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Affirmative action report:

FIU must boost minority hiring

Adrian Walker

Sunblazer Staff Writer

The commission investigating FIU's affirmative action policies released its report Thursday, questioning the administration's commitment to affirmative action things emerge to see that these conditions are not and calling for major changes in the University's hiring repeated." procedures.

commission. "Our goal is equal opportunity for minor- overcame." ities. We hope to have made a fair and objective consideration."

commitment to hiring minorities and women.

they were forced to work under adverse conditions.

"We have operated under deplorable conditions," said Professor Manuel Carvajal. "The administration has attempted bribery, intimidation, and blackmail of members of the commission. We had to operate as if we were subverting the system. It is important that these

Attorney Rafael Penalvar, one of two community "Our intent is not the hiring of unqualified appli- leaders on the the commission, said, "An adversary cants," said Professor Antonio Jorge, chairman of the feeling was created that the commission never

Penalvar said he blamed President Wolfe for the lack of cooperation the commission received from the The report questions both the extent to which exist- administration. "A great opportunity has been lost," he ing rules and regulations are being followed and the said, "We had a chance to really open doors, but now it may not happen. I consider President Wolfe a friend -Members of the commission, which was formed last my father has known him for years — and I have great percent to 31.2 percent. August, had alleged during the past few months that admiration for him, but I think he began to feel cor-

The report recommends a four-year commitment to increase minority faculty hiring, which could be met by establishing a budget for recruitment, campus visitations and soliciting potential candidates from prestigious institutions.

In addition, the report calls for ethnic and gender parity on search and screen committees, which make preliminary hiring recommendations.

According to the report, during the seven years that Wolfe has been president:

 Black faculty representation has dropped from 7.4 percent to 7.3 percent.

 Hispanic faculty representation has fallen from 12.1 percent to 11.7 percent.

• Female faculty representation has risen from 27.8

 Black and female faculty members tend to be nered. His attitude toward the commission changed clustered at low-ranking, low-paying levels.

Committees search for leader

Michael Saunders

Sunblazer Asst. News Editor

The Board of Regents Selection Committee established the criteria that will be used to find a replacement for President Gregory Wolfe and met Thursday with the advisory panel conducting the

Miami banker Raul Masvidal, chairman of the five-member BOR Selection Committee, said, "We are looking for a leader for the 1990s who has a vision of the future."

Such a leader would be chosen by the Search Advisory Committee, which is composed of 24 representatives from both FIU and the community. Over 300 candidates will be considered during the next three months before a list of eight to 10 finalists are submitted to the BOR Selection Committee in June.

National advertisements will be placed in trade publications, magazines, newspapers and other media in order to "cast a wide net" in the selection process. A lawyer, an equal opportunities advisor and a BOR liason will assist the search committee in its task.

Qualities looked for in a potential candidate include: strong organizational and leadership skills; the ability to relate to a multi-ethnic. multi-cultural urban community; successful experience in attracting public and private sector funds and a history of sound moral character and unquestionable ethics.

BOR Committee Vice Chairman Frank Scruggs emphasized the value that a successful fundraiser would have at an institution such as FIU.

Scruggs, a Miami lawyer, said, "The capacity of FIU to increase economic vitality in this part of the state is of extreme importance."



Harlem Heyday features the music of the Jazz Era Feb. 6 in the UH Forum on the Tamiami Campus in celebration of Black History Week at FIU, as part of the nationwide Black History Month. See story on p. 4.

Alcohol policy will affect dorms

Lourdes Alonso

Sunblazer Staff Writer "Excessive alcohol consumption is at the root of most student misconduct in the dormitories. I think a new alcohol policy is necessary,' said Judy Blucker, vice president of student affairs.

Blucker, referring to a proposed new University alcohol policy, said the primary changes in policy would be aimed at controlling alcohol consumption in the dormitories.

The policy would restrict the service, possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages to the individual apartments of the housing com-. plexes, as students would not be permitted to drink alcoholic beverages on balconies or on the dormitories' common grounds.

Residents serving alcohol in their apartments would be held responsible for damages resulting from excessive alcohol consumption, and they would be obligated to ensure that minors, residents or guests under 21 years of age, are not engaged in the service, possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages.

The proposed policy, recommended by the Student Affairs Division, is the latest of several drafts developed by a committee of students and administrators chaired see ALCOHOL p.2

WFIU to air by Fall '86

Theresa Willingham

Sunblazer Staff Writer

WFIU, the University's first radio station, will be airing news, weather, FIU sports and music to the Bay Vista and Tamiami Campuses, and possibly even to the Tamiami local community, within the year.

Since its inception over a year ago, the proposed structure of the radio station has undergone a number of changes, but the goal has remained the same -- to establish a student operated station at FIU.

Until recently, the plan for the station, tentatively named WFIU, pending FCC approval, was to be a carrier current broadcasting system, which would not require FCC licensing nor have to broadcast beyond select buildings on BVC and Tamiami.

The Student Government Association Radio Subcommittee, chaired by Senator Ed Itturalde, began with a \$43,000 budget and some used radio equipment donated by WA1A, a Miami radio station.

After looking over the equipment. George Salinger, engineering student and restoration project coordinator for the station, decided that it would be possible, within the allotted budget, to redesign the system to broadcast on a more sophisticated level than the carrier current system, which has limited broadcast capacity.

"This can be a serious radio station," Salinger said. "The expensive part of communications is the technology, and we have free technology from the engineering departments. We just need to get the parts and build the system."

"We're shooting to have the station technically ready by the end of the semester," Itturalde said. "We'd like to have DJ tryouts this summer and then go big in the Fall."

Editorials



Who can run for SGA president?

Stan Butler

Sunblazer Editor

Spring time at FIU means it is time to elect our SGA president and vice-president.

This past Wednesday, Feb. 12, the SGA passed Senate Bill SPB3-2-86 that would make it possible for the president and vice-president to run on separate tickets. However, there are a few catches to running for either office.

Not just anybody can run for the president and vice-president's office. According to the rules of the game, only those students that have been involved with the SGA in the past can run for those offices.

This sounds as if they don't want any fresh blood at all in those positions. It is a good thing that our U.S. government doesn't work that way, otherwise we would be stuck with only representatives and senators to chose from for president and vice-president.

Why, we wouldn't even have dear old Ronnie for president if that were the case in choosing the U.S. president.

It does seem biased that not just any student can run for president and vice-president of the SGA.

The other exception for running for those offices is that if there are more than two tickets (president and vice-president on one ballot), then any independent candidate (those running without running mates) has only 24 hours before the filing deadline (Feb. 21) to find a running mate and collect the necessary signatures to stay on the ballot.

Sound confusing, it gets worse. If only one ticket is listed then independents can stay on the ballot without fear of being eliminated due to this technicality.

This is obviously a political ploy to eliminate certain people from the ballot. If one one ticket exists and they don't like the candidates that are running independently, they can attempt to get another ticket to run and almost certainly eliminate the unfriendly competition.

Hopefully the senate will realize the idiocy of this bill and other requirements for president and vice-president and replace the current regulations with something more realistic for potential candidates.

Otherwise, it will leave a black eye on the SGA that may never go away.

Bill discourages individual tickets

Mark Smith

Sunblazer Contributor

Dear students,

Where were you last Wednesday afternoon (Feb. 12)? Perhaps you were in class, the cafeteria or even at home. But one thing is for sure, you weren't at the SGA senate meeting in UH 150, for had you been there Senate Bill SPB3-2-86 would never have passed.

Senate Bill SPB3-2-86, which was passed Wednesday, does the following:

1. The candidates for president and vice-president must run together on the same ticket, so that a vote for one will be a vote for both,

2. It prohibits individual students from running for president or vice-president, 3. The one exception is if only one ticket is running for president and vice-president, then an independent or independents will be allowed to run for these positions and the votes will be counted seperately. However, this does not come into effect until 24 hours

before the filing deadline.

The proponents of this bill claim that be electing a president and vicepresident on the ticket system, then SGA will become more effecient with less friction between the president and vice-president.

The opponents of this bill question whether we have the right to restrict the individual students freedom of choice for the sake of effeciency. Also, are not opposing viewpoints necessary for a healthy SGA?

Under the current election guidelines, individual students will be prohibited from seeking the office of president and or vice-president. Also, the individual student will not be able to vote separately for president and vice-president. If your two choices are not running on the same ticket then you will have to make a choice between the two.

I do not believe that it is right to sacrifice these democratic principles on the altar of efficiency.

There is, however, an alternative, a compromise, under which both sides can be satisfied. This would all candidates for president and vice-president to run together, campaign together, and be listed on the ballot together, for example: A1) President, and A2) Vice-President. This would let individuals to run for president and vice-president and allow students to vote for these candidates seperately.

Whether or not a ticket or independent is elected to the offices of president and vice-president should be the choice of the FIU student body and not the SGA Senate.

There have been many days in the past when the students of FIU could and should have been proud of their president and SGA, unfortunately, Wednesday was not one of them.

Mark Smith is an SGA Senator from the college of public affairs and administration.

BVC students removed from classroom by cop

Dear Editor,

It's mid-term again!!! The pressure is on and time is short. As we all know the indaequate facilities in the library at Bay Vista Campus makes it impossible to accomodate the volume of students on any one day. Group work often times require the use of a blackboard, it is therefore imperative that we are allowed the opportunity to use facilities that permit us to work for the betterment of our future.

It is a known fact that many universities make a reasonable attempt to facilitate students in this manner, for example -- the University of Miami and the University of Florida both have open classrooms for the convenience of study groups. Even on our Tamiami Campus every effort is made to accomodate students.

For the past two years, we have been using classrooms on the Bay Vista Campus without being harassed. The

public safety officers have seen us on several occasions and only ask that we turn off all lights when leaving. Female Officer Blair on two consecutive Saturdays ordered us out of classrooms claiming that these classrooms are not the library and on one occasion "detained" our books, resulting in us losing valuable study time to call and to wait on an officer at his/her convenience so that our books could be released.

We are asking for your immediate attention, as we feel this inconvenience will continue and our education and our future is at stake.

Thanks for your immediate attention.

An upset study group at Bay Vista Campus

Editor's note. The preceding letter is in violation of The Sunblazer letter policy. In the future, we can not run letters

without at least one name and phone number so that we can verify the accusations in the letter. However, this letter has already received attention from FIU administrators that also received copies of the letter.

AC 1 and AC 2 on the Bay Vista Campus are off limits after hours because of the potential for theft and vandalism to the buildings. AC1 and AC2, unlike the academic buildings on the Tamiami Campus, can not be sealed off to prevent theft and vandalism to occur in administrative offices. Thus, students are allowed in at all hours because they can only damage the classrooms, per se, and little else on Tamiami.

BVC administrators plan to offer the use of the trailers on BVC for potential study groups. At the moment, I am unsure as to when the policy will go in to effect, so all interested groups need to contact Rosebud Foster's, BVC vice-provost, office for further details.

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ALCOHOL

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21 years of age be housed in events end. separate areas of the housing com- While the proposed policy or above. That provision has since and student organizations from ser-

will be conducted, but not without hibiting" the groups from serving previously notifying the resident alcohol during these times. students," Blucker said. "Campus Blucker said that most of the pro- or drug abuse," he said. police will monitor the common posed regulation of the sale and congrounds of the housing complexes to sumption of alcohol during social still needs some revision, and she make sure that students are not events is already part of the Univer- plans to meet with the University's violating the rules."

alcoholic beverages during social ship and advertising of events is to FIU's Executive Committee.

from the Student UnionDirectorfive dent of Student Government working days prior to the scheduled Association. event, and non-profit student by Gema Hernandez, coordinator of organizations would not be permit- off-campus distributors to sponsor special projects, according to ted to sell alcoholic beverages to events where alcoholic beverages An earlier draft, dated Nov. 1985, would also have to stop serving they also sponsor events where recommended that residents under alcohol at least one hour before alcohol is not served. Also, adver-

plexes than residents 21 years of age "discourages" fraternities, sororities been deleted from the proposed ving alcohol during rush periods or while recruiting new members, the student organizations seeking spon-"If it is necessary, room checks Nov. 1985 draft suggested "pro-

sity's alcohol policy.

The proposed policy would require However, the proposed policy's discuss the legality of certain provistudent organizations serving regulation of distributor sponsor- sions before submitting a final draft

events to obtain proper permission new, said Jorge Dominicis, presi-

The proposed policy would allow raise funds. Student organizations are served, on the condition that tisements for social events could not distributors' sponsorship.

Dominicis said he feels these proposed rules might pose problems for sorship of events.

"I don't believe that this university has any problems with alcohol

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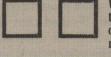
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PSS,TKE Celebrate Greek life

Carolyn Salata

Sunblazer Staff Writer

We finish our three week series on the Greeks at FIU this week by looking inside Sigma Phi and Tau Kappa Epsilon (better known as TKE).

Although Sigma Phi is a new fraternity on campus, they have already been involved in several social functions. Their activities include tailgate parties, a Halloween party, participation in SGA theme weeks, as well as working at Alcohol Awareness Day.

Sigma Phi's have set a couple of goals for themselves for the future:

"Our Number One goal is to seek afiliation to Sigma Phi Epsilon," explains Julio A. Martinez, President. Sandy Curtis adds, "We want unity and leadership development as well as brotherly love."

Sigma Phi's fraternal principles include virtue, diligence and brotherly love. As this fraternity is just beginning there has been no formal pledging.

There are many reasons why one would want to start a new fraternity rather than join an old

"I didn't want to go through the problem of pledging," states Jeff Ituralde candidly. Tim Benjamin adds, "[This way] we will all be founding fathers."

As in any fraternity there is a certain amount of effect on the brother's lives. "[Sigma Phi is responsible for] the building of new friendships, more parties and more socializing. It has, however, given me less time to study," explains Ituralde.

"We learn from each other. It's being able to get together with the guys and have a good time,"



photo by Mike Saenz

GREEK PARTY

Frat brothers frolic in fountain during Greek Festival.

believes Curtis. There is a special bond between the brothers of Sigma Phi despite the organization's young age. Benjamin states, "we are just like a family." Chris Inman adds, "if you need something, you know your brothers are there.'

The main goal of Tau Kappa Epsilon is to "gain national status and get a charter," explains Peter Koltis, President. The other goal is to "promote friendship and brotherhood," adds Paul Simm, secretary.

The basic principles of TKE are love, charity and esteem. Not only do the TKE's study, they also make time for social activities.

This frat throws at least two or three parties a semester, a football tournament, rush parties, trips to the Broward County Fair and excursions to Six Flags Atlantis. As for community service, the TKE's have visited a nursing home to sing Christmas carols, working with the Special Olympics, Health Fair, and Alcohol Awareness Day.

"Pledging involves setting goals and accomplishing them. That's all we ask of our associate members," explains Simm.

How has TKE affected the brothers' lives? "It has given me

organizational qualities, the chance to meet new people and become involved in things other than academics," explains Koltis. "The bond I have with my brothers is possibly stronger than a fraternal bond as we have had to struggle for our membership and charter," Koltis adds.

The Greeks believe there are many reasons to join fraternities and sororities; if it's not for the friendship, it's for the sense of belonging. The frats and sororities will always be a part of university life, and they also provide something in return.

"Fraternities and sororities bring out more spirit and participation in the university. There is more pride and dedication in the student body," explains Ana Garcia, Phi Sigma Sigma. "It brings more national attention, especially with national fraternities and soroities on campus," adds Julio Martinez, Sigma Phi.

One thing all Greeks are in agreement that more organizations are needed on campus. "A strong Greek system is more attractive to perspective students," states Eddie Miranda, AGO.

Whether you like it or not, the Greeks are here to stay. Get to know them, maybe you'll even like them.

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Cycling safety

Debi Fischer

Sunblazer Columnist

In last week's column, "Cyclbenefits of bicycling were deal more with the safety aspects.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission notes that in 1982, 573,662 bicycle related injuries required trips to the emergency rooms nationwide. In addition, 75 percent of all cycling deaths are the result of brain injuries.

"Only 17 percent of the total accidents are due to car-bike run-ins. More commonly, cyclists' failure to follow everying for Success," the aerobic day traffic rules and falling from bikes account for the refeatured. This week I'd like to mainder," according to John Forrester, author of "Effective Cycling.'

What can you do to protect yourself on those mean city streets? First, and most important, wearing a bicycling helmet approved by either the American National Standards Association Institute or the Snell Foundation is probably the best protection against head injuries.

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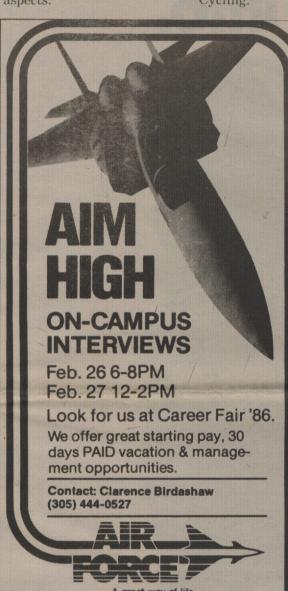
There are a few other accessories you might want to invest in before you (pardon the pun) hit the road. First (after a helmet), are biking gloves. They have padded palms and aid in minimizing scrapes in

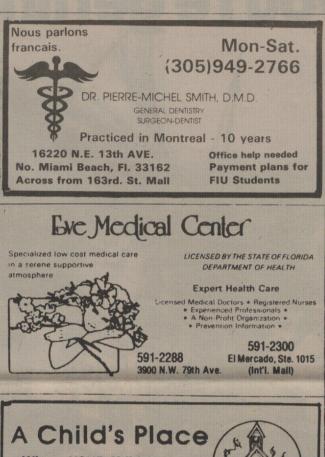
case you do fall off your bicycle. After a long ride, you will notice that the gloves have kept your fingertips cool after gripping the handlebars in those tight corners.

Those skintight shorts cyclists wear are not just for showing off gorgeous thigh muscles (although they accomplish this quite well). Their purpose is very simple: preventing your legs from rubbing against the seat. The chamois crotch also adds comfort on long rides. Make sure that the shorts are flexible enough to ing shoe.

give you freedom of movement while peddling.

Speaking of peddling, as in all aerobic activities, foot gear is a very important aspect to consider. The problem in cycling, however, is that shoes made for this activity have cleats on the bottom that lock them into the pedals. Learning the trick of getting your feet out of the pedals is something you must master as a beginning cyclist. While you're figuring this out, wear some type of stiff soled shoes such as a tour-





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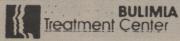
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Rich Walker coaches people, not players

Adrian Walker

Sunblazer Staff Writer

For Rich Walker, it was a night of stars. It came several months behind schedule, but no one cared: the Sunblazer Arena was finally ready to open. And as much as that special night meant to many in the university-- more students went to that inaugural game than saw the team all last season-- for Walker, in particular, it represented the culmination of five years of hopes and dreams.

When Rich Walker was named FIU's first basketball coach in June, 1981, the school had, aside from no gym, no players, not much of a budget, and two months after the normal recruiting season, not much time to round up players for a season that began in early November.

"When I came here we didn't have any players and we were looking at a very tough schedule. We played five Division I teams that year. I wasn't sure we'd win any games, but we went 11-15." He had adapted to his conditions. He has a long history of adapting.

Following an all-star high school

career at Inkster High in Michagan, he had been set to sign with Michigan State. Then he met Bowling Green coach Bill Fitch, now the coach of the NBA Houston Rockets. Fitch is known as a no-nonsense disciplinarian, which appealed to

I was very impressed with Coach Fitch. He gave me the discipline I needed. I think his record speaks for itself. A lot of pro ball players aren't used to the kind of discipline he provides and they're millionaires, so they resent it."

After rewriting the Bowling Green record book, Walker went on to brief stints with the ABA's Indiana Pacers and Virginia Squires. After his career ended he returned to his alma mater and began his coaching career. But he says he never consciously planned to be a coach.

"You know when I look back, I was coaching in high school. I had a little league team. Even when I was in junior high, I was always trying to help the coach out. I think this is what God intended me to do."

Walker's first head coaching job was at tiny Eatonville College in Illonois. "When I went there we had

no gym, no seniors and no juniors, just underclassmen. The first couple of years were rough. We won four games each of my first two years, then those young players matured and we improved to going about .500 my last two years."

'Nothing is really that bad. Nothing is that damn good, either.'

-- Rich Walker

When Walker was hired at Eatonville, the administration committed itself to building a gym within four years. That wasn't the way things worked out. "The President's son was going through the drama program, so they decided to take the gym money and build a theatre. That's when I decided to go look for a job."

FIU's fledgling athletic program was run at the time by Nancy Olson, who just happened to be a former Bowling Green schoolmate of Walker's. The rest isn't history yet,

but the last five years have met Walker's expectations.

"We're right where I thought we would be," he says. "It's important for people to realize they can't compare us to the guy across town. We're FIU. We have to go at our own rate."

Walker does not see his job as preparing players for lucrative pro careers. "What we stress to our players is striving to become a professional person, to take the professionalism they may learn in sports and learn to apply that to the real world.

"Even if you do play ball five or ten years, you'll have 30 or 40 years left to live. We want them to try to become professional people.'

And Walker says that he would like to coach at FIU for a long time. "I look at people like Ray Meyer (who coached at DePaul for 41 years) and I really admire that. And I think I could do that.

"The key is to keep things in perspective. If you look back over your life, nothing is really that bad. Nothing is that damn good, either. I've dodged a lot of bullets already. You just have to learn to take the highs with the lows."

Baseball team cruises through opening weekend

Kenny Walker

Sunblazer Staff Writer

The FIU baseball team opened up the 1986 campaign impressively, winning three out of four games in a season opening series last weekend against Georgia State.

The Sunblazers rode the hot hitting

of outfielder Ken Adderly, last season's Most Valuable Player, and several outstanding pitching performances. In last Sunday's finale, Adderly went a

perfect 5-for-5, including a two-run homer which was the Sunblazers' first of the season, in the 6-0 win.

Righthander Doug Ellis was the win-

ner, with relief help from Brett Mouchon.

FIU also got an outstanding pitching performance Saturday night from freshman Danny Wiseman. Wiseman was nicked for two runs in the third inning of the second game of the doubleheader but shut out the Panthers through the next five frames as the Sunblazers rebounded for a 6-2 win after a 9-8 loss in the opener of the twin

In the first game, the Sunblazers blew a seven run lead.

FIU opened the series and the season Feb. 6 with a 5-1 victory behind the pitching of Albert Garcia and Ken Deal.



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Top scorer

The Sunblazers' Lynette Richardson becomes only the third player in state women's basketball history to top 2,000 career points. She did it Feb. 7.

Dave, Hugh & Jeff's Trivia Corner

- 1. Name the only NBA team whose nickname doesn't end in 's'.
- 2. What is the only NFL team with no logo on their helmets?
- 3. Which former U.S President played college football at Michigan?
- 4. What is the significance of Rusty McNealy to the FIU baseball program?
- 5. How many grand slam home runs did Sunblazer batters belt in March, 1983?
- 6. What is the "asterisk record" in the major league record book?

Ruth's record was set in a 154-game break Babe Ruth's record of 60. because it took him 162 games to in 1961 receives an asterisk next to it month. 6. Roger Maris' 61 home runs Oakland in 1983. 5. They hit six in one the major leagues, playing with the only FIU player to have made it to Browns. 3. Gerald Ford. 4. McNealy is 1. The Utah Jazz. 2. The Cleveland

ALL MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY:

The budget process of the Student Government Association is now beginning. We are planning the 1986-1987 budget.

All meetings are open to the general public and the two (2) Budget Hearings scheduled March 19 and March 21 are for listening to all requests. All requests should be ubmitted to the SGA Comptroller, UH 318 typed and itemized.

DEADLINE FOR CLUBS SUBMITTING REQUESTS IS FEBRUARY 28,1986 and DEADLINE FOR ALL OTHER REQUESTS IS MARCH 5, 1986.

MEETING DATES:

Friday, MARCH 7...Tamiami, Room UH 210 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Organizational Meet-

Wednesday, MARCH 19...Tamiami, Room UH 210, 10:00 a.m.- 3 p.m., Budget

Friday, MARCH 21,... Bay Vista, Room SC 245, 9:00 - 12:00 noon, Budget Hearings Friday, MARCH 21,...Bay Vista, Room SC 245, 1:30 p.m.- 5 p.m., Budget Writing.

Thank You. SGA COMPTROLLER

