

Minority hiring still posing problems

Adrian Walker

Sunblazer Staff Writer

Even in the aftermath of President Gregory Wolfe's Jan. 20 resignation, the controversy over minority hiring, which has hounded his administration during the past few months, still lingers.

Few administrators deny that FIU, despite having the statistically best affirmative action record in the state university system, excluding the predominantly black Florida A & M, has ample room for improvement in the area of minority hiring.

"We know that too little has been done," said Wolfe to a state commission on Hispanic affairs in October. "All steps are being reviewed. They must be refined within a framework."

This framework of hiring practices has come under repeated attack, first from a United Faculty of Florida Task Force, and more recently in a still unreleased report by a Wolfe-appointed commission, comprised of university officials and prominent community members.

Economics professor Manuel Carvajal, a key member of both the Task Force and the Wolfe-appointed commission, said he places the blame for FIU's sluggish performance squarely on Wolfe's shoulders.

"The President makes the decisions. If the people responsible for affirmative action thought they were supposed to function, they would. Instead, the message they are getting is that affirmative action is something we talk about, not something we do," Carvajal said.

Critics of FIU's minority hiring policies point out that two years ago, the last year for which complete data is available, only one black and seven Hispanic professors were hired at the university. Several departments have no minority members.

"You have to realize that in many areas, the number of minority applicants to choose from is declining, due to reduced financial aid and expanded opportunity in the private sector," said Adam Herbert, dean of the School of Public Affairs and Services.

"That means there is a lot of competition for the people who are out there, and our low salaries and troubled racial image makes it difficult for us to compete," Herbert said.

Professor Antonio Jorge, chairman of the Wolfe-appointed committee, said he does not buy that explanation.

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Dorm crime Where does security begin?

Residents should take precautions

Theresa Willingham

Sunblazer Staff Writer

The greatest fact or in dormitory crime is lack of caution by dormitory residents, according to Lt. Donald Fowler, Public Safety, and Conchy Bretos, director of Tamiami Housing.

Since August, there have been six thefts, 16 disturbances, four burglaries and seven reports of vandalism on the Tamiami and Bay Vista Campuses. While incidents of crime are lower on Tamiami Campus than Bay Vista Campus, Tamiami has a higher incidence of burglary, with three of the four reported cases, according to Fowler.

"We have a number of things reported stolen," Fowler said.

"It is important that residents be alert."

"Sweaters, watches, radios -- anything that can walk. The biggest problem is that residents leave their doors open, visiting back and forth and for girlfriends and such."

"Our maintenance personnel find three out of five doors open when they are making repair calls," Bretos said. "It is important that people realize how vulnerable they are."

Open windows are also a problem, Bretos said. "Last week someone came in through a resident's open window and took all his stereo equipment and two

suitcases worth of stuff, including most of his clothes."

Both Bretos and Fowler encourage students to report any suspicious incidents to Public Safety immediately.

"You don't realize what can happen to you until it does," Bretos said. "It is important that residents be alert. First, if they see something suspicious, they should ask them who they are or at least notify the head resident. Second, they should always lock their doors, even if they are just stepping outside to make a phone call."

Bretos warned that if students continue to be lax with security, "In Director of Security Harvey Gunson's words, 'This place will become a shopping center.'"

Student says police are inefficient

Theresa Willingham

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While Public Safety says they are confident that dorm residents are not in the grips of a crime wave, the experience of theft has students like Ji Park, allegedly robbed of \$700 in cash and jewelry by her roommate, on guard.

On November 2, Park filed a report with Public Safety about a missing gold necklace and \$80. By Dec. 3, over \$200 had disappeared from her room, and on Jan. 3, \$30 was taken from Park's wallet, she said.

At the same time Park began to suspect her roommate, a MDCC student, Park's suitemate Robin Buntrock began asking about a missing

"Who ever heard of having to move to avoid being robbed?"

gold Seiko watch, worth over \$200. Park said she had seen an identical watch in her roommate's jewelry box.

Park and Buntrock investigated and found the missing watch, along with some of Park's missing jewelry, perfume bottles and a man's wallet.

Park and Buntrock reported the entire story to Public Safety. "They took a statement, but said all my evidence was cir-

cumstantial. They said to move my belongings and sleep somewhere else that night, and that Monday morning Lt. Fowler would investigate.

"Who ever heard of having to move to avoid being robbed, instead of getting rid of the thief?" Park asked.

Fowler said, "I don't know who suggested moving to her, if anyone. That's no solution, and certainly not standard operating procedure."

Park's roommate was not charged with a crime and has since moved from the dorms.

Park said she is dissatisfied with the effectiveness of Public Safety.

Fowler said everything was done by the book.

Masvidal to head selection committee

Valerie Greenberg

Sunblazer News Editor

Raul Masvidal, member of the Board of Regents, will chair the BOR's Selection Committee to choose a new president for FIU, Chancellor Charles Reed and T. Terrell Sessums, chairman of the BOR, announced jointly at a Jan. 27 press conference.

Regent Frank Scruggs will serve as

vice-chair of the committee. Regents Bill Leonard, Joan Ruffier and Sessums will also serve on the committee.

A separate Search Advisory Committee, to be named by Reed soon, will review potential candidates and select eight to ten finalists.

After interviewing the finalists, the Selection Committee will recommend a single candidate to the full Board of

Regents. The thirteen Regents have the authority to appoint a new president.

Reed said, "I am confident that the committee, which Chairman Sessums has chosen, will do an outstanding job in performing its duties and will provide the the best possible leadership for Florida International University, in the outstanding tradition of Greg Wolfe."

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"In Miami, we have a great deal to offer. We know, for example, that highly educated blacks and Hispanics prefer to live in urban areas. They would much rather live in Miami than Anchorage, Alaska. No, our problem is that we have not tried hard enough," he said.

Although the commission's report is incomplete, commission members say the report will be highly critical of the university's affirmative action office, headed by Toni Eisner.

Some commission members said that

the office is a smokescreen, intended to cover-up grievances, rather than settle them.

"Toni Eisner seems responsible to Emanuel Harris (vice president of Human Resources), when she should be critical of the administration's terrible record," Carvajal said.

"Part of her job is to deal with grievances with the administration, but she works for the administration," Carvajal said. "If she did her job well, she would get fired. The job should be under the Board of Regents."

Eisner said, "No one in the administration has ever indicated to me that they are not committed to affirmative action. President Wolfe knew when he hired me that I was not afraid to speak my mind, so if he did not want that, I would not be sitting here."

"I think it is essential for a university to have a range of viewpoints, which you can only get from an integrated faculty," she said.

"There are a lot of reasons why we have not been as successful as I would like," Eisner said, "but they have

nothing to do with being anti-black or anti-hispanic. We do not have the salaries, national reputation or money to spend on recruitment that I would like. I think we have done pretty well with what we have."

Eisner emphatically denied that being a university employee prohibits her from serving effectively in the grievance process.

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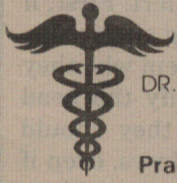
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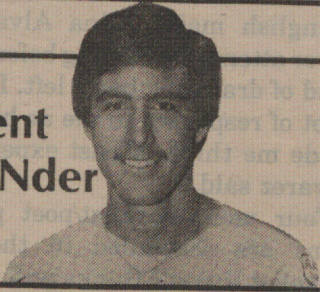
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Stan Butler

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The tragic explosion of the Space Shuttle Challenger that occurred Jan. 28 has caused all Americans to reconsider just how delicate the balance is between technology and life.

The Shuttle missions had become trite, redundant, passe. Rarely would the Shuttle be the first news story on the evening news, much less the lead story in the Miami Herald. A recent mission launch was buried in the middle of the 'A' section of the Herald.

When I read that article a few months ago, I felt that the only time the Shuttle would make front page again was if it crashed or exploded. Unfortunately the prediction came true.

Had this mission not included Christa McAuliffe, school teacher, this would have been just another delayed Shuttle mission.

On Monday, local disc jockeys were making fun of NASA for not being able to have a door handle that comes off when the door is shut. On Tuesday, those same dj's could be heard pleading the Miami area to turn on their headlights as a symbol of our mourning over the tragedy.

Wednesday, my travels proved that many people had heard the dj's pleas. Over half of the automobiles showed their candlepower all day.

Gregory Wolfe, FIU president, commented that, "We are suffused in painful grief and disbelief that these courageous young astronauts and their vehicle have tragically vanished in the space they were embarking to explore. I doubt we have experienced such universal feelings of sorrow and hurt since the assassination of John F. Kennedy."

Life will go on, however, a little piece of all us died Jan. 28. Rest in peace, Challenger.

Corrections

The headline "Professors dissatisfied with Bay Vista" in the Jan. 21 issue misrepresented the content of the accompanying story. The professors who filed grievances with the FIU administration are not unhappy with Bay Vista Campus, but are dissatisfied with the unequal treatment they receive as Bay Vista professors.

Human endeavors should continue

Terry Willingham

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The United States Space Exploration program speaks of the greatness of American ambition and initiative; it speaks of the greatness of human accomplishment. The ordinary tragedy of life often pales before the grandeur of man's achievements in space, before the vision of a multi-ton eagle hurtling in a plume of smoke from the confines of earth to the limitless space beyond the far reaches of the imagination.

My reflections on the shuttle mission, on the horrifying conflagration that in a blue January sky consumed the Space Shuttle Challenger and the lives of seven astronauts -- seven dreams, seven hopes, seven futures, seven fellow human beings -- are focused on the miracle of human achievement. A miracle fueled by the never-ending quest for knowledge that, we can be sure, seven particular people would not stop for the world -- even though their lives depended on it.

They knew the risks, they took the chances, and they paid the price that ambition sometimes collects. As if from the Scottish mists, legions of future explorers rise before us -- scientists, doctors, teachers, shopkeepers, carpenters -- rank after rank, moving eternally forward to carry on the torch of knowledge, the flame of life. The light

of human endeavor may flicker, but it does not go out with human tragedy. That is the wonder of it all. That is the miracle.

We live beyond the physical, gracing the world with hopes and dreams that do not lie in any one man, but in all men who reach beyond their own existence. I do not believe that Christa McAuliffe would have traded her seat in the Shuttle for anything in the world. She has touched us because she was one of us and like so many others, she had a dream. She was fortunate to even experience the beginning of the reality of that dream. McAuliffe has flown higher and farther and taught us more than many teachers ever will. She was not afraid to try and one can only believe she died knowing the universe was hers.

The Space Program, and all other great human endeavors, should go on. We should dream bigger and better, reach higher and farther -- for those who died, for those who live, for those yet to come. My heart aches for the children, husbands, wives and family of the seven noble men and women -- of all races and of one race, the human race -- who died January 28, 1986. But if I can give anything, offer any consolation -- I say be proud, be brave. I think great people understand the

risks they take -- it is their duty to take them, their joy. There is no excuse for their death and probably no answer will suffice. Life will go on, time will dull the jagged edge of sorrow, dim the nagging *why*.

But these seven will live on in our hearts forever, brethren countrymen, brethren beings on a small and fragile planet. If there are national heroes, they are those who aren't afraid to try, to reach upward and outward to the future, to times and places they'll never live to see. If there are national heroes, they are these seven and they rank with the greatest of our nation, with Grissom, White, Chaffee, King, Kennedy, Franklin, Jefferson, Edison and Einstein; dreamers and believers who made a reality out of vague imaginings and brought life to paper plans. If there are national heroes, they are those who reach for the stars.

As the Phoenix rises again from the ashes of her death, so human endeavor will triumph above human tragedy. From the ashes of inconsolable sorrow, the ceaseless human quest to know and understand will, as Our Seven would undoubtedly want it, inspire and transcend mere mortality. We are the stuff that astronauts and greatness are made of. We are humankind. We will succeed.

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The SGA Column



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Although FIU students enjoyed the festivities this week, we cannot forget the tragic incident that caused the loss of American lives over our clear Florida skies. The Student Government Association sends condolences to the families of the Shuttle crew.

The SGA column is a feature written by SGA President Jorge Dominicus. The column gives the SGA a chance to say something positive about the University.

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Pape inspires poet

Diane Aiello

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Poet Garrett Hongo read from his book "Yellow Light" on Jan. 16 when the FIU Creative Writing Program presented the first of the spring series, "Writers on the Bay."

Hongo attributes Creative Writing Professor Greg Pape with encouraging him to write his book. "If I had not met him (Pape), I might not have had the audacity to write my book," Hongo said. "There is a sort of homage to him in my book," he added.

Pape met Hongo at a writers' conference several years ago. "He is one of the few poets that I've read in the past ten years that has had the power to change my life in some way," Pape said.

Hongo is a creative writing professor himself at the University of Missouri. Because of his teaching, Hongo is able to explain meanings and terms that his audience might not be familiar with. More often than not, he gives the settings, inspiration and some background information for each poem. He reads poems about rocks, basketball, acts of mercy, history, his mother making dinner, his father working the swing shift, and much more. "Poets write about anything," Hongo says.

"Everything in life affects him deeply," English/Education major Simone Waite said. "He is a very amusing and deep person."

Hongo wrote "Who Amongst You Knows the Essence of Garlic?" This poem rebels against the lack of variety in Irvine, Cal. supermarkets. Hongo says that Irvine can be distinguished from Los Angeles because where L.A. is "devastation," Irvine is "planned devastation."

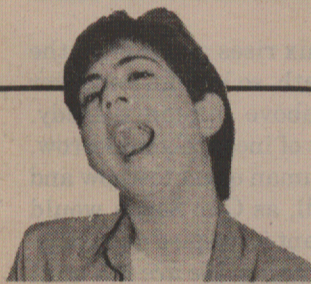
Dr. Les Standiford, director of the Creative Writing program, said he was pleased at the turn out at the reading. He described it as a "nice mix of community, students and faculty."

My own feeling is that coming to a reading where an author reads his own work is an experience that is every bit as enjoyable as when your mother used to read you bedtime stories when you were a kid. It is only better because now you are old enough to appreciate everything that goes into it and the author is there to talk to you afterwards," Standiford said.

English major Alina Alvarez had never attended a reading before. "I was kind of drained when I left. It evoked a lot of responses in me as his poetry made me think of past experiences," Alvarez said.

Four more novelist/poet presentations are scheduled in the series. Novelist Russell Banks will speak on Feb. 13th. Banks has published eight works of fiction, including the recent "Trailer Park" and "Continental Drift." Beverly Lowry, another novelist will speak Mar. 6th and poet Rosemary Catacalos on Apr. 3rd. The final presentation on Apr. 17th will feature poetry and fiction from the FIU Creative Writing faculty. The professors reading will include: Jim Hall, Greg Pape, Marnie Prange and Les Standiford.

Pape has written three poetry books and the more recent "Border Crossings" and "Black Branches" will be available at the FIU bookstore by March according to Nancy Bostock, bookstore supervisor.



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Sanda Kurtz

Sunblazer Features Editor

First off, I'd like to straighten some people out. My name is Sanda. S-A-N-D-A. Notice the startling lack of the letter 'R'?

"But they said it couldn't be done!" I hear you cry. Well they were wrong. I usually don't care too much about the everyday mutilating of my moniker, but enough is enough. Sorry for the outburst, it won't happen again. (Right?)

With the shuttle making the news everywhere last week, most of us haven't had a chance to think about much else.

Being that as it may, I'll tell you that a few things this week deserve a second look.

This Thurs. and Fri. the movie they will be showing in the Rat will be "Cotton Club." As always, it is FREE with an FIU ID. On Feb. 5 (Weds.), in the pub at BVC, they will be showing "Red Dawn," if that's your kind of flick, don't miss it. It's also FREE.

Black History Month is in full swing this week with "Sundowner III." This BBQ chicken dinner takes place at BVC on the Student Center patio from 4 p.m. until whenever. The cost is nominal: \$3 in advance, \$3.50 on the day of the

event.

On Fri. Feb. 7, the celebration continues with the "Gospel Hour." Ella Washington and various choruses will be on hand at the Trade Center patio to rock you to your foundations. The event is also FREE.

"The Best of Times," with Robin Williams and Kurt Russell opened nationwide last week as did "Down and Out in Beverly Hills." Both of these should prove to be very funny. If you see either of them, and feel moved enough to write a review, please don't let me discourage you. Perhaps I'll start a contest. Free movie passes to the winner... A great idea to be sure, but I need to work on the concept.

The Bank of Miami and the Kiwanis club are sponsoring a photo contest. The theme is "Miami Events," and the prize is reputed to be somewhere upwards of \$1,000. For more info, you can contact me, stop by the office (I'll put the memo on the board), or call 324-7349. The deadline is Feb. 20.

Other than mentioned, Greek Week is underway and the festivities continue throughout the week. For more info read the Greek story on the next page. (I have to get readers somehow, don't I?)

Well, it's time for me to go now. I offer my deepest condolences to the families of the Challenger crew and hope that this will not discourage the space program to continue its worthy endeavors.

That's all for now.

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Greek Week underway

Carolyn Salata

Sunblazer Staff Writer

It's Greek Week. What does that mean to you? If you said "not much", you obviously haven't looked around the Tamiami campus recently. FIU's Greek system is bigger and stronger than ever and continuing to grow. This is the goal of Greek Week. The six fraternities and sororities on campus are trying to strengthen their organizations and make people notice them.

The six organizations recognized by FIU's Greek Council are Alpha Gamma Omega (AGO), Sigma Phi, Phi Beta Sigma, Phi Sigma Sigma, Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) and Omega Chi. The Greek Council is a "group of representatives from each organization whose function is to promote 'Greek life' and ascertain visibility of these organizations on campus," explains Peter Koltis, president of TKE.

The Greeks believe the system is small, but one which will grow bigger each year. As Maggie del Valle, Phi Sigma Sigma states, "I don't know much about the Greek system, but something must be going right if new organizations are coming to campus." Most Greeks agree that although young, there is a great potential for a solid system.

Greek Week started Saturday Feb. 1 and runs through Feb. 8. Many activities are planned. On Thursday Feb. 6th, the Greeks celebrate "Bizarre Day." This is the time when the

Greeks can "go crazy and let their hair down." In essence, each organization is trying to get themselves noticed. They will have booths and can do anything they feel will accomplish their goal. In addition to "Bizarre Day," the Greeks will show (what else than? -Ed.) "Animal House" in the Rat at 6 p.m. Following the movie there will be a party in the Rat as well as a plaque-hanging ceremony.

On Fri. Feb. 7th, Phi Sigma Sigma will be hosting a Suitcase Party at 8 p.m. This party is open to the entire FIU community. There will be no cover charge, however, there will be a charge for raffle tickets and drinks. Part of the proceeds will be going to the National Kidney Foundation. The idea of the party is that those who buy raffle tickets must guess how many things

are in the suitcase. The winner will receive \$100.

For the conclusion of Greek Week, the Greek Olympics will be held at noon on Sat. Feb. 8th on the BVC pool deck. Only Greeks can participate, but everyone is invited to attend.

What exactly is a fraternity (sorority)? "A group of individuals sharing a common goal and living their lives by whatever ethics the fraternity has taught them," states Julio Martinez, Sigma Phi. Koltis adds, "a group that shares a common bond of friendship and trust."

The Greek Council, as well as all Greeks, hope to see many people at their functions. It is a chance for everyone to get to know the Greeks and promote school spirit at the same time.

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Aerobicize for your life

Debi Fischer

Sunblazer Contributor

The new year is about a month old and perhaps you've made some resolutions. Most of us want to stay as healthy as we are at the present. We also want to look good and feel good as long as possible.

Most college students are busy going to classes, studying (hopefully) and writing papers. The average student has had a semester break that included overeating and is now in the nightly study grind that includes more of the same.

How to have your cake and eat it too? Easy. The proper combination of a balanced diet and aerobic exercise will at least put you on the path of feeling good and may even help shed some of those unneeded pounds.

In case you haven't noticed, America is in the middle of a health and fitness boom. Everyone is taking aerobic classes (this writer included) or joining health and fitness clubs. Fashion has also been influenced by this boom; look at Reeboks, or Fila sports clothing.

The word "aerobic" literally means, "with oxygen." It can be in the form of jumping rope or swimming. But Dr. Kenneth Cooper, the man some credit with inventing "aerobics," believes that a proper aerobic workout consists of four parts.

The first part is a 3-5 min. warm up. This is essential in preventing you from pulling your muscles in the next phase of the workout. You can't just start aerobics without first warming up

your muscles.

The next phase is the actual aerobic workout. An aerobic workout should last a minimum of 30 minutes three times a week, or 20 minutes four times a week in order to minimize your risk of heart disease in the future.

The goal of this phase is to achieve a pulse rate over 130 beats per minute for 30 minutes, or 140 beats per minute for 20 minutes.

The third part of the workout is called the "cool down" phase which involves stretching the muscles slowly. This is vital because, "the majority of severe cardiac arrhythmias that occur during exercise occur during the recovery period, not the exercise itself," states Dr. Cooper.

The final stage of the workout is the conditioning phase. This includes doing push-ups and lifting weights. The purpose of this step is to build up the muscle groups as well as shape the body.

Besides using aerobics as a weight control method, it can also be beneficial in terms of stress control. The feeling of well-being that is achieved by a strenuous aerobic workout is a good means of relaxing and thereby cutting down on everyday stresses we encounter. Also, and this can not be stressed enough, before undertaking any diet or exercise program first check with your doctor to make sure it will be right for you. This is especially true if you haven't exercised in a while or are over the age of 35.

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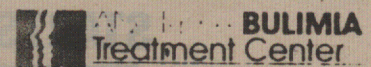
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Volleyball team faces money crisis

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realigned the sports program to three sporting groups: ultra sports, premier sports and developing premier sports. The sports that FIU will really push (ultra) are men's and women's basketball. This is where most of the sports resources will go. Premier sports are men's soccer, baseball, women's tennis and women's golf. The least pushed sports are men's cross-country, golf and tennis, and women's cross-country, soccer and volleyball.

"We cut down on expenses of developing premier sports so we can push the ultra sports more," Rice said.

"When we get more money, we will push the other sports. That money will come when we get recognition and corporate sponsorship."

Rice had been hoping to see what kind of reaction the community and FIU sports would have on his decision to drop volleyball.

"Not one of the volleyball people approached me," he said. "I received two letters, one from a high school volleyball coach and another from a community college coach, and that was it. I was surprised."

But Mikovic said otherwise. "We petitioned to get volleyball back. We sent it in with a cover page to (Assistant Athletic Director) Larry Baldwin. I don't think it was ever considered because we got it back and they didn't say anything to us about it," she said.

One of the most affected players had

the sport been dropped would have been freshman Jackie Chang because "she has the best potential for the four years," Mikovic said.

"I have mixed feelings about what is happening. I am sorry we had to go through this, and I can't wait to play next year," Chang said.

"Every year, volleyball is becoming a better sport in every sense in Florida. It is already popular throughout the United States.

"This is not the time to cancel volleyball, because we will be popular very shortly if we are run right financially. I hope it (the volleyball program) will not have money taken away because we will not survive," Mikovic said.

Seniors lead baseball

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status, but admits that there's a bit more incentive to win.

"Anytime you play against a team like the Hurricanes, it's bound to be a rivalry," Price said. "Miami is the team that everyone has to shoot for."

The Sunblazers will meet the Hurricanes Feb. 26 and 27, and April 16.

FIU has a tough road ahead this season, as other top-ranked opponents are the Maine Black Bears and the Florida State Seminoles.

FIU will open the 1986 season Feb. 6 at 7 p.m. with a four-game homestand against Georgia State.

Time out

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And high school? Junior high school? Pony league? Will it ever stop?

I remember when I was about 10. Always a baseball freak, I'd pick up the paper and immediately turn to the sports section (just as I do now). I'd read about Hank Aaron's home runs. Or Tom Seaver's Cy Young Awards. Then I'd go and shuffle through my baseball cards and memorize career stats.

Today's kids must tack up their cards and write "Wanted" on them. And memorize suspended sentences

It would be nice for the kids of 10 today to be able to look up to professional athletes like I did when I was a kid.

Yeah, it would be nice. I always thought they were supposed to be role models.

But it's nearly spring. A rebirth.

Maybe things will change, as the boys of summer gear up and take to the diamond for another season of America's national past-time, the most beautiful

of all sports, baseball.

Maybe this year, America's national past-time won't be reading drug abuse stories in the morning paper to wash down their coffee with.

Maybe things will change.

Maybe this year, we'll learn some batting averages again. Maybe this year someone will break Hack Wilson's all-time single season runs batted in record (190), a record that is 55 years old. Or Bob Gibson's earned run average record (1.12 in 1968).

Let's root for people like Dwight Gooden. All those strikeouts, Shea Stadium going nuts every time he gets two strikes on a batter, trying to muster up their strength so they can somehow transmit it to him subconsciously so he can blow a fastball by for the strikeout.

And Ozzie Smith's defensive wizardry. The Wizard of Oz.

The list does go on, believe it or not.

I still love the boys of summer.

Dave 'n' Hugh's Trivia Corner

1. Who was the pitcher who served up Hank Aaron's record tying 714th home run in 1974? His 715th?

2. Who was on deck when Bobby Thompson hit the home run to give the New York Giants the 1951 National League pennant over the Brooklyn Dodgers in the "Miracle of Coogan's Bluff"?

3. Where did Boston Celtic great Dave Cowens play his college basketball?

Answers
1. Cincinnati's Jack Billingham gave up the 714th, while the Dodgers' Al Downing gave up 715. 2. Willie Mays was waiting his turn at the plate when Thompson hit the homer off Ralph Brantner. 3. Cowens played at Florida State.

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Baseball season gets underway

Depth, pitching make Sunblazers contenders

Mike Saunders

Sunblazer Staff Writer

Entering their fourth year in Division I, Head Coach Danny Price and the Sunblazers baseball team feel that they now have a shot at winning 40 games, and hopefully, an invitation to the NCAA tournament.

Last season's 36-22 record was respectable for such a young squad, but not in the heavyweight division of college baseball. This year's combination of experienced starters and good newcomers provides depth the Sunblazers lacked last season.

"Overall depth, especially in pitching and pinch hitting, has been weak in the past, but this year I think we have a better club from top to bottom. We have some outstanding players," Price said.

Leading the team are tri-captains Ken Adderly, Andre Lambros and Alberto Garcia, all seniors.

Adderly, who hails from Nassau, Bahamas, bats and throws righthanded and will anchor the outfield in center. First baseman Lambros hit over .300 last season and Garcia, a righthander, will be at the core of a solid pitching staff.

Along with Garcia, senior righthanders Doug Ellis and Danny Cook will bring maturity and stability to the pitching staff.

Kenny Deal, a junior righthander, will be called upon for short relief. At 6'6", 225 pounds, Deal is an intimidating presence on the mound, cut in the mold of the San Diego Padres' ace reliever, Goose Gossage.

Attracting talent to a school that is virtually unknown outside the state

Price at FIU

DIV. II			
YEAR	W	L	Pct.
1980	41	14	.745
1981	41	17	.732
1982	51	12	.809
DIV. I			
1983	35	22	.614
1984	34	29	.540
1985	36	22	.621
TOTAL	238	116	.690

has not been a problem for FIU.

"Our recruitment has always been good when it comes to signing quality players," said Price. "It's just a matter of getting the weak spots out."

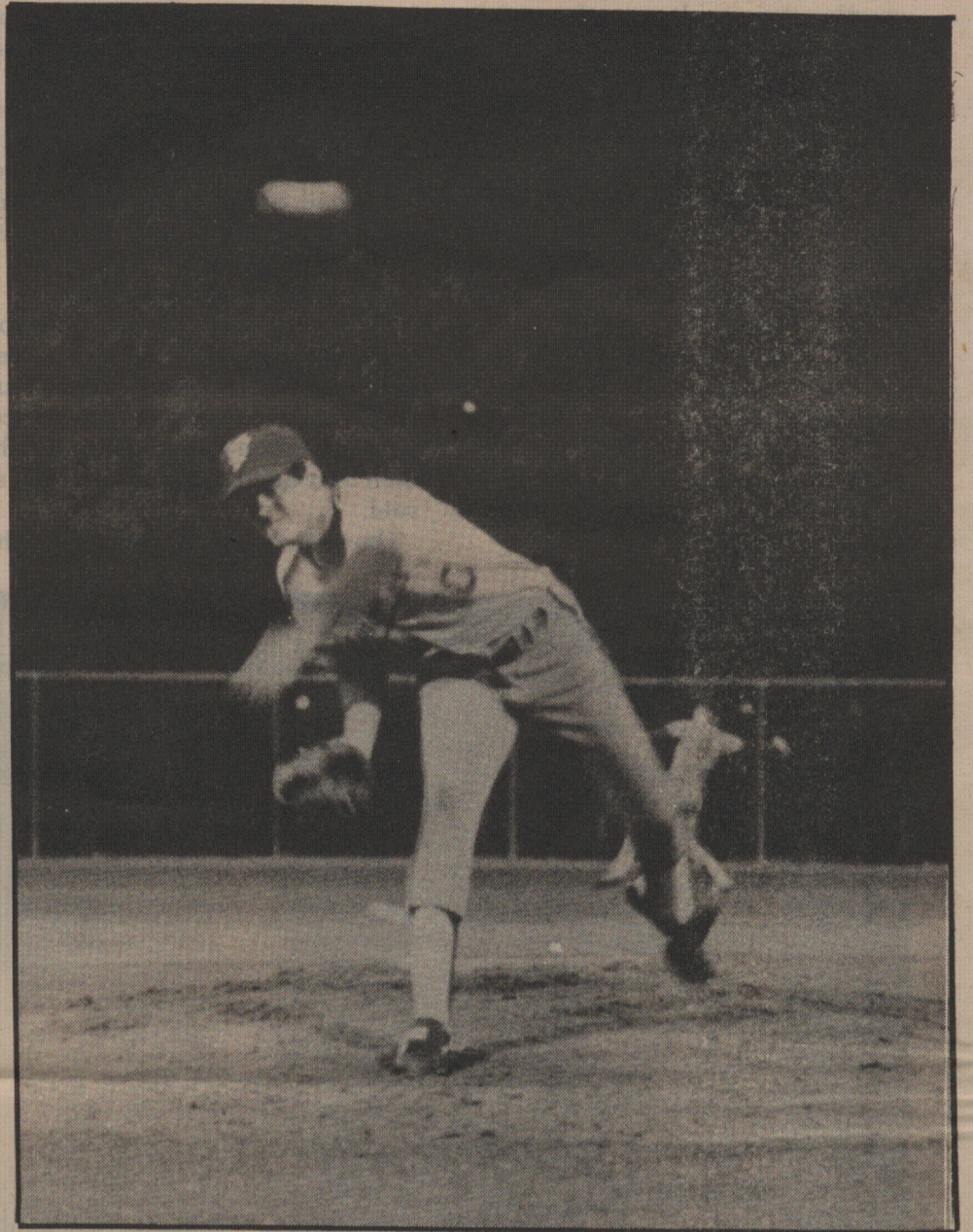
A fine crop of freshmen will have an immediate effect on the team's season. Danny Wiseman, a righthanded pitcher from Maryland, is expected to be a factor this year. Two local recruits from Miami, David Taylor and Nelson Caraballo, are expected to see a good share of the action.

In 1982 the Sunblazers were the Rodney Dangerfields of collegiate baseball, racking up an impressive record in Division II, but passed over in a bid for post-season play.

"We went 51-12 and beat Miami three out of five times," said Price. "But we weren't invited to the regional tournament." That year, Miami went on to win the Division I championship.

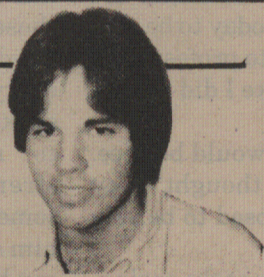
The Sunblazers share the city's spotlight with the Miami Hurricanes, who repeated as Division I champions last year. Price sheds the suggestion that UM has reached arch-enemy

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Pitching is a Sunblazer strength this season

Time out



The boys of summer and their drugs

David Colodney

Sunblazer Sports Editor

Goodbye, football season. See ya next fall.

It's been nice, or at least it's made for interesting reading in the papers lately.

It's just kind of coincidental that the allegations of drug use by certain Patriots players comes out after the Super Bowl, even though Coach Raymond Berry apparently has been aware of the problem for a long time.

He also had the nerve to say that the drugs didn't affect the team's play.

Wasn't he watching the game? Probably not. Can't see as I blame him, though.

But, hey, let's not forget what we're dealing with here. This is the

world of professional sports, remember. A world unto itself. A world where winning comes before (and often at the expense of) the personal lives of the players, who are themselves deluded by the massive amounts of money they receive for playing games we all played as kids in the playgrounds or in the streets near our parents' houses.

And so the football season ends. Let's nail the coffin shut on the Patsies, who humiliated themselves on the playing field and now off.

Goodbye, football season. See ya next August.

It's kind of sad, too, that we won't be finished with the drug use stories after this Patriots stuff has been beaten into the ground.

By the opening day of spring training, someone is bound to recap the Pittsburgh cocaine trials of major league players that marred last season.

And what's become of Michael Ray Richardson, the New Jersey Nets basketball star who disappears from time to time and then resurfaces saying he is finished with drugs only to disappear again with yet another drug abuse problem?

It kind of makes you wonder how far it's going to go. Who's next?

And how big a problem is drug use really in college athletics? I'm sure something will come up soon.

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Rice reinstates volleyball, says drop misinterpreted

Jeff Brenner

Sunblazer Staff Writer

Volleyball is back, but it was never officially gone. Athletic Director David Rice announced last week that the women's volleyball program will be retained, ending months of speculation as to the future of the program.

"The media and community interpreted what I said wrong," Rice said. "I did not officially cancel volleyball. I was going to look into it, but I never said it was cancelled."

It had been rumored that the volleyball program would be dropped in favor of a swimming team, but the Bay Vista Campus pool was deemed "not competitive" by Rice and the completion of the arena caused the swim team idea to be nixed. Coach Linda Mikovic will be rehired as a parttime coach, Rice said.

"I admire Rice for changing his mind on the program," Mikovic said. "Volleyball has been one of the more successful programs here at FIU." Six out of the last nine seasons, the team has owned a winning record, and the last seven have gone to the national championship tournament.

"In Division II, the NCAA takes 16 teams to the championship tournament and we were one. Then they were

talking about dropping the program. It is hard to see why they would cancel a national contender," she said.

The Sunblazers volleyball team finished the last season ranked 16th in the Division II poll and were in the Top 20 all year.

Now that volleyball is back, the team is strapped with financial problems. "We will not be able to have equipment to practice in the arena until August," Mikovic said.

Rice cannot order the needed equipment until July 1 when the budget becomes public, he said.

For now, the team will continue to practice in the Tin Gym. They will then use the newly completed Sunblazer Arena for their practices.

The money shortage will also affect the team's personnel going into the season, Mikovic said.

"Since we do not receive any money for recruiting, we will be looking for local players. We have good local talent. The high school programs are becoming better and we have one of the best junior college volleyball teams in the country (Miami-Dade South) to acquire talent from. We will not lose much recruiting here, but we still need one big player."

When Rice first came to FIU, he

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