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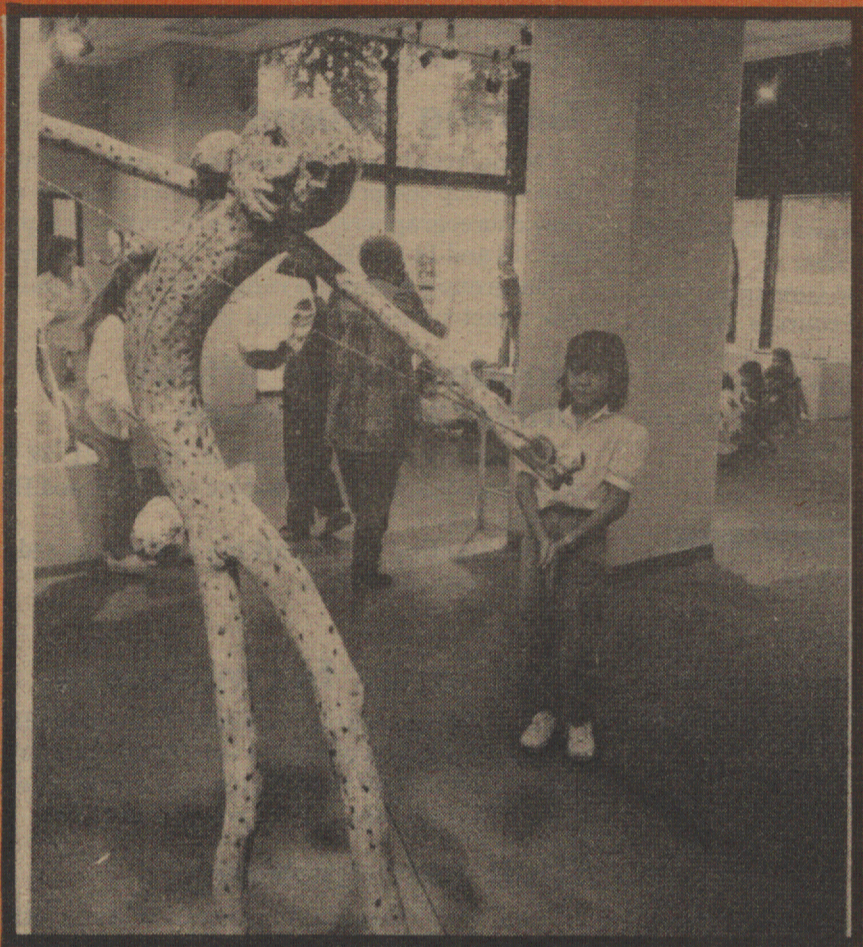


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FULL-FATHOM ART Rudy Ramirez, a student from Kendall Lakes Elementary, looks in wonder at a piece of modern art at the FIU Art Museum.

New senators elected

by Valerie Greenberg

Sunblazer Ass't News Editor

Despite a shortage of candidates, last week's Student Government Association Senate election drew a considerable voter turnout.

The election, postponed due to the university's closing Nov. 19, was held Nov. 25, 26 and 27, with polling on the Tamiami, Bay Vista and Broward Campuses.

Howard Swerdloff, Election Committee chairman, said he was pleased with the voter turnout, considering the "poor turnout of candidates."

The ballots were counted after polls closed Nov. 27, and the following are the unofficial results. SGA will publicize official results early this week, following a recount of ballots and varification of

write-in candidates' fulfillment of eligibility requirements.

The senators elected for the School of Arts and Sciences are Ana Garcia, Mirta Sucena and Doris Gomez.

The winners in the School of Education are Suzanne McElfresh, Marlina Figueroa and write-in candidate Sylvia Fernandez.

The elected senators for the School of Health Sciences are MaryAnn McKenna, Colene Stout and Vincent Forzano.

Lower Division Senators elected are Esther Belz, Lourdes Lopez and Pedro Lopez.

The winners in the School of Public Affairs and Services are Noel Lawrence and write-in candidate Walid Alubaidly, with a run-off between write-in candidates Terrell Grimsley, Jorge Rivas and Gisela Nanson.

The senators elected for the College of Business Administration are Eric MacKenzie, Tahir Awan and Julio Martinez.

The winners in the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences are George Salinger, George Hill and write-in candidate Fred Cartaya.

The School of Hospitality Management elected senators are John McNamara, Patricia Arrindel and Janice Correa.

The School of Nursing will be represented by write-in candidate Kimberly Walker.

A new light shines on AC II

by Jeffrey L. Kleinman

Sunblazer Editor

Students will soon be saying goodbye to the yellow haze and the constant buzz in AC II classrooms. They will soon be welcomed with brightness and silence.

Engineers have improved two lecture halls on the Bay Vista Campus and have started to survey other AC II classrooms for similar lighting and acoustical problems, according to Bradley Biggs, a BVC administrator.

"It's as different as night and day," said Biggs of the almost-completed work on rooms 110 and 115. "The faculty members are ecstatic about it."

"There is quite a difference," said campus architect Tom Cooper.

Biggs said that due to a misunderstanding of the original plans, the contractor installed wrong equipment when AC II was under construction in 1983.

Cooper said the current improvements involve replacing the yellowish haze and constant hum of sodium vapor lights

with the brightness and energy effectiveness of fluorescent ones. Cooper also said the noise problems are being corrected by replacing parts in the air conditioning system.

"We're simply trying to solve the problems as we find them," said Cooper.

Biggs said the total cost of the improvement project won't be decided on until all of the repairs are made. But Cooper said the work on the two lecture halls have cost the university about \$4,000.

The same type of repairs will be made to other classrooms in the building, said Dick Hofstetter, FIU planning consultant.

Cooper, who arrived at FIU after the opening of AC II, said he doesn't know if the construction errors were unavoidable. "Hindsight is always great," he said. "Unless you're in the midst of all the decision making, you really can't say."

"The only thing I'm concerned about is fixing the problem."

Larger clinic to open on BVC

by Lourdes Rodriguez-Florida

Sunblazer Staff Writer

Students on the Bay Vista Campus can soon expect a new health clinic on the first floor of the Trade Center.

The clinic, scheduled to open at the end of this week, will have larger facilities than its predecessor, said Elvira Velez, nurse practitioner and head of the BVC clinic.

In October, construction began on the new location after funding was approved by the university.

Velez said that in the last three years, the number of students using the clinic has tripled - from 300 to 1,200. "The dorms expanded a need for a larger facility," she said. "What normally would have been a quiet period is now very active."

The old clinic, which was originally a storeroom, had other problems besides overcrowding, Velez said. Among them was a lack of privacy for students.

The clinic had no bathroom, which meant students had to use other

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Wolfe: Two-campus system creates problems

Sunblazer staffers Stan Butler, Valerie Greenberg and Jeffrey L. Kleinman interviewed FIU President Gregory B. Wolfe about the university's progress and problems during the past year. The following is the last of two parts of excerpts from the two hour meeting.

The multiple-campus system has created problems for FIU, according to FIU President Gregory Wolfe. An administrative recommendation to consolidate the business school on the larger and older Tamiami Campus has students on the Bay Vista Campus feeling betrayed.

Wolfe said that it's smart, however, for the university to expand to South Dade, where there is a large student market.

Another problem that faces Wolfe is an inconsistency between freshman and transfer entrance requirements. While community college transfers may bypass taking the Scholastic Entrance Exam (SAT) and carry a 2.0 grade point average, FIU freshman must score 1,000 on the SAT and carry a 3.0 grade point average.

Despite FIU's growing pains, Wolfe said he still enjoys his job and doesn't plan to step down.

Do you feel FIU is having problems with fundraising because the university does not have the forum to raise the money from the Legislature and the area in general?

I think we've been very successful with the Legislature. We've more than doubled the budget, and we've got every program we've sought approval for. We've had immense support, significant support.

FIU's sister universities around the state are complaining that the funding we are receiving is being taken away from them. Specific department budgets have been reduced 78 percent in the last 12 years.

I'm not too familiar with the departmental budgets that they have. I have hardly enough time to keep up with my own. But we have had a fairly consistent

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Coming up...

'The Ghost Sonata' haunts FIU theater

The FIU Theater will give Miami audiences a rare chance to see an original and influential work of modern theater: 'The Ghost Sonata' by August Strindberg.

The play will be performed at 8 p.m. Dec. 5-7 and 12-14. Tickets are \$6 for general admission, \$5 for students and \$2 for students.

The play, directed by FIU theater Professor Therald Todd, reflects an intense view of the differences between appearances and reality. The play begins by presenting a beautiful house and as the plot unfolds, the audience discovers deceit, corruption and decay as an appealing young couple is trapped and brought to an unhappy end.

For further information or to make reservations, call 554-2895.

"Sonata" will be performed by FIU theater students.

Create play, win bucks

Florida playwrights may submit their original plays until Feb. 1 for consideration in the second annual FIU New Playwright's Festival '86.

Entries should be a full-length or one-act play. The deadline is 5 p.m.

Each entry must be original and previously unproduced. Six plays will be selected for production at the FIU Theater during the August festival.

Each of the six plays will be awarded a cash prize, and one play will be selected by an outside panel of judges for a \$1,000 award.

For further details, call 554-2895.

Holiday jazz

There will be a free holiday concert performed by the FIU wind and jazz ensembles at 12:30 p.m. Dec. 5 in the UH forum on the Tamiami Campus. For more information call 554-2896.

'Two's Company,' too

There will be a modern dance performance at 8 p.m. Dec. 5 by "Two's Company," a professional dance company from New York.

The group is made up of Laura Glenn and Gary Lund, who have taught dance in 26 states and 14 countries. Both are recipients of choreographic fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts. The show is sponsored by the Student Government Association.

Deadlines, deadlines

Dec. 6 is the last day of fall classes but it's just the beginning of endless headaches.

This magical day is also the last time to pay tuition without losing your slate of courses, the last day to sign short-term promissory notes for students already registered, the last day for financial aid recipients to validate their fee cards and the last day to apply for tuition waivers.

Do all this by 3 p.m., or die.

Pain, sweat and madness

Dec. 9-13 is finals week. Good luck.

Road race scheduled

A New Year's Eve 5K road race is scheduled to start at 9 p.m. Dec. 31. The race, which will be on the Bay Vista Campus, has an entry fee of \$7 before the race and \$9 on the day of the race. A party will follow. For more information, call 940-5805 or 554-2255.

Off to market

The American Marketing Association will have a meeting at 12:15 p.m. Dec. 5 in SC 320 on the Bay Vista Campus. The topic will be the ongoing research project and all members are expected to attend.

Grab a scholarship

The Latin American and Caribbean Center is awarding scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students studying those two areas. Deadline for application is this week.

Applicants may be enrolled in any major as long as they are participating in the Latin American and Caribbean Studies Certificate Program.

Call 554-2894 for further information.

Gaining 'Momentum'

"Momentum," a contemporary and versatile dance group comprised of professional dancers and new choreographers, will be performing at 8 p.m. Dec. 13 and 14 in VH 100 on the Tamiami Campus.

The group's repertoire ranges from jazz to ballet. For ticket information, call 235-3047.

Holiday hours affect university services

The library will be closed Dec. 14, 15, 21, 22, 25, 28, 29 and Jan. 1. The bookstore will be closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

Some lighting in the parking lots will be reduced from Dec. 21-Jan. 2.

Club looks for members

A new club is seeking members. FIU Association of Computing Machinery is looking for computer majors and minors to participate in meetings and activities. Call 238-7176 if you're interested.

Club sets meeting

The Data Processing Management Association will have a meeting at 6:30 p.m. in UH 314 on the Tamiami Campus. Call 554-2751 for further details.

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portion of the state total allocated within the system to us. I think there's a certain apprehension.

Are we getting enough from FIU's 10-year plan?

Well, I think we can use more but we negotiated and planned to get that amount (\$126 million). We based our estimates on the cost of the programs -- the best available estimates we could make. We're prepared to live with that.

Going beyond state funds to federal funds, the Graham-Rudman Bill, which will freeze federal funding for universities, is now in Congress and will soon be going into committee. Congressman Claude Pepper asked the state university presidents to submit information they feel could be used in lobbying. Are you going to submit this information to Pepper?

Probably not. We do most of our lobbying in Washington through our association -- the American Association of State Colleges and Universities. The president of the University of Central Florida is the state representative for our association. We tell him what we think and he does it pretty well. Now when I go to Washington I always call on Sen. Pepper and Sen. Hawkins and we talk about education assistance. We don't write a lot of letters; we occasionally send a telegram.

How do you feel about the bill?

Badly. The bill provides for giving a president options to cut to balance the budget. I think it's terrible and I said so on the radio today. And I said so at a Washington breakfast the other day. But Mr. Pepper knows that. I don't mean to sound jaded, but I think one other letter to play to the obvious is not necessary. I don't think there's anything to add that they don't know and I don't think he needs anymore.

Will the university consolidate the business school on the Tamiami Campus?

That's the recommendation. We've made no firm decision. The recommendation of the acting academic vice president is that the school be centered, that the headquarters of the school be placed (at Tamiami). That doesn't mean there won't be business courses offered at Bay Vista, and furthermore at Broward. I think there's some pretty erroneous notions floating around these days about what's happening. And nothing will happen until 1987 anyway. And that seems to be lost. These are just arguments (in favor of consolidation) and not necessarily my position. The cost of administration will be lower. Student markets change. What decision we make now might be modified in five years given the changes in demand for courses. We'll put the basic administrative organization on one campus.

Does it mean a reduction of courses on the other campuses?

It could. For example, today our whole international business program is centered at Bay Vista. It probably would mean that it would move. When you're a fledgling university, you really have to do some conforming that you don't have to do when you're a Harvard university. The Harvard business school has never been accredited, ever, and probably never will be. They have the capacity and the age to give the Bronx cheer to the accreditors, and FIU doesn't. Consolidation makes the preservation of accreditation easier.

Is the multiple campus system working for FIU?

Imperfectly.

Is there a way to improve it?

I don't know. I've looked at the University of South Florida, and I find that every school with multiple campuses has problems. There's always the argument that the big campus -- usually the older one -- gets things that the new campuses don't get. There's a

sense of being isolated. There's a sense of being refugees.

Are we seeing the dismantling of a multiple-campus system after having gone sour?

No, we haven't seen anything yet. I would venture to say that if some generous person like Armand Hammer came and said we'd like you to have your international business school and banking center on Bay Vista and we'd build you more buildings, we'd say we'd love it.

FIU has invested millions of dollars in the recreational aspect of the Bay Vista Campus: a pool, dormitories, tennis courts. Is it a waste with the imminent departure of the business school and planned departure of the soon-to-be School of Communication to downtown?

You find shifts in population over time and I suspect that as the density of Broward begins to meet the density of Dade, it will cause the administration to change the mix of what happens. What next can change can depend on the commitment you have in physical facilities and certain unchanging things. Nothing is frozen in time with universities. The thing that I think is different with universities today than from when I was going to college, is that many more people are going and they're much more mobile. The smartest thing universities can think about doing today is to reach that audience by going out among the people. I always say to the faculty, "The smartest thing the Church ever did was to turn the Communion table to face the audience." When you look at North Miami, the age composition of that population doesn't really excite our business because they don't really come to school. The socioeconomic of much of that composition is not what it is in South Dade, which is younger, more upwardly mobile and much more affluent. If you look at the slice in North Miami, the rich part is aged; the younger part is lower than middle-middle class income and much less apt to come to school, and further there is a large chunk of black minorities.

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Editor's Forum

by Jeffrey L. Kleinman

The role

It's time to be a student again.

Not too long ago, I was minding my own business in Journalism 101 when someone told me FIU was in danger of losing its third paper in its 12-year existence. But this time the danger didn't involve bankruptcy or embezzlement, like in the past. The future of this paper rested with finding someone to be its editor.

The Sunblazer (nee New International) had brand new equipment, a bright office and lots of potential but was a victim of FIU's typical student apathy. Nobody stepped forward to lead and the graduating editor was an inch away from closing up shop. If that happened, that would just be the closing comment on the poor student involvement here.

Apathy is everywhere at FIU. It affects all of those who don't run for student government; it affects all of those who don't vote for student government candidates. It affects clubs and student organizations.

So, I didn't want the big A to gloat over its victory as the paper fell over the falls of Niagra. Up I stepped.

I had no desire to head a college newspaper. I honestly wasn't qualified. I didn't know a pica from a peanut. I knew how to report. That's my love. But I accepted the challenge, learned a lot and am glad to see that this paper has no such problem now.

Up step three tremendously qualified reporters. One of them will take this paper and push it one plateau further. It will get better. But I'm glad I was a link in the chain of progress.

A university and a student newspaper go together like peaches and cream. It's hard for a university to be taken seriously without some type of informational tool. I'm glad this paper has survived. FIU will be just a little more respected as the paper gets better.

For those of you who think a student newspaper is out to get the university, think again. A paper just brings out things that would otherwise be buried under a mound of university public relations. Things you want to know but wouldn't get the chance to learn.

I'm off to be a student again. For all of those who have helped me get along, thanks. For all of those who have grown to hate my guts, so be it. I feel confident that The Sunblazer will be around for awhile. But it will take some of those who are reading this to make that prediction a reality.

Hasta luego.

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 his relationship to the university. Telephone numbers must be included so we may verify your letter.

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Letters

Religion can solve problems

To the Editor:

I wanted to follow up on "Spiritual Emphasis Week" with a few comments about spirituality as lived out on a college campus such as FIU. As some would know, the Jesus Students' Fellowship sponsored four days of activities Nov. 4-7 that stressed the importance and benefits of faith in God. The highlight of the week was a contemporary Christian music concert attended by a couple hundred students on the Tamiami Campus.

dubious reason, it is commonly believed, among other false ideas, the Bible has nothing to offer modern man, and that its contents are outdated and irrelevant. My simple response is, 'Who says so, and on what grounds?' Many of these irreligious teachings are propagated in the public high school and college classroom. What I am essentially saying is that it is fairly commonplace because of the detrimental influence of Secular Humanistic education saying 'Forget God, he can't help us even if He did exist.'

'Let's realize that God knows more about His creation than the creation does.'

In deciding what type of activities we would sponsor during those days, I chose lectures with qualified guest speakers. These lectures featured topics that were interesting, important and current. Any thinking person knows that the current answers being offered for the problems of Herpes, AIDS, cancer, the national debt and the threat of nuclear war are simply not doing the job. In fact, these and related problems seem to be becoming insurmountable. This is the reason we felt the need to present these topics in context of what God has said through the written word.

We, of course, were disappointed when our well-publicized lectures were modestly attended. We were apparently too optimistic about students' willingness to hear another perspective. We scheduled two of the three meetings during the noon time to assure we would -- at least in part -- not be competing with classes. Competing with classes did not seem to be the reason for the empty seats. I feel there is another more satisfying, yet disturbing explanation.

In my opinion, as well as in the opinion of William Miller, who lectured here on Biblical success and prosperity, many people do not associate success and business -- along with workable solutions to the problems of everyday life -- with the Bible. For some

This attitude, possessed by many college students, seems to prevail even in the face of the enormous contributions of great men and women throughout history who professed a deep faith in God and his Written Word.

We are at a crossroads in our world. Many problems and challenges face the human race as we quickly approach the 21st century. The Dark Ages were a result of relegating faith and the Bible to the confines of a religious system where it was trapped and unable to influence the world. We could be approaching another "dark age" if those who exclude God from their thinking (and who think that every "rational" person should do likewise) have their way and separate church from state. Fortunately, there are those of us who are willing to confront the humanist and atheism of the day and challenge their faulty philosophies.

As we make choices that determine our destiny, let us consider the wisdom of the ages. Let's realize that God knows more about His creation than the creation does.

John J. DiModica

Student Director

Jesus Student's Fellowship

Kudos to FIU profs

It's time to say I love this place

by Natalie Butto

Sunblazer Staff Writer

What a professor did the other day has pushed me to the limit of my patience. I have voiced my opinion to several people but now it's time to go public with this statement -- I love FIU!

In particular, I am fond of the personnel at the university. I started here as a freshman last fall and have had such positive experiences with the faculty and the staff.

Most of the professors I encountered have been friendly and helpful. They take the time to express interest in my goals and interests. An example of this involves the professor I mentioned in my first

line. During registration week, I went to his office to ask about certain requirements. He looked through all of his papers to locate all the information needed to help me.

About 10 minutes after I left his office and I was out near the parking lot, he came out of the building looking for me. He had come from his third floor office to tell me about some new information he had found. I thought that was considerate.

This was just one of many instances where I found professors, administrators and secretaries who show great thoughtfulness.

FIU may not have everything. What school does? But the faculty and staff really care about students. What better quality can a university have?

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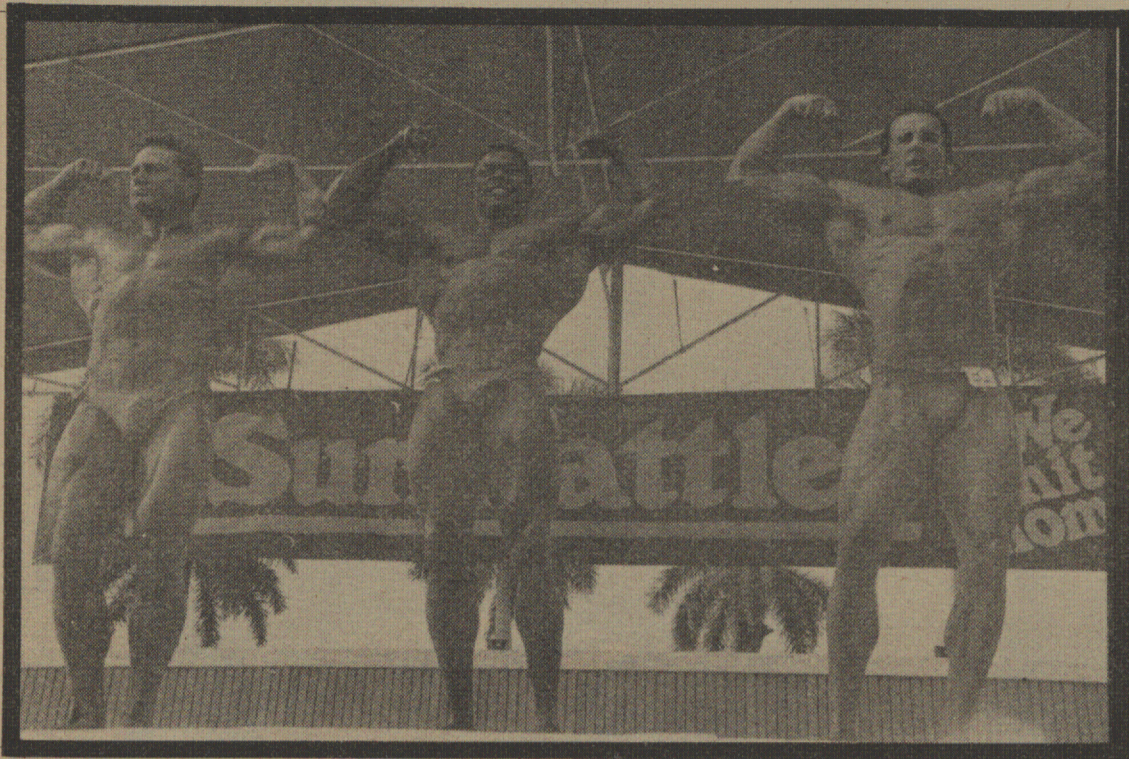
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MUSCLING UP ON THE COMPETITION

Three rather large mounds of flesh strut their stuff in a weightlifting competition at this year's Broward County Fair, which ran at Gulfstream Park on the Dade-Broward line from Nov. 21- Dec. 1. In addition to providing fun, rides and excitement, the fair also provides a source of college scholarship money. "We are the largest contributors to the Broward Community College scholarship fund," said Keith Hessey, the fair's director. Last year, the fair donated nearly \$25,000 to scholarship funds, in addition to \$55,000 in general prize money. This year, the fair also featured performances by rockers 'til Tuesday and Foreigner, with country stars The Judds and Alabama.

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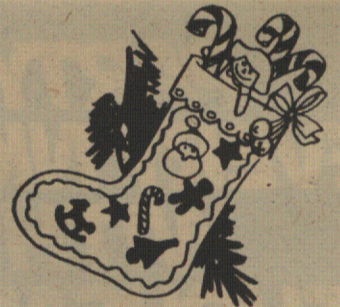
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'Blazers lose opener, 84-67

by Robert Stark

Sunblazer Sports Editor

All the way from Michigan came the Wayne State Tartars. Who were they? Could this team spoil the beginning of 'the year' for the Sunblazer basketball squad?

The Sunblazers found out. The Tartars defeated FIU, 84-67, on Nov. 22, before 450 fans at Miami Christian.

From the outset, FIU looked in control, especially under the boards. Patrick McDonald typified that by gathering in a rebound on a miss by Andre Laz and putting the ball in for the Sunblazers' first two points of the year.

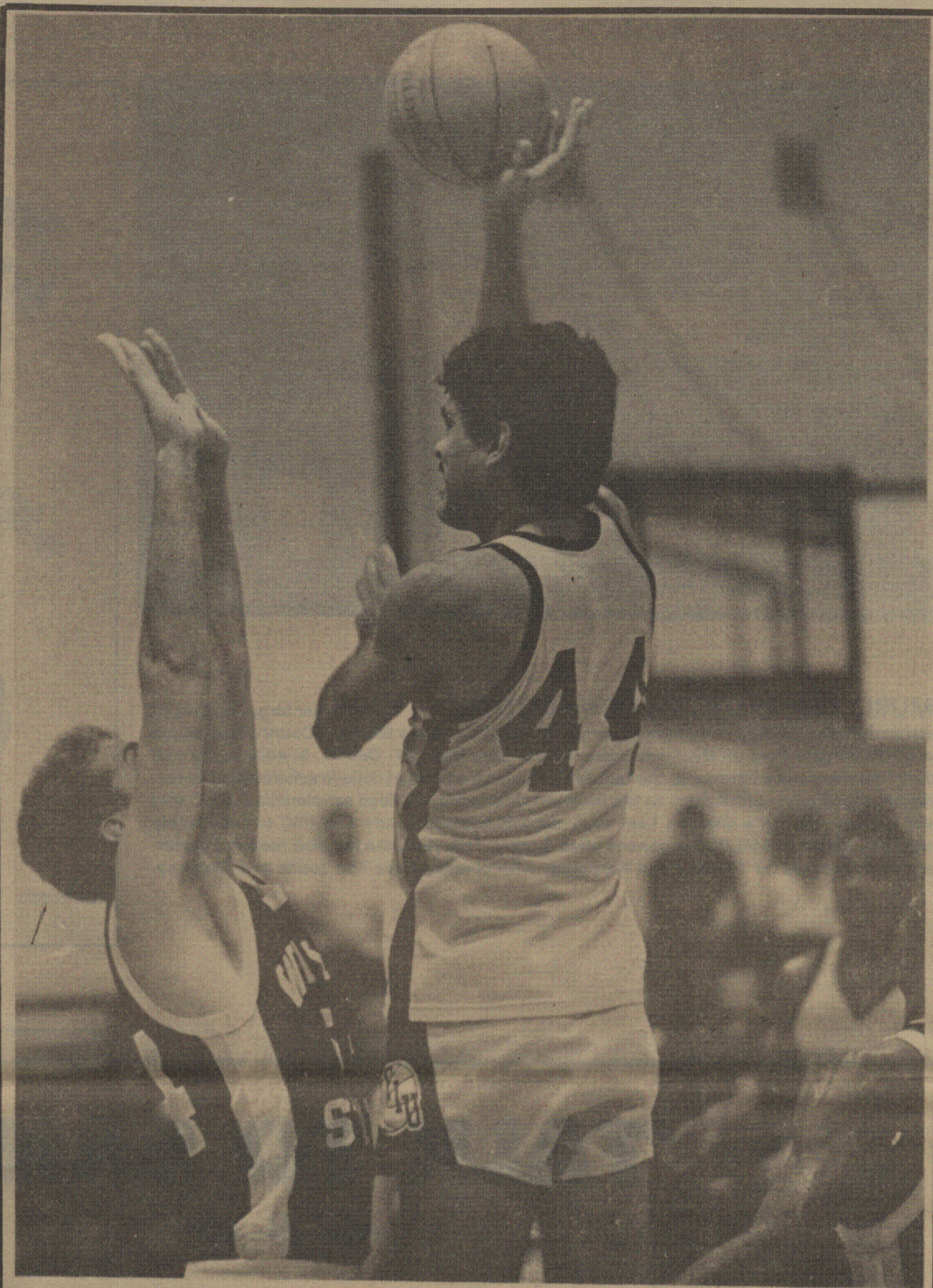
But about five minutes into the game FIU began its troubles on offense. Passing became a problem, especially for the young Sunblazer guards. Shooting was just as bad as FIU shot a 38.4 percentage for the first half. Wayne State opened up an early 18-10 lead. But led by a Hector "Chief" Rodriguez layup and a McDonald jumper late in the half, FIU pulled to within four at halftime, 36-32.

In the second half, the Tartars pulled away from the Sunblazers with constant leads of 8, 10 and 13. The Sunblazers, led by Patrick McDonald's 22 points, came close, cutting the lead to four more than six minutes left. But FIU got cold again as Wayne State's Grady Lowry went 10 for 13 in free throws and Raheem Muhammad pulled in 19 rebounds.

The Sunblazers also received some help from John Stiver who scored nine points and had three rebounds while playing only 19 minutes.

On Nov. 27, the Sunblazers collected their first home victory, defeating Concordia (0-4), 100-81 at Miami Christian. McDonald Laz and Rodriguez combined for 67 points for FIU (2-2).

Rodriguez also tied an FIU record of 16 rebounds while adding six blocked shots.



FIU's Hector "Chief" Rodriguez (44) shoots over a Wayne State defender during the Sunblazers' opening loss of the new season. Rodriguez recently tied a school record for most rebounds (16) in a game against Concordia.

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Women's team (3-0) gains victories, outscores opponents, 254-142

You would think the FIU women's basketball team is ready to play this year. Through their first three games, the Sunblazers have won by margins of 37, 43 and 32 points. Definitely something to think about.

Led by Lynette Richardson's 28 points and Teresa Baker's 10 rebounds, the Sunblazers (3-0) ripped Wayne State University, 86-49, in the season opener on Nov. 22 at Miami Christian.

Baker, who ended up with 17 points, helped the Sunblazers early as FIU went into halftime with a 38-24 lead.

The next night, the squad blew out host Florida Memorial, 93-50. Richardson scored 23 points and grabbed seven rebounds while Baker added 16 points. Renae Siplin chipped in 10 points.

On Nov. 25, the Sunblazers continued their dominance by defeating Davis and Elkins College, 75-43 at Dade-South.

FIU held their opponents to a 32.7 shooting percentage and forced 27 turnovers. Baker, Sandra Bogen and Lily Young combined for 37 points for the Sunblazers.

The team's next home game is Dec. 3 against Central Florida at Dade-South at 7:30 p.m. The squad also plays on Dec. 7 against Grambling State at Dade-South at 7:30 p.m.

During halftime of the men's game against Wayne State, FIU's Lynette Richardson was presented a plaque for her All-American status last year. Flanked by coach Cindy Russo and athletic director David Rice at centercourt, Richardson received a rousing applause from the homestanding crowd.

Spikers in postseason play

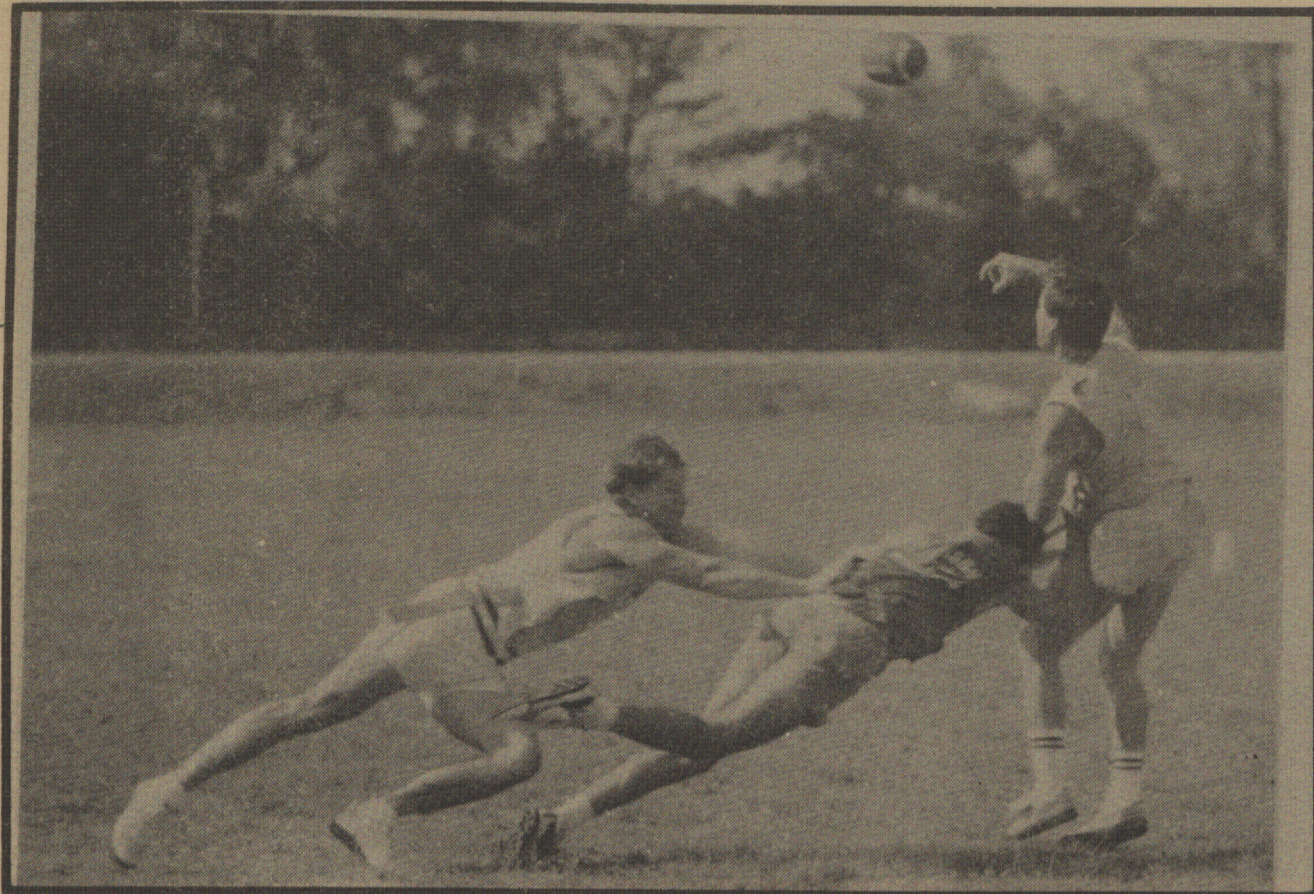
After defeating two nationally ranked teams in the Lewis Invitational on Nov. 23, the FIU volleyball team received a bid to the NCAA Division II National Tournament.

The Sunblazers (24-12) defeated eighth-ranked Ferris State, 6-15, 17-15, 15-9 in the semifinals. Before that, FIU defeated 15th ranked Northern Michigan, 15-9, 15-3 in the quarterfinals. However, the 16th

ranked Sunblazers fell in the final to St. Cloud University, 10-15, 7-15.

But as coach Linda Miscovis said, without those two victories, FIU probably wouldn't have received a bid.

For the NCAA playoffs in Huntsville, Texas, FIU will open against host Sam Houston State on Dec. 6. And as Miscovis said, "To beat Sam Houston will be a real tough assignment."



'Raiders prove they're the best with 28-6 win

After all of the hoopla and bragging, only one team in the FIU Flag Football League has the right to talk as No. 1. That team is known as Reggie's Raiders.

Reggie's Raiders did more than prove themselves as the best team in the league by defeating The Force 28-6 in the championship game Nov. 23 at the Tamiami Campus.

Led by a passing attack that really didn't get underway until the second half, the Raiders put the game out of reach.

The Force, which gave up only a handful of points in the regular season, mustered a last minute touchdown to escape the goose egg.

Last year's champions, Columbus Alumnus, were eliminated in the playoffs.

◀ The passing attack came alive when it counted for Reggie's Raiders. Left, the Raider quarterback lets a pass off just in time as two Force defenders close in. Below, the grinning (and rightfully so) Reggie's Raiders after their championship victory. Photos by Robert Stark ▼

Most, Dalton win FIU Turkey Trot

Giles Most, the recent Intramural Biathlon champ, proved he's as good at one sport as he is in another. On Nov. 22, Most won the Bay Vista Trot with a time of 9:53

Mimi Dalton won the women's division in a time of 15:08. Also, Bill Lyons successfully defended his men's faculty staff crown and librarian Faviola Garcia won the women's employee division.

The times --

Giles Most	9:53
Kevin O'Riordan	10:42
Ed Huggins	12:16
Richard Blumenthal	12:19
Mimi Dalton	15:08
Faviola Garcia	15:28
Fran Vazir	18:15
Vera Velez	19:33



Hurricanes, 'Noles to face Sunblazers in baseball at FIU

The FIU baseball team, which opens its season on February 6, has a tentative schedule set for the 1986 season.

On that schedule are a few big-name opponents. Defending national champs the University of Miami, Florida State, Seton Hall, the University of Maine, Stetson, Michigan State and the University of North Carolina are the headliners for coach Danny Price's Sunblazers.

Against the Hurricanes, FIU will play two games at Mark Light Stadium (in late February) and

another at Sunblazers' Field in mid-April. The Seminoles will visit FIU for the first time ever in late April. However, before then, the Sunblazers will visit the 'Noles in early March for two games.

The team could play FSU another time, if both teams have a rain-out game during their 60-game schedules. The game would then be played at FIU. The NCAA recently made a new rule, cutting college baseball schedules down. There is now a 60-game limit.

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Sports Forum



by Robert Stark

Let me give it to you straight. No cute or fancy writing. Just serious stuff.

The Sunblazer is in a bind -- the sports section that is.

After covering FIU sports for two and a half years, I'm stepping down from the position of sports editor at The Sunblazer. It's been a tough time and now I need a rest. However, something is wrong. What will happen to sports, you know that next-to-the-last page in The Sunblazer? The answer is up in the air. Unfortunately, there is really nobody who wants to take my place.

The coming spring semester will be a big one for FIU athletics. The basketball teams will be shooting for playoff bids while playing in the new on-campus Sunblazers Arena, the baseball team will be looking for a regional bid and the volleyball team will be finishing off a great year in the playoffs. The tennis and golf programs will also require some attention. Who will cover these events for The Sunblazer?

Or how about intramurals and other sports-related activities at FIU? There's the Bay Vista Sports Day, flag-football, volleyball, etc. They need coverage too.

So, ultimately, all could be for naught in The Sunblazer. Granted, some games and issues will be covered. Even I intend on contributing once in awhile by taking photographs, but many big stories just won't make it unless someone steps forward.

The big stories that have been covered in the past could be the type that won't make it in the future. Remember the resignation of Nancy Olson, the soccer team winning the national championship, the squabbles about the track program, the decision to go Division I and the arrival of the new AD David Rice? I, personally, don't think the paper would've been doing its job if these stories hadn't been at least mentioned. But for the future, that could very easily happen.

Again, there is no one in sight who has yet come forward as being interested in the position of sports editor, or even as an assistant for that matter.

That is why I'm writing this. For the past two years, I have tried to cover FIU sports as much as I could, almost singlehandedly. I had some help from a few writers, but most didn't last too long. So now, when it's time for me to leave, instead of having someone who could fill in right away, the new staff will somehow have to pull all of their resources together and cover as much as possible. This really isn't fair to the staff or to FIU athletics.

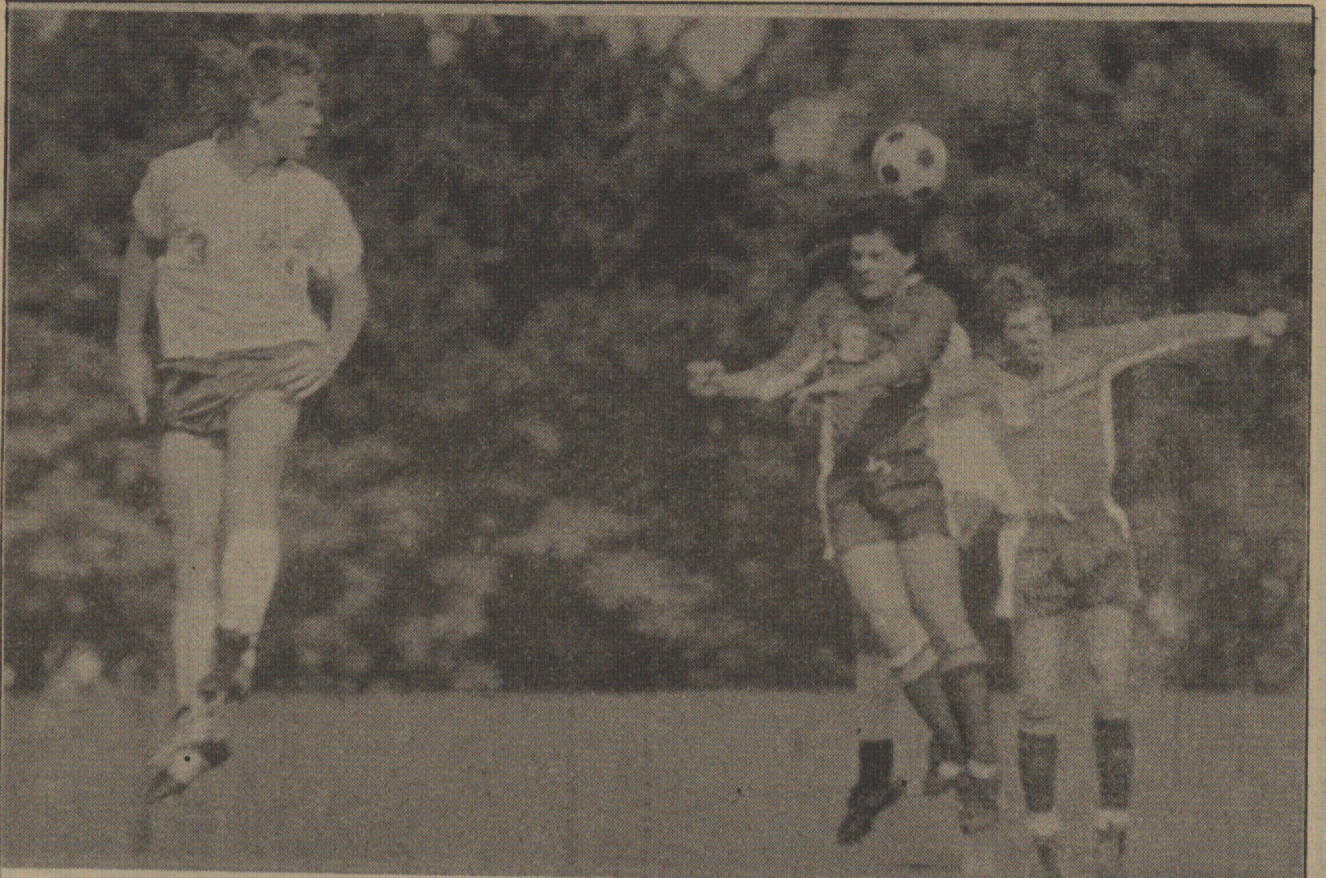
Also, The Sunblazer needs someone who is at least interested in FIU athletics -- not the NFL, the NBA, the UM or the UF. They get enough coverage as it is. FIU is the one that needs more.

I also hope that there are enough people who are reading this who agree that the sports at FIU definitely needs coverage. I know some readers out there say The Sunblazer could do without the sports section. I think they're dead wrong. In fact, the paper's name was picked in relation to the university's sports' nickname.

But for those readers who like to read up on your Sunblazers, whether it be Kremser's Krew, the up and coming women's soccer team, Patrick McDonald, Danny Price's baseball team, the cross-country team, the young tennis star Vidya Damodharan or the opening of the Sunblazers Arena, I hope someone will step in for me.

You don't have to be a great writer (as some would say about me) to get the job done -- just interested enough to keep FIU sports in The Sunblazer.

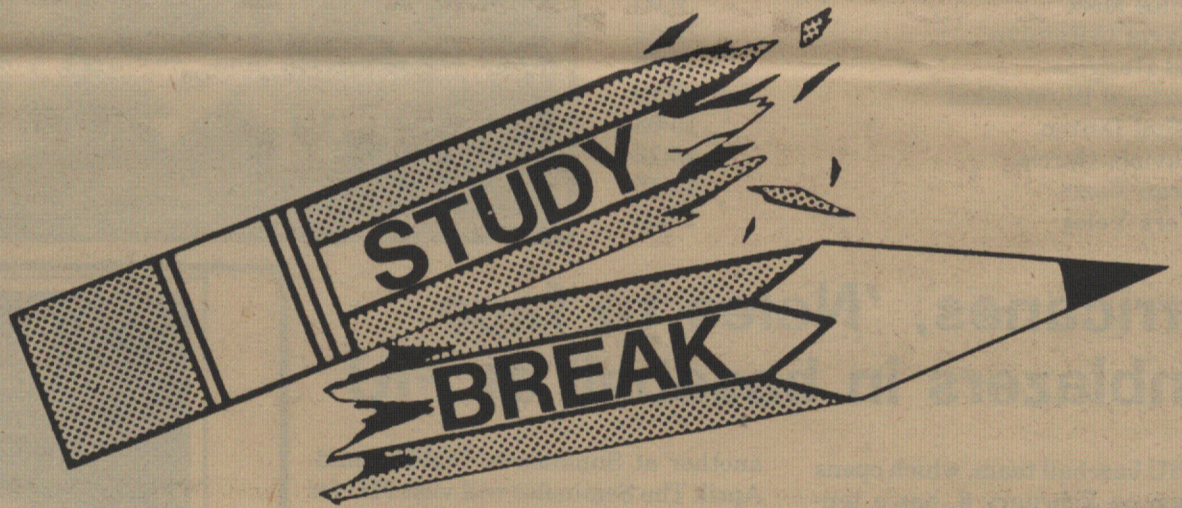
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Would it be wise to stagnate growth on Bay Vista while expanding growth at Tamiami?

It's to plan a less rapid development, and it is also to chose what you put there carefully. I did, in terms of what I've done with the first decisions of anything being allocated at Bay Vista that I made. I decided single-handedly to put nursing there. I decided single-handedly to put the School of Public Affairs and Services there. I remember elbow wrestling with Dean Herbert when he came here, when I appointed him, to go there, and he reluctantly did. I don't think he is sorry. And communcations is another program we put there. Now Mr. Hise, of course, wants to put it downtown.

Is that something you are in favor of?

I think it has to be in both places. I think there also needs to be some auxiliary courses at Tamiami. I think every student, no matter what his field, needs to take some communications, because with whatever

you do you'll need to communicate.

The impression that Bay Vista students are getting is that they should just pack up the pool and the dorms and ship them to Tamiami, as there are few schools located at Bay Vista, and of those that are there, some may be relocated.

In addition, we also have the firm and strong support of the faculty. Lower division work may be taken for any major there in terms of the general education requirements. The problem today is what to do about upper division. For awhile you couldn't get a general chemistry course at Bay Vista. I think you can today. It would be good to have a couple of sessions with the students at Bay Vista. We did that a year ago.

The criteria for acceptance to FIU as a freshman is very difficult. Yet to enter as an upper division transfer student is not as difficult. Why the inconsistency?

We want to make it harder for those guys to survive. I've also heard from students, when you get here, it's so much more stimulating and also tougher than the University of Miami. That's just what people tell me; I haven't taken the courses. But I do think we're trying to get the community colleges to take more time and put more rigor into their work and I think they're trying. These changes, these competitive struggles tend to help everybody and help increase the competitive level. People tell me when they come here from community college that they have to work harder here, harder than they expected to work. Part of that I think is because of what we've done. I think that the adjustment will occur with the college level test given to transfers.

Are the problems at FIU causing you to lose enthusiasm about your job, and are you considering another career?

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Fall '85: The good, the bad, the ugly

by Jeffrey L. Kleinman

Sunblazer Editor

It's almost over. The tests, the semester, the year. But some people just have to look back before they march forward. For them, it's time to examine mistakes, brag about successes and say goodbye to a forever-lost period of time.

Everyone's older. Some are wiser. But as the ashes of a semester blow by, take the time to reflect on what you've done, what you haven't done and the promise of what you will do.

And on that note, The Sunblazer again presents: The Semester in Review.

August

Plus and minus equals what? The university announced it would be changing the grading system from a straight scale to a scale including plusses and minuses. The new system -- used by other state universities -- was approved last year by the Faculty Senate and the administration.

September

Dean's rated high, Wolfe not Tony Marshall, dean of the hospitality school, was rated the best FIU dean by his peers. The FIU chapter of the United Faculty of Florida conducted the survey, asking its members to rate FIU administrators from a high of 1.0 to a low of 5.0. Marshall received a near-perfect 1.1. FIU President Gregory Wolfe received a 3.6.

V.P. takes money and runs Student Government Association vice president C.J. Czaia resigned his post to take a business job in Tampa. SGA Controller Sandy Curtis was selected to take his place.

Wolfe nailed by minority leaders A state commission on minority hiring investigated complaints of FIU's lack of minority hiring and promotion under President Gregory B. Wolfe. The complaints were prompted when an FIU minority commission said Wolfe promised to replace departing Provost Steve Altman with a minority. Wolfe's interim replacement was Paul Gallagher, who is white.

Have it your way Burger King said it would locate a mobile restaurant on the Tamiami Campus

during the spring semester. The restaurant will serve standard fast-food fare -- except the salad bar -- from a modified recreational vehicle.

that SGA would take a \$70,000 bath.

October

Mexico quakes, university shakes FIU President Gregory B. Wolfe announced that the university would help victims of the Mexican earthquake disaster by making available faculty members who are experts in the areas of housing and water treatment.

Semester in Review

FIU buildings become Gator bait Union directors from the University of Florida and Florida State University said that FIU's student buildings needed improvement. The university used their recommendations to compile a list of projects for the UH building on the Tamiami Campus and the SC building on the Bay Vista Campus.

Business school takes money and runs Acting Provost Paul Gallagher recommended that the business school be consolidated on the Tamiami Campus starting in 1987.

Howdy Doody takes money and runs Ted Koppel, host of ABC television's Nightline, addressed an FIU audience on the impact of the media on U.S. foreign policy.

Science departments given money to run The National Institute of Health awarded more than \$650,000 to four university science departments for the establishment of a minority research program.

Luke warm response to Kool Kool and the Gang were selected to play the annual Homecoming concert. After months of deliberating and weeks of negotiating, the SGA concert committee decided to make Homecoming a real "Celebration." Attendance at the event, however, was nothing to celebrate about: An estimated 4,500 turned out, causing rumors to fly

November

Three basketball players dunked Three basketball players were forced off the team after being ruled ineligible by new NCAA Division I rules. Even though the team is playing a Division II schedule this year, it will be moving up to Division I next year and must now comply with the rules.

FIU races in the pits Danny Sullivan won the Beatrice Indy Challenge, the race that roared for a weekend right behind the Tamiami Campus.

Soccer team knocks off biggies The Sunblazers men's soccer team, which competes in Division II, beat two championship Division I teams -- Clemson and Indiana. The victories set the tone for next year's move to Division I.

Kate doesn't blow us away, but school closes anyway Hurricane Kate closed the university for a day and a half, Monday and Tuesday Nov. 18 and 19, postponing a full day of registration, and prompting many faculty members to complain about the university possibly overreacting. The registration office made up for lost time without major problems when the university reopened Wednesday.

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bathrooms for urine tests. Also, because the waiting area was located next to the examination room, conversation could be heard through the walls. "Students had complained about the lack of privacy," Velez said.

The Student Center clinic did not have heating nor adequate storage space. Supplies were stored in different areas of the campus, said Velez.

The new clinic is much larger. It will have three examination rooms, a lab and a bathroom, as well as offices for the nurses and doctors. There will be a storage room for all medical supplies.

Velez said the lack of privacy will be eliminated because the reception area is separated from the exam rooms by two double doors and a buzzer system.

Until the new facility opens, the clinic will have been housed for the three weeks in room 143 at the BVC dorms. Because of the space and equipment crunch, it is only working at half capacity, said Ruth Gold, registered nurse.

"We're functioning at a minimum, but we're taking care of basic services," said Velez.


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R.E.M.: Reconstructing fables in raucous style

by David Colodney

Sunblazer Features Editor

Michael Stipe, the lead singer of my favorite band, wore a dress on stage. It was a lovely dress, but it was still a dress.

Peter Buck, the guitarist, threw a paper airplane at the crowd after the show was over.

R.E.M., their band, played 22 songs at their James L. Knight Center concert last Sunday night, including five that don't appear on any album, that they didn't bother to introduce, that nobody knew. One was a cover of Aerosmith's "Toys in the Attic," another an instrumental theme from a 60s wild west TV show.

But that's R.E.M. And that's why this little group from Athens, Ga. is the greatest rock'n'roll band in the world.

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R.E.M. is a band that is in a league by itself, not only musically, but spiritually as well. They refuse to compromise their sound for top 40 airplay. They refuse to do the same songs over and over. No two R.E.M. shows are exactly alike, so it's quite possible that this group won't play its best known song, "Radio Free Europe," and substitute for it the flipside of that original single, "Sitting Still." They've been offered opening slots on tours by the Go-Gos and U2. They refused, choosing instead to play to the small college towns that are the bulk of its audience.

But that's OK. This band has no hit singles and no platinum albums. This band is also the greatest group there ever was.

Their songs star phrases like "Gardening at night has never worked" and "This is a parade, yesireebob." Their lyrics, when Stipe fully enunciates them, are often hilarious, tongue in cheek looks at the world around them. Live, R.E.M. is still somewhat elusive lyrically, but they really offer a great deal of warmth and a real spirit of what rock music is about.

Actually, on closer inspection, Stipe wasn't really wearing a dress, just a real long shirt that looked like one. He's the focal point of the group, often singing straight into the microphone with his eyes closed. Other times he'll twirl the entire mike stand; no, actually, he twirls himself around the mike stand as he sings.

When they took the Knight Center stage, Stipe didn't face the audience at all, singing "Feeling Gravity's Pull" to the drummer. He eventually did, and he would occasionally open a song with a little story. He introduces "Old Man Kensey" by telling a story about the man "Kensey" is based on. When a screaming girl interrupted him, Stipe deadpans, "Hey, will you keep quiet, I'm tellin' a story." He eventually gets so into the story that you're really curious as to what happens next. Apparently, Stipe wasn't so interested, as he just stops in the middle with "Aw, forget it," and the band goes into the song.

They had a nice light show to accompany them, and the stage set was nice, but simple. As a "multi-media" presentation, to illustrate their latest single "Driver 8," they flash a slide of a bicycle tire on the screen. You

One of the real surprises of the show was the slow, acoustic version of "So. Central Rain" that was performed at about half the tempo of the studio version

on the "Reckoning" album. The half tempo doubled the emotional impact of the song, and when Stipe sang the recognizable first chorus, "Sorry, I'm sorry," it stunned the audience, who expected the usual treatment of the song.

R.E.M. is just a phenomenal rock'n'roll band led by a weird lead-singer and the best new guitarist to emerge on the scene since Eric Clapton in the mid-60s. But Peter Buck's style isn't the fuzzy riffing that characterizes most rock guitar playing. Buck uses a very clanging, melodic chord style that can only be compared to Jim McGwynn and the Byrds' sound in the 60s.

It's really hard to describe R.E.M. It's hard to categorize them. So don't. Just listen to them. The greatest rock'n'roll band in the world.

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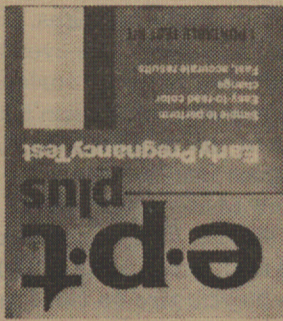
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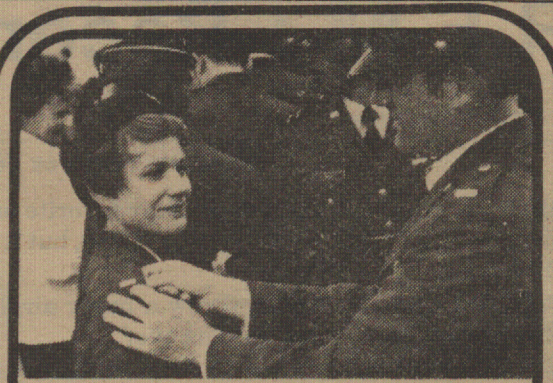
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