

Iturralde and Curtis will battle in run-off

Adrian Walker

Sublazer Staff Writer

Edward (Flea) Iturralde led the pack of four presidential candidates in last week's Student Government Association elections and will face Sandy Curtis in a run-off April 15 and 16.

The size of Iturralde's lead came as a surprise to some who had viewed Curtis as a front-runner at the outset of the campaign.

Iturralde received 514 votes, 42.8 percent of the turnout, just 8 percent shy of a victory. Curtis received



Edward Iturralde

348 votes, accounting for 29 percent of the turnout.

Candidates Joel Montgomery and Shawn O'Toole received 15 percent and 13 percent of the votes respectively. The remaining .2 percent votes were for write-in candidates.

Iturralde said he expects his lead to carry through the run-off and attributes his success to his platform.

"For the run-off, I am going to do more of what I have been doing—going out and talking to the students," Iturralde said. "I grant the students more intelligence than just saying, 'Vote for me! I've got a pretty face.' I was the only candidate to run on a platform."

Curtis said he was disappointed in the low voter turnout.

"I was surprised at the turnout. Even though it was the biggest turnout in history, I thought more students would vote."

Curtis maintains that his experience as vice president will prove to be a deciding factor in the run-off.



Sandy Curtis

"Do they want someone who will make promises, or do they want a student with the insight to understand what affects students both inside the University and in the State University System," Curtis said.

"I think it is important for people to realize that Ed has never been elected to any position. As for his platform, he can start a

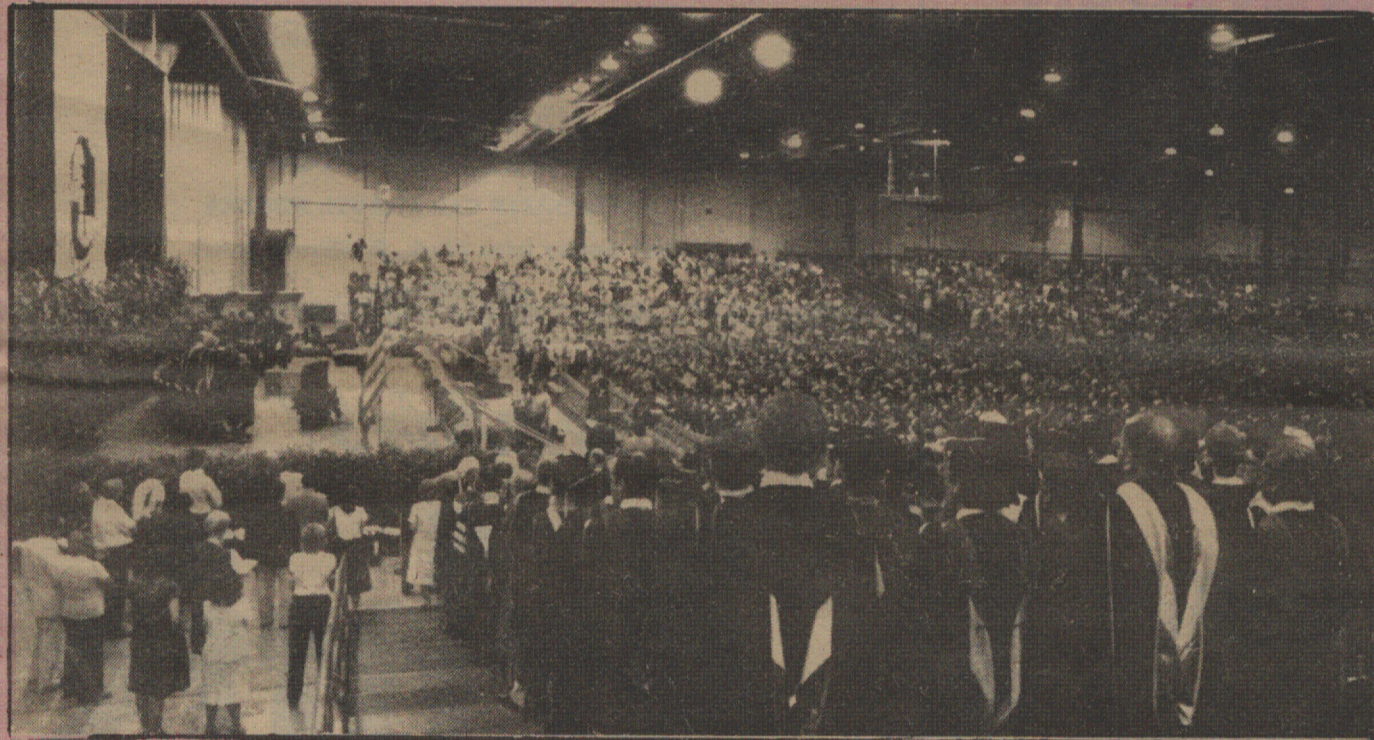
radio station as chairman of the Media and Services Committee," he said.

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The graduate

Caps and gowns will be the proper attire at the Miami Beach Convention Center for Florida International University's class of 1986 commencement exercises at 3 p.m., April 22.

FIU may be without a president in August

Wolfe leaving sooner than expected

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FIU President Gregory Wolfe has accepted a position at Cambridge University in England for the 1986-87 school year. His departure means that FIU may not have a president when the Fall 1986 semester begins in August.

A spokesman for State University System Chancellor Charles Reed Wolfe's earlier than expected departure is not necessarily cause for alarm.

"It is really premature to worry about it at this time," said Pat Riordan. "It's true that there may not be a president in place in the Fall, but there is no reason to think that we couldn't live with that."

Riordan said that the Board of Regents could choose to operate the University with an unofficial interim president until a permanent president is selected.

"You could do what you would do if, say, President Wolfe was ill. That is, instead of naming an interim president, you could simply designate an administrator to assume those duties until such a time as there was a new president," Riordan said. "President Wolfe would still have the title as president, though he would be in England, and everything would go as normal."

Wolfe will assume the post of senior associate of the Latin American Center at Cambridge in September.

Wolfe, who resigned from the FIU presidency in January after seven years at the helm, said he did not seek the position at Cambridge.

"After my resignation, I was invited to come to Cambridge by John Butterworth, the vice chancellor there,"

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Builder fails to file for exemption on BVC dorm property FIU pays for \$15,000 error

Dave Colodney

Sunblazer Sports Editor

The builder of the Bay Vista dormitory complex failed to file an exemption on property taxes for 1985, and FIU now owes \$15,000 in taxes.

Under the terms of the lease agreement between FIU and Canreal Properties of Plantation, FIU is required to pay for the \$15,000 error.

Ron Arrowsmith, vice president of administrative affairs, who could not be reached for comment, told the Miami Herald earlier this month that the University assumed that it was not necessary to file exemption because the dorms are on state-owned property.

"This project was built on state lands with tax-exempt bonding, all of which

makes it tax exempt. We were never notified that we had to file an exemption," Arrowsmith told the Miami Herald.

Arrowsmith said FIU received a tax bill in October, but the deadline for filing exemption had already passed.

Canrael spokesman Neal Mango said the company was not required to file exemption.

"There was nothing in the lease provision to file on behalf of FIU. FIU is responsible for all exemptions," Mango said.

Mango said that the exemption could not have been filed anyway because FIU was notified of the taxes after the deadline for filing an exemption had passed.

"Even if Canrael had wanted to, they couldn't have because of the filing

date," he said.

The tax exemption problem stems from a charge by State Comptroller Gerald Lewis in a letter to State University System Chancellor Charles Reed that FIU administrative errors cost Florida taxpayers \$15,000. Arrowsmith, however, told the Miami Herald that no tax dollars were used to pay for the error.

"No tax money whatsoever was involved in this," he said.

Conchy Bretos, Tamiami housing director, said that the foul-up was "university responsibility," but that it was an oversight that can be credited to the university's "lack of experience" in operating dormitories.

"We learned a lesson," she said.

FIU has filed the proper exemptions for 1986.

FIU offers classes for credit at Cambridge

Adrian Walker

Sunblazer Staff Writer

Want to beat the summer heat in Miami?

Florida International University is sponsoring a program for students to spend the summer at Cambridge University in England.

Three groups of 10 to 15 students will attend classes at Cambridge for FIU credit during July and August, as participants in the International Summer School in Britain program, which is in its sixth year.

Three faculty members will accompany the students and serve as tutors, said coordinator Ralph Clem.

"We are very proud of this program because academically it is very strong," Clem said. "The courses are first rate. Cambridge is one of the

world's preeminent universities."

Students will live in one of Cambridge's residential colleges, which Clem said are very different from American colleges.

"Each college is completely a separate entity, and they guard their independence jealously," he said.

Clem said the program provides more than academics.

"I like the idea that students get the total experience. They get the English cultural experience. They even have to get used to English food."

The professors, Janet Parker of the department of psychology, Brian Nelson of the department of political science and Virginia Gathercole of the department of English, will meet with students weekly and be available to help with special problems, Clem said.

Clem said the program has become popular at FIU.

"The total experience is that most people come away with a good feeling. We get a lot of repeat business."

The cost of the trip ranges from \$775 to \$1,250, excluding transportation, depending on the length of the stay at Cambridge.

The program is offered in three sessions: Term I runs from July 7 to August 1, Term II runs from August 3 to August 16 and a special English literature term runs from July 6 to July 26.

Interested students should contact Ralph Clem at 554-2071.

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Wolfe said.

Wolfe will be on sabbatical leave and will continue to earn his \$91,000 FIU yearly salary. He will not be paid by Cambridge.

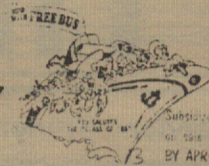
Wolfe said he plans to return to FIU in 1987 as a professor in the department of international relations.

Wolfe will not have teaching responsibilities at Cambridge and said he will spend the year writing.

"My duties will be those on which I decide," he said. "I'm going to spend the year thinking and writing. I'm planning to write about multinational project development, with a focus on latin american project development."

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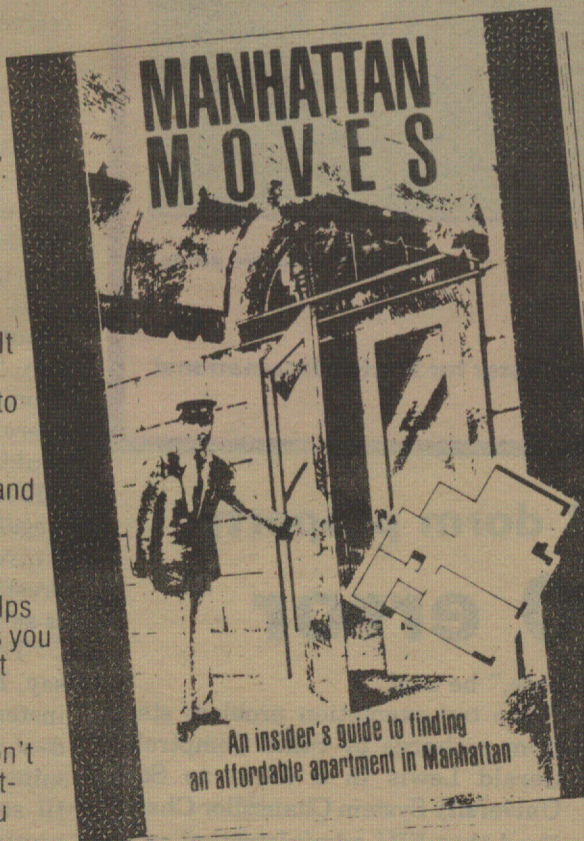
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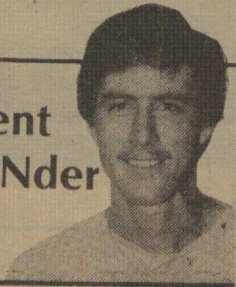
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Bits and pieces of 1985-86 year

Stan Butler

Sunblazer Editor

The school year is about to end for most of the students at FIU. Also, this is The Sunblazer's final issue until September. After putting out 27 issues we have decided to take a break over the summer.

However, there are still many unresolved problems at FIU that need to be looked at one last time before we take a break.

- The choice for a Student Government Association president is the most important decision student's can decide. The best candidate for the office is Edward Iturralde. He has run his campaign on a platform with ideas and solutions that will help FIU grow. He has not, like others, tried to ride coattails into office.

- The choice for a president of FIU is something only a few people can decide. The current president was under attack from just about everybody in the university. Hopefully, the Presidential Search Commission and the Board of Regents will not make a choice to please everybody, but will choose someone with the chutzpah to lead FIU into the future.

- The Bay Vista Campus needs some serious help if it is going to become an integral part of this university. Some major commitments are necessary to insure that FIU can operate a successful multi-campus system. What Bay Vista and FIU do not need is for a decision to be made and then have it turned around by petty factions in this university. The only way FIU can attract students from Broward County is to offer a significant course load at Bay Vista.

- An improved bus system is necessary for the multi-campus system to exist. The administration needs to do a survey of all potential riders, not just the current ones, and see how the system can be improved. If funding is a problem then maybe FIU should buy two buses and hire the drivers instead of leasing them year after year.

- With fund-raising such a problem, FIU needs to avoid stupid mistakes like a \$15,000 tax bill. Ron Arrowsmith, administrative vice-president apparently assumed instead of verified that the dormitories were tax exempt. When the bill came in October it was too late to file for exemption. Oh well, we all know what happens when we assume things.

FIU in shambles thanks to Reed

Adrian Walker

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The curtain is falling on a terrible year for FIU. This will not come as shocking news to anyone who has taken even a casual interest in the backstage moves that have reduced this university to rubble.

An affirmative action controversy has turned the administration and faculty inside out, bringing down the president and leaving the future of the administration sitting in limbo.

I believe that FIU does have an affirmative action problem. It really is difficult to believe that a handful of black, hispanic and female professors is all the university can attract. The problems FIU had last Fall are nothing compared to the problems FIU has now.

When the affirmative-action issue intensified last fall with the appointment of Paul Gallagher to the acting vice-president for academic affairs position, Charles B. Reed, chancellor of the state university system, decided that his own firm hand was needed to guide FIU through this storm.

At first it seemed to work: an affirmative-action panel ready to disband went back to work. It became obvious that Reed's method of taking the

heat off was to destroy the president's office.

First, the commission answered only to the chancellor, then major appointments could be made only through the chancellor, then "personnel moves" of any significance could be made only with the chancellor's approval. In effect, Reed became president of FIU.

This made Reed a hero to Wolfe's adversaries, which is the biggest comedy of all. If Reed is so committed to affirmative action, where are the commissions at the University of Florida, Florida State University and the University of Central Florida? If FIU's problems are so dire as to require an unprecedented amount of his direct attention, what about the universities in the system with a lesser affirmative-action record than FIU. Only one school in the system has a better record than FIU.

And don't think all this stops with Wolfe. His successor will inherit enough problems to last him to social security time.

The presidential search commission, barely two months old, is already coming under fire from all sides for being nothing more than a politically motivated charade. Privately, everyone is saying that the 24-member

commission is nothing more than a glorified tea party designed to placate everyone. The commission consists of deans, students, lawyers, a Dade County-school board member and variety of others on this hodge-podge board.

And these people hold the future of FIU in their hands.

A strong, credible choice on their part could lay the foundation for the progressive institution we could be. Or they could do what many think they will do: take the path of least resistance and figure out who's "popular", thus destroying a rare opportunity to get a true leader for FIU.

If they do their job properly, FIU can finally emerge as an institution that took a hard look at itself and made the decision to stand for academic merit, equal opportunity and freedom of speech, the currency real universities trade in.

They can also fail, they can be intimidated by each other, by community pressures, the pressure to name a president that will help Governor Bob Graham carry South Florida in November and abdicate their responsibility to the students and faculty of this school.

The price of such a failure is frightening to contemplate.

Baha'i seek peace in world of constant chaos

To the Editor,

For the first time in history the dream of peace on earth is within the reach of the nations. Indeed, peace is the next stage in the evolution of this planet. Humanity has the choice of reaching peace after unimaginable catastrophes or achieving it by an act of will.

Since the cave man was almost totally occupied with survival against the dangers of nature, it was inevitable that his warlike instincts would become one of his prime directives. For most known history, this has continued to be so, but in the last generation we

have found that the warring instinct is increasingly threatening to destroy all life on earth. Something has to be done, and soon.

War is often undertaken for such selfish reasons as exploitation, fame or amassing more territory and property.

Baha'u'llah, the Founder of the Baha'i Faith, promised that this is the time when the Most Great Peace would come.

Many people believe that we have become so selfish that peace will only come after much suffering.

To have a lasting peace, people must begin to really have a deep wish to

have peace and learn to look at everyone as if they were brothers and sisters. We must work on changing every hateful thought into a loving one, and learn to resolve our problems by consulting peacefully with each other.

Baha'i followers around the world are working to bring about peace by uniting people. Our wish is for people everywhere to work together for a secure and happy life. When this happens, Baha'u'llah promises that the Most Great Peace will come.

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

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So long, FIU, it's been good to know you

Robert Stark

Sunblazer Contributor

Spending five years at FIU can affect a person tremendously. While at FIU, since 1981, I ran into hardships and friendships. I learned, tired, won, lost, hurt, got hurt, wrote, read and typed. But most of all, I experienced. I experienced five years at FIU, a feat not too many students have gone through.

Here is a rundown of events and people I'll never forget.

- Hour after hour, day after day, for three years, preparing The Sunblazer newspaper.

- Trying to find one of those comfortable chairs in the Tamiami library to catch some lost sleep during a frustrating freshman year.

- Sitting through Dr. Maurasse's geology class and learning of oolitic limestone.

- The long and headache-creating shuttle bus rides.

- Sunblazers winning a soccer championship and Sunblazers later losing a soccer championship.

- Hearing classmates attempt to learn Spanish. And coming from Coral Park High, holding my tongue when the students were an inch away from pronouncing perfect Cuban curse words.

- Seemingly endless days covering FIU baseball games with Bill Rich and Rich Kelch -- especially one game featuring an eerie brawl between FIU and George Washington University.

- One summer's Saturdays spent from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Dr. Martinson's dreaded Mass Media class... and surviving it.

- The look on Jeff Kleinman's face when he learned he would have to be editor of The Sunblazer.

- A 4000-level Business Law class, similar to the Paper Chase, in my freshman year.

- Losing a girlfriend in my sophomore year and another in my senior year.

- Professor Darden Pyron's southern twang in history class.

- Taking a dip in the BVC pool.

- Cursing The Sunblazer's typesetting computer.

- On academic probation with a 1.75 GPA and improving it to a 2.8.

- Intramural football.

- Ed and Mirta Gomez's photography class.

- Watching the space shuttle explode on television in the BVC cafeteria.

- Three years delivering The Sunblazer... on time.

- Seven days in a Calculus class and later dropping it -- one of the best moves I made at FIU.

- More than 2,000 fans at the Sunblazer Arena opening.

- Registration lines wrapping around what appeared to be every building on campus. Hint: BVC's lines are so much shorter.

- People -- the most important memory... Jeff's ties, Isi's smile, Rich's help, Susan's Patriots, Scott's jokes, Gary's laugh, and Mina's friendship, just to name a few.

Through the years when I told people I was attending FIU, they responded, "Wow, I wish I could go back to college and get out of the rat race." That puzzled me because I was trying to do the opposite. But looking back, I don't know, I may miss it. I just may miss FIU.

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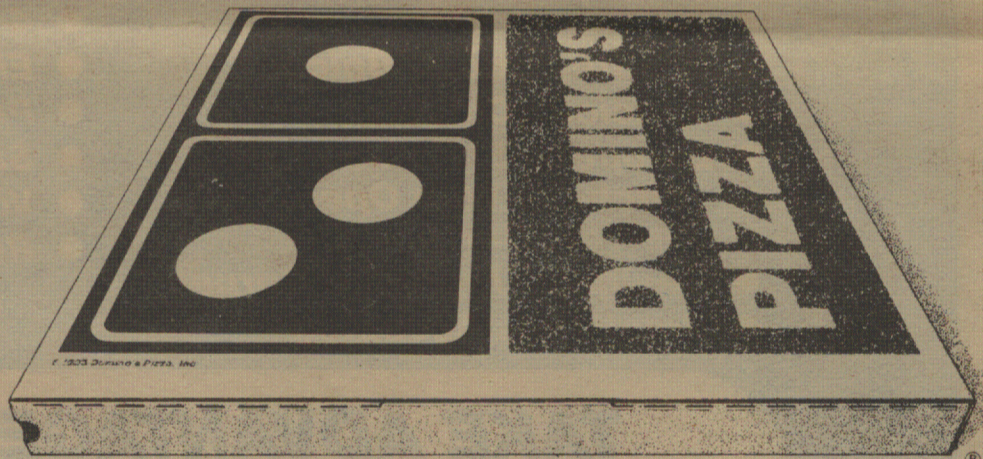
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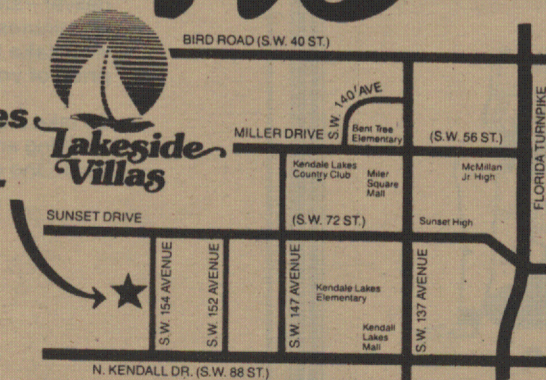
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Time out



Calling it quits for the year

David Colodney

Sunblazer Sports Editor

Dear readers:

As time runs out on this semester, I figured it might be a good idea to sit back and think about what's happened so far. Things change, people change. And a lot of change has been taking place. Just look around.

With a little time and luck, the Sunblazers may soon be up there with the UF's, UCLA's and the NC States. The future looks good.

As I write this, the Sunblazers baseball team is riding a 12-game winning streak. They're really putting it together now, and they look like contenders for the post-season tournament. Wednesday night, the Sunblazers take on Miami at Mark Light. A victory here would throw the spotlight on FIU. They may very well become the Cinderella team in College baseball this year.

Last December, the men's soccer team almost won the national championship. A month ago, the women's basketball team was ranked No. 2 in the nation and was invited to the women's tournament. In February, the 5,000-seat Sunblazer Arena opened.

The program is doing great, and everyone concerned really has to be pleased with the progress so far. All that remains is fan support. That's where you come in.

OK, let's be serious here for a minute. Why don't some of you get up and out to a game? I can't understand why you wouldn't want to. It really is a lot of fun, and it's exciting, too. Have I ever steered you wrong?

I'm still freaking out at the opening of the Sunblazer Arena. Over 2,000 fans jumping around going crazy and yelling their lungs out and rooting on the home team. It was a feeling that I know I won't soon forget. I mean, I even got to cover it. I was supposed to be objective. Believe me, it was tough.

So next fall, get out to a game. Bring a couple of friends, root on the team and feel good. It's that simple.

So as I get ready to this term goodbye, and get geared up for a summer of classes, music, partying and job hunting, I'd like to thank everyone who's been a part of a truly great semester for me.

I'd like to start by thanking the athletic department for helping me out when I needed it. If ever I needed a score, fact or figure, Rich Kelch, the sports information director and Dave Geringer, his assistant, never let us down. They fed us info, took us on a tour of the Arena and a "who's who" of the department. Jeff Brenner, my assistant sports editor, and I really appreciate everything you've done. You guys are great. Thanx a mil.

Also, to all the coaches who've talked to us and given us a lot of insight to the games they're pros in: Danny Price, baseball coach; Rich Walker, the men's basketball coach; Cindy Russo, women's basketball coach, Linda Miscovic, volleyball coach and Mark Mason, women's tennis coach, were all terrific this semester. Plus all the coaches during fall term who helped out Robert Stark, the paper's previous sports editor.

Most of all, thanks to you, my loyal readers, for following my column and for worshipping my very existence (only kidding).

And remember, let's go out and see some games next year. You can make it all work and make a lot of dreams come true.

Thanks again for reading.

Have a great summer!
Yours in sports,
Dave



Sunblazer file photo

FIU's Munga Eketebi (10) lead the Sunblazers to the Division II national championship game, which they lost to Seattle-Pacific, 3-2, last December. Eketebi was also named second team All-American.

Next year: Division I

Soccer, basketball highlight final year of Division II play

Jeff Brenner

Sunblazer Asst. Sports Editor

What a year it has been. The start of a move toward Division I sports. The women's basketball team and the men's soccer team making it to the Division II playoffs, with the men's team finishing second in the nation. Even the baseball team has a possible chance of making the College World Series regional tournament. Also the men's basketball team was denied a bid at the very last minute.

The women's basketball team and the men's soccer team enjoyed the best season of any FIU sports teams this year.

The women's team finished their season with a trouncing of the University of Miami basketball team 81-52 and that win gave them the best record in Division II basketball, 26-2.

Unfortunately, their season ended prematurely in the first game of the NCAA tournament, as the Sunblazer ladies bowed to Delta State, 93-64. Basketball coach Cindy Russo blames the NCAA for at least part of the loss. "The NCAA put revenue first, they wanted the school that would have more fan turn-out and that was Delta State." The noisy partisan fans intimidated the referees and they didn't make many calls in FIU's favor. Even with the loss, it was a more than a successful season," Russo said.

The team also had an All-American candidate in senior guard Lynette Richardson. Richardson broke the 2,000-point barrier against Edward Waters College and came within 35 points of becoming the all-time scoring leader in NCAA history.

The men's soccer team fared better in the NCAA tournament. They reached the final game, but lost to Seattle-Pacific, 3-2. Seattle-Pacific was the team that FIU beat last year to win the national title.

The team was made up of many stars. Seven of the team members made All-State, five were named All-South, and two players were named second team All-American-- Munga Eketebi and Keith Parkinson.

The Sunblazers were 15-4-4, but most of the losses and ties were due to injuries.

In a November weekend the team defeated top ranked Division I teams, Clemson and Indiana. This will

help them next year when they move to Division I.

The outlook is quite good for the Sunblazers next year. Although the team will lose five seniors, Kremser fells a strong nucleus remains and says this recruiting year should be very successful.

The men's basketball came so close to making the NCAA tournament, but when the word came down, they weren't invited.

The basketball team finished the season at 17-9, with their second best record ever. The team played brilliantly in the final fifteen games of the season, winning thirteen of those fifteen. And they were undefeated in the Sunblazer Arena.

The team was led by All-American forward Patrick McDonald. He finished with a 15.6 points per game average, which led all Sunblazers starters. McDonald finished his career as the university's all time leading scorer (1,515 points) and the owner of 12 other records.

Basketball coach Rich Walker said, "This team got most of its ability. It was not the most talented we ever had, but they gave 100 percent. They were outstanding late in the season. They have nothing to be ashamed of.

"I was proud of this team, despite losing out on post season play." Walker said.

The men's baseball team is on a collision course to the NCAA regionals. The Sunblazers owned a 25-12 record at press time. An upcoming crucial game will be against University of Miami Wednesday and Florida State April 29. If they could win one or both of them they would have a great shot of making it to the regionals.

The team is led by tri-captains Ken Adderley, Albert Garcia and Andre Lambros.

"The team is playing excellent baseball right now, we're getting the pitching and hitting when we need it," said baseball coach Danny Price. This play has given the Sunblazers a 12-game winning streak.

Danny Cook and Brett Moushon are winning nearly every time they pitch. The relief pitching has also improved of late.

This was the Sunblazers' last season in Division II. Next year, they'll be Division I and they will have the Arena for the entire season. The future awaits.