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Commission continues fight for more minority hiring

by Adrian Walker

Sunblazer Staff Writer

Affirmative action is to be a priority in hiring for all FIU deans, said Paul Gallagher, interim vicepresident for academic affairs. Gallagher made the announcement at the President's Commission on Minority Participation meeting on the Tamiami Campus Sept. 18.

"I've met with the deans and told them my position. It's a priority of mine and I expect it to be a priority of theirs," Gallagher said.

The commission also asked Gallagher to assist in short-circuiting rumors that are discrediting the group.

"The attempt to discredit the commission seems to persist, that the charges that we are fighting for quotas. We have never wanted quotas," said Professor Manuel Carvajal.

"I've told the deans that any questions about the commission should come to me," Gallagher said. "If you hear something is being said, it angers me."

The commission also attacked the past affirmative action efforts of FIU. "My chairman (Antonio Jorge) likes to point out that there aren't many blacks in mathematics," mathematics professor Willie Williams said. "That should never be the university's position. We have an obligation to try (to hire minorities).'



Wearing the crown

Don't think for a moment that because you graduated from high school that homecoming court days are over. FIU carries on the tradition of being voted the most popular, dressing to the hilt and wearing a crown. If you're interested in applying for the FIU court, stop in UH 211 on the Tamiami Campus and SC 263 on the Bay Vista Campus. Deadline day is Oct. 21.

"It (that argument) assumes that we are competing against the entire country when we know that isn't the case," said Commission Chairman Antonio Jorge.

"We know that most black and Hispanic professionals prefer to live in metropolitan areas. We (FIU) are much more attractive to minorities than the University of Fairbanks."

The commission also questioned the procedures for advertising vacant positions, as well as support provided by the university's Office of Equal Opportunity.

"I don't know if positions are being advertised where blacks and Hispanics will see them," said Rafael Penalver, Jr. "If it's a question of advertising in Diario Las Americas or in some academic journal in Tallahassee, you can see what could happen."

"Minorities go to that office (Equal Opportunity) looking for an advocate and don't get that," Williams said."Many times the administration tells people in that office to 'stonewall it' (complaints), and that's what happens.

Equal Opportunity Director Toni Eisner could not be reached for comment.

The commission was formed during the summer by FIU President Gregory B. Wolfe as an advisory council on affirmative action. It is comprised of FIU faculty and administration members, as well as community leaders.

Racoons think FIU is home

by Lyda Longa

Sunblazer Staff Writer

They roam the halls at night. Wearing deep black masks, they will surprise and scare you senseless if you're not careful. Their mission is a simple one: searching for food and water.

Out into the dense, tree-lined access road outside of campus, there is a whole different population scuttling about.

Welcome to the Bay Vista Campus wildlife preserve, home of the local racoons and crabs. "The surrounding swamps, woods and thick bushes make great hiding places and homes for all these wild creatures," said Celestino Diaz, a campus custodian. "I've seen plenty of racoons roaming the hallways between ACI and and ACII when I'm on my cleaning shift at night."



BRUCE see story on page 5.



Planning your life

Some of us are struggling with biology, calculus and literature. Sick of it? No problem. Just look forward to the rest of your life.

And FIU, like the big brother that it is, is again offering a hand to get you on the right track.

"Career Life Planning" is the name of a seminar to be conducted at 12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m. Sept. 26 in SC 255.

That's entertainment

If you're starved for entertainment, listen up. The Tamiami Rathskellar will be host to The First Rat Olympics at 8 p.m. Sept. 25. Also, there will be a mini-concert at 12:15 p.m. Sept. 26 on the UH walkway.

Diaz said he has to be careful emptying trash cans because occasionally the racoons sneak inside the huge trash cans looking for food.

"They aren't dangerous, but they won't back away if you try to scare them. I threw some boxes in one of the trash cans and there was a huge racoon inside it. I thought he was going to jump out at me," Diaz said.

"Several days ago I left a bucket of dirty water in the hallway outside room 263 in AC I. When I came back for it, two small racoons were drinking the dirty water," Diaz said.

Although they only come out at night and they're quite harmless you need to watch your step. Strategically located throughout AC I and AC II are tiny and not-so-tiny racoon droppings. After all, just because they go to college doesn't mean they have perfect bathroom manners.

Photo by Catherine Shaffer

The "interesting" crabs, on the other hand, don't leave a mess, but the very sight of them makes your skin crawl.

They are huge, gray and silvery white with uneven patches of black. They have many legs.

Their favorite activity is dashing back and forth across the entrance road of the university.

"The other day I was leaving the campus when I saw this giant gray thing ahead of my car, crawling across the road," Alicia Johnson, a sophomore, said. "I was stunned because I really didn't know what it was until I ran over it. It was a disgusting crab. I can still here the sound it made when I accidentally squashed it."

Johnson said that she could not stop in time because the crab seemed undecided on where he was going. continued on page 2



Deluca's act hypnotizes FIU

by Stan Butler

Sunblazer News Editor

They grip their hands together, tighter and tighter until they grimace pain. Try as they may, they cannot pull their hands apart. These 16 people are in a trance, Tom Deluca's trance. He is their master for the next hour and a half.

Deluca appeared Sept. 12 and 13 at both campuses putting on his one man hypnosis/comedy show. He has a degree in psychology and has been performing for college audiences the last six years.

Deluca mixed in a slide show with psychic phenomena for the first part of his act. After a brief intermission he began to hypnotize 16 volunteers from the audience for the second half of the show.

After getting the volunteers to relax, he began to hypnotize them. Deluca tested the subjects by having them try to pry their hands apart after he told them they wouldn't come apart. Several failed the test and were escorted off the stage.

After a few more tests, Deluca had weeded out the subjects that were not totally under his control.

For each action he had to put the subjects into a

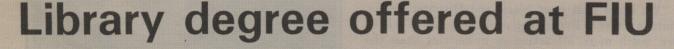
deeper sleep. He made them believe the temperature was rising or falling, depending on the way he was counting.

The subjects would begin to sweat. Several men took their shirts off. Most of them removed their shoes. Deluca rapidly dropped the temperature to freezing. They held themselves as though they were freezing. Deluca then brought the temperature back to normal.

Then, Deluca made his subjects see the audience naked. A few minutes later he made the subjects think they were naked, even though they were fully clothed. They hid themselves in shame as Adam and Eve once did.

Bringing back childhood memories, making subjects forget their own name, having subjects talk and interpret a new language were just some of the other things he made the subjects do before he brought them out of their trance..

Kristian Lynch, subject at the Bay Vista show, said it wasn't the first time he was hypnotized. "I faintly remember the start (being placed under hypnosis) ...but nothing else." Lynch said he would do it again and so will many other students across the nation.



by Holly Goodman

Sunblazer Staff Writer

You've been taught basic use of the library card catalog. Books can be found by looking up the title, the author or the subject.

But if you've done any research in a library recently, you've probably found that it's no longer such a simple matter. The cards in the catalog might refer you to types of sources you've never heard of.

This August, FIU began offering classes toward a Master of Library Science (MLS) degree to keep up with the Information Age. Although classes are held at FIU, the MLS program is an extension of Florda State University in Tallahassee. Those who complete the program, receive degrees from FSU.

Teachers for the classes offered at FIU come from both the local community and FSU, said Celia Suarez, an associate dean at Miami-Dade Community College who is teaching a library course this semester.

Library science has existed since Melvil Dewey invented the Dewey Decimal System in 1876. But with the onset of the Information Age, there is the need for faster and more efficient storage, preservation, organization and accessibility of vast amounts of information, said Suarez.

These are the goals of today's library science professionals and of the college training offered in the field.

The FSU curriculum offers five courses that deal with computer usage in libaries, but students don't need prior computer experience to get into the program, said Suarez.

"Of the 40 students I have now," Suarez said, "with one exception, all have humanities, history, social science or English backgrounds." ning systems in general. It offers a systems approach that's transferable to many other activities."

Scott Kass, an MLS working as an instructional librarian at the Bay Vista Campus, agrees with Suarez.

"With an MLS degree," he said, "you can work as a private researcher, work for a company in a special library or become an information broker." An information broker, he explained, is someone who uses a computer to access information on specific industries or subjects.

The broker usually sell this information to stock brokers, marketing firms and other kinds of businesses, he said, and he makes a lot of money doing it.

"You can set your own limits," he continued. "You can hire a network of people to work for you or you can work by yourself. But either way, you're the boss of a firm finding information for people."

Kass, who has worked in the FIU library for eight years, described the people who go into the MLS program as mixed bags. "They come from every (area) imaginable," he said. "They might be Dade County school teachers, chemists or meteorologists."

Before becoming an MLS, Kass said he had a lot of different jobs. His last job before returning to school was working as an advertising copywriter.

"It was very high stress, and I always wanted a low stress job," said Kass. "I always liked libraries and reading, so I decided to combine what I like doing with work."

While he was in undergraduate school, Kass worked in the FIU library as a technical assistant in charge of microfilm. "I stuck with the university because it's the one thing I wanted more than anything else," he said. "It's so varied, and I meet so many types of people. It's like getting a constant college education."



Car stolen from lot

One car was stolen and another vandalized inthe DM parking lot on the Tamiami Campus this month.

A locked, 1981 Buick Regal owned by Gloria Collins, was stolen from the DM lot on Sept. 6. Collins left the car at 8:15 a.m. and returned at 2:00 p.m. to find her car gone. Police searched all parking lots, but came up empty.

Esteban Martinez lost \$183 worth of various items from his 1978 Datsun 200 SX on Sept. 5. Martinez parked at the DM south lot at 9:45 a.m. and when he returned at 1 p.m. he found missing from his car: a gasoline cap, three gallons of gas, a Texas Instruments calculator and a calculator recharger. There was no sign of forced entry, police said.

A \$500 car stereo was stolen by a robber who used a slim-jim (an unlocking device) to open Leopoldo Sanchez's 1983 Volkswagon Rabbit car door. The car was in the Tamiami campus raquetball courts' parking lot Sept. 3 when it was vandalized. Sanchez's car also suffered extensive dashboard damage and slim-jim scratch marks on the glass.

Teresa Harb said she will file assault and battery charges against Alina Diaz with the state attorney for an incident that occured on the Tamiami Campus Sept. 3.

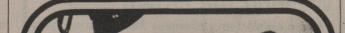
White paint was found sprayed on windows, sculpture and a campus directory on the Tamiami Campus Sept. 8. Police recommended photos be taken before the area was cleaned up.

Jenny Carrido's 1983 Datsun 280 ZX was vandalized in the OE lot on the Tamiami Campus Sept. 7. The left door lock and key ignition were found damaged. Damage was estimated at \$100.

Ten men's shirts, were stolen from the dryer in the laundry room at the Bay Vista dorms Sept. 1. Eddy Disheume's missing shirts were of assorted styles and colors and valued them at \$150.

A brown leather two-fold wallet was stolen from Lloyd Vermont's dorm at BVC Sept. 6. A driver's license, credit cards and checks were in the wallet. Total loss was estimated at \$129.

-- compiled by David Colodney



Suarez said the MLS degree is a practical academic tool. "It's useful in terms of knowing how to access information, knowing how to be organized and in lear-

Ted Koppel lecture is sold out

by Stan Butler

Sunblazer News Editor

Fewer than 1,000 people will be able to attend Ted Koppel's Sept. 28 lecture.

Koppel, ABC News Nightline anchor, will be speaking about the media's impact on U.S. Foreign policy. The lecture has been sold out about a month. "Students are complaining that there aren't enough tickets," said Ruth Hamilton, director of student ac-

Crabs

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"When I was going to stop, the crab scuttled a few feet in front of my car, scuttled backwards, and then tried to race across the road. That's when I hit him," Johnson said with a grimace.

Robert Fernandez, a North Miami resident and weekend crab hunter, says that the crabs "...rush

tivities. "We need a facility to hold at least 10 percent of the student body."

The Tamiami Campus gymnasium -- planned for completion by the end of the year -- will be able to accommodate over 5,000 people for a lecture, said Rich Kelch, FIU sports information director.

Koppel will be speaking in AT 100 on the Tamiami Campus. Hamilton said that AT 100 can seat about 650 with extra chairs. An overflow crowd can view the lecture in UH 140, which holds about 300 people.

back and forth madly because they can't stand the heat and humidity.

"The heat makes them act crazy; they are constantly searching for a cool place to hide or settle," Fernandez said.

Well, maybe that explains the undecided crabs mad dash across the road. Unfortunately, the crabs don't stop to think about traffic and often end up as part of your tire.



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Bruce: The great adventure

We rode in the same elevator as BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN did.

Unfortunately, it wasn't at the same time. We were less than 10 feet away from the BOSS.

- Unfortunately, a locked door separated us. SPRINGSTEEN actually spoke to us on the phone.
- Unfortunately, we froze and hung up.

We tried telling them we were from The Sunblazer. Unfortunately, they laughed at us.

What follows is an actual account (given in 24 hour military time for accuracy) of our more than three hour trek to meet the BOSS.

1700 hrs: An informed source provided us with all the information necessary to turn three relatively composed BRUCE fans into quivering masses of jello. 1715 hrs: Our plan becomes action. Our contact was "Joe," a name we tossed around whenever trouble showed up.

1810 hrs: Arrival. Faux pas No. 1. Parked in Valet Only parking. For what wouldn't be the first time tonight, we were told to "Get Out!"

1815 hrs: Succumbed to valet parking. We proceeded to make our entrance into the luxurious Grand Bay Hotel. With no guard present, we went to HIS room. We found not BRUCE at the door, but Ed.

Ed, it seems, had been more enterprising than most of Miami. He set up his telescope in his office across the street. He knew where BRUCE was staying even before BRUCE did. We told Ed the story we made up. After knocking on HIS door and getting no answer we slipped a note in explaining what we wanted (for real) and signed it.

1830 hrs: Ed picks up the house phone. BRUCE answers; HE sounded asleep. We woke the BOSS up. We slumped over to the elevator and pushed "down" where a "Mighty" Max Weinberg sighting was reported. However, the security guard returned and uttered the words we came prepared to hear, "Get Out!"

"But we're from The Sunblazer!" ...laughter ... "Get Out!" Sure, kick us out.

1845 hrs: Nonchalant as humanly possible, we took the elevator down, picked up the phone and dialed the number where Ed believed he saw "that drummer guy (Weinberg).'

We all had small coronaries when the ringing phone gave way to an actual human voice. A human voice



Bruce Springsteen and Saxophonist Clarence Clemons roar pure rock and roll.

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with a wonderful English accent. Weinberg is a lot of things; British, however, isn't one of them. The voice told us to try another room.

1900 hrs: Being pros at recognizing "undercover" security personnel by now, we avoided them by disguising ourselves as walls, doors and carpeting. As we were picking up the phone, Patti Sciafala, BRUCE's female back-up singer appeared in front of us. We gave her our shpiel and once again, we were told to check the road crew for the person we "knew and had an appointment with.'

1910 hrs: It turns out we were told we were in the wrong hotel because the person we knew that we really didn't know, but told everybody we knew, wasn't even in the hotel, which explains why nobody knew the person we knew (but really didn't) and this explains everything and yet nothing at the same time. Confused? So were we. But, "No retreat baby, no surrender."

1930 hrs: Darkness at the edge of the hotel sets in. The road manager told us the entourage would leave for Dallas at 2100 hrs, so we began a vigil in the lobby.

1940 hrs: Hid in pay phone booth. Made some calls to tell people where we were. Lied that we saw

BRUCE. Ran out of change. Faked using phone everytime security passed so they wouldn't tell us to "Get Out!"

1957 hrs: Back to pay phone. Spotted Jon Landau, the BOSS's boss. Went for broke. Faux pas No. 2. Begged Landau for an interview.

"No," he said. "No...no!" Shrugging his shoulders, he said no again, and walked away.

2010 hrs: Got tired. Still no BOSS. Called HIS room again to make sure he didn't get out the back way. He answered "Hello?" We hung up. We were in shock. We then realized we had gotten our interview. Oh, happy day!!

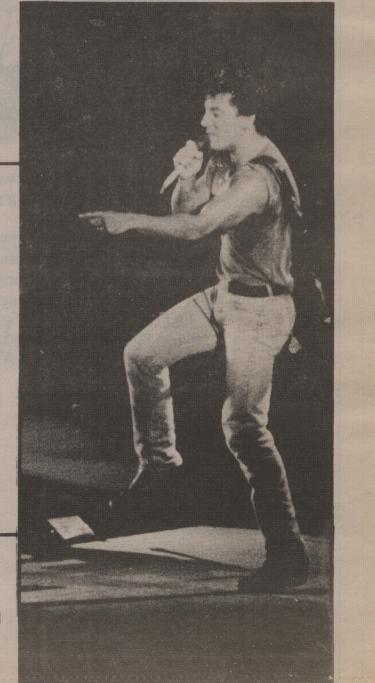
2015 hrs: Security is now crawling. We entered a back portion of the lobby. Once again, we were told to Get Out!

2020 hrs: Overheard security desk saying, "What are they waiting for?" Cover had been blown. Noticed ugly middle-aged men in ugly middle-aged blue suits. More of them than us. Aborted mission.

2030 hrs: Sneaked out. Couldn't make a quick getaway because we succumbed to valet parking. After retrieving car from said valet, we drove off into the Grove.

by Sanda Kurtz, David Colodney and Lillian Cano







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'Blazers lose to American, tie No. 1 UCLA

The end was fair, a 1-1 tie by the Sunblazers and the visiting Bruins of UCLA. Billed as the highlight of the Sunblazer Classic tournament, the two teams clashed on Sept. 8 and provided a close game for more than 800 fans at Sunblazer Field.

UCLA which was ranked No.1 in Division I by Soccer America magazine, was the favorite in the tournament. FIU, ranked fifth in Division II was eagerly ambitious to face the west coast team. The Bruins had to be on their minds weeks ahead of time. Upset must've crossed their thoughts at least once or twice.

What happened was that even before the two teams met, FIU (2-2-1) lost to American University (ranked 17th in Division I) in double overtime, 2-1 on Sept. 8. UCLA, however, beat Tampa University, 4-2.

With the largest crowd of the year cheering them on, the Sunblazers went ahead of the Bruins (3-0-2) first when defender Rick O' Connor worked a giveand-go with Munga Eketebi through the heart of the defense. O'Connor eluded a sliding Bruin defender and place his shot past goalkeeper David Vanole.

In the second half, UCLA tied the score on a goal by Mike Getchell. From then on, both teams squandered chances.

In all, 110 minutes of soccer were played, with regulation and two overtimes.

Against American, FIU appeared sluggish. The team had chances to score, but shots were either too high or too wide.

Three minutes into the second overtime, American's Mike Brady charged toward the Sunblazers' goal all

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alone with only FIU goalkeeper Marc Wolff in his way. But Brady was tackled down from behind. He then kicked a penalty shot past Wolff for the apparent winning goal for American (4-0).

Earlier in the second half, FIU's Eketebi scored off a pass from Juan Gomez.

American went on to win the tournament, defeating Tampa (ranked third in Division II) 2-1 in Sunday's opener. UCLA finished second while FIU was third. American's Brady was named the Classic's Most Valuable Player.



Photo by Robert Stark

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Ass't AD named

FIU will soon fill the void of an assistant to athletic director David Rice.

Emily Harsh, women's athletic director at Vanderbilt University, will take the assistant spot at FIU between Oct. 15 and Nov. 1.

Harsh has spent 16 years at Vanderbilt, the last eight years as the women's athletic director. She is also serving as the Southeastern Conference (SEC) women's basketball commissioner.

Women in the FIU athletic department is nothing new. Nancy Olson served as the FIU athletic director for four years until she resigned in August of 1984.

Columbus wins tournament

Defending intramural champion Columbus Alumnus captured the preseason flag football tournament on Saturday, Sept. 14.

The Columbus team defeated Reggie's Raiders 21-12 in the final game of the tournament which featured a stiff wind throughout the day.

Earlier, in the semifinals, Columbus defeated Goombazoo 20-12 while the Raiders edged out The Force 12-6. The tournament which was a warmup to the intramural league that started on Sept. 20, fielded 13 teams.

All of the four teams in the semifinals of the preseason tournament are expected to be favorites in the league which has 20 teams.

Games are played on Fridays at 3 and 4:30 p.m and Saturdays at 11, noon, 1 or 2 p.m. The teams battle it out on the west side of the Tamiami

Barry defeats FIU women, 9-1

by David Colodney

Sunblazer Sports Ass't

Poor officiating was the cause of the FIU women's soccer team's second place showing in the Barry Invitational tournament last weekend at Barry University, Everton Edwards, the team's coach, said.

"It was just poor refereeing. The worst I've ever seen," Edwards said.

The Sunblazers were participating in their first tournament ever. This is the first season for women's soccer as a team sport. Barry won the tournament, Edwards said, because "they had to."

"Whenever you have a first tournament, you set it up so you win it."

The Sunblazers '9-1 drubbing at the hands of Barry was sandwiched between 3-0 shutout victories over St. Thomas University and Rollins College.

"I'm very disappointed. The officiating gave them four goals," Edwards said.

The inconsistencies in the linesman's calls affected the team's defense in the 9-1 loss. They fell flat after a quick 4-0 first half deficit and never quite recovered.

"The first two goals were off-sides, the next one was good, then the next was off-sides."

"Once you are down 4-0, it's hard to come back." A shouting match broke out between Edwards and the linesman, Jose Herrera, early in the first half. A team full of freshmen can get intimidated easily enough, but the calls in the other direction really seemed to take the steam out of them.

"This team is very young. They didn't know what was going on," Edwards said.

Plus, they played without standouts Martha Torres and Elizabeth Clemons, who were both injured. In spite of the lopsided score, goaltender Julie

Orlowski made 18 saves.

Still, Edwards faces this season with undying optimism.

"I guarantee it. It will take a year (to reach the championships). And we won't lose many this year," he said. "You just hate to lose because of the officiating."

FIU runners place second

The FIU men's cross-country team finished second overall in the Greentree Invitational meet on Sept. 14 at the University of Miami.

"He wouldn't raise his flag,"Edwards said. "This guy was messing them up bad."

Edwards eventually just walked away in the second half, trying to avoid being thrown out.



The team finished with a total of 48 points, 29 points behind the winning team of the UM. Leading the Sunblazers was Eric Alvarez, who finished second in 25:55 behind the Hurricanes' Chris Novack at 25:11.

Other FIU runners, their place and time: Sam Fistel - finished seventh in 26:49. Emil Herran - 10th in 27:38. Victor Sleitas - 11th in 27:41. Jose Quiros - 18th in 28:42. Ken Kirk - 34th in 33:53.

The women's team placed fifth overall with 113 points. St. Thomas University won the event with 19 points.

Chris Simoniello led FIU, placing 18th in 23:45. Finishing first and second in the event were former FIU runners Ena Guevara-Mora (St. Thomas) in 17:43 and Danielle Heath (St. Thomas) in 18:29. Another former FIU runner, Carrie Cowan finished fifth for the UM.

Other FIU runners, their place and time: Korey Kruse - finished 20th in 25:01. Alison Hess - 23rd in 25:28. Yvette Videl - 25th in 26:33. Kim Pelligrini - 27th in 28:22.

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Bowlers sought for club at FIU

If knocking down pins is your thing then FIU won't leave you out in the cold.

The FIU Bowling Club will continue its tryouts in September. The schedule for the final two tryouts is;

Saturday, Sept. 28 at 9:30 a.m. Airport Lanes 4251 N.W. 18th Street Hialeah

Sunday, Sept. 29 at 10 a.m. University of Miami Lanes Whitten Union Coral Gables

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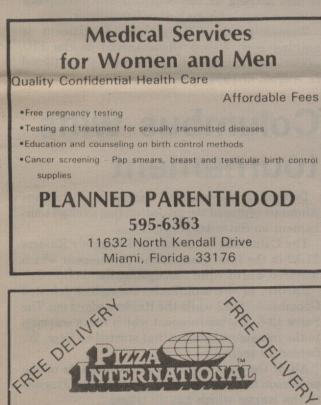
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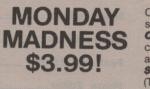


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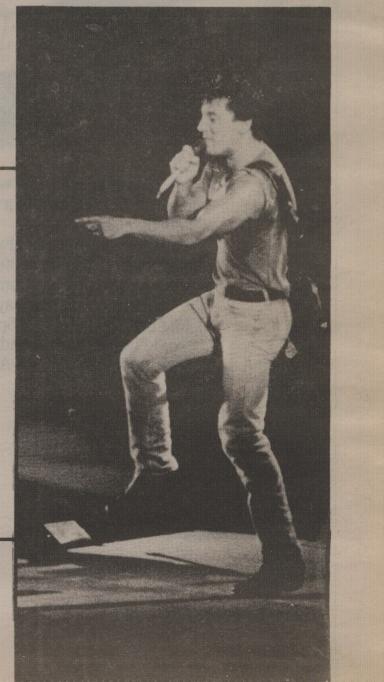
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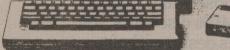
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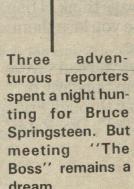
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