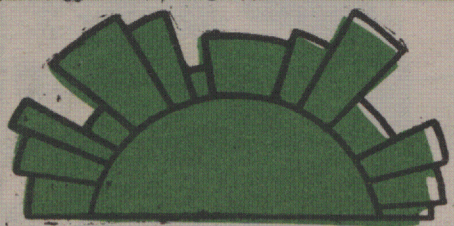


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Coming up...

It's for a good cause

FIU is planning a welcome flea market for Tamiami dorm residents when they move in to their new quarters on Aug. 21. But there's one catch.

The student activities department needs stuff to sell to the new dormies. They'll take such homey things such as dishes, canned food, laundry items and silverware.

The items will be featured at a flea market Aug. 21 at the Tamiami Campus and at the first anniversary of the Bay Vista dorms on Aug. 24. Be there or be square.

Sunblazer takes a break

Your friendly student newspaper will hibernate for the rest of the summer. Our torpid, resting state will end at the beginning of the fall semester.

A general meeting and staff elections will take place on July 26 at 11 a.m. in the office at the Bay Vista Campus. If you're interested in becoming a staff member, you've got to be there.

Decal or not decal (huh?)

This may be an incoherent headline, but we promise the item will make sense. Unless of course you enjoy parking tickets.

Those little, blue, glossy wonders will be on sale near the cashier windows during the first week of registration. Now remember, they're only \$10 for students and \$15 for faculty and staff. If you have any questions, call FIU's Public Safety Department on either campus.

New program offered

Beginning this fall, FIU will offer a certificate in women's studies at the Bay Vista Campus. The program was previously available only on the Tamiami Campus.

Anyone holding a bachelor's degree is eligible to enroll. For further details, call the Women's Studies Center at 554-2408.

CBA plan gets mixed reviews

by Robert Stark
and Jeffrey L. Kleinman

Sunblazer Editors

The move to consolidate FIU's business school at the Bay Vista Campus was applauded by the university's administration but criticized by business faculty members in a document prepared by Dean Charles Nickerson obtained by The Sunblazer last week.

Nickerson wrote in the 55-page booklet that he feels moving the entire business program to BVC will result in "significant efficiencies." For instance, Nickerson wrote that travel between campuses will be reduced and telephone, personnel and computer costs will be cut.

But despite Nickerson's call for the consolidation -- which is supported by the State University System -- many of the university's faculty disagree with a move to BVC.

More than 75 percent of the FIU Faculty Council are opposed to moving the business school. Some of the anonymous comments listed against consolidation by Faculty Council members are:

• "I believe in a multiple campus system with gradual development of programs and faculty at Bay Vista. Forcing faculty to transfer and eliminating the business program at Tamiami doesn't make sense."

• "Sink the Bay Vista ship!"

• "There is a demand for CBA programs on both campuses."

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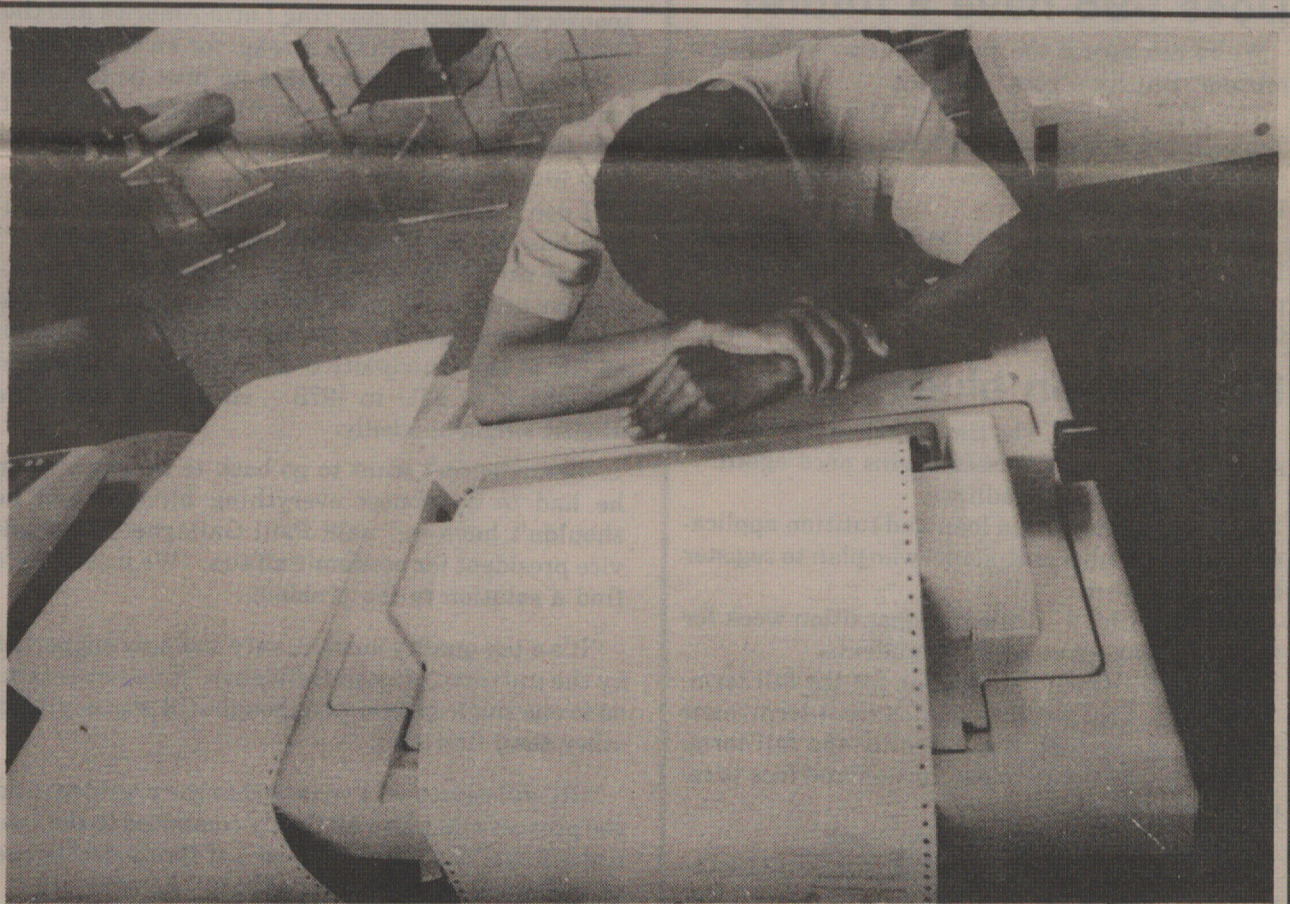


Photo by Chae I. Kim

COMPUTER CRASH After working for hours behind the keyboard, humans may do as much crashing as error-filled programs. See photo essay on page 4.

Parking lot becomes studio for day

by Robert Stark

Sunblazer Managing Editor

Who would ever think that an FIU parking lot could be used for a television commercial?

Well, a local production company thought it was a great idea.

For two days, July 9 and 10, Associated Filmmakers International shot two 60-second Amoco gas commercials at FIU's Tamiami Campus.

"It seemed like the perfect setting," said producer Peter Gardner, referring to the university's DM parking lot. "It was a nice, clean area to shoot. The slopes of grass, the trees and the pavement provided the setting we wanted."

The commercials, which are geared for the Latin market across the country, were done totally in Spanish. And just like the English Amoco commercials, famous stars were used.

'We built an entire gas station out there.'

-Peter Gardner, producer

But in this case, Latin soap opera star Andres Garcia and Miami Gran Prix promoter Ralph Sanchez were the stars.

The setting for the commercials required gas station-type scenery. And the filmmakers wanted it to be realistic.

"We built an entire gas station out there," said Gardner. "There were six real gas pumps that weighed about 300 pounds each, and two islands." Everything was there for a gas station except the gas tanks, which go underground anyway, said Gardner.

The crew actually spent four days at FIU. On Monday, July 8, the crew built the set. The commercial was filmed Tuesday and Wednesday. And Thursday morning, the crew packed up to leave.

The commercials, Gardner said, would hit the airwaves in a few weeks, which would mean late July or early August for FIU's commercial debut.

Cleaning day at Disney

Disney World is famous for cleanliness. These tourists obviously feel very strongly about the Disney legend. They have found it necessary to remove even their personal litter before entering the Magic Kingdom.

Photo by Andrew Itkoff



News Briefs...

Does I-95 have a future?

We're not sure if the superhighway even has a present. But here goes, anyway.

The FIU student chapter of the Institute of Transportation Engineers is sponsoring a talk entitled, "I-95: Florida Department Transportation Plans for the Future."

The talk, given by Frank De Lucas of the Florida Department of Transportation, will start at 6:30 p.m. July 23 in room UH 140 on the Tamiami Campus.

Registration blues

Here we go again. The time-honored tradition of signing up for your classes begins once again.

Here's the list of deadlines:

- July 29 -- Short-term loan and tuition applications are available to students who plan to register for the fall term.
- July 29-Aug. 2 -- Official registration week for fall term for degree-seeking students.
- Aug. 5-9 -- Open registration for the fall term.
- Aug. 6 -- Last day to apply for short-term loans for students already registered for the fall term.
- Aug. 9 -- Last day to pay tuition and fees to retain your courses.
- Aug. 22 -- Registration day. Yeah.
- Aug. 30 -- And for you procrastinators, this is the last day for late registration.

See it for yourself

If you're curious about what the new Tamiami dorms will look like once they're completed for this fall, you can take a sneak preview on July 24.

Models of the dorm rooms will open to the tune of three hours of festivities, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Transportation will be provided every half hour from the first floor of the UH building.

Goodies include refreshments, Frisbees, shirts and bumper stickers.

Bookstore blues

Are you tired of paying through the nose for those needed books? Well, SGA's academic committee may have found an alternative.

During the week of August 26, the committee will sponsor a book exchange in UH 210 on the Tamiami Campus. Students can bring their books in on Monday and Tuesday and set their own price for sale. On Wednesday and Thursday, the collected books will be offered for sale and the money will be distributed on Friday.

Students whose books don't get sold still have plenty of time to get a standard refund from the bookstore.

Editor may leave magazine

by Adrian Walker

Sunblazer News Editor

Caribbean Review, the glossy award-winning FIU-sponsored magazine covering Latin America and the Caribbean, may be in the market for an editor soon.

Editor Barry B. Levine says he may be forced to resign if the administration goes through with budget cuts that would deprive CR of a managing editor to help him produce the magazine.

"I don't want to sound as though the administration has not been supportive because it has been," Levine said. "The problem is that CR is a very expensive proposition." CR had no managing editor until two years ago. Prior to that, Levine -- who founded CR at the University of Puerto Rico in 1969 and brought it to FIU in 1978 -- edited the magazine almost single-handedly.

"Barry doesn't want to go back to the days when he had to do almost everything himself, and he shouldn't have to," said Paul Gallagher, assistant vice president for academic affairs. "We just have to find a solution to the problem."

"It's a top-quality journal, very strongly supported by the university," said Gallagher. "I've never talked to one single person who thought CR was anything other than first-rate."

"CR will continue. I've talked to the president and the provost and we're all firmly committed to the continuation of the magazine, even if Barry decides he wants to move on to other things," he said.

"I think the key now is to move toward institutionalizing CR. We need to begin to look for outside sources for funding grants, foundations and the like -- and we need to look at the market and see if we're reaching as many people as we could," he said.

The university never sought outside funding for CR before, Gallagher explained, because with so many projects to raise funds for, the magazine was never a priority as long as it could get by on a shoestring budget.

Caribbean Review is unique among academic publications in that it is not aimed specifically at an audience of professors. Where other journals specialize in such snoozers as "Light Imagery in Thomas Hardy" or tenure-producers like "Autobiography in Afro-American Fiction," CR, because of its emphasis on important current events, has a substantial audience beyond the Ivory Tower. Recent special issues such as "Grenada Explodes" and "The New Caribbean Presence in the Caribbean"

have explored issues of vital concern in much greater detail than most newspapers or magazines would have space to. Contributors have included an assistant secretary of state and former Jamaican Prime Minister Michael Manley.

Levine said, "People say to me, 'How can you leave CR? You are CR.' But I'm more than CR. I'm working on two books, and I have a lot of other things I want to do. CR will go on with me or without me."

Business dean supports move

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• "The decision to move to Bay Vista has already been made. We are taking part in a sham."

• "A move to BVC would be grossly insensitive (indeed perhaps anti-Latino) to one of our main constituencies, the Cuban-American and Latin communities. It would almost certainly have a disastrous effect not only on our enrollment but also on faculty morale and productivity."

However, over 20 percent of the Faculty Council voted for the move. Some of their comments:

• "I feel the faculty is missing out on the long range potential at the North campus, particularly in the area of monied support by the older, more established business community."

• "(BVC) is where the population and business is."

• "We can't live in the past forever."

Many administrators hail a move to BVC, but emphasize a need for long-term planning.

Judy Blucker, acting president of student affairs, said in a memo included in the booklet, that the proposal "does not present any major obstacles" to her department. But she added that "sound planning" could resolve problems such as transportation for those who live near the Tamiami Campus.

Registrar Bill Younkin said in a memo that he is concerned about the lack of space at BVC. "The set of 34 classrooms and eight 'evening' classrooms at BVC is fully utilized during the evenings. The College of Business currently utilizes 20 classrooms at Tamiami in the evenings and this does not adequately meet their needs."

Rosebud Foster, vice provost in charge of BVC, said in her memo that she looks at the move as beneficial to her campus. She said that consolidation would "bolster" BVC's enrollment and increase population at the campus dorms.

The main purposes of the booklet compiled by Nickerson, was to recommend consolidation, set forth its reasoning and consider its advantages and disadvantages.

FIU saves wavering student

by Andres Solar

Sunblazer Contributor

So after four years of "the best years of my life," I'm finally out of high school, and supposedly ready to face new and exciting challenges in the world of upper level education. But why then, am I not looking forward to living it up at Gainesville or having a stimulating intellectual experience in Tallahassee?

Well you see, I happen to be one of those outcasts of society who has not yet been accepted to any university. As you'll learn in a bit, this has nothing to do with my SAT's, GPA's or my lask of service hours. It's more of a matter of principle.

Because of my circumstances, I now exist in a strange, often lonely world that I call "The Twilight Zone" (insert theme music here). It's a world of humiliation and disillusionment, yet there's always a glimmer of hope -- the hope that some day I will be accepted.

Meanwhile, I wander aimlessly through the summer, paying dearly for having stood up for what I believe. Heres how it goes.

In my senior year of high school, I thought about college quite often, contrary to the beliefs of my counselors. In fact, I knew pretty much what I wanted to major in. It's just that I saw these people around me filling out applications and writing resumes for college at the beginning of their senior year!

Well, I believe in taking one thing at a time, and there was no way I was going to apply for college before finishing high school. Little did I know about the powers of that wretched instrument of oppression as "THE DEADLINE."

Luckily, the hippest college in the world is right in my own backyard, and if it were not for this one college, I fear there would be little hope left for me ever leaving "The Twilight Zone."

I called FIU's admissions office one day just to see by how many months I had missed the deadline. Here's a transcript of the conversation:

Me: Uh, yes, when was the dealine for filing an application for the fall term?

Them: There is no deadline, sir.

Me: Pardon me? Is this 940-5760?

Them: Yes sir. It is.

Me: No deadline? OK, well...thanks.

How sweet it was -- an opportunity for me to redeem myself and avenge all those who said I would never overcome the deadline barrier.

All of the sudden I was having visions of scenic campuses, four classes a day, plenty of time for creativity, and of course, freedom from all those stupid high school restrictions. It would be great.

Needless to say, having learned my lesson, I am presently composing my little admissions essay, and soon I'll send my application in with high hopes.

But I still get to thinking sometimes about why everyone assumes that you're lazy, irresponsible and a future welfare recipient just because you didn't apply to 101 colleges in your junior year.

Hey, I saw "St. Elmo's Fire" the other day, so I know that even getting a dgree from Georgetown doesn't mean getting a job!

See what I mean? The worst part of leaving high school is all the hassles and worries that go with it. I'm sitting here worrying about "St. Elmo's Fire" and I'm just barely out of "The Breakfast Club." It's all pretty silly, really.

Right now, I would venture to say I've got a pretty good shot at being accepted to FIU. And if I do get accepted, I can finally get back on track toward some semblance of a goal. The hardest part though, is knowing that if I don't get accepted, I'll be thrust into another, even more dismal episode of... "The Twilight Zone."

Summer graduates suffering from total lack of recogntion

by Mina Socarras

Sunblazer Features Editor

I'm one class short of my diploma. I don't know if I'll make it. The professor, although a very good teacher, knew how much I hated that class.

Creative people don't care about academics, especially when it comes to memorizing 50 law cases per exam. But when you want to be a filmmaker and you are a hostage of the syllabus, what can you do?

Other students leave the department and take classes at other neighboring universities to make up for those D's, and are still eligible to graduate. Unfortunately, escapism isn't my thing.

I'm sure that when I go to find investors to back up my films, they are going to ask me what effect the case New York Times vs. Sullivan had on the film industry. Well, it had many effects on me...

Graduating in the summer is hectic, and to top it off, summer school graduates get no respect. The summer school grad gets no pomp and circumstance. He gets no glory.

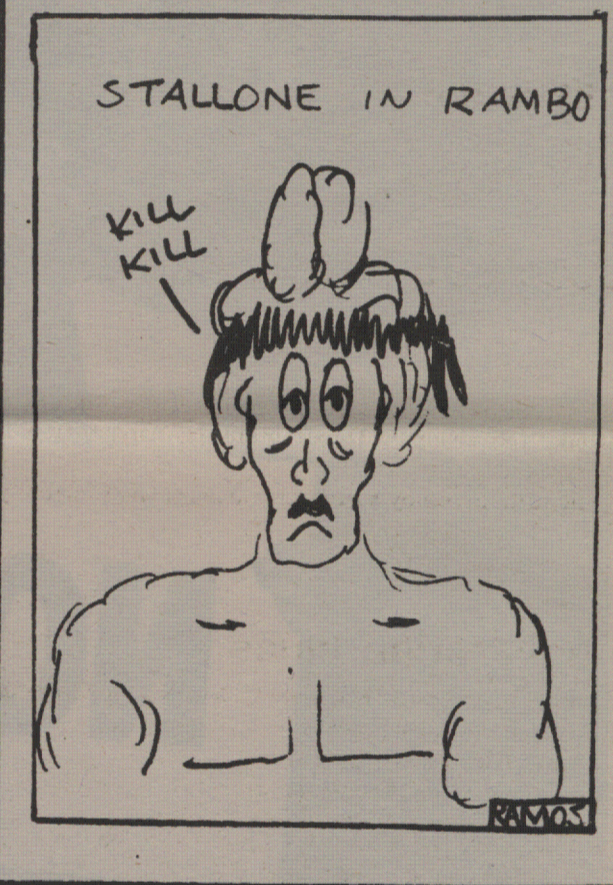
Summer grads should unite and demand that some type of ceremony be given in their honor. FIU President Gregory B. Wolfe will never shake our hands unless we come back in 10 months and walk down the aisle at the convention center.

I can't imagine anyone busting their chops all summer studying and not getting any congratulatory cards. Where are the caps and gowns in the bookstore? I'd at least like to try one on and parade in front of those who doubted my academic prowess.

The whole purpose of a summer graduation is to be able to find a job in your field in the fall and being able to later travel without the discomfort of having swarms of summer tourists all over you.

Those students who graduate in the spring get a senior breakfast. What do summer school graduates get? Nothing. Not even coffee in the cafeteria with Provost Steve Altman.

Now if you're a summer grad, don't go jumping out the window. I have the perfect solution. Just call me. I'm forming a "Summers Get No Respect" Club.



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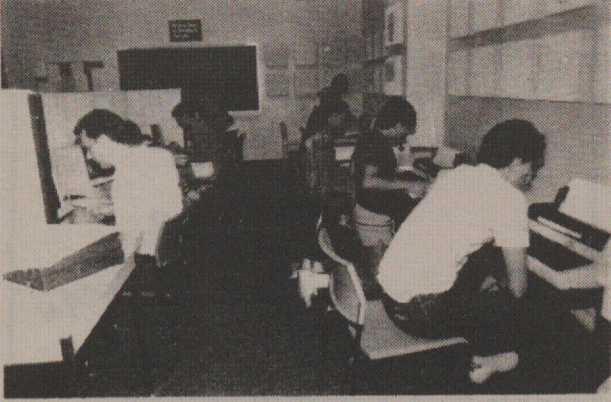
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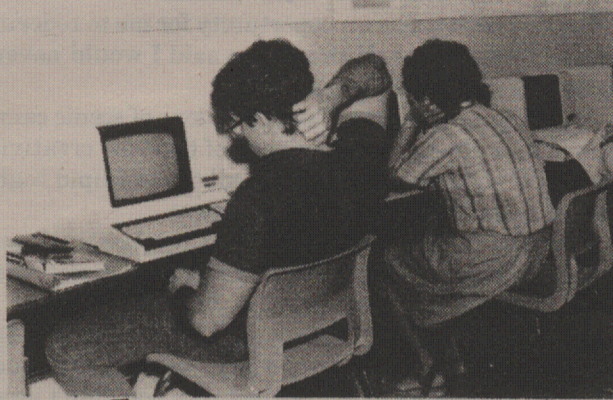
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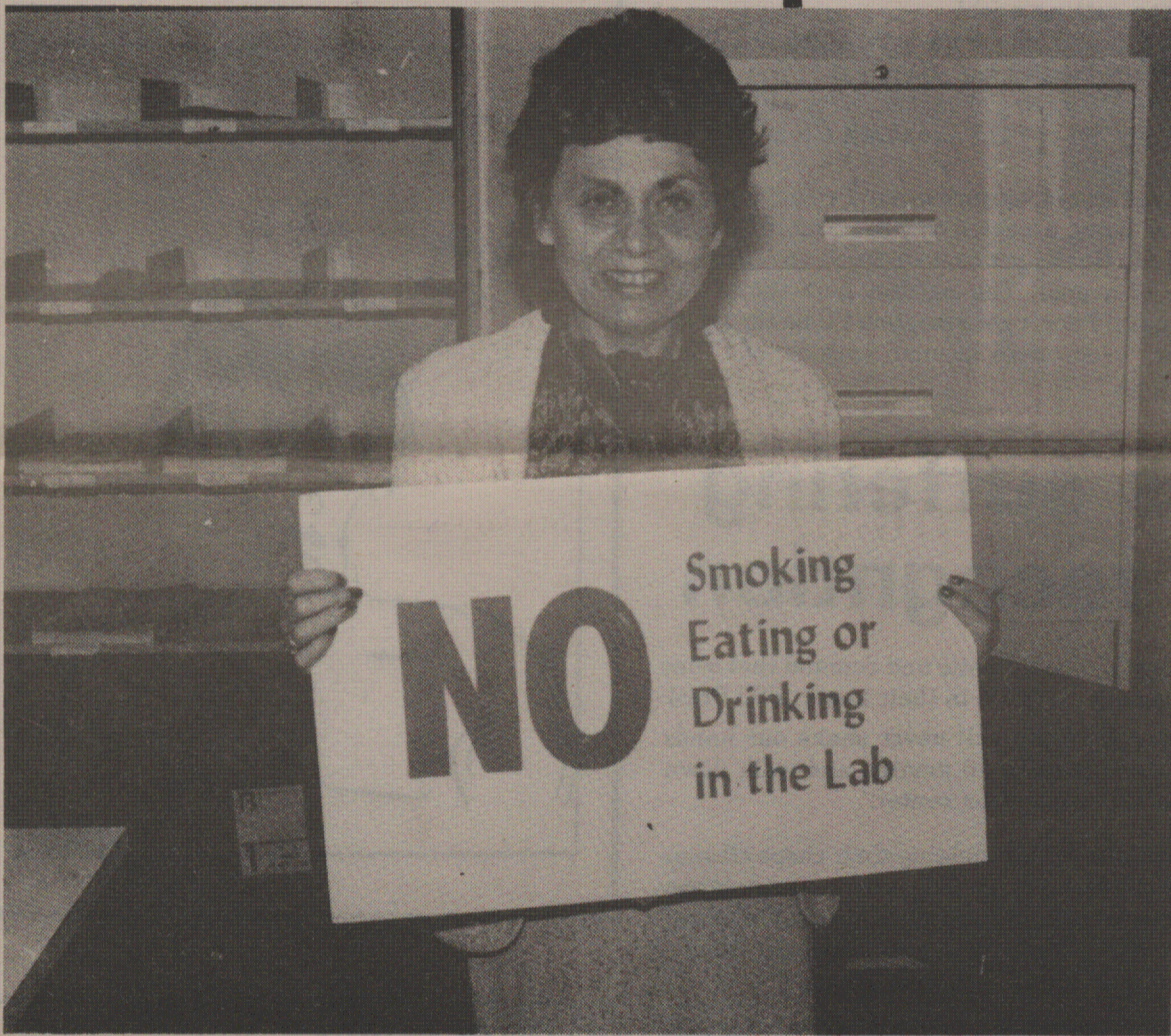
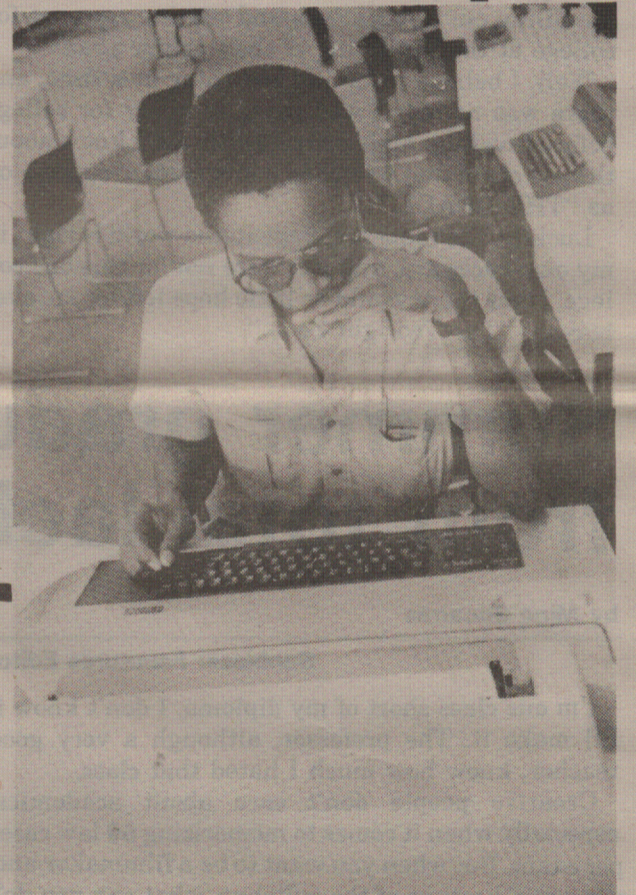
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They spend hours and hours doing programming homework, cramped behind a flashing screen or a buzzing printer. These efforts may drive some students to eat and drink. But as the sign says, none of that can be done in the computer lab. But often, after a night in the lab, sleep is the only bodily function that seems desirable anyway.

The lab is mysterious to all non-hackers. It is another world. But to computer students, the modem is life. And life is the modem. It's a rigid discipline. One wrong move and a program may crash. Just like too many hours spent in the lab. Human crashes are common, too.

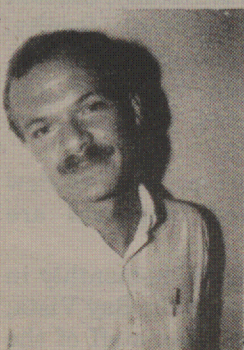
So here's a salute to FIU hackers. They work hard for their output.



Inquiring photographer

by Lillian Cano

How do you feel about giving aid to the Ethiopian people?



"Famine is a natural part of the world economy. I wouldn't give money."

--Scott Hammond



"I think the help has been delayed. I hope it's not too late to save those lives. The way we have reacted (Live Aid) to this has restored my faith in mankind."

--Shashi Bhanari



"I think it's a great idea to help out the starving regardless of their government."

--Jeff Nault

Future students get a head start

by Holly Goodman

Sunblazer Staff Writer

Some high school students from Dade and Broward Counties are getting an early introduction to college life at FIU this summer.

High school juniors with high SAT scores and an A or B average were recruited from area high schools to participate in the Vested Interest Program (VIP), said Caryl Myers, FIU director of special programs for undergraduate studies.

Students selected for the program are given full scholarships, said Myers, and receive regular college credits for the two courses they take.

All VIP students are required to take Modes of Inquiry, a course that teaches research and report writing, and gives them experience in using a library, she said.

The students choose their second course from four

program areas: international relations, computers, literature and chemistry.

Most of the courses are three credits, except for chemistry, which is four, Myers said. By the time the students complete the program at the end of the summer term, they will have earned six or seven college credits, she said.

"The courses are not watered down to high school level," Myers said. "These students attend classes with regular FIU students."

And so far, the students seem impressed.

"They give you more work here than in high school," said Manuela Chong of Hallendale High.

Chong, who chose a computer programming course as her elective, said she enjoys the freedom of FIU. "You don't have to ask the teacher for everything like in high school," she said.

"It's great," said Fernando Jimenez of Pace High School in Opa Locka. "It's better, people are nicer and

the facilities are good. I like the exercise room."

Jimenez also chose a computer science class as his elective.

Renee Green, who graduated from North Miami High this year, selected Approaches to Literature as her elective course.

"I like it so far," she said, "but it's very hard. It's a lot of work." Asked why she enrolled in the program, she said, "When you're in high school and they offer you a scholarship, you apply."

The program started at the Tamiami Campus in 1979 with 25 students, said Myers. Now the program has about 80 students and is offered at both campuses.

"It's a fine recruiting tool because these kids are the leaders in their schools," she said. "Of course, because they are achievers, some get lured away (to other colleges). But some stay here, and most leave the program with a very positive impression of FIU."

COCAINE:

Coke no longer upper-class drug

by Gary Boisson

Sunblazer Contributor

In 1984, Columbian drug agents raided a cocaine processing factory 400 miles southeast from the capital city of Bogota. What they found was beyond anyone's expectations.

The compound, located deep in the jungle, included an airstrip and a dormitory for workers complete with refrigerators, microwave ovens, dishwashers and videotape machines. But the biggest surprise for agents on the scene was the amount of cocaine at the facility.

Prior to the raid, Columbian officials estimated the country's total yearly production of cocaine was perhaps 50 tons. But this particular complex alone, officials said, could process 300 tons of cocaine a year.

The raid netted 14 tons of coke, worth an estimated \$1.2 billion.

And on a smaller, but perhaps just as active a scale, drug enforcement officials in Miami are kept busy.

In February, Miami custom officials seized an Avianca 747 jet moments after touching down at Miami International Airport. Hidden in a shipment of flowers, officials discovered more than 1,000 kilos of coke, worth over \$600 million.

During recent weeks, officials have seized cocaine hidden in a watermelon and a bunch of yams. And close to the campus front, FIU students have been suspended from school for cocaine possession. And in the early morning of July 11, the Coast Guard and Metro police captured two men near FIU's Bay Vista Campus for transporting cocaine on their 30-foot boat.

Police recovered 14 duffle bags containing 840 pounds of coke. The boat beached in back of BVC. One man is still at large.

And so it goes. The world is cocaine crazy and there is no sign of a slowdown. Three coke labs have been shut down in Dade and Broward Counties within the last two months.

Once restricted to high income groups is now available to all social classes and age groups due to increased production and distributions. It killed John Belushi and has ruined the careers of many high-paid athletes. But now, cocaine seems to be threatening the average Joe.

Cocaine, when used for non-medical purposes, makes the user feel energetic, awake and self-confident. Fatigue and boredom are replaced by a sense of accomplishment, success and superiority. It is this sense of superiority that many football players say they feel when they've used it for games.

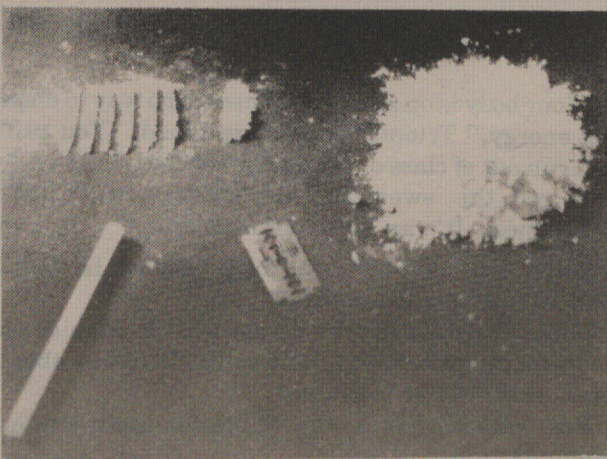


Photo by Gary Boisson

Drug counselor says 5 million play with snow

by Gary Boisson

Sunblazer Contributor

The adverse effects of cocaine include increased heart rate and rising blood pressure levels. The drug also damages nasal cartilage and blood vessels. Use of coke can also result in seizures and death.

But cocaine itself may not be the problem, according to James N. Hall, executive director of Up Front Drug Information Center in Miami.

"The problem is the misuse and human abuse of substances," he said. "We're not going to be able to deal with drug abuse by trying to control the supply."

Up Front is a private foundation licensed by the state, and for the past 12 years it has been a center for research on issues relating to drugs.

There are more than five million cocaine users in the country today, Hall said. This is an increase over previous years, according to the State Department, and it is due in part to the entry of new countries that cultivate coca such as Brazil and Equador.

Other countries such as Panama, help provide safe routes for coke smugglers as they head north into the United States with Miami in mind for a major entry point.

During a two-week period in January, authorities seized over two tons of coke arriving in Miami. That amount surpassed all seizures made in the country during 1981. That, say State Department officials, only proves that cocaine production and smuggling efforts are increasing.

This increase in the availability of cocaine, Hall said, is reaching every aspect of American life. "Cocaine on university campuses now reflects the trend of the 1960s and early 70s, when marijuana was the big high on campus," he said. "Now it's coke, because it's cheaper and readily available."

Cocaine will be here for awhile, and each drug arrest just puts a dent in its mega-dollar influence.

Staying healthy can increase sexual happiness

by Alison Novack

Sunblazer Contributor

"Do you think people with better bodies have better sex?" asks John Travolta as a Rolling Stone reporter in his new movie, "Perfect."

With the sexual revolution having arrived and the fitness craze now upon us, is there a connection between the two?

"Yes and no," says FIU dance instructor Leslie Neal. "On the one hand, if you exercise, you have a good feeling about yourself, which makes sex better."

"But on the other hand," she continued, "too much exercise pulls away from your physical energy."

Charles Hix says in his book Working Out: "Sex is the perfect adjunct to exercise: each one improves the other."

From a nationwide point of view, a survey in The Runner magazine shows that aerobic exercise can have an effect on sex.

Almost two-thirds of the men and women respondents said they felt running made them better lovers. Over 60 percent said their sexual vigor increased during periods when they were at peak levels of fitness. And 80 percent said they gained self-confidence in their running that carried over to their sexual relationships.

The same physical reactions that take place in your body when you are running or playing tennis happens when you are having sex.

Your heart rate is beating 160 beats per minute faster, your respiration rate is 10 times more than normal, your lungs feel heavy, and you're sweating profusely. That, according to Dr. Robert Haas, author of the book Eat to Win.

During sex, there is also a release of the male hormone testosterone -- present in both sexes -- that rises slightly during sex and immediately after. The testosterone is connected to the sex drive, says Dr. Mona Shangold, author of The Complete Sports Medicine Book for Women.

But don't worry. The changes are temporary and the levels never go above what is within range for either sex.

"When you are overactive (from physical exercise), your sex drive declines," said Michelle Deschamps, an FIU student and aerobics director at Grove Nautilus. "But exercise done in moderation makes sex even better," she said.

Said an FIU student who wished anonymity: "Although the frequency of sex dropped when I started working out, it is now more pleasurable and longer."

The Sexercise Book, by Kym Herrin and Richard Benyon, is specifically written about sex and fitness. It has a program for developing strength, endurance and flexibility so you can function more comfortably. But the book is for experienced persons only.

Math is death for those who fear numbers

by Jeffrey L. Kleinman

Sunblazer Editor

Whenever Elliot sits in math class, sweat drips down his face. His mind wanders to thoughts of the beach, food, sleep. The sight of numbers triggers nausea in his gut.

Taking a math test is worse. His head feels light. His mind goes blank. Confusion and ignorance co-exist within his overworked brain. He almost never receives a higher grade than a C.

Elliot (an FIU student who did not want his real name used for fear of embarrassment), is a pre-law major who is afraid of numbers. He says he always struggled with math because he never cared enough about the subject to improve.

For that he suffers.

But he doesn't have to.

FIU offers counseling to deal especially with academic problems. Math anxiety, as the professional world calls it, drags down Elliot's otherwise solid academic performance.

"I don't like math," says Elliot. "It doesn't prepare you for anything. When I sit in math class I daydream about things that interest me. Math is the end of life. Am I the only one who feels this way?"

Apparently not.

"Math anxiety is extraordinarily common, says FIU counselor Kathy Trionfo. Trionfo, associate director of student development, counsels students with all types of anxieties, including the inability to cope with math.

"People with math anxiety become so anxious that they have mental blocks. They just can't absorb it," said Trionfo.

Trionfo helps about 10 math anxious students a semester. But they have to want to get help in order to be helped.

Elliot, whose aspirations of attending law school repeatedly have been threatened by his average to poor math grades, said he doesn't want anything to do with math. And that includes the help FIU offers.

"Nothing helps," he said. "I don't understand algebra, geometry, calculus and statistics. Thank goodness there's no math on the LSAT (the law school entrance examination).

But for those brave enough to seek help, Trionfo and other counselors at FIU wait with open arms and various methods.

"Math anxiety is very easy to deal with therapeutically," said Trionfo. "Most people respond well to therapy."

The first thing Trionfo teaches her students is to relax. With a technique similar to hypnosis, she guides the student through a tour of his mind. "I tell what I want them to imagine," she said. "At first it has nothing to do with math. Most people can overcome the fear if they have the desire."

Creative people may fear the scientific exactness of math, says Ina Howell, an FIU math professor. "Math is cut and dried."

For Elliot, who says he loves the inexactness of debating the law, math and computer science are terrors.

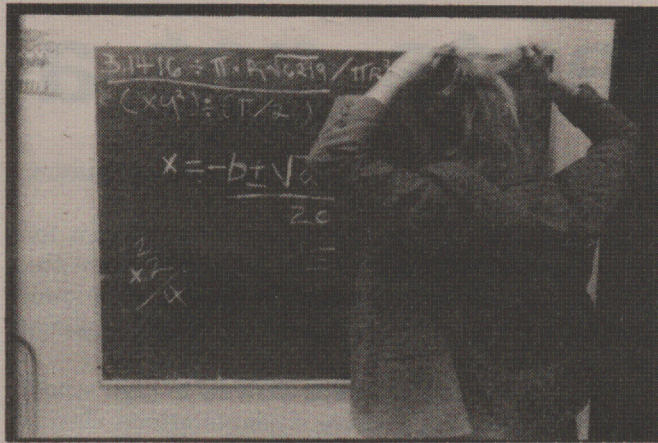
When Elliot sat in front of a computer keyboard for a class he took a couple of semesters ago, his body vibrated, perspiration soaked his clothes and his appetite decreased. When the teacher told him that one slight error could wipe out hours of programming homework, Elliot scrutinized his every touch of a button. And his nerves paid the price.

Trionfo sees math anxious students more afraid of the induced panic than of the math itself.

"It's not uncommon to see a student who will panic way before he takes the test," explained Trionfo. "He'll panic when he opens the book."

Tracing the causes of math anxiety, Trionfo blames initial failure as the pivot. "Human beings hate to fail. When they had the initial failure which they didn't overcome, dislike and panic set in," she said.

If Elliot visited Trionfo, he would face a two-pronged attack designed to battle his hates and fears.



First, Trionfo said she would find a chance for success. Then she would begin her image therapy, enabling a student to control his own thoughts.

"You have to be able to put the person down to a math environment where they can succeed," she said. "I could talk to them until I'm blue in the face, but if they don't know how to do percentages, they're not going to know how to do statistics."

Trionfo says she knows all about the physical symptoms that Elliot suffers. "When something threatens us," she said, "we actually change physiological symptoms. We get increased adrenalin protection. It's the fight and flee syndrome.

"Your body is on a high and there is no way to dispel the energy," Trionfo further explained. "You can't just run out of class or attack the teacher. That's why you get the sweating, the nausea, the light-headedness. It's an automatic reaction."

Elliot said he won't seek help because he thinks math is useless for him.

Math Professor Howell disagrees. "It enables you to think quantitatively," she said. "You'll be able to be a much better consumer."

But panicking is a way of life for math anxious students.

"We hate the thing that causes pain," Trionfo said. "We don't like anything that makes us uncomfortable. We like the subjects in which we do well, just as we like the foods that don't make us sick."

FIU administrator writes school play

by Mina Socarras

Sunblazer Features Editor

Vaudeville is coming to Miami.

Slapstick comedy, song and dance are part of what's in store in the new musical comedy "The Formula."

The play is a visual experience of what it takes to put a musical comedy together. Christopher Bishop, director of FIU alumni affairs, wrote the book and the lyrics. Bernard J. Harding, a local musician, co-wrote the music with Bishop.

Scheduled to open August 8 in the DM building on the Tamiami Campus, "The Formula" has been a brainchild of Bishop for about eight years. His project finally erupted when he met with longtime friend Harding two years ago.

"While I was a professional actor, I saw a pattern on what it took to put a show together," said Bishop. "That pattern is a formula and that is what the play is based on."

Bishop, whose prior theatrical accomplishments have included touring as an actor all over the Midwest, building a theater in San Juan, Puerto Rico and being a stand-up comedian in San Francisco, is very happy with the results.

"I dropped a copy to Philip Church (an assistant professor in the FIU theater department) some months ago, and a while later he called me and said, 'Let's do it,'" said Bishop.

Bishop said that FIU is proud to produce a play by two FIU alumni.

"This play is lots of fun, and it's rated G," he said. "We have no delusions about grandeur but the show has great potential."

Bishop said he will finish writing another play by next summer. "Actually, I have three ideas in mind," he said. "But in the meantime, I'd like to make the Alumni Affairs Association stronger and pursue my artistic life as a hobby."

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Sports Briefs...

Soccer club in fourth place

The FIU Soccer Club, under the name of Deportivo Cuenca Club, has been participating in a local league, the Liga Ecuatoriana Florida.

As of July 14, the club is in fourth place. The team recently shutout the Patria team by a score of 6-0.

The standings:

1-Huancavilca	13 pts.
2-Patria S.C.	11 pts.
3-Bahia Mar F.C.	10 pts.
4-Dep. Cuenca	10 pts.
5-Pichincha S.C.	7 pts.
6-Dep. Guayas	6 pts.
7-Hialeah S.C.	4 pts.
8-Hollywood S.C.	3 pts.

Any student interested in playing for the club contact Hernan Ponce after 8 pm. at 945-9715.

Sports Day set

The third annual Bay Vista Sports Day is scheduled for Saturday, August 31 at the north campus.

Competition in volleyball, tug-of-war and swimming has been added to the event's traditional center piece-flag football. The day will be capped off with a concert featuring Captain Harry and members of the band "Firefall."

Football entries will be limited to four teams and teams will be accepted on a first come first serve basis. Eight teams will contest the volleyball and tug-of-war events.

The Bay Vista Sports Day is sponsored by the Recreational Sports Department, the Social and Cultural Planning Committee of SGA and the Department of Housing. For more information or to enter a team, call 940-5808 or 554-2255.

Using steroids

A Wellness Clinic on the use of steroids in body building will be held September 19 on the Bay Vista Campus.

Jon Walker, coordinator of recreational sports and Elvira Velez, Bay Vista nurse practitioner, will be the main speakers. They will discuss the effects, problems and dangers of steroids as well as common myths about them.

Galactic Pool

A planetary pool player on the wall keeps a close eye on his earthly counterpart, during an afternoon at the Tamiami gameroom.



Photo by Robert Stark

Gator fan snaps back

Dear Mr. Holley,

I am truly disappointed to see that you are still beating that horse. Your June 25 editorial concerning University of Florida President Marshall Criser only proves that you really have been living in a closet for the past year.

First, I would like to say that the Gators did break the rules. You will not find anyone who will contest this fact.

When the infractions occurred, Robert Marston was president of the university and Charley Pell was head coach. They have since been replaced by Marshall Criser and Galen Hall, respectively.

President Criser has done everything in his power to abide by the NCAA and SEC sanctions. This had included the firing of Pell and two of his assistants. He has made every attempt possible to insure that the Gators play by the rules.

Meanwhile, the executive committee of the SEC voted in favor of the Gators keeping their title. This was provided for under the conference regulations.

Then, the presidents of the respective SEC schools had the gall to take matters into their own hands and try to overturn the committee's decision. Now, who is playing by the rules?

Criser inherited a very nasty situation when he became president, but he is trying to restore law and order in Gainseville. Now, his colleagues are trying to undermine his reconstruction efforts by stabbing him in the back. This just goes to prove who the crybabies really are!

As the adage goes, possession is nine-tenths of the law and right now the Gators possess the title. If the other presidents want the title back, might I suggest the hiring of some Shiite Muslims to retrieve it for them. The UF should lock the trophy away for posterity.

As for your remarks about the Gator fans, (myself included), you obviously have no conception of the meaning of the word "PRIDE." I am proud to be associated with a group of people that are absolutely devoted to their team. But the Gator fans are mild when compared to the fans at an institution like Notre Dame, where supposedly, a fan for the opposition was held upside down over the top edge of the stadium in South Bend, Indiana. Throwing oranges seems petty in contrast to this life threatening incident.

The SEC should be honored to have the Gator presence in their conference. Instead, they are jealous and want to suppress the Florida powerhouse by turning this matter into a soap opera.

On behalf of all Gators, I am reaffirming my dedication to stand behind my team because "...through all kinds of weather, we all stick together, for F-L-O-R-I-D-A!"

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