

President Wolfe resigns

by Valerie Greenberg

Managing Editor

Gregory Wolfe, who directed FIU through the expansion from a small commuter school to the largest university in South Florida, resigned Monday from the presidency.

Wolfe's resignation followed months of criticism from those dissatisfied with the University's minority hiring record and laggard progress of private fund raising.

"The time has come for the University to have a new hand at the helm and a new team to carry on the progress and mobilize the support needed for it," Wolfe said during the State of the University Address, reading from his letter of resignation to Chancellor Charles Reed.

Wolfe said he would leave no later than January 1987 and hopes the search for a successor will be completed by September. He said he will take a year sabbatical abroad to pursue personal plans and then return to join FIU's international relations faculty.

During Wolfe's seven years as president, FIU enrollment has increased by about 5,000 students, a 43 percent jump from 1979, when Wolfe arrived here.

He guided FIU through the transition from a small two-year school to a four-year university with the toughest freshman admission standards of any Florida public university.

Wolfe also helped develop the Southeast Florida Plan, a \$176 million project designed to boost FIU and FAU to the stature of major state universities.

"The past seven years have seen notable advances in the strengths, quality and influence of FIU. I have enjoyed the privilege of leading this effort," Wolfe said.

However, his resignation ended weeks of rumors that Wolfe, 63, was going to leave his \$91,000 per year job.

In the past year, Wolfe's administration has come under fire. He battled with his own minority affairs commission following the appointment of Paul Gallagher as successor to Provost Steve Altman.

The commission was angered because Wolfe did not consult them prior to Gallagher's appointment as acting vice president for academic affairs.

"Inevitably, I will be asked if, or it will be assumed that, some of the pressures from a small group of our hispanic community has contributed to my decision to resign," Wolfe said. "I want to say that this is quite bothersome. For someone who has worked as hard, long and enthusiastically as I have on promoting affirmative action (beginning long before there was such a term and

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President Gregory Wolfe resigns from his post as chief administrator during his State of the University Address Jan. 20.

Photo by Michael Seenz

FIU community reacts to resignation

By Stan Butler
and Arian Walker

Staff Writers

The resignation of FIU President Gregory Wolfe has caused quite a reaction at the University. Concerned students, faculty and administrators voiced their concerns over Wolfe's announcement in recent interviews. Wolfe also commented further on his resignation.

'Gregory Wolfe, FIU president: "I think that in this period of time (seven years) we have delivered a great deal to the University. We laid the ground work for greatness. The challenge for the next administration is to make FIU a full-fledged senior partner in the State University System."

'Paul Gallagher, Acting Provost: "It was a surprise. Wolfe had some great accomplishments in instituting a lower division program, the establishment of dormitories on both campuses and the approval of CUP (The Comprehensive University Presence in South Florida). He's accomplished what he's set out to do and he's been a good boss. The reality of academic life is that presidents come and go. According to the national figures the average term for a president is about six years. I think he just had other things he wanted to do."

'Bob Hogner, United Faculty of Florida president: "Presidents come and go. Some are better than others, some worse. It's not as much who occupies the office as what the longer-

term participants -- the Governor, Board of Regents, the faculty -- define the office to be. There were areas like upholding academic freedom and high academic standards where President Wolfe really excelled. There were others where once a path was cut he finally came around. People aren't so much concerned over the possibility of a hispanic president as they are over the possibility of a president who'll lead the university in a right-wing direction and erode academic freedom."

'David Surbrook, Alumni Affairs vice president: "His record speaks for itself. He's done things people said couldn't be done. He's been very successful in representing FIU in the

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Wolfe delivers annual address

by Orlando Gutierrez

Sunblazer Staff Writer

Surprise and expectation swept the FIU community following President Gregory Wolfe's announcement of his resignation during the annual State of the University Address Jan. 20 in the UH Ballroom on the Tamiami Campus.

Speaking before members of the faculty, administration and the media, Wolfe emphasized that his resignation was not the consequence of pressures from the Hispanic community. Citing his long standing commitment to affirmative action, "beginning before there was such a term," Wolfe said, "It would be impossible to resign over a few differences about pace, percentages and process, especially when we have the best record in the state and our local community.

The pressures on me, as on any president, have been many from within and without. I would not like any special group to take the rap in the eyes of any other group," he said.

Wolfe said that in the next few months he will concentrate on mounting the Comprehensive University Program initiatives, insuring the new administrative team's awareness of the necessities of the Bay Vista Campus and commencing a program to attract more private support for the university.

"I look forward to continuing to work with you all, in whatever capacity, as colleagues whom I either like or respect or both, as the case may be," he said.

Wolfe highlighted his administration's achievements during his seven year term, pointing out that the budget has increased over 132 percent during that time and that

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Coming up...

Jewish Culture highlighted

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

Highlights will be a food bazaar, noon - 2 p.m., Jan. 27 on the second floor of the Student Center, "Fiddler on the Roof," 8 p.m., Jan. 29 in the BVC pub, "Trial and Error," noon,

Jan. 28 in the Ruth Foreman Theater, and Israeli Dance Night, 9 p.m. - 1 a.m., Feb. 1 in SC320.

SGA forms committee

The Student Government Association Academic committee, which will focus on increasing courses offered at Bay Vista Campus, institute programs to enhance academic studies

and improve student/faculty/staff relations, will meet at 1:40 p.m., every Thursday in SC255 on the Bay Vista Campus.

The committee is seeking students to serve and university community to attend. For information contact the SGA office at 940-5680.

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cies 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.

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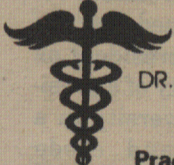
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before most who work on it now were out of school), it would be impossible to resign over a few differences about pace, percentages and process," he said.

A committee, formed by the Board of Regents, which will include faculty, administrators, students, alumni and community leaders, will advertise for a new president and select from the hundreds of expected applicants about ten finalists.

A separate selection committee will interview the finalists and recommend a successor to the Board of Regents.

Several possible candidates have been mentioned, including state Sen. Jack Gordon, Miami-Dade Community College Vice President Eduardo Padron and Georgetown Latin American studies professor Luis Aguilar.

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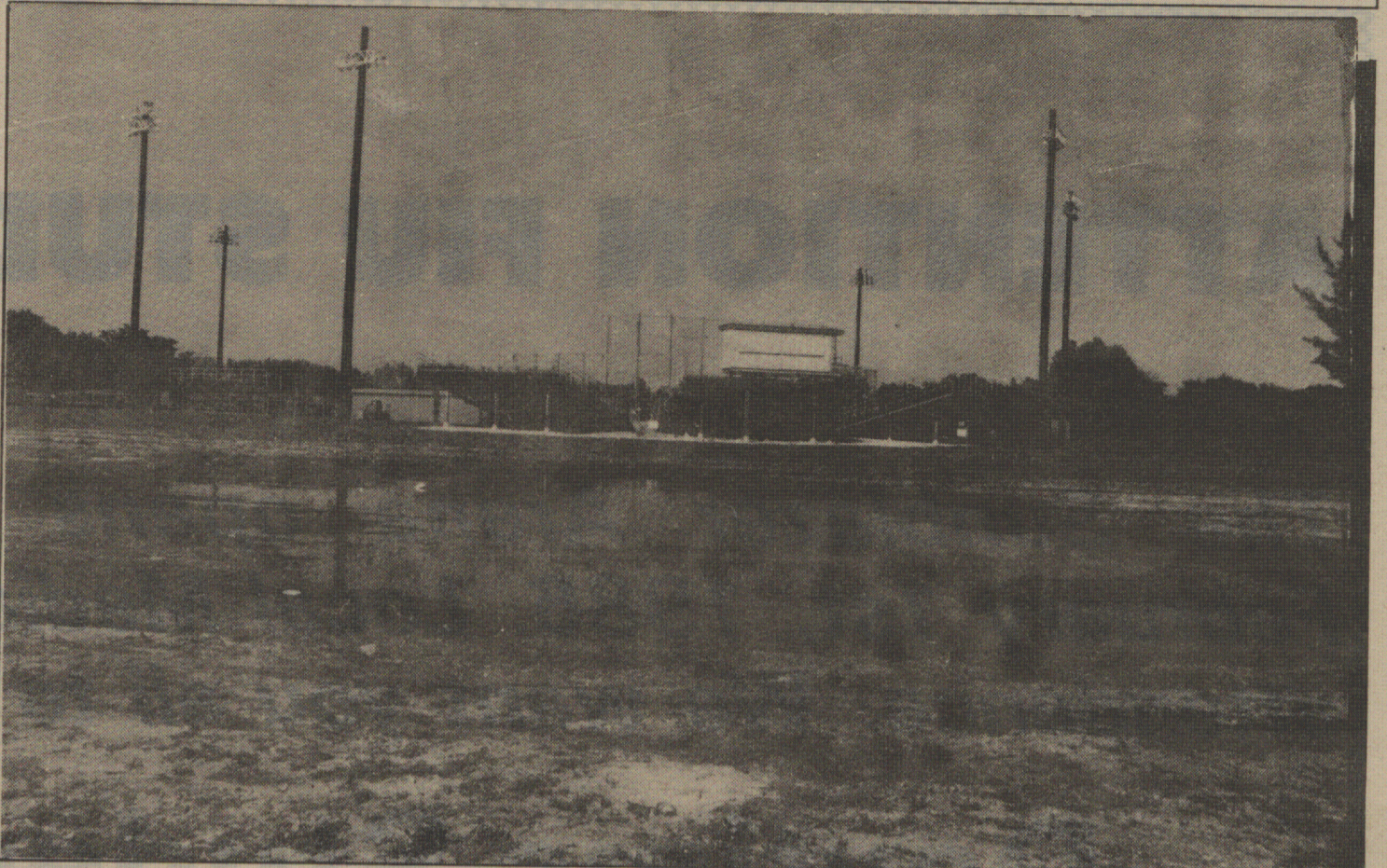
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there is a 17 percent increase in the 1986-87 assigned budget, with \$1.3 million destined to push FIU faculty salaries into the nation's top, while \$1.6 million will fund new programs.

Praising the outstanding reputations of specific FIU programs, Wolfe said, "Beyond the superb reputation of our School of Hospitality Management, our College of Business is now a pacer. In finance, it is strong. It is among the top ten in the nation in Management Information Systems. It is also a premier in Accounting.

"It is significant that our Schools of Nursing, Business and Engineering all received accreditation for the maximum periods on application. This rarely happens," he said. "It happened here because our leadership and faculty have made the basic commitment to uncompromising academic quality."

Wolfe proudly commented on the university's international programs, saying, "The old 'I' in International that used to worry some around here and the state has surpassed the expectations of all.



The grounds on the Tamiami Campus bulldozed to provide parking for the Indy race have been destroyed environmentally, according to some professors. Photo by Michael Saenz

Tamiami grounds destroyed

by Jeffrey L. Kleinman

Sunblazer Staff Writer

A group of FIU professors, upset that previously untouched land on the Tamiami Campus has been turned into parking areas, is charging that the administration is unconcerned with possible damage to plant and animal life.

About 100 acres of topsoil and coral were compressed to make room for an overflow parking area for the Beatrice Indy Challenge, which was run at Tamiami Park Nov. 8, 9 and 10.

The bulldozing destroyed plants and shifted animal life, say some faculty members.

"I don't think FIU should be used as a parking lot," said Kenneth Gordon, assistant professor of biology.

The faculty outrage prompted the formation of a Faculty Senate ad hoc committee to study the impact of the race on the university. Subsequently, members of that group were absorb-

ed by a committee formed by President Gregory Wolfe, which will meet in February.

The university signed a contract with Miami MotorSports Inc., to provide parking areas for races two times a year for five years. Workers bulldozed the land to make it smoother for parking and walking.

The loose topsoil was compacted to eliminate holes and coral, which could have posed a danger to cars and pedestrians. Gordon said the work destroyed sensitive environmental areas of the campus, parts of which are designated wildlife preserves.

He said native plants were destroyed and "all the birds and mammals associated with the greenery are gone as well."

"The weeds growing back are not the same," he added.

"Members of the biology department have been quite upset with destruction of the vegetation," said John Parker, chemistry professor.

History professor Eric Leed said he

believes the February date of the committee meeting may be a stall.

"The administration doesn't seem to be concerned, which concerns me," he said. "In other universities this would be a scandal. FIU is too new for it to have a sense of virtue."

Ron Arrowsmith, vice president for administrative affairs, said there are more positives than negatives in providing parking for the races. "FIU was mentioned several times on the national telecast of the race with some pretty impressive pictures."

Arrowsmith said other advantages include Ralph Sanches, president of Miami MotorSports, giving FIU \$10,000 in scholarship money each time the race is run; the use of the race's bleachers for university athletic events; and the use of the additional parking area for FIU buildings that will be constructed in the next few years.

"There is not irreparable damage," Arrowsmith said. "Next November it will be healed over."

Reactions

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legislature and the community."

'Judy Blucker, Student Affairs vice president: "I'm disappointed he resigned. I have to respect his decision. He made the decision best for him. He's been an excellent leader for FIU. His push for the dorms was an excellent move. I support him in his decision."

Ruben Jose King-Shaw, Jr., former Student Lobby Annex director: "I think President Wolfe was a president with a tough job, at a time when FIU was fighting for growth, identity and cohesiveness. Seven years is not a long time in a growing school that needs continuity and direction. If he resigned because he didn't want

to tackle difficult issues -- like the business school, Bay Vista and ethnic cohesiveness -- he's doing FIU a disservice."

'Charles Nickerson, College of Business Administration dean: "President Wolfe, over seven years time, moved this school forward more rapidly than most people thought possible. I think after seven years, he thought it was time to return to research and teaching, which have always been his first priority. There's not any president who's going to resign over a single incident or situation. There's not a president who's going to be universally loved either. President Reagan is one of the most

popular people in the country, but he got a lot less than 100% of the vote."

'Anthony Marshall, School of Hospitality Management dean: "Presidents do not resign over difficulties in dealing with constituents over single specific topics. I think when people look back over his tenure they'll see strong schools and colleges, additional buildings, more programs and a strong foundation for growth. That's not a bad legacy."

'Linda Simunek, School of Nursing dean: "I think we need a president who's a people person like President Wolfe, but who can articulate FIU's needs to the non-academic communi-

ty. As a member of a minority group I can say that no one is more concerned about opportunity for all than President Wolfe."

'Adam Herbert, School of Public Affairs dean: "I think a university has to assume that academic freedom is central to its mission. We have academic freedom here and I'm sure that will continue to be the case."

'Laurence Miller, Library dean: "I'm sorry to see it occurring. Wolfe has always been a friend and supporter of the library. His interest and support of the library in unusual compared to other University presidents I've worked with."

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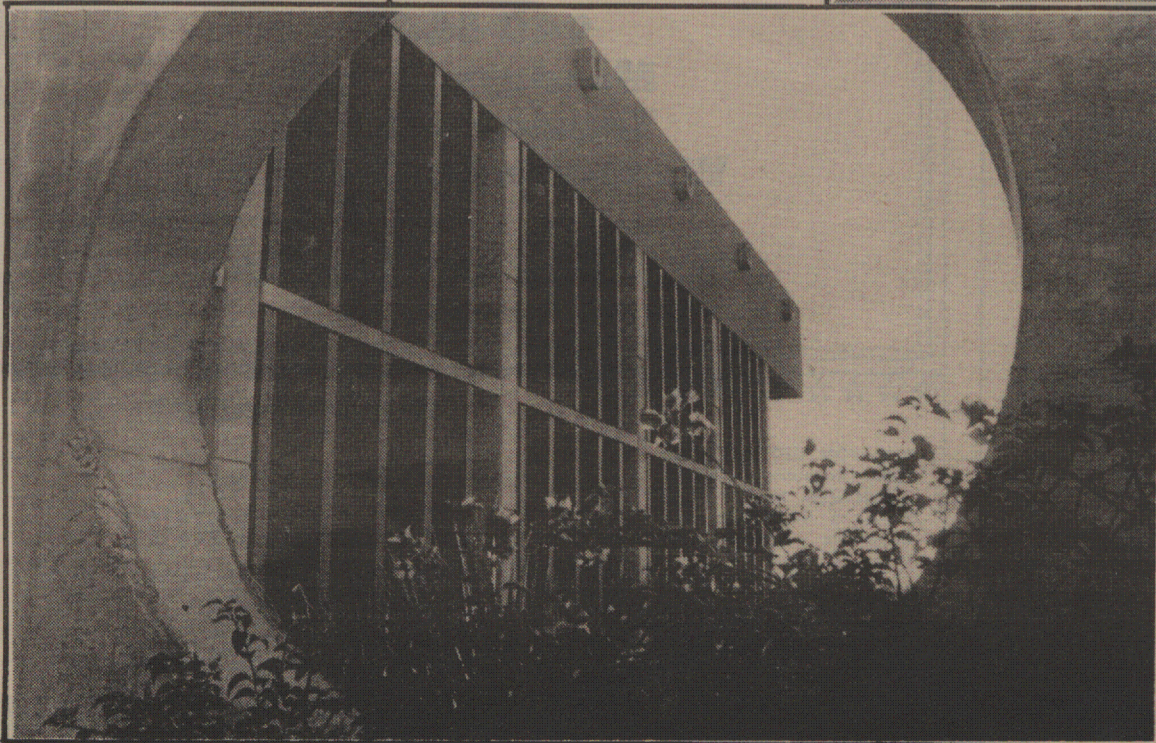
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Wake the kids and the neighbors! Dave Read is coming to town. For those not in the know, Read is a professor at the University of Nebraska and formerly taught at FIU, University of Miami and Miami-Dade Community College. Read will lecture at 7 p.m., Feb. 6 on the Bay Vista Campus and present a workshop 7 p.m. Feb. 7 in the BVC photo lab. Cost is \$10 for students, \$15 for non-students and \$5 for observers.

FIU: Picture perfect

Photo by Andy Itkoff



The bay side of Bay Vista Campus at twilight (above), Academic II Building on the Bay Vista Campus as seen through the geometrical architecture of Academic I Building (left)

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Out and About This Week

January & February

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Photo I.D. Makeup date--11am til 7pm, UH Ballroom, Tamiami.

The Figure in the Landscape Exhibit continues--Art Museum, PC 112.

American Marketing Assoc. Meeting--12:15 til 1:15pm, UH 210.

Jewish Awareness Celebration continues--sneak preview of "Trial & Error," a new play.

It's Jazz night at the Rathskeller or maybe you prefer Fire & Ice's weekly Artifacts. The theme this week is "Group show and Art Bazaar 2."

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Photo I.D. Makeup date--11am-7pm, UH Ballroom, Tamiami.

Jewish Awareness continues with a showing of "Fiddler on the Roof" in the Bay Vista Pub at 6:30 & 8:30 pm. FREE with student I.D.

Baptist Campus Ministry--Meeting/Free Luncheon, 12:15-1:30 pm, UH 314.

SGA Meeting--3pm, UH 150.

PACE week starts tonight with pianist Ivan Davis performing five sonatas by Domenico Scarlatti. Lowe Museum of Art, Univ. of Miami, 8pm.

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Edward Jackman--Comedian and juggler, 12:15pm, UH Forum.

Women's Studies Colloquia--7:30-10pm, Pres. Suite, UH 323.

Thursdays-on-the-Bay--BVC, 9pm, Pub.

"Buckaroo Banzai"--showtimes today 1:30, 6 & 8pm, UH 140.

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Last day to apply for Spring Graduation--10am til 3pm, PC 130.

"Buckaroo Banzai"--showtimes today 12:30, 6, 8 & 10pm, UH 140.

"Murphy's Romance" with Sally Fields opens today in theatres all over Miami.

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Road Rally--Greek Council Charity for Missing Children, 8 am, Tamiami Campus

"Beast from 20,000 Fathoms"--Museum of Science, 11am & 2pm, FREE. Tommorrow also.

Roberta Flack at Gusman Center--8 & 10:30pm, \$16.25 & \$17.50.

Auditions for Eastern Music Festival--Univ. of Miami/Gusman Hall, Noon-2pm. Call 223-3070 for more info.

Jewish Awareness Celebration--Israeli Dance Night, 9pm-1am, SC 320, FREE.

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Opening Ceremony of Black History Month--BVC, Noon-4pm, TC Lawn, FREE.

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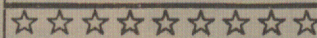
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The line of anxious students winds around the Primera Casa Building on the Tamiami Campus during registration

Registration is no easy task

If anyone should dread registration week more than competitive students vying for choice classes in prime time slots, it's the personnel in the registration office who've had to process 15,500 of those students this spring alone.

Although enrollment this term exceeded 15,000 students and during the busier fall term has topped 16,500, visions of FIU's burgeoning popularity are dimmed in the registration office by budget cuts and a disproportionate increase in the workload. Supervisor Marta Perez says that the department typically completes far more registration operations than the growing enrollment figures imply.

"Students often make two or more transactions, dropping or adding classes, and making other changes," she said.

The office at Tamiami, which normally staffs 14 career service and about six student employees, is also

responsible for maintaining student records; recording grades; processing graduation; veterans' affairs records and transcript requests; and completing student certifications for student loans and financial aid requests.

Perez also wants to make it clear that the 3-5pm gap on registration days is not an extended lunch break.

"Students think that because registration is closed from three until five, we all take a long break and don't do anything. The reason that we're closed is because we do all the registration on mini-computers and we spend those two hours a day transmitting that information to the mainframe computer."

While the search continues for more efficient processing methods, department personnel feel the implementation of the registration appointment system seem to be working well. The system has its complaints, mostly from lower division students, about the shortage of classes. The depart-

ment tried for over a year to establish the system which has been in effect for about the same length of time. The appointment method allows students to receive appointment dates and times for registration according to the number of credit hours they've completed, a definite advantage to upper division students.

"We try to get people closer to graduation to register first, but because of space limitations there are certain time blocks, notably at 6:15, when there just aren't enough classes being offered and the prospect for further class reductions looms in the future," Perez added.

Although during peak periods the department's staff works overtime, hires extra OPS personnel, and extends its hours, it is an uphill battle according to department officials.

"People are always talking badly about the [registration] office," said Perez. "But they don't understand that we do the best we can with what we have."

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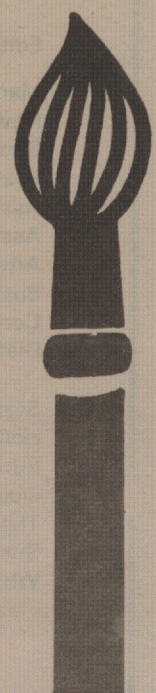
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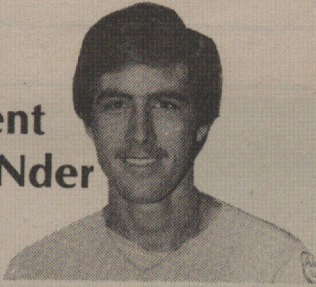
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Wolfe served FIU well

By Stan Butler

Editor

My, it's amazing how things change around FIU. Monday, Jan. 20 was the most eventful day since I've been here. The day started with the normal meetings and problems, but it had one added element. Would President Gregory Wolfe resign and if so why?

Rumors ran back and forth all morning, as they had for the last few months. But this day was different because of the intensity of the rumors. Finally, half of the rumors were proved correct shortly after Wolfe began his State of the University Address.

The announcement surprised a major portion of the audience in the UH Ballroom, partly because of the timing and the lack of notice the upper administration officials had received on what was happening.

As many in the room knew, a certain few had been after Wolfe's skin for some time. Thus, it explained the catty grin on some faces when Wolfe official resigned.

One of the more publicized complaints has been that Wolfe is a racist. It's unfortunate that these rumors have been started by people with a possible hidden reasons for their actions.

In an analysis released Sept. 19, 1985 by Ruben Jose King-Shaw, Jr., then Lobby Annex Director, FIU ranked second highest in the state in terms of minority (blacks, hispanics and women) hiring. FAMU ranked just ahead of FIU.

The figures are impressive, at the beginning of Wolfe's administration, minorities made up 50.7 percent of executive administration positions. That figure has since jumped to 68.5 percent. Minority instructional faculty were only 41.6 percent when Wolfe began. Now they comprise 50.2 percent of faculty positions at FIU.

Wolfe has served FIU well in Tallahassee and in Miami. He has served the average length of time for a university president and now plans to return to teaching and research. Let's hope he is as successful for FIU in teaching as he has been in running FIU during some very tough times.

No holiday for MLK not wise

Dear Editor,

Wise up about our "beloved" State Legislature. Don't ever say that your vote doesn't count. Make sure you know who's up there in the State Legislature.

On January 20, the day we are supposed to be acknowledging the celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday, FIU is in full operation. But, the State Legislature voted down recognizing MLK's birthday as holiday and the university remained open. It remained open in spite of

other universities (including University of Miami), federal offices, banks and post offices being closed.

Don't we care about our country? Don't we care about what Dr. King did? Have we forgotten his cause and turned his dream into a nightmare.

I am not black; I am hispanic. But, what Dr. King stood for should not be taken as a racial issue, it's a human issue.

So many people have fought so hard to make this a national holiday. Yet, in the state of Florida as a state holi-

day -- nothing. Money is all that matters. Then, people have the gall to say that they are patriotic and they believe in the "American way." When a man as courageous as Dr. King was assassinated and then we don't acknowledge him or his cause, there is no "American way."

Refusing to close Florida International University on January 20 is a slap in the face not only to blacks but to all Americans.

Mina Socarras

Reactions same after death

Dear Editor,

On Monday morning I woke to see Coretta Scott King in an interview on the "Today Show." Mrs. King, elegant and eloquent as always, sat proudly with her four handsome children. I was taken back to a cold evening in 1968 when a special report streamed across our television screen in little white letters, announcing the assassination of Martin Luther King in Memphis. "Run," my sister said. "Tell Dad." My father, though not a liberal, had taught us to respect intelligence and thought, and was saddened by the news. Looking at Mrs. King and her family on the occasion of Martin Luther King Day, I was moved to see that this man of vision was finally being honored with a national holiday.

My feeling of warmth was short lived. A senior citizen friend called in the morning. "I don't see why it has to be a holiday. All he ever did was stand up and make a lot of noise." Yes, that he did, a joyful noise to some, a piercing cry that rattled the bones of others. But remember, the squeaky wheel gets the grease.

A man beside me at lunch pored over a copy of "A House Divided," about Dr. King's philosophy. When questioned as to whether he enjoyed the book, he vehemently replied, "He was a communist. He would have exterminated the entire white race if he had the chance."

In a pub with a big screen television, the patrons hooted and squirmed until the bartender switched channels from a musical tribute honoring

Dr. King to MTV programming.

At dinner, a waiter confided, "The niggers are all alike -- you give them an inch, they'll take a mile. Hitler should have been given a crack at them."

In 1986, 18 years after Dr. King's untimely death, prejudice is rife in our society. The views Dr. King sought to change have been passed on to a new generation of narrow-minded thinkers who hold them close to their cold hearts.

It was a tragedy when Dr. King, a man of vision and intelligence was wasted by an assassin's bullet. It is a disgrace that everything he stood for is shot down daily by bigotry.

Martin, your work goes unfinished.

John Schuster

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Why were we in school?

Dear Editor,

I write this letter to publicly express my outrage and hope that many of your readers share my feelings.

Monday, January 20, 1986 was the first national holiday set aside to honor and remember one of our nation's greatest political figures: Martin Luther King. "Why, oh why," I asked myself several times on Monday, were we (FIU) not participating?

Be very certain that I was not looking for a free beach or shopping day. I was just shocked and hurt that the state of Florida was one of the seven backwards states that chose not to honor this great American.

My only hope is that we are not backwards, but only sluggish and next year we will be allowed the day of reverence.

A white, female student who believes in "the dream"

A slap in the face

Dear Editor,

I was upset when President Reagan was opposed to the 3rd Monday of January becoming a national holiday for Martin Luther King Jr. Realizing it was bad for his image and the fact that he would probably be defeated on it anyway, the law passed. A historic day for us all, yet, why is this national holiday different. Unlike the President's Birthday holidays and other national holidays, this one was left up to each individual state to determine how they would celebrate it, who would be open and who would be closed. There is no reason, to me, why this historic and momentous holiday is not more clearly defined in how every state should celebrate it.

Although this fact is not excusable, I am furious and terribly ashamed at how FIU is handling this national holiday.

When a teacher mentioned in one of my classes that there would be

school on Monday, Jan. 20, 1986, I was a little dismayed but took it in stride. Thinking to myself that all other schools must also be in operation. Wrong!

How is it that we are the only university open on this day?

I wonder how it looks and what kind of signal FIU is sending out to the community. As a young, growing University looking for respect not only from other Universities where the town surrounding the University becomes a "College Town," FIU is part of Miami and should be looked at as an asset to the city. Yet, with this dispicable act by FIU in not observing the contributions that this self-actualized man has made, the University becomes a liability to Miami. It is a slap in the face to every black student and faculty member associated with the University. The message goes out to everyone around we are different and will observe his contributions while working.

Roy Rindom

Petition drive starting

Dear Editor,

It astounds me to see the concern students at FIU express there feelings regarding Dr. Martin Luther King's holiday.

It is very important we recognize this holiday here at FIU. If it wasn't for King, a lot of programs probably would not have been implemented in keeping minorities to obtain a decent education. It saddened me to see FIU not close for the day. For those who would like to see this day recognized here at FIU next year, join me in a petition drive to express your views and concerns about this issue.

As students, we must speak out. We must be heard by the Governor, Board of Regents and the president of the university.

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Pamela Douglas

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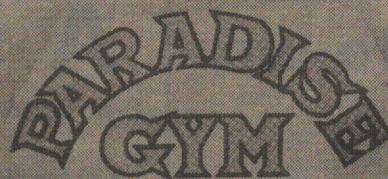
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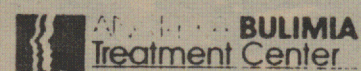
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Believe it or not, baseball season is right around the corner. The Sunblazers play one of the toughest schedules in the country this year. Join us next week for the baseball preview, Feb. 4 in The Sunblazer.

FIU Women's basketball team ranked third

The No. 3-ranked Sunblazers women's basketball team (14-1) embarked on their first extensive road trip of the season on Jan. 23. They will play five games in seven days before returning home Feb. 8 for a game against Edward Waters. But then it's off again for a west coast junket that will take them to play Cal. State- Hayward, San Francisco State and Cal.State Sacramento.

The Sunblazer ladies 10 consecutive wins established a school record for wins at the start of the season and tied their all-time mark for consecutive victories. Their only loss of the season came Jan. 4 against Slippery Rock, 61-59. Since then, they have played like a team possessed, winning their last four games, beating Stonehill, 73-55, and St. Anselm, 89-51, before crushing Malone, 100-45 and kicking Florida Memorial 98-29 en route to their No.3 national ranking. "It (the loss) was like a shot of adrenalin," Coach Cindy Russo said. "We were complacent, and we learned a hard lesson."

Leading the ladies' charge are junior forward Teresa Baker, who scored 24 against St. Anselm and 19 against Malone, and pulled in 11 rebounds against Florida Memorial; senior forward Lisa Vines, who scored 19 and got seven rebounds against Malone; and All-American senior guard Lynnette Richardson, who has been the high scorer in 10 of the Sunblazers' 14 wins, and who averages 20.1 ppg.

Dave's Trivia Corner

1. As stated on page 12, the Sunblazers' Hector Rodriguez broke the school record for rebounds on Jan 9, with 17 in one game. Who's record did he break?
2. The St. Louis Cardinals had two 20-game winners on their staff last season. Who were they and why will there be only one when they open their 1986 season?
3. A real major-league baseball team actually owned a season record of 40-120. What team holds this dubious distinction?
4. Who was the NBA's leading scorer last season?
5. The Sunblazers baseball team has games against three Top 20 teams on their schedule. No. 12 Maine is one. Who are the other two?

Answers

1. Rodriguez broke his own record. He set the mark of 16 in a game last season, then tied it earlier this year. 2. Jacquin Andujar and John Tudor were the Cards' 20-game winners last year, only Andujar won't be in St. Louis when the season opens. He was traded to Oakland in December. 3. This amazing season mark was set by the New York Mets in 1962, their first season of existence. The '62 Mets finished 60 1/2 games behind first place Los Angeles. 4. Bernard King of the New York Knicks averaged 30.8 points per game last year to lead the NBA. 5. The other two Top 20 teams are intra-state rivals No. 2 Florida State and the defending NCAA champs, No. 4 Miami.

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No more "FI-who?"

Let's look around. After a sluggish start, the men's basketball team is rolling. Hector Rodriguez is playing like a man possessed, recently breaking the school single-game rebound record. All-American Patrick McDonald has shaken off early season injuries and is playing like an All-American.

But they're seniors. They'll be leaving FIU after this season. I wonder how they feel about all this.

I'll bet they're pretty damn proud.

Even more befitting of the new arena is Cindy Russo's women's team. The Sunblazer ladies are 14-1, ranked third in the nation and have been blowing opponents off the court and into submission.

It looks as if they're sure to receive the NCAA tournament bid that eluded the fine 21-7 team last year.

The teams are playing well. Let's hope some people come out and see them.

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Women's tennis team prepares for tough year

by Greg Campbell

Sunblazer Staff Writer

FIU's women's tennis team was ranked number three in the preseason NCAA Division II poll, but Coach Mark Mason said, "Preseason polls don't mean too much."

Last season, the girls finished at 9-18.

Mason said he is hoping that the team's depth and experience will get them to the NCAA tournament, but the team's primary goals are "to finish the season above the .500 mark and to beat the other Florida schools." With the difficult schedule, Mason said the team should be invited to the championship tournament if the girls win at least half of their matches.

The team is lead by a recent transfer from the University of Houston, junior Kathy Kelly. But Mason was quick to point out that "any of the four top girls could play the number one spot. That's how much depth we've got."

Miami-Dade South transfer Giselle Marrou will play at number two, and Deanne Bell of Kingston, Jamaica, at number three. In doubles, Mason will pair Kelly with sophomore Renee Boscia for the number one doubles team. The number two team will feature Marrou and Bell, while at

number three, team captain Jodi Dell from North Miami Beach will team up with junior Caron Janc.

Last season, Mason said, only one FIU player made it to the tournament-- Vidya Damodharan. But Mason said this year she is academically ineligible.

"Four out of five years that I've been coaching we've had to overcome adversity." Along with Damodharan's ineligibility, Mason said senior Cathy McManus left the team because she could not play on scholarship, which leaves the team with the six starters.

FIU will play 10 teams ranked in preseason polls, including Division I schools. FIU will have matches against No. 2 Miami and No. 6 Rollins College. Other tough opponents are Florida Southern, Southern Illinois, Abilene Christian and Northern Colorado.

Mason said playing such a hard schedule should make the team's transition into Division I next year easier. He emphasized though that the most important thing was that the girls had a good time playing. "I just want us to go out and enjoy playing tennis-- if we don't enjoy it, then maybe we shouldn't be playing. I have the easy job. These girls have to play the matches.

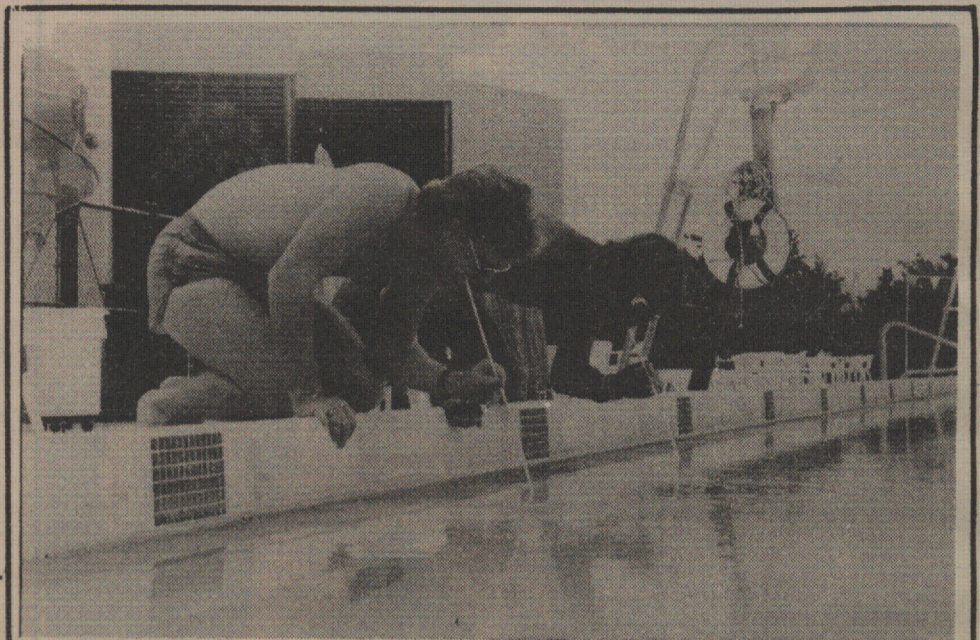


Photo by Andy Itkoff

The Bay Vista pool will be closed for general repairs from Jan. 30 - Feb. 17. Here, Dennis Marsela and Jonathan Hill do their part to help drain the pool.

Pool gets paint job

The Bay Vista Campus pool will be closed for two weeks beginning Jan. 30 to complete repairs of the pool, diving well and filter equipment.

The pool will also be painted.

The pool will be completely drained by midnight Wednesday, Aquatics

Coordinator Phil Bradford said. It will be refilled on Feb. 14 and reopened on Feb. 17.

"We regret any inconvenience that this service interruption may cause," Bradford said.

Sports Capsules

Local businessman Osvaldo Vento, FIU President Gregory B. Wolfe and Athletic Director David Rice have jointly announced plans for a first annual Sunblazers Ball to take place at Vento's home on Friday, Jan. 31.

The donation for the Sunblazers Ball is \$250.00 per couple. The Department of Intercollegiate Athletics plans to use the money for the betterment of the program. Ven-

to will fully underwrite the event.

"The basic principal behind this is to involve the Hispanic community with the University and FIU athletics," Rice said. "This is a giant step forward for FIU because these local people are getting involved. This is what's needed if the University is to become successful at the Division I level."

Time out



by David Colodney

Sports Editor

Well, Saturday is the big day.

Finally, after a long, trying period of delay and waiting, the Sunblazer Arena will be opening up Feb. 1 when the Sunblazers take on Nova University.

It's poetic justice. It's beautifully ironic. Not only is a new ball yard opening, but all the possibilities and dreams that go along with something of this scale are opened along with it.

And so many of those possibilities can be realized with the Division I schedule FIU begins next year. Notre Dame. Marquette. DePaul. Playing the Sunblazers.

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Sure, I know, I know. It'll be a few years before any of that is possible. Look at Miami. In their first season of Division I (since 1971), the Hurricanes have a winning record, but a majority of their wins have come against nothing teams. In games against better opponents, the Hurricanes' lack of experience and cohesiveness come shining through. We're going to look like that for a while, only in blue and gold instead of orange and green.

But the UM doesn't even have an on campus arena.

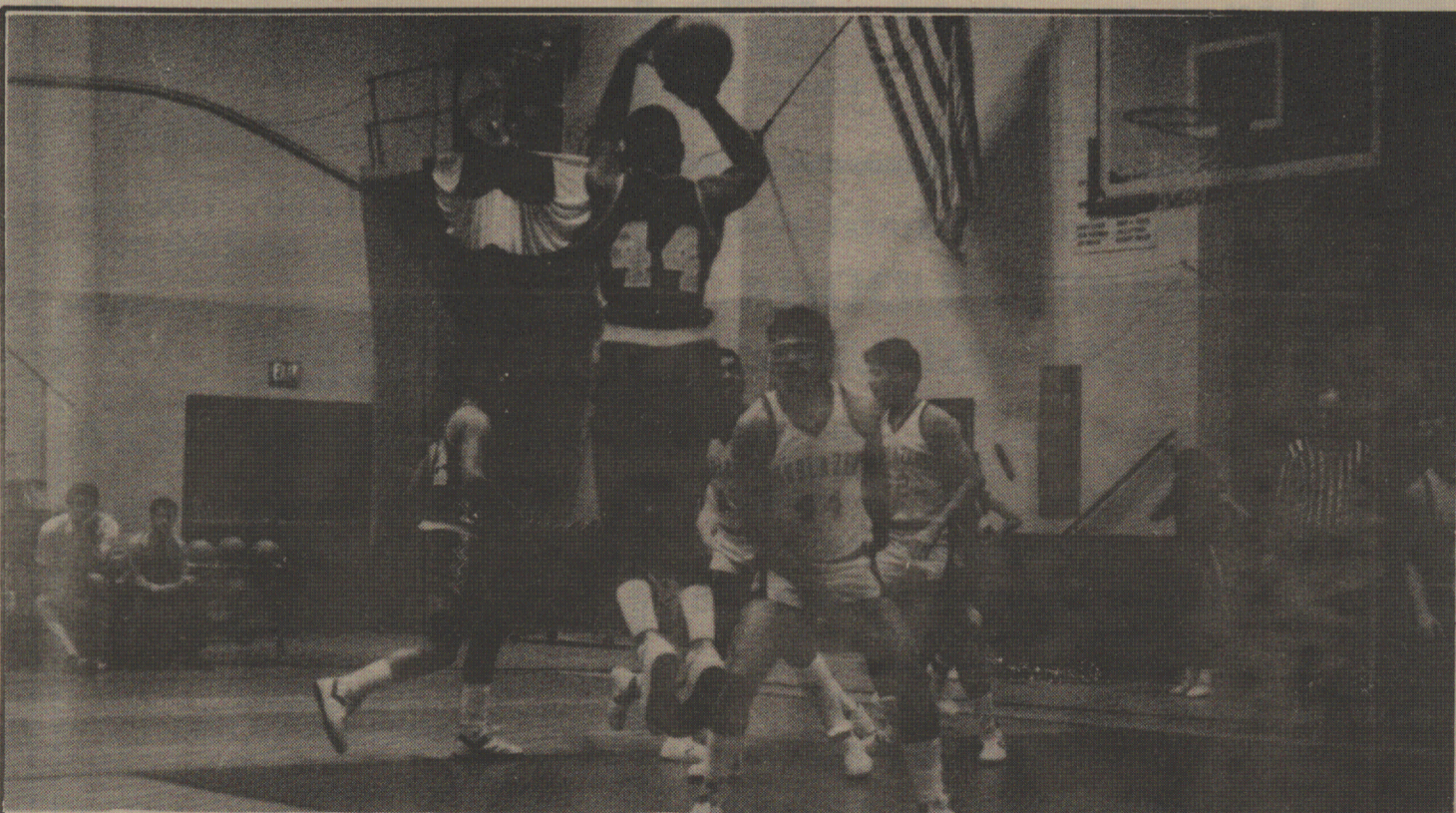
Come Saturday, FIU will have one.

It's fitting that the arena opening is putting us knee deep in the hoopla. In this very newspaper alone, you may find mention of it in no less than four different places. The SGA is planning a huge tailgate party. There will be fireworks after the game.

I've been wondering if the Division I move and the new arena will wake up much of the student body and the administration and rid them (and us) of their apathy toward FIU athletics.

I think it will. But I'm often under fire for my undying optimism. I expect good things to happen. And I think good things will happen to FIU athletics.

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Record breaker

Photo by Robert Stark

The Sunblazers' Hector Rodriguez (44, in white) breaks the FIU single game record for rebounds against Rhode Island, Jan. 9. Rodriguez had 17 in the game, beating the previous record by one.