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On-campus housing at FIU: Pieces to the puzzle are still missing

Adrian Walker
Sunblazer Staff Writer

EDITOR'S NOTE: The next three issues of THE SUNBLAZER will focus on one of the most important and controversial areas of student life -- on-campus housing.

In the old days, on-campus housing was seen as the final piece in the puzzle, the missing

element that would transform FIU from a commuter school into a "real" university. In the eyes of some, the good news days are running a bit behind schedule.

The Housing Department has had its successes. Both Tamiami and Bay Vista now offer residential housing, a far cry from just a few years ago when an FIU education meant going to college from the way home from work.

But those successes have not

come without controversy:

- Both dormitories, particularly Bay Vista, have been losing money since they opened, and remain on shaky financial ground.

- Allegations by tenants of unfair treatment from Housing officials.

- The executive positions at both facilities have undergone extensive shakeups. Bay Vista's housing director, Sharon Gottlieb, was reassigned last year in an internal reshuffling.

Tamiami's housing director, Conchy Bretos, has filed a grievance with the Equal Employment Opportunities Commission against the university, claiming discrimination because she is a Hispanic.

- Meanwhile, former employees of Tamiami Housing allege that Bretos discriminated against them because they were not Hispanic.

- An administrative foulup last spring led to the payment of \$15,000 in taxes on the tax-

exempt public property the Bay Vista dorms were built on. Administrators failed to file the necessary exemption forms with the state. The university rightfully claims that no public funds paid for the mistake; the penalty was paid by student's rent.

THE SUNBLAZER will take a look at the problem-plagued department, and the allegations of internal dissent and external forces that have an impact on students.

It's final: Berlin, 'Furs' to play Homecoming



Psychedelic Furs

File photo

Natalie Butto

Ass't. News Editor

Two popular bands have been named to appear at next month's Homecoming Concerts, one at each campus as a kickoff to Homecoming Week at each location.

In their only South Florida appearance, the British band Psychedelic Furs is slated to be the main act at the Tamiami Homecoming Concert, Saturday, Nov. 1, at the Sunblazer Arena.

The Furs will receive \$20,000 for playing the Arena; a second act will be named at a later date. A local band, Apex, will begin the concert at 8 p.m.

"They have a much better pull," said Kate Larson, chairperson of the SGA's major-concert committee, referring to the Furs' ability to attract a larger crowd than other bands considered, such as Oingo Boingo.

Recently, a remixed version of the 1981 song, "Pretty in Pink," was featured in the movie of the same name and placed high in the charts.

Student discount tickets are \$9, available at the BASS ticket office at UH 211, and at student activities offices at all FIU campuses. Tickets can also be purchased at all BASS ticket outlets for \$12.



Berlin

File photo

On Saturday, Nov. 8, Berlin will play at Bay Vista's Homecoming celebration, in conjunction with Culture Fest.

Currently in the spotlight for the hit single, "Take My Breath Away," from the soundtrack of the movie, "Top Gun," Berlin will be releasing a new album this week.

The group will play other dates at FAU and UM, but the FIU performance is the only one not restricted to just students, according to Michele Renick, Culture Fest coordinator.

"Since we bid the highest, they [Berlin] will be building their tour around that date," said Renick.

Tickets should be available

this week in the SGA office and at BASS outlets, according to Arthur Garcia, chairperson of Bay Vista's Social and Cultural committee. Tickets will be \$10 for students, faculty, staff and alumni (12.50 for the general public).

An added twist to the Bay Vista concert will probably leave the SGA smiling long after the music has stopped.

As a sponsor of Culture Fest, SGA invested \$5,000 into the affair but stands to recoup its investment, according to Garcia, because they were given 500 tickets of the 8-9,000 expected to be sold.

"It's not costing SGA any money for the concert," Garcia said.

Two students eye \$200,000 grant for landscaping at Tamiami dorms

Ada Catalan

Sunblazer Contributor

Tamiami dorm residents Reggi Salazar and Elliott Kampert are trying to obtain the \$200,000 Capital Improvement Fund Grant, awarded every five years by the university to reinvest into FIU through improvements or renovations.

The first proposal submitted to Tamiami Housing director

Conchy Bretos last summer was written by Kampert, a 22-year-old environmental studies major.

He suggested some of the grant be used to build a hammock and recreation area around the dorms and recommends using trees that attract wildlife and are inexpensive to maintain.

Salazar, 28, is currently writ-

ing a second proposal to be submitted to the FIU Alumni Development Association and the university administration, and has done commercial landscaping and worked on the nature preserve at the Tamiami campus.

New information center now in use at Tamiami

Selma Rubio

Sunblazer Staff Writer

A new center at Tamiami helps FIU take a giant leap into the forefront of technology and brings access to a vast amount of information just a small step away.

The State University System, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) fund the Southern Technology Applications Center (STAC), which has an office at the Tamiami campus.

"Faculty and students can benefit from knowing we are here. There is so much information right at their fingertips," said Dr. Ana Cantillo, director of STAC's Tamiami office.

Through the computers at STAC, interested persons can obtain information about nearly anything. The centers, which have some 1200 databases, are designed to provide information retrieval services and assistance in applying technical information to businessmen, newspapers, students, and anybody who needs any type of research help.

"I knew about databases when I got into this field, but I was astounded at all the information that is available," said Cantillo.

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STAC is also involved in a number of other activities, including the commercialization of space, on which a seminar will be given Dec. 3-4.

Through new space technology, engineers have been able to patent discoveries, ranging from edible toothpaste to portable x-ray machines, said Cantillo.

But students or individuals

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Salazar proposes planting native Florida trees in specific locations to help cut down energy costs.

If medium-sized trees are placed where the sun hits the buildings, and are given three years to grow, their shade would help offset the cost of air conditioning, according to Bretos.

"They could save the Housing department at Tamiami about 30 percent on its annual \$150,000 to \$198,000 electric bill. Right now, students spend about \$35 a month on electricity alone," she said.

"Besides rent, electricity is the biggest expense for students. By planting trees a certain way you can cut down on

who need to use the database system can expect to be charged at least \$100 for the first hour of use and 50 cents for every citation or piece of information they find.

Although the STAC program is a non-profit organization, Cantillo said the reason for the charge is to cover the center's costs.

"It also helps filter out those people who just wanted to play around with the system, like looking up every movie Bette Davis ever made . . . It is possible, you know, said Cantillo. "And not only that, it will tell you the casting right down to the production staff for every movie mentioned."

the electric bill and forego rent increases," said Salazar, a biology major.

In addition to the money, Bretos hopes to get personal contributions of trees or machinery from members of the development association. "But the most important thing is the trees, because they're the most expensive," she said.

Last spring, Salazar, Kamper, and 10 other students helped plant 100 trees around the dorms. A total of 300 trees were donated to FIU by Tropic Greenery and Native Plant Nursery, but only 100 were suitable in type and size. The Housing department at Tamiami contributed \$2,000 for fertilizer and labor costs dur-

ing the planting.

But according to Salazar, the project wasn't totally problem-free. "Most of the trees were just planted to give color, with no regard with how big they would eventually grow in the limited space provided."

He suggested hiring a full-time person to work exclusively to correct the landscaping mistakes and maintain the area around the dorms.

But whether or not FIU hires a such a person, Bretos is already making plans for next year's planting season. She's planning an official FIU Arbor Day, on which she hopes to get shovels into the hands of more students and community members.

Books and money: an unseparable pair during the first few weeks of semester

Marie Gregoire

Sunblazer Contributor

At the start of each term, the words "books" and "money" are prominent in students' conversations about the FIU bookstores.

"We don't set the prices, the publisher does that," said Nancy Bostock, manager of the bookstore at Bay Vista.

The university allows the bookstore to add 5 percent to the cost of the books, according to Bostock.

But the markup limit on books doesn't seem to apply to other items. A can of tennis balls costing \$2.18 at Lombard's Sporting Goods and \$2.49 at Don's Discount Golf and Tennis sold for \$4.75 at the Bay Vista bookstore.

"No matter what you buy, it's too expensive," said one student. "You expect them to be a bit more expensive, but not that much," said Janet Hernandez, 20, an English major.

Barnes and Noble, a New York-based company, runs the bookstore and gives the university a percentage of its profits in exchange for facilities, Bostock said.

One peeve voiced by students was the lack of certain books needed for assignments in classes.

"I have been waiting for this book ["Classics of Children's Literature"] since school opened and I still haven't gotten it yet," Hernandez said. "Half of the students in my class don't have their books."

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Before the start of each term, professors fill out requisitions to notify the bookstore of which books they will need for their classes.

"Most of the time the bookstore orders the amount requested by the professor," Bostock said.

The book store contacts the wholesaler first, to see if any copies are available. Books are traded from universities all over the country through the wholesaler. Any available copies are shipped to FIU and

the rest are ordered through a publisher, according to Bostock.

Shortages develop when professors don't notify the bookstore when they sign override cards allowing students to register for their classes after the regular registration period has ended, according to Bostock. "Sometime it's difficult to get the records showing how many student are registered in each class," she said.

Another sore point with

some students concerns the bookstore's buy-back policy for used books.

Bostock explained that before the bookstore buys back a book, it checks to make sure the book will be used the following term. The price the bookstore pays for used books is determined by the wholesaler, which usually sets a timelimit to receive the books because it may have to send them to another university, she added.



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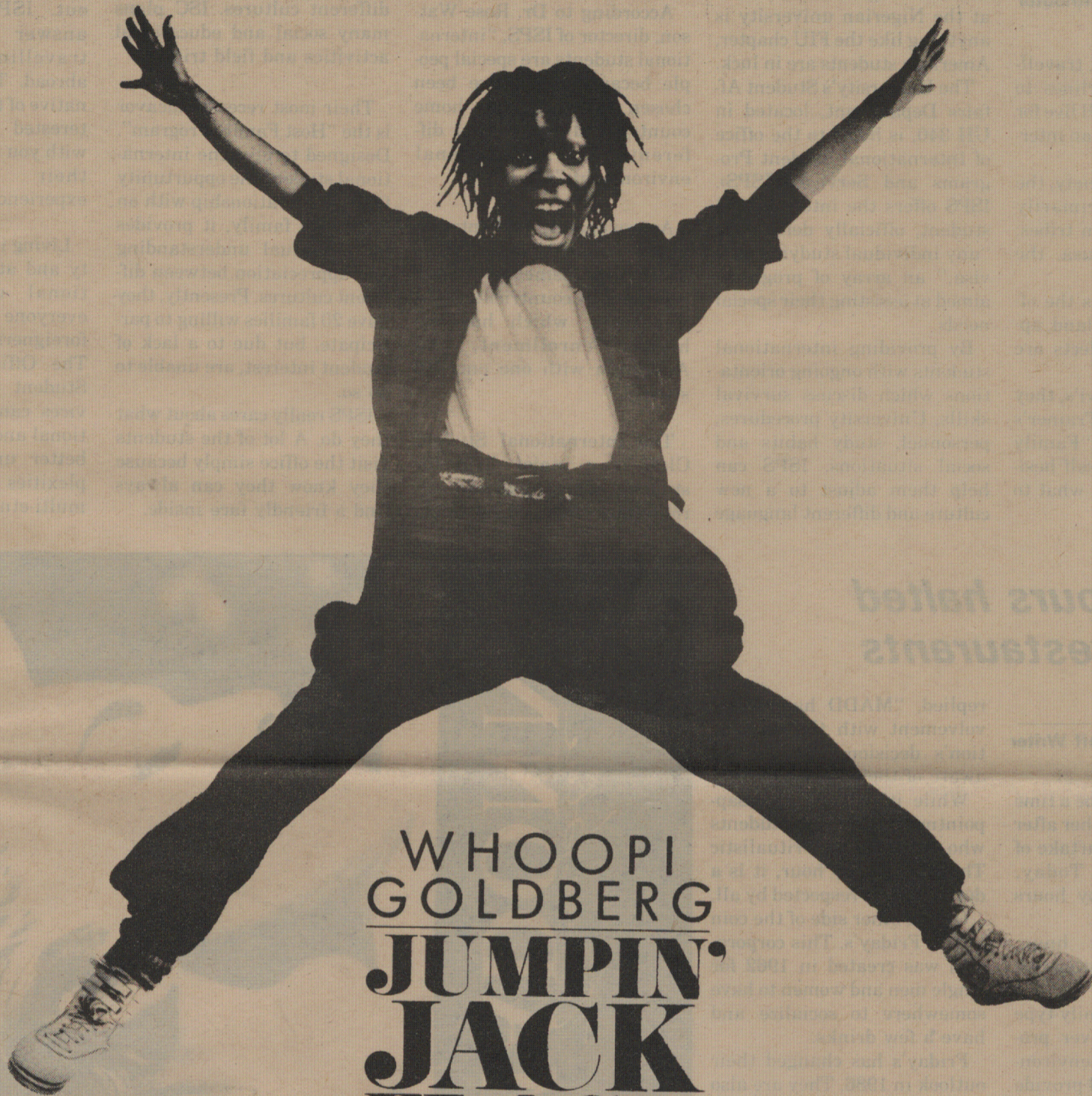
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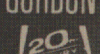


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Teresa Lantigua

Sunblazer Contributor

Imagine, if you will, travelling via Pan Am Airlines to Nigeria, where you will live for the next four years as an international student.

Basically a rural society, the Nigerian people primarily belong to four African tribes: the Yoruba, the Hausa, the Fulah and the Ibo.

Although English is the official language of the land, approximately 250 dialects are spoken.

They don't wear Levi's, they don't have a Monty Trainer's and they don't watch "Family Ties". You find yourself hesitant and timid about what to say and do.

If the Office of International Student Programs & Services at the Nigerian university is anything like the FIU chapter, American students are in luck.

The University's Student Affairs Department, located in UH 340, is home to the office of International Student Programs and Services (ISPS). ISPS offers the international student, officially defined as "any individual studying on a visa," an array of programs aimed at assisting their special needs.

By providing international students with ongoing orientations which discuss survival skills, University procedures, personnel, study habits and social situations, ISPS can help them adjust to a new culture and different language

as well as ethnic and racial related prejudice.

According to Dr. Rose Watson, director of ISPS, "international students are special people because they have been chosen to leave their home country and study in a different educational environment."

Approximately 1400 international students roam FIU's halls this semester. They represent 94 countries such as Venezuela, which has the highest enrollment, and Australia with one enrolled student.

The International Student Club is a major help for students adjusting to new surroundings. Advised by Linda

Miskovic, ISC is intended to create a bridge between all the different cultures. ISC plans many social and educational activities and field trips.

Their most recent endeavor is the "Host Family Program". Designed to give the international student the opportunity to form a relationship with an American family, it provides for a mutual understanding and appreciation between different cultures. Presently, they have 20 families willing to participate, but due to a lack of student interest, are unable to do so.

ISPS really cares about what they do. A lot of the students visit the office simply because they know they can always find a friendly face inside.

American students, however, should not feel left out. ISPS is prepared to answer questions about travelling and working abroad. They can arrange a native of the country you're interested in visiting, to talk with you and give you some of their own personal experiences.

Living in an international city and attending an international university makes everyone aware of the impact foreigners play in our lives. The Office of International Student Programs and Services can help both international and American students better understand the complexities and beauties of this multi-ethnic society.

Happy hours halted at local restaurants

Ron Gold

Sunblazer Staff Writer

Happy hour used to be a time for friends to get together after school or work and partake of a drink or two. Today, however, many happy hours are being phased out.

One such happy hour, popular with FIU students, was Red Lobster's.

Red Lobster is a family-type restaurant which never promoted a "happy hour environment". What they did provide (and get rid of) were two-for-one drinks and clam and shrimp hors d'oeuvres.

When asked why happy hour was discontinued, their Orlando office responded, "being a family oriented restaurant, we never really emphasized the happy hour."

What Red Lobster does emphasize is corporate responsibility. Red Lobster spokesman, Dick Monroe, says "Red Lobster wants to be an industry leader in not encouraging alcoholic consumption."

As a student and a responsible adult, I applaud Red Lobster. Their restaurants are, good moneymakers, for the most part and they do not depend on bar sales. If they sell a drink it will be with dinner. This restaurant is not "jumping over the barstool" to serve alcohol.

When asked if Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) has had anything to do with their decision, Monroe

replied, "MADD had no involvement with the corporation's decision, but we are aware of their feelings."

While it may be a disappointment for FIU students who attended the ritualistic Thursday happy hour, it is a decision to be respected by all.

On the other side of the coin is TGI Friday's. This corporation was created in 1962 for single men and women to have somewhere to socialize and have a few drinks.

Friday's has changed their outlook in 1986. They are also aiming towards the "family market". The question then arises: How many families can really afford to have dinner at Friday's? One needs only look at the menu to realize that it is not full of family food, but "fun food".

If they are indeed going for the family atmosphere, then why is the bar in the middle of the restaurant?

Although they also insist that MADD had nothing to do with their decision, Friday's has also changed their happy hour. They claim it is a company idea "to be more responsible to the new and growing family market."

Overall the effect MADD has had on industry policies is apparent everywhere. The restaurants in question have chosen their methods of observing these new morals.

MADD's intervention in these companies' decision should, however, not be discounted. It is almost untruthful to say there's no pressure on these corporations to change their policies.



New 'True Blue' is totally Madonna

Rob Vesschemoet

Sunblazer Staff Writer

Record Review

Just when it seemed safe to listen to the radio again, Madonna comes out with her third album, the slickly produced "True Blue."

This album is destined to have the most singles yet off a Madonna album. If you are not a true blue "Madonna Wanna-be," watch out -- this might not be for you.

"True Blue" is not a bad album. It is, however, rather predictable and so overproduced that you'll

swear you've heard these songs from Madonna before.

It is primarily a dance record-- the type of music Madonna is most successful at crafting.

This album is already classified double platinum (over two million sold) and four songs have hit the Top 40. "Where's the Party?," "Papa Don't Preach" and "Live to Tell" have already gone Top 10, and the title cut is well on its way to the top of the charts.

"Open Your Heart," and "Jimmy, Jimmy" will probably be the next singles because they are very danceable, typical Madonna fare.

"White Heat," a song she dedicated to Jimmy Cagney, comes complete with dubb-

ed monologues from some of his more famous movies.

"La Isla Bonita" features a Spanish flair and is reminiscent of Madonna's Saturday Night Live appearance last season when she sang "Take On Me" with an accent in one of the skits.

Although Madonna's name appears as a co-writer on all of the songs, one wonders if she actually made much of a songwriting contribution. All of the songs were co-written with different people.

Although this album begs for some sort of innovation, it is first and foremost a dance album. If this is what you're into, shell out your cash--you won't be disappointed. For the rest of us, give it ★★½.

'Peggy Sue Gets Married' - welcome back to 1960

Natalie Butto

Ass't News Editor

"Peggy Sue Got Married," opening Friday, October 10, is a delightfully warm comedy/drama directed by Francis Ford Coppola.

The film opens with Peggy Sue Bodell (Kathleen Turner) facing a divorce from her high school sweetheart and attending her 25th high school class reunion.

Peggy Sue can't help but think what her life would have been like if she hadn't married Charlie Bodell (portrayed by Nicholas Cage, Coppola's nephew).

Bodell's nasal voice and obsession with Fabian sometimes gives him a superficial quality, but by the movie's end Peggy Sue and the audience realize there is more to him than these characteristics.

Overwhelmed by her situation, Peggy Sue's heart stops and she travels back in time to her senior year--1960.

The conflict of bringing her present mind into her past life provides some of the funnier moments in the film. When she hands her Algebra test to the teacher with doodles on it instead of answers she remarks, "I happen to know that I won't have the slightest use for algebra in the future, and I speak from experience."

When her father, Jack Kelcher (Don Murray) grounds her for getting drunk she declares, "I'm going to Liverpool to discover the Beatles!" Remember, it's only 1960.

Once Peggy Sue calms down, she learns a lesson: we can't really appreciate what we have until we lose it.



Photo courtesy Tri-Star Pictures

Kathleen Turner and Nicolas Cage starring in 'Peggy Sue Got Married.'

Although the core of the movie takes place in 1960, it deals with the timeless idea of looking into the past to see what we'd do differently.

Those who can appreciate the flavor of the times will get even greater enjoyment out of the film. Songs by Buddy Holly and Dion and the Belmonts are featured.

Viewers cannot expect much action in this movie (it does move slowly at times), but for the audience that can appreciate a sensitive story with a little comedy, suspense and drama, the film is worth seeing.

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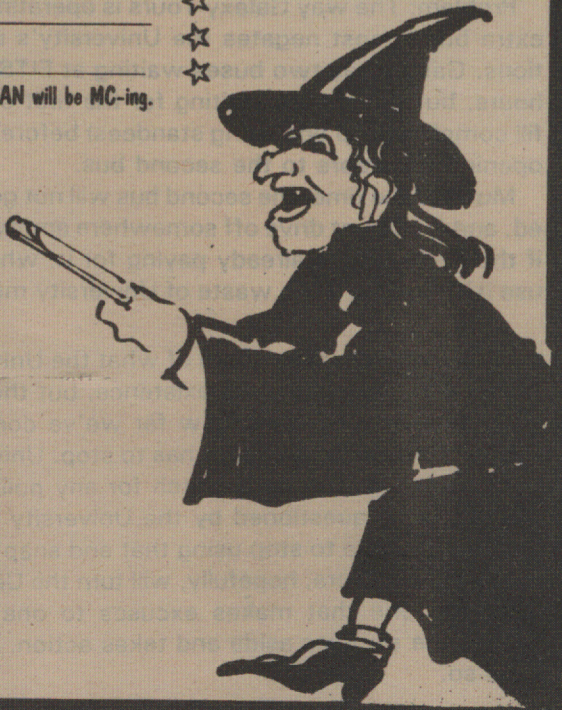
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Reviewing events and looking for answers

David Colodney

Editor of The Sunblazer

As the University prepares to welcome a new president, one is tempted to sit back and review some of the events that have happened so far this semester. It is only October, but Modesto Maidique will have a full agenda when he assumes office.

Being president of a university is challenge enough, but understanding FIU's ethnic mixture and its own unique personality will be a true feat.

One event promises at least the possibility of being the unifying force the University truly needs. After considerable trial and error, the SGA finally came up with a homecoming bill. At press-time, they were still looking for a third act to round out the program, but the SGA's choice for a headliner is the Psychedelic Furs. The Furs are a terrific band, and they should put on a great show.

The choice, however, is a risky one. How many people will the Furs turnout? Certainly, they can't reasonably be expected to top last year's Kool and the Gang show, since they don't have nearly the following (or radio airplay) the Gang had. And it has been well chronicled that that show was far from a smashing success.

But that might be good. People who attend the show will fall into one of two categories: die-hard Furs fans or people who really care about the University. These people will show their spirit and support a school event no matter who it is.

Sure, picking the Psychedelic Furs was risky, but it's also a conceivably clever business decision. For a \$20,000 price tag, SGA is getting a fine live act with a big following among college students.

Another great choice was Berlin at BVC. Although Berlin really isn't the caliber a band the Furs are, they are currently riding a crest of popularity due to their contributions to the "Top Gun" soundtrack.

The important factor here is that for the first time, homecoming planners have seen fit to have a show at Bay Vista. Kudos to SGA. Somebody is at least acknowledging the existence of BVC.

Darker spots do abound, however. There are some real problems in the Tamiami housing department. Allegations are cropping up left and right, and people are speaking on the record (for a change). Something must be wrong.

The University shelled out \$24,000 to ensure extra FITS buses would be available during the peak hours of ridership. Good job.

Problem: The way Galaxy Tours is operating the extra bus almost negates the University's intentions. Galaxy has two buses waiting at FITS rush hours, but drivers are waiting for the first one to fill completely up (including standees) before even opening the doors to the second bus.

Much of the time, the second bus will not get used, and it will just drive off somewhere empty. But if the University is already paying for it, why not use it? It seems like a waste of University money.

I think we can all be proud of what the University has accomplished in its existence, but the oft-cited excuse, "But look how far we've come in such a short period of time" has to stop. University officials use that as a crutch for any policy or action that is questioned by the University community. It's time to stop using that and snap to it.

The Maidique era, hopefully, will turn the University from one that makes excuses to one that pushes the excuses aside and takes action. Let's hope so.



FIU needs to improve its image

Michael Kelson-Shelley

Sunblazer Staff Writer

I don't like the University of Miami, but I respect it. FIU is my school now, and I take great pride in being a member of this fine academic institution. I only wish the community would be aware of what we have here at the Tamiami and Bay Vista campuses.

FIU's student enrollment makes it the fourth largest school in the state with 17,000 (ahead of UM). Of all the state universities, FIU has the toughest academic requirements for entrance. A friend of mine transferred from UM's architecture school (considered very reputable throughout the country) to FIU's program, and enjoys FIU's better learning environment.

UM pales in comparison to FIU academically, but is nationally recognized as a football power, and a national magazine named it one of the "nine niftiest schools in America." If FIU is to gain the respect it deserves, we must borrow some ideas from our

crosstown rival.

I remember as a high school senior, I got mail from UM practically every day. They produced these glossy, colorful brochures of palm trees, fountains and Jimmy Johnson. However, why bother to mail thousands of pamphlets to prospective students without a dedicated recruitment program. It's high time we change our image from a commuter school, and actively recruit more out-of-state students.

However, before FIU stages a national recruitment program, money must be spent on improved housing for future residents.

In the meantime, let's build support in the community through an effective public relations department. UM spends a fortune on their literature-- when will the Board of Regents allocate sufficient funds for this very important part of FIU? Promoting minorities alone won't do it-- visibility will.

Correspondence

Young drivers need to learn road rules

Dear Editor:

In response to the articles in The Sunblazer about little old ladies and joggers, let me just list a few observations.

Young drivers:

1. never learned the rules of road courtesy.
2. weave in and out of lanes in order to gain a few more yards.
3. heavy traffic is just a challenge to beat the next guy (This applies to males and females).
4. tend to criticize others for breaking the same rules they break also (not signaling is one).
5. never let the next guy in line when construction forces two-lanes into one (it's O.K. if you beat someone else).

As for little old ladies, slow down and as soon as possible pass her. You will grow old soon enough and your reflexes will also fade. Unfortunately, joggers are no match for a 1,000 pound automobile, so be a sport and give him a wide berth.

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The equipment, which was to arrive in late August, actually was not installed in the Sunblazer Arena until Sept. 22. This placed them about a month behind their opponents in preparation and practice.

"We're a few weeks behind, but that doesn't mean we'll be dominated on the court," Garofalo said.

The timelag and budget cuts also affects recruiting, so the

team focused on the acquisition of local talent. Miami-Dade South features one of the top junior college volleyball programs in the nation and the Sunblazers can draw from it. This year's team includes three Dade-South players, including transfer Carmen Alvarez, who is expected to challenge for the starting setter position.

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the stadiums that the high school teams play in. For example, FIU could play at Tamiami Stadium, while Barry could play at North Miami Beach Stadium. If I recall right, it only cost about \$500 to rent the stadiums.

As the problem of equipment, they could always try

to get donations for equipment. For example, the Dolphins could donate the balls, and the teams could solicit the manufactures for other equipment.

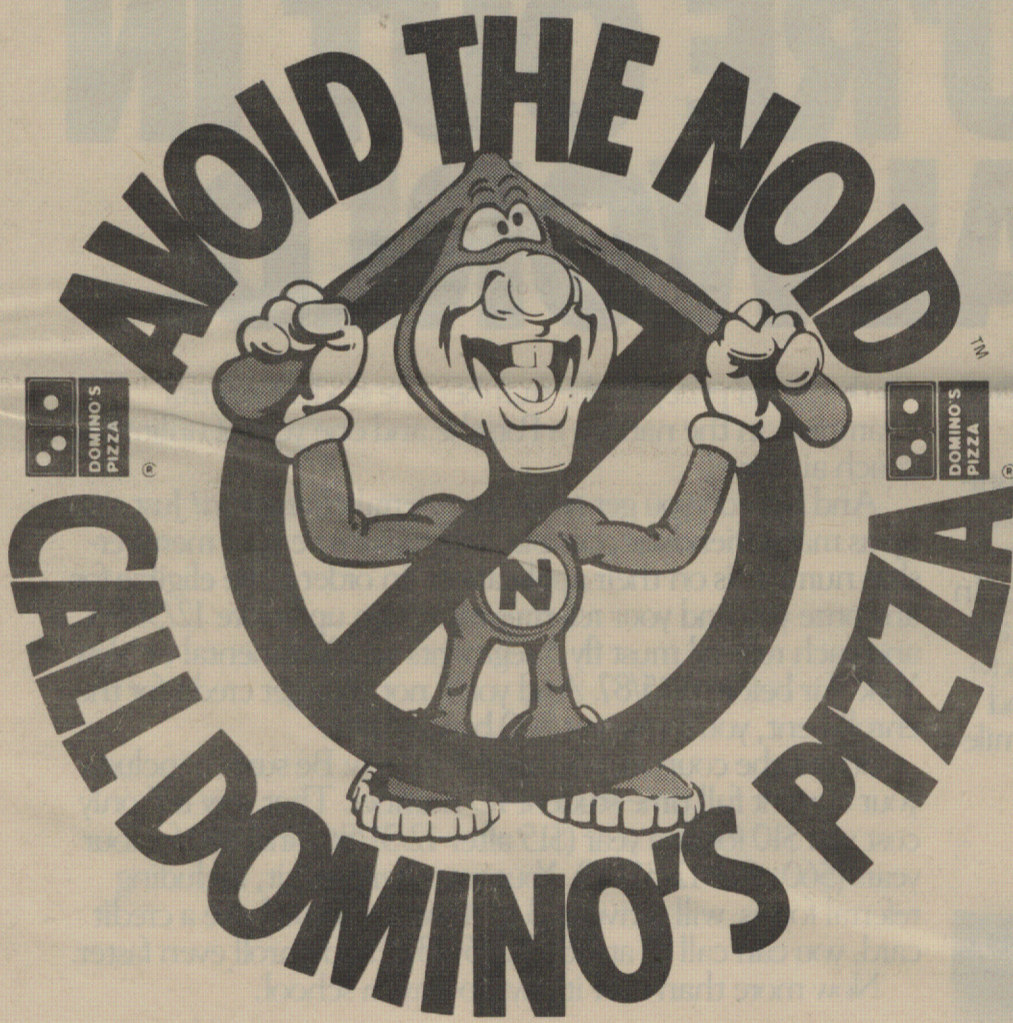
If FIU could ever get a football program started, one must not compare it to the University of Miami or the University of Florida,

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Many students cherish the day football will come to FIU. Unfortunately, none is planned. However, Rice cited Georgia Southern University as a school that had no ambitions for football, but with a new president desiring a program, the built a team. Georgia Southern won the Division I-AA football national championship last year.

because they are big time programs while FIU would be small and they would only draw between 10,000-15,000 people per game and that is good for a small football team.

This is just an idea and by no means it will ever happen, but it is some thing to ponder over.



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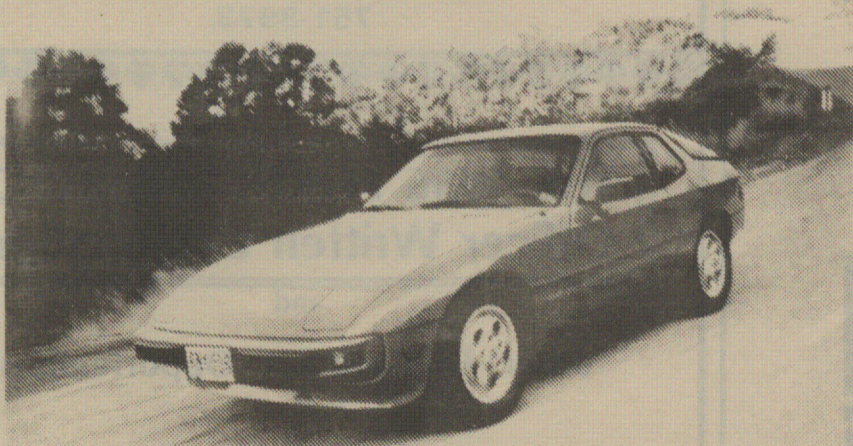
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David Rice talks about FIU

Michael Kelson-Shelly

Sunblazer Staff Writer

Since the inception of FIU, the student body has been craving Division I athletics. Once again, after being defeated, students expect their dreams to become reality.

"The purpose of my coming to FIU was to bring in Division I athletics," David Rice, athletic director, said.

There are two conditions that accompany the awarding of this "elite" classification--the athletic program must operate within the budget, and run in the black. Of course, the NCAA expects a school to abide by its rules.

"We have done that. We don't want to wind up like Miami," Rice said, referring to the possibilities of probation.

In May, FIU was prepared to go to the Board of Regents. All the necessary documents were produced, but several factors prevented what Rice called "a rubber stamp".

"The BOR felt that since we were hiring a new president, he could be involved in the decision," Rice said. Another circumstance was the inception of the Committee on Equity on

Men's and Women's Athletic Programs. This committee ensures financial equality and fairness between the male and female sports.

"If we go to the BOR now, we would immediately secure the document (for the committee)," Rice said.

Rice brought from Fordham University his theory of an "athletic hierarchy". "This system is composed of three levels: ultra-premier sports, premier sports and developing premier sports. As of now, men's basketball is FIU's only ultra-premier sport. Men's baseball, soccer and women's golf soccer and basketball premier sports. Men's cross-country, golf, tennis and women's cross-country, tennis and volleyball constitutes the developing premier category," Rice said.

As a result in Rice's "prioritization", the women's volleyball team incurred a budget cut, also different coaches went from full to part time coaches.

"As monies become available, we will be able to adequately fund all sports," Rice said.

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Think about football

Jeffrey Brenner

Sports Editor

Are we ready for the baseball championships? I think we are. California vs. Boston and New York vs. Houston.

I'm really reluctant to pick the winners because none of my baseball picks did win their respected division. Since sports is my job, I've just got to tell someone my picks. I heard that, tell your father, not us. Very funny. In the American League--Boston should have an easy time with California. Boston will sweep the series in four games.

In the National League I'm going with the underdog Houston Astros. These two teams should have some classic match-ups. Gooden vs. Ryan or Scott. Hernandez vs. Davis. It should be great. Houston will prevail 4-3 in the series.

Time to move to a different sport. Let's talk college football. At the present time, FIU does not have a football team, and it is not foreseen in the near future.

Let me bounce a idea that might be feasible in the near future, if one can get cooperation from other athletic departments across the state.

First off, it is a known fact, that to have a football program, you need the president's support, and our president is coming from a school that had a major college football team, the University of Miami. Think he would support football? Possible.

Another problem that comes with running a football team is cost. How could we forget? The administrators say that the travel expense is the highest concern. FIU could possibly form a division of small Florida schools. The conference could include all the small schools of Florida, which include Barry, Eckerd, West Florida, Rollins, St. Thomas, Boca Raton, Stetson, possible teams South Florida and Central Florida, and FIU.

With all of those teams, we could feasibly conjure up a nice ten-game schedule, without ever leaving the state of Florida.

The item of where to play is another concern that comes up. That is one of the easier problems, we can use

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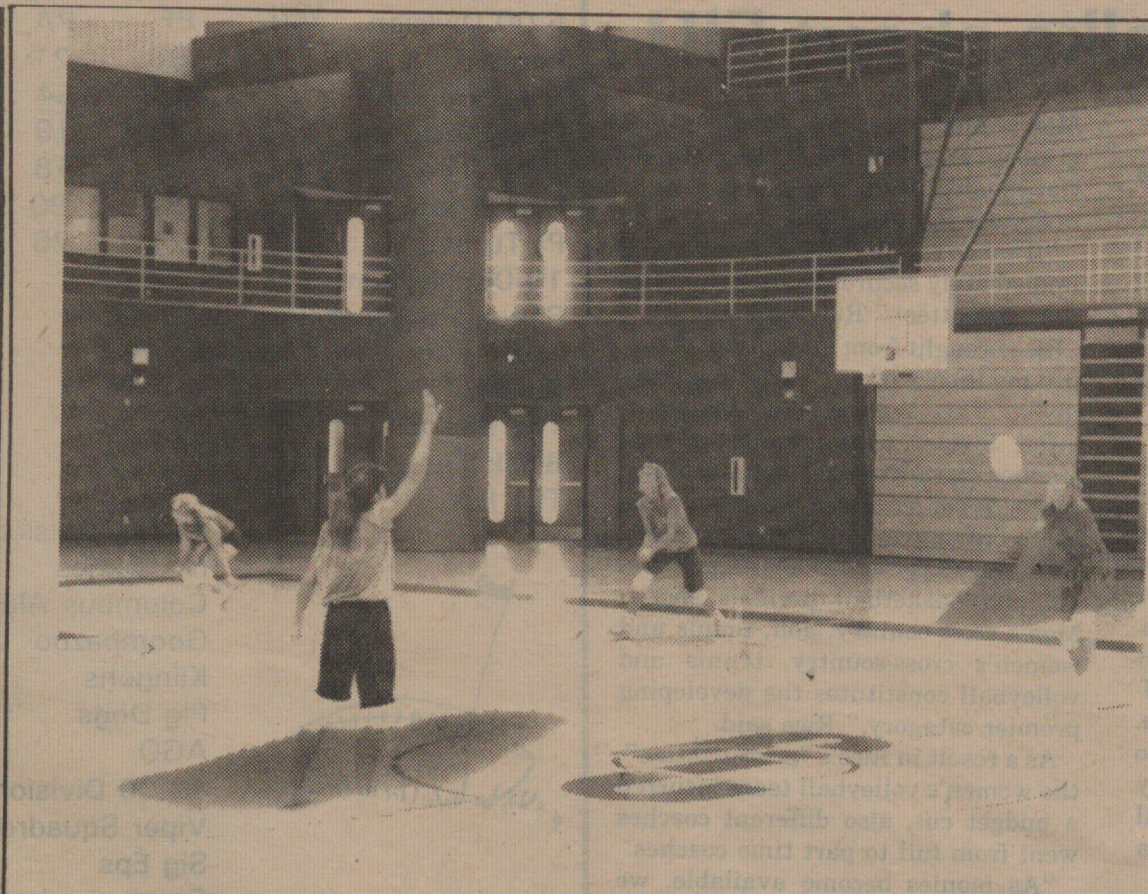


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The volleyball team opened its season at the Rollins Invitational, finishing 3-1. The team will be trying for its eighth straight bid to the NCAA tournament.

Volleyball to uphold tradition

Carol Strickland

Ass't. Sports Editor

The FIU women's volleyball team opened their season by attending the Rollins College Invitational in Winter Park, Florida. The team came out of the tournament with a 3-1 record.

FIU's team attended as a last minute substitute for another team that couldn't show. "We were not prepared to start a regular season match this early," first year coach, Carmine Garofalo said.

The players had not started to practice with Garofalo until the second week of September. This was due to Garofalo's problem of obtaining a visa from the Canadian government.

Garofalo has been a coach in Canada for ten years at the high school and college level

including three years at McGill University in Montreal.

Carmen Alvarez, junior was named to the all-tournament team at Rollins. Other key returners include Robin Enciso, senior, Jackie Chang, sophomore and last years team MVP Sue Anderson, senior.

The team only has eight players; all of which receive scholarships. "Because the lack of players, it is very important that we stay healthy and have a strong team effort. We do not have any superstar player, but if we play smart and together as a team, I'm very optimistic and, so are the girls," Garofalo said.

The team plays a very competitive schedule this year partly because the anticipated move to Division I status. "All of our tournaments will be

hard but the one at the University of Central Florida, will be against mostly Division I schools," Garofalo said.

The University of Tampa has the toughest team in the regional division and is presently ranked number one in the region. The Sunblazers who played Tampa at the invitational were defeated, but FIU will have another shot October 24 and then here at FIU, November 7.

The volleyball team was almost dissolved this year as a result of financial problems, due in part to volleyball being an expensive sport due to the travel expenses. Garofalo attributes this to lack of teams within the area to compete with. The coaches and players were adamant about keeping the sport.



Photo by Andrew Itkoff

Men's soccer won two games last week. They defeated Barry and Stetson. Munga Eketebi scored two goals in each game. FIU is now 5-4. The women's team won its first games last week. They defeated Boca Raton and Alabama. Thier record is 2-3-1.

Volleyball overcomes problems

David Colodney

Editor of the Sunblazer

Despite the loss of four key starters, the team's head coach and the near cancellation of the entire volleyball program, FIU's women's volleyball team is now preparing for its upcoming season. It is trying to regroup around first-year coach Carmine Garofalo.

The Sunblazers began their quest for an eighth consecutive NCAA playoff berth last weekend against Division II power Rollins College, where they finished the tournament 3-1.

Athletic Director David Rice had planned to drop the volleyball program in favor of a swim team last January. The volleyball team was reinstated after Rice deemed the Bay Vista Campus pool, where the would be team was to practice and compete, as "uncompetitive." Rice later said his intentions toward the future of the volleyball team were misinterpreted.

"The community and the media interpreted what I said wrong," Rice said. "I never officially cancelled it. I was going to look into it, but I never said it was cancelled."

In spite of the near cancellation, Garofalo inherits one of the more successful programs at FIU. Six of the last nine teams have owned winning record, with the last seven competing in the national championship tournament. Last years team finished with a 24-13 record.

Linda Miscovic, last year's coach, accepted an administrative position in the university's minority affairs office. "It was a carrer move," said Karen Green, assistant sports information director. The decision had nothing to do with the uncertainty of the team's status, Green said.

Miscovic could not be reached for comment.

Garofalo is optimistic that the cloud hovering over the volleyball team will not affect its play.

"The girls overcame all that last year," Garofalo said. "They're not even thinking about it."

The team also faced the prospect of not playing because of a lack of equipment. The cancellation in January and subsequent reinstatement in February caused equipment needed for practice to be ordered late.

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