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Professors dissatisfied with Bay Vista

by Natalie Butto

Sunblazer Staff Writer

Twenty-one FIU Arts and Sciences professors, dissatisfied with working conditions on the Bay Vista Campus, filed 11 grievences with the administration, ranging from complaints of the campus' lack of resources to requests for compensation for expenses incurred through travel between campuses.

BVC professors have been complaining for a few years, said Bob Hogner, president of FIU's faculty union, but this is the first formal collective effort.

Administrators and faculty will meet within the next two weeks to discuss the grievences, which were filed Dec. 12, said Hogner.

If the problems are not resolved within the university, Hogner said the issues will be brought to the attention of the Board of Regents.

Steve Fjellman, anthropology professor and chief union steward, said in the grievences that he was being deprived of contractually mandated "equitable opportunities in relation to other employees in the same department to meet the required criteria for promotion and tenure."

"We don't have the same access to resources," said Fjellman, referring to the Word Processing Center, graphics personnel, travel service, and regularly available computerized exam scoring services located on the Tamiami Campus.

The grievences requested that these resources be made available at the Bay Vista Campus.

"I require access to departmental, college and university committees," said Fjellman. "With the exception of the Faculty Senate and some departments, all of these committees meet all of the time at Tamiami."

"This requires an amount of travel considerably beyond colleagues at Tamiami," he said. "If I am to fulfill service criteria for tenure, promotion or merit salary increases, I must place in jeopardy activities that lead to meeting criteria for teaching and for research and other scholarly activities."

The grievences asked that a proportionate number of committee and department meetings be held on the Bay Vista Campus.

The complaints also cited the lack of books and journals in the BVC library, compared to the better stocked Tamiami library.

"The Arts and Sciences Library Committee disproportionately makes fund allocation decisions in favor of the Tamiami Campus," said Fjellman. "This is not an Arts and Sciences Library but an Arts and Sciences at Tamiami Library Committee."

The grievences suggested that faculty be reimbursed for travel to the Tamiami library and that a separate acquisitions budget for the BVC library be established.

Fjellman said that BVC faculty should be reimbursed for all business-related travel to Tamiami, as per the Board of Regents/United Faculty of Florida contract.

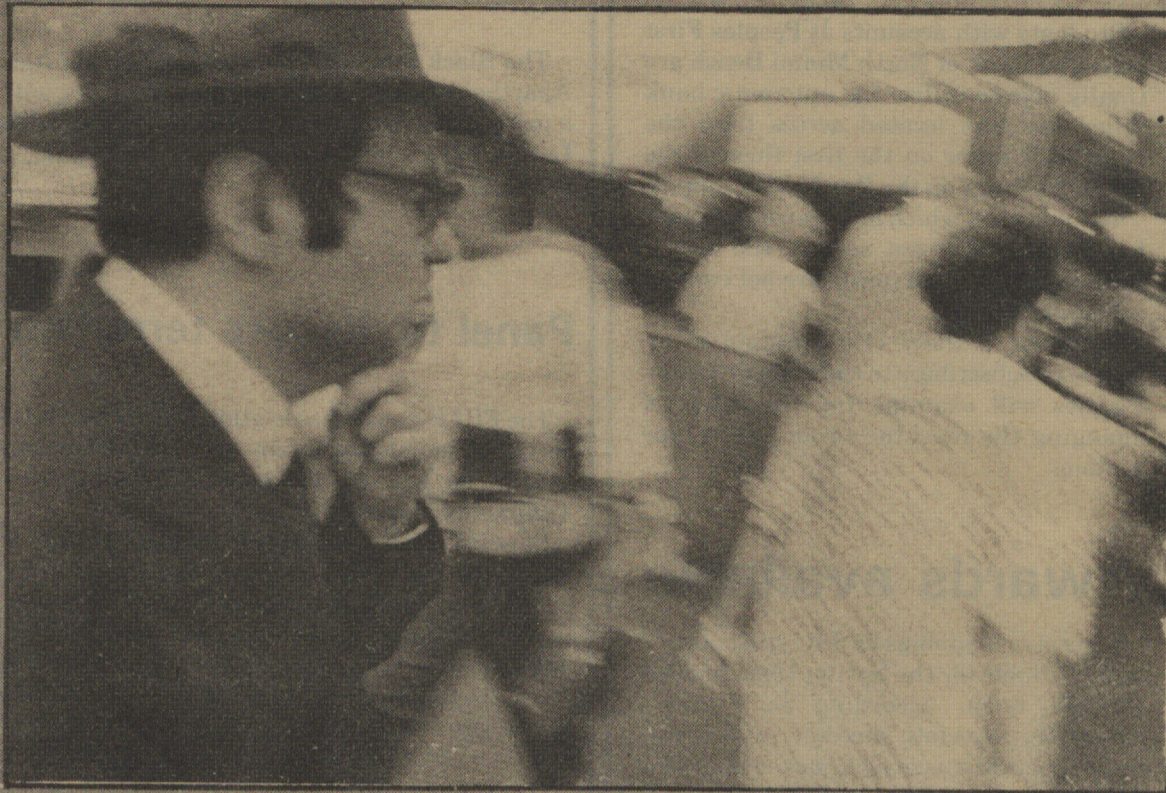
Fjellman requested that BVC faculty's research and class preparation responsibilities, upon which they are judged for tenure, promotion and salary increase, be reduced to allow for the time consumed in travel.

During the academic year, Fjellman said he loses minimum 78 hours in travel. "Faculty assigned to Tamiami do not regularly lose this time," he said.

The grievences called for a change in university policy that does not allow BVC professors to offer overload courses, "a discriminatory allocation of opportunity," Fjellman said.

Fjellman and Hogner said they are optimistic. "Negotiation is underway," said Fjellman. "We're getting some calls from administrators asking, 'What can we do?'"

Neither President Gregory Wolfe nor Vice President for Academic Affairs Paul Gallagher were available for comment.



"Nuclear Man," by Andy Itkoff, is one of several FIU students' photographs on display at "Photo Works '86," opening Jan. 10 at University of Miami New Gallery.

FIU branches out to Hialeah

by Adrian Walker

Sunblazer Staff Writer

FIU and the city of Hialeah have launched a plan to establish a branch of the School of Engineering in Florida's largest industrial center. The school will provide workshops and seminars to train engineers and help those in industry to modernize, amid stiff competition.

"The small industries Hialeah has been built on are in trouble," said Associate Dean of Engineering Manuel Cereijo. "They've been facing intense competition from foreign imports."

To assist Hialeah in becoming more productive, city and university officials procured \$200,000 in grants to plan the "Hialeah International Technology and Productivity Improvement Center." The center will provide graduate engineering classes and professional development seminars. The school also plans to house a permanent display of state-of-the-art industrial equipment.

Officials say the project could revolutionize Hialeah industry because a more productive work force, combined with university expertise, could attract larger industries to the city.

"If two or three large companies moved to Hialeah," Cereijo, "you could build a whole industrial complex from the companies that would provide them with supplies."

He added that Hialeah needs to attract new industry, rather than to simply try to modernize existing ones, a concern shared by the city.

Fred Rojas, assistant director of economic and community development for Hialeah, said he thinks the alliance between the college and the workplace will pay off handsomely for industry.

"Our economy is based on low-cost labor, which is now easier to get out of the country. They can help us improve the attitude and quality of our labor," he said.

Cereijo said the college will "gain facilities, image, professional development and recognition from industry. We will attract better students and faculty."

Tamiami Dorm Council budding

by Ernie Bastillo

Sunblazer Contributor

"Want to get involved? Be a 'cluster rep' for Hall Council," the sign reads.

The sign is referring to the Tamiami Hall Council, which formed in October and meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Building A of Tamiami dorms.

Council President Andrew Upbin decided to form a Tamiami dorm government after coming to FIU from a junior college in New York where organizations and rules were already in existence.

Upbin said he found himself living in a new housing project without "a place to go or group that people could go in times of need or for the mere purpose of forming a community within themselves."

Upbin, Vice President James Mio, Secretary Terri Grumbach and Treasurers Reggie Salazar and Cary O'Sullivan approached hall directors with the idea of forming a hall government.

After receiving approval and funding, the Council created a Constitution based on the Bay Vista Dorm

Council's Constitution and began publicizing the new hall government.

"As of now, the Council has about 28 cluster (dorm building) representatives, and the Resident Assistants are helping us seek for more," said Upbin.

One of the Council's objectives, according to Upbin, is to become more involved in the Student Government Association by establishing a Senator to represent housing.

Upbin, however, said it would be difficult to create a Senate seat for housing because SGA would have to revise their Constitution.

The Council has begun renovating Building A, the "club room." They are currently painting the inside walls and have installed a donated video game. They will soon install a television and video equipment and may construct a screened patio, he said.

As soon as the video equipment is set up, the Council will sponsor a fund raising "First Video Party." The Council will also be selling "dorm cards" that entitle the holder to discounts at the organization's activities.

What's up...

Bank teller opens

Students with accounts at Peoples First National Bank of North Miami Beach are finally able to utilize the automatic bank teller machine located across from the Nautilus Center on the first floor of the Student Center on the Bay Vista Campus.

The machine, which has been out of order for months, will not service the Honor System, as there currently are not enough subscribers.

However, if there is a substantial increase in subscribers to the Honor System, Peoples will examine the feasibility of changing the machine to an Honor-type system.

Awards available

Several scholarships for FIU students are still available for the Spring 1986 and the 1986-87 term, according to Frances Koestline, associate director of development. Applications may be picked up in the Financial Aid Office for the following scholarships:

Sarah Solomon Rosenberg Scholarships

Several tuition scholarships are available for black juniors and seniors who are U.S. citizens majoring in computer science, engineering or business. Scholarships are based on academic ability and financial need. Deadline is Feb. 17.

Distilled Spirits Wholesalers Foundation Scholarships

Full tuition scholarships are available for upper division business majors who are Florida residents and U.S. citizens. Scholarships are based on academic potential, good citizenship and moral character demonstrated by participation in community or school projects. A separate application must be sent directly to the agency. Deadline is March 31.

Humana Hospital Biscayne Auxiliary Scholarships

Scholarships of \$500 per semester are available to full-time majors in health related programs with a minimum GPA 3.0 who demonstrate financial need. Deadline is Feb. 17.

Mike Lopez Memorial Scholarship

Scholarship available to junior majoring in government related field who is a U.S. citizen and a resident of Palm Beach County for previous two years. Deadline is March 31.

Blood needed

Blood inventories at all three of South Florida's blood collection agencies are about 50 percent below what is considered an optimal inventory level, and at least 750 type O blood donations are needed as soon as possible.

Unusually heavy hospital usage, combined with declining donations, has depleted blood reserves and prompted emergency blood drives.

If reserves do not increase soon or if there is a major accident requiring large quantities of blood, elective surgery may have to be deferred.

In response to the urgent need for blood, FIU Student Government Association will sponsor a blood drive with the South Florida Blood Service on Jan. 30, 11 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. in SC245 on the Bay Vista Campus.

Coming up...

Happy birthday Dr. King

The Black Student Union, FIU Students Against Apartheid and Catholic Campus Ministry will host a party, with guest speakers, celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday on Jan. 22, 8:30 p.m., in the UH Gamework.

Panel to discuss terrorism

The FIU Forensic Association-Debate Team is sponsoring a panel discussion on "Terrorism and the Media" on Jan. 22, 8 p.m., in UH Ballroom on the Tamiami Campus.

Panelists will be Mike Schneider, Channel 10 anchorman; Luis Delrio, former director of the Peace Corps; Mike Haggerty, Miami Herald columnist; Lou Salome, Miami News editorial page editor; Jim Mullins, director of Amnesty International; Joaquin Carrasco and Raymond Surette, FIU Criminal Justice professors.

Meet the Greeks

FIU Greek Council will hold an open house for those interested in joining FIU's growing number of fraternities and sororities on Jan. 22, 8 p.m., on the 2nd floor of the UH building on the Tamiami Campus. For information call 554-2434.

Rally for missing children

On Feb. 1, FIU's Greek Council will sponsor a county-wide road rally from which the proceeds will benefit the National Center For The Search For Missing Children. Prizes will be awarded to top finishers, best looking, ugliest car, etc. For information on registration call 554-2434.

A week of Jewish culture

Jewish Awareness Celebration, sponsored Student Government Association, will run from Jan. 27 to Feb. 1 on the Bay Vista Campus.

Highlights will be a food bazaar, Jan. 27, noon - 2 p.m., on the second floor of the Student Center, "Fiddler on the Roof," Jan. 29, 8 p.m., in the BVC Pub, "Trial and Error," Jan. 28, noon - 1:30 p.m., in the Ruth Foremen Theater, and Israeli Dance Night, Feb. 1, 9 p.m. - 1 a.m., in SC320.

'Miami Communicates'

South Florida professional communicators will discuss how "Miami Communicates-with an International Flair," at the ninth annual WICI Women in Communications Seminar sponsored by the Greater Miami chapter of Women in Communications, Inc.

Keynote speaker will be Robert Berkowitz, founder and director of Multitelevision. Other speakers will include Joanna Wragg of The Miami Herald, Michael Putney of Channel 4, Alejandro Aguirre of Diario Las Americas, Jean Westphal of the Metro-Dade Tourism Department, and Judy Drucker of the Concert Association of Greater Miami.

The fee of \$25 for professionals and \$15 for students will include a choice of three panel discussions and a box lunch. Proceeds will go to scholarship assistance for area college communication majors.

The seminar will be held Jan. 25, 9 a.m. - 3:15 p.m., on the Tamiami Campus. For information or registration material call 446-8008 or 554-2231.

Student leaders to meet

The Florida Student Association, in conjunction with several state student organizations, will hold its Second Annual State Student Leadership and Educational Conference Feb. 20-23 in Tallahassee.

The conference, open to all student leaders, will offer workshops and seminars on leadership skills, campus outreach, media relations, higher education issues and participation in the political process.

A registration fee of \$40 will include all workshops, information materials, conference packet, guest speakers and selected meals. Housing is available at a discount rate.

For information or a registration form contact the Florida Student Association, 226 W. Pensacola St., Suite 102, Tallahassee, FL, 32301, or call (904) 222-3697.

It's movie time at Bay Vista

"Bolero," starring Bo Derek, George Kennedy, Anna Obregon and Andrea Occhipinti, and directed by John Derek, will be shown Jan. 22, 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. in the BVC pub, sponsored by the Student Government Association.

WAXY parties on the patio

The American Marketing Association presents WAXY-FM day on Jan. 29. Beginning at noon, there will be music, food and prizes on the patio next to the Rathskellar on the Tamiami Campus. Just look for the WAXY van and the Chicken Man.

Faculty piano recital

Assistant Professor of Mathematical Sciences Jay Hook will perform the works of Beethoven, Debussy, Chopin and others Friday, Jan. 31, 8 p.m., in AT100 on the Tamiami Campus. Admission is free.

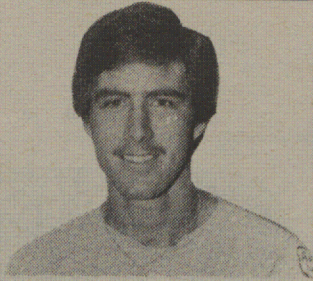
'Thursdays' is back

The first "Thursdays on the Bay" of Spring semester will be Jan. 23, 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. in the BVC cafeteria/pub. Barchas and his boys will be back with a DJ, dancing and refreshments. Admission is free.

CIGNA Corp. recruiting

Representatives from CIGNA Corporation, insurance, health care and asset management service, will be available to discuss full-time and summer job opportunities in underwriting, sales, claims, actuarial sciences, loss control, data processing and accounting Jan. 23, 7 - 9 p.m., in UH317, on the Tamiami Campus.

Innocent BySTANder



What is the real state of the university?

By Stan Butler

Editor

Funny, everything seems so formal. The President delivered his message on Jan. 20 to his constituents. His goals for the next year were placed before the media and other concerned parties for their perusal. Probably the only thing missing from the whole day was an inaugural parade.

On January 20, President Gregory Wolfe gave his State of the University Address in the UH Ballroom. His goals for the year will be similar to years past. Let's make FIU a force in the community and increase its reputation nationwide.

But what are the real goals of the University and where is it headed in the next year? Many changes are in the works for the next year.

The athletic department plans to bring FIU into Division I sports. This will mean that FIU will be on the same level as the University of Miami, University of Florida, and Florida State University. However, competing in big-time collegiate athletics is an expensive undertaking, when done right, and even more expensive when done wrong.

Just ask the athletic department at the University of Central Florida. They have attempted over the last few years to move to Division I with little success. UCF started a football program to hopefully complement its successful basketball program. There was no direct competition in the market for UCF, and it looked liked a good idea. Everything went fine for two years before they started losing badly. Now, they have huge deficits in the athletic department, had several different coaches and are rumored to lose their President because of this fiasco.

FIU also needs to make a firm decision about the College of Business and the Bay Vista Campus. These two issues are colesly tied because the Bay Vista Campus needs some type of identity other than that of a recreational facility.

Last year's decisions of yes, no, well maybe and no way certainly made it difficult to figure where FIU was going in the community. We can't be a strong force in the community by flip-flopping on major decisions. The President needs to make a decision and stand behind it. However, it appears that Wolfe would prefer to stagnate BVC because the potential college population is not in North Miami. That's an interesting way of telling the Broward county students to stick it in their ear-- we don't need you.

Just recently FIU made the local news again because of grievances filed by BVC professors over the inadequacies of the North Miami campus. Their complaints needed to be dealt with internally before they made it into the general public's eye. However, they were not and therefore placed another pimple on FIU's young face.

The biggest change of all might just be in the President's office. A recent "Miami Herald" editorial indicated the growing dissatisfaction with Wolfe's tenure at FIU. Many feel that with the departure of Provost Steve Altman to Texas A & I, FIU and Wolfe have become a sinking ship.

And with good reason. Wolfe has been in the papers several times this year, each time seemingly indicating a different direction for FIU to go. With this shotgun approach, he has succeeded in raising doubts about his administrative abilities. Wolfe certainly has a rocky road ahead if he's going to remain FIU's President.

Kudos to soccer team

Congratulations FIU, champions again! On a cool sunny Saturday afternoon during finals week in December of 1985, the FIU Men's Soccer Team played for the NCAA Division II championship. FIU has twice before won this title.

On this Saturday, FIU would not win the game, but FIU remained champions. This team refused to quit as 1,600 FIU fans cheered their comeback. FIU fell short on points, not on heart. This Men's Soccer Team truly exemplifies what our University is about. A diverse group of people coming together, learning from each other and never giving up.

We were represented well on the soccer field, but

The SGA Column



champions who won the championship in the hearts of 1,600 spectators.

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Take Five



Time enough to nap

By Valerie Greenberg

Managing Editor

The article explained that procrastination is a symptom of an even deeper psychological problem. I put down the magazine and promised myself I'd get back to it.

A newspaper, an unfinished letter, a novel and three chapters of political science lay on the coffee table, next to the discarded magazine, beckoning for my attention.

I removed the plastic bag from the News and unfolded the soggy paper. Apparently, the delivery boy again managed to skillfully hurl the newspaper into a puddle. Yesterday's paper. Old news is no news. I convinced myself, not worth reading.

I fingered the letter, scrawled on university stationery. A letter to my mother dated September 23. Again, old news is no news. Not worth finishing. I crumbled the already wrinkled paper into a ball and tossed it over my shoulder. The sphere rebounded off the the edge of the garbage can, hit the fridge and rolled across the kitchen floor. Oh well, I'll pick it up later.

I glanced at the clock, which was ticking rather loudly. Two hours until my political science class.

Not enough time to finish the novel, actually a trashy paperback, I rationalized. I'd better concentrate on the three chapters of political science.

I picked up the text book, brown with embossed gold lettering. Forgetting how heavy it was, I dropped the cumbersome thing on my bare feet. Damn! How long are these chapters anyway?

I pinched together the pages of chapters 7.8 and 9 and stared at their thickness, contemplating whether reading them in three hours would be feasible.

Calculating the length of the chapters, I found the first measured 18 pages, the second 22 pages and the third 20 pages, discounting footnotes and sidebars. Sixty pages total. An average of 20 pages per chapter.

I stared at the ceiling. Stucco. I glanced over at the clock, still ticking like a bomb. The hour and a half now remaining before my class made for an average of one page read every 90 seconds.

However, I have to shower, dress, prepare and eat dinner before class. Showering and dressing will shave at least a half hour off study time. A simple meal will take a half hour.

Only a half hour to spare for studying. I stared at the ceiling. A cobweb. I'll have to remove that later.

Walking to class will eliminate another ten minutes. With twenty minutes left, and at one page per 90 seconds, I'd be able to read 15 pages.

Fifteen pages. Fifteen pages doesn't even total a full chapter. The clock seemed to pound away. I glanced at it and saw five minutes had passed.

Fifteen minutes and counting. Not much time. Certainly not ample time to study, but just long enough to nap.

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Metrobus gives alumni a ride

By Sophia Sniman

Sunblazer Contributor

There I was, sitting in a traffic jam on Useless 1, when out of nowhere a puff of smoke arose before me.

I (cough, cough) was temporarily blinded and intoxicated by the heavy, black smoke that spewed out of the back of the Metrobus.

As the smoke cleared, I saw on the rear of the bus a blue and white sign that asked, "Business graduate?" and sported the FIU logo and a phone number.

After a few phone calls I concluded that the business school was not behind the ads. Only when I contacted the Alumni Association did I begin to understand that the goal of the ads was to make FIU alumni aware of the Alumni Association.

The ads were funded by the accounting firm Winston Network, Inc. FIU graduate Rudy Ferrer, an employee of both Metrobus and Winston, learned that there was advertising space available on some Metrobusses and asked the accounting firm to donate to the cause.

The firm donated \$3,850, and 50 ads were purchased for 50 busses. The ads were to run through Dec. '85. However, Ferrer said the plan was a success and the ads may again appear on busses in '86.

While some students may be upset that FIU was seen in conjunction with air pollution, one student, who took the entire situation with a grain of salt, said, "The reason that smoke comes out of the bus is because FIU is so hot that it generates smoke."

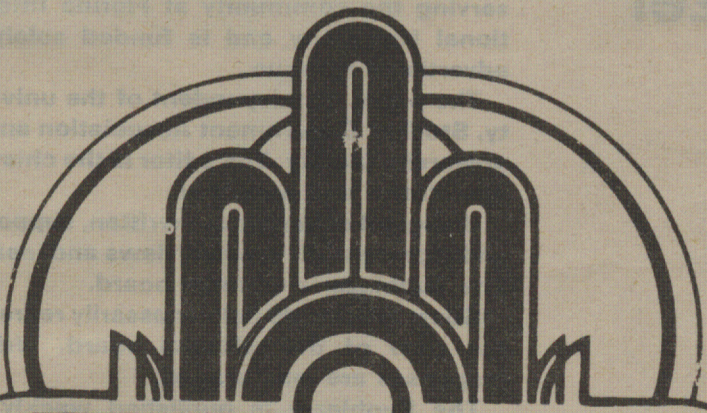


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"Continuations," a show by Kabuya Pamela Bowens, opens tonight at the South Miami Branch Library, 6000 Sunset Drive. Reception for the artist 7-9pm.

Rosters are due today for Intramural Basketball. Call 554-2575 for more details.

FIU Hillel is having a Tu B'Shvat program. For info call 554-2215.

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The "Figure in the Landscape" series continues. Art Museum, PC 112.

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Thursdays-on-the-Bay. Come over to BVC for a great alternative to the Thursday night blues. Free admission, 50-cent beers, and great tunes. Starts at 9pm in the Pub.

"Body Heat" is showing in the "FIU at the Movies" series. Showtimes today are at 1:30, 6 and 8pm.

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There are music videos and free hors d'oeuvres from 4-7pm at the Rat (why not check it out?).

"Body Heat," showtimes today are 12:30, 6, 8, and 10pm.

"The Longshot," with Tim Conway and Harvey Korman opens today.

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David Ruffin and Eddie Kendrick (the original lead singers of the Temptations) take part in "Super Saturday" at Metrozoo. The concert is FREE with regular zoo admission and starts at 3pm. It may be your last chance to see these show-biz giants in Miami.

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Alumni Recital- Trudy Faust, Harpist. AT 100, 3pm. Students admitted FREE, Adults \$3.

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The American Ballet Theatre opens tonight at the Theatre of the Performing Arts (1700 Washington Ave, Miami Beach).

Curtain is at 8pm, tix available through BASS, call 532-2207 for more details.

Jewish Awareness Celebration's Food Bazaar. Noon-2pm, SC (2nd floor). Performance by an Israeli dance troop.

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Procrastination

By Sanda Kurtz

Features Editor

I have just realized that one of my New Year's Resolutions for 1986 (which I just came up with) is not to procrastinate. The reason that this idea comes to mind is very easy to pinpoint: it's 2 am, Thursday night, and here I am writing this column. HELP!!!

It's just as bad as having a disease, this procrastination thing. It blurs your thinking and lulls you into a false sense of security. How many times have you said to yourself, "Oh, don't worry about writing that

10 page paper now, it's due weeks from today." What puzzles me most is where those weeks go.

It seems to me that during those weeks I've had much more important things on my mind and I could not be bothered at any given moment with that paper. The things which occupy my mind mostly are the basics: eating; sleeping; eating; and, of course, sleeping. But, I think I've got the solution.

Why not do things way ahead of time? (Oh, c'mon Sanda! We thought you were going to tell us something else). I know that you've heard this before, but the reason my plan is different is because I suggest you actually do stuff early instead of just planning to.

I've spent lots of time planning to do something early. I've wasted entire days waiting until the gods deemed it the perfect moment for me to start writing, cooking, typing, etc.. I've also spent weeks waiting for other people to get ready to think about maybe doing this-or-that. I'm sick of it.

My friends will be shocked that I'm turning over this new leaf. I know this, and quite frankly, I'm pleased.

I hope however, that it rains tomorrow. I could really use the sleep.

Reviews

by Sue Cafolla

Sunblazer Contributor

American Art Today

The Art Museum on the Tamiami campus continues with the second of a four-part series of exhibits entitled "American Art Today."

This series addresses contemporary responses from American Artists to traditional themes. This part of the series deals primarily with the figure in the landscape.

The issue of representing the landscape and the figure in a painting is an ancient idea, but this exhibit of 34 works show that this theme is still alive and well.

All of the 27 artists in this show approach the theme in a manner that not only reflects contemporary styles of painting, but modern times as well. Michael Mazur's piece, entitled "Incident at Walden Pond," is a good example of this theme. Done on three different (but connected) canvases, it captures a chilling episode in a natural setting.

This exhibition includes paintings that are on loan from major galleries and museums located in New York, California, and other cities across the country.

The list of exhibiting artists is impressive and includes such names as Alex Katz, Roy DeForest and Alice Neel, to name a few.

Stop by the gallery, located in the PC building. The show will be running through Feb. 19.

Jo Ann Walters Photography

The Bay Vista Photography Gallery opened its 1986 season with photographs by Jo Ann Walters, a well known contemporary color photographer. Her work is characterized by secretive and enchanted views of nature found in familiar settings, such as backyards and country gardens.

Both her sensitivity to the natural environment and her interest in mythology have influenced her way of seeing these common surroundings.

Some of the areas that Walters captures are awash with glowing sunlight and seasonal color changes only in quiet settings devoid of humans. All of these elements combined give the viewer some very intimate images of Walters visual encounters.

This exhibit will be on display until Feb. 6. The gallery is in AC II, Rm. 105; hours are Tues. and Thurs. 11am-6pm.

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The next meeting is Friday, January, 24, 1986.

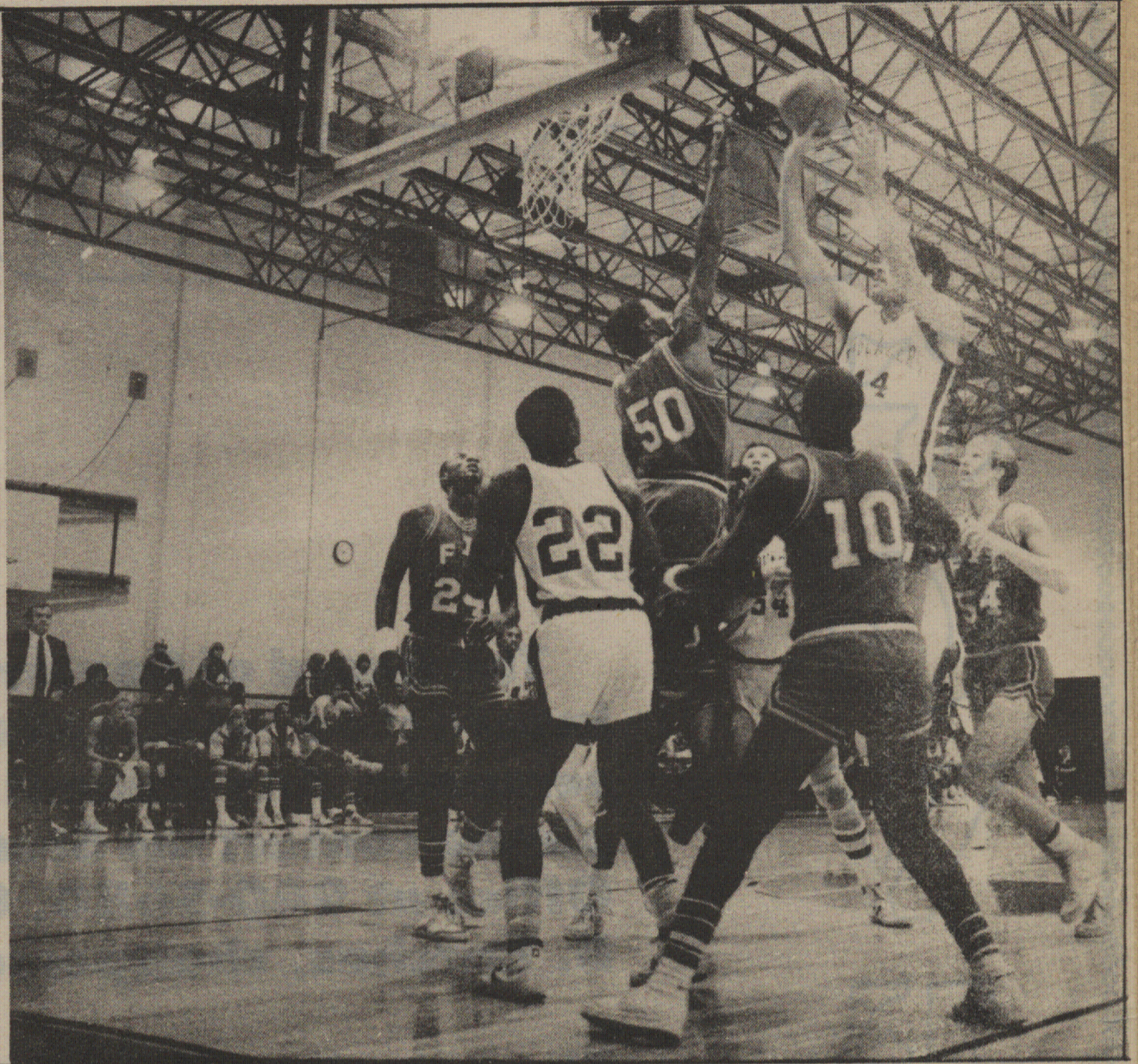
Thursdays on the Bay returns January 23rd at 9 p.m.



Score two

Sunblazers' Hector Rodriguez goes up for a shot against FIT. The Sunblazers recently rode a four game winning streak-- the second longest in school history. The streak came to an end last Monday against Texas A & I, 47-45. The Sunblazers are 8-8.

Sunblazer File Photo



Sunblazer games may be televised

By David Colodney

Sports Editor

It looks as if FIU men's basketball will be televised on local television after Division I status has been attained.

"We'd be interested," Stephanie Campbell, program director at WCIX Channel 6, said.

But, she said, "it would have to wait until it was more of a 'going' situation.

That is all contingent on the final approval of the move to Division I by the NCAA. Actual approval, in the form of a letter from the NCAA, probably won't be received until summer.

"We're not even near that yet," Assistant Athletic Director Larry Baldwin said of any T.V. contract.

Baldwin said any television coverage was "two or three years down the road."

"We just don't have a quality product yet."

As of now, there are no FIU games under contract, but some teams on the schedule do have contracts and games will be seen in those markets.

Baldwin also said they were looking at the possibility of some games telecast on local cable systems and maybe having them picked up, either by other cable units or by larger commercial companies.

The contract they eventually hope to have will be an all encompassing athletic package.

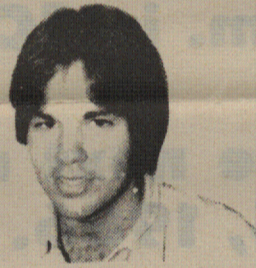
"We're hoping to encompass soccer, basketball and baseball," Baldwin said.

"It's in the works, but it's still a few years away."

Baldwin doesn't believe he'll be fighting off any T.V. stations armed with multi-million dollar deals when the time comes to make the decision and settle on a contract.

"We'll be approaching them," he said. "There are only maybe 20 universities in the country that T.V. stations approach," he said. "We don't command that respect yet."

Time Out



A letter to Chuck Studley

By David Colodney

Sports Editor

Dear Chuck Studley:

First, let me say that I really hate this headshot. It does not look like me. It doesn't look like anything. This person looks like a common criminal. A felon. A street thug. There should be numbers under this picture.

You know, Chuck, a great philosopher once said, "you can't start a fire without a spark." Unfortunately, you can't play defense without one, either.

Picture this: Chants of "DE-FENSE! DE-FENSE!" roaring through the Orange Bowl like a herd of wild, drunken animals run amok. Just like in the glory days of old. "DE-FENSE! DE-FENSE!"

Now picture this: Those same chants, only this time the whole OB bursts into laughter. Chuck, they just crack up. They can't even take themselves seriously anymore. "DE-FENSE! DE-FENSE! HA-HA!" And you know, we can't take your defense seriously anymore, either.

Maybe it's having to follow in the footsteps of the legendary Bill Arnsparger. Maybe it's having so many of his players left on your squad. Maybe it's time for a housekeeping.

OK, I know you can tell me that the Dolphins have been successful the last two seasons. Sure, they've won 26 regular season games and lost only 6. They've made it to the Super Bowl and to the AFC title game. Not bad, you'd say.

No, it's not bad, but it could have been better. In two years, Dan Marino has thrown for 9,000 plus yards. Mark Clayton has caught over 140 passes. Ron Davenport and Joe Carter look like the running game of the future. That's all set. But they can't do anything if your defense is always on the field, putting up the resistance of a can of Gillette Foamy shaving cream.

But worse than all this, I mean worse than any of this, I mean even worse than this headshot, is the fact that now we're faced with the reality of the New England Patriots in the Super Bowl. That's truly unforgivable, Chuck.

Well, we'll all watch the game next Sunday. And the Chicago Bears will show everyone how to play defense, how to blitz, how to stop the run, how to run and how to throw.

It'll be like going to school.

Prediction: Chicago 38, New England 0.

Well, Chuck, I guess that's all for now. Take care. Again, I really hate this headshot with a passion. I swear I do. (At least it's not as bad as my editor or managing editors'.) Mine only looks real bad because it's in a high-visibility spot. I apologize for this photo.

I can't apologize for your defense.

Catch-22: More pool problems at BVC

by Greg Campbell

Sunblazer Staff Writer

FIU's swimming program is in a Catch-22 situation. First, there is the Bay Vista diving well with no diving boards. Second, there isn't enough money to buy diving boards. And third, there isn't enough money to add the program. But even if there was starter money, the facilities aren't yet complete for diving competition.

David Rice, FIU athletic director, said there are "no immediate plans for a swimming and diving

program." FIU's 12 varsity teams are moving to Division I next fall, and "this just isn't the right time to add another," Rice said.

The diving well was originally intended to include one- and three-meter boards, and a 10-meter tower platform. The \$6,000 one-meter board should be installed by July 1. Aquatics Coordinator Phil Bradford said. Bradford also said that the three-meter board should be put in within the next year, at a cost of around \$8,000.