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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.

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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".

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-- 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 FIU.

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 sweeks is required to push the necessary paperwo through administrative red tape. But university ficials have promised to expedite approval of the contracts.

Tickets for the show, priced at \$10 for the FIU community and \$12 for the public, will go on sale ear this week in UH 211 at Tamiami, SC 240 at BVC at all Bass Ticket outlets.

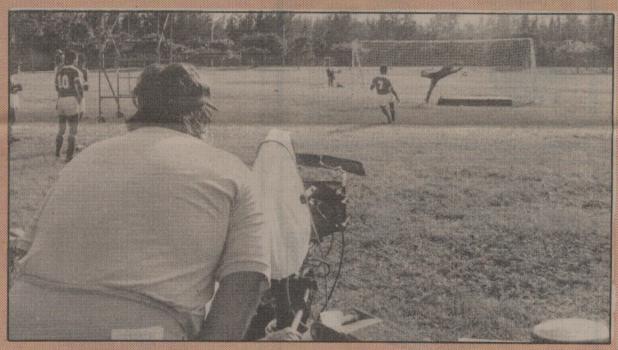


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## SGA ousts 3 senators for poor attendance

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 the Senate to reach quorum," said Curtis, "and withou 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 wataken."

Grossman said he missed the meetings because I was working on other SGA business.

According to Curtis, a senator can be impeached without prior notification.

Mink and Hill were not available for comment.



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# news

#### 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.

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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.

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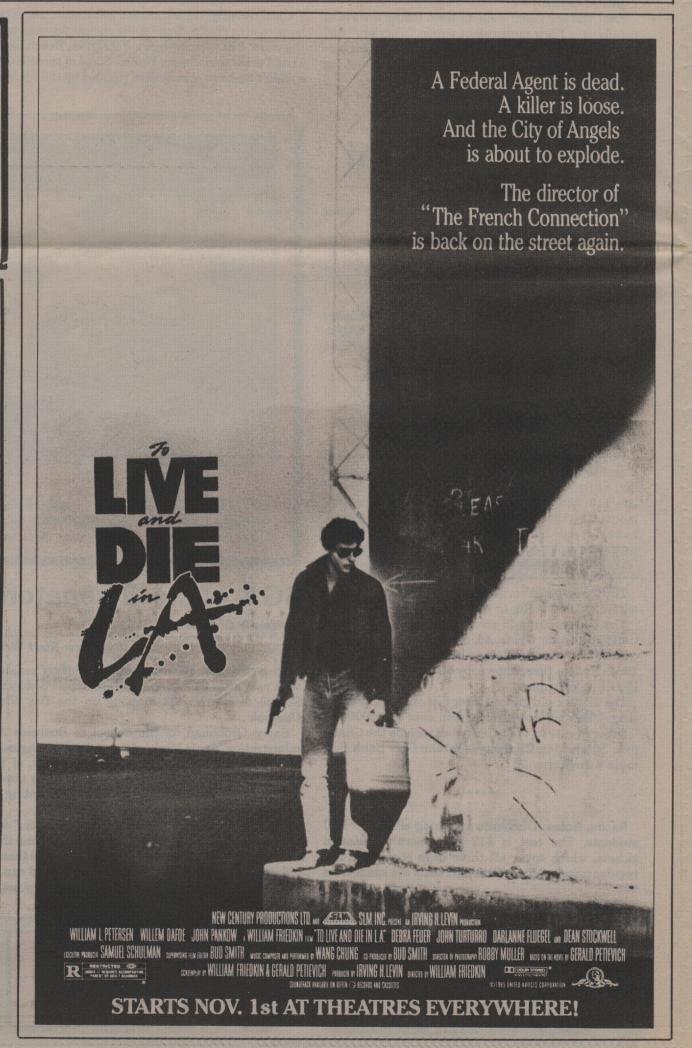
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## Professors shouldn't give first exam after last drop date

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

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

Dropping a course is not necessarily an admirable 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

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.

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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

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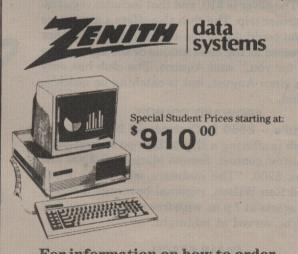
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# Women's swim team to replace volleyball

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

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 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

"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).'

# 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-

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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.

#### 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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#### Campus bashes planned

by David Colodney

Sunblazer Ass't Features Editor

Thursdays on the Bay, the Bay Vista Campus weekly party, and the Rathskellar, Tamiami's hub of activity, are plotting several devilish activities to spice up Halloween.

At the Thursdays on the Bay celebration, located in the Student Center cafeteria, a \$100 portable stereo will be the grand door prize given away at midnight. But there will be door prizes given away every 15 minutes up to then, including t-shirts, caps and

Plus, a costume contest will net the winner \$50 in cash. Second and third prize winners will receive cases of beer each, cases of soda if winners are

underage.
Myles Barchas, chairperson of the SGA Board of Governors, stressed that there is no reason for anyone 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 checked."

Barchas said there will be plenty of free food at the

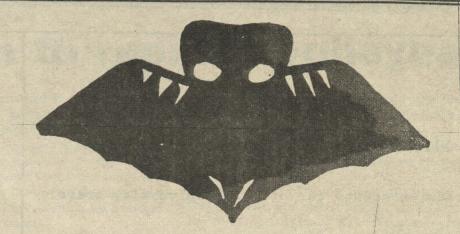
Meanwhile, the Rathskellar, in the UH building on the Tamiami Campus, has a Miller Beer promo to spotlight its Halloween plans.

"You can dress up any way you want on Halloween," Everett Price, Rat manager, said. "If you want to come in and have a drink and listen to music that's different, then come on in.'

Meanwhile, SGA will sponsor a party in "the Pit" of the UH building featuring a mind reader, cash prizes and Framework, the band that played at the Welcome Back Dance.

"It's going to be the bewitching event of the social calendar," Esther Belz, an SGA senator, said.





# Tricks and treats of Halloweens past

Halloween, you should excuse the expression, is not a fly-by-night thing. It has been around since the beginnings of recorded history.

Sunblazer Staff Writer

The first seeds of what has blossomed into an annual celebration of ghosts and things morbid can be traced to A.D. 800 when the Celts and the Druids celebrated the day of Samhain, the Celtic lord of death.

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 Eve. When this reached America, the native pumpkin was used. It's a good thing, too. Turnip o' lantern? of Celts. In Ireland, people begged for food in a parade a party.

enter hell for that matter either because he played and an animal head mask. tricks on the Devil. As a result, he had to walk the earth with his lantern until judgment day.

As for costumes and trick-or-treating, the explanations are a little bit more down to earth. In the late 19th century, the Irish belief that the "little people (no, not leprechauns -- wrong holiday) or fairies played health and death, and since it was the only day on buggy on the roof of a building, or simply turning over the building. "He Sean, let's go back to my place and get drunk. Oops, I forgot, my house was turned over last night." That kinda stuff.

Regional customs developed among various groups

Jack o' lanterns were probably named for a man that honored Muck Olla (no joke), and in case you are named Jack who could not enter heaven because he unimformed, Muck Olla was a god. All now bow to was a miser, according to Irish legend. He could not Muck Olla. The leader of the parade wore a white robe

So, what happened along the way to make this holiday a party? Considering that in ancient times All Hallows Eve was thought to be the most favorable time for divinations concerning marriage, luck, death.

Several rituals developed and were brought to pranks on Halloween, led boys and young men to which the devil was invoked for such purposes, that's carry out practical jokes that night - like putting a a very good question.

> For some fundamental Christians, it is to this day a form of devil worshipping and they refuse to let their children go out on Oct. 31. It seems though that Americans see this night as another opportunity for

# Spend a good eeeeevening at area nightspots

by Mina Socarras

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Play with the devil at these Halloween parties located all over the Miami area, and have a hauntingly "mahvelous" time.

COCONUT GROVE

•Biscayne Baby -- 3336 Virginia St.

"We are presenting a 'Night of the Living Dead' party," said Casy Conklin, the club's assistant manager. "The night will feature a magician and famous 'dead' personalities," Conklin added. The Biscayne Baby costume contest will include \$1,300 worth of prize money. "We will have different categories like group, couple, individual -- and the overall (winner) sions. "We are going to have different categories for will be the best dead look alike who will be rewarded with \$500 cash," said Conklin. Cover is \$6.

•Regine's -- 2669 S. Bayshore Drive

This place seems to be for the crasher. The voice p.m. Otherwise, cover is \$6. on the telephone said the club does not cater to the public. "We're strictly a private club," said the employee who refused to identify herself. "We're not going to be doing anything for the public.'

• Faces in the Grove -- 3390 Mary St. (in Mayfair)

ing two Halloween parties -- one on Thursday and one day dress, it's \$5 and \$8, respectively. on Friday. Ladies' night starts at 8 p.m. (on both nights) with free drinks for unescorted ladies," she said. "We have a brand new sound system," she added. "So we want people to come as wild and crazy as

•Rick's Cafe -- 5859 SW 73rd Ave.

the manager. The prizes for the Halloween party will include Honda motorcycles and remote control televithe costumes, such as most original, most glamourous and most bizarre," he said. The band Deco will begin playing at 10 p.m.. But if you want to get in free and enjoy the free buffet, you'll have to arrive before 9

• Secrets -- 8727 S. Dixie Hwy.

to Hawaii for costume contest winners. Other prizes include champagne and gift certificates, said Julie Jabliniski, head hostess. At 9 p.m., the cover charge goes into effect and the band starts soon thereafter.

"We want to let people know that they can have a "We will be giving away prizes - from bottles of good time with a little bit of class," said Jabliniski. champagne to free memberships," said Kim, a hostesso Halloween cover charge will be \$3 per costumed perwho refused to give her last name. "We will be hav- son and \$5 per costumed couple. If you wear every-

NORTH MIAMI

•G. Wizz -- 17290 Biscayne Blvd.

"We want to offer the biggest cash prizes of any club in Miami," said Karen Aquino, public relations manager. The cover is \$10, and that includes registration for a cruise trip. The club also offers a nine piece "We're going to have a big ol' bash," said Al Puig, band so you could dance the night away. "Whether you are dressed as the most unique or the ugliest, the contest is for you," said Aquino. The club has only been open since August, but is catching on quickly, Aquino said.

> BROWARD COUNTY •Confetti's -- 2660 E. Commercial Blvd.

This club is offering a trip to Europe as first prize for its costume contest. Second place wins \$300 and third wins \$200. "The audience will judge who's best," said Ron Wilson, regional beverage director. This club offers an all-expense paid, seven-day trip The party starts at 7 p.m. with free cocktails, and free pizza will be served at midnight.

MIAMI BEACH

•The Cameo Theatre -- 14th Street and Washington

Halloween can be enjoyable without the liquor, and for that alternative this place is for you. Richard Shelter, of the Cameo Theatre, has booked some of the best new wave bands to play. The theme of the party is called "Maximum Rock and Roll," Bands include the UK Subs from England, DRI from California, Corrosion of Conformity from North Carolina and the Drills from South Florida.

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### Pretending once a year can't be refused

by Valerie Greenberg

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don't remember the first time I trick-ortreated. But my mother does, and she occasionally reminds me of how she dressed me in a pillowcase and I paraded around our apartment building pretending to be Caspar the Friendly Ghost.

I was a big hit that Halloween, she says, although I kept tripping over the bottom of the pillowcase and spilling my candy all over the

I guess that was the beginning of my fanatical love of Halloween, my favorite day of the year.

People frequently pretend to be things they are not, and seek opportunities to escape themselves. But the pressure to perform makes it difficult to appear or behave outlandishly.

Children have an advantage, as pretending is

considered a normal, healthy part of growing up. Kids play house and doctor without the possibility of being repremanded.

But if an adult impersonates a doctor, he will be arrested. And if a man dresses in women's clothes, he'll be labled a transvestite. It's not so easy to play "let's pretend" when you are older.

But Halloween is the one day when the chance to escape is not bound by age, and I make the best of it. In 20 years, I've managed to be a ghost, a witch, a wizard, a vampire, Cinderella, Snow White, a punk, a Geisha girl, a martian, half of a Siamese twin, and a large hat.

I haven't yet decided who or what I'm going to be this Halloween. The decision is always difficult. But be sure that on Oct. 31, I will be hiding behind a mask, makeup, a costume, because the freedom to be someone or something I am not, for just one day, is an offer I can't refuse.



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