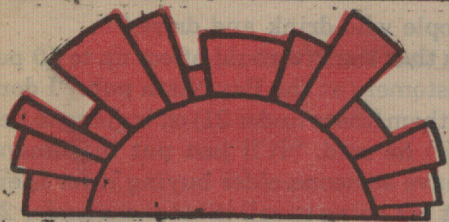


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Coming up...

Join them committees

Those magical ethnic weeks don't get organized by osmosis, you know. So, if you're interested in helping put together Jewish Awareness Week, Black Heritage Week and Hispanic Heritage Week, get ready for action. Call 940-5680 if that international urge grabs you and makes you burst out in foreign tongues.

How big is it?

Everybody knows that the Abominable Snowman has the biggest feet in the Himalayas. But who has the biggest foot in America?

To answer that sizable question, Twentieth Century Fox -- the movie company -- is staging the biggest national foothunt since the Prince searched for Cinderella.

If you think you have the biggest one in the land, submit an outline tracing one foot on a blank sheet of paper (left or right), and include a photograph of the same foot next to a yardstick.

Send those monsters to: Red Shoe Contest P.O. Box 900 Beverly Hills, Ca. 90213. The winner will walk away with an all-expenses paid weekend for two in Los Angeles and the opportunity to preview the company's movie, "The Man With One Red Shoe." For the record, the biggest one is a size 17.

Bigger fridges on the way

Some FIU dorm students won't have to cram in their bananas, cookies and yogurt next month because they will receive full-sized refrigerators.

White, 11-cubic-foot Admiral units will replace hotel-sized units in some of the larger dorms. "Some students were unhappy with the size," said housing director Sharon Gottlieb in explaining why she ordered the larger units.

Sixty-four room will receive the larger refrigerators. Now, four students living in one room will have enough space for their food, she said.

SGA planning parade float

by Adrian Walker

Sunblazer Ass't News Editor

FIU may be co-starring with King Orange in the Orange Bowl Parade next Jan. 1.

The Student Government Association plans to spend \$25,000-\$30,000 to build a float representing the university in the parade. SGA plans to raise the money by corporate donations. One SGA member said that funds may be taken from the organization's budget if enough money is not raised.

"It provides 15-30 seconds of national exposure," said SGA vice president C.J. Czaia. The float will reportedly reflect FIU's international focus.

"This is just one of the things the Spirit Subcommittee will be doing to generate excitement," Czaia said.

One of the other SGA projects that should generate excitement is the plan to bring Tina Turner to the Tamiami Campus for this year's homecoming concert in November. The concert would be held in conjunction with Miami's first-ever Indy-style auto race, which Ralph Sanchez will be sponsoring at Tamiami Stadium November 8-10.

Therein lies the problem.

"We want to have the concert the night of Nov. 9, but NBC (which will televise the race) has Tamiami Stadium rented for that night," Czaia said. "The race will be over but we have to see if we can work everything out."

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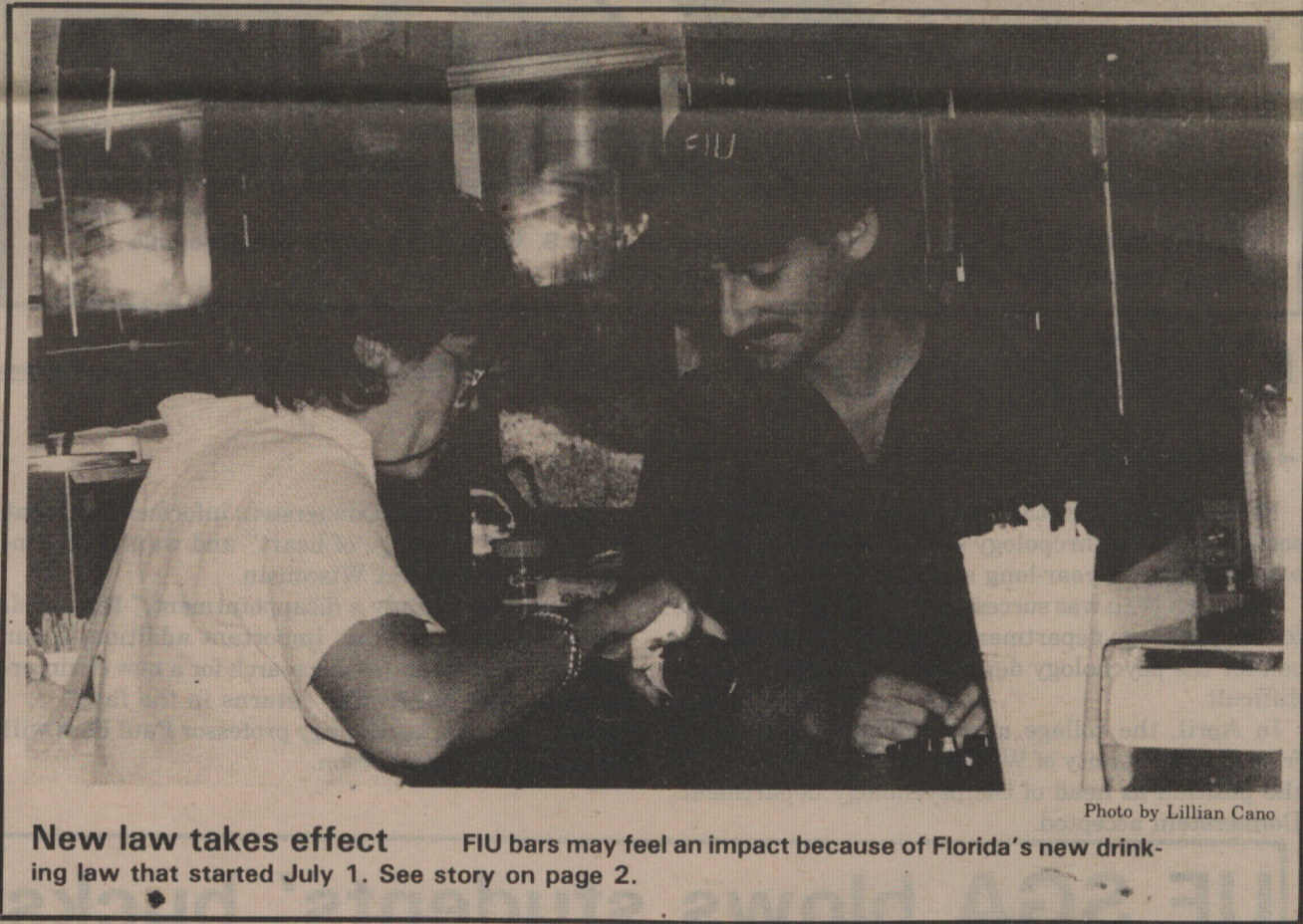


Photo by Lillian Cano

New law takes effect FIU bars may feel an impact because of Florida's new drinking law that started July 1. See story on page 2.

Sociology dept. receives new boss

by Jon O'Neill

Sunblazer Staff Writer

Lisandro Perez, a Cuban-born sociology professor currently teaching at Louisiana State University, has accepted an appointment to become the new chairperson of FIU's sociology and anthropology department.

James Mau, dean of the arts and sciences school, said Perez told him by telephone Tuesday that his letter of acceptance was in the mail. The appointment will become official when Mau receives the letter.

"I think it is an excellent appointment for the college," said Mau. "He will provide good leadership for continued development of the sociology and anthropology department.

"Dr. Perez adds an extra dimension to the school because he is a demographer, and we only have one

at the college now," Mau added. "He also has an extensive record of publication behind him. We're happy he's here."

Perez, 36, received his B.A. from the University of Miami and his M.A. from the University of Florida. He has taught at LSU for the past 11 years and is

Witnessing an improvement

by Jon O'Neill

Sunblazer Staff Writer

If you've ever witnessed a traumatic event such as a violent crime or a car accident, you know that as you view it, time seems to stop and the events appear in some kind of weird slow motion.

You also would know that this kind of stress-altered

now an associate professor and the acting chairman of the sociology department there.

Perez has conducted several population studies, including a project on the Cuban presence in the United States, and a study of migrant workers in Bogota, Columbia.

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perception makes details difficult to recall. Police officers are especially familiar with this problem, because they know that eyewitness accounts are sometimes too sketchy to be of any value.

But Ron Fisher, an FIU psychology professor, may have found an answer to the problem of incomplete eyewitness information. Fisher, along with Edward Geiselman of the University of California at Los

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Campus bars may feel law's effects

by Mina Socarras

Sunblazer Features Editor

It used to be eat, drink and be merry. But no more drink for anyone in Florida under the age of 21. It's now eat and be merry.

Under a new Florida drinking law, those who turned 19 before July 1 will be able to drink legally in the state. For all those others, sorry.

The minimum-age drinking law is expected to have an impact on FIU's two bars. "Bartenders are now instructed to check the ID's more closely than ever," said Everett Price, manager of the Rathskeller at the Tamiami Campus.

"It's the law," he said, "and there will be more enforcement throughout the whole college circuit."

Mike Schafer, director of the Bay Vista Campus Pub, said, "Checking ID's is something we've always had to do." But now, he added, the process will be more lengthy.

"I only have one man working at the pub at night, and right now I can't afford to hire another one," he said. "For that reason, we will probably stop selling pitchers of beer. It's impossible to card everyone who's at the table drinking from the pitcher."

FIU President Gregory B. Wolfe said the new law will make drinkers more aware of the dangers of alcohol.

"Basically, I don't believe in legal prohibition," he said. "But people have to be made aware of the dangers of alcohol. It's the most used drug today, and it's the major killer on our highways.

"It is our responsibility as educators to educate the young and the old on drug ingestion," he added. "It is our obligation to temper alcohol use and end alcohol abuse. We still have plenty of Coca-Cola and other non-alcoholic beverages."

Tamiami's Price said, "Education is the best thing that's come out of this whole ordeal. College people have to know the responsibility of alcohol use,

especially people who drink and drive."

Schafer feels that the law could affect up to 50 percent of his customers at the Bay Vista pub. "I don't think cutting them (those under 21) off is going to help the situation," he said. "It'll just put in demand. They'll just have someone older buying it for them. But we're just not going to sell it" to those under 21.

Price said he doesn't think the impact will be that great on his business since FIU has an older student population. "Incoming freshmen won't be able to drink," he said. "But we have so many older students and that will make up for it."

SGA

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Bringing in Turner would represent a major triumph for SGA. Tina Turner is currently as hot as the sun. Last year's acclaimed comeback album "Private Dancer," has sold over four million copies and won Grammys for Best Song. Turner, who won Best Female Vocalist this year, is set to make her film debut later this summer in "Mad Max Beyond The Thunderdome."

"Sizzling" is the word most often used to describe her on-stage presence, although that may be a bit restrained, according to her fans.

According to SGA, Turner was interested in performing at homecoming primarily because of last year's successful concert by the rock group Chicago.

Mega-entertainer Ray Charles will perform at the Bay Vista Campus in November at Culturefest 85. Aretha Franklin and Ella Fitzgerald have performed at the event in past years.

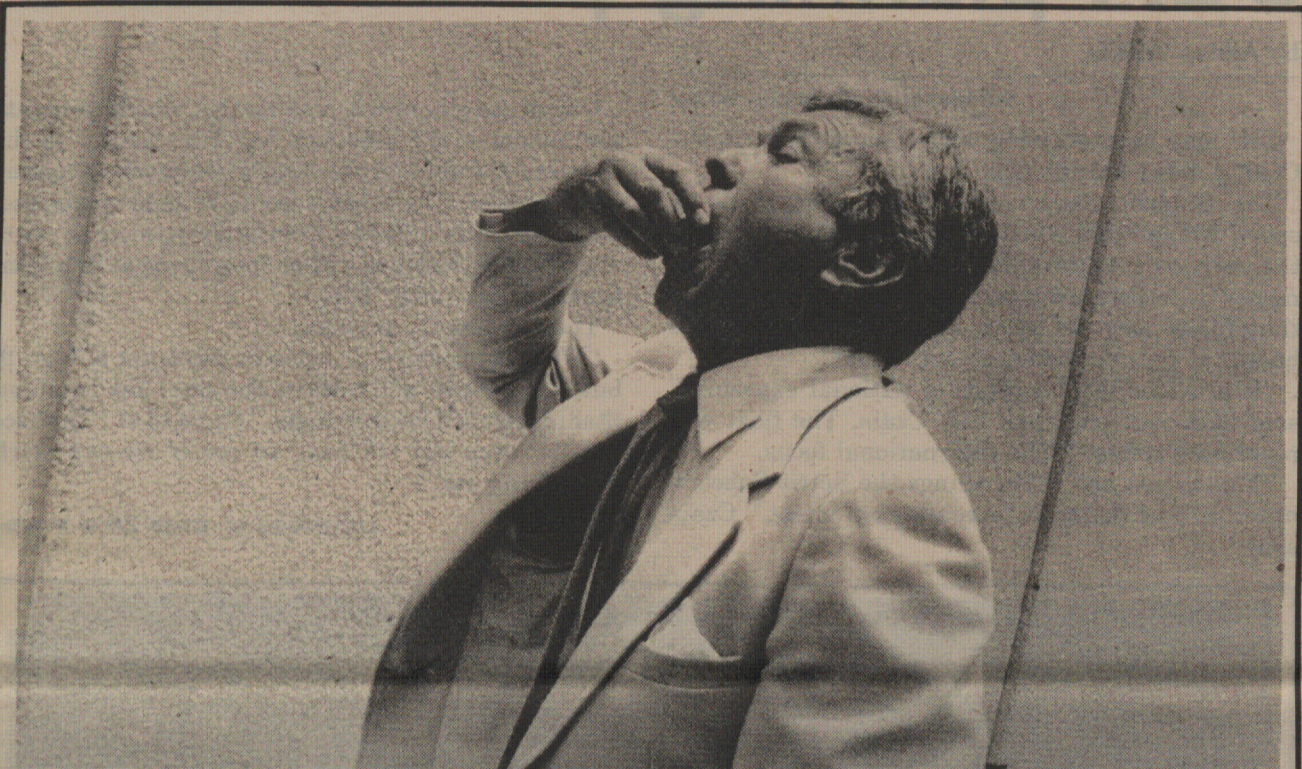


Photo by Andy Itkoff

Wolfe wolfs it down FIU President Gregory B. Wolfe pops a bite-sized brownie into his mouth while attending a July 3 campus cookout.

Chairperson

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Perez will replace the current chairperson of the sociology and anthropology school, William Vickers, who is taking a year-long sabbatical.

Although Mau was successful in finding a new head for the sociology department, finding a new chairperson for the psychology department has proved more difficult.

In April, the college asked Edward Donnerstein from the University of Wisconsin at Madison to take the position as head of the psychology department. Donnerstein accepted.

Then, in mid-June, Donnerstein informed Mau that he had had "a change of heart" and wanted to continue his research at Wisconsin.

"That was certainly a disappointment," Mau said. "He was going to be an important addition to our faculty. We will resume our search for a new chairperson when the full faculty returns in the fall."

In the interim, psychology professor Paul Foes will be the acting chairperson.

UF SGA blows students' bucks

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

Student government officials at the University of Florida may have spent more student funds than necessary on a lobbying trip to Washington D.C., the Florida Alligator reported.

While lobbying against financial aid cuts, Student Body President Earl Ziebarth, Vice President Amy Balderson, Treasurer John Rodriguez and four others stayed in a \$205 suite, which included two bedrooms, two bathrooms, a living room and a wet bar.

The delegation flew home for \$693. The Alligator reported that the group could have rented a van for a weekly rate of \$360. Leaders from another state university stayed in economy hotels for about \$100 less a night, the newspaper said.

Several University of Florida professors say their academic freedom is being threatened by UF administrators and legislation. The Florida Alligator reported that professors said when others control course material it smacks of "McCarthyism."

The student government at the University of South Florida in Tampa passed a resolution demanding that the university divest itself of investments in American corporations that operate in South Africa.

In another USF matter, the university is planning to build an addition to the student union building and improve the library at one of its branch campuses. The money for the improvements is coming from a state Public Education Capital Outlay bill.

Apartheid foes start committee

by Adrian Walker

Sunblazer Ass't News Editor

A "Free South Africa" committee has been formed by FIU Student Government Association Senator Pamela Douglas to protest apartheid policies in South Africa.

"I organized the committee for the concerns of the black South Africans," said Douglas, who represents FIU's School of Arts and Sciences.

"Because of Miami being so international, students should be more involved concerning humanistic values," she said.

The committee plans to collect and distribute information about South Africa, invite speakers to lecture, and sponsor a film series.

The committee is supported by an SGA resolution, passed by the senate. The committee, however, will not be funded by SGA.

"I think the committee is a wonderful thing," said C.J. Czaia, SGA's vice president. "We want to encourage students to get more involved in international issues.

"The press is trendy," he continued. "The hostage crisis pushed South Africa right off the front pages, but the same oppression is going on. We forget about it."

The Senate resolution condemns apartheid and "all forms of discrimination," "deplores" business transactions with South Africa (but does not explicitly call for divestiture), and pledges to support the committee.

Douglas hopes the committee will draw the support of FIU's black students and faculty members.

"As long as there's turmoil in South Africa, we will never be free to determine our own destiny," she said.

SGA's Dominicis has changed tune

Boy, do times change. It was about four months ago when the sole presidential candidate for FIU's Student Government Association poked his head into the newspaper office and expressed concern about the association's elections.

Why would any unopposed candidate ask the student newspaper to *not* ease coverage on him even though he was unopposed? Well, for a good reason. Jorge Dominicis was afraid that an ambitious write-in campaign for someone else would give him the presidential shaft.

He had nothing to worry about. Nothing like that happened. But that didn't stop Dominicis from hounding editors for good press and lots of photos of himself. But that was then. And now is now.

Domicis won the office with about 75 percent of the vote. Now of course, with such an overwhelming victory, he doesn't need the paper anymore. So he has publicly resorted to kicking The Sunblazer in the butt.

SGA's campaign against the paper is not going to win better coverage. In fact now, whatever the coverage the paper gives may cause SGA to clean up its poor attitude.

Domicis and other SGA members seem to be on the warpath against the paper lately. Why? One can only guess their sudden moods. A presidential spokesman says Dominicis is upset because SGA isn't receiving enough coverage--good or bad. That may be true, but SGA, fortunately, doesn't have any financial or editorial control of the newspaper.

Many university papers aren't even printing over the summer, including the University of Miami Hurricane. The Sunblazer is printing, albeit with a reduced staff. The paper is run by students who have other academic and career responsibilities. If coverage seems a little shallow regarding SGA, it's because of two reasons. First, the paper can't cover every move of SGA. Second, and most important, even if the paper was able to cover everything, it certainly wouldn't want to. That would put 90 percent of FIU's student body to sleep.

The paper has done more for SGA by announcing and promoting its activities than any other entity on campus. For Dominicis to be crying for more is ridiculous. Before Dominicis won the office, he made sure he complimented the paper. Now that he's entrenched, Dominicis has sharpened his political sword.

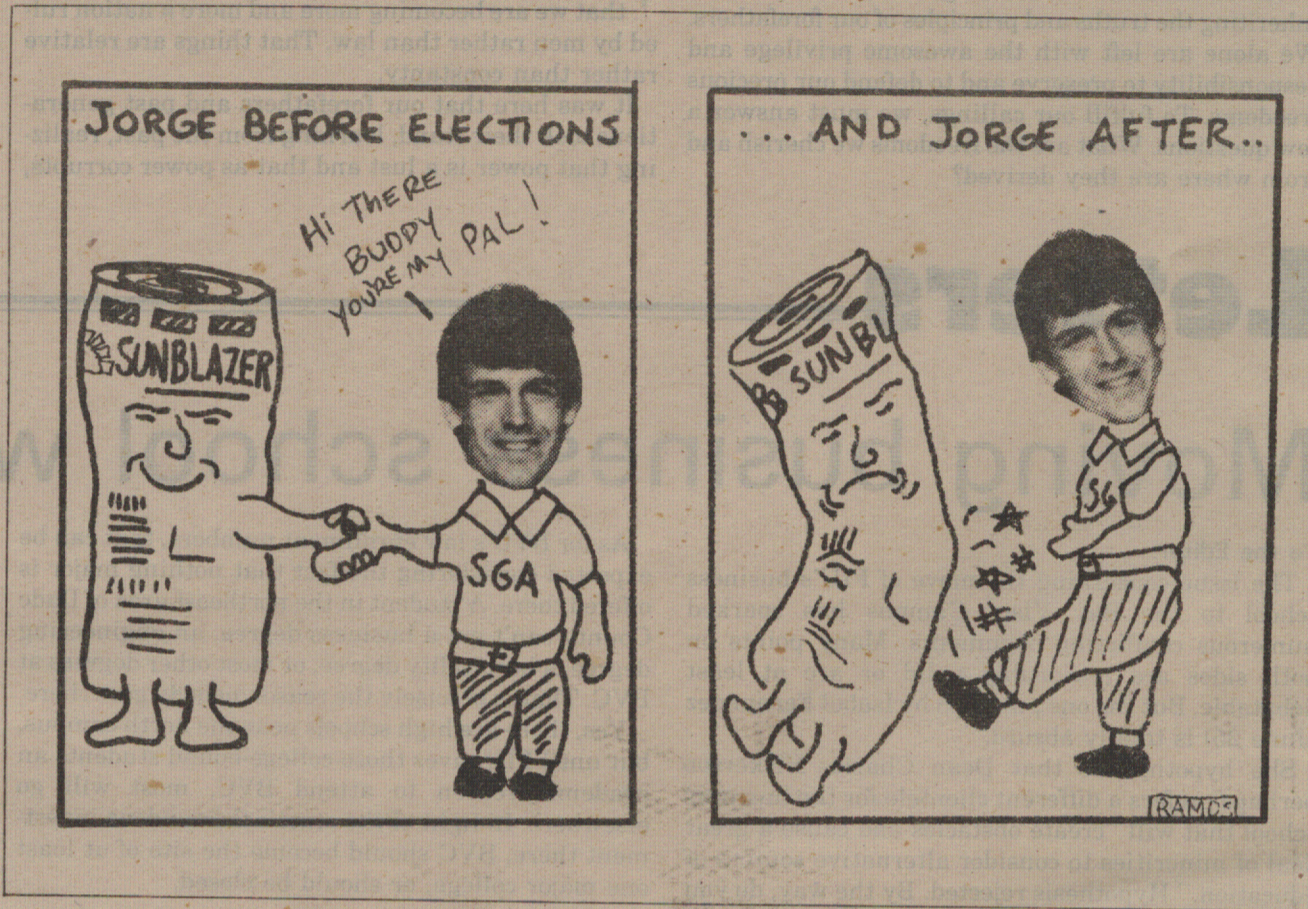
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The Sunblazer doesn't mind being criticized. Items -- or lack of them -- in the paper are meant to draw different reactions from different people. That's human nature. But the way SGA has criticized just isn't consistent. SGA can't flex its million dollar muscles against the newspaper. That's because the organization has absolutely no say about what goes in the paper. Just like the paper has no say about what SGA does.

This is the same Dominicis who begged for and received (without a connection) a positive editorial so he could be ensured of a win against his ghostly "opponents." His latest venture was stopping by the newspaper office and asking the paper not to print a letter to the editor written by other members of SGA. We can just see Maurice Ferre marching up to the executive offices of The Miami Herald asking the paper not to print a letter.



That does not mean The Sunblazer doesn't want to work together with SGA for FIU. After all, we're all in the same game. But SGA is sticking its nose where it doesn't belong.

For instance, Jorge Dominicis walked in the news office one day and asked the salaries of the paper's editors. Jorge Dominicis gets paid \$3,450 from your money for his year of service to FIU. That information is public record. The Sunblazer doesn't have to print the editors' salaries. Those salaries don't even come close to those of the executive board of SGA. And what the editors do make are earned from private advertising funds.

SGA is prepared to receive almost \$1.4 million (almost all from student dollars) to put on its show this year. The paper just receives what it earns from advertising, and those dollars aren't even comparably close to the the dollars received by SGA.

Domicis could also be upset because the paper didn't fulfill some of his "requests." If you can believe this, Dominicis actually asked the newspaper to print his photo on the front page, without any real reason for it being there. He even brought in -- past deadline -- about 10 color photographs of himself on a lobbying trip to Tallahassee. First, the paper doesn't have the ability to reprint color photos. Second, it was past deadline. And third, editors had previously decided not to do the story on the lobbying trip. Maybe that made him mad.

Of course the paper is willing to listen to Dominicis. So willing in fact that it tried to get his comment on a member of SGA being suspended for academic plagiarism. Dominicis was willing to comment, but not on the record. Isn't it the duty of an SGA president to speak on the record for his senators?

Domicis' requests have been fulfilled according to their validity. But lately, the more good publicity he gets in the paper, the more he wants.

Another SGA member, whom by our mercy shall remain nameless, has also spoken out against The Sunblazer lately. She also happened to spend a year on the staff as an assistant editor. Her empty comments on the senate floor are certainly more than she accomplished as a reporter and editor here. If she thinks she knows so much about the paper now as she claims to, that's news to us. She didn't even know what the paper was about when she was on the staff. As an editor, she unfortunately didn't know an Associated Press Stylebook from a roll of toilet tissue.

SGA almost always has been at arms with the student newspaper here. There are brief periods of peace, mainly during election time. But the same story is unfolding again. SGA's campaign against the paper is not going to win better coverage. In fact now, whatever coverage the paper gives may cause SGA to clean up its poor attitude.

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America stands tall during a crisis

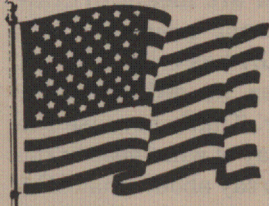
By Donald Pilling

Sunblazer Contributor

Oh America. As you focus on the terrors without, your institutions crumble within. Before I go on, something needs to be said concerning the terrorist hijacking of TWA 847. I'm glad the hostages are home and free. Many thanks have been declared, and rightly so. But one who deserves credit has been overlooked. Thank you President Reagan.

Now to continue. We are the generation that is now inheriting the truths and principles of our forefathers. We alone are left with the awesome privilege and responsibility to preserve and to defend our precious freedoms. To fulfill our callings, we must answer a few questions. What are the freedoms we cherish and from where are they derived?

In recent years, I've been hearing much more about interpretations of the law -- particularly the Constitution -- as opposed to the simple carrying out of it. This



is probably due to the concept that as time changes, laws change, a thought which stems from evolution and humanism. We must question this and employ our reasoning abilities to expose the consequences of its direction. It has been said that we are becoming more and more a nation ruled by men rather than law. That things are relative rather than constant.

It was here that our forefathers and past generations took their stand, learning from the past, realizing that power is a lust and that as power corrupts,

absolute power corrupts absolutely. They set off on a bold, new direction declaring that our freedoms are inherent and given by a just God and not by man. They sought to limit government power, separating its responsibilities and requiring the consent of the governed.

They also knew that when government no longer acknowledges God, it becomes a God, attributing to itself -- the attributes of deity, or, that each man will become a law unto himself, doing what is right in his own eyes.

Finally, unless there is an acknowledgement within us of an almighty God, we shall soon yield to the chaos that is about us.

Letters

Moving business school won't hurt FIU

To the Editor:

The issue concerning the move of FIU's business school to the Bay Vista Campus has sparked numerous conflicting arguments. Many points on both sides are reasonably valid or are at least debatable. But the one put forth by Isabel Fernandez (June 25) is totally absurd.

She hypothesizes that Dean Charles Nickerson perhaps prefers a different clientele for the business school that will "create obstacles and cause a great deal of minorities to consider alternative sources of education." Hypothesis rejected. By the way, do you view the shuttle bus as an obstacle? Well, hundreds, including ourselves, already take it everyday.

No, Isabel, Dean Nickerson isn't proposing this major move of the business school because he wants to rid it of the minorities. He's considering it because of space expansion potential, and because the state wants to make BVC viable by having at least one major school located there.

IT IS NOT BECAUSE HE DOESN'T PARTICULARLY THRILL OVER THE BUSINESS SCHOOL'S ETHNIC MAKEUP. We don't think anybody has shown that Anglos get higher grades than Hispanics, as you suggest in your possible motive.

As for BVC's low enrollment numbers, that can be expected considering the fact that nothing major is offered there. A student in the northeast area of Dade County can't get a business degree, an engineering degree, a hospitality degree, or most other degrees at BVC. That is precisely the reason nobody goes there.

Yes, there are high schools near the north campus, but until FIU gives those college-bound students an academic reason to attend BVC, most will go elsewhere. In light of the state's tremendous investment there, BVC should become the site of at least one major college, or should be closed.

We all know the latter will not be allowed to occur. The university is here to serve all of South Florida, not just the privileged group in the southern part of Dade. Which school is to be moved will be up to FIU administrators with input from all concerned. But input such as yours, Ms. Fernandez, which questions the Dean's intentions toward minorities, is no input at all.

Myles Barchas, C.J. Czaia, Fernando Ortega
FIU Student Government Association

Another side to radio story

To the Editor:

The article entitled "Radio Station Faces Funding Cut (June 25 issue)," held true to The Sunblazer penchant for inaccuracy.

As member of the Student Government Association Finance and Appropriations Committee, I consider it of great importance to inform The Sunblazer about the events that occurred during the Finance and Appropriations Committee meeting. Your article quoted

an SGA senator as stating, "The radio station has been given about \$43,000," but in fact the radio station has not been awarded any funds.

The Committee was set up by the 12th Senate of the SGA to modify the original 1985/86 Activity and Service Fee budget that had been prepared by the Budget Committee of the 11th Senate. Both the Budget Committee and the newly established Finance and Appropriations Committee received a formal request from each FIU organization and club wishing to receive A&S funds for the 85/86 year. Each budget request included the amount of funding required and how the money would be spent.

However, the Radio Station Feasibility Committee, as well as others, did not submit a comprehensive budget request, and Sandy Curtis, the SGA comptroller, felt that no programs should be considered for funding without the submission of detailed budgets. But because we felt that funds ought to be available when comprehensive budgets were proposed by these committees, the sum of \$63,000 was put into an account called the SGA Special Projects Contingency. Thoses monies will be distributed by the SGA Senate when it determines how the money is to be spent. I must also point out to you that the Senate is the only university body with authority to decide how A&S funds shall be used.

We feel very strongly that the Finance and Appropriations Committee has made the proper decisions in the best interest of students, the SGA and the university.

I appreciate your interest in how our SGA and its committees work.

Myles Barchas, C.J. Czaia, Fernando Ortega
FIU Student Government Association

Anthony McDay Jr.
SGA Senator, School of Hospitality

Where was FAU when it counted?

To the Editor:

As everyone knows, FAU stands for Florida Atlantic University. Well, after this week, maybe it should be called Florida Absent University. This new nickname might be a fitting description for the FAU student government. This stems from the fact they missed a very important Florida Students' Association that will probably have an adverse effect on both FAU and FIU.

You see, the organization is composed of all the student government presidents of Florida's state universities. The FSA is the state university lobby in the Legislature. Basically, it is the main representative of you and me when it comes to higher education in Tallahassee. The chairman or president position of FSA is one that is powerful and prestigious.

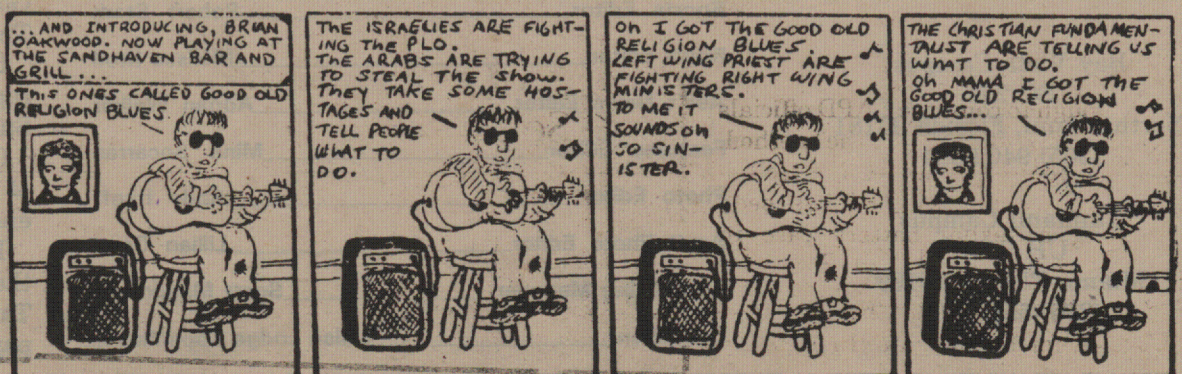
FIU's recently elected SGA president, Jorge Dominicis, courageously decided to run for the FSA position against the traditionally victorious biggies of the University of Florida, Florida State University and the University of South Florida. If Dominicis had won, he would have become the first FIU president of the organization. An FIU student government president occupying this position would have resulted in great statewide recognition for our university, as well as cause more attention to be paid to issues concerning FIU. In other words, it meant a lot.

At the FSA meeting, the voting was very close, with Dominicis tying for the lead on a couple of ballots. Finally, the UF president edged out Dominicis. But someone was conspicuously missing from the voting proceedings. Yes, it was the FAU representative who previously pledged the school's support for Dominicis' bid.

With that FAU vote, Dominicis had a very good chance of winning the position. Without it, he came up short. The outcome was unfortunate for both FIU and FAU, but at least FIU gave it a shot while FAU didn't even show up.

We pose one simple question to the FAU student government. Why weren't you there? If the president was unable to make the trip, another representative should have been sent. Is the whole FAU student government on vacation in Europe? Or is it just that your student government established a holiday called, "Skip All Important Meetings Week" during the last part of May? Whatever the reason, you blew it FAU.

To conclude, we personally feel your student government owes Jorge Dominicis, FIU and your own student body an apology for a somewhat costly lack of action.



SANDHAVEN
by M. RAMOS

Take precautions when having sex

by Holly Goodman

Sunblazer Contributor

This is the last of a two-part series on sexually transmitted diseases.

Treatment for Herpes, a viral disease related to the cold sore, has improved in the last two years, says Dr. Irwin M. Potash, physician for the FIU health clinics.

Although no cure for Herpes has yet been found, an antibiotic called Zovirex is now being used to alleviate the symptoms and diminish the time the sores stay, Potash said.

Explaining that Herpes could be spread from the mouth to the genitals, he said, "The fad of oral sex brought an increase in Herpes cases. It became fashionable in the late '60s," he added, "along with group sex and an increase in magazines like Playboy and Hustler."

Potash and the two nurse practitioners at FIU agree that women with sexually transmitted diseases should avoid certain types of birth control.

"Diaphragms, sponges and 'barrier methods,' increase disease symptoms because they prevent air circulation," Elvira Velez, the Bay Vista Campus nurse, said. "Tampons are problematic for the same reason," she added.

"The IUD is the most dangerous in terms of getting infections," said Kathy Morrison, the nurse at the Tamiami Campus. She pointed out that while the IUD sits in the uterus, its tail hangs down in the vagina where it could easily pick up bacteria.

"This creates a pathway," she said, "going from a non-sterile place to a sterile place."

Morrison contrasted this susceptibility to infection with that of women on the pill. "Women on the pill tend to be more sexually active and therefore prone to infection," she said.

Both nurse practitioners also recommend men to use condoms to prevent getting diseases.

"The biggest prevention for any disease is using a condom, even if the woman uses birth control pills," Velez said. "With the changing of partners, new partners may not know they're carrying a disease."

Because certain diseases can cause sterility, Velez said that some physicians now ask their female patients if they intend to have children within the next 10 years. If so, they recommend that their partners use condoms.

New summer flick looks mighty hot

by Isabel Fernandez

Sunblazer Contributor

You say you're tired of seeing movies that should be called "The Little Chill?" Well, don't give up.

"St. Elmo's Fire," a new movie that will reach your local theater in about a week, is a great movie about seven college graduates beginning a life outside of the college dorms.

Although the cast includes three familiar faces from the "Breakfast Club" cast, Rob Lowe from "Class," and a former cast member from "General Hospital," this film should not be mistaken for another "no brain needed" kind of movie.

"St. Elmo's Fire" is another self-discovery film in which you leave knowing just a little more about yourself. The acting is very good, only to be outdone by the cinematography.

Viewers should keep their eyes open for the scene in which Billy (Lowe) exits the mansion of his girlfriend after she breaks up with him. Beautiful.

The rest of the film should be left to your viewing pleasure. It's a pleasant film, so don't be discouraged if you see millions of kids in line to see it. It's worth having to see it with those of a younger age and a lesser mental capacity.

Witnesses

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Angeles, has developed a new type of questioning technique designed to "maximize the output of eyewitnesses." The technique has piqued the interest of local law enforcement agencies in Miami and Southern California.

In fact, Fisher and his California colleague have just received a \$120,000 grant from the U.S. Justice Department to continue their research. "So far our method has worked everytime," Fisher said. "Our studies at UCLA found that we achieved 20 to 30 percent better results than regular questioning or hypnosis."

Fisher's research has centered around obtaining more information from eyewitnesses, whereas other research has been directed at disproving the validity of eyewitness accounts.

Fisher's method involves four different types of questioning, all designed to retrieve every detail possible from the mind of an eyewitness.

"One method we use is to put the person back," Fisher said. "We reinstate the context of the event by asking the person what they were thinking about, what their surroundings looked like and what they were doing when the event occurred."

"Another method is to ask the subject to list the event in chronological order, and then have them repeat the order backwards. Strange as it sounds, this brings a large amount of extra detail. We also would ask a subject to recall the event from someone else's perspective, such as someone they were with when they witnessed a crime or an accident."

"Finally, we ask them to repeat everything they can remember, no matter how trivial it might seem to them. The extra details that come out sometimes make the difference," Fisher said.

These techniques originated out of Fisher's work on memory retention. "I used to help my friends remember where they left their car keys," Fisher said.

"One day I was sitting in the cafeteria at UCLA with one of the research assistants, and we were trying to think where we could apply these theories. During our conversation we decided to approach the police and see if they were interested."

Fisher and his colleagues conducted experiments using UCLA students and Los Angeles police training films. The students viewed the simulated crimes, then returned two days later to be questioned by police detectives. Some detectives used a standard police questioning format, others used hypnosis and another group used Fisher's method.

The results were enough to convince LAPD officials to begin training their detectives with the method. Fisher said that the LAPD is now using the technique, and that the questioning method has been credited with solving a sexual battery case in Maryland.

Fisher taught at FIU from 1978 through 1980 before going to UCLA for three years. In 1983, he

returned to FIU and he recently has begun working with both Metro-Dade and City of Miami police.

"I spent a day riding with detectives to get a feel for what was going on," Fisher said. "We will be working with both police departments to test our theories in the real world."

Fisher expressed confidence in the new technique, and said he will be using the Bay Vista Campus for his research base as the project continues. In addition, research assistants from FIU will be working with Fisher, analyzing data and attempting to tailor the method to aid elderly crime victims.

Fisher said he hopes that this technique will someday become a standard. "The police have been very interested," he said. "This is a very important phase of testing that we're doing here, and if it proves itself, people will begin to use it. I think it's going to work very well. I mean overall, it has to help."



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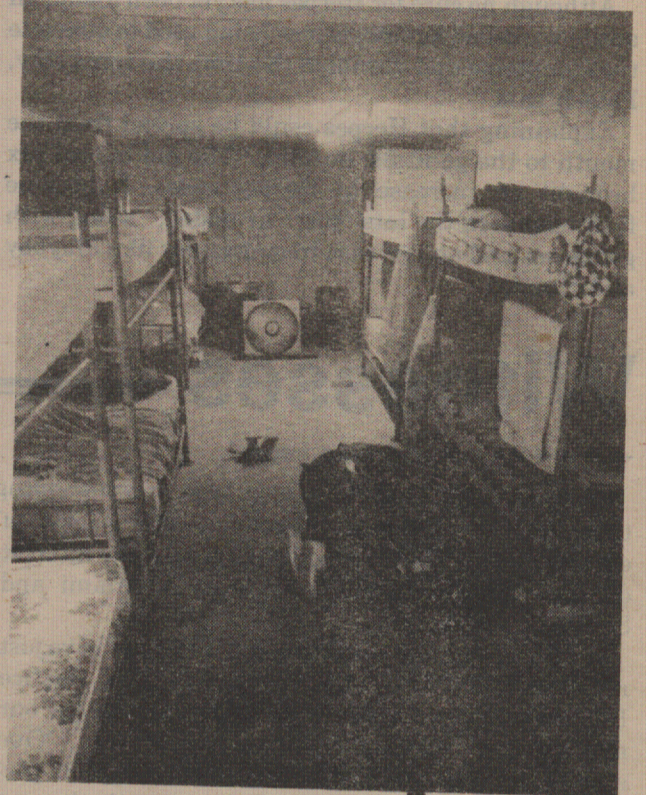
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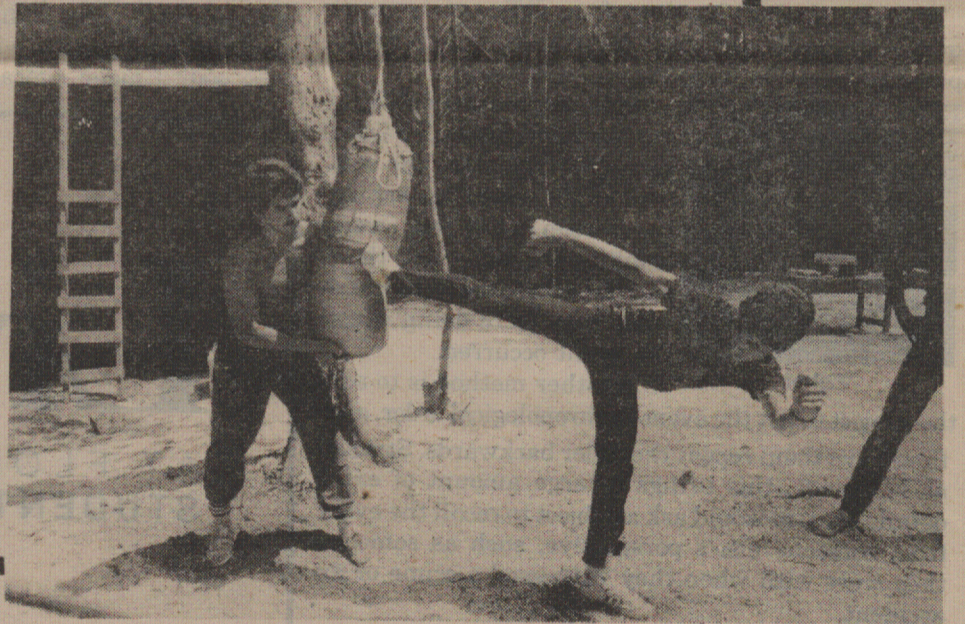
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They have mugged, stole and sold drugs. But now they see hope. About 30 juvenile offenders spend their days and nights working on the water. This is their last chance to rehabilitate before being faced with an adult criminal justice system that is more strict.

The teens are fixing up the new Biscayne Bay Marine Institute, situated about a quarter mile north of FIU's Bay Vista Campus. After working on marine projects the whole day, they bunk in trailers near the water's edge.

Many of the offenders also do chores on the university campus. They can be seen at FIU doing maintenance and helping with construction. It's now or never. After all, it's their last chance.



Inquiring photographer

by Andy Itkoff

How do you feel about the plus/minus grading system that will start at FIU in the fall?



It's hard enough to maintain a passing grade as it is. The school's grading is stringent enough. It can become frustrating for the students who aren't prepared academically.
-David Araia, 25.



It is a very positive step. People on the borderline will get their justified grade.
-Dominique Cherqui, 25.



I like it. It helps GPA's. It separates those who do better and gives more initiative to work harder.
-David Jaffe, 19.

Sports Forum



by Robert Stark

FIU sports. A pretty general subject it is. But what lies in the next year for the Sunblazers? Will the little support it has increase? Here is an optimist's view the entire FIU community should carefully read and think about.

First, and most important is the university's biggest contribution for the school's sports programs--the on-campus gymnasium. Coaches Cindy Russo, Rich Walker and Linda Miscovic will be holding their breath in the fall. Currently, after going through a few problems, the gym could be ready for action by November. That would be just in time for basketball and volleyball practices.

And, of course holding their breath, will be the new athletic director, David Rice, President Wolfe and the rest of the administration at FIU. The gym, plus the addition of the dorms, should equal a pretty good crowd size at the Sunblazers Arena. But will the students pass the test? Hopefully so. I have no idea what will happen. If the answer lies in the past history of FIU sports, the answer is easily obvious.

In the past, the students (as well as faculty/staff) have not supported the sports programs. The soccer team draws a good following, but mainly because of its past success. The baseball team usually draws the same crowd--parents and friends of players, a sparse media crowd, at times a larger visiting crowd and maybe a few outsiders. But taking exceptions to games against arch rival University of Miami, the students don't make an appearance.

The FIU basketball teams, which are, by the way on the big upswing in terms of success, did not draw too much either. But this was rightfully so. I can understand why students would not travel to Dade-South to see the Sunblazers play. But that excuse should no longer be used. The on-campus gym should change all of that.

When the gym does open, games will probably be played at 7:30 p.m. Now, if you're a part-time night student, why not stop in, before or after class to support the teams? It is free. And if you're a dorm student why not just take a short walk to the gym and watch your school play in its home gym?

The point is that the Sunblazers will be seeking Division I play in the near future and school support as well as community support will be desperately needed. A second point is that FIU does have some good teams to watch.

So, let the on-campus gymnasium be the start of something new.



Photo by Andy Itkoff
Lifeguard Philip Merten climbs atop his tower while students relax in the Bay Vista pool.

BVC pool prices emerge

by Robert Stark

Sunblazer Sports Editor

The Bay Vista Aquatic Center, though free to FIU students, will cause others, including faculty and staff, to dig in their pockets to take a dip.

The new pricing policy which was endorsed recently by the Division of Student Affairs, also allows a guest of an FIU student to use the pool for a price of \$3 per visit.

Starting in the fall of 1985, FIU faculty/staff and alumni association members will have to pay \$25 a semester to relax in the Olympic-size pool near the bay.

"It's bordering on being prohibitive," said Jon Walker, recreational sports coordinator. "But it wasn't designed to be prohibitive."

The guest fee was a compromise, Walker said, between two trains of thought. One group of people on the Bay Vista Campus did not want to allow any guests whatsoever to use the pool. Another group wanted just the opposite--to allow outside admittance.

A main argument is that the FIU students themselves are already paying for the pool in a roundabout way. The student health fee increased this past year from \$14.50 to \$17.50 to help pay for the pool. Thus, the question arose-- why should anyone outside the university be able to use the pool for free? The answer was the \$3 fee compromise for FIU guests.

As far as the faculty/staff fee goes, it's exactly the same as the Nautilus weightlifting center fee--\$25 per semester.

Presently, Walker said, faculty/staff members will only need to pay \$12.50 for the remainder of the summer semester. But the \$25 fee will then go in effect in the fall.

The \$1.3 million Aquatic Center, which opened on February 14 of this year, attracts more than 1,000 people a month, Walker said.

Aquatic Center Prices

(will take effect in fall semester)

FIU students.....	FREE
Guest of FIU student.....	\$3 per visit
*Family Membership.....	\$15
FIU faculty/staff/alumni.....	\$25
*Family membership	\$40

(Prices per semester)

*Spouse and/or children.

For the future, FIU is planning on organizing a club-sport of swimming at the university.

It could be as early as the fall semester, Walker said. As a club-sport, it would compete with other local clubs in swimming, very similar in the way the FIU lacrosse club competes.

Further down the road, the sport of swimming at FIU could become a team sport when the university begins participation in Division I.

New official desires 'push' for discipline

The new chancellor of Florida's state university system said he will make it his priority to punish schools that commit recruiting violations and improve the system in which few student-athletes receive diplomas.

Charles B. Reed, an aid to Gov. Bob Graham, will take over education's top spot Aug. 1.

Reed, 43, told The Miami News that he will "push" university presidents to discipline or even fire coaches who ignore recruiting rules. He complimented University of Florida President Marshall Criser for firing football coach Charley Pell last year.

"I think the chancellor needs to push the presidents to take the kind of action Marshall Criser took," he told The News.

Reed also promised to help more student-athletes earn diplomas.

"It's wrong. Football, basketball and other sports are just like student government, (student) newspapers and working on the yearbook," he said. "But these people (athletes) are coming, spending five years and leaving without an education, without a degree. There's something wrong."

'Indy' comes to Tamiami

The roar of the "Indy" cars will echo around the Tamiami Campus November 8,9 and 10 when race drivers such as A.J. Foyt, Mario Andretti and Tom Sneva will try to claim the top prize in the PPG Indy Car World Series.

The location for the race will be the Tamiami Park grounds, just south of FIU's south campus. The race, which will feature the same top teams from the Indianapolis 500 race,

will be the finale to the 16-race season sanctioned by the Championship Auto Racing Teams (CART).

The course, which is currently being built, is planned to be 1.7 miles long with a total of eight turns. The average speed for a lap around the circuit are expected to be 135 miles per hour, with the top speeds

nearing 180 miles per hour.

Promoted by Miami Motorsports, the same company which brought the Lowenbrau Gran Prix to Miami, the event will be the first-ever Indy race in the state of Florida.

But unlike the tight downtown course in the Miami Gran Prix, the Tamiami Park circuit is intended to be more open, featuring room between the edge of the track and the barriers.

If history holds true, the battle will go to the wire to determine who will win the 1985 crown. In 1984, Tom Sneva and Mario Andretti battled side by side until the last race at Las Vegas before Andretti took the title.

Scheduled to be telecast by NBC, the race will also feature drivers: Rick Mears, Gordon Johncock, Johnny Rutherford, Danny Ongais, Bobby Rahal and Howdy Holmes.



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