

# the sunblazer

## Accounting school policies come under fire; SGA, students meet with university officials

SELMA RUBIO  
Sunblazer staff writer

A group of angry accounting students banded together and launched a petition drive against FIU's school of accounting, joining a group of SGA senators in protesting the department's policies.

Last week, a group of SGA senators representing students in the college of business administration met with Louis Davidson, director of the school of accounting, and Charles Nickerson, dean of the college of business administration. On the agenda was the possible elimination of the "readiness exam" and other complaints, centering around a particular course, Accounting for Decision Makers (ACG 3021).

"Apparently they had planned to do away with the exam before [SGA] started getting complaints," said Ed Iturralde, SGA president.

The school of accounting currently requires students enrolled in ACG 3021, a core

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course, to take a readiness exam before they proceed to the next accounting sequence in the curriculum.

It's not enough for the student to pass the class with a C or better (B or better for accounting majors), but they

must also pass the readiness exam under the same grading criteria.

Students who fail the exam must retake ACG 3021, even if they have passed the class. Many students have been forced to take the class more than once, delaying graduation and adding to their expenses.

"It's going to be abolished by next fall, maybe by this spring or summer," said Iturralde, who is currently taking the course for the second time.

However, some students say eliminating the readiness exam is only a quick fix for present flaws in the department. "There's definitely a problem with the system," said Patricia Becerra, a marketing major, and co-leader of the student protest. "What are they teaching first semester if 45 percent

[of students in ACG 3021] are failing the class?"

Six hundred students in the four class sections of ACG 3021 recently took a common exam, prepared by a various instructors in the department. Students cite this policy as another

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of the problems.

"What if there's something on the exam that one professor may have gone over extensively, but your professor didn't?" said Nanette Suarez, one of the leaders of the protest along with Becerra.

Accounting instructor Manuel Dieguez, a graduate of FIU, attributes the high failure rate to poor study habits. "It requires ability and time to pass a course such as this one," said Dieguez.

He argues that many students come to FIU from junior colleges or high schools with poor study habits and often do not spend enough time in class. He also blames heavy workloads caused by juggling time between school and work for students' poor performance.

"The first day of class, I tell them they need 15 to 20 hours for this course," Dieguez said. "Students laugh at this but unfortunately they find it is true later on."

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## Maidique's first official meeting hints toward administrative changes

MICHAEL SAUNDERS  
Sunblazer news editor

Modesto Maidique stepped into the spotlight last week as he officially took command as FIU's fourth president and announced upcoming personnel changes and a possible administrative reorganization.

Maidique made his announcement before a packed meeting of the faculty senate at the Bay Vista campus, ending a day-long tour of the university that began with an 8:30 a.m. breakfast meeting organized by the Student Government Association.

While he didn't drop any bombshells, Maidique stressed his intent to bring about changes throughout the uni-

versity by improving fundraising efforts — currently about \$1.2 million per year. His reputation as an effective fund raiser was a major factor in his selection to succeed former president Gregory Wolfe.

His intent to promote greater academic programs at Bay Vista drew applause from the faculty, students and staff members at the meeting. Many in the university community feel that Bay Vista was relegated to second-class status under the former administration.

Among Maidique's priorities during his reign will be increased recruitment of minority students and faculty, establishment of tougher tenure standards and greater academic freedom for teachers.



Photo by Theresa Willingham

■ A 'Folkloric Extravaganza,' featuring dances and native costumes from around the world, was one of the first major events of the Hispanic Heritage celebration at Tamiami. The UH Forum was the site of music, dancing and other special functions during the week-long fiesta. More events are scheduled at Bay Vista this week. See page 3.

## Research center hopes to woo high-tech firms

ERIC RODRIGUEZ  
Sunblazer writer

As part of an ambitious plan to boost economic development in Dade County, an FIU professor has helped establish a research center to attract high-tech industries to the area.

According to a report written by Dr. Manuel Cereijo, associate dean of engineering, Dade County has lost about 8,000 jobs during the last seven years because high-tech companies moved elsewhere.

Among elements listed in his report that make areas attractive to such companies are the existence of top-notch research facilities and a major state university.

Dr. Cereijo's planned solution to this problem was BRIC, Biomedical Research and Innovation Center, a facility he believes will be "the most important project that FIU has ever had in the sense of research, economic development, employment and in

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## Syphilis on the rise in Florida

The true-to-life consequences of its wide reputation as the drug capitol of the U.S. may be responsible for a 10.2 percent rise in the number of syphilis cases in Florida. Syphilis is a venereal disease that can lead to blindness, insanity and death.

Broward County recorded a 63 percent increase during the first nine months of 1986, com-

pared to the same period in 1985. Officials of the Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services say prostitution and the trading of sex for drugs — especially crack cocaine — may be two factors for the dramatic increase in Broward County.

Palm Beach County reported 284 cases of syphilis for the nine months, a 34 percent in-

crease over the same 1985 period.

However, Dade County had 820 cases, a 6.7 percent decline, from the 1985 nine-month period.

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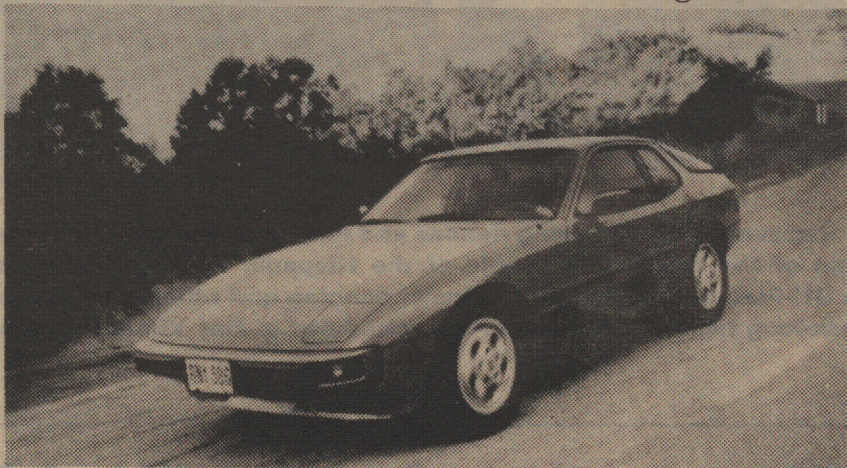
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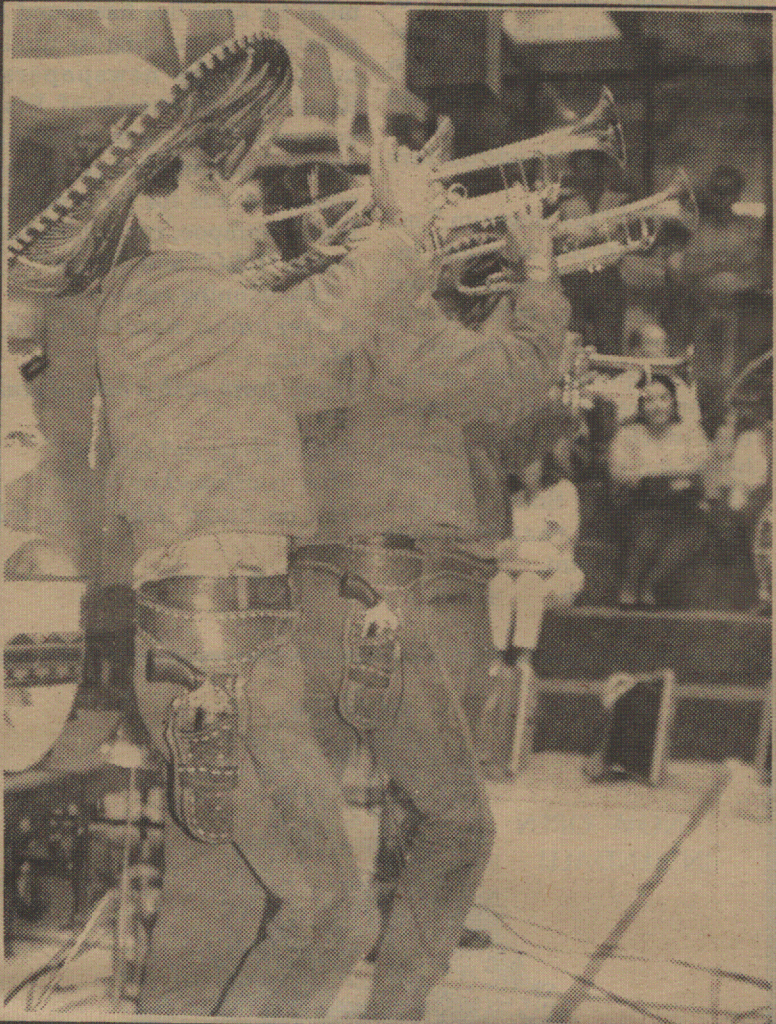
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## Hispanic Heritage celebration a smash at Tamiami Campus



■ Fun, food and fancy footwork abounded during last week's Hispanic Heritage celebration at Tamiami. 'La Familia Mora-Arriaga,' left, entertained the UH Forum crowd with zestful Mexican songs. If you missed their performance at Tamiami, the group will perform at Bay Vista's Student Center Patio on Tuesday, Oct. 21.

### Upcoming at Bay Vista:

Tuesday, Oct. 21 --- noon to 1 p.m. at the SC Patio --- Mini-concert: "La Familia Mora-Arriaga," an 11-member family band will play a variety of Latin music from south of the border

Oct. 21 & 22 --- 6:30 & 8 p.m. at the SC Cafe --- Movie: 'Carmine' -- a contemporary flamenco update of the classic Bizet opera.

Oct. 23 --- 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the SC Cafe (\$2.00 cover) --- A live Latin orchestra will provide musical entertainment, while a free Latin buffet will entertain the taste buds.

### BRIC, from p. 1

visibility for the university."

In October 1984, Dr. Cereijo met with former Miami mayor Maurice Ferre who, according to Cereijo, was very enthusiastic and helpful and used his influence to persuade the city to donate two floors of a building at Northwest 11th St. and Northwest 11th Ave. for the project.

BRIC's main functions will be to conduct research in the area on medical engineering and serve as an "incubator" center for new industries and employment in this field, and to act as a "technology transfer center" by conducting seminars, conferences and exhibits of front-line research.

"The idea is to take advantage of Miami's present position as the ninth largest area in biomedical technologies," said Cereijo, and to "use FIU's

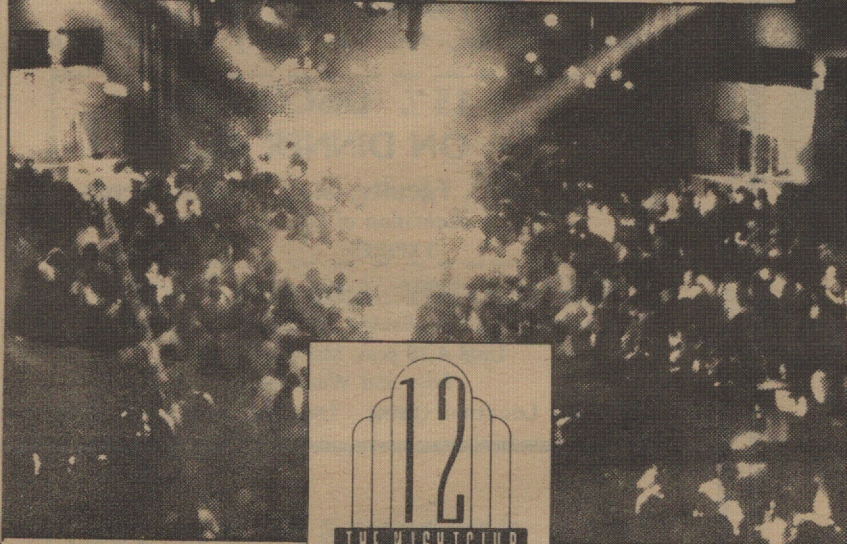
engineering research potential to help create new companies and jobs for our graduates to work in."

The incubator center is the heart of the BRIC operation. Once an idea, product or device is determined to be manufacturable, pilot operations will begin at BRIC by entrepreneurs, who will receive various types of assistance from FIU for a small fee. Once the manufacturing process has matured and is deemed stable, the fledgling company will establish itself in Dade

Dr. Cereijo is optimistic about the final step because, "Eighty percent of the time, new companies fail in the first few years. However, when they're incubated, like they would be in BRIC, their success rate is 80 percent. It's a complete turn around."

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## CLASS, from p. 1

Becerra said she studied a total of 40 hours for the exam and went to an accounting lab. But she still failed the exam, as did, according to Becerra, 77 percent of her class, even with a curve.

Some students blamed the class instructors and the structure of lectures and books pertinent to the exam. They say none prepare them for the exam and that their complaints have gone unrecognized.

"As far as getting us prepared for the exam, the professors are not any good," said Suarez, whose curved score on the exam was a B. "As my professor [Georgina Garcia] went over the exam, I remember she could not do [one of the problems]. What does that tell

you?" Garcia is also an FIU graduate.

Becerra said she took her complaint as far as the dean of the school of accounting, Louis Davidson. She said she didn't receive any results. "I asked him, 'What do I have to do to pass this course?' I got no answer. They just don't care."

Davidson was out of town and could not be reached for comment.

Another problem the SGA senators addressed on behalf of the students was a mid-year change in the syllabus requiring mandatory attendance to the accounting lab, which would make up 5 percent of the student's grade. A problem arose with the scheduling of the lab, which is only open during limited times.

Students must often balance their schedules between school and work and a late change makes lab attendance nearly impossible, Iturralde said.

"It's one thing to fit it in in the beginning, but it is absurd to make a change like that in mid-term," he said.

Students also argue that the lab is not much help. "I went to the lab prior to the exam," Becerra said. "Neither the book nor the lab helped very much, except maybe in the terminology."

Another problem the students addressed was, in reality, a solution. A proposal to divide accounting classes into separate sections for majors and non-majors, was enthusiastically endorsed by students and SGA members.

## News briefs:

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In support of its 40th birthday celebration, Frederick's of Hollywood has launched giveaways at its 140-store chain and erected displays of vintage fashions, lingerie and bras at its Hollywood headquarters store.

A special "bra museum," established for the occasion, includes push-up bras, perfected by Frederick's, with in-up, push-up cups for superior cleavage; plunge bras; peekaboo bras; early black lace numbers with matching garter belts; and in a section entitled "Missiles and Snow Cones," the 50's bras that stitched breasts to a point.

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The manufacturer of a treatment for crab lice has found a novel way of pushing its product in college newspapers. Reed and Carnrick of Piscataway, N.J., are offering \$200 for any limerick chosen to appear in ads for its product, R&C Shampoo, containing the words "R&C" and "crabs."

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**ROB VESSCHMOET**  
Sunblazer staff writer

## 'Raising Hell' a rapper's delight

Attention all those who *think* you don't like rap music. One listen to Run DMC's new album, "Raising Hell" should change your mind.

Run DMC is a group of rappers who hardly anyone had heard of until their show stopping performance in last summer's film "Krush Groove".

Due to low box office earnings

the movie's theatre run was cancelled quickly, and the group didn't get the recognition they deserved.

It took the hit remake of Aerosmith's "Walk This Way" to bring them their superstar following and ability to sell out most of their tour dates around the country.

Run DMC and Steve Tyler, singer for Aerosmith and co-writer of "Walk This Way," perform together in the video

for the song as well as a few surprise dates on the tour. The video has been an MTV favorite since it came out.

Their newest to-be hit "You be Illin'," has received a lot of airplay recently and should hit big very soon. With irresistible lyrics about trying to order a Big Mac at Kentucky Fried Chicken and other assorted oddities, and its great bassline and beat it's almost too easy to

like this song.

The rest of the album has more of the same. Every song is a jam. With titles like "My Adidas," "Perfection," and "Raising Hell" the album is as varied as it is clever. The sound effects they manage on "Peter Piper" and the humam beatbox in "Son of Byford" are also amazing.

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## calendar

### 21 Tuesday

- **Hispanic Heritage Week**--"Familia Mora Arriaga," Noon- 1 p.m., Bayside Terrace, Bay Vista Campus.
- **Continuing Education**--"Entertaining with Flair," 6 sessions thru 11/25, call 940-KNOW for more info.
- **Movies at BVC**--"Carmen," Showtimes 6:30 and 8:30 p.m., Bay Vista Pub, FREE.
- **InterVarsity Christian Fellowship**--Weekly Bible Study, Tamiami, 12:15 p.m., UH 317.
- **"Brighton Beach Memoirs"**--Ruth Foreman Theatre, 8 p.m., Bay Vista, Students \$5, Fac./Staff \$7, Non-FIU \$ 10.
- **Jewish Heritage Celebration**--Meeting, 11 a.m., SC 255.
- **American Society of Women Accountants**--"Student Night", Meeting, 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7:30 p.m., cost to students \$5, Sheraton River House, 3900 NW 21st St., for RSVP China Alvarez-Hung 681-6393 or Candice Robinson 444-0410 or 445-7807.

### 22 Wednesday

- **Hispanic Heritage Week**--BVC.
- **Sunblazer Soccer**--vs. St. Thomas Univ., Soccer Field- Tamiami, 3:30 p.m.
- **SGA Meeting**--Bay Vista, 3:45 p.m.
- **Movies at BVC**--"Carmen," BVC Pub, 6:30 & 8:30 p.m., FREE.
- **Baptist Campus Ministry Meeting/Lunch**--12:15 p.m., UH 314, \$1 donation.
- **Kurt Cloninger**--"Godviews," 11 a.m.- 3 p.m., Fountain Area- Tamiami, same time tomorrow.
- **Conversations**--"Immunology: A Tool for the Future," Dr. Biqqer, 1 p.m., AC'1 194

### 23 Thursday

- **Hispanic Heritage Week**--BVC.
- **Caribbean Student Assoc.**--Meeting, BVC 12:30 p.m.
- **Thursdays-on-the-Bay**--"La Noche Latino," BVC Pub, 10 p.m., FREE.
- **Brighton Beach Memoirs**--Neil Simon's autobiographical play tonight at the Ruth Foreman Theatre, 8:00 p.m., students \$5, Fac/Staff \$7, Non-FIU \$10.
- **Mini-Concert**--12:15 p.m., UH Area, FREE.
- **Movies at Tamiami**--"Jagged Edge," 1:30, 6, & 8:30 p.m., UH 140, FREE.
- **Poetry Reading**--Rita Dove, 7:30 p.m., AC I 194, FREE.
- **Fall Choral Concert**--FIU choral singers, 8 p.m., AT 100, FREE.
- **Jazz Concert**--FIU Jazz Ensemble, 12:15 p.m., UH Forum, FREE.
- **Lectures at New Acropolis**--"Mayas, Incas, Aztecs: Ancient People, Advanced Civilizations," 8 p.m., 311 Bird Road.

### 24 Friday

- **United Nations Day**--UN Day Program 11 a.m.- 1 p.m.
- **Hispanic Heritage Week**--Bay Vista Campus.
- **Movies at Tamiami**--"Jagged Edge," 12:30, 6, 8, & 10 p.m., UH 140, FREE.
- **BOG Meeting**--10 a.m., SC 255.
- **Art Show Opening**--"Body & Soul: Aspects of Recent Figurative Sculpture," 8 p.m., The Art Museum PC 112, Tamiami, thru 11/19.
- **Lectures at New Acropolis**--"Foundations in Philosophy and Psychology," 7:30 p.m., 311 Bird Road.

### 25 Saturday

- **Hispanic Heritage Week**--Bay Vista, dance, band and food, SC 230, 9 p.m.
- **"Brighton Beach Memoirs," Ruth Foreman Theatre, 940-5903.**
- **Simchat Torah Celebration**--U. of M. Hillel, call 554-2215 for more info.

### 26 Sunday

- **Simchat Torah**
- **"Brighton Beach Memoirs**--Ruth Forman Theatre, 940-5903.
- **Catholic Mass**--BVC, SC 245, 8 p.m.

### 27 Monday

- **Last week for Literary Magazine Submissions. For more info on guidelines call 554-2677.**
- **Men's Soccer**--vs. Rollins, Soccer Field- Tamiami, 3 p.m.
- **Cuong Nhu Karate**--SC 320, 6:30-8 p.m.
- **United Methodist Bible Study**--Tamiami, 12:15 p.m.
- **Catholic Bible Study**--Bay Vista, 8 p.m.
- **SCPC Meeting**--1:30 p.m., SC 255.

## Kolumn

# Stand back and look at your relationship

SANDA KURTZ  
Sunblazer Features Editor

Eventually, the day may come. One morning you wake up and find you're single, again.

For whatever reason the relationship didn't work.

Instead of hitting yourself ask yourself why it ended and think about those tell-tale signs that preceded the demise of the relationship that you somehow overlooked.

Did your lover yawn in the middle of "hot" necking sessions? Were your friends telling you that you were too good for your sweetheart all of a sudden, for no apparent reason? Did their best friend stop talking to you?

How about phone calls that no one returned, or dates that were cancelled? The list goes on and on.

I only mention these to alert you to the fact that relationships rarely just end. They have a tendency to trail off

gradually, sometimes painfully until it is just a matter of beating the beast to death.

Be smart, don't let this happen to you. Although it may seem hard to keep a handle on things while you're "madly in love" don't lose sight of the fact that this is real life and not a fairy-tale.

People usually don't just live happily ever after. They work at getting to the point where they both agree on which castle to buy and what balls to attend.

My intention while writing this is not to make you paranoid about your present relationship. I merely suggest you step back and take a look at what you've got going. What are some of the things that make your girl/guy unhappy? Can you change them?

If you do, your relationship hopefully may never get to the point where you have to say, through tearful gasps, "I hate you and I want my records back!"

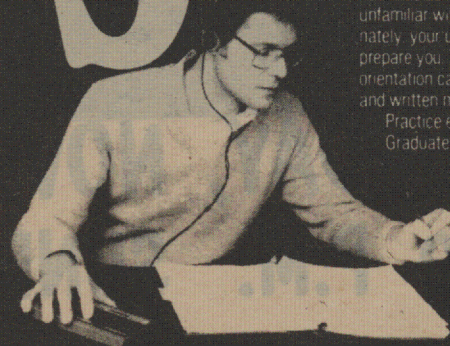
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## Who sets the moral standards in business?

RON GOLD  
Sunblazer staff writer

Most graduates of FIU's School of Hospitality hope to be running a hotel or restaurant in the (not too distant) future.

When the time comes, there will be many important decisions to make. In some of these decisions the question of ethics will inevitably arise.

What are ethics? Ethics are the principles of conduct covering an individual or group dealing with fundamental decisions of right and wrong. The problems therein is what is right and wrong? who is going to set the standards for your behavior? Will it be society, the legislature or corporate leaders? Which of the above is

going to set your moral standards?

It is not the legislature, though sometimes through the law and societal demand they make laws dealing with morals such as pornography bans.

It is not the corporations, because as we all know as soon as we receive our manuals, they get "filed away".

So then it is up to society to set these standards. According to Bob Hogner, professor of ethics and guest lecturer in Dean Marshall's Hospitality Law class, there are four things that need to be present for something to be a moral standard.

First, there must be a serious consequence to human well be-

ing. Secondly, they cannot be changed by an authoritative body. The third and fourth criterias are that it must override self-interest and impartiality must be present.

The next question in your mind should be why do we need moral standards. Again, Professor Hogner says, "it is a secure system of conduct that is mutually advantageous to all of society and it is also for public justification.

Now let's take the aforementioned and put it to the test. My inside sources inform me that the general manager of a local hotel, part of a larger cor-

poration, gets a free car from the rent-a-car company that works out of his hotel's lobby. No matter what size or make the car is, it's free to him for the whole year.

The clincher in this case is, it's in the contract.

When I contacted the GM's office, I was told by his secretary that there is no conflict of interest because the hotel gets use of the car and the GM has another car which he owns.

While the latter is all legally correct, it is also seen as ethical. The reason being it is stated in the contract and is totally out in the open.

Even though the contract seems to make things ethical, I feel there is a lot of gray shadow in this area. After all what makes the contract, a piece of paper, morally correct?

While I can not answer this question I can at least get you to think about these problems that will face us all. We must learn to deal with situations such as this.

The hospitality industry is one of such a diverse nature that no matter what field you go into the questions of ethics will always arise. So future hoteliers and restaurateurs, start thinking now and you will hopefully make the right decision in the future.

## T.G.I.Fridays: fun food but bad burgers

OLGA FIGUEROA  
Sunblazer staff writer

The "American Bistro" offers a wide variety of food in the comfort of a school cafeteria with the decor of an antique store.

The TGI Friday's at Aventura mall has a strategically centered bar that is usually crowded with yuppies after 5 p.m. A mixed clientele eats and drinks at tables under Tiffany style lamps.

Appetizers range from broccoli and cheese balls to quesadillas and great fried mushrooms with horseradish.

There is a large variety of entrees ranging from Mexican to Italian to Cajun dishes. The fa-

ritas (sizzling strips of beef or chicken served with hot flour tortillas, guacamole and ranchero sauce) are terrific. The meat is tender and spicy.

Friday's burgers, on the other hand, are less than desirable. There is nothing wrong with the burgers themselves. It's the toppings—they are skimpy and greasy. The buns can not hold up to the thick burgers and they fall apart after a few bites.

Waiting for a table on weekends will seem like an eternity, but you can walk around the mall to kill time.

The waiters at Friday's (something the restaurant prides itself for) is, for the most part, cheerful. At times,

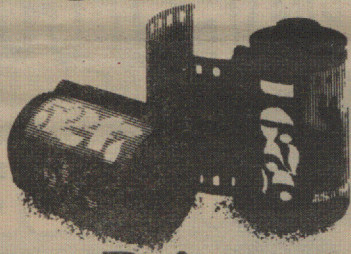
however, you may think your waiter ran off to Macy's because you won't be able to find him anywhere.

Prices are average. The cost of two dinners and drinks runs about \$30.

Overall, Friday's is much too small for its popularity. The overcrowding and noise will remind you of your high school lunchroom. If, however, you like menus with variety and eating in a noisy place, Friday's is the place for you.

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## Editorials

### Reactions to paper must be in writing

The Sunblazer is pleased that it has struck a responsive chord within the University community. We're more than pleased that people are picking up the paper, spending a few minutes thumbing through it, and letting us know how they feel about it. That is why the Sunblazer is there; we hope you keep it up.

However, not all is well. Certain things must stop.

The Sunblazer can no longer accept any phone calls pertaining to criticism of its contents, either positive or negative.

The paper is a medium that exists in print only; therefore, written letters to the editor will be the only form of communication accepted on this matter.

Within the past few weeks, the paper has received countless phone calls from members of the University community who wish to debate with our writers on certain stories that have run. The callers don't realize that it is pointless to sit and argue. The Sunblazer cannot change what has already been said, and we

won't be able to convince you of our position, either. The whole matter is an exercise in futility.

However, on certain appropriate occasions, the paper will retract any statement if it is brought to our attention and our investigation reveals that it is in fact, wrong.

We strive to be accurate, and we do appreciate your input. Write us a letter.

No member of our staff will accept intimidating phone demands for personal interviews concerning what has already been written. Our writers are protected by the editorial board. Any dissatisfaction with any material in any of the sections of the paper should be directed

to the department editor first. In addition, reactions by various members of the University community can only be described as infantile.

Two weeks ago, the paper sought headshots for stories that would run in the upcoming issue. The headshots were to be simple photos of the person named in the story used for illustration and identification.

One of our photographers was hassled no less than three times by angry faculty.

Need we remind you that you are in fact state employees paid by state funds. You are members of this community with a responsibility to 16,000-plus students. It is typical of a bureaucracy in ac-

tion to hide behind the anonymity of your Ivory Towers; this will happen no more.

It would be a shame if in a story we were forced to lower ourselves to the level of some members of this community by writing "We're sorry, Dr. So and so, director of such and such department funded by state monies, refused to have a photo taken." We are certainly within our rights to do this.

Let's behave like adults and in a cooperative way. The paper, the University and most importantly, the students, will ultimately benefit. They have a right to know.

## The other side

### Two women's views of the fall classic

STEPHANIE PERKS and SOPHIA SNIMAN  
Sunblazer columnists

Women and baseball mix like oil and water. We try and we try and we just can't figure it out.

One thing we've discovered is that the Boston Mets are playing one of those New York teams in the Superbowl of Baseball-- sorry, we mean the World Series.

Personally, we experts are pulling for the Astros. After all, they do have the nicest uniforms.

So why is it called the World Series if only the U.S. and Canada are allowed to participate? And why don't they keep things simple and just call it the Superbowl? There are so many questions.

Baseball players have created a language of their own. The hand signals they flash to each other can get to the point where they look obscene. We can't understand them, maybe deaf people can.

Baseball players come in all shapes and sizes. Not all the players look like the adorable pitcher for the Mets, Roger McDowell, unfortunately. The typical pitcher looks like, as David Letterman put it, "a fat tub of goo." Just look at Aurelio Lopez or Charlie Kerfeld of the Astros. Again, we may add that they have nice uniforms, but can you imagine them without them?

Why do the umpires and the aggravated managers bump stomachs when they are

fighting? What a futile form of argument. The umpires are go-

ing to win anyway. Even we know that!

And why all this scratching below the belt? Are they trying to raise their ratings by trying to attract female viewers?

Aside from all those things, probably the most irritating thing about baseball is that inescapable organ music. Sometimes it gets louder and louder and even the mute button won't help. It serves its purpose though-- it keeps us awake.

Trivia question: Who was the only player to play for both teams during the 1985 World Series? Answer: the organist.

We don't see why more women don't watch baseball. After all, where else can you see nine guys with nice bods (excluding pitchers, of course) showing off their matching outfits?

Also:

Why do the players spit so much, and why is it that they always do it the minute the camera focuses in on them?

Why do they hit their shoes with the bat? Is this a baseball ritual?

Why don't they have cheerleaders?

Why can we figure out our statistics homework but not an earned-run average?

If you can help us, please send answers to any of these questions and your World Series survival tips to the Sunblazer office.

## On campus...

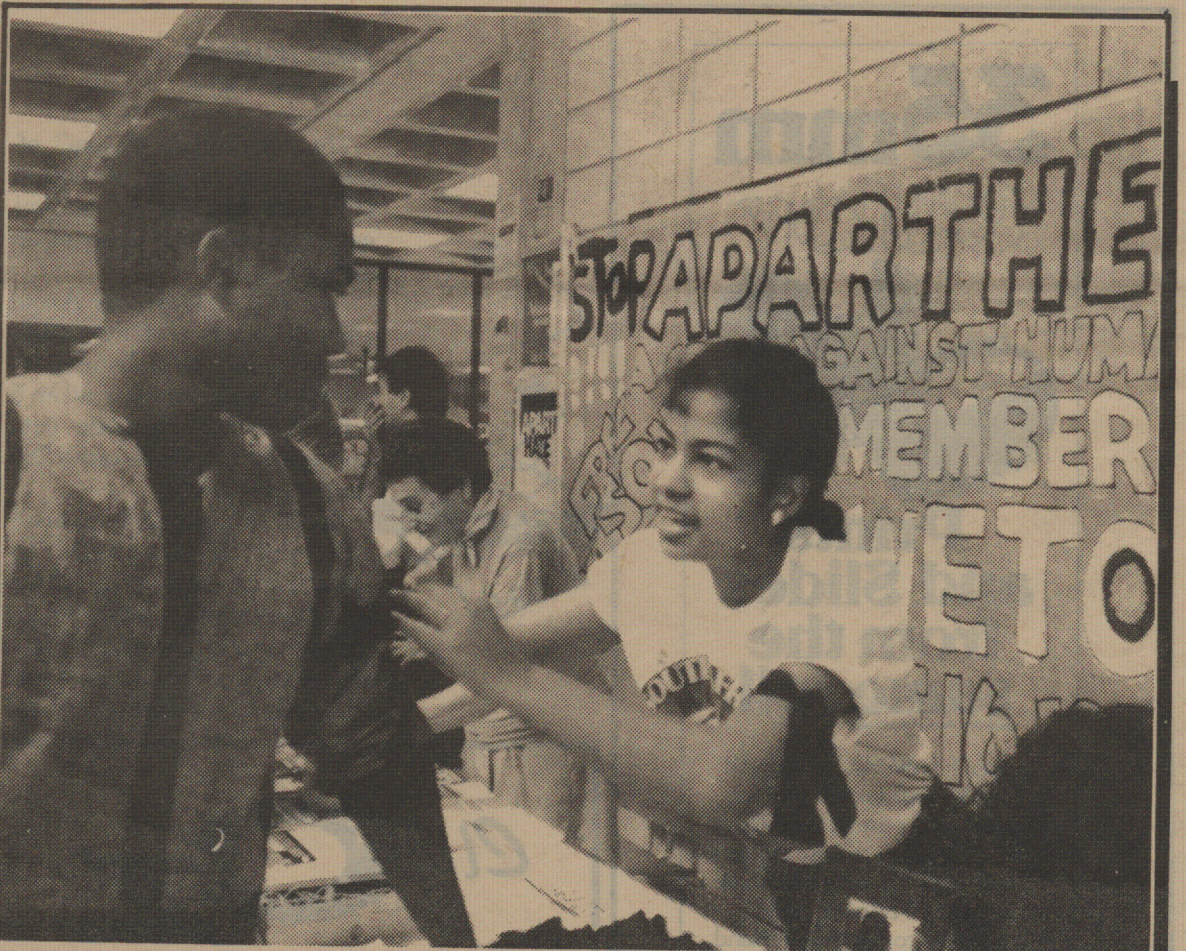


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■ Black Armband Day shows the concern of FIU students to the policy of apartheid in South Africa. Students on both campuses took part in the event, which raised student awareness on the evils of apartheid.

## Florida Heat, downtown cool

MICHAEL SHELLEY  
Sunblazer columnist

Downtown Miami.

It's a dynamic area during the day and a mean silhouette at night.

The buildings are tall and the people well dressed. The streets are bumper to bumper with cars. Metromover trains are stuffed with people during rush hour, as they ride above the city and snicker at the street hassles beneath them. I visit downtown weekly

because it's easier for me to get to South Miami by Metrorail than by driving. Funny. Metrorail swooshes you past the University of Miami, and one wonders why FIU isn't served by Metrorail.

## Commentary

Isn't FIU more of a commuter school than UM? Doesn't it have more students? Let's hope that if Metrorail is ever expanded, the Dade Coun-

ty Commission will serve FIU justice.

■ How about that group trying to bring the NBA to Miami? Note that the arena being built is located in Miami. The City of Miami approved the zoning and financing of that project. And the name of the team? The Florida Heat.

Not only does this nickname not end in the letter 's', but it is called Florida. Florida? Florida? Why not Miami? I don't think we'll very many people from Pensacola buying season tickets.



## Correspondence

### University doesn't suffer from lack of planning, official says

Editor:

I enjoy reading the paper every time, but this week's issue contained many stories of interest that were factually presented. I would like to give you a couple of comments that you may find to be helpful.

To the best of my knowledge, and based on the only check received in the accounting office, Mr. (Ralph) Sanchez presented a check for \$25,000. As the story indicates, he still intends to present us with the scholarship check, and other money if the event goes well. The Miami Indy Committee should feel proud of its role in establishing good communications with Miami-Indy and in formulating a good sound plan for the current low lands, just as you reported.

Your stories on both our Public Safety and Housing were equally enjoyable to read and informative.

The editorial on the UH ex-

pansion seems to blame the University for a lack of long range planning. This is just not correct. The University has had a master plan for both campuses since 1971 for Tamiami, and since 1975 for Bay Vista. This plan has indicated our growth requirements, as our constant battle for enrollment growth. The plan was adjusted (speeded-up) as a result of the Comprehensive University Presence (CUP). The main problem with our facilities expansion is lack of adequate funding by the Legislature. Most of our academic building programs are funded by Public Education Capital Outlay (PECO) bonding. This is limited to approximately \$35.0 to 50.0 million each year for the nine state universities. Our priority listing of needed facilities is never fully funded, and often needed buildings are delayed years awaiting

legislative funding. Non-academic buildings, such as the union, are funded from the Capital Improvements Fund. This again is a bonding program, whose bonds are repaid from the building fee that is a party of the tuition payment. These bonds are allocated every four or five years on an entitlement basis. This fee amount has not changed in years, while the cost of building has increased sharply due to inflation. Anyway, our plans are never fully funded. All students who served on the committees to plan for the use of our CIF money can attest that our lists of needed and planned projects far outstripped our small allocations. What is really needed is more money, but that translates directly into higher tuition.

Ron Arrowsmith  
Vice President for  
Administrative Affairs

### City of 5 million not 'a rural society'

Editor:

I would like to compliment you and the entire staff of the Sunblazer for your service to this community. I believe the paper is doing a fine job; however, I found it hard to believe you published the article by Ms. Teresa Lantigua. It is strange that an article in which little research was done found its way into this newspaper, which serves over 16,000 students.

It is very insulting that the writer called my country, Nigeria, a rural society. I was raised in Lagos, a city of over five million people. During my

first two years in the United States, however, I lived in Panama City, Florida, a town of barely 40,000 residents. It was quite an experience for me to adjust from life in a major city to that of a small town. I still cannot understand what Ms. Lantigua meant by "a basically rural society."

Although Nigeria has many dialects, anybody who can speak English will have no problem in communicating. As a matter of fact, English is the official language of the Nigerian media.

This University places a lot of emphasis on international

business and international relations, so it is rather amazing that members of the University community do not know that American products and services (e.g. Levis and TV programs) are available in other parts of the world. I would like to advise

Ms. Lantigua to take some classes in world geography and international business in order for her to have a better understanding of the world.

Albert Mayungbe  
Finance and International  
Business major

## From the editor's desk

### One thousand miles away, the boys of summer shine

DAVID COLODNEY  
Sunblazer editor

On a cloudy and damp afternoon, the rain pounded against the windows. Outside, the forces of nature were letting out their particular wrath upon Bay Vista Campus, but on the inside, it was warm, polite, almost chummy.

It was an afternoon not like many others. Many saw their classes tossed by the wayside by professors and students alike who gathered around to witness the event. Others went to their classes, only to see them postponed by the event, or to see the class discussion dominated by it.

On the one hand, you had the haughty home crowd, smelling the victory that would take their side one step closer to the goal. On the other was the road team, dwarfed by the noise and magnitude of the home crowd, dwarfed by the intensity that saw the home side come out fighting. It was not like there was no tomorrow; there was, only one side preferred not to want to have to face the tomorrow they would be in for: Mike Scott would be on the mound.

The battle was close; neck and neck save for an early explosion by the home side that saw them jump ahead. The visitors were shocked, held on.

Meanwhile, the rain had let up a little. The air outside was still dense with humidity and still promising to let go once more with the rain that was now saving up in the misty late afternoon cool.

Beers opened, sandwiches and chips and cokes were downed by the enthusiasts who saw the true meaning of what was happening. Sure, they were 1,000 miles away, watching the festivities on a 40-inch television in a university cafeteria instead of witnessing it in person, but that didn't matter. What mattered to the enthusiasts was not how the game was played, but who won or lost. This was World Series time.

It looked about over. The home team held the lead into the ninth. Three more outs. That was all that was needed to forge a seventh playoff game. A game that would be played on the home turf, a game that would be pitched by a pitcher who was unhittable.

But the visitors rallied, quelching the cheers of the home crowd. Silence. A double, a triple. A few walks. Three runs. A tie game.

The rally not only gave the the visiting team a new life, but charged the throng of about 10 who had gathered to watch the game in the Bay Vista pub, about 1,000 miles from Houston, about 1,400 miles the other way from New York, and about one mile from anything resembling civilization.

Tenth inning. Three up, three down for the visitors. Three up, three down for the home team. The match continued.

Fans of the home team watching the game on the 40-inch T.V. 1,000 miles from the action ribbed the fans who were doing the same, only rooting for the other team. Every close play was greeted by either gasp or groan, every time a runner reached base, the stomach knotted.

Fourteenth inning. Stomachs sufficiently tightened. A run for the visitors. Celebration.

Bottom of the inning. Home run. Silence. It continued.

Sixteenth inning. More people had gathered round, inquiring information about the game: score, inning, pitcher, batter.

Three runs for the road team. A cautious celebration by partisans of the visiting team. Students laughed about how they missed buses to watch the rest of the game, pros joked about how they cancelled class to run back to the big screen T.V. and watch it. No one would miss the next bus; the bus driver was also watching the game.

Bottom of the inning. The home team scored two. Panic. "This can't be happening." Runners on base. A three-two pitch for either the World Series or survival for one more game.

Strike three.

As the players jumped in celebration on the field, the fans who gathered to watch the game on the 40-inch screen in the Bay Vista pub jumped with them. It had ended.

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## PRICE, from p. 12

record, Price believes the spring will bring a new start.

"Right now, winning is not the most important thing, but winning does breed winning."

In the interim before the season opens Feb. 2 against Mercer, Price will continue devoting a tremendous amount of time teaching his players. He is especially committed to fulfilling FIU's belief in creating a number one academic student athlete.

Most of his free time will be consumed by fund-raising for the team.

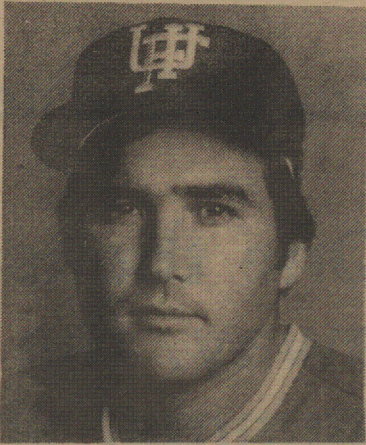
"What we don't get from the University, we get from the community. I like it (fund-raising)," Price said.

Last season, FIU was ranked 25th in the nation by the Baseball America poll. He attributes this success to a combined effort.

"The team's only as good as its players and its assistant coaches," he said.

Still disappointed from not being invited to compete in the regional playoffs, Price is anxious to repeat a successful year, and then some.

"It takes patience. But too much patience makes losers. I don't want to be a loser. I have



**Danny Price**

no desire to wait very long." Price hopes the small, enthusiastic crowds will continue

to support the team, but in larger numbers.

"It's tough on the road for us. I want it to be just as tough for them on the road here."

In a current listing of 127 winning baseball programs in the country, Price's was 33rd.

He feels extremely fortunate to be coaching at FIU, and wouldn't want anything else.

"I wake up in the morning feeling like the luckiest person in the world. I see FIU like a

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## Correction

In the Oct. 7 issue of the Sunblazer, David Rice talks about FIU. The ultra-premier sport was men's basketball, we did not include women's basketball in this category. This is correct and women's basketball is not a premier sport. Sorry for any problems this may have caused.

## Volleyball team wins first match at arena

**JEFFREY BRENNER**  
Sunblazer Sports Editor

Even if Nova's volleyball team could add up all its points in last Thursday's game against FIU, it still wouldn't have had enough to win one game at Sunblazer Arena.

It took the Sunblazers (6-4 and 4-1 in Division II matches) just 45 minutes to win three consecutive games from Nova, 15-8, 15-2, 15-4.

It was the first time that the Sunblazers have had a match in the Sunblazer Arena. "It was great to have a home," Carmen Garofalo, head volleyball coach, said. Even though FIU has a new home, they only have two remaining home games.

"The reason why we don't get many home games is because there are no teams down in Miami that we can compete against, except Miami-Dade Community Col-

lege and they don't count towards our record. We don't have the money to bring the tougher schools down here," Garofalo said.

The Sunblazers had a total of 28 kills. Kills are spikes that are scored for points. Robin Encisco had 12 of those kills. "Since Encisco is our power player, she will get many more sets than the other players," Garofalo said. Lisa Watts and Carman Alvarez both had two service aces.

Throughout the game, FIU showed its dominance. "We don't have one great player on this team, we all are the same caliber, and I think that is our major advantage over other teams," Garofalo said.

"The team's progress has been slow, since we didn't start practicing until Sept. 22 and then we had some injuries and some players ineligible, so that has hurt the team. We should get better as the season goes on," Garofalo said.

**BALL, from p. 12**

FIU's team has 13 players; most have 18. Some of the Sunblazers recruits fell

through, some were injured.

The team has no walk-ons, and they get little from the athletic department. They spend long hours at practice. They help support themselves by putting on clinics. They wonder why they do it sometimes.

"But once you're out there, it's an emotional high," said Rivera, an all-state player of the year at South Plantation High.

As the Sunblazers shoot for notoriety, they also strive for improvement. The future looks good, and they still have an outside chance at an NCAA playoff bid.

"It looks very promising," Edwards said.



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## Kremser lashes out at lackluster effort

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With the FIU men's soccer team passing the midway point of the regular season, they seem to be "stuck in neutral," Coach Karl Kremser said.

The team hasn't progressed like he had hoped it would and attributes it at least partly to a lack of concentration by the team.

"There is a lack of mental discipline by the players," Kremser said.

Kremser also blasted the team for the lack of off-season conditioning by the players. "Pre-season wise, this year's team was in the worst shape that FIU has been in since I've been here," he said.

Kremser says "we are not playing up to our potential, and the players are beating themselves because of mental

breakdowns."

He does, however feel his team has hope. "The talent is definitely there, but the players just have to realize how good they really are."

The team has to beat the remaining Division II schools on the schedule. Although the Sunblazers held a 3-0 division record at presstime and 6-7 overall, they have to have a strong finish to make the playoffs once again.

"We are capable of beating any and all of the remaining teams if the players play smart and want it bad enough," Kremser said.

Kremser has been adding extra workouts and practices to see if that can possibly snap the team out of what has been plaguing them. "The team has been worked very hard lately to reduce the number of mistakes made in the games."

Kremser's report card wasn't

a picture of total failure. He did give good grades to a few players. "I've seen a lot of solid play by defender Robin Fraser as well as forward Tommy Lindeberg and midfielder Steve Charlot."

Many of the teams to beat are still ahead and the coach thinks his team can do it "if the attitude becomes more upbeat, and they play up to their potential."

## Fall baseball tough on 'Blazers

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In last Fall's preseason baseball, the Sunblazers went 15-3. So far, during this fall season, they've dropped to 3-6-1. Blame it on experience: Last year they were loaded with seniors. This year 19 of 25 players are new, including eight freshmen. Is Coach Danny Price concerned?

"I don't like the words 'rebuilding season'. I am convinced this is a good club. We recruited them and we think they can get the job done."

The Sunblazers have been playing Miami-Dade Community College teams during their traditional fall practice. Price is impressed with the strengths in defense and pitching, but needs to emphasize hitting and base running.

"We've not swung the bat the way we should and we don't have a lot of team speed," Price said. "We have to build up intensity among the team."

A bright spot will be the addition in January of four highly touted players: Thelmo Pedonas from the Dominican Republic; Eddy Peleo, a junior college transfer; Rich Radford, from Trinidad State Community College in Colo.; and Rick Johnson, a transfer from Broward Community College. These four will compete for the three outfield positions.

Price cites five players as outstanding pitchers: Jeff Altomani, Leroy Ball, Terry Christopher, Brett Moushon, and Dennis Wiseman.

The left side of the infield, however, is completely up for grabs. Ernie Ojea, last year's shortstop, and Tommy Bogaards, last year's starter at third, have graduated. Plus, Price needs to find a set rotation for starting pitchers.

The Fall season ends Nov. 1. Regardless of the team's

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Photo by Andrew Itkoff

■ With the extra 10 per cent effort, the women's soccer team has an outside shot for an NCAA playoff bid, players say.

## New-found confidence keeps them winning

## Women's soccer team wants recognition

DAVID COLODNEY  
Sunblazer Editor

That extra 10 per cent.

"Sometimes 100 per cent isn't enough," said Julie Orlowski, the goalkeeper on FIU's women's soccer team.

But this team cannot be accused of not giving 100 per cent.

Since opening the season with an 0-3-1 record, they've rebounded to 4-4-1 and soared to the number six ranking in the regional poll.

"They're hungry," Coach Everton Edwards said.

They're also good. A break here and there in close losses to Central Florida and Radford and the team could just as easily be 2-2. Central Florida was ranked third in the nation at the time, Radford twelfth.

Much of their early season troubles stem from being out of shape; the rest were from a

lack of self-confidence.

"It takes a while to get the confidence up," said two-year starter Amanda Keene.

"It takes one goal."

"A lot of people were out of shape and that caused silly injuries," Orlowski said.

But they came together, and they jelled. Their victory against arch-rival Barry proves it.

"It was so sweet," Edwards said. "I love to play Barry."

"It was the best game we ever played," Orlowski said.

The victory against Barry also enhanced the self-confidence evident in a team that has made strides since its inception two years ago.

The team was the brainchild of Edwards, who proposed the idea to the athletic department. They told him to wait a year and play at the club level.

Last year was their first at the varsity level, and they

finished with a record of 7-4-1.

"We don't go for ties anymore," Rachel Rivera, midfielder, said of the new found confidence.

The Barry win was the high-point of a season that also saw them destroy Alabama 12-0 in a game that saw the Crimson Tide make only one shot on goal.

"It could just as easily been 20-0," Orlowski said.

Such lopsidedness is why they'd much prefer to play better teams.

"We play better against better teams. When we play lesser teams, we drop to their level," Rivera said.

"When we play the better teams, we play at their level...actually, we play up to our own level."

Some might see Rivera, Keene and Orlowski as team leaders because of their veteran status on the team. All

three played during the first season; all three are sophomores. The leadership role might be an oversimplification.

"Well, Julie does lead them to the Rat every Thursday," Keene said.

"Well, in some respects, yes, because we've been here," Orlowski said. "Like with scholarships and the bookstore."

But all three are quick to downplay any leadership by anyone. Everything they do is a total team effort, Rivera said.

Team effort to the point that they refuse to set individual goals for themselves. All their goals for this season are team goals.

"We need to beat ranked teams and get notoriety," Keene said.

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