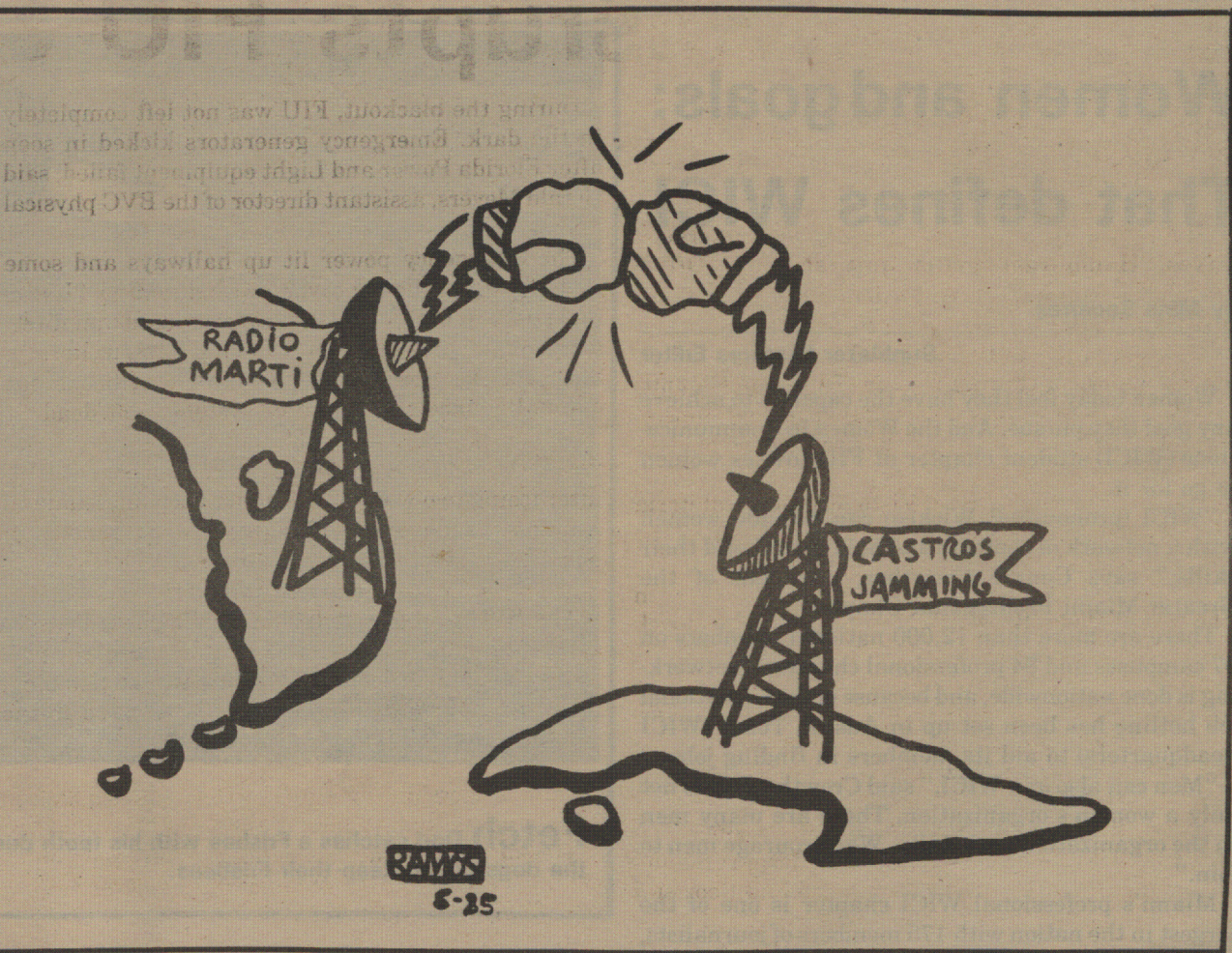
- I'm happy to see FIU has hired a new athletic director. FIU teams have always been talented, but they were marketed atrociously. After all, when was the last time you were persuaded by the athletic department to take in a basketball or baseball game?

- I'm happy to see the Tamiami Campus dorms rising so quickly. I just don't want to see the building fall down from the bum's rush once student's move in during August.

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Witnessing education's demise

by Ira Marc Katz

Sunblazer Staff Writer

The demise of the American public education system over the past couple of decades has finally hit me.

For starters, the National Department of Education in Washington D.C. says only 9.3 percent of the total graduating class of American undergraduate students this year will be education majors. On the graduate school level, the national average will be only 11.7 percent.

Closer to home, figures of students who graduated from FIU at the end of the spring term, disclose only 7 percent of the graduates will be entering the field of education while the graduate level will be closer to the national average of 11 percent.

The reasons are very simple as to why very few people are entering the profession of public education as compared to a decade ago. In 1975, the National Department of Education reports that 22.3 percent of the undergraduate class were education majors. The graduate level class that year had 24 percent.

So you ask why such a big difference in the number of students pursuing education as a career? The answers are very simple. Women who have historically made up the largest number of elementary and secondary education, are starting to gain some ground as far as opportunities outside of education. For instance, women are advancing within the corporate world, the legal world and the medical world.

Another important factor is many of the teacher salaries are well under what someone in a comparable position outside academia can make. For example, in the State of Florida, only two -- yes two -- people were certified to teach physics this year. In the area of math, a prospective student can practically have their pick of the city or state in which they would like to work.

But unless a student loves teaching more than mak-

ing money, the prospective educator will forget about education and head for a suit and tie or business blazer job. Specifically, Anne Waldman, a 1982 FIU graduate of the education school, tells her story, one that exemplifies many of the current teachers.

Upon graduating FIU, Waldman took a job after she passed the National Teacher Exam with the Dade County School Board. Her assignment was to teach honors physics classes at North Miami Beach High School. She was paid \$16,500 for the year. She loved the job and was planning to enter graduate school to study physics.

But then she hired a professional career placement organization to check what other opportunities were available for her outside the classroom. Six months later, Waldman was working as an executive for IBM in Fort Lauderdale at double her teaching salary.

It is about time the Reagan Administration concerns itself with the future of education. Technology is great, but we still need educated people to perform basic skills in a complex world. Otherwise, Americans will become the peasants of a feudal society. It is time Ronnie and his crew quit worrying so much about Nicaragua, El Salvador and 10 million trips to California.

In Dade County alone, according to education officials, 33 percent of the students who entered high school in 10th grade will not graduate. They will drop out and hit the streets where they will become involved in vandalism, drugs and murders.

Ronnie, it is about time you start spending less time in Washington D.C. and California with the well-to-do's, and start spending some of your time thinking about solutions to the education crisis in America. The educational system is still the best investment this country can ever make, Mr. President. Come out of the material world and find out what is really going on in this country.

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Women and goals: That defines WICI

by Mina Socarras

Sunblazer Features Editor

Women today feel they have the capacity to achieve any goal they pursue. And the Women in Communications (WICI) student chapter at FIU invites women to go for it.

"WICI (pronounced Wickee) can provide women with a network of contacts and help them build their skills," says Connie Crowther, president of the Greater Miami Professional Chapter.

There are more than 12,000 national members on 97 campuses and 84 professional chapters. Networking is done nationwide, and because of that, a national job hotline has been set up in Austin, Texas (WICI headquarters) to aid its members in finding jobs.

"Men can also join WICI," said Crowther. "It is not only a women's organization. There are many men in the organization nationally. We encourage men to join."

Miami's professional WICI chapter is one of the largest in the nation with 175 members of journalists, producers and filmmakers.

Crowther said WICI offers communication scholarships. "We receive between \$6,000-9,000 in scholarship money per chapter," said Crowther.

The organization sponsors two fundraising events each year. "A Date with the Press," the WICI's major fundraiser, has a guest speaker. This year's speaker was Washington journalist Sarah McClelland. Judy Woodruff, a PBS journalist, will speak at the March 15, 1986 affair.

The second fundraiser is the communications seminar - featuring workshops and lectures - held in area colleges.

Della Nelson was president of the FIU student chapter of WICI for two consecutive years and is currently the student liaison for the South Regional Chapter of WICI.

Nelson also works in the FIU media relations office and attributes her success to the organization. "Through WICI's internship program, I was able to get my job today," she said. "I have been very fortunate."

Nelson is currently a nominee for the South Regional Founders Award given annually to a student who has excelled in promoting WICI and helping its members.

"Women in Communications is sharing common ideas and goals," said Crowther. "It is truly a strong commitment."



Photo by Lillian Cano

Fetch Dog catches a Frisbee with his teeth during a May 18 contest at Tamiami Park. All the dogs got to keep their Frisbees.

I would rather walk to school

by Jon O'Neill

Sunblazer Staff Writer

While it is the opinion of a least one person that the most dangerous way to travel to and from each campus is the university shuttle bus, it is my opinion that any mode of travel is safer than piloting your personal car.

It just seems that the road system in Miami is the most hopelessly overburdened mass of steel and concrete in the country. There are not many times of day that driving through Miami is a pleasant proposition.

Traffic jams can happen at any moment, and rush-hour drivers no longer have to feel that they are the only ones who face the frustratingly long lines of immobile automobiles. There are simply too many cars

for our ancient roads to handle.

Which brings me to my point. During the commute from my home in Kendall to the Bay Vista Campus, I have witnessed some of the most daring feats of vehicular madness that anyone has lived to tell about.

Miami drivers are a special and dangerous breed. Half of them insist on doing 70 mph everywhere they go (including parking lots), while the other half seems especially fond of putting along at 35, usually in the left lane on 836.

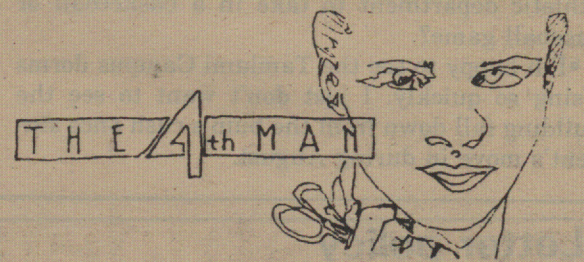
Maybe it's old age, but I no longer have the guts to play high speed-low speed musical cars. Since the roads are crowded and driving space is at a premium, I personally sometimes wish I was riding with that kamikaze bus driver. Driving the way he does is really the only way to get anywhere in this town, and since I can't do it, why not leave the driving to him.

'Man' is one kinky movie

by Mina Socarras

Sunblazer Features Editor

What do you get when you mix "The Hunger" and "Liquid Sky?" You get a film called "The Fourth Man." The film's plot: We learn decadence has no limit.



Review

Gerard Reve (Jeroen Krabbe) is a famous writer about to go out on the lecture circuit. In the meantime, Gerard keeps having hallucinations and dreams dealing with death, Catholicism and eyes bulging out of doors. Strange character, that Gerard.

Anyway, on his lecture circuit he meets Christine Hallstag (Renee Southenijk), who seems to be constantly filming him with her 8mm film camera.

Gerard ends up having kinky dreams about her and fantasizes about Christine's other lover, Herman (Thom Hoffman).

Along the way, Gerard sees his hallucinations and dreams were not in vain as he learns that Christine has been widowed three times. His only problem is to coerce Herman into believing him. (Gerard claims the Virgin Mary is the only one who believes him.)

"The Fourth Man" is very erotic, kinky and quite gory. The editing is superb and so is the lighting. Krabbe's Gerard is terrific and very cynical, which is perfect for this film of ultimate cynicism. Warning, however: Do not take your mother to see this film unless she borders on the kinky side.

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Student Burnout

Mixing stress and success on campus

by Ira Marc Katz

Sunblazer Staff Writer

It is one of the most prevalent, but unknown psychological diseases on the American college campus in 1985. The disease -- simply called burnout -- will affect nearly 1.3 million students this year on American college campuses, according to a group of Yale psychologists.

An FIU psychologist who works with students who have social and emotional problems, agrees with the Yale figures. In fact, she says burnout may be more prevalent at FIU than at other schools.

"The reason burnout is so popular here is that we have an older age averaged student body than most universities," said Dr. Helen Simmons, in charge of student counseling on the Tamiami Campus. "But overall, the disease is pretty much equal across the

board as far as age goes."

According to the majority of literature published in recent years, burnout is developed through an abuse to both the mind and the physical muscles that connect to the brain.

In his book, *The High Cost of Success for the College Student*, Yale psychologist Dr. Steven Greenbery asserts the main reason for increased burnout in colleges during 1985 is the modern lifestyle of most students.

"Florida may be an exception because you have the majority of students that are of college age being able to do a number of outside activities year round to release some of the stress built up from scholastic pressure," said Greenbery from his Connecticut home.

"The other major reason is the stress itself comes from parents and friends to be a high achiever.

"In the modern world, not reaching a particular

goal is looked upon as totally failing by many people," Greenbery added. "But in reality, not succeeding at one thing means finding an opportunity to be successful at another things. Failure is a part of life and the younger people today have a tough time accepting this."

In his book, Greenbery says the pressure to succeed is derived largely from the "material world of the 1980s.." Greenbery says burnout is shaped largely by the standards society sets for success.

"Not everybody can be a doctor, lawyer or professional man," said Greenbery. "But many kids feel if they don't reach those occupations they have failed.

"Then the people who do reach those occupations also find that there is a lot more than just earning material positions," Greenbery continued. "I think a number of people have problems accepting success. What they thought of in terms of success may not fulfill their entire needs, especially in interpersonal relationships with a spouse or boss."



Photo by Lillian Cano

University shuttle bus leaves students sweating

by Mina Socarras

Sunblazer Features Editor

Maybe it was the Space Mountain roller coaster. Or maybe the Python in Busch Gardens. No, it was really the FIU shuttle bus with a new driver. This man was hell on wheels -- all 12 of them.

This daredevil gave the shuttle system a third dimension. I lived out the horror. When he stopped, I felt as if I was riding a bucking bronco. He beeped the horn fiercely at every passing car that tried to cut in front of him.

Welcome to the 5:10 route from Bay Vista to Tamiami.

"I think the man should go back to riding bicycles," said a regular rider who wished anonymity. "Obviously, he's not equipped to realize the responsibility of the passengers he carries.

"We're talking life and death," she added.

This particular driver blasts WAXY from his "box" parked near his seat. The CB is always at full volume. The routes he takes are sometimes not only scenic, but sometimes you can't even see.

"He took us through this tunnel at the airport," said an FIU employee who rides the bus. "I thought we were going to be hijacked. The bus ride is a unique experience. There's never a dull moment." Then she pondered, smiled and recalled, "I do remember say-

ing he's going to dispose of us."

Fortunately, this driver has since been taken off the 5 p.m. route. Anyone who lets 17 extra people get on a jam-packed bus has got to have a grudge against claustrophobics. The bus swayed like the hips of a belly dancer.

Thank goodness it's my last semester at FIU. After all, I don't think I can afford buying another life insurance policy to protect myself from this driver. This does not reflect on the other drivers in the system. I owe them my life...eek!

Lazying around the theater

by Jon O'Neill

Sunblazer Staff Writer

Do you have a problem finding enough worthwhile activities to fill those lazy days of summer? Does going to the beach every single day get a little tedious after a week or so? Would cooling off while watching a movie really hit the spot some afternoon or evening?

If so, Summer Movies '85 is just the thing for you. FIU's Student Government Association is sponsoring a summer series of movies on Thursdays and Fridays in UH 140 on the Tamiami Campus.

Here are the movies being shown:

No naked men in FIU's library

by Isabel Fernandez

Sunblazer Contributor

OK, who hid the Playgirl? Where is it?

Well, IT isn't at FIU's library. While the library stocks a large variety of newspapers, journals and magazines, including Playboy, it does not carry Playgirl.

"Playboy is a core magazine for both public and academic libraries," said Caroline Barker, head of the serials department at the FIU library.

Barker explained that Playboy is "indexed in several places and it provides an educational angle to music, theater, records and movies."

Playgirl, however, is not indexed and doesn't seem to fall into the same category.

"Playboy is as well known as TV Guide and Reader's Digest and has over five million readers," Barker said. "Playgirl has only 755,000 readers."

Barker also said that the library has had some problems keeping its copies of Playboy on the shelves, as it has become a prime target for theft. To prevent this, the magazine must now be checked out at the serials desk.

Despite this, Playboy will continue as a regular in the FIU library. Playgirl, on the other hand, is not being considered as an addition to the serials department yet.

"We've never received a serious request," Barker said. "If such requests were received, the serials committee would consider it dependent upon available funds."

- June 6-7 -- Dog Day Afternoon
- June 13-14 -- Road to Bali
- June 15 -- Winnie the Pooh and a Day for Everyone
- June 20-21 -- Kiss the Girls and Make Them Die
- June 27-28 -- The Great Dictator
- July 11-12 -- California Suite
- July 18-19 -- Mr. Smith Goes to Washington
- July 25-26 -- Repo Man
- August 1-2 -- Replulsion
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And they're off More than 30 runners begin their assault on the "Run Against Crime", an 8-kilometer race on May 18 at the Bay Vista Campus. Edgar Bravo won the men's division and Mary Bensovssan won the women's. The race was sponsored by the Criminal Justice Student Society and Dade Crimestoppers.

Run, run, running

Photos by Chae Kim



Dr. J just isn't the same anymore

by David Miller

Sunblazer Columnist

I've been a big fan of Julius Erving since 1972, when I saw Dr. J, then a rookie with the Virginia Squires of the old American Basketball Association, score 53 points in a playoff game with the Florida Floridians. I followed Erving's career in the ABA and in the NBA with much interest.

After watching the May 18 NBA playoff game between the 76ers and the Boston Celtics -- won by the Celtics in convincing fashion -- I wonder if it's time for Julius Erving to retire. The Doctor is just about

35 years old, and his once incredible moves seems to be gone. Erving never was a great outside shooter or a great rebounder, and now that his inside game is deteriorating, he seems to be just an ordinary player.

In 1980, the favored 76ers lost in six games to the Lakers, and Julius Erving was embarrassed by the Lakers' Jamaal Wilkes. In the final game of the series, Wilkes scored 37 points, with Erving doing absolutely nothing on defense. A rival coach said, "Julius probably got a draft from all those Lakers running by him."

In the 1982 NBA finals, Erving again was outplayed by Wilkes, and the Lakers again beat the

76ers. One year later, Philadelphia finally won a title, but this was due to Moses Malone, not Julius Erving. In the last two seasons, Boston's Larry Bird has outplayed Julius in the playoffs, and in the aforementioned game of May 18, Erving shot a miserable 1-for-10 from the field.

Since Dr. J is washed up this year, I'm focusing on the games at hand. The Los Angeles Lakers have been a hot team in recent weeks, but I don't think they can beat the Celtics in the finals. All Dr. J can do now is sit home and think about hanging up his sneakers.

New AD

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tion and the Metro-Atlantic Athletic Conference. He is also a member of the association that chooses participants in the NIT basketball tournament.

FIU athletics, Rice said, needs to catch up with the rest of the FIU institution.

"I think there has to be a unification (of both campuses) to get the student body behind the athletic program," Rice said before the local media. "We need to get all the students, faculty and community behind us."

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-David Rice, New FIU AD

And to get that support, Rice feels marketing and selling FIU is the key. He even plans to hire a marketing promotions person for that job alone.

"It takes a marketing plan as well as techniques," he said. "Even rock groups have marketing experts."

"It's the same for us. We're not just selling basketball. We're selling a social entertainment lifestyle."

Scheduling, Rice feels, is another challenge. To get quality Division I players to come to FIU, a good schedule is a must.

When asked if he was willing to "jump into deep water" in terms of scheduling, Rice responded, "Holding our nose and hoping the landing is a good one. It's the only way to do it."

Profile of David Rice



Experience
 Junior High School 1961-64
 Riverside, Conn.
 Taught physical education and coached football, basketball, track and gymnastics.

High School-Greenwich, Conn. 1964-71
 Head coach of football, basketball, track, gymnastics.

Western Connecticut State Univ. 1971-74
 Head football coach

Fordham Univ. 1975-present
 Served four years as head football coach along with directors position.

Affiliations, Contributions, Honors
 Metropolitan Football Coach of the Year 1976
 Fordham Coach of the Year 1977
 President-Metropolitan Collegiate of Athletics Association 1982-84
 NIT-Board of Directors
 Holiday Festival Committee
 President-Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference 1984-85
 Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference Committeeman
 Officiating Committee
 Promotions Committee
 Division III Football Championship Selection Committee

Rice pointed out that he hopes to utilize his past contacts to bring prominence to local basketball. "I'm already talking to the AD at DePaul and he's talked of them playing FIU in the future," he said. "But whether or not that's realistic, I don't know. But those are the type of things we have to do, such as going to Chicago and playing in front of 17,000 people."

'Athletics can be a prime mover. It can be a rallying point for that old cliché 'school spirit'.'

-Rice

For the move to Division I FIU will need six men's and six women's teams following Division guidelines. Rice feels that all the sports have different priorities.

He identified basketball as the "ultra-premier" sport of which the university will reap rewards in the dollars' sense. He then classified baseball and soccer as "premier" sports and the rest as "developing premier sports." The big goal, he said, is to have all sports on the ultra-premier level.

Rice is filling a position, which he will take over on August 1, that was once a hotseat. Former FIU AD Nancy Olson resigned in September of 1984. She claimed at the time that she was given two choices to resign or be fired.

She was replaced by assistant AD Jerry Chaplin who later accepted a position at Wheaton College in Illinois. Assistant Dean Tom Riley then replaced Chaplin as a temporary slot until Rice was picked.

But as Rice said, "People in athletics expect to be on the hotseat."

When asked if he were afraid of the new challenge Rice answered, "I'm not afraid of it. I'm excited."

"I think athletics can be a prime mover. It can be a rallying point for that old cliché 'school spirit'."

Sunblazers end season without bid

by Robert Stark

Sunblazer Sports Editor

Though the FIU baseball team wasn't invited to the NCAA regionals last week, the Sunblazers finished the 1985 season with the school's best record since the program joined Division I in 1983.

The Sunblazers ended up 36-22, bettering their 1983 record of 35-22.

But as head coach Danny Price said before the season started, it would take at least 40 victories to be invited to a regional. And he still believes in that magic number.

"It really came as a surprise to us that we were being considered," said Price, whose team closed out the season by splitting two games on the road against Clemson University. "At one time in the season we were having trouble staying above .500."

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-Danny Price, baseball coach

During the road trip to South Carolina, rumors were running about that the Sunblazers could receive a regional post-season bid if they won their last few games (giving them 40 victories) and if the University of Miami were picked as a regional host.

With the UM as a host, the NCAA would've had to pay very little to transport FIU all the way over to Coral Gables.

But eventually both "ifs" were not initially accomplished.

First, FIU had two rainout games with Furman University that were cancelled and then the Sunblazers split with Clemson.

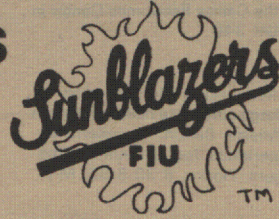
And second, the UM did not receive a host bid early on. Two weeks after the NCAA informed FIU that they were no longer being considered, the Hurricanes were awarded the host spot for the Atlantic Regional.

Teams picked for that tournament included: fifth-ranked UM (56-14), 15th ranked Florida (40-16), Virginia (37-14) and Princeton (29-10), which defeated the Sunblazers three times this season--17-3, 14-7 and 9-6, and lost one 11-0.

But Price is particularly proud of his squad because "the team improved as the season progressed."

"They were much better than at the beginning of the season," he added. "The team gathered experience after the games they'd lost."

Final baseball statistics



Batting

Player	AB	R	H	AVG.
Ken Adderley	205	62	70	.341
Andre Lambros	190	35	64	.337
Jon Shearer	126	19	41	.325
Gil Alfonso	108	18	34	.315
Alex Ojea	218	53	66	.303
Orlando Lolo	216	46	64	.296
Hernan Adames	221	42	62	.281
Sal Ferradas	154	35	43	.279
Jorge Hernandez	145	31	39	.269
Louis Velasquez	73	14	19	.260
Denny Green	97	26	22	.227
Faustino Diaz	99	16	22	.222
Bill Jettelson	39	9	8	.205
Amancio Suarez	14	6	2	.143
Jose Lopez	22	5	3	.136

Pitching

Player	IP	W-L	ERA
Albert Garcia	89.1	7-4	2.22
Larry Hall	46	5-1	3.52
Tim Reker	101.1	12-4	3.64
Jeff Farney	59	4-1	3.97
Mark Lee	99.1	5-7	3.99
Doug Ellis	70.1	3-4	5.12
Mark Grater	23.1	0-1	8.10
Rick Waltman	8.1	0-0	8.64

He also said that the team kept its priorities by "concentrating on moving the baseball program instead of thinking of the regionals" as the season went on.

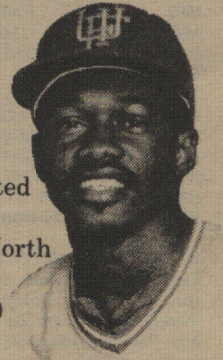
For next year, Price has begun recruiting, especially locally.

The Sunblazers signed Nelson Caraballo, a catcher from Columbus High which won the District 15AAAAA this year.

Also signed were: outfielder-pitcher David Taylor of Westminster Christian who broke his school's record for career homeruns; second-baseman Hector Fernandez of Dade-New World Center and third-baseman Eddie Duarte also of New World Center.

At the team's banquet on May 13, the coaching staff presented honors to the top Sunblazer players.

Voted by the coaching staff, outfielder **Ken Adderley** was voted as the team's Most Valuable Player. The junior from Dade-North led the Sunblazers in hits (70), runs (62), batting average (.341) and stolen bases (30 out of 31 attempts).



Senior **Tim Reker** was named Pitcher of the Year. With a 12-4 record the lefthander led the Sunblazers in Innings Pitched (101.1), games started (16) and wins (12).

Shortstop **Hernan Adames** was picked as Rookie of the Year. The 5 foot 10 inch freshman from Southwest High led the team in homeruns (8), total bases (103) and at bats (221).

Outfielder **Jon Shearer** was chosen as 'Mr. Sunblazer' for his excellent sportsmanship throughout the season.

Scuba club dives off Sombrero Reef

The FIU Scuba Club will dive off of Sombrero Reef June 9. The reef is located about 7 miles from Marathon Key.

There are long fingers of coral that cover about a 5-mile area. The depth ranges from 30-to-50-feet and the reef provides a natural setting for sightseeing and spearfishing. The cost of the dive is \$22.

The club has sponsored 10 dives this year. Some of the trips planned for later this summer include a June dive over The Mercedes, the Venezuelan freighter that washed up in back of a Palm Beach mansion late last year.

The club also is planning a night dive in July.

If you're interested in any of the dives or in becoming a member, call 233-7304 or 553-1175. Membership dues are \$15 per semester.

Damodharan loses close match

by Robert Stark

Sunblazer Sports Editor

After playing some of what her coach called "the best tennis she's played for FIU", freshman Vidya Damodharan lost a close match in the NCAA Division II tennis championships in Bakersfield, Calif., on May 8.

Damodharan lost to fifth-seeded Angela Longo of Morehead State, 6-4, 2-6, 7-6,(7-5). The 18-year-old student from India had a 5-3 lead in the tiebreaker for the final game, but was unable to hold off Longo, who once competed in the Junior Wimbledon two years ago.

"She actually won more games (16-15) than Longo did," said FIU women's coach Mark Mason who has been to the national tournament three times as a coach for FIU.

In his first trip to the tournament, FIU lost 6-0, 6-0 and in his second trip, the Sunblazers lost 6-4, 7-5. But this year it was a little closer.

"It was definitely a learning experience for Vidya," Mason said. "And she's looking forward to next year."

For her future at FIU, Mason has nothing but high optimism for Damodharan, who is spending her summer vacation in India.

"Vidya really got to the tournament on just her talent alone," added Mason. "Because she came to FIU late in the year, she did not have too much time to practice.

"She is a type of person to build a team around," Mason said.

And her drive to get better is easily noticeable. After losing to Longo, Damodharan stayed on to watch the rest of the tournament matches, unlike other players who leave to relax on the California beaches.

To improve for next year, Mason said Damodharan needs to get physically stronger and more aggressive. "She's even looking forward to working out on the Nautilus equipment," he said.

To build his team for next year, Mason is not wasting time. FIU recently announced the signing of Miami-Dade South's No. 1 women's player, Giselle Marrou.

Marrou was 11-1 in singles and 11-2 in doubles while playing for the Jaguars.

The men's tennis team, under coach Guy Calhoun sent two singles players and a doubles team to the NCAA Division II championships in Northridge, Calif. on May 13-19.

FIU's Jeff Singeltary lost to Scott Appeldorn of Ferris State, 6-7, 6-2, 6-3. Teammate Sebastian Mehech lost to Brian Mehmedbasich of Cal State-Hayward, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4.

The Sunblazers' doubles team of Singeltary and Marcus Pettifer lost to Elliot Gann and Bob Zoll of Cal State-Davis 7-6, 7-5.

All of the losses occurred in the first round of the tournament.

Player signs with Sun

Paul Minott, who was captain of FIU's 1982 NCAA Division II championship soccer team recently signed with the South Florida Sun of the United Soccer League.

Minott, who played three years for the Sunblazers, will probably be used as a midfielder for the Sun.

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