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# **Task Force** calls for tuition increase

#### **Theresa Willingham**

#### Sunblazer Staff Writer

A preliminary report from the Board of Regents Tuition and Fees Task Force recommends a five-year plan to increase the student share of the cost of instruction from the current 22.7 percent to 25 percent.

The plan calls for eliminating reduced summer tuition, increasing lower division tuition to equal upper division. tuition, creating a simple undergraduate matriculation fee 5.5 percent above the current level and increasing state provisions for financial aid.

In September 1985, the Tuition and Fees Task Force was directed by Chancellor Charles Reed to:

\*Recommend a state policy which will provide for reasonable sharing of costs of higher education by the student, the general taxpayer and the private sector.

• Develop a five year plan beginning m 1987-88 for tuition increases to ensure fiscal responsibility and stability and to enable students to anticipate any increases that will occur.

FIU Student Regent Giovanna Welch, who served on the Task Force, explained the reasons for the changes.

"The State University System in Florida is below the southeast region average in terms of tuition," Welch said. "While as a state system our focus is to provide quality education at a reasonable cost, our hope is that we can provide a higher quality of education, through tuition or state legislation."

According to Ron Arrowsmith, vice president of administrative affairs, there are advantages to the gradual tuition increase.

# **Guns**: **Should they** be in the classroom?

#### by Michael Kaiser

#### Sunblazer Contributor

The Faculty Senate overwhelmingly approved a resolution urging the Florida Legislature to kill a bill that allows the faculty and students at state universities to carry concealed weapons on campus. The resolution passed by a 36 to 1 margin at the Feb. 18 meeting.

The bill, which preempts all local concealed weapon legislation, would allow anyone over 21 with no criminal record or history of mental illness to be issued a gun permit.

While the bill bans concealed weapons on universities and colleges, the bill allows permit holders who are registered students or faculty to carry weapons on their respective campuses. It also prohibits concealed weapons in courtrooms, legislative sessions and bars.

Passed in the House and Senate in June, the bill was vetoed by Gov. Bob Graham, who said he did not want to weaken individual counties' stricter gun control laws.

Criminal Justice Professor William Wilbanks, spokesman for Dade Citizens for Home Rule on Handguns, introduced the resolution to the Faculty Senate to urge the legisature to kill the bill.

"It is interesting to note that the legislature does not want handguns present where they meet, but they do not appear to have a similar concern for college students and faculty," Wilbanks said.

it would make law enforcement a lot simpler." he said.

Harvey Gunson, chief of campus security, said he is concerned about the possibility of concealed weapons permitted on campus and is contacting other campus security chiefs in the state university system to warn them about the Bill.

"We have a lot of altercations, fights, disputes and enraged students. Giving them the means to inflict bodily harm is a serious mistake," Gunson said.

Gunson said he questions the judgement of the average citizen who is not prepared to make the quick decision whether or not to use a gun in a dangerous confrontation. He said that even trained police sometimes make poor judgements in situations involving guns.

"Noone like to raise costs," Arrowsmith said, "but the major thing we are trying to do is keep the legislature from making more drastic changes that students cannot prepare for."

The Task force suggested in the report that the University implement laboratory fees, which should "be approved for scientific laboratory courses only and should not be used to supplant current resources." Th report further emphasized, "The Task Force does NOT intend that laboratory fees should be charged for every laboratory course; merely because a course is a laboratory is insufficient reason for an additional fee."

The Task Force also recommended the elimination of reduced summer term tuition. According to Welch, the lower summer rates were intended as a promotional device to increase sum-

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The resolution calls for the senate, president and provost to organize a concerted action against the bill with the help of their counterpart at other state universities.

Sen. Jack Gordon, who is also director of the Institute for Public Policy and Citizenship Studies at FIU, was one of the seven senators to vote against the bill in June.

Gordon said he feels that the bill is a convenience for the National Rifle Association, which would prefer centralization of control of gun laws so that lobbying efforts would need to be directed only in one area.

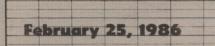
"There is no particular evidence that carrying a gun will protect you from violence," Gordon said.

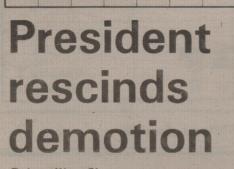
Gordon said that the best way to lessen crime and violence is to reduce, not increase, the number of handguns on the street. "It would make for less exciting scripts on 'Miami Vice,' but

Rep. Arnhilda Gonzalez-Quevedo, who is assistant vice president of academic affairs, voted in favor of the Bill in June. Quevedo said she feels the Bill will standardize licensing procedures statewide.

Associate Professor of business law Doria Yeaman, who was the only faculty senator to vote against the resolution, said she felt the Faculty Senate was not given enough time to rationally deliberate on the resolution. She said the resolution was not itemized on the agenda, faculty senators were not provided with a copy of the Bill and the resolution was brought up during the final minutes of the meeting.

"It (the right to bear arms) is a Constitutional heritage, and I am not willing to give it up on three seconds notice," she said.





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In the continuing soap opera of FIU politics, President Gregory Wolfe rescinded his Feb. 13 decision to relieve Vice President for University Relations Renee Betancourt of her responsibility for the school's news bureau.

According to Betancourt's lawyer, A. J. Barranco Jr., Wolfe and Betancourt "shook hands and made up" early last week.

"I think the president made his decision in a fit of anger," Barranco said. "He had a momentary lapse of judgement. Later he calmed down."

Wolfe, who informed Betancourt of the decision just minutes before the release of a controversial and highly critical affirmative action report she helped to write, was encouraged to reconsider the demotion by Chancellor Charles Reed.

"The chancellor encouraged President Wolfe to do something conciliatory," said Board of Regents spokesman Pat Riordan. Riordan said the Reed did not expressly order the move rescinded. Reed, who is out of the



**Renee Betancourt** 

country on a cruise, was not available for comment.

Reed has requested that Wolfe make no further major personnel changes during his remaining time at FIU without the chancellor's prior approval.

Riordan, who said that such a request is extremely unusual, said, "The chancellor hoped the situation could be resolved in an amicable way so that President Wolfe can continue to lead FIU."

Barranco said that Betancourt was prepared to sue the University and Wolfe personally had it been necessary.

"If you have the law on your side, you pound away at the judge," Barranco said. "If you have the facts on your side, you pound away at the jury. If you don't have anything on your side, you pound away at the table.

"I was pounding away at everything," he said.

## Foundation purchases Tamiami dorm complex, saves FIU \$20 million

The FIU Foundation has exercised an option to buy the Tamiami Campus student housing complex at the end of five years, saving the University nearly \$20 million over the life of the leases.

Had the Foundation exercised the option, under the existing agreement with Worsham Brothers of Florida, Inc., the developers of the housing, the University would have had to pay nearly \$40 million over a 40-year period. Because of the option, the Foundation will have to pay just over \$20 million over a 21-year period.

The Foundation paid \$750,000 for the option, which was supported by a consortium of six local banks, and will own the housing units after five years

Already, \$100,000 has been donated to the Foundation to be used against the cost of the option. Additional donations are being solicited to pay off the banks as soon as possible.

Ron Arrowsmith, vice president for administrative affairs, said, "Being able to exercise this option has been very beneficial to the students and the University.

"It will allow us to own and operate the housing without any outside influence, and will save the students roughly \$19.5 million over the life of the leases and will allow us to ubild additional housing as the student enrollmant increases without having to get permission from the private developer as would have been required under the original contract."

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Dave Surbrook, vice president for development and alumni affairs, said, "The FIU Foundation has taken a very courageous step in accepting the responsibility for this funding. In spite of the fact that the Foundation is critically short of the funds needed to address the many requirements of the University not funded by the state, the Board of Trustees has recognized the value of this project to the continued growth of FIU."

He said that the trustees are currently soliciting funds to offset these special costs and would greatly appreciate donations. A donation of \$200,000 or more will result in the naming of a dormitory for the donor or their designee, providing perpetual recognition for community support.

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mer enrollment. However, enrollment has not increased sufficiently to warrant a continued reduced rate.

"Reduced summer fees causes Fall and Spring students to supplement Summer students," Welch said. "Equalizing tuition should decrease the impact on Spring and Fall students.'

Additionally, the Task Force recommended establishing single undergraduate, graduate and out-ofstate matriculation fees. In order to establish the single fee, upper division tuition will be held constant until lower division tuition is raised to meet

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Welch said that by 1987 lower division tuition should equal upper division tuition, at which time both will be increased at the rate of 15 percent per year until they comprise 25 percent of the cost of instruction.

The report projected that tuition should reach the point at which it will comprise 25 percent of the cost by Fall 1990.

Along with increasing tuition, the Task Force recommended an increase in state financial aid provisions. According to the report, the Florida State University System ranks far below average nationwide state financial aid appropriations and is "inadequate to meet the needs of students."

To increase aid, the Task Force recommended that the state provide \$2.5 million to meet federal matching requirements. Noting that there is "considerable variation" among state universities' appropriations of miscellaneous financial aid funds, the Task Force suggested that each university president review the use of discretionary funds in his/her university.

According to report statistics, FIU ranks lowest among the nine state universities in financial aid funding affect enrollment.

through discretionary funds. FIU uses 7.17 of discretionary funds for financial aid.

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To increase the revenue available for financial aid, Arrowsmith said tha MU Foundation plans to have major fund raising drives next year.

The Task Force also recommended that senior citizens be assessed \$20 per course on a space available basis and for an increase in medical school tuition, which currently lags 15 percent behind the national average for medical school tuition.

Neither Welch nor Arrowsmith said they believe the tuition increase will

## Bay Vista to be site of conference center

Tim Joy

#### Sunblazer Contributor

The next time you are on the patio of the Student Center on the Bay Vista Campus, take a good look at the area surrounding the bay. The State Department of Natural Resources and FIU are in the process of developing all that land.

You see those pavillions across the bay? That is the beginning of the Oleta River State Recreation Area," said Vice Provost Rosebud Foster, pointing out of her Trade Center office window.

'Right here, across from this dock (behind the library), they are going to build rental cottages to be used by park participants and by participants of the International Conference Center Complex," Foster said. "And just south of the cleared land behind the swimming pool will be a 250-room hotel and conference center.

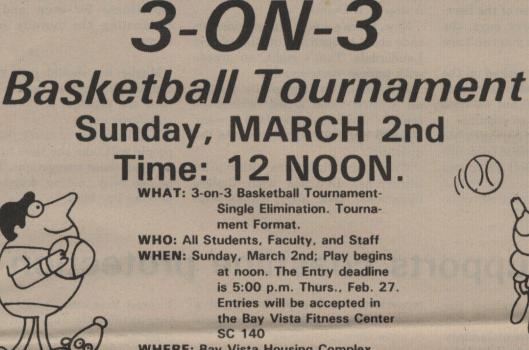
The International Conference Center was drawn on the master plan for BVC in 1977, but lack of funds postponed the project. Foster said the conference center became less of a priority over the years as funds continued to decrease.

Finally, by Fall 1986, ground for the conference center and adjacent hotel is expected to be broken by a committed contracter, Foster said.

The company to construct the complex will develop, finance and manage the center, while FIU will have first priority to use the center and will eventually share the income. FIU will also hold the lease on the 25-acre bayfront site, Foster said.

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## Wolfe's move ill-timed

**Stan Butler** 

**Sunblazer Editor** 

In the past week, FIU has had another internal decision turned into a public mess.

President Gregory Wolfe had planned to remove several of the duties of Renee Betancourt, vicepresident for university relations, to allow for better communication between her office and his.

However, the timing of the decision was very poor. Wolfe has said the decision was made well in advance of the scheduled release date of the Commission on Minority Participation report.

Thirty minutes before the release of the report to Board of Regents Chancellor Charles Reed and the media, Bet mourt received the letter informing her of the emoval of her duties.

It appeared that Betancourt was being held accountable for her work on the Commission.

After several days time and much bad publicity, Wolfe rescinded his decision in a one sentence letter to Betancourt.

According to Wolfe, everything is back to the way things were before the decision.

However, Reed has since asked that Wolfe not make any major personnel changes before he leaves in the fall.

A few weeks ago the Miami Herald stated in an editorial that "...Wolfe had comported himself during his seven-year tenure: with grace, dignity, and class." I had also written in a Jan. 28 issue that Wolfe had served FIU well in running FIU during some very tough times.

# **R** Donuts has more than tarts

Valerie Greenberg

#### Sunblazer Managing Editor

Editorials

Enough is enough.

This has gone too far. A few months ago, a new type of doughnut shop opened in Broward County. You know the one, R Donuts, where you get more than a mouthful... of doughnuts and coffee.

Well, word sure spread quickly about the doughnut joint with the topless waitresses.

First, it was the natives who found amusement in driving past the place, hoping to catch a glimpse of the barechested employees. (Sorry guys, the windows are covered so you can't see in.)

Then the wire sevices picked up the story, and the entire nation learned of the flesh-flashing doughnut servers. Doughnuts were never so popular.

Even David Letterman during his recent visit to Miami planned to cruise the doughnut heaven. Both Dave and NBC folks talked to the shop's manager, trying to set a time when the



"Late Night" crew could bring their lights and cameras to film the doughnut action. Too bad though, Dave just couldn't seem to juggle (not jiggle) his busy schedule to squeeze in a stop at R Donuts.

Now, there's a new type of video arcade about to open just outside of Fort Lauderdale. That's right, an arcade with topless waitressess.

Just what Fort Lauderdale needs -an X-rated video arcade where the female change attendants wear nothing but their aprons to hold the quarters.

What's next? Libraries with topless librarians? Dentists with topless hygienists? How about banks with topless tellers?

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I wouldn't care so much if toplessness was as amusing to women as it is to men. You see, a topless woman in public is a rare sight and therefore is exciting to men. But a topless man is just no big deal.

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Toplessness is fun for men only.

So what can we do to even up the score?

Well, we could ban public toplessness for both men and women, making it just as thrilling to grab a peek at both sexes half-clothed.

Or, we could permit public toplessness for men and women, eliminating the novelty of topless women.

Maybe we should just get rid of clothes all together, and we'd never have the problem of clothing double standards again.

Unfortunately, I don't think many people will take the time to seriously consider these suggestions. They'll all be too busy...eating doughnuts and playing Pac-Man

## **FPIRG** supports coastline protection

I would have never realized the depth of attachment I have for hot winter days if I had not spent January in New York. Fortunately, I had the opportunity to readjust my spatial existence. Unfortunately, if foresight is not practiced, Floridians may not have the chance to reconcile a taken for granted situation.

Floridians will not realize how attached they are to their beautiful coastline until an inch of crude oil slithers up on the beaches. I'm sure droves of outstanding citizens will run out to the coast in their L.L. Bean high waders and wipe oil from the feathers of our friends, but the major damage will have already been done.

This damage includes not only the devasting effects to the sensitive ecosystem, but the production of a mass feeling of anomie. Poor Uncle government would work together to protect our beautiful shores. What went wrong? He did, because he left important citizen decisions in the hands of corporate personnel. Corporate personnel who have bank rolls large enough to influence the government, and delude the general public!

Daily, oil companies continue to rape our shores as government officials are pressured to lease larger and larger lots of off-shore waters. What is to be done?

Large lots of constituent mail is one of the most influential ways to affect congressional action. During the week of Feb. 24 -- 28, FPIRG (Florida Public Interest Research Group) will be setting up tables to stage a letter writing campaign to Senator Paula Hawkins? Hawkins has introduced a bill into the national legislature that would permanently delete from future lease sales the are FPIRG has been working to protect.

Do you want to be another Sam? Instead, show Hawkins how much you support her action! Volunteers will be needed to help coordinate this campaign. If you are interested in the protection of our coastline, please contact your FPIRG campus coordinator in the Bay Vista SGA office.

**Leslie Miller BVC FPIRG coordinator** 

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It appears that not only has The Herald and The Sunblazer been had, but also FIU.

## Corrections

In the Feb. 11 issue it was incorrectly stated that Joaguin Carrasco is the Debate Team coach. Laura Able is the Debate Team Coach.

In the Feb. 18 issue the headline about Greek life was incorrect. The story was about Sigma Phi and TKE, not PSS and TKE.

In the Feb. 18 issue Ed Iturralde's name was misspelled.

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# **Apathetic SGA sets bad example**

**MOMS** 

I have often heard it said that FIU students are apathetic. I would like to ask why. I strongly believe that FIU students are not suffering from apathy, but are suffering from a lack of leadership and representation.

February 25, 1986

As a student who has attended more than 90 percent of the SGA meetings since last September, I have listened to many people state thate senators and all the members of the SGA are the leaders of FIU. What is a leader?

I recently attended a meeting when a senator asked for a secret ballot vote on one of the most controversial issues to come before the Senate. Is a leader somebody who wants to hide himself from the public on controversial issues?

Recently, SGA President Jorge Dominicis claimed that the SGA brought completely student-organized blood drives to FIU. True, and they are excellent projects, but in the three blood drives held thus far there have not been more than six members of the SGA involved in the projects. Don't leaders support the projects they begin? Aren't these leaders the apathetic ones?

On Feb. 4, a student government committee held a meeting. There were only two of the six members present. both members of the Greek system on the Tamiami Campus. There were also two guests present, both Greeks, who were given a vote. The guests were given a vote even though guests cannot vote and no vote may be held without at least four of the six committee members present. Discussion was held as to the fact that "the UH

building should only be used for Greek organizations." The UH is a building which receives a large amount of its financing from student fees and state money. Doesn't this mean the building can be used by all organizations, all clubs, and even more importantly, all students? This is not the way the student body should be represented. Leaders should be able to recognize when there is a conflict of interest with a committee chairman, such as in this case. Leaders should insure proper representation, proper procedures in conducting a meeting, and that the discussions are not unconstitutional according to the state of Florida's laws as well as school laws.

I am one student who does not feel represented in the SGA. For the most part, the people who are supposed to be

leading and representing the students of FIU are not doing their jobs. It is time for the students of FIU to unite and speak out against what is going on. It is time for the students of FIU to show that they are not apathetic and that they care about their school. Let the members of the SGA know you feel and what you want. Even more importantly though, April 8 and 9 is the chance for all students to express their approval or disapproval with their "representatives." These will be your days to show that FIU students are not apathetic and they will not put up with SGA members who are not leaders and who do not truly represent the people who put them into office.

**Howard C. Swerdloff** Student

## Senators need to know student sentiments

#### Dear Students,

A very important issue has arisen within your student government and I am calling on each and every one of you to voice your opinion now. I am concerned that your sentiments are not being expressed and that communication is not as it should be between senators and the students they represent. I know from experience that I can only fight for my views and what I think is best for the students because I am only left to assume that the students agree with me. I could be wrong, we could all be wrong. But we, as a Senate, can only represent your

views if you tell us what they are, otherwise it is up to our discretion.

A new bill concerning elections is in heated debate within the Senate. I know what my position is, but that is not worth anything unless the majority of you uphold that sitation which I am to present to you. Think about it, form your view and most importantly, care enough about your school to let your senators know what you want to happen.

The bill in question is an elections revision. Under the present system, the offices of president and vicepresident are grouped on a ticket and

are voted on as a pair. Votes cast by the students will be one vote for two individuals. No individual may run alone under the ticket system. This is the issue. Some senators are strongly behind this system while others are equally against. The future path that the SGA will follow is dependant on the decision over which of these systems will be used. Both lead in different directions with their respective advantages and disadvantages. First the Senate voted this bill down, then the following week it was passed. This is the time for you to decide. If you agree, you can help the bill stand, if

you don't agree you can help change it, but you must let us know now. I know that I want to support the right view for the students as do all the senators, and if that view differs from my own, then I will put mine aside if I hear from you that you want me to. I urge you to contact me or your respective senator. somehow let us know. You can leave a note in my mailbox in the third floor of the UH building or contact me personally. I will be more than happy to hear your point of view. Thank you.

**Rose M. Navarro** Senator for school of business

## Bill SP-B-3-2-86 a compromise between two sides

#### Dear Reader;

I would like to apologize for the distorted picture present to you in last week's issue concerning bill SP-B-3-2-86, the ticket system. I am sure it was not the intent of either the editor or my fellow senator to imply ignorance, on your part, of our system of government and society.

We should all be aware of the fact that our system was based on compromise; when we enter into society we compromise some of our beliefs, customs, etc. to form a "More perfect union". Bill SP-B-3-2-86 was exactly that a compromise between two sides who felt their convictions to be best for the students. Both sides were trying to do what was best under the present circumstances. We, as the SGA, including my dissenting fellow senator passed this compromise because we felt it was the only way to reach a decision which was crucial to SGA continuity. Granted that there are disadvantages to this

system but what system is totally without faults. We found the advantages totallly outweighed the disadvantages. Among these advantages would be the reduction of friction between the heads our SGA. It would allow for a more diligent and effiecent organization. We would follow more closely the pattern set by our nation's political traditions while still making provisions for our unique situations.

Such situations would be the event of no competition, which is not rare on our campus, and in the presence of some extenuating circumstances where an interested person is unable to find a running mate. The reason I say "extenuating" is that it would seem unlikely that an active student would not be able to meet the acquaintance of a qualified candidate.

associated with SGA in some form, such as to serve on committee. I can not see the irrationality of requiring some sort of experience specially when it concerns the head positions of an organization that carries a great deal of responsibility and plays a major role in administrative policies of our university.

Again I would like to apologize for the editor's lack of information and my fellow senator's over impulsive letter, as well intentioned as it may have been, which only presented a divided and undecisive SGA. We, the SGA, cannot expect you, the students to realize what SGA is all about and all that we have actually accomplished when your are continually presented with such distorted pictures of our organization.

Editor's note. It was stated in the Feb. 18 that "... only those students that have been involved with the SGA in the past can run for those offices." That does not specify that only senators can run for the president and vicepresident's office.

According to Jorge Dominicis, SGA president, any student involved in any organization recognized by the SGA can run for those offices. According to this letter only those people involved must "...merely be associated with SGA in some form, such as to serve on committee."

In response to the editor's statements concerning requirements for candidacy. I would like to first make a correction. A candidate does not have to neccesarily be a senator merely be

Lourdes Lopez Senator for the lower division

citner way, a permanent change to the SGA Constitution clarifying exactly who can run for the office of president and vice-president is in order. The current way of determining electoral status is subject to loose interpretation.

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#### Are you serious?

I love Miami. OK, maybe I don't LOVE Miami, but it's more my cup of tea than say, Secaucus. Anyhow.

About two weeks ago I dropped in to the Miami Marine Stadium to see Phil. Donahue. I was pretty excited. I wanted to be on national TV.

When I arrived, I was told the subject of discussion would be the bill, which proposes to make English the official language of the U.S.

What I saw and heard amazed me. People in the audience booed and hissed at one of the panel members, simply because she disagreed with the majority. She believed the bill was discriminatory and bigoted. Sitting amongst the people she was up against, I almost agreed.

About half way into the show, I realized that I no longer wanted to be on television. In fact, I didn't even want to be associated with that group of angry people in the audience. I went there expecting to have fun. I didn't.

One woman, who looked like they picked her up from a bowling alley, stood up and told Phil that she agreed that the national language should be English and went so far as to tell the entire country that she could not understand the woman who spoke before her due to her (not even heavy) Spanish accent.

Is this the way Miami is to be represented to the U.S.?

We should be a model to the rest of the country. We should be the one's saying, "we can all work together." We did not do a good job on live TV

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# Argentina: 'The Official Story' is in

February 25, 1986

Adrian Walker

#### Sunblazer Staff Writer

"The Official Story," a new Argentinian film directed by Luis Puenzo, is the story of a woman who chooses to risk her security and material comforts on a search for the truth.

Alicia (Norma Aleandro) and Roberto (Hector Alterio) are a wealthy couple who've adopted a daughter named Gaby. As her fifth birthday approaches, she begins to ask questions about her family. Alicia thinks she deserves some answers also--especially since she doesn't know where Gaby came from either.

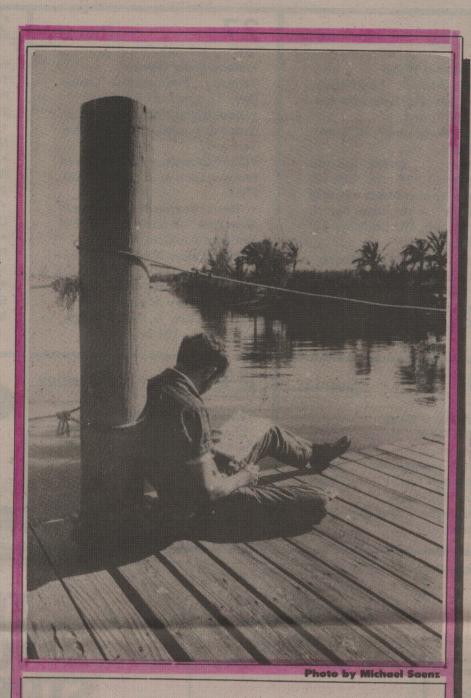
She doesn't want to believe the truth: that Gaby is the stolen daughter of one of the 20,000 political prisoners jailed during the seven years of military rule which lasted in Argentina from 1976-83.

Alicia doesn't want to believe that her government--the government Roberto has taught her to regard as the nation's salvation--has been guilty of kidnapping babies. Roberto doesn't understand why she can't leave well enough alone--why she would risk losing Gaby.

Norma Aleandro's performance won her the best actress award at the Cannes Film Festival, and her ommission from the list of Oscar nominees has caused a furor among critics (as well as it should have).

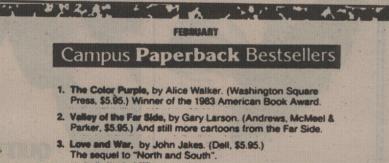
She is amazingly credible as a woman torn between self-interest and the demands of her conscience. All the cards are stacked against her (even her priest at confession tells her to drop the search), but as a mother she can't abide the idea that someone else's baby was just snatched away.

There is a political sub-plot in which Alicia's students insist that the version of history they are being taught is a lie, just as everything is unraveling before her eyes.



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# Diet tips for cyclists

#### Debi Fischer

Sunblazer Columnist

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In the two preceding articles, "Cycling Success" and "Cycling Safety," the aerobic and precautionary measures were featured. In this, the final part of this series, I'd like to explore the relationship between diet and cycling.

Perhaps you think the two are contradictory. After all, as previously stated cycling burns calories which is the long term goal.

True, but the cyclist, like other atheletes, should try and eat foods which maximize pedaling performance.

Think of it as an empty gas tank. After a long ride, you usually stop at the gas station and tank up or the gas gauge will register empty.

For today's high performance cars, high test is the best choice; for the cyclist, the best source of energy is carbohydrates.

The cyclist has to replace his decreased energy reserves with carbohydrates or he will experience fatigue and be unable to continue pedaling.

The best forms of carbohydrates are those which are high in starch content such as breads, pretzels, tortillias and cookies. Some others are natural sugars, such as raisins, apples, bananas and oranges.

Some cyclists drink fruit juices which can be bought ready to drink and can be stored easily.

Don't exclude peanut butter from your list of foods. Although considered a combination fat and protein source, it does provide the needed energy component for the body. Moderation is the key here. The same is true for granola and candy bars.

Also, don't forget to drink plenty of water. The American Dietetic Association estimates that "endurance atheletes such as cyclists may lose as much as six to eight pounds of water per hour through perspiration and respiration."

Due to the high temperatures we ex-

It's not badly done, but overt politics don't strike a deep chord in such an intensely personal movie.

The image the film leaves is not of protests or armies, but the memory of two people; people whose lives are defined and shattered by forces they can't control.

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perience in South Florida this point can't be stressed enough. Dehydration can occurr rapidly, so it's a good idea to bring along plenty of water for the ride.

Selecting concentrated sugars in the form of soft drinks is not a wise choice as this can lead to an insulin drop and cause a rapid decrease in blood sugar. The cyclist will then feel weak and dizzy which is dangerous and should be avoided.

Now that we've explored the different facets of cycling, you may feel inclined to go for a ride. Well, guess what? The Bicycle Club still needs seven more members to complete its initial membership goal.

Please contact me at 554-2297 (Student Union) and I will return all messages. If there's enough interest, we can form a Bay Vista Chapter.

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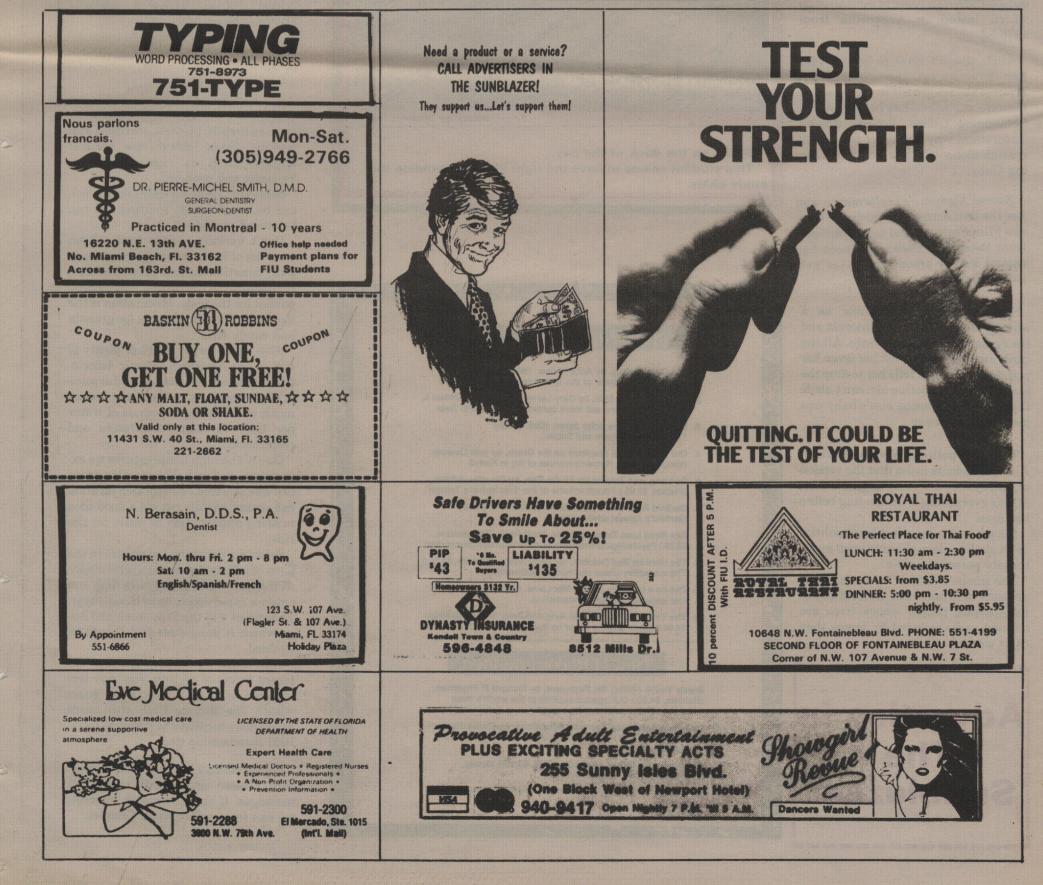
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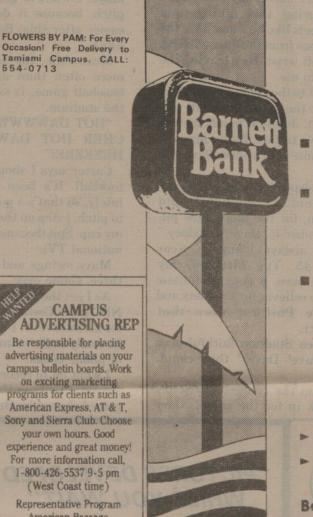
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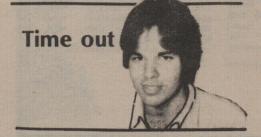
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# Sports

The Sunblazer

# It's like baseball, hot dogs, apple pie and...



#### **David Colodney**

#### **Sunblazer Sports Editor**

Last week, I turned 22 and I realized that my sports career was over.

Every year for the past 10 I kept telling myself this would be the year that I would take up some sport, seriously pursue it, and turn pro. I think it's too late. My dream of pitching the Mets into a World Series is kaput. If I had stuck with my resolve of 10 years ago, my calculations led me to believe that I would have won 24 games for the Mets last year and lead the league in earnedrun average. Instead, Dwight Gooden did that stuff. And he was only 20

I could have done it. Left-handed pitchers are always in demand. My dad taught me how to throw. I taught myself a forkball. I'm still looking for someone to teach me a curve. But I could get by without it. Tom Gorman doesn't have one. But

then again, his ERA was 5.60 last season.

Maybe Dave Johnson would use me in the bullpen. I could help out Jesse Orosco. That would be good. Exciting, too.

I can just picture it now ... Two out, bases loaded, ninth inn-

ing, Mets up by one. Ron Darling just doesn't have anymore. He's been laboring this inning, and Johnson feels like he's had it for the day. He rises from the dugout steps, taps his left wrist. He's leaving the game up to me.

I ride out to the mound in that golf cart with the giant baseball cap covering it. Johnson hands me the ball. I have to face Willie Mays.

"The game's all yours, Dave. Go get 'em.'

The loudspeaker makes the announcement: "Ladies and gentlemen, for the Mets, now pitching, number 45, David Colodney.

(I was always going to wear number 45. Tug McGraw, my childhood hero, a general lunatic and a fine reliever for the Mets and later the Phillies, wore that number).

The Shea Stadium faithful goes nuts. "Dave! Dave!" they chant. "Dave!"

I step on the rubber. Check my cup. Look in for the signal. Gary Carter calls for the curve.

I shake him off because I don't know how to throw one. He signals again. Fastball.

I check the baserunners. The pitch. Strike.

Carter signals again. Another fastball. Another strike.

No balls, two strikes on Willie Mays. I want to get Mays on this pitch, because it doesn't get any easier after this. Babe Ruth is on deck.

Meanwhile, the sound you hear more often than any other at a baseball game, is swirling around the stadium.

"HOT DAWWWWWWGS! GET-CHER HOT DAWWWWWWGS HEEEERE!'

Carter says I should go with the forkball. It's been breaking good lately, so that's a good choice. I set to pitch. I step on the rubber. Check my cup. Spit (because I know I'm on national TV).

Mays swings and misses. Strike three. Game over.

As I get the glad hand all around, NBC's Bob Costas is calling me over for an interview. I notice how short he really is. He's standing on a stack of phone books.

I went on to record 46 saves that season, breaking the major league record shared by Bruce Sutter and

Dan Quisenberry (they only had 45). I finished the season with a 1.44 ERA. I was voted MVP ...

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I'm sorry, I seem too have wandered off. I'll see ya next week. I gotta go break in my new glove ...

### 'Chief' on warpath

With two games left in the regular season, Hector Rodriguez needed just 13 more rebounds to set a record for most rebounds in a season. But the Chief is also shooting 54 per cent from the floor and has averaged 15.7 points over the last 13 games...The record-breaking season of Patrick McDonald continues. As of Feb. 13, he owns 15 school records including most points in a career (1,478), most career rebounds (848) and most field goals made (573)...Entering last Friday's game against Nova, the Sunblazers had won a school record six games in a row and 11 of the last 13. the only losses since Christmas have been a pair of two-point losses.



Photo by Mike Saenz

Hector Fernandez is waved around third and scores a run in the Sunblazers' blowout of Palm Beach Atlantic last week.

## **Duarte leads FIU over Seton**

## Jeff Brenner and David Colodney

February 25, 1986

#### **Sunblazer Staff Writers**

Eddie Duarte drove in the winning run in the bottom of the ninth inning Saturday night to cap a four-run rally and give the Sunblazers a 7-6 win over Seton Hall. The Sunblazers took two out of three from the Pirates in the series.

Seton Hall took a 4-1 lead in the seventh when the Pirates' Gerald Riggs greeted reliever Brett Moushon with a bases-loaded double. Moushon had been brought in after starter Danny Cook gave up an inning-opening double and two walks.

Cook had been sailing along with a four-hitter until the Pirate outburst in the seventh.

FIU took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first. Ken Adderley led off with an opening pitch triple against Seton Hall starter Dave Gagliano. Hector Fernandez then roped the next pitch for a double to drive in Adderley.

Seton Hall tied it up in the top of the third. With one out, Craig Biggio walked, went to second on Riggs' single, advanced to third on Dana Brown's in-2-1.

field single and came home on a John Sheppard ground out.

The Sunblazers lost the opening game of the set, 4-2, Friday night. Brown drove in the winning run. Vick Dipasquale added an insurance run for last year's Big East Conference Southern Division winners in the eighth.

Seton Hall had been crushed earlier in the day by St. Thomas, 11-5.

Ken Adderley scored on a wild pitch in the first as FIU took a quick lead. Andre Lambros drove in the second run on a fielder's choice.

FIU won last Monday's game against Seton Hall, 3-2, to up their record to 6-2.

Nelson Caraballo squeezed in Ernie Ojea with the winning run in the bottom of the eighth.

The Sunblazers were held hitless until the sixth when Fred Pineda led off with a single. They tied the score, 1-1, on a bases loaded walk to Sal Ferradas. A sacrifice fly by Eddie Duarte put FIU up, 2-1, in the seventh.

Kenny Deal earned the victory by pitching the final 2 1/3 innings to gain the victory and improve his record to 2-1.

# Write your own cheer FIU needs spirit at athletic events

#### Sunblazer Asst. Sports Editor

We have spirit yes we do, we've got spirit, why don't you?

I'm not talking about the people in the frats, sororities and the Bay Vista Contingent, who make the 30-mile pilgrammage from BVC to Tamiami to follow FIU sports. They have already proven that they have school spirit. I'm talking about the fans who do actually show up, but don't cheer. I'm also talking about the students, faculty and alumni, who don't even show up at all to FIU sporting events.

Let me begin by addressing the first group: people who have to change one thing, and that is cheering. It is well known that the crowd helps the players get motivated. So let's get them motivated. Stand up. Yell. Cheer them on. Wake up, at least.

Is it so difficult for you to use your lungs and vocal chords at the same time? It really doesn't hurt to show enthusiasm and to cheer some. If you had been at the weekend basketball home games, you could have seen me yelling my lungs out and stomping my feet. I do this because I want to give our players an extra boost. I admit I'm loud, but I wouldn't have to be if you would join in by making some noise and just showing that you are appreciative for what the team is doing. I know the frats and BVCC are with it. I know what some of you are thinking. Wait a minute, what kind of cheers do we (FIU) have? I know we don't have many, and that's why I propose a CONTEST.

It is a simple contest and anyone can enter. It is a cheer writing contest. Anyone interested should write a cheer or two and in a couple of weeks we will pick a few and print them and try to make them official Sunblazer cheers.

It's easy. It's fun, and it will give you the chance to maybe get your name in the paper. Nothing too fancy, just keep it simple. Deadline for entry is

### Commentary

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Wednesday, March 19. Winning entries will be printed in the March 25 issue of The Sunblazer. There is no cash incentive, just this. But it will give you the chance to show some interest in your school, and that should be incentive enough.

Send your ideas to Cheers, c/o The Sunblazer, SC 253, BVC, N. Miami, FL 33181. ATTN: Sports Dept. Or drop in to our offices at Tamiami UH 313 or BVC SC 253.

Another problem FIU has at sporting events is fan support, or should I say a lack of. Here at BVC, people get a whole group together and they have a convoy to Tamiami. It is a 40-minute drive, but they make it a point to be down there. I know many people live within 10-15 minutes of the campus and they don't even show up. If you go to a game, you can meet friends and have a good time that is cheap, as well as fun.

A way to maybe get more fans to the sporting events is to have two shuttles. A shuttle could run from Bay Vista to the sight of the sporting event. Also, why not have a tram running from the Tamiami dorms to the sporting event? It is a long walk from the dorms to the west campus where Sunblazer Field and the Sunblazer Arena are located. These ideas would more than likely improve fan support.

ADMINISTRATORS: What about promo nights? For example, FIU shirt night or bat day. Everyone who attends these games would receive a free gift. It is a proven fact that attendance is higher at these games than any other. Ask Ron Fraser. He built the UM baseball program this way.

Well, I hope I have put some spirit inyou. I'm a freshman and I'm psyched about FIU sports. I just hope that YOU can get as enthused as I\_am. Well, I've got spirit, yes I do, I've got spirit, I hope you catch it, too.

LETS GO SUNBLAZERS!

## Women's tennis team on roll

The FIU women's tennis team opened the season ranked third in the nation. Expectations were high and a tournament bid seemed assured, even though coach Mark Mason said the team's primary goal was "to finish the season above the .500 mark."

When play actuially began, things were tough right off. They dropped their first two matches, the second an 8-1 drubbing by Flagler College, the number one ranked team in the NAIA, Flagler's number one player, Adrienne Benoit, is ranked number one nationally. Since then, they have won three straight, defeating Florida Alantic, 6-3, Barry, 9-0 and Stetson, 5-4. In those three matches the numbers two- and three-seeded women, Giselle Marrou and Deanne Bell, won all their matches. The only woman player that hasn't lost a match is senior Cathy McManus. "She plays the ball, not the player,

and she keeps the ball in play,"Mason said.

The team has just returned from a road trip that included St. Leo College, Florida Southern, Rollins and Stetson.

### Men's, women's golf teams open

The men and woman's golf teams have just returned from competition this weekend. The women from Gainesville's Lady Gator Invitational, and the men from the Tallahassee Seminole Classic.

The women are ranked 17th according to the latest women's golf national computer rankings.

The compititon at Gainesville included last year's NCAA Division I champion Florida Gators, currently ranked second in the polls; the fourth-ranked LSU Tigers, the seventh-ranked SMU Mustangs, the ninth-ranked Miami Hurricanes and tenth-ranked **Bluedev**ils of Duke.

In attendence at the Seminole Classic included Division I powerhouses, Alabama, Auburn, Clemson, Maryland and Florida. Divison II teams to beat were Columbus College and last year's NAIA National Champion Huntingdon College.

Leading the women's team are Shelley Sanders, Anette Peitersen (honorable mention All-American last season) and Michelle Hutchins.

Leading the men's team is Randy Green whose 76.4 strokes per round was the best on the team in the fall.

# Sunblazers shoot for national championship

**Sports** 

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Sunblazer Sports Editor

They are a team that has won games by scores of 100-45, 109-35 and 98-29.

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They possess a 24-1 record, and are ranked second in the nation in NCAA Division II women's basketball.

And last Wednesday, the FIU women's basketball team received a bid to the NCAA post-season tournament, the culmination to a season that has brought them to within two points of a perfect record and gives them the chance to seek the national championship.

The Sunblazers were the first team extended a bid in their region. Up to four other teams may be added to round out the region's field. Other possibilities are Delta State, Valdosta State and Alabama A & M, FIU Coach Cindy Russo said.

The bid was a sweet one for Russo, who saw her 22-6 team passed over for a tournament bid last year.

"We felt robbed. I felt we had one of the best teams in the nation last year," she said.

Russo says there are a lot of reasons why the Sunblazers were passed up last season. But she would prefer not to talk much about it.

"It's mostly incompetencies and inadequacies at the NCAA level," she said. "The mentality of Division II."

Russo says that the bitterness that ended last season was put to some positive use. "It stayed in our hearts. It carried over to motivate us this year."

The Sunblazer ladies began this season with the goal of making the tournament field. But they lost one of their stars, Kim Pelligrini, to graduation and needed to find someone to step in.

"I knew we'd have a good season, but if you asked me if we'd have only one loss at this time, I would have said no," Russo said.

Still, the team's play hasn't surprised her. Lisa Vines took over Pelligrini's position, and is averaging 7.4 points and 4.9 rebounds per game.

"She's tremendously consistent. The backbone of the team," Russo said. Sharing time with Vines is junior Teresa Baker (13.4 points, 5.3 rebounds), the team's second leading scorer.

## Division II Women's Basketball Poll

1. Cal. Poly-Pomona (19-3) 2. FIU (21-1)

- 3. Cent. Connecticut St. (20-1)
- 4. Mankato State (20-2)
- 5. Mount St. Mary's (17-1)
- 6. Cent. Missouri St. (18-4)
- 7. Northern Kentucky (18-3)
- 8. Hampton (19-3) 9. Quinnipiac (18-2)
- 10.(tie) Phila.Textile (17-4)
- 10.SE Missouri State (19-4)
- 12.Delta State (16-2)
- 13.Cal. State-Nothridge (16-4)
- 14.Lake Superior State (18-4)
- 15.St. Augustine (21-4) 16.N. Dakota State (15-7)
- 17.Pace (16-6)
- 18.Alabama A & M (18-3)
- 19.UC Riverside (15-6)
- 20.Bellarmine (17-4)
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up. "It became a positive thing."

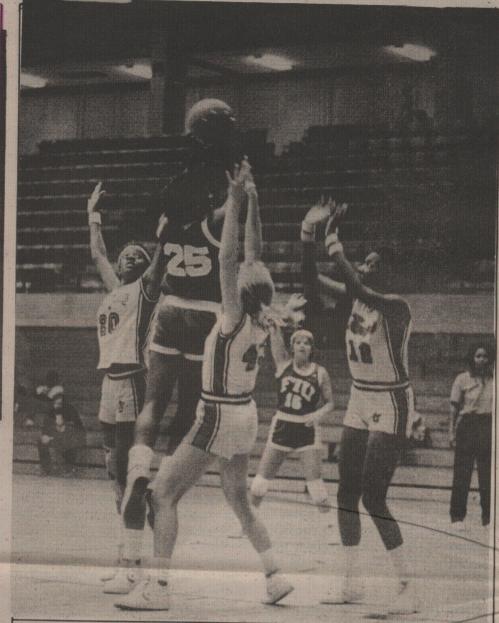
Positive it surely was. The ladies proceded to go on a tear, thrashing opponents by scores of 73-55 (Stonehill), 89-51 (St. Anselm), 100-45 (Malone) and 98-29 (Florida Memorial) in the games immediately following the loss. The list goes on.

Even though the lopsided scores may make it seem otherwise, there were some tough games along the way. Aside from the Slippery Rock defeat, Russo says the last game against Sacramento State was their toughest of the season. The Sunblazers had to come back from a 14-point deficit to finally win it at the buzzer.

"We had to play good ball," Russo said. "Actually, we've been playing good ball all year. Some teams don't play good ball, but still win. We've played well."

Playing exceptionally well is Lynette Richardson, the senior guard who not only is personalizing the FIU record books, but the Florida state records as well. She became only the third player in state women's basketball history to score 2,000 points. She accomplished that feat against Edward Waters College two weeks ago in the team's first game at the Sunblazer Arena.

The two-time All-American is now only 95 points away from the all-time women's basketball scoring record of 2,133 held by Barbara Green of Pembroke (NC) State College.



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Sunblazer file photo

Lynette Richardson (25) scores one of her 2,038 career points in leading FIU to the national championship tournament. The bid was received last Wednesday.

## The Road to the NCAA Tournament

Fri. Nov. 22-- Beat Wayne State, 86-49 Sat. Nov. 23-- Beat Florida Memorial\*, 93-50 Mon. Nov. 25-- Beat Davis and Elkins, 75-43 Tue. Dec. 3-- Beat Central Florida, 83-69 Sat. Dec. 7-- Beat Grambling, 91-75 Sun. Dec. 8-- Beat West Florida, 91-56 Thu. Dec. 12-- Beat Florida, 77-51 Thu. Dec. 19-- Beat Mercer, 71-46 Tue. Dec. 31 -- Beat Pace, 82-60 Thu. Jan. 2-- Beat Northern Colorado, 78-52 Sat. Jan. 4 -- Lost to Slippery Rock, 61-59 Mon. Jan. 6-- Beat Stonehill, 73-55 Wed. Jan. 8-- Beat St. Anselm, 89-51 Fri. Jan. 10-- Beat Malone, 100-45 Sat. Jan. 18-- Beat Florida Memorial, 98-29 Thu. Jan. 23-- Beat Edward Waters\*, 86-60 Fri. Jan. 24-- Beat Tuskegee\*\*, 84-52 Mon. Jan. 27-- Beat Mississippi\*\*, 77-54 Tue. Jan. 28-- Beat Flagler\*, 91-36 Wed. Jan. 29-- Beat Bethune Cookman\*, 88-68 Tue. Feb. 4-- Beat Florida Atlantic\*, 58-33 Fri. Feb. 7-- Beat Edward Waters, 86-60

"Nothing's a surprise. I'm pleased with the roles they've accepted and the toughness they've showed all year long.

"Everything's been well calculated," Russo said.

The team's lone loss was a 61-59 decision to Slippery Rock on Jan. 4. The loss snapped the Sunblazers' win streak at 10 games, but more importantly, gave the team a taste of defeat. It was a taste they didn't particularly like.

"We were becoming too complacent. It's tough to stay undefeated. Undefeated is a stigma. But it gave us a good lesson.

"We've learned a lot. We've learned that life isn't too easy. They didn't speak to each other for three days," she said.

That loss was like a "shot of adrenalin," and served to fire the team

And Richarson hadn't even been starting at one point in the season.

"We have a well balanced team. Talent isn't the only thing that is included in determining starters. She wasn't the ideal starter at that point," Russo said.

"She's starting now."

The next goal for the Sunblazers is to win the tournament, Russo said. "We set our goals game by game." And the loss is a plus.

"You hate to go into the nationals undefeated. If you have two or three losses, you can handle things better." The Sunblazers have made the national tournament three of the last five years. But, Russo said, it's tough to get noticed.

"We're not a Cinderella team."

Through games of Feb. 7. \*Denotes road game. \*\*Denotes games played at Florida State University.