

# The Sunblazer

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## Dunn blames lack of funds for defeat

by James Sprang

Sunblazer Staff Writer

FIU Professor Marvin Dunn blames lack of funds and a split in the black electorate for his fourth place finish in last week's Miami mayoral elections.

"I lost the elections because my opponents had more resources," Dunn said. "Finance is important in any election."

Dunn, who is black, also blamed former Miami City Manager Howard Gary and former commissioner Carry Meek -- two prominent black leaders -- for endorsing opponent Raul Masvidal. "A black candidate cannot survive if the

black vote is split," Dunn said.

Dunn drew attention to the emergence of black leadership as in Philadelphia and Los Angeles where black candidates have appealed beyond their immediate constituency.

"In this city," Dunn said, "I wasn't able to do this. That's why I lost the election, and not because the people are bigoted or uninformed."

Throughout the campaign, the well-financed organizations of frontrunners Maurice Ferre, Xavier Suarez and Masvidal dwarfed Dunn's low-key effort. Across the city on election day this was even more apparent.

On street corners, droves of paid campaign workers carried Masvidal, Suarez and Ferre placards. An isolated Dunn worker occasionally appeared.

Dunn's relatives and loyal supporters huddled together on election night in a two-room penthouse suite at the downtown Hyatt Regency Hotel. They glued their eyes to the television as results poured in.

Dunn arrived at the hotel three minutes before 11 p.m., when late returns showed him trailing heavily.

"This is politics -- not a matter to be sorrowful about," he told his supporters. "Miami is a growing city and there will

be other elections."

Dunn conceded defeat before reporters discovered an error in the vote count. Elections officials said an employee tallied results from 10 precincts twice, inadvertently inflating the total number of votes. The adjusted returns showed Dunn received 7,199 votes, or 13 percent of the vote. Suarez received the most votes, and will be in this week's runoff with Masvidal. Ferre finished third.

Dunn said he doesn't think he will run again for elected office and will continue to teach at FIU. "That's my first love," he said.

## Students form multi-national trading firm

by Adrian Walker

Sunblazer Staff Writer

Although roughly the same age as Miami's desire to become a "gateway to the Americas," FIU has never been a major part of Miami's changing skyline.

Now a group of FIU students -- with a little help from some friends in the administration and faculty -- hopes to change all that with a bold business venture combining Miami's import/export potential with FIU's academic resources.

P.A.R.I.S. Trade Consultants, Inc. (the letters stand for Promotion, Analysis, Research for International Sales) was chartered in December 1984 to provide analysis and research to firms and to function as an international trading company.

It is the brainchild of business students Rubén José King-Shaw, Jr., now the company's president, Michael Jarjour and Felipe Larouche.

Jarjour is vice president for the Americas, and Larouche -- based in the firm's Paris office -- is vice president for Europe.

King-Shaw, a double masters student at FIU (health care and international business) who did his undergraduate work at Cornell, sees innovation and diversity as the company's greatest strengths.

"It's an innovative idea," he said. "It's unique. We can attract trading partners with our service (research). We can provide service to a company that wants to export or import into the U.S and we can also act as the U.S. agent if the client wishes."

King-Shaw, a Maryland native, has affiliations in Washington and has worked with the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce. He spent last summer in

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Photo by Catherine Shaffer

### HARD DAY AT THE POOL

Danny

Newcomm kicks back while on his lifeguard job at the Bay Vista pool. After all, he didn't have anybody to rescue at the moment.

## BVC may acquire Interama

by Natalie Butto

Sunblazer Staff Writer

FIU may have the opportunity to expand to the 300-acre Interama site which surrounds the Bay Vista Campus.

But university officials must wait to see if the state will buy the land from the city of North Miami before any expansion is considered.

If the state acquires the land with money from the Conservation and Recreation Lands Trust Fund, FIU will most likely build a golf course and a research center, said Ron Arrowsmith, vice president of administrative affairs.

Arrowsmith said the state is anxious to re-acquire the land it sold North Miami in 1970.

Originally, Interama was a state project that involved the development of a

permanent world trade expo. When the project collapsed, the city of North Miami acquired the land from a \$12 million loan to the state, said David Wolpin, North Miami city attorney.

After Interama fell through, the state distributed a portion of unsold land to FIU for its Bay Vista Campus, which opened in 1977.

The city has been waiting for the state to buy back the land because North Miami taxpayers pay more than \$1 million a year in interest on the land. Wolpin said the issue has been in and out of courts since 1981.

North Miami Mayor Marco Loffredo, Jr. said his priority is to return the bond money to the taxpayers. He said he wants to rid of the property in any way he can. "We're open to all options," he said.

## Chairman says comm. school will begin by next fall

by Jennifer Kubec

Sunblazer Staff Writer

What was once a mere rumor has become a reality for FIU's 450 communication majors. If all goes according to plan, the Department of Communications will be the School of Communications by next fall.

Yet breaking away from the School of Arts and Sciences is not going to be easy, according to J. Arthur Heise, communication department chairman.

Last year, the University of Miami transformed its communication department into a school.

Heise said the lower cost of education at FIU will provide a wider selection of students from which future employees may choose, as well as provide established professionals with the opportunity to attend college.

Although some funding for the new school will come from the community, the program will be dependent on Tallahassee for state money, which has not yet been obtained. Heise said he has no idea when funding will be approved. "That's like asking me who is going to win the World Series before the first game starts," he said.

Heise said classes will be offered on the Tamiami and Bay Vista campuses. Currently, courses are only offered on the Bay Vista Campus.

The school will eventually move two-thirds of its courses to a downtown Miami location -- most likely to the Wolfson Campus of Miami-Dade Community College, Heise said. But that move will not occur until three or four years down the line, he added.

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# Candidates prepare for next week's election

Student Government Association elections will span three days at all three FIU campuses.

The opportunity to vote will take place Nov. 19-21 in front of the library on the Tamiami Campus, in the lobby of ACI on the Bay Vista Campus and in Building 9 room 224 on the Broward Campus.

Polls will be open from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Runoff elections will be from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 26 and 27 in UH 311 on the Tamiami Campus and SC 256 on the Bay Vista Campus.

## Candidate: Victor Bao

**School: Arts & Sciences**

**Quote:** "Becoming senator will allow me to represent a strong portion of the students on this campus. This tied with my awareness of students' needs will help me voice their views before the backbone of the student body!"

## Candidate: Ana Garcia (I)

**School: Arts & Sciences**

**Quote:** "Students can learn as much outside a classroom as they can inside. Lectures, forums, concerts and student clubs are all activities enhancing our university experience. It is apparent that much can be accomplished if we all become involved. I would like to continue serving you as a senator."

## Candidate: Dora Gomez

**School: Arts & Sciences**

**Quote:** "I want to work for issues that bring more services to the students and at the same time increase the prestige and national standing of FIU. Specifically, I would campaign for longer library hours and more social activities for the students and academically try to encourage national officials and businessmen to come lecture at FIU."

## Candidate: Maria Sotolongo

**School: Arts & Sciences**

**Quote:** "I feel that the students should be more involved in school activities. Since most of the students commute, I would like for the commuters, along with on-campus residents, to participate and get involved and become more interested in their university. I feel that more participation will increase the pride of the university."

## Candidate: Mirta Sucena

**School: Arts & Sciences**

**Quote:** "A position in SGA would give me the ability to become aware of important issues and problems within the university. As a senator, I will not only serve the students of Arts & Sciences, but the university itself as a whole."

## Candidate: Glenna Vega

**School: Arts & Sciences**

**Quote:** "I would like to become a senator in the SGA because I feel that it would afford me the opportunity to become involved not only in the university, but in the community as well. By becoming an active participant, I feel that I will have a stronger say in decisions that are made concerning the student body and FIU community."

## Candidate: Tahir Awan (I)

**School: Business Administration**

**Quote:** "I will try my best to serve the student to the best of my abilities. My goal is to create a unity among students, and I would take initiative to create new events and activities that help us in our education and in our professional life."

## Candidate: Ed Iturralde (I)

**School: Business Administration**

**Quote:** "I have been involved in Student Government since high school. At FIU I have held the offices of vice-president, senator for lower division and senator for arts & sciences. During my terms as senator I have chaired the movie committee and the media and services committee which is planning a campus radio station. Vote me in allow me to finish our work."

## Candidate: Eric MacKenzie

**School: Business Administration**

**Quote:** The main reason I wish to become a part of SGA is so I may have a hand in directing the future of our student population and the university we attend. As SGA s become more and more involved in local and state politics, we can help guide our futures more effectively. Thus, my goal is to become a major constituent in this area."

## Candidate: Julio Martinez (I)

**School: Business Administration**

**Quote:** "I will represent my school to the



Front row from left: candidates Maralina Figueroa, Suzanne E. McElfresh, Lourdes Lopez, Janice Correa. Back row from left: Pedro E. Lopez, Alexander Fernandez, Ana Garcia, Eric J. Mackenzie.

best of my capability. Representation is not limited on campus I intend to serve the College of Business Administration on both state and local levels."

## Candidate: Marilina Figueroa

**School: Education**

**Quote:** "By being an elected senator in the FIU SGA, I hope to represent the School of Education and those who are members of it. I feel that by being a member of the Student Government I can encourage others to be more involved in the matters concerning FIU."

## Candidate: Suzanne McElfresh

**School: Education**

**Quote:** "The School of Education needs representation that will bring recognition to the school as a major force of FIU. I would like to make the university student body more aware of the importance of SGA. The high-level of student apathy toward the university and SGA is sad and needs to be dissolved. I would like to help bring the respect that the university deserves into proper focus."

## Candidate: George Hill

**School: Engineering**

**Quote:** "I will actively participate in the SGA meetings and various committees so that any ideas, concerns or grievances held by engineering students are brought to the attention of the SGA. I will always base my decisions upon what will be best for the college of engineering and my fellow engineering classmates."

## Candidate: George Salinger

**School: Engineering**

**Quote:** "I feel there is a need for more students from engineering to get involved in the SGA activities and, also, to provoke from the SGA more activities that involve the engineering society at FIU."

## Candidate: Vincent Forzano

**School: Health Sciences**

**Quote:** None

## Candidate: Jawdat Mazzawi

**School: Health Sciences**

**Quote:** "I feel that our program, Medical Laboratory Sciences, has not gained the recognition it deserves from the school and the student body. Nor have we in the program been able to keep up with current events that might effect us directly or indirectly. I hope to serve both of these 'needs', that is serve as a link of our program and our university."

## Candidate: Mary Ann McKenna

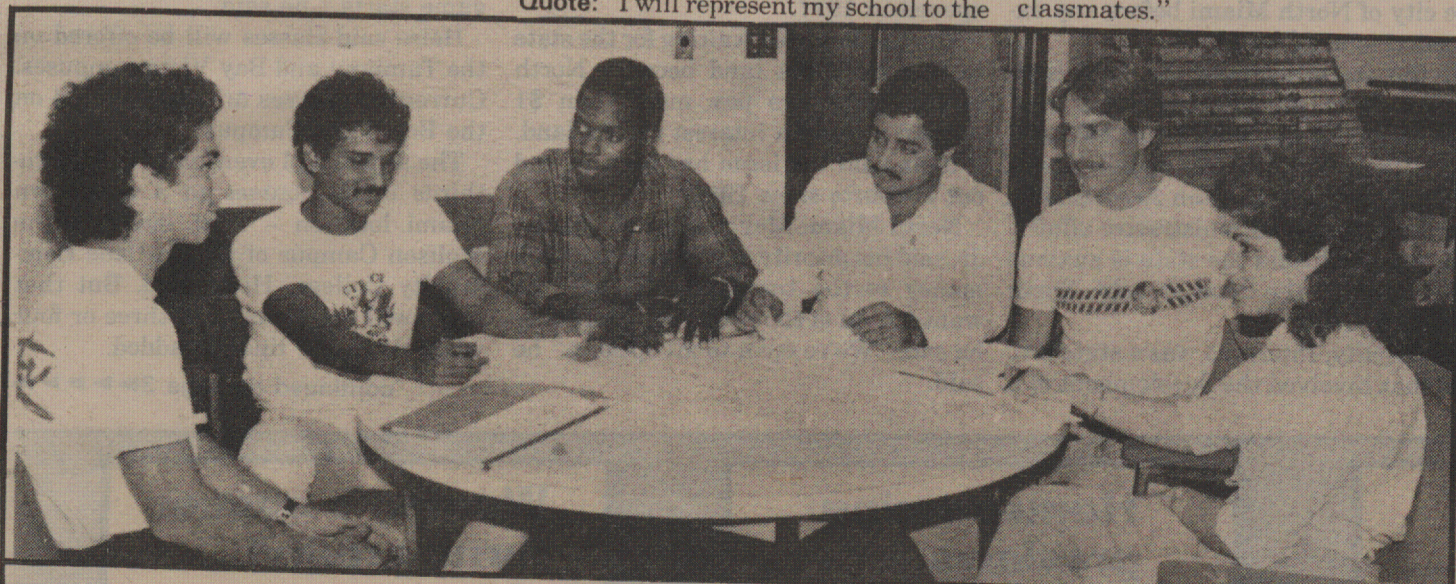
**School: Health Sciences**

**Quote:** "The School of Health Sciences has just split and become their own school. I would like to represent our school, allowing us to participate and have a say on what the university does. Any School of Health Science students wishing to express their ideas could present their ideas to me, and I in return will present them to the SGA."

## Candidate: Colene Stout

**School: Health Sciences**

**Quote:** The School of Health Sciences has recently become its own entity and consequently will be encountering new dilemmas as well as procuring ideas which should be presented to the student community. As a senator, I would be representing my school as well as identifying personally with it."



From left: Elections Commissioner Howard Swerdlöff and candidates Sheikh Panchar, Patricio Arrindell, Tahir Awan, George Hill and Assistant Elections Commissioner Renee Feldman.

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**Candidate:  
Patricio Arrindell**

**School: Hospitality Management**  
**Quote:** "Within the School of Hospitality Management, I'd like to start a volunteer tutorial & peer counseling service. I'd also like to create a more effective line of communication between SGA and the FIU student body. If elected, I'll represent the School of Hospitality Management to the best of my ability."

**Candidate:  
Janice Correa (I)**

**School: Hospitality Management**  
**Quote:** "As a member of the social and cultural committee, I am strongly conscious of improving overall student life on campus, and as such focus my effort in enriching their experience with various social & educational activities. Focusing ahead and principally on the dire need for a communication system between hospitality students and their representatives, I have put together a proposal and will manifest it when elected."

**Candidate:  
Anthony McDay (II)**

**School: Hospitality Management**

**Quote:** "My goals have been to make SGA more visible to the students. I feel I have accomplished this through my past involvement in the Social & Cultural Committee. My immediate goals are to make FIU and the SGA more visible at the state level, and to continue the School of Hospitality Management's long tradition of being the most active and hard working school in both FIU and SGA."

**Candidate:  
John McNamara**

**School: Hospitality Management**  
**Quote:** "I would like to see the student body and SGA improve in three areas; communication, involvement and commitment. I believe that a student official should be committed to the position and not to take this position as a title and status symbol on campus. Therefore, I promise to be committed as a hospitality senator for the student body and SGA."

**Candidate: Esther Belz (II)**

**School: Lower Division**  
**Quote:** "Currently, I serve as a senator representing the lower division, and feel my total commitment to the needs of my fellow students best qualifies me to continue representing my peers as a lower division senator, carrying out their 'interests and goals'."

**Candidate:  
Alexander Fernandez**

**School: Lower Division**  
**Quote:** "I am seeking a senate position in the SGA because I feel students should actively participate in school activities. If I'm elected, I will work to foster leadership and involvement. Only by achieving these two things will we have a harmonious and active student body."

**Candidate: Lourdes Lopez**

**School: Lower Division**  
**Quote:** "I intend to work hard at making FIU's SGA a strong one, one that is in contact with and responsive to the students. I will contribute my time, energy, ideas and knowledge to the growth of SGA and FIU. I intend to play an active role in the expansion of SGA within the campus and in the community."

**Candidate: Pedro Lopez**

**School: Lower Division**  
**Quote:** "If elected, I will do everything in my power to achieve better communication between the student body and student organizations. My immediate plans are to continue as the president of the recreation club, work

with International Week for the second year in a row and form a college bowl team by late spring of 1986."

**Candidate:  
Sheikh Pancham**

**School: Lower Division**  
**Quote:** "I would like to see a bookstore and cafeteria run by students on both campuses. A lower level of profit would be sought and the quality of service may become better if these two facilities were run by students. Furthermore, I would like to investigate the possibility of having lower division level courses available on Fridays, broadening the selection of courses that a lower division student can choose from in a semester."

**Candidate:  
Noel Lawrence (I)**

**School: Public Affairs and Services**  
**Quote:** "I intend to represent the interests of the students refuting any motion which seeks to unequally deny or limit the rights and responsibilities of a student, while actively embracing those that are beneficial. I expect to see every student issue handled in a serious and responsible manner and will strive to uphold the good name of the senate."  
*I = Incumbent*

-- Compiled by Stan Butler and Valerie Greenberg

**SCHOOL** <<<<from page 1

Amid the controversy involving the business school's proposed consolidation on the Tamiami Campus, Heise said he is careful to point out the benefits of holding classes downtown. Heise said Miami is fertile ground for FIU's newest school and has the support of the community. The school will continue to offer courses in journalism, advertising, public relations and telecommunications. "It's going to be a struggle," he said. "But we've got one thing they (other colleges) don't have, and that's Miami."

**P.A.R.I.S.**

June negotiating with European companies to represent their products in Florida and the Caribbean. Those efforts paid off when P.A.R.I.S. reached agreements with three French lighting manufacturers and with a French vineyard to manage their export and distribution in Florida and the Caribbean. Although the university and the company have no affiliation with one another, the firm plans to use university professors as consultants and their

students as assistants. King-Shaw's company also plans to donate 5 percent of its income to the FIU Foundation, the university's fundraising organization. So far, the company's efforts have received praise and cooperation from FIU administrators. "These students have put an enormous amount of hours into this and they deserve every opportunity to succeed," said Sydney Roslow, associate business dean. "I had a number of questions

<<<<continued from page 1 about the group at the beginning, but I found positive answers." Assistant Provost Rosebud Foster said the university is willing to help the group. "We will assist our students in preparing for roles in whatever fields of endeavor they choose to pursue." The members of the company place no significance that they are college students. "We're not just a group of college students fooling around," said King-Shaw. "We are serious, and we will be taken seriously."

**Coming up...**

**Boost your multi-image**

"Producing Your Own Slide/Tape Multi-Image Problems" will be the topic of an FIU seminar. The seminar will be taught by photographer and consultant Dennis M. Sargent from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 16 on the Bay Vistas Campus. Sargent will teach students how to select and use equipment such as cameras, lenses, accessories, projectors, dissolve units, programmers and sound units. The seminar is being sponsored by the continuing education division at FIU. The fee is \$45. For further information, call 940-KNOW.

**Jazzing it up**

There will be a free jazz concert on Nov. 19 featuring the songs of Duke Ellington and the Manhattan Transfer. The concert will take place at 12:15 p.m. on the University House Lawn on the Tamiami Campus. John Augenblick will direct the Sunblazer Singers.

**Grad school, here I come**

The FIU Psychology Association is sponsoring a seminar on graduate school opportunities in the field of psychology. Speakers will include representatives from FIU, the University of Miami, Nova and Florida Atlantic University. They will describe their respective programs and explain application procedures. The seminar will be from 9 a.m.-noon Nov. 14 in SC 320 on the Bay Vista Campus.



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## Editor's Forum



by Jeffrey L. Kleinman

Newcomers to Miami may have heard about the city's divisive politics, but now they just had a first-hand look with last week's elections. For all of you new Miamians at FIU, welcome to the land of issueless blacks, whites and Cubans.

Running for office here is tough. So for all you future politicians, here's a primer to help you survive.

•**Courting the Cubans** -- Don't worry about how many local issues you are familiar with. Local issues don't matter here because they don't win votes. Just be sure to play up your Americanism while criticizing anything that has to do with Castro (including his convertibles). Now you've just one the heart of Hispanic Miami, more than 50 percent of the city's voters. Impressive, huh? Hard? Nah.

•**Courting the blacks** -- Guarantee city contracts for black minority firms even if those firms bid three zillion dollars over the other bidders.

•**Courting the whites** -- If you want to snag whites, just tell them how much you oppose the above proposals. Oh, and don't forget to talk up downtown development and ignore all residential streets that need new paving.

Other suggestions if you plan on being a Miami politician:

Be prepared to pack your bags for exotic trips to Hong Kong and France. You'll have to travel because local issues don't matter here, remember?

In Hong Kong you'll find all sorts of companies willing to start trade with the "country" of Miami. Of course trading abroad is necessary. After all, American goods have the quality of freshly deposited spit. Plus, what's wrong with spending a few thousand bucks of taxpayers' money?

You must go to France to find companies that spend their time making sidewalk clocks and sidewalk pay toilets. The trip beats looking in the yellow pages for companies such as Acme Clockmakers or Ace Flush, Inc. both of course located in downtown Miami.

The travels detailed above were taken by Miami politicians, successful in office for a quite a few years. Miami doesn't count. After all, who in Miami cares about the city?

That's the trouble. Cubans care about Cubans. Blacks care about blacks. And whites care about whites. Nobody cares about Miami. So remember newcomers, just stick your ethnicity where your local platform should be and you may wind up in office. Unless of course you want to be a *real* candidate.

## Letters policy

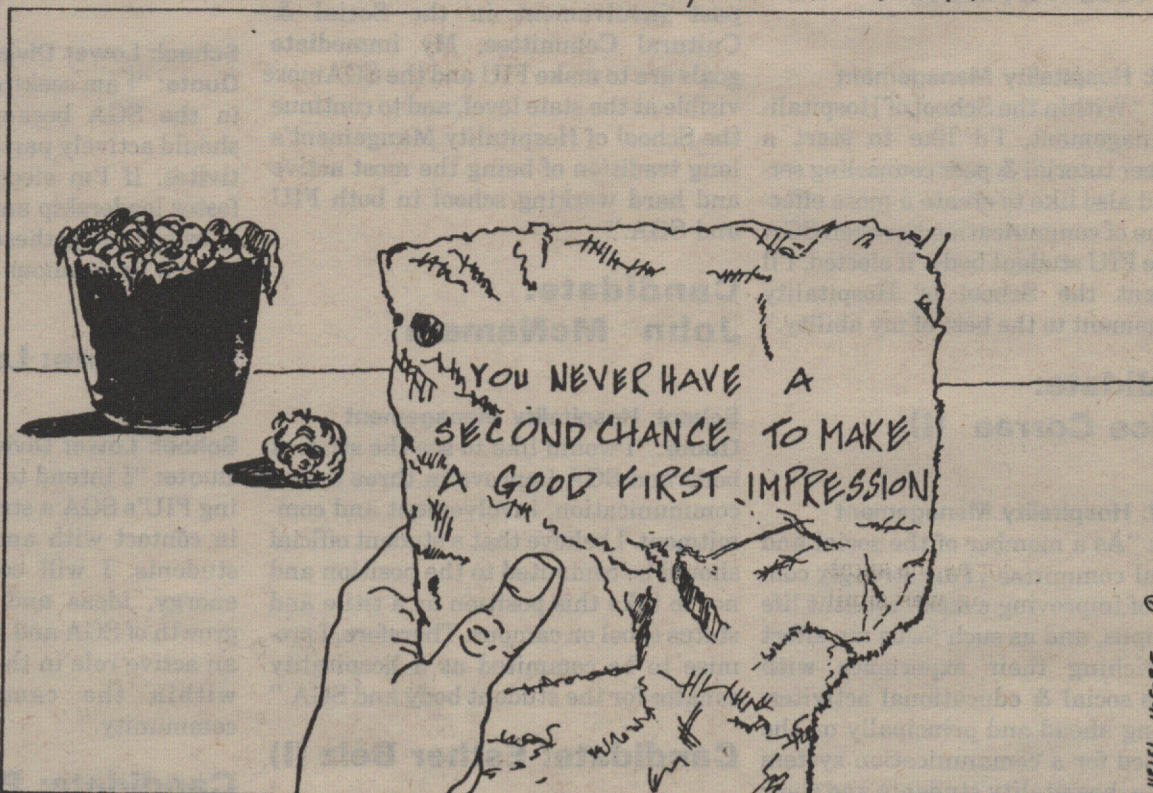
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MURRY...

by: MARIO URIEL



## Write what matters

To the Editor:

In response to the article on drinking in the Oct. 22 issue of The Sunblazer, I must say I found Jeffrey Kleinman's column to be quite irritating. I personally am not interested in hearing about his paranoid notions about being a "freak" just because he does not indulge in spirits. Doesn't he have anything better to write about? It is comforting (?) to hear that you are a sober young man. But Jeffrey, who cares?

Some people, like yourself, do not drink because they "haven't developed the taste or the need for alcohol." Others, like myself (who admittedly have indulged in the past), do not drink now for physical reasons. I would sooner down gasoline than damage my rather delicate stomach with the dreaded booze. I do not feel like a freak, Jeffrey, and am not uncomfortable if others make snide comments.

I haven't read The Sunblazer in ages but decided to pick up an issue as I was waiting for the elevator. I now realize why I hadn't been reading it. If you, as editor, find it necessary to vent your personal frustration in public, you must realize that you are doing your staff a great disservice by taking advantage of your position and writing something of such little merit. You should take the initiative to write about what concerns the students of this school, instead of getting such trivialities off your chest.

I hope the article was cathartic and that your fellow writers soon get over the embarrassment of having their editor burden the readers with such nonsense.

Regina Rodriguez  
FIU student

## You're doing a fine job

To the Editor:

Congratulations for your fine newspaper! I find The Sunblazer entertaining and amusing. You belong to that small class of entrepreneurs, leaders and doers -- people with minds of their own. Keep up the good work.

Luis E. Martinez  
FIU student

## First president said FIU will always grow

by Jeffrey L. Kleinman

Sunblazer Editor

A humid day 13 years ago marked the opening of an institution that would forever change higher education in South Florida. FIU was officially opened at 11 a.m. Sept. 13 even though students would not start to fill the brand new halls of Primera Casa until classes started on Sept. 19.

"The Beginning" was the only thing printed on the cover of the elaborate program handed out during the ceremonies. Inside the program, FIU President Charles E. Perry wrote his first words as the chief representative for the brand new school.

"One thousand one hundred and sixty-five days ago, the Board of Regents charged me with the responsibility to build a new university. The building process has begun and it will last forever, because it is the nature of a university always to be building -- the mind, the body, the spirit," Perry wrote in his address.

The 5,600 students who started classes Sept. 19 were offered 100 bachelors degree programs and 40 masters programs.

The dream of starting a public university in Dade County first materialized when State Sen. Ernest R. Graham introduced a bill in 1943. FIU was not incorporated by the Legislature until 1965.

Today, FIU's Tamiami Campus sits on land once occupied by a small airport surrounded by the solitude of the Everglades. What were once runways are now parking lots and what was once the control tower is now the headquarters for the Public Safety Department.

Success against FIU's academic neighbor came quick. The soccer team, in its first game, beat the University of Miami, 1-0. And the baseball team, in its first game, beat UM, 3-1.

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## Gumby + windsurfer = The Poseidon Adventure?

by Stan Butler

Sunblazer News Editor

Finally, after seven weeks, someone decided to live dangerously. The orange signs beckoned for some poor soul to sacrifice himself. His ego, that is.

Being one who'll try almost anything once, I decided to bruise my body mentally and physically. Besides, windsurfing couldn't be that tough.

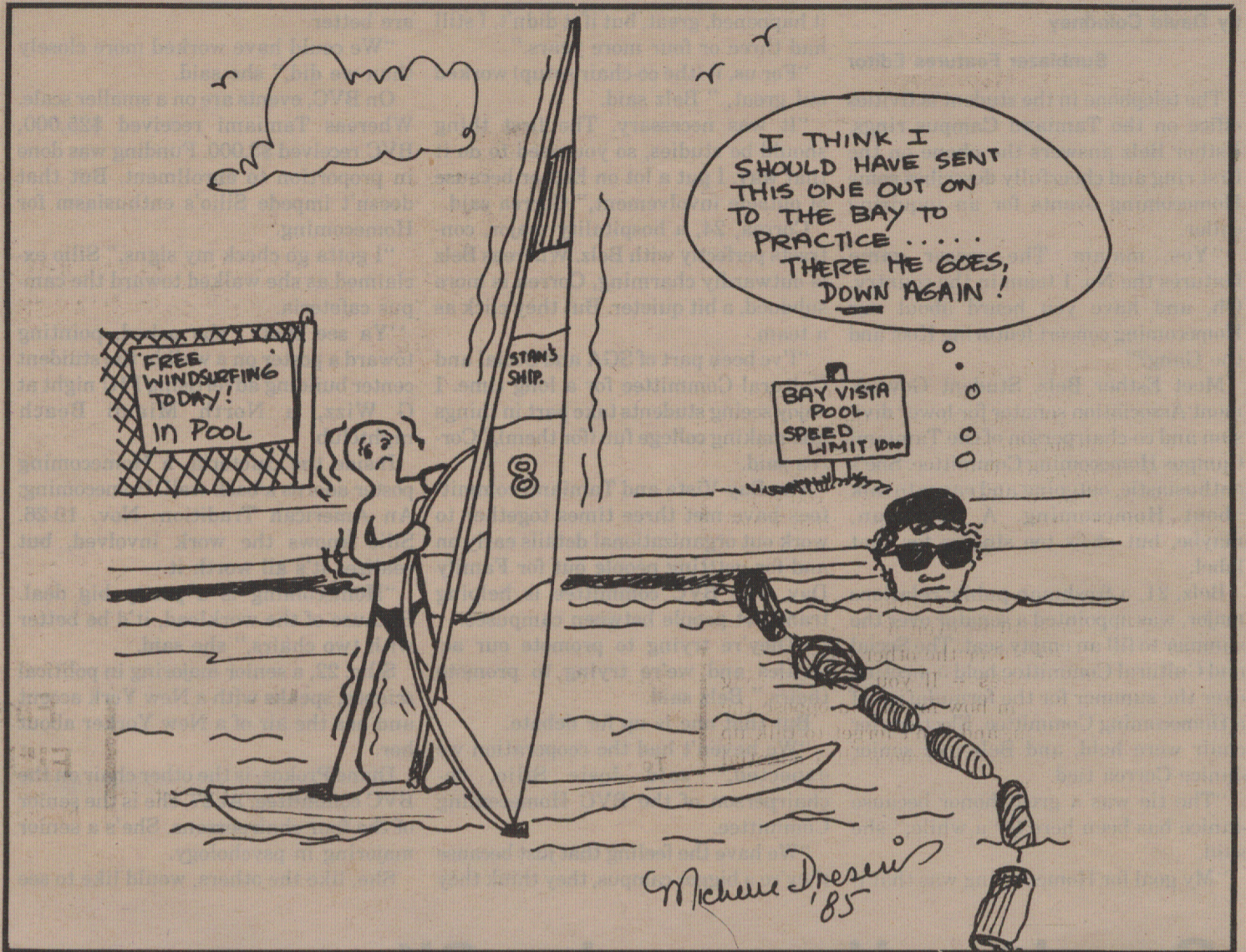
The crudely drawn lettering on the fluorescent signs made me wonder what kind of person would be teaching the fundamentals of falling to me. Oddly enough, he was wearing swimming trunks the same color as the signs. The squigly black lettering was similar to his curly brown hair. But what assured me that he was the instructor were the Ray Ban Wayfarer sunglasses he was wearing and the beach cruiser 10-speed he was riding in the city. Danny had appeared at 11 a.m. sharp, ready to teach his first student at FIU how to windsurf.

For someone who can't ski or surf, windsurfing seemed a silly proposition. Danny began by explaining the proper way to assemble the windsurfer without the use of a tool kit. With a half-inch knot on the boom and mast, the sail was ready to go. Installing the mast into the board was similar to installing a taugle bolt into a ceiling -- once in, it is almost impossible to pull out without a great struggle.

In the remaining 45 minutes before the pool opened, Danny had to teach me how to stand, run, walk and fall on a windsurfer. Fortunately, my audience consisted of eight beginning swimmers (who were nowhere near thinking of windsurfing), their coach (in cop-like mirrored sunglasses), an off-duty lifeguard and Danny.

Danny made it look easy. He hopped out of the pool water and onto the board with great ease. Within seconds, he had maneuvered the craft to the other side of the 50-meter pool. Then it was my turn.

Attempting to board the craft as Danny had, I hopped on the board. I promptly fell off the other side. Ego bruised, I



tried again. I soon realized that being 6-foot-2 and 168 pounds made me look like Gumby on a 14-foot piece of plastic. Eventually, balance was achieved.

Then, the sudden realization hit that I needed the sail to go anywhere. The task seemed simple, pull the sail out of the water with the rope. Out of the water, the sail weighed 10 pounds. In the water, it weighed 50 pounds. I pulled on the rope and fell in the water once again.

It became a familiar scene: on the board, pulling the sail up, almost there, then the wind or my balance sending me tumbling into the water. Nearing 11:45 a.m., I was ready to quit. I had not even

achieved a 5-foot ride. I could almost hear the beginning swimmers laughing at the fool at the other end of the pool. It seemed they were giving me zeroes for style and poise and 10's for perseverance and stupidity.

Suddenly, as if a miracle had happened, I was balanced, on the board, with the sail out of the water. The wind hit, my knees wobbled like jello, but I didn't fall. I took heed of Danny's advice and inched my hands slowly along the boom. My back was straighter than a flagpole as I tried to keep my weight balanced with the pull of the wind on the sail. Before I knew it, I had traveled 25 meters to the edge of the pool and crash-

ed. I had finally done it. I felt that I could have gone much farther if the pool had only been bigger. Yet, I realized that was to be my only ride of the day.

I quit for the day a happy man. Besides, the pool would be opening to the FIU public in 10 minutes and I certainly didn't want to show off my new found skills.

Since that first day, I have attempted to sail at Haulover Beach in Sunny Isles. The waves were bigger and the audience more diverse. The frequency of my falls became less and less. I had three rides in four hours of windsurfing. I've become hooked on windsurfing.

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# Homecoming: Planners see it all work out

by David Colodney

Sunblazer Features Editor

The telephone in the student activities office on the Tamiami Campus rings. Esther Belz answers the phone on the first ring and cheerfully describes some Homecoming events for an inquiring caller.

"Yes, ma'am. The soccer game features the No. 1 team in the country. Oh, and have you heard about our Homecoming concert featuring Kool and the Gang?"

Meet Esther Belz. Student Government Association senator for lower division and co-chairperson of the Tamiami Campus Homecoming Committee. She's enthusiastic, outgoing and eager to talk about Homecoming. A politician, maybe, but she's too sincere for that label.

Belz, 21, a freshman public relations major, was appointed a senator over the summer to fill an empty seat. The Social and Cultural Committee held a meeting over the summer for the formulation of a Homecoming Committee. Elections for chair were held, and Belz and senior Janice Correa tied.

"The tie was a great honor because Janice has been here for a while," she said.

"My goal for Homecoming was that if

it happened, great, but if it didn't, I still had three or four more years."

"For us, it (the co-chair setup) worked out great," Belz said.

"It was necessary. The first thing should be studies, so you need to do it that way. I put a lot on Esther because of outside involvement," Correa said.

Correa, 24, a hospitality major, contrasts perfectly with Belz. Whereas Belz is outwardly charming, Correa is more subdued, a bit quieter. But they click as a team.

"I've been part of SGA and Social and Cultural Committee for a long time. I enjoy seeing students take part in things and making college fun (for them)," Correa said.

The Bay Vista and Tamiami committees have met three times together to work out organizational details early on and for getting people out for Family Day. The BVC committee is helping transport people between campuses.

"They're trying to promote our activities and we're trying to promote theirs," Belz said.

But that one is up for debate.

"We haven't had the cooperation we expected," said Josie Silio, co-chairperson of the BVC Homecoming Committee.

"We have the feeling that just because they're a bigger campus, they think they

are better.

"We could have worked more closely than we did," she said.

On BVC, events are on a smaller scale. Whereas Tamiami received \$25,000, BVC received \$3,000. Funding was done in proportion to enrollment. But that doesn't impede Silio's enthusiasm for Homecoming.

"I gotta go check my signs," Silio exclaimed as she walked toward the campus cafeteria.

"Ya see that?" she asked, pointing toward a poster on a wall in the student center building advertising FIU night at G Wizz, a North Miami Beach nightclub.

Inside the cafeteria, a Homecoming poster adorns a back wall. Homecoming: An American Tradition. Nov. 10-26. Silio knows the work involved, but realizes it's all worth it.

"Homecoming is a pretty big deal. Because of the workload, it'd be better with two chairs," she said.

Silio, 22, a senior majoring in political science, speaks with a New York accent and has the air of a New Yorker about her.

Diane Prokos, is the other chair on the BVC committee. At 27, she is the senior of the four chairpersons. She's a senior majoring in psychology.

She, like the others, would like to see

the alumni more involved in Homecoming. "They're not involved so much up here," she said.

"SGA could notify them and invite them to events. The alumni association will be involved in the crowning ceremony. They'll be visible at Family Day."

We're trying very hard to make the alumni more responsible to the university," Correa said. FIU had been an entirely commuter school before the dorms opened, and that hindered ties to the university, she said.

"You have to develop a bond once they are students. The ability to do that is limited once they leave."

Janice Correa walked back into the student activities office. In her hand, she carried a promo for the new Sting movie, "Bring on the Night." Belz squealed with delight.

"I'm an avid Sting fan," Belz said. "I've had three sting posters up in the office, and they've all been stolen."

This will probably be the fourth.

Belz and Correa also stressed their international background, just like FIU. Correa is Pakistani but of Portuguese descent. Belz is American born, but of Polish-Cuban descendants.

"I can speak Polish, so any Polish American student can come in here and talk to me," Belz said.

## Gameless: Homecoming OK; soccer not, students say

by David Colodney

Sunblazer Features Editor

FIU's Homecoming celebration, which kicked off this past weekend, promises to be a month-long party with all the traditional trimmings -- except the football game.

And that doesn't rest well with students here.

Many students say that Homecoming just isn't Homecoming without the "big game," usually tied in with homecoming tradition.

"We may not have a football team, but we do have the No. 1 soccer team in the nation," said Esther Belz, co-chairman of the Homecoming Committee for the Tamiami Campus.

The Homecoming Committee is trying to tie in the McDonald's Classic Soccer Tournament with homecoming as a

substitute for football. This is the first year of the McDonald's event.

Student government folks know that football is usually associated with homecoming, but are hoping that the soccer idea catches on, especially since the Sunblazers sport the Division II national men's soccer champs two of the last three years.

"It (the lack of a football game) does hurt because it is viewed as the traditional homecoming," Janis Correa, Belz' co-chair on the Tamiami Homecoming Committee, said.

FIU students realize this, but that doesn't stop them from wanting a homecoming game. They cited a football game as the ideal way to stir up homecoming enthusiasm.

"I'm not too thrilled about going to a soccer game for Homecoming," said Fran Myers, 23, a graduate student in

social work.

"It's just not the same as far as I'm concerned," said Lore Gladstein, an art education grad student who then asked, "What's there for the alumni to come back for?"

All the other activities, such as the Kool and the Gang concert on Nov. 17, are great, students say. And some couldn't care less about football.

"I don't think it's any big deal. We don't have a team, so does that mean we're not going to have a homecoming?" said Linda Levine, a 23-year-old masters in health service student.

"It's nice to have the students involved in something. There are other ways of bringing people together besides football," she said.

Diane Prokos, co-chairperson of the Homecoming Committee on the Bay Vista Campus, says the lack of a

homecoming game hinders the festivities "somewhat."

"As I ask students what they want (from Homecoming), that's what they mention," she said.

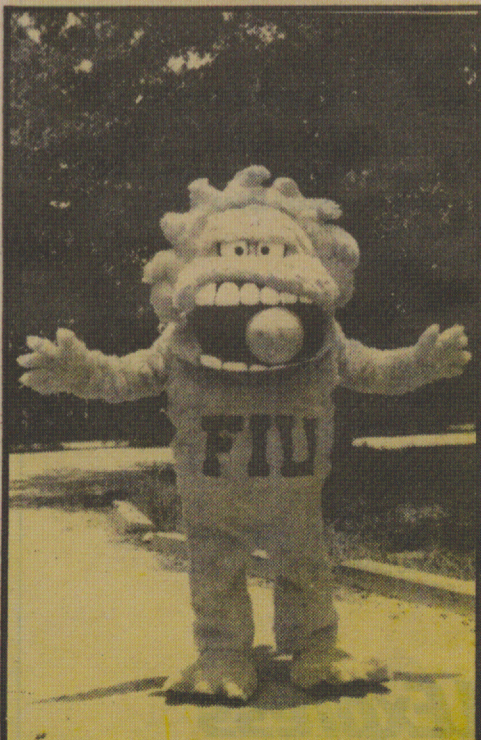
The McDonald's Classic tournament this year featured the No. 7 Sunblazers (Division II) and two Division I schools in the top 20 -- No. 15 Fresno State and No. 1 Clemson, plus Indiana, the runners-up to Clemson for the Division I title last year.

But the matches also competed against the Indy Challenge, which ran on Nov. 9. Prokos said the race "hindered us."

But for some students, it just doesn't matter.

"It's just another event on campus for me," said William Arnold, 31, a senior management information systems major.

## Sun of a uh, uh - Blazer invades school; calls country 'sick'



Blaze eats anything -- including volleyballs.

A new sunny face with Donny Osmond teeth has been reported crashing FIU events. It's that darn Son of a uh, uh -- Blazer again.

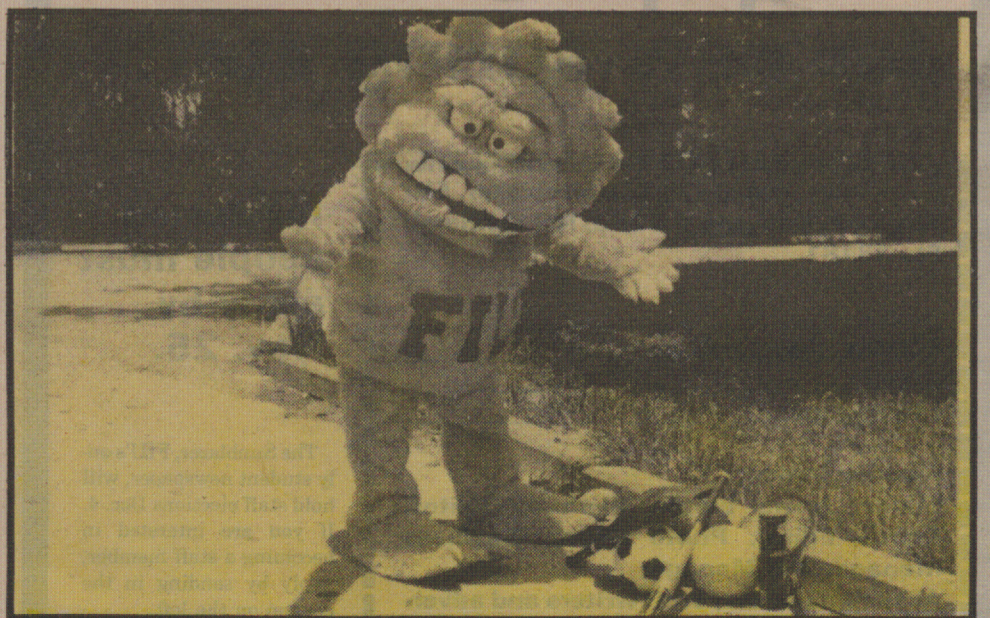
FIU's new mascot -- Sun of a Blazer -- is now roaming the campus after having been created last August by Jamee Houk.

Sun of a Blazer will participate as a cheerleader at FIU athletic events and will act as a host at some FIU social gatherings.

In his first press conference, the new mascot expressed some strong opinions about his name. "I prefer not to be called S.O.B.," he said. "I hate Sunny, but Blaze is not that bad."

Blaze said everything had been smooth sailing until he had a harrowing experience at a recent FIU soccer match. He said he was trampled by hordes of small children who tugged at his tail and grabbed his bottom lip. "It was not a pretty sight," he said.

Blaze said he hopes to increase student spirit and give FIU a local, as well as a national identity.



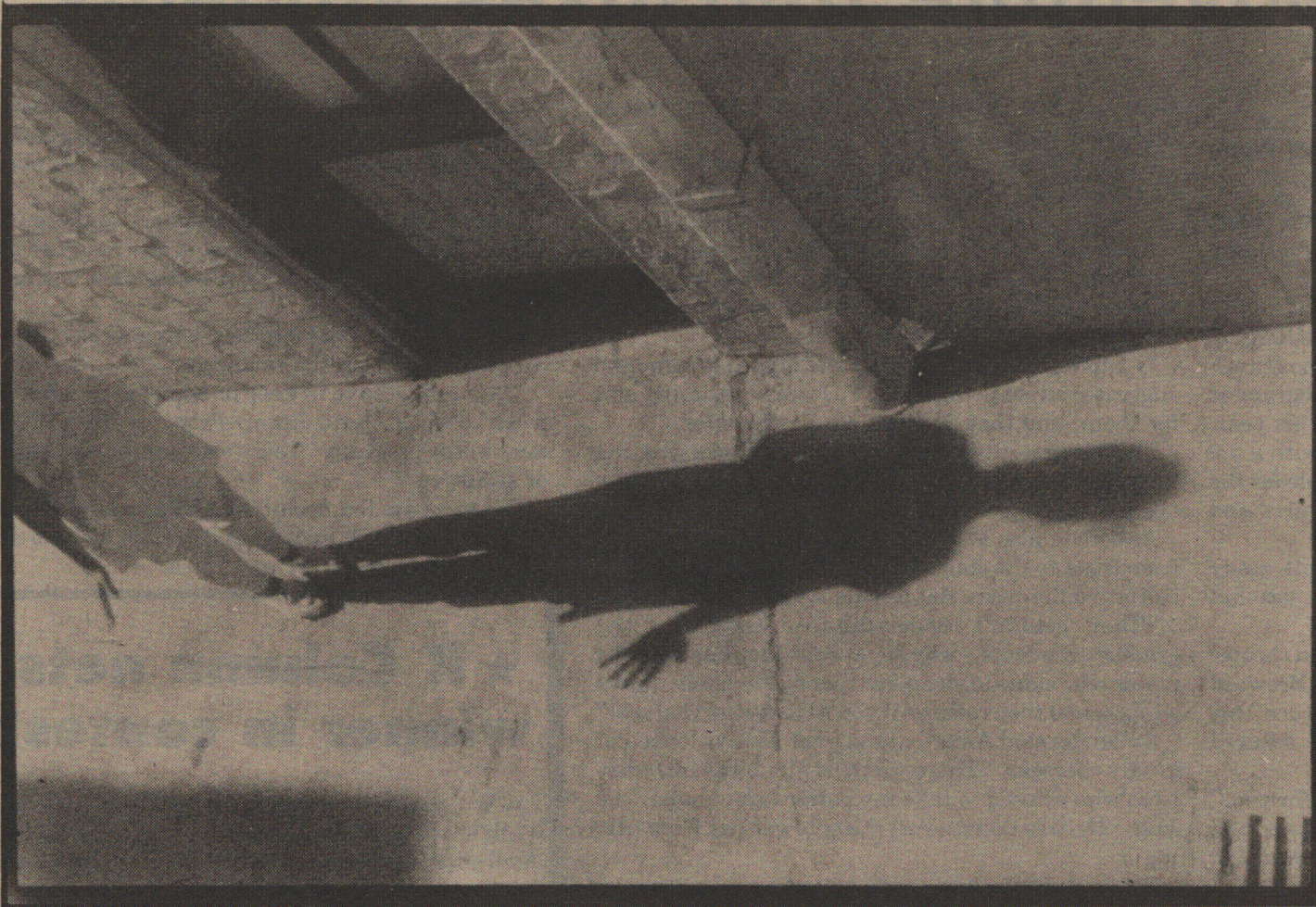
Blaze shows off his pile.

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"If you ask people who the ambassador to Japan is, not many people know," he said. "But if you ask them who the San Diego Chicken is -- everybody knows."

"Basically it shows two things," he added. "The mascot is a very intricate part of the university system, and that we live in a very sick country."

-- Mina Socarras



# F O C U S

by Catherine Shaffer

## Time snags SGA in opening act search

by David Colodney

Sunblazer Features Editor

Time has run out in the search for a major opening act for the Nov. 17 Homecoming Concert, Anthony McDay, the chairperson for the Homecoming Concert Committee, said.

"You'd like to have an opening act that would draw people in. But you don't really need an opening act for a band as diverse as Kool and the Gang," he said.

Joe Piscopo had been tabbed as the opening act, but that fell through. Steve Landesburg, best known for his role in "Barney Miller," was the second choice, but a death in the family caused him to decline last week. The committee is now looking at Yakov Smirnoff, a Russian comedian who may be best known for his part in a Lite beer commercial.

"The date is open for him, but he has to double check," McDay said.

If that should fall through, the committee will consider Robert Klein or some local comedians.

For the main event, the committee put together a list of acts based on what was available. Six bands made the list, and until the committee got a definite yes or no, the names would rotate.

"We thought it would be endless," McDay said.

Tina Turner originally topped the want list. But she insisted on playing Dec. 7, a date that McDay said "would put too much strain because of finals."

She also wanted \$250,000. Committee members nailed Kool for \$60,000.

## 'Hour' opens at BVC Nov. 14

How the consequences of a child's lie affect the lives of others around him is the subject of "The Children's Hour," a play that opens at the Ruth Foreman Theatre on Nov. 14, replacing the hugely successful "Kuni Leml."

A student makes up a story about the lesbian antics of two teachers at his school -- what is called in the play their "inordinate affection" for each other.

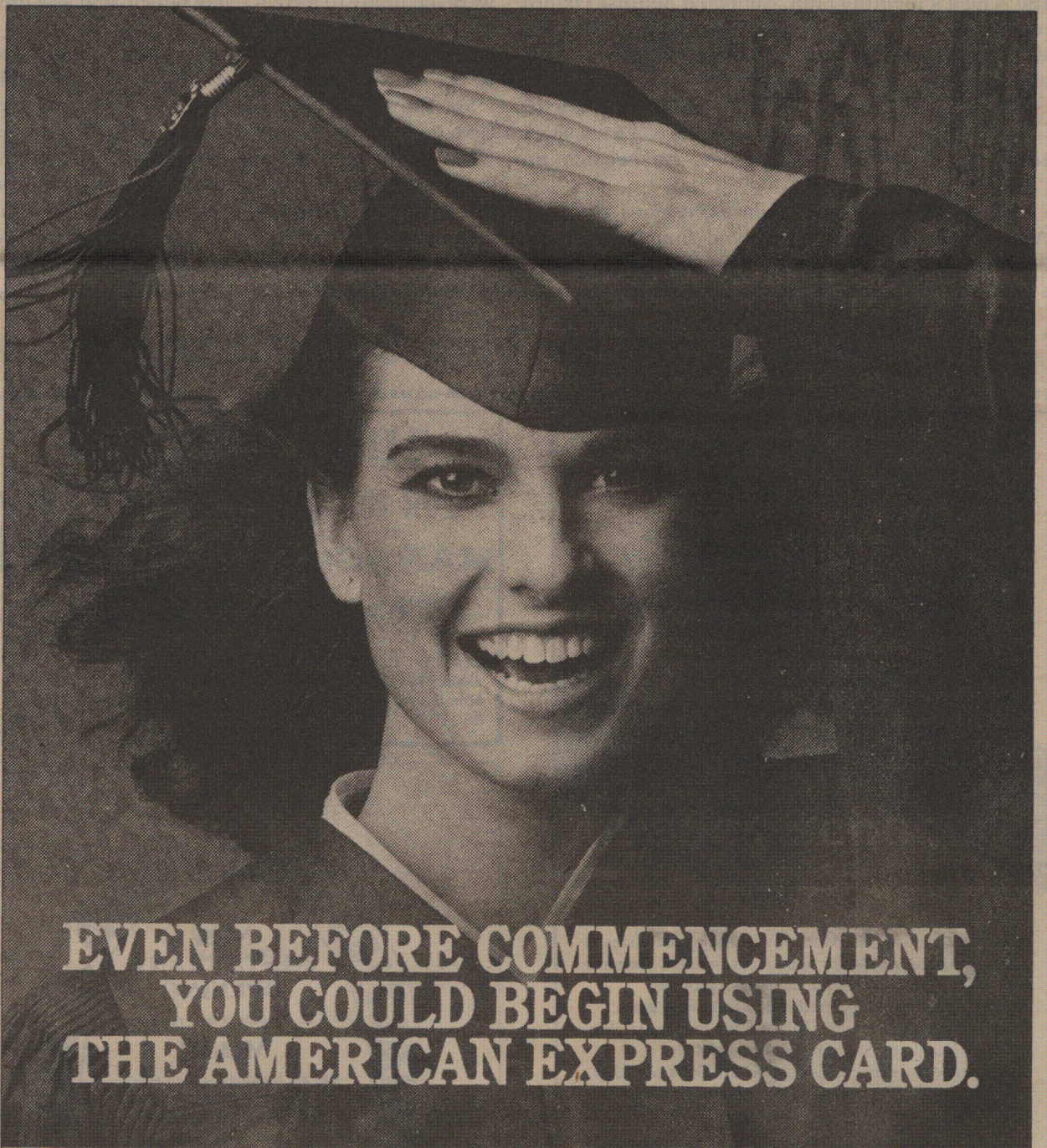
Ironically, the play shows no explicit scenes and contains no vulgar language. Lou Cutolo, associate producer and company manager, sent a letter to schools offering special arrangements for groups of students wishing to attend, along with a possibility of a discussion of the play with the cast.

"The Children's Hour" replaces "Kuni Leml," which the Theatre's Barry Jacobs calls "the biggest show we've ever had."

"There wasn't a ticket available for the last three weeks," he said.

Cutolo estimated that close to 15,000 saw "Kuni Leml" in its seven week run at the theatre.

-- by David Colodney



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## European adventure transfixes students

by Carol Ann Hamilton

Sunblazer Staff Writer

Eight weeks in England.

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But a word of warning: Bring an overcoat.

It was different, informing, exciting, challenging and intimidating, say four FIU students who traveled to England for the term-in-residence program at Cambridge, which is again being offered this year.

The term-in-residence is open to anyone with a 3.0 grade point average, says the man responsible for the program, Fred Bouma, assistant dean of arts and sciences.

From Jan. 12 to March 8, students will study literature, the arts, political science, international relations, philosophy and history.

Paul Anderson, six credits shy of a degree in theater and history and now performing with the Broward Ballet Company, said he would like to return this spring. The headmaster of Cambridge has assured him of a space in a graduate program.

"Unlike the U.S., things are not planned for you," Anderson said. "You have to make them happen. And that's what I particularly liked. I felt I had the freedom to do whatever I wanted to do."

At Cambridge, Anderson studied British history. In his spare time, he organized street performances for the school's juggling club, competed against Oxford as a member of the gymnastics team, traveled to Paris with several new friends and was invited to the exclusive Queen's College Spring Ball.

He mingled with the wealthy and also lived with a bum in one of London's squatting areas for a short time. As Anderson describes it, he became an "insider."

"England tends to be a class-conscious society," Anderson said. "Blue blood and family roots are followed closely. Everyone is aware of social status.

Consequently, they tend to want to put you (a foreigner) immediately into a class.

"That, I think, is the reason for the British reserve," he continued. "Once they get to know you, however, it's like -- 'You're all right. Come on along.'"

Anderson said that from the first day he arrived, he tried to get involved as much as he could. "I tried to be as English as possible, learn their ways, values, everything in the short time I had.

"I approached the leader of the juggling team and suggested street performing. That was something new for them, and they took me up on the offer.

"We became great friends in the six weeks. Putting together routines and performing does that. It really opened us up to each other."

Anderson also said his relationship with his new friends got to the stage where they could discuss their cultural differences. But he said it wasn't easy at first.

"They couldn't understand -- especially the graduate students -- why we were so familiar with the maids who came to clean our rooms. For them, that's a taboo, and they react as if you're lowering yourself."

Anderson said Americans are not always looked at kindly overseas. "There was this guy I was introduced to who refused to take my outstretched hand," he said. "He was doing everything to get out from taking it."

Other students who made the trip said they kept to themselves more than Anderson.

"It was fun though," said Andy Rodriguez. "We were fortunate to have a lively bunch, and as a group, we held lots of parties.

"You really have to organize your time or you'd never get the academic side in," he added.

Martha Rodriguez, another FIU student who participated in the program, said she gets sentimental when she remembers her experience last year. "We got a chance to tour London, sightsee, visit theaters. We also toured Scotland in a rented car," she said.

Application deadline for the spring program is Nov. 15 and scholarships are available. The program

employs a lecture/tutorial system -- a procedure the students describe as intimidating and demanding, but ultimately thorough. Students live in the Cambridge dorms.

Lectures are similar in atmosphere to those in the United States, but each student is also assigned a professor with whom he deals directly on a one-on-one situation.

Students must read 8 to 10 books a week and write an essay based on the readings.

"You really have to keep on top of your work from week to week," said Jimmy Price, another FIU student in the program. "There's no bluffing in that kind of situation."

The program fee, including air fare, is \$4,000. It is a figure that Andy Rodriguez describes as "worth the time and energy to try and raise."

### ★ K Column nets winner in contest

After receiving nine correct answers to last week's ★K Column, a drawing had to be held to determine a winner. The winner's name picked from a box, was -- **E. BARREDA.**

The award is \$10 and the winner will be notified requesting a pick-up date for the prize. The answer for last week's ★K Column was "Baby, I Love Your Way," by Peter Frampton. The following eight persons also answered the ★K Column correctly within the week:

- Susan Ricardo
- Carla Hall
- Jorge Bouza
- Lourdes E. Perez
- Dan Arcaini
- Martin Pearman
- Ramon Xiques Jr.
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The ★K Column, featuring a verse from a song on the back page of The Sunblazer, will appear again next week. Just get the name of the song and the group and have a chance at \$10 as E. Barreda did.

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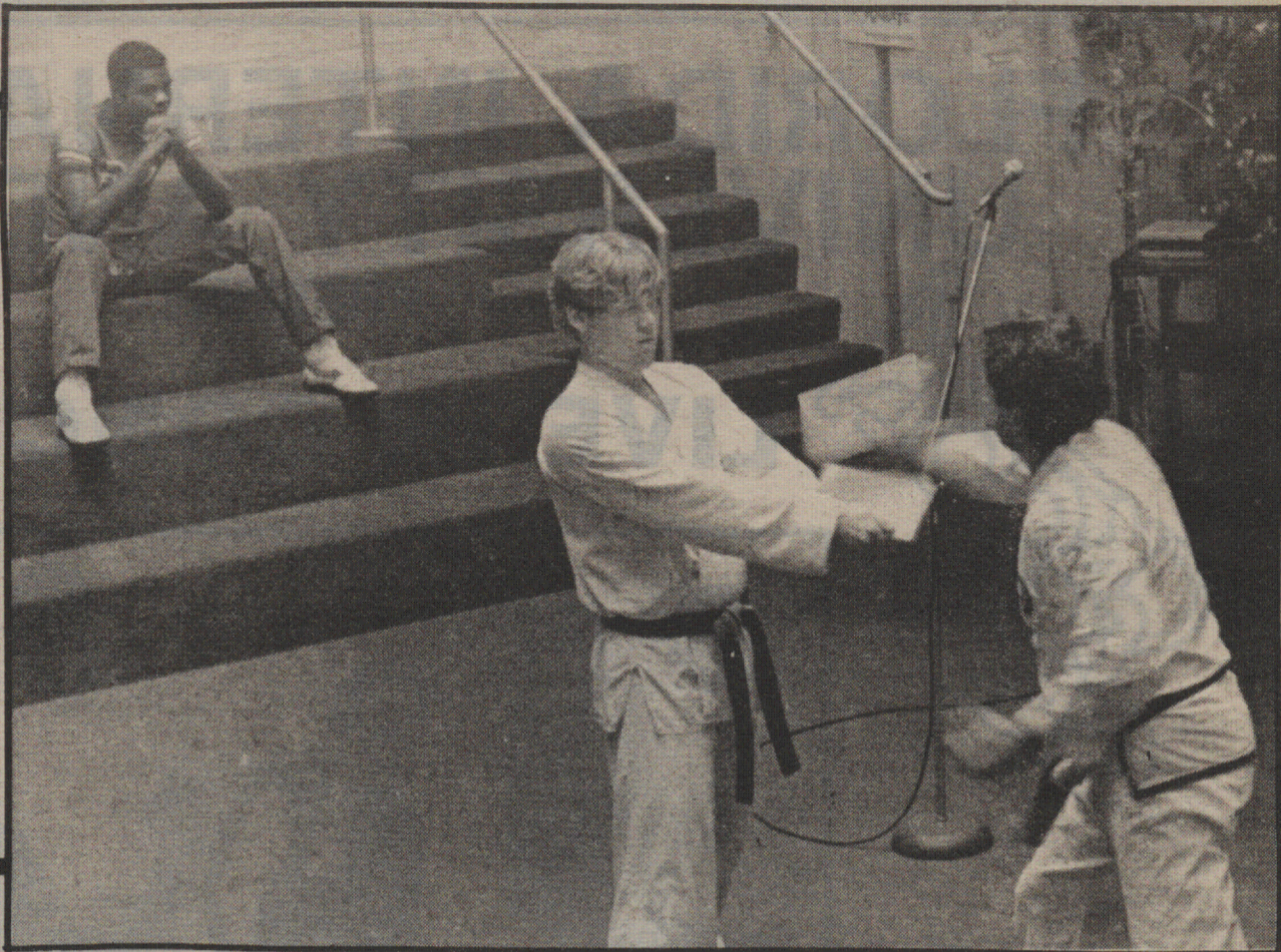
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The teams will continue the playoffs on Saturdays, starting at 11 a.m. on the west side of the Tamiami Campus. Nov. 23 is the set date for the championship game.

The teams left are:

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# Soccer team turns it around

### FIU Sports Information Bureau

At the beginning of the season, some thought the team might go winless. But by the end of the year, people had changed their minds and one coach went so far to say that this was the best first-year team he had ever seen.

The "team" is the inaugural FIU women's soccer squad. And the improvement it showed over the course of a 6-4-1 season is evident.

In the second game of the year on Sept. 14, the Sunblazers dropped a 9-1 decision to the Barry Buccaneers. A month later the same two teams met and the outcome was a 5-1 Buccaneer victory. However, eight days later, FIU held the Bucs to a 0-0 tie in the final round of the Central Florida Invitational.

The same situation occurred against the University of Central Florida. On Oct. 5 UCF ripped FIU 6-1. But one month later at the Invitational in Orlando, the Sunblazers lost only 1-0 to the Knights on a goal in the waning moments of the first half.

"If you had seen us at the beginning of the season, and at the end, you would have seen a complete turnaround," said head coach Everton Edwards.

The team went 3-3 over the first six games, yielding 20 goals in the three defeats. Then, FIU lost just one of the last five games, while giving up just two goals.

"We went through a transition," Edwards said. That transition involved a changeup in the backfield. The team's biggest weakness was having only one experienced player at forward. On the other hand, the team's strength was on defense.

Because of these two factors FIU concentrated on the backfield. This led to assistant coach Brian Dooley to suggest loading the backfield with extra players from the front.

So in effect, as Edwards said, "We played a defensive-minded game against Barry and Central Florida. After all, a tie is better than a loss."

Edwards, a goalkeeper on the FIU's men's 1982 national championship team, relayed his knowledge to freshman goalkeeper Julie Orlowski, who posted 2.34 goals against average with three shutouts while sharing two others. "Julie has quite a future," Edwards commented. "She kept us in a lot of games."

Offensively, FIU was paced by freshmen forwards Debbie Parke who had six goals and two assists and Amanda Keene with five goals and two assists.

(Sunblazer writer Natalie Butto contributed to this story.)

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## Sports Forum



by Robert Stark

I hope FIU's Athletic Director David Rice knows what he's doing.

It appears again, that Division I has its costs. And Rice has decided one of the costs to be the dropping of FIU's volleyball team, which is recently on the way up in terms of success with a 20-7 record this season.

Under the decision of Rice, women's swimming will take its place entirely by 1986.

I'm not sure it's the right decision.

According to Rice, South Florida is more conducive for aquatic competition and running a volleyball program at FIU was more expensive. True. But down the line, I believe volleyball has (or at least did have) a future in South Florida.

Just take a look at the area high schools, particularly in the south. Both Sunset and Coral Park High have the best teams in the county and perhaps in the state, and both those schools are pretty close to FIU. Then take it a step further to Miami-Dade South. That school has always had an excellent volleyball program, constantly churning out top-notch players. And a good program at FIU could keep those players in South Florida.

Swimming, on the other hand, may not have a lot to promise for FIU. Yes, there are area schools with good teams. But many of those swimmers would just take their talent to the University of Miami, which has one of the best programs around.

Volleyball, however, would be expensive because there aren't many schools in the state that have volleyball programs. Unlike swimming, which is found at a number of Division I schools in Florida, volleyball exists only at one Division I school in Florida -- way up in Gainesville at the University of Florida. So what happens is that the Sunblazers would find themselves traveling all over the country to spike the ball around. That's where Rice is correct.

But swimming is hardly a spectator sport that could bring in some extra bucks. Volleyball, if given a fair chance, could be a popular sport in Florida as it is in California.

Another problem I see down the road is swimming's popularity. It appears to me it only receives recognition after all of the Olympics' hoopla every four years. Before the Olympics, swimming just doesn't get noticed, at least to me.

But don't get me wrong. I used to swim some as an amateur and my brother was an all-state swimmer in the mid-seventies. And I do admit swimming is a good sport. I also admit that yes, somehow the Aquatic Center at Bay Vista must be utilized and a women's swim team is the answer.

But it seems a shame that FIU volleyball, which is making big steps this year, especially with the recruitment job coach Linda Miskovic has done, must bite the dust for a new, unproven program.

I only sincerely hope Mr. Rice knows what he's doing.

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