

## SGA finally decides

## Kool and the Gang picked to play homecoming

By Adrian Walker

Sunblazer Staff Writer
It's finally time to rock.
After an arduous selection process, Kool and the Gang will play FIU's annual homecoming concert, Nov. 17 at Tamiami Stadium. Joe Piscopo is rumored to be the opening act.
"I think it's going to be one hell of a concert," said Anthony McDay, co-chairman of the SGA Social and Cultural Committee.
Kool and the Gang come to town riding a wave of popularity, Their most recent single "Cherish," just dropped of Billboard's Top 10 after rising as high as No. 2. Their current album, Emergency, is climbing up the Billboard album charts.

## Formula races roar at Tamiami

by David Colodney
Sunblazer Staff Writer
The smell of burning rubber and the sound of Formula 1 engines will probably still be echoing through
the Tamiami Campus hallways when students return on the Monday after three days of racing at Tamiami Park, Nov. 8, 9 and 10.
Some of auto racing's biggest names, including Mario Andretti, Emerson Fittipaldi and the fatherson Unser tandem will be competing for the 1985 CART/PPG Indy Car World Series title.
The Beatrice Indy Challenge, which is expected to exceed the 140,000 turnout of the Lowenbrau Grand Prix of Miami in February, should determine the winner through a complex point system based on performances in previous Indy car races this year.
One of the winners will be either Al Unser or Al Unser Jr. The senior Unser has earned 139 points so far, while Al Jr. has 136. Third-place Bobby Rahal has 116. Since the event at Tamiami is worth 22 points, the title is locked up by the Unsers. Rahal, however, still has a chance at second.

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The top 10 point earners will split a $\$ 1$ million pot, with $\$ 300,000$ going to the winner.
The Unsers bring in an impressive list of credentials. The senior Unser, 46 , has nearly $\$ 4$ million in earnings to his credit since he ran his first race in 1964. He is a three-time Indy winner and the 1984 PPG Cup champion.
The 22 -year-old junior Unser has only been racing since 1982 , but has already won over $\$ 696,000$.
Other events on the two-day bill include the Champion Spark Plug Challenge and the Gulf Bank Formula 4 Invitational.

Racing Notes: Discounts are being offered to FIU students. The cost is $\$ 12$ for general admission tickets, which cover all three days of racing. The regular price is $\$ 15$. Grandstand seats are range from \$25-75.

In recent years, climbing the charts has become a regular occurrence for the band, whose string of hits include "Misled", "Fresh" and "Joanna"

## 'I think it's going to be one hell of a concert.' <br> --Anthony McDay, SGA

Until recently, the committee was unsure about the homecoming choice. Some of the choices for homecoming were: REO Speedwagon, Foreigner, Beach Boys, Tina Turner and Jimmy Buffet. Some of those bands couldn't make it; others were rejected by the commit-
tee. Finally, Kool and the Gang agreed to come tee.
SGA hopes the concert, which will be co-sponsor by Y100 (WHYI), will equal the success of last year Chicago show, which attracted almost 18,000 Tamiami.
Time had appeared to be running out on homecoming concert because normally four to $s$ weeks is required to push the necessary paperwo through administrative red tape. But university . ficials have promised to expedite approval of $t$ contracts.
Tickets for the show, priced at $\$ 10$ for the FIU cos munity and $\$ 12$ for the public, will go on sale ear this week in UH 211 at Tamiami, SC 240 at BVC a all Bass Ticket outlets.

photo by Catherine Shaffer
LIGHTS, CAMERA... Director from Lewis Advertising oversees production of a Hardee's hamburger commercial filmed on the Bay Vista Campus. The commercial will be shown in Kuwait. The filming took place last week at the BVC pool and soccer field.

## SGA ousts 3 senators for poor attendance

By Valerie Greenberg

## Sunblazer Staff Writer

Three Student Government Association senators with poor attendance records were impeached by the Senate at its Oct. 23 meeting on the Bay Vista Campus.
Barry Grossman, of the School of Business Administration, Janis Mink, of the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, and Nirma Hill, of the School of Public Affairs and Services, were absent from the last five Senate meetings, according to Senate Vice President Sandy Curtis.
"They were not fufilling their responsibilities," said Curtis. "If they do not attend the meetings, than they are not representing the students who elected them."
Senators are permitted three absences and can be excused from attending a meeting only if they notify
the Senate in writing that they will not be preser Curtis said.
He said Grossman, Mink and Hill failed to conta the Senate regarding their absences.
"Their absences were making it difficult for t$]$ Senate to reach quorum," said Curtis, "and witho quorum the Senate comes to a standstill."
Grossman, who was not forewarned of possible in peachment, called the action "unprofessional and violation of common courtesy.
"I should have had a hearing before the Senate the Rules and Agenda Committee before action w: taken. "
Grossman said he missed the meetings because 1 was working on other SGA business.
According to Curtis, a senator can be impeache without prior notification.
Mink and Hill were not available for comment.

## Smeal speaks out

Eleanor Smeal, who won back the presidency of the National Organization of Women (NOW) this summer, will speak at FIU at 3 p.m. Nov. 8 in UH 140 on the Tamiami Campus.
She will state NOW's goals for $1985-86$ as well as address the topic of renewing campus activism. FIU NOW, the Women's Studies Center, the History Club and the Student Government Association are sponsoring her appearance.

## SGA meets weekly

The Student Government Association meets at 3 p.m. each Wednesday on the Tamiami Campus. The FIU politicos take to the road the third Wednesday of each month when they meet on the Bay Vista Campus.
The meetings are open to the public. Call $554-2121$ for further details.

## Roses are red

Gerald Stern, one of America's leading poets, will read his works at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 30 in ACI 194 on the Bay Vista Campus.
Stern has taught at Temple University, the University of Pittsburgh, and, since 1982, has been at the University of Iowa. He writes also writes a column for the American Poetry Review.

## Coming up...

## Here's your opportunity to be a critic for the day

If you have ever wondered what it was like to be a movie critic, you now have a chance to satisfy your curiosity.
Paramount Pictures is sponsoring a movie review contest. All you have to do is call The Sunblazer at 940-5684 and request your tickets to either the Nov. 5, 7 or 18 screening. All requests must be made by Nov. 5 .
Then after you see the film, write a review. It doesn't have to be lengthy. Some of the best ones are only a few paragraphs long. Then mail it to The Sunblazer office, FIU Bay Vista Campus, SC 253, North Miami, Fl. 33181.
The entries will be judged by professional South Florida film critics. If your entry is selected, Paramount will award you with free passes for all of
its 1986 screenings. Your review will also appear in The Sunblazer and possibly in The Miami Herald or The Miami News.

## Concert Update

Here is a list of local concerts for the remainder of October and for November:
James L. Knight Center -- Spyro Gyra, 11/28
Miami Beach Theater of Performing Arts -- Rocio Jurado, 11/23-24
Sunrise Musical Theatre -- Harry Belefonte, 11/7; The Manhattan Transfer, 11/8-9; Liza Minelli, 11/26-12/1
West Palm Beach Auditorium -- Hank Williams, Jr., 11/3

## Committee seeks help in planning celebration

The committee organizing the Jewish Awareness Celebration needs student ideas for upcoming events. The celebration is planned to run Jan. 20-25.
Meetings are held at 1 p.m. each Tuesday in SC 255 on the Bay Vista Campus. For more information, contact Norman Richman at $940-5680$.



## Professors shouldn't give first exam after last drop date


#### Abstract

Keeping with the Halloween tradition, there are some scary things going on at FIU. The last possible day to drop a course was Oct. 18, a Friday. But some professors started their midterm exams long after that date. It might be interesting for these FIU faculty to realize the purpose of a drop date. It is for students who are not doing well to decide whether to stay in the class. But how are they supposed to know how they are doing if they haven't received a grade yet? There are professors who are opposed to the dropping of classes, seeing it as an easy way out for lazy students. What they don't realize is that there are many excellent students who grapple with the decision to drop a class. It is not an easy decision, and in no way should it be construed as an "easy way out."


## Editorial

It is unfair for professors to put off their first test or paper until it is too late for a student to drop the course. It is a fact of academic life for students who don't do well on their first assignment to consider dropping a course. The majority of drops probably generate from that reason.
But if a student doesn't do well on his first test, there is no way to escape if it is given after drop day. And then, his grades may plummet further without any chance to drop and reschedule the next semester.
Dropping a course is not necessarily an ad mirable act. Professors do have a point when they say a student shouldn't bail out after receiving a miserable initial grade. But what is better, a student dropping and possibly doing well the next semester, or staying put while failing out?
What it all boils down to is a question of fairness. It simply isn't right for a student to be locked into a "no-win" situation.
Professors should plan exam schedules so that students have ample time to evaluate their midterm grades and decide whether to remain in a class.
Not only would this benefit the students by allowing those who desire to drop a class to do so, but the overall failure rate for FIU students unquestionably would decrease, and that certainly would improve the university's image.

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## Letters:

## Readers cry Wolfe over BVC future

## To the Editor:

In response to Robert Stark's article in the Oct. 22 issue, "Business School Belongs at Tamiami," I feel that Mr. Stark is presenting his opinions as fact. The arguments for having the business school on the Bay Vista Campus seem to be the author's arguments, which may or may not be the real reasons why FIU dercided on having business classes at BVC.
I think Mr. Stark needs to realize that there are many students in the North Dade area who study business, and prefer studying on BVC because it is closer to their homes. These students should have the opportunity to study business on their home campus, just like South Dade students can study at their home campus, Tamiami.
Mr. Stark's article treats the two campuses as separate universities. He should realize that FIU is one university and all types of classes should be offered on both campuses. Putting the business school solely on the Tamiami Campus suggests a division between the two campuses that really should not exist.
Stark's phrase, "...Tamiami has been and always will be FIU's future," is totally egocentric and narrow-minded. How can anyone possibly make this statement? BVC is growing and has a great future. It is just as much a part of FIU as the Tamiami Campus is. In fact, it is FIU, and everyone should remember this.

> Jeanette Altorriba FIU student

To the Editor:
This is in response to FIU President Gregory B. Wolfe's statement, "A real university goes where the students are." Is this to mean that North Dade and South Broward have no students?
The last time I drove around the neighborhood I saw plenty of high schools, which means potential university students. Take away the chance for the Bay Vista Campus to grow and of course there will be no reason to put anything here.
I don't understand anymore, no, actually I've never understood. Why should I feel unity with the Tamiami Campus when it always seems to get the cake and Bay Vista gets the crumbs?

Ron Karasz
FIU student

## Letters policy

The Sunblazer welcomes your views on the basis of timeliness, interest, clarity, taste and space. Letters must be signed with the writer's name and their relationship to the university. Telephone numbers must be included so we may verify your letter.
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## Women's swim team to replace volleyball

by Jeffrey L. Kleinman and Irene Secada

Sunblazer Editor/Contributor
The women's volleyball team will most likely be dropped from the FIU sports repertoire after next year in favor of a women's swim and dive team, which will start to compete next fall, according to Athletic Director David Rice.
Rice said he will soon recommend to the Athletic Council that a swim team compete at the $\$ 1.3$ million Bay Vista Campus pool because aquatic cometition is more conducive to the South Florida area than volleyball, which tends to be popular on the West Coast.
The swim and dive team will also be less expensive to operate since it would not travel much and would be coached by a pool employee, he said.

Rice said he has approached Pool Manager Phil Bradford about the job, but said he will give consideration to all those qualified, "He would be an excellent person to do it," Rice said of Bradford. Bradford was unavailable for comment late last week.
Linda Miskovic, the women's volleyball coach, said she is sorry to lose her team, but admitted that volleyball is an expensive proposition for a budgetconscious athletic department.

Miskovic added that it would be even more expensive to run the team once FIU transforms into Division I status next year. The volleyball team is alotted only three scholarships, and Miskovic said it would be hard to compete in Division I without increasing that number.

Rice said he consulted with Miskovic and discovered that most of the team will be seniors during the team's last year of play in 1986. Miskovic, although

## Racer seeks life in fast lane

by David Colodney

Sunblazer Staff Writer
Since he was a kid, Albert Naon has been racing...something.
"I used to race go carts when I was nine," he said. Now, the 19-year-old FIU sophomore is racing Formula 4 race cars and will be competing in the Gulf Bank Formula 4 Invitational at Tamiami Park on Nov. 10.

Albert is the youngest driver ever to compete in the Miami Grand Prix, being only 18 when he drove in this past February's event. But he didn't need special parental consent: his father, Albert Sr., also competed in the event. It was also the first time a father and son competed in the event.
Naon, who has been racing competitively for three years, has competed across the U.S. and in South America. Earlier this year, he drove in the SCCA For-
mula 4 event, in which the U.S. is divided in six parts, the three best from each division qualifying for the finals in Atlanta. Naon qualified first.
"I was leading the event when my accelerator cable broke in the main straightaway," he said.
Naon hopes to be driving in the Champion Spark Plug Challenge on Sunday, Nov. 10. The race features sedan cars, street production cars specialized for racing. But there is a problem.
"If I get my sponsorships finalized, I'll be able to compete," he said. Corporate sponsorship is important because they basically pay for the driver's expenses. "I can't race because I don't have a contract for the full year.'
Naon, a computer science major who attends FIU on a scholarship, began as an independent. But expenses can mount and sponsorship is a must.
"The name of the game is sponsorship," Naon said.
not happy with the action, expects her team to do well, nonetheless. "We'll play our hearts out and we're going to go out with class," she said.
Rice said if everything goes according to plan, FIU will have women swimmers and divers competing by this time next year.
Despite Rice's cutting of the track program before this semester, and now volleyball, he said he hopes the dropping ends here. "Down the pike, we're looking to add, not drop," he said. "You hate to drop anything."

The team will play one of its rare home games on Oct. 30, 7 p.m. at Dade-South against the Jaguars. The Sunblazers are led by the recent play of Sylvie Cantin, the team's leading spiker. Cantin injured her shoulder during the Tampa tournament and missed a tournament in Jacksonville this past weekend. She thinks that too much success spoiled the attitude in the Tampa tournament, which they were expected to win.
"The fact is we've been winning a lot, but we were not playing that well," said Cantin. "We sat down on that (success) and Tampa (19-3) beat us. They put us back to reality. But we'll be ready for them next time (this past weekend in Jacksonville and Nov. 9 at FIU)."

## Soccer team plays

## important regional game

The FIU men's soccer team (7-4-4) has a good chance to grab hold of a regional birth on Wednesday, Oct. 30. The Sunblazers (ranked seventh in Division II) will take on the surprising Bobcats of St. Thomas (ranked 12th in Division II) at Sunblazers Field.
The game means a lot to both teams. The winner of this match would have the inside track for a Sunshine State Regional bid. The other team fighting for one of the two bids is Tampa University, whom FIU tied and St. Thomas beat decisively earlier this season.


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Plus, a costume contest will net the winner $\$ 50$ in
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underawe Myles Barchas, chairperson of the SGA Board of
Governors stressed Governors, stressed that there is no reason for anyone
to bring any alcoholic beverages of their own to the to bring any alcoholic beverages of their own to the
party. "We have a full police security staff," he said ID's will be strictly yhecked."
Barchas said there will be plenty of free food at the Barchy. $\begin{aligned} & \text { Measwhile, the Rathskellar, in the UH building on } \\ & \text { Mere will be plenty of free food at the }\end{aligned}$ the Tamiami Campus, has a Miller Beer promo to
spotlight its Halloween plas. "You can dress up any way ween," Everett Price, Rat manager, said. "If you want io come in and have a drink and listen to music that'
different, then come on in." Meanwhile, SGA will sponsor a party in "the Pit"
of the UH building featuring a mind reader, cash of the UH building featuring a mind reader, cash
prizes and Framework, the band that played at the
Welcome Back Dance Welcome Back Dance.
"Its giong to be the bewitching event of the social
calendar." Esther Bela


## Tricks and treats of Halloweens past

by Sanda Kurtz Sunblazer Staff Writer

| Halloween, you should excuse the expression, is not a fly-by-night thing. It has been around since the beginnings of recorded history. The first seeds of what has blo <br> nual celebration of ghosts and thessomed into an antraced to A.D. 800 when the Celts and the Druids zelebrated the day of Samhain, the Celtic lord of death. <br> Several rituals developed and were brought to America by immmigrants from Britain and Ireland, including jack o'lanterns and trick-or-treating. Folks in England and Ireland would carve up beets, turnips and potatoes and use them as lanterns on All Hallows and potatoes and use them as lanterns on All Hallows was used. It's a good thing, too. Turnip o ${ }^{\prime}$ lantern? |
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cayne Baby costume contest will include $\$ 1,300$ worth
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