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Pope John Paul II scheduled to hold Mass at Tamiami

MICHAEL SAUNDERS
Sunblazer news editor

Pope John Paul II is scheduled to hold an outdoor Mass at Tamiami Park next September, during the first stop of his nine-city, eight day American tour.

The Mass is expected to attract as many as 500,000 worshippers from the United States, Central American and the Caribbean, according to Miami Archbishop Edward McCarthy. The sermon will be delivered in English, Spanish and French.

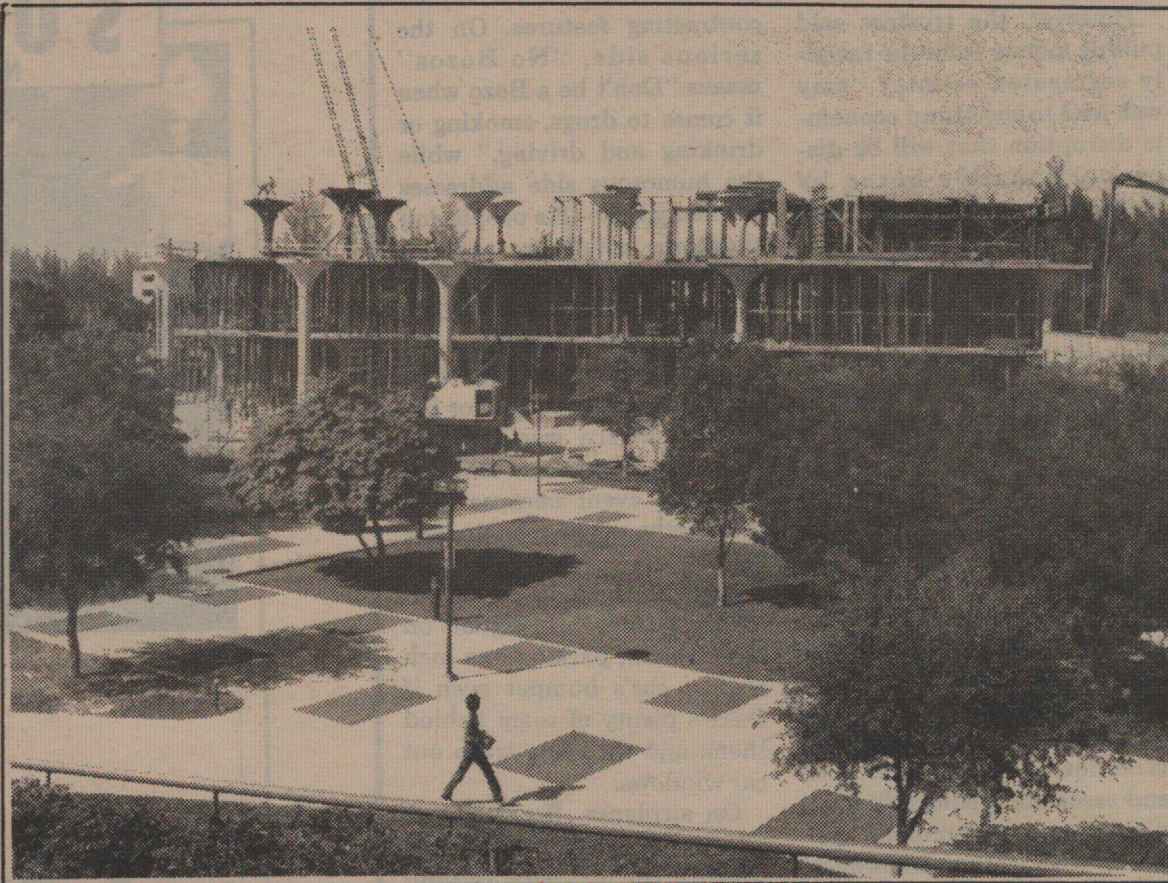
The 66-year-old pope will arrive at Miami International Airport Sept. 10, 1987 and will be met by Vice President George Bush. The pontiff then will travel by limousine to

downtown Miami and transfer into the glass-enclosed "Pope-mobile" for a three-mile motorcade through the city.

The pope plans to open an exhibit of the Vatican's Judaica collection at Miami's Center for the Fine Arts and then meet later that day with leaders of major Jewish organizations.

There are 1.1 million Catholics in the Miami archdiocese, which includes Dade, Broward and Collier counties, and 113,000 in the Palm Beach diocese.

By coming to Miami, the pope is recognizing South Florida's role as a haven for refugees fleeing from political and religious persecution, said McCarthy.



■ The new Bay Vista library will be the latest in planned improvements to the ever-changing campus landscape. Conveniently located between the dorms and academic buildings, the three-story structure will be connected to the Student Center via a covered walkway.

Tamiami Homecoming events designed to boost FIU spirit

NATALIE BUTTO
Asst. news editor

The major concerts are history, but the bulk of the Homecoming events at Tamiami are still to come.

Opening ceremonies are scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 13, at 12:15 p.m. at the UH Forum. Presentations will be made by Student Government Association President Ed Iturralde and Alumni President Steve Liebowitz.

"I'm very scared because there's no big act," said Janice Correa, Homecoming committee chairperson. Last year's opening ceremony featured a musical and comedy performer and the crowning of the Homecoming Court.

This year, nominees for the court will be presented at the opening ceremonies and the

crowning will take place at the Homecoming basketball game on Monday, Nov. 17.

To heighten spirit for the game against the Australian national team, a pep rally is planned earlier that day in the UH Forum. FIU President Modesto Maidique and Iturralde will speak at the rally. FIU athletic teams and prominent athletes will be presented while the pep band and the FIU mascot, Sun of a Blazer, perform.

"[Athletic teams] put forth a lot of effort to represent the University and it's not fair if they're not recognized, Correa said. "Everybody is looking for a football team, but we can still have a celebration. The occasion should bring people together."

Also scheduled for the opening ceremony is the first event

of the "Homecoming Challenge," a series of competitive events planned throughout Homecoming. Teams from clubs, fraternities, sororities or any groups, will be competing for a \$400 grand prize.

Events will include a "gong show," featuring lip synch, joke telling and "stupid human tricks," family-oriented sports events (egg-toss, tug-of-war, etc.) and a Sunblazer spirit competition before the basketball game to determine which group can exhibit the most school spirit.

On Nov. 13 at 8 p.m., Annette Kolodney will give a lecture on American women's poetry, held in the UH Presidential Suite.

Friday, Nov. 14, the Sunblazer Arena will be the site of a 1950's-style "sock hop," featuring WAXY-FM's musical director Michael Ward. Ticket for the dance are \$4 in advance, \$5 at the door.

There was no Homecoming dance last year, said Correa, because of delays in Arena completion.

Sunblazer Family Day, an annual Homecoming highlight, is planned for Saturday, Nov. 15.

"Family Day was originally



■ The Mary Wong comedy troupe

geared to married students and their families. Now, not only married students but everybody can enjoy it," said Correa.

The festivities will feature shows by the Great American Circus, performances by the FIU Dance Ensemble, a Southern cookout, a mini-concert by the FIU Jazz Ensemble, the Mary Wong comedy act and fireworks. Children's rides and sporting events will be held throughout the day.

Thursday, Nov. 20, at 8 p.m. in UH 140, Lisa Sliwa, co-founder of the Guardian Angels, will hold a lecture and demonstration of defense techniques for women.

The last major Homecoming

event at Tamiami will be the "All-nighter," a dance marathon and finale of the Homecoming Challenge, held at the Sunblazer Arena from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Nov. 22-23.

The New York City Swing Band will provide entertainment for part of the night, supplemented by a DJ. Pledges made during the dance marathon will be donated to charity.

The Bay Vista Homecoming dance is scheduled for the same night, but said Correa, "There are lots of students to go around."

"All students need to do is make sure they're there...and we'll do our best to make it enjoyable."



■ The New York City Swing Band

News briefs:

Boston University trustees issued a statement last week denouncing the South African policy of apartheid, but refused to divest any of the school's \$17 million in compa-

nies doing business in the country.

The statement called on the South African government to "dismantle the legal framework of apartheid with all pos-

sible speed" and for the United States government to "encourage South Africa in this process."

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However, the trustees said pulling money from the racially segregated country "may well lead to social and economic disruption that will be disproportionately borne by black citizens of South Africa."

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Food and the holidays are practically synonymous in most people's minds but for people afflicted with eating disorders, the holidays are often not very enjoyable.

For those suffering from the eating disorder bulimia, the uncomfortably full after-the-holiday-dinner feeling is intolerable. After eating large quantities of food, they purge through vomiting, diuretics, laxatives or fasting.

According to Dr. Kathleen Wishner, a nutrition expert and associate medical director a treatment program for patients with eating disorders, the holidays exacerbate food problems in many people. From the casual dieter to the bulimia or anorexia nervosa sufferer, food is one holiday concern they could do without.

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Dozens of cities throughout the country, including Los Angeles, Chicago and Baltimore, officially proclaimed last Friday "No Bozos Day," a creation of the original television Bozo, Larry Harmon.

The second annual celebration, whose support also included a 200-member "No Bozos Day Radio Network," highlighted the theme's two

contrasting features. On the serious side, "No Bozos" means "Don't be a Bozo when it comes to drugs, smoking or drinking and driving," while the humorous side addresses the many Bozo-like people and situations which are encountered daily.

According to the "official" No Bozos book, "A Bozo is a peculiar type of fellow, who seems especially suited for life in our modern world. Bozos are apt to miss the meaning of an entire event because they are caught up in meaningless details."

Typical Bozo behavior includes: leaving turn signals on after a turn; parking one inch from a car's bumper even if there's plenty of room behind them; and throwing trash out car windows.

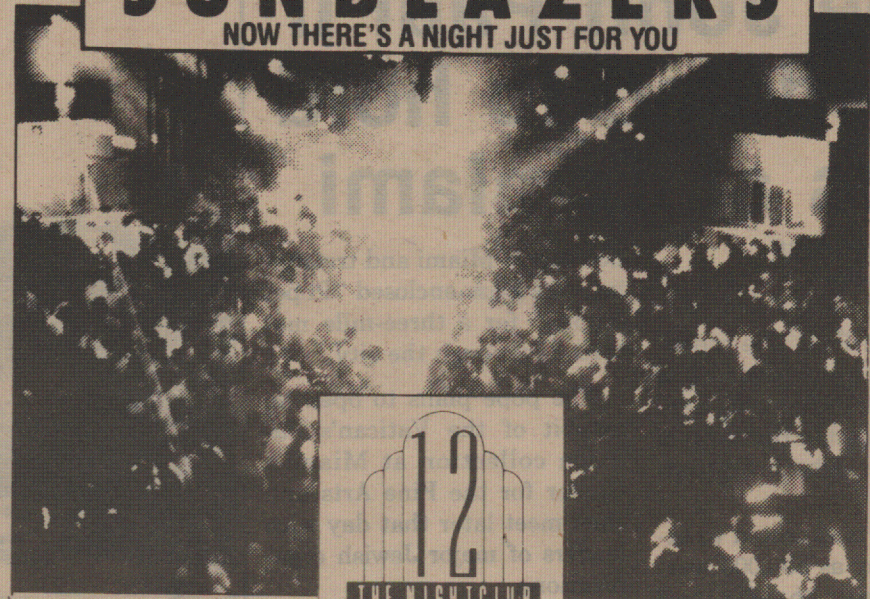
On airplanes, Bozos always sit in the window seat, but want to get up every 15 minutes; they like to cut in line, especially in grocery stores; and Bozos are great browsers, usually occupying everyone's time with no intention of buying anything. Examples of Bozo-like behavior are endless and varied.

The "No Bozos" radio stations sponsored a variety of events, including "Name Your Favorite Bozo" contests, and community searches for Bozo-like people and places. Bozo himself, Larry Harmon, was grand marshal of the day's activities coast-to-coast.

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Idol's yell in top form on new LP

ROB VESSCHEMOET
Sunblazer staff writer

"Whiplash Smile"

Billy Idol

Billy Idol is back and it's about time. After he hit it big with "Rebel Yell" he decided to cash in on his huge success by releasing a series of EP's and 12" dance singles which were high on beat but low on new material.

"Whiplash Smile" should make most of Idol's fans forgive him for the long delay. It again has Steve Stevens playing some ferocious guitar and Billy's screams and vocals are as wonderful as ever.

Idol adds bass to his list of contributions as well as guitar on some of the tracks.

Idol and Stevens don't have the old band behind them anymore. This album is a labour of love and a few studio musicians are along for the ride. The most notable studio musician on the album is Harold Faltermeyer who is best known for the "Axel F" theme from "Beverly Hills Cop."

The content of the album is basically split between good Idol tunes and senseless filler. "World's Forgotten Boy" starts the album off with a screech. Some fans may find that Billy has decided to switch to Heavy Metal, but

then along comes "To Be a Lover" with the same beat and keyboards Idol is famous for.

Record Review

"To Be a Lover," the first single from this album, has received limited airplay. Perhaps they should have released something with a faster tempo or at least that was a little bit more danceable. This song, however, is the only track on the album that Idol did not have a hand in writing.

"Sweet Sixteen" has a bristling acoustic guitar reminiscent of early Fleetwood Mac or Mike Oldfield.

"Don't Need a Gun" is perhaps the best song on the album and will probably be the next single. Or should be

anyway. It's lush synthesizers and electronic drumming give it a lively, upbeat feeling.

The remainder of the album would be considered good for many other artists, but in Idol's case it is merely filler. Billy should be commended for not making an exact replica of "Rebel Yell" yet his dance music will be sorely missed. Even the lack of dance tunes, however, can't stop me from giving this one

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13

12:15 pm
U.H. FORUM

OPENING CEREMONY
• Homecoming Challenge: GONG SHOW CONTEST

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

10:00 am-10:00 pm
UH/AT Areas/West Campus
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- FIU Alumni Association
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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

3:00 pm

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2:00 & 4:00 pm
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8:00 pm
Sunblazer Arena
FIU Community:
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against the Australian National Team
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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

12:00 noon
U.H. Forum

OPENING CEREMONY-AMERICAN WEEK
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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

11:30 am-2:00 pm
Fountain Area

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Comedy group to perform

PEGGY SCIROCCO
Sunblazer writer

South Florida has a new kind of Floss--not dental floss, but Mental Floss.

The Mental Floss comedy troupe uses topical humor to "explore and clean out those hard to reach crevices in the mind," company director Sandy Mielke said.

The group emphasizes a "theatre game" format in its improvisational comedy and relies heavily on audience participation to create an exciting live performance. Audience involvement, as well as the rotation of the company's 18 members into each show's 7-member cast, insures that no two shows are ever alike.

The 18 member troupe has been performing since early June and do so without a script. According to troupe

member Richard Gasparian, "Improv expands you. It allows you to explore characters within your own imagination, rather than the imagination of Tennessee Williams or Arthur Miller.

"It's an opportunity for an actor to play 10 to 15 different characters in the course of one night. You do your own prompting; you write your own script. You make your own statements about life and the world."

"We have as much fun as the audience," said Patrick Manley, another troupe member. "They entertain themselves. When we ask for occupations and we hear things like proctologist, gigolo

or pimp the people who say those things get their own laugh. We know they're just as involved with the show as we are and it will be a good performance.

"The audience entertains itself, we entertain the audience and they entertain us, the whole thing just grows," said Manley.

Mental Floss will perform at the Ruth Foreman Theatre Nov. 12 at 8 p.m.

"We are hoping for a large turnout. The more people the better the show. We plan to have a mental hour that is an offshoot of happy hour outside of the Ruth Foreman Theatre," said Ron Karasz, chairperson of the SCPC committee.

Tickets are free to students and \$5 for the general public. Pick up tickets in SC 259 at Bay Vista or UH 318 at Tamiami. For more information call Ron Karasz or Arty Garcia at SC 259.

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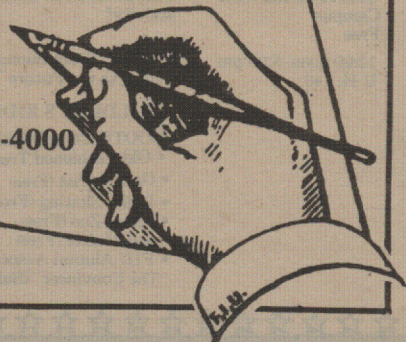
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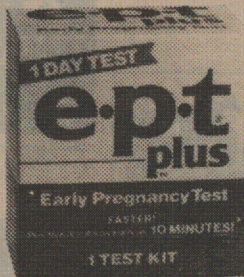
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Students design 'Blazer' for Indy

Florida International University's SGA is the proud sponsor of "Blazer", a human powered vehicle (HPV), which was designed and built by students in the mechanical engineering department at F.I.U.

The history of the HPV goes back 100 years when the bicycle was first introduced. Since then, aerodynamics has played a major part in the movement towards higher speeds.

FIU mechanical engineering students became interested in the idea and formulated an HPV to compete for the

challenging opportunity of racing these HPVs for speed records. The record to break

was 65 mph and the prize was \$17,000. Although "Blazer" did not break the record, it did finish first in its class and sixth overall in the Mid-

American challenge race this past summer on the Indianapolis Speedway. It accomplished a top speed of 35

mph with a 30 mph headwind (the strongest headwind of the competition).

James Freyre, director of the project and SGA senator researched the aerodynamics and Nick Martino and Fred

Cartaya did the framework and gearing design. Hunter Gagwell, a 1988 Olympic hopeful from Indianapolis is the rider.

For those who wish to have a look at "Blazer" it will be on display at the University's booth at the Nissan Indy Challenge, Nov. 7, 8, and 9, at Tamiami Park.

Florida International University Department of Music

Artist Series

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Sep. 28

Nov. 20

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Apr. 5

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This Series is sponsored in part by the FIU Department of Music and also by a grant from the Student Government Association.

11 Tuesday

Veteran's Day Observed--University Closed

• **Movies at BVC--**"American Flyer," Showtimes 6:30 and 8:30 p.m., Bay Vista Pub, FREE.

12 Wednesday

• **Homecoming/An American Tradition--**Opening Ceremonies, Tamiami. FIU Jazz Ensemble, ROTC Color Guard, and Court Presentation, 11:30 a.m., UH Forum.
• **"Body and Soul: Aspects of Recent Figurative Sculpture"**--Art Museum, Tamiami, through Nov. 19.
• **SGA Meeting--**UH 150, 3 p.m.
• **Movies at BVC--**"American Flyer," BVC Pub, 6:30 & 8:30 p.m., FREE.
• **Baptist Campus Ministry Meeting/Lunch--**12:15 p.m., UH 314, \$1 donation.
• **Black History Meeting--**1 p.m., SC 255.
• **Mental Floss Comedy Troupe--**Improv Comedy, 8 p.m., Ruth Foreman Theatre, BVC, Free to Students, \$5 for gen. adm.

13 Thursday

• **Homecoming/An American Tradition--**BVC Opening Ceremonies, Court Presentation, 11 a.m., Cafe/Pub. Tamiami: Pep Rally, presentations of Athletic Teams and Rec. Sports, Noon, UH Forum.
• **Caribbean Student Assoc.--**Meeting. BVC 12:30 p.m.
• **Thursdays-on-the-Bay--**"La Noche Latino," BVC Pub, 10 p.m., FREE.
• **Lecture--**Peter Eisenman, nationally recognized Architect. 8 p.m., AT 100, FREE.
• **Mini-Concert--**12:15 p.m., UH Area, FREE.
• **Movies at Tamiami--**"Back to the Future," 1:30, 6, & 8:30 p.m., UH 140, FREE.
• **FREE MOVIE--**"E.T.," Ruth Foreman Theatre, 8 p.m.

14 Friday

• **"Body and Soul" Exhibit--**The Art Museum, PC 112, Tamiami, through Nov. 19.
• **Movies at Tamiami--**"Back to the Future," 12:30, 6, 8, & 10 p.m., UH 140, FREE.
• **BOG Meeting--**10 a.m., SC 255.

15 Saturday

• **Homecoming/An American Tradition--**Tamiami: Family Day, free movies, kiddie rides, comedy and a Pops Concert under the stars with fireworks, Noon-9:30 p.m.
• **Join the Turkey Trot!--**Nov. 25th, 5:15 p.m.

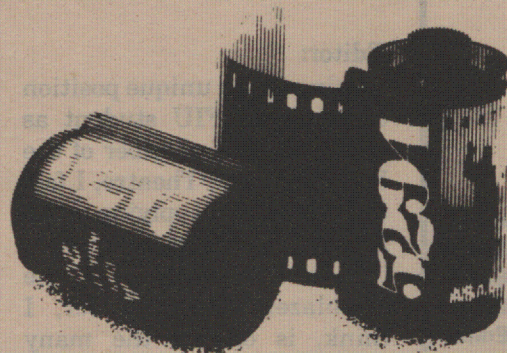
16 Sunday

• **Homecoming/An American Tradition--**Bay Vista Pool Party, band, free food.
• **Akimatsuri/Fall Festival--**Japan-America Society presents a Fall Festival to benefit the Japanese Gardens on Watson Island. Includes Karate demonstrations, Japanese food, bonsai trees, and Japanese calligraphy. At the Japanese Gardens on Watson Island (MacArthur Causeway) Noon-5 p.m., \$ 2 don.
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Maidique wrong on casino policy

VALERIE GREENBERG
Sunblazer associate editor

The elections are over and what's done is done. There is just one thing I don't understand. How could the president of a university with the number two School of Hospitality Management in the nation oppose the legalization of casinos in the same city as his school?

In the few weeks prior to the elections, President Mitch Maidique publicly stated that he did not want casinos in Dade County.

What was he thinking? Did he fail to realize the jobs for FIU graduates, particularly from the School of Hospitality Management, that casinos would create? All of the hotels on Miami Beach that are struggling would be booming and would need plenty of help. All of the new hotels and businesses that would open would be hiring complete staffs. What an opportunity this would have been for FIU grads! Students would have flocked to FIU to study around the corner from their future employers.

Perhaps President Maidique, as well as the other state university presidents that joined him in the public statement against casinos, thought that it was in his best interest to appear pure, distanced from the

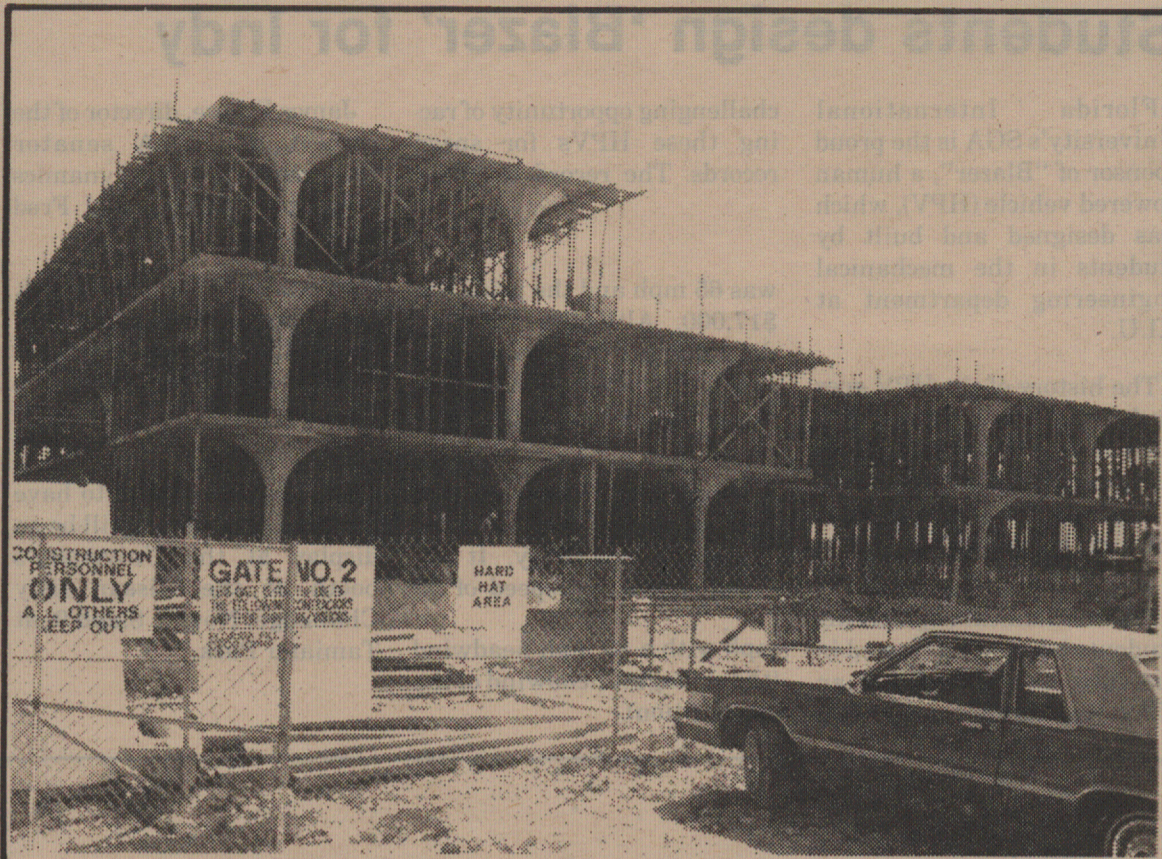
evil associated with casinos. Too bad he was blind to the jobs casinos would have created in his political quest to look wholesome.

Maidique's argument against casinos was that we should be recruiting industry to the area rather than casinos. What's the difference? Jobs are jobs.

Miami is a dying town. Drive down any residential street and you'll see sale signs posted on every other lawn. Talk to young people and they'll tell you that as soon as they can afford to leave home they are moving out of Dade. People are running away as if there was a plague rampaging through Miami.

Maidique took on a difficult job when he became the president of Florida International University. He should be doing everything in his power to make FIU attractive to potential students. Instead, he turned his back on a way to revitalize Miami, a way to bring money and jobs to this area, a way to attract students to a school within spitting distance of what could have been a sea of jobs.

They say it is lonely at the top. Well, if Mitch continues to oppose ways to bring people back to Miami and students to FIU, he's going to be pitifully lonely as the president of a university of no students in a town with no people.



MICHAEL SAENZ/ the sunblazer

■ Construction of the new Bay Vista library is right on schedule. The library is slated to open by the end of next Fall term.

BOG not 'closed quarters'

Editor:

In response to Mr. Grimsley's letter in the Nov. 4th issue of the Sunblazer newspaper, I think he needs to reconsider his position.

Mr. Grimsley submitted a Stereo Equipment User Request Form without sufficient information, whereupon he was personally invited to the Board of Governors meeting to substantiate same. The board, in following the USER policy, tried to accommodate Mr.

Grimsley even though he failed to answer pertinent questions. In the end, Mr. Grimsley arbitrarily, bluntly and rudely withdrew his request. The Board hence made no decision.

In his letter, Mr. Grimsley referred to the SGA conference rooms as "closed quarters." Does he also refer to SGA Senate Chambers as "closed quarters?"

As Senator and chairperson of the SGA Athletic and

Recreational committee, Mr. Grimsley has quite a lot of potential and probably would do more justice to the University students if he joined the BOG-- an offer open to each and every student, including him.

Only then will he learn the responsibilities in protecting and maintaining a \$5.7 million building plus equipment.

Noel Lawrence,
SGA Senator

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Ruth Foreman Theatre serves University

Editor:

Being in the unique position of being an FIU student as well as a staff member of the Ruth Foreman Theatre, I feel the necessity of replying to the letter by Michael Shelley in the Oct. 28 edition of the Sunblazer. This theater, I think, is one of the many things that contribute to make FIU known to the outside community. The "ostentatiously clad octogenarians," as Mr. Shelley put it, may or may not tell their grandchildren to apply to FIU, but many of them attend FIU as students, or as part of the Elder's Forum program. Why wouldn't a university be a place to "pass the time for retirement?" Does life end at the age of 55? FIU is an institution that attracts people of many nationalities. It should be only natural that it would also attract people of various ages.

If Mr. Shelley or any other

student is miffed about the presence of the theater on the Bay Vista Campus, they can thank their administration for inviting us here. As well as spreading the name of FIU within the community, the Ruth Foreman Theatre pays rent for their space which goes to help FIU offset the various costs that it has. If I was only on the outside, I might also be upset, but the Ruth Foreman Theatre is not the villain.

As for students being able to use the theater, they can. SGA and Mrs. Foreman have worked out "windows" of time between shows so students can enjoy use of the theater, as they should. For example, "Mental Floss," a comedy improvisational group, will be appearing Nov. 12 for Homecoming. In addition to the "windows," the Ruth Foreman Theatre has given a benefit performance of "Brighton Beach Memoirs" in which all of the money went to

SGA. Also, with a valid student ID, a student can buy a ticket for \$5.

Since the theater department of FIU is based on Tamiami Campus, there would not be any college shows here. Furthermore, there is not even one theater class at Bay Vista. Is that our fault, too? The Ruth Foreman Theatre has offered scholarships for theater students. Last season, Mr. Philip Church, a theater professor at FIU, directed "The Entertainer." We run a business, producing professional shows of high quality, but we are not above helping the students of FIU.

Mr. Shelley, before you pass judgment on the Ruth Foreman Theatre or its audience, why don't you come and see a show? I'll even provide your ticket.

Carla Hall,
Sophomore, FIU
Ass't. stage manager, RFT

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nine goals scored against them, but they only gave up six more goals in their last fifteen games. The Sunblazers scored a total of sixty goals for the season.

The team played the season with only thirteen players; most teams carry 18. "Four people played with injuries the entire season," Edwards said.

Edwards hopes to get eight new recruits as well as keep the players from this year's

team. "They are all eligible to return because there were no seniors. The freshman crop was fantastic," Edwards said.

"The team has a very promising future and it is looking for post-season play next year," Edwards said. He wants them to obtain "national prominence." Edwards gave the team a letter grade of "A" for improvement over last year and said, "the team showed a lot of character throughout the season."

Briefs

The FIU men's basketball team begins their season in an exhibition game against the Brisbane Bullets. The Bullets are an Australian semi-pro team that will be touring Florida. Brisbane will also play the University of Miami and the University of South Florida.

The game will be considered FIU's Homecoming game and will be played 8:00 p.m. Monday, Nov. 17 in the Sunblazer Arena. The team will open its regular season against St. Thomas on Dec. 2, also at 8:00 at the Arena.

The women's tennis team competed in the Florida Inter-collegiate tennis championship for women at Flagler College in St. Augustine Oct. 31 - Nov. 2.

Many top Florida Division I schools attended the tournament (Rollins, Stetson, and FSU).

This was the first time that the event was held as there were nine Florida teams competing.

"This was a very fine tournament," Anne Happonen, women's tennis coach, said.

FIU did really well as a team.

Four Sunblazers made it to the second round of the tournament and every player won at least one match during the double elimination tournament.

Deanne Bel, made it to the final round of the singles tournament only to be beaten by a University of North Florida player.

Vidya Domodharan and Renee Boscia made it to the final round of the Doubles tournament, only to lose to a team from Florida State.

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Bowling teams go to sectionals

JEFFREY BRENNER
Sunblazer sports editor

FIU's second-year bowling team has been bowling over its competition this year as the men's team has compiled a 10-0 record, while the women's team owns an 8-0 record.

The team competes against other bowling teams from the state, which includes the University of Miami, Florida State University, University of Florida, the University of South Florida and Miami-Dade North.

Even though FIU doesn't consider bowling a varsity sport, many of the other schools they compete against are varsity teams. These schools fully fund the teams by giving them the power to give out scholarships. This gives other teams an advantage over FIU.

The men's team is coached by Rodger Menezes and the women's team is coached by Pro-Bowler Patti Omodeo.

"This year's team is so much better than last year's because last year we would argue about who would start. But this year everyone just wants to win as a team. I have never been associated with a team with so much unity," Menezes said.

The team has already clinched the Florida Conference title, even though they still have a couple matches to compete in. Winning the division means that the Sunblazers win an automatic bid to sectionals later on this year. At the sectionals they will compete against teams from North and South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi. "In recent years the winner of the Florida division has won sectionals and gone to the na-

tionals in Omaha, Nebraska, because the competition in Florida is better than anywhere in the south," Omodeo said.

"If we make it to the nationals, I think the teams will have a good shot of making the top 10 teams in the nation," Menezes said.

The men's team is led by Richard Cheney, who is averaging 217, and Mark McNear who is averaging 210.

Cheney has won the Miami Herald Bowler of the Week honor several times this year and he has already bowled a perfect game (300). McNear was named Miami's junior bowler of the year last year.

The woman's team is led by Veronica Costero, who is averaging 188, Crystal Hern (187) and Michelle Brenner (180). Hern was named Bowling's Youth Leader of the Year for the entire nation in 1985.

"Since people are starting to recognize that collegiate bowling is a good stepping stone to the Pro Bowlers Association, it is becoming very popular throughout the nation," Menezes said.

"The reason the women's team is winning all of its matches this year, is because we have five bowlers capable of averaging 170-190. We don't have a weak bowler, while most teams have at least one bad bowler," Omodeo said.

"This team has so much team spirit it is unbelievable. Every other word out of the team is FIU. I think that it might intimidate the other schools. Other players have come over and said look at the coaches-- they are actually into the match. All ours does is stand there," Brenner said.

Soccer team finishes at impressive 10-5-2 clip

CAROL STRICKLAND
Ass't. sports editor

The FIU women's soccer team finished the season with a 10-5-2 record and were ranked seventh in the region.

Although they did not receive a playoff bid this year, second year coach Everton Edwards said, "this year's team was much improved over last year's."

There were only four returning players from last year's team. "This was practically a

whole new team," Edwards said. "The whole team was outstanding and we received a lot of praise from other coaches and players."

A highlight of the season was the Sunblazers' beating crosstown rival and nationally-ranked Barry University in an emotional game. "It was great to beat Barry this year," he said.

In the first two games of the season, the Sunblazers had



JEFFREY BRENNER/ the sunblazer
■ The FIU bowling team has clinched their respective divisions. They have received an automatic bid to sectionals.

FIU spikes Jags in three

JEFFREY BRENNER
Sunblazer sports editor

The FIU volleyball team knocked off Dade-South 15-10, 15-12 and 15-13 in an exhibition match Nov. 5 at the Sunblazer Arena.

It was the second time in two weeks that FIU has beaten the Jaguars.

Dade-South (33-3-1) is currently ranked second in the National Junior College Poll, while FIU was ranked third in the Southern region by the NCAA.

The final game of the match was the best played by FIU that night. The Sunblazers fell behind quickly 10-0, but they held Dade-South to three points thereafter, while FIU started to chip away. The Sunblazers caught Dade-South at 11-11, then went ahead and

never trailed again.

"It was great to see us come back from ten points, because when we get down by a couple of points we usually get down on each other, but this time we didn't," said Robin Encisco, the Sunblazers' starting outside hitter.

"It was great that we stayed together and the team didn't get down. And to come back like they did, it was great.

"I have told them that they don't have the killer instinct to put a team away-- which showed in the first two games," Carmine Garofalo, head coach, said.

The victory was also sweet because the Sunblazers had to play without the regular setter Carmen Alvarez, as she has been under the weather since the last tournament FIU had played in.

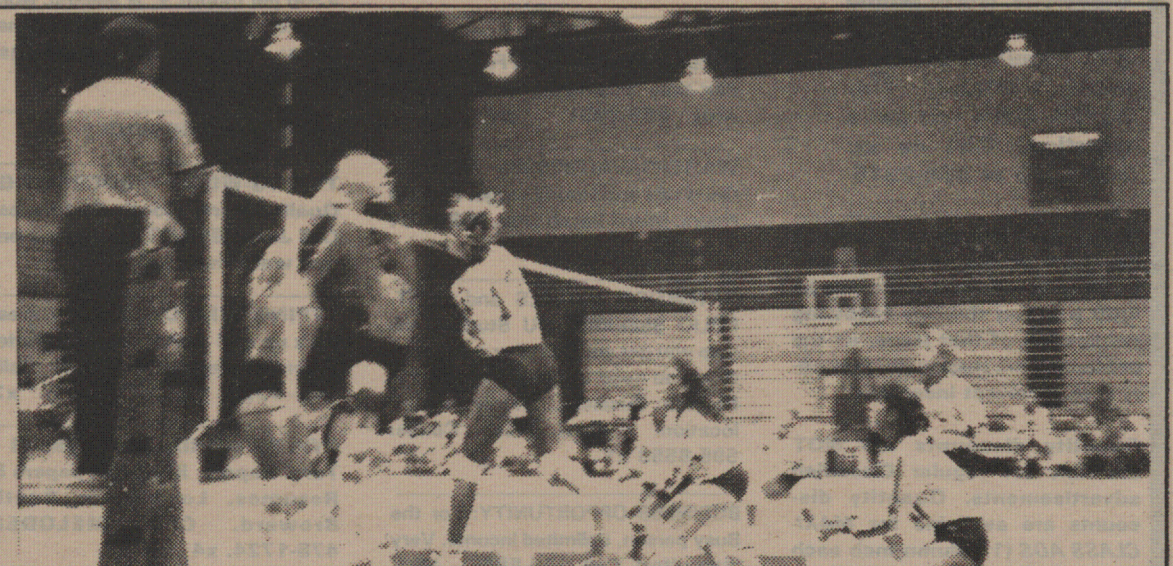
Encisco led the team in kills (smashes that are not returnable) with 13, while Sue Anderson had 10.

"This match really helps our confidence, since we have one of our biggest matches Nov. 7, against the University of Tampa," Garofalo said.

The Sunblazers are still in the running for a post season bid, but the match against Tampa will really help clear up the playoff picture.

The victory over Dade-South also helps with recruiting local high school players.

"Since we beat Miami-Dade twice and the last time many high schoolers saw us beat them, maybe they will think more about playing for a four-year school like FIU, than going to a school where they can only play for two years," Garofalo said.



JEFFREY BRENNER/ the sunblazer
■ Sue Anderson (13) goes up for the kill. She had a total of ten during their match against Miami-Dade South, Nov. 5 at Sunblazer Arena. FIU's record is 13-6.