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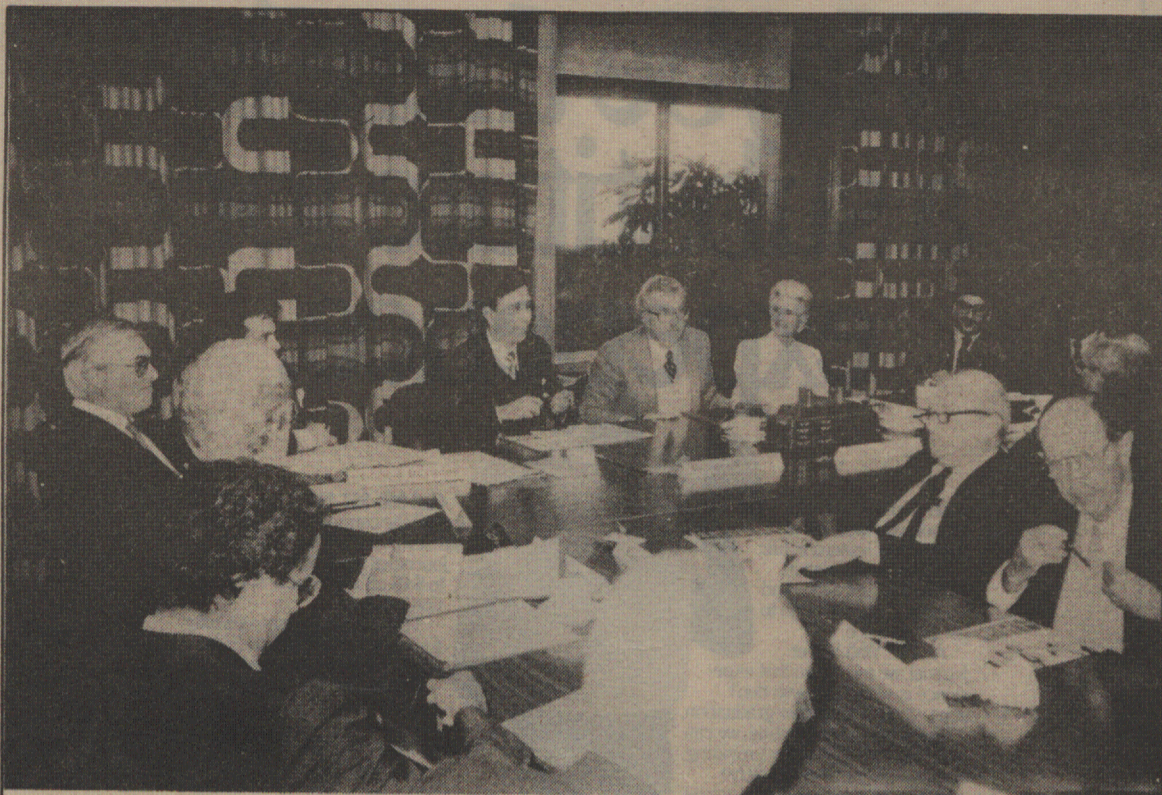


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FIU and SGA Presidents Modesto Maidique and Ed Iturralde meet with Board of Trustees

Maidique hopeful about fundraising, move to Division I athletic status, filling vacant administrative positions

Nicole Linsalata
Sunblazer writer

President Modesto "Mitch" Maidique will officially launch a three-year campaign to raise \$10 million for the University at a black tie gala at the Omni International Ballroom on April 4.

The actual fundraising drive began several months ago, and at the kick-off ceremony featuring Senator Bob Graham as keynote speaker, President Maidique hopes to announce that one-third to one-half of the funds have been raised.

"I think we're going to make it," Maidique said. "We've been getting very strong support."

The University has already

received large donations from Southeast and Barnett banks.

As an incentive to potential donors, Maidique proposes to name university buildings after major contributors.

Production is underway on a short recruitment and fundraising video that will be shown to various organizations. The funds will be allocated to many areas such as scholarships and research, Maidique said.

Maidique said he is also optimistic about the Board of Regent's vote on Jan. 30 regarding FIU's move to Division I athletic status.

"I think the athletic committee and the athletic department have done an excellent job in preparing their proposal," he said.

Division I status will bring more media attention to FIU's athletic program and more money for scholarships and coaches, he said.

However, Maidique said that the move would not bring with it a football team.

"Not as long as I'm president will we have a football team," he said. Football has a tendency to overshadow a school's academic programs, he added.

In the searches for new vice presidents for external and student affairs and provost, President Maidique said that there are approximately 60 candidates for the vice presidential positions and 100 for provost. He said that there are no frontrunners at this time.

Student Government Senate sets priorities for Spring 1987 semester

NATALIE BUTTO
Sunblazer news editor

FIU's Student Government Association will be facing several major issues as the 13th Senate reconvenes the Spring Semester.

One of SGA President Ed Iturralde's priorities is to get more micro-computers in the library for student use. The administration has agreed to match the number of computers bought by SGA, which plans on adding two computers at Tamiami and one at Bay

Vista. There are currently three at Tamiami and two at Bay Vista.

Iturralde also considers the radio station as a personal priority. "I want to finish the radio station project or at least get it well on the way," he said. "Several key people involved are graduating and if we don't get a significant foot in the door before we leave, it might not get done."

The 13th Senate will also have to get the budget process rolling for the following year. The Executive Board will submit a budget, the Senate Budget Committee will suggest changes, and the whole

Senate will pass the budget in the summer.

Senators in the College of Business Administration will be concerned with the feasibility of the accounting pre-test, as well as increasing the availability of classes.

Representatives from the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences will work towards increasing recognition of the program through an FIU Engineering Magazine, according to Engineering Senator Steve Willingham.

The Senate will conduct its first 'working' meeting Wednesday Jan. 21 in UH 150 (Tamiami Campus).

Maidique discusses name change with honor student group

Michael Shelley
Sunblazer staff writer

President Maidique met Thursday with a select student group, Faculty Scholars, to discuss a few important on-campus issues. About 40 of the honor students participated in this hour-long question and answer session. Most questions concerned the possibility of a new name for FIU.

Maidique cited three major reasons for the change: The name "International" is misleading; schools that have the name "international" are usually on shaky financial ground and are "flaky"; the overwhelming need for fundraising.

"[Fundraising] is virtually nil. We're talking bad. We're not only the worst in the state, but it's 1,2,3,...8, and then FIU," said Maidique.

Names under serious consideration are University of Florida at Miami and University of Southeast Florida.

Alexander Fernandez was one of several who argued against the name change. "Will we get more money with a new

name?" he said. He listed several reasons for his views: the cost of a name change, the risk involved in trying to establish the school again, and "ostracizing" the 33,000 alumni from FIU.

Countered Maidique, "We don't have a major, supportive alumni organization."

A new name would also attract students from other parts of Florida and around the country, he said.

"Over the next ten years I anticipate [on-campus] housing will triple or quadruple," Maidique said.

Announced at the meeting was the accreditation of FIU to level number four on a scale of one to four. Maidique was visibly pleased about a Board of Regents' review of FIU's programs that placed biology, computer science and psychology as among the best country.

Many of the Faculty Scholars said they were concerned about athletics in the wake of the resignation of Athletic Director David Rice. Maidique said the search for a replacement should take from two to six months.

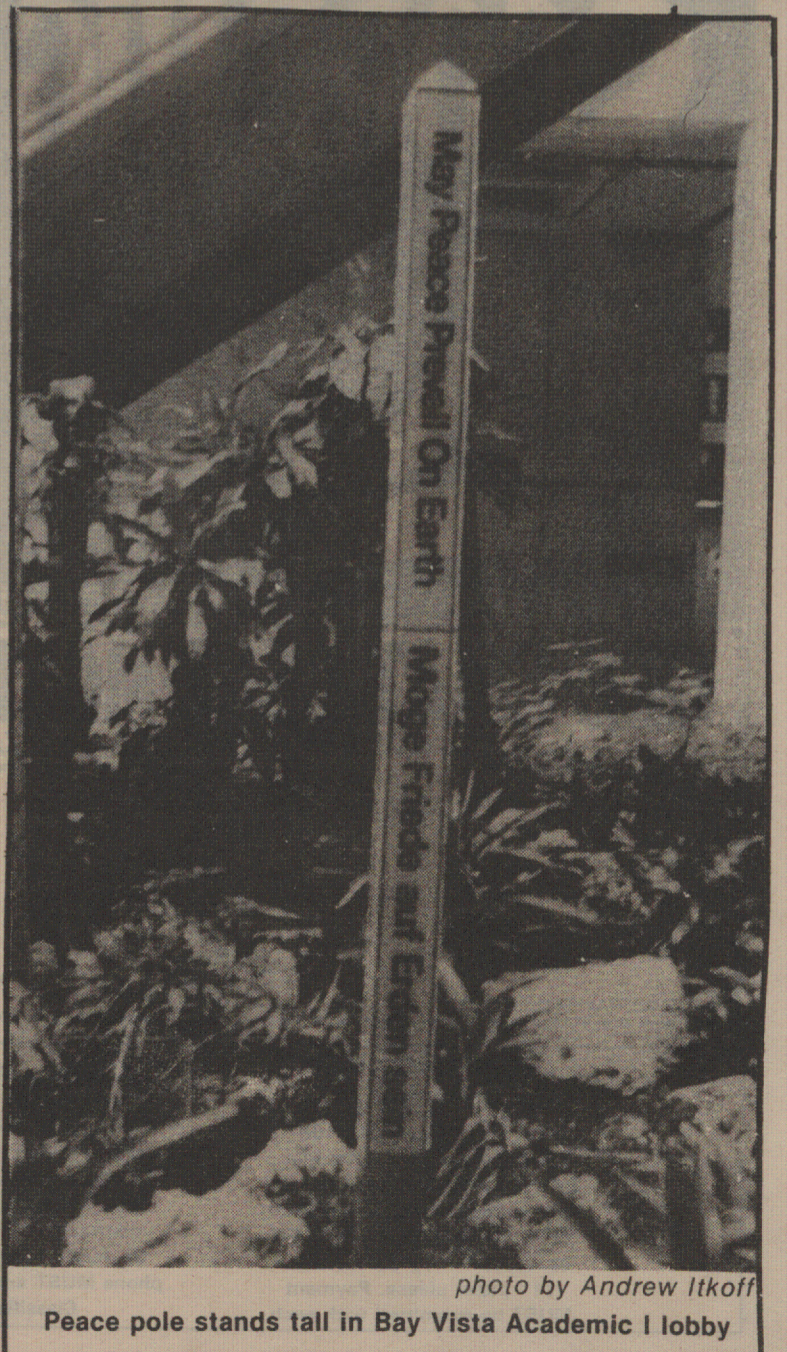


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Peace pole stands tall in Bay Vista Academic I lobby

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Televised class features students, panelists debating journalism controversies

Tish Palmer
Sunblazer writer

Journalism students will get a chance to watch professionals wrestle with hot issues in the new Perspectives in media class, being held at Bay Vista Campus this semester.

Professor Kevin Hall will act as host to a panel of journalists and their opponents as they debate issues that range from media coverage of Central America to investigating the powerful.

'The idea for a course like this has been floating around the department for a couple of years.'

Students are expected to research the topics and participate in a question and answer session that will follow a debate between the panelists.

The sessions will be videotaped by telecommunica-

tions students at Channel 17 under the guidance of Bob Lopez, director at Channel 17 and adjunct professor at FIU.

"The idea for a course like this has been floating around the department for a couple of years," Hall said. "We decided this semester we would do it."

"This may be the only time students have a chance to grapple with ethical questions. We are asking students to perform in a way that, as professionals, they will have to act the rest of their lives," Hall said.

The Institute for Public Policy has given a grant to the department to help pay for guest speakers including Roberto Eisenmann, now exiled Former Editor and Chief of "La Prensa", the opposition paper of Panama; Gerardo Bolanos, special assistant to the Foreign Minister for international press in Costa Rica; Chuck Green, former Associated Press Central America Bureau Chief.

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on the Bay Vista Campus. The FIU SGA is sponsoring the event as part of their annual "Jewish Awareness Celebration" which in the past has lured hundreds of participants.

The festival begins at 10 a.m. with the walk-a-thon for

oppressed Jews in the Soviet Union and will follow a course along Biscayne Boulevard. Following the walk, there will be an Israeli Festival. The event will be surrounded by ethnic foods, artists and continuous entertainment. Scheduled to perform are local

school choirs, the Naguila Dancers and the dynamic Israeli band "Shajar". The festival will conclude with a concert by the world renowned Israeli rock star David Broza. Broza will be accompanied by keyboardist Jeremy Wall from jazz band Spyro Gyra.

Other events being produced by the Jewish Awareness Celebration Committee include an art exhibition by Rabbi S. Raphaely (Jan. 1- Feb. 1) and a midnight fashion show on Thurs. Jan. 29. For walk sheets or more information call 940-5680.

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FIU arts are in full swing Museum and Photo Gallery plan big shows

SELMA RUBIO
Sunblazer staff writer

Bay Vista's Photography Gallery is scheduled to host the works of three different photographers this semester and has a calendar of events that includes exhibits, lectures and a workshop.

The Gallery opens with an exhibit of Connecticut photographer Mark Steinmetz's works. The show runs from Jan. 29 - Feb. 24.

Photographer Lee Friedlander will lecture Tues., Feb. 3 at 8 p.m. in AC II, room 105. Admission is free for students.

The semester closes with an exhibit of Larry Fink's works which runs from March 20 - April 16. The show features the photographer's early works. Fink will also lecture on Friday, March 20 at 8 p.m. and will be conducting a workshop the following day.

The Art Museum's second show of the semester, the Annual Student Show, features a juried competition of the best

works of FIU students. All students get the opportunity to participate.

The University awards two \$500 purchase awards which entitles the University to buy the art. The opening reception for this show is March 6, and the exhibit continue through March 20.

The last show of the semester at the Art Museum will be the Bachelor of Fine Arts Exhibition. This show features works by graduating seniors. "They must participate in it as part of the program," says Bill Humphreys, Museum curator. "It is also a good opportunity to see their work in a museum setting." This exhibition opens Friday, April 10.

The Art Museum has a busy calendar of events this semester. The museum has chosen "Post War Paintings from Brandeis University" as the first show. From the collection of the Rose Art Museum, this show includes such artists as Warhol, Motherwell and deKooning. The exhibition will open Friday, Jan. 16 with a lecture by Dr. Carl Belz, Director of the Rose Art Museum, in room AT 100. The lecture will be followed by a reception in The Art Museum, PC 112.



Franz Kline and other artists works are on display now at the Art Museum

Upcoming Events

Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings

start at Tamiami, Jan. 22-23. Stars Jan. 27. Tamiami Campus, DM 190, 12:15- 1:30 p.m. Tues. and Thurs. For more info call The Alcohol and Drug Information Resource Center at 554-3437.

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The Breakfast Club Movies

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A memorable 'Morning After'

RONNIE GREENSPAN
Sunblazer contributor

"The Morning After" is Jane Fonda's latest film. Fonda's acting is the outstanding feature of this movie. In the role of an alcoholic, dissipated actress Fonda is superb. She depicts her character with sympathy and realism. The character, Alex, is an eccentric, self-destructive, vulnerable woman and Fonda makes it easy for the audience to empathize with her.

In addition to Fonda, the cast includes Jeff Bridges who is attractive as Alex's love interest.

Even more outstanding than Bridges' performance is Raul Julia's role as Alex's upwardly mobile, estranged husband/hairdresser Jackie. Julia, who won recognition for the role of Valentin in the art film

"Kiss of the Spiderwoman" once again proves his excellence as an actor.

It is quite believable when Alex wakes up from a drunken stupor in a man's bedroom to find him dead: a knife stuck through his guts. She is so hung over and in shock that she can not remember clearly

what happened the night before and how she got into this man's room.

The plot development from here on in tends to be absurd, however. Alex contacts her ex-husband, Jackie, and madly escapes the scene of the crime. When she returns, on the edge of hysteria, to clean up the dead man's apartment, she erases traces of evidence; her actions are impulsive and abrupt.

The manner in which Fonda's and Bridges' ex-cop character attach quickly seems ludicrous given the gravity of her circumstance.

While the plot of this film is sometimes unpalatable, it does provide viable entertainment. "The Morning After" is fast-paced and keeps one's heart-beat erratic and one's mind alert and attentive. It is an enigmatic and thrilling murder mystery. The twists and turns of the plot keep the viewer guessing and stirs up excitement until the climactic and surprising end.

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From the editor's desk...

Same as it ever was

MIAMI December 17, 1979 — Arthur McDuffie was spotted running a red light on North Miami Avenue at 1:15 a.m. by Metro Police Sgt. Ira Diggs. McDuffie proceeded to "pop a wheelie" on his black and orange Kawasaki 900 and "give the finger" to Diggs, parked nearby in his squad car.

For the next eight minutes, McDuffie, a black insurance salesman, was chased at speeds exceeding 100 miles per hour by Diggs and more than a dozen other Metro and Miami police cars.

McDuffie finally stopped at the corner of North Miami Avenue and 38th Street with police closing in.

"We have him at the corner of 38th Street and the entrance ramp," Diggs said over his police radio.

"Do you need Eastern (ambulance)?" the dispatcher asked Diggs.

"Negative at this point," he responded.

Additional units continued to arrive. All the officers were white.

Two minutes passed.

"We need an ambulance out here," Diggs called over his radio. "We've got a head injury."

It was all over. McDuffie lay in the street slipping into a coma, his head cracked like an egg shell.

"They (the police) looked like animals fighting for meat," said one witness during the seven-week trial.

"I was standing approximately four or five feet east of Mr. McDuffie. I got spattered with blood," said officer Charles Veverka, an immunized witness.

McDuffie died Dec. 21, 1979.

TAMPA December 13, 1986 — Daniel Hopkins, 25, had just purchased a carton of milk from a convenience store and was walking home at 10 p.m. when he saw two police cars with lights flashing pull up behind a red Corvette and a silver Mercedes on North Nebraska Avenue. Hopkins watched a tall, black man step out of the Mercedes. The next morning he learned that the man was Dwight Gooden, the New York Mets strike-out king.

The officers ordered Gooden down on the ground.

"I ain't laying down on no goddamn ground! I ain't no dog," Gooden replied.

Officer Larry Scott Wolff, 29, grabbed Gooden around the neck with a hold that Tampa police call a cartroid restraint. They say it is used to render a person unconscious in a matter of seconds.

Dell Barker, 26, said he saw a female officer run across the street and bash Gooden on the head with an 18-inch flashlight, smashing the glass on the light.

"You could hear the breath going out of him every time they hit him," Hopkins said.

With nylon rope, police hogtied Gooden, hands and feet together behind his back. They then sprayed mace in his face.

"They picked him up like a butchered hog," Hopkins said, and then tossed him into a squad car.

By this time there were as many as 23 patrol cars at the scene.

All the officers were white.

Of Tampa's 721 police officers, 664 are white.

On Dec. 19, Gooden made his first public appearance following the beating. His left eye bloodshot and the right side of his face bruised, Gooden simply said, "Hopefully in time, things will get better."

Four days shy of seven years passed between the two savage beatings of black men by white police officers. Arthur McDuffie was not as fortunate as Dwight Gooden. He died. Apparently in vain.

by Valerie Greenberg

A new name would help attract more students

MICHAEL SHELLEY
Sunblazer staff writer

What's in a name? Florida International University is our name right now, but new President Maidique wants to make a change. I agree.

Maidique wants to focus on the outstanding programs offered in hospitality management, accounting and engineering. "International" as our middle name obviously doesn't emphasize such courses, but neither would any new name. I think a better

reason is to attract out-of-state students.

The tuition paid by non-Florida residents is a couple thousand dollars more than a resident. This extra revenue could be applied to new dormitories or other educational needs. Do you think the name Miami State University would lure a lot of out-of-towners?

Another important reason for a name change is athletics. "Sunblazer" sounds great for sports, but when you attach "Florida International" people think we have diplomats as our athletes. In addition, with

our expected entrance into Division I athletics later this month, it is important that we have a "normal" name.

I have heard many students argue that FIU is becoming established and a name change now would ruin 14 years of accomplishment. I feel FIU did not become a university until 1981 when it became a four-year school. So we are very young, and because of our youth we can absorb such a drastic move now.

If we are going to be MSU, now is the perfect time.

Editor:

Do you know what really bothers me? People don't practice what they preach. The old lady that rants about immoral dope addicts while she downs a week's supply of valium and the TV minister who expounds on the evils of greed moments before asking for your "support" are good examples. It just boils my blood. The FIU College of Business Administration (CBA) falls under this category also. American business is based on the market system. The market sets prices based on supply and demand. Pretty basic, right? Although public institutions set artificial prices for the service rendered, they too are affected by those invisible devils—supply and demand. Not in the College of Business.

Demand for classes, actual or projected, has nothing to do with the number of courses offered, according to a tenured professor within the college. The CBA stresses problem solving and decision making through quantitative methods. Yet there is no formula or projections to arrive at an equitable allocation of classes.

Of course, students pay the price of this folly; so do the professors who must listen to students complain, whine and beg.

But is there an answer? Usually, in a bureaucracy such as a state university, the answer would be "no." This time, however, there just happens to be one. The answer comes in the form of a computer system called SASS, which stands for Student

Academic Support System. This new program allows a counselor to see a student's file listed according to which classes he or she has taken and which must be taken next with regard to major and course prerequisites.

SASS comes on line later this term for the College of Business Administration. The other schools will get it soon after. Will they take the program one step further? I don't know. But, if they don't, I'll find out because that is my job. If you're concerned about this or anything else, give me a call at 554-2121 or stop by the SGA office. Keeping you informed is also my job.

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status of a team's opponent. Each Division I team is valued at three points, Division II as two points and Division III as one point. Add the points per opponent and divide by the number of opponents and the result is the power rating.

FIU's power rating exceeds its closest Division II competitor by .2 and the average Division II competitor by .4.

FIU's only losses this season come against Division I schools, dropping the opener to Purdue, 80-64, and losing to

ninth-ranked Division I Louisiana State, 81-58.

Sandra Bogan, the Sunblazers' leading scorer with an 18.7 points per game average, was featured in the Jan. 8 Miami Herald Neighbors section...Next local game: Jan. 29 at 7 p.m. against Florida Memorial. The next home game is against St. Thomas, Feb. 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Arena.



CINDY RUSSO

...team on roll

Big impact

Playing 40 minutes isn't on Thomas' agenda-- yet

The FIU men's basketball program enters the new year with a new face-- 6-foot-5, 230 pound senior/forward James Thomas.

Thomas, a transfer from Gannon University in Pennsylvania, averaged 17.7 points and 7.5 rebounds per game for the Golden Knights in 1984-85 before sitting out last year. Then, because of academic difficulties, Thomas was not only forced to sit out the fall semester but was also unable to practice with the team.

"James will give us more flexibility in our lineup," said Rich Walker, head coach. "He's a very confident player and he should contribute a lot of rebounding. He should prove extremely valuable around the basket.

"But because of his inactivity, we'll be bringing him around slowly. We're not going to rush him into our lineup but just play things by ear as to how much playing time he'll get."

Thomas says that his teammates have been enthusiastic about his eligibility-- maybe too enthusiastic.

"The guys want me out there today and playing at their physical level. I've had to tell them to hold on, don't expect to get 40 minutes from me right away. I'm going to need all of their help in learning the plays and so far, they've been very helpful.

"I'm gradually getting myself back into shape, but I'll be ready as soon as the coach calls my name but I realize my limitations and it will take a while before I am able to go a lot of minutes."

A native of Managua, Nicaragua, Thomas played his high school ball at Southridge where he was selected All-County and All-City as a senior. After graduating, he played two seasons at Miami-Dade South.

"James is a wide body with a wealth of experience. His presence will certainly help this team," Walker said.

Dave's Trivia Corner

1. The Chicago Cubs, who led the Mets by eight games into late August. 2. Denny McLain, who won 31 for the Tigers in 1968. 3. Carl Yastrzemski led the AL in homers, RBI's and batting average in 1967. His batting average was only .307.

2. Who was the last pitcher to win 30 games in a season?

3. Who is the last major league triple crown winner?

Answers:

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the end of the first half. St. Thomas went on a 9-0 run to bring the score to 24-22 FIU with 2:35 to go in the half.

The teams exchanged baskets until the half for the 32-28 halftime tally.

In the second half, the ex-

perience and stamina of the Sunblazers showed as they finally took command. A 7-0

run midway through the half gave the Sunblazers an 11-point lead.

FIU then went on a 12-2 run, controlling the ball for over

three minutes to bring the score to 63-44.

"This game was good because we were able to play a lot of inexperienced players like Boring and they received valuable playing time," Rosenberg said.

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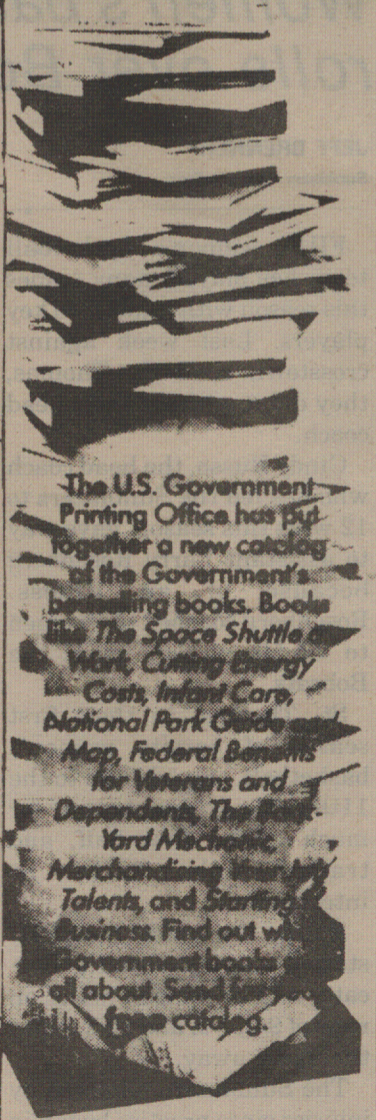
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Despite losses, Walker remains 'upbeat'

Team stays optimistic, loose through season tagged 'learning process'

DAVID COLODNEY
Sunblazer sports editor

Rich Walker is nervous. It's a few minutes before game time, and the FIU men's basketball coach has finished last minute preparations for the upcoming action on the court.

The clock ticks down; the butterflies set in.

The players run on to the court clad in warm-up uniforms and go through the pre-game warm-ups; Walker heads toward the sideline.

"I always have butterflies," Walker said. "Every night I go out there."

Given the Sunblazers' current four-game losing streak, some might say he has a right to be nervous. But the streak, which has seen FIU's record plummet to 4-7 and includes a 108-55 thrashing at the hands of 13th-ranked Clemson, does not have Walker climbing the walls in search of answers.

Instead, he emphasizes the positive.

"The bottom line is we're not getting the job done. But we're together. We've got to stay upbeat," Walker said.

"We've gotten some good minutes from Bernie Cantens. Charles Payne has done some good things," Walker said.

Walker's plan to combat the skid is extra practice, weight work and maintaining the confidence level. "Anytime you don't succeed, the confidence has a tendency to drop a bit.

"A lot of this (the losing streak) is mental. They're working hard, and sometimes

they try too hard because they want to do well for this university. Our biggest factor now is to be able to come back from rejection. Stay upbeat."

This season has been an uphill battle for the Sunblazers, who are still classified as a Division II team despite the inclusion of 19

Division I opponents on their schedule. For the most part, they've played the role of the underdog, and it has been a role they've relished.

"They don't mind it at all. We use it to our strength," Walker said.

This especially plays a role at home, where the Sunblazers are 8-1 dating back to last season, the only loss a 76-70 heartbreaker to Radford two weeks ago to extend the losing streak to three.

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The men's team was undefeated in eight games at Sunblazer Arena dating back to last season.

"A lot of this is mental...they try too hard"

--Rich Walker,
Men's basketball coach



an early lead and use some four corners," Walker said.

The Sunblazers held the early lead, but the Tigers' five out of six in three-point attempts doomed them.

For the rest of the season, the key is to maintain a positive attitude.

"Sure, the final scores haven't been what we wanted, but as long as we keep coming back fighting and scratching, we'll be all right. We haven't got down, and we haven't lost our confidence.

"I'm blessed to have such a group of student-athletes," Walker said.

"The crowds (at the Arena) have been excellent. One of the impressive things is the enthusiasm of the crowds.

"No other school in the area can claim that."

Still, they couldn't take the home crowd with them to play Clemson and the underdog enthusiasm didn't help.

"We went into the game assessing what would be most positive for us, and that was a positive attitude and to take

Winning injured

Women's basketball team rolls over Bobcats, 65-50

JEFF BRENNER
Sunblazer sports editor

FIU's women's basketball team has played many games this season with injuries to key players. Last week against crosstown rival St. Thomas, they did it without their head coach.

Cindy Russo, the head coach who has led the Sunblazers to 12 wins this season, gave way to assistant Larry Rosenberg because of an illness. Rosenberg coached the women to 65-50 victory over the Bobcats.

St. Thomas, in their first season of varsity women's basketball, stayed close to the 11th-ranked Sunblazers for much of the first half, and trailed only 32-28 at intermission.

But by the second half, FIU started wearing down the Bobcats, as the women went on runs of 9-0, 7-0, and 12-2 to put the game away.

The Sunblazers, plagued by injuries since practice began in October, had two players missing the game because of class, one because of illness and one because of an injury.

Guard Angela Hill has a thyroid condition that will

cause her to miss the remainder of the season. "She's one of the top guards in the country," Rosenberg said.

In addition, Lily Vento will miss the rest of the season with a knee injury and Denise Vangate must return to junior college for academic reasons. She can transfer back next season.

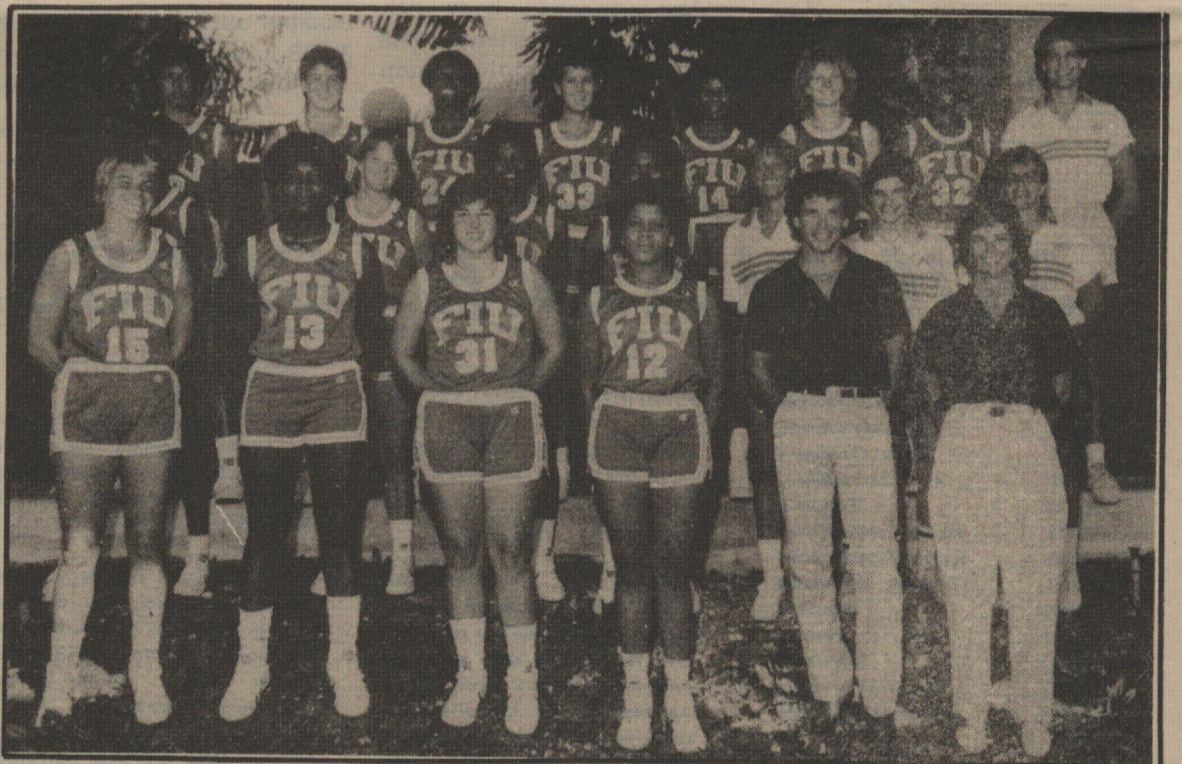
"With all the missing people, we had to put in a relatively new lineup, so it took some time for the offense and defense to come together," Rosenberg said.

The Bobcats only have seven players on their roster.

"The object for us was to keep St. Thomas under 20 points each half. We failed in the first half as they scored 28 and came close in the second half when they scored 22," he said.

Freshman Theresa Boring led FIU in scoring with 16 points in the most minutes she's had in a game all year. St. Thomas was led by Carmen Jones, who had 16 as well.

FIU simply had a hard time putting St. Thomas away in the first half. They made several key mistakes towards



■ THE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

...improves to 13-2

File photo

Women gain national ranking

FIU ranked 11th in coaches poll

IRENE SECADA
Sunblazer writer

FIU's women's basketball team dropped from 10th to 11th in the second NCAA Division II Coaches Poll released last week.

The Sunblazers (13-2) received 81 points of a possible 160 from the eight regional representatives who cast a ballot.

The top ranked team in each region automatically receives the top eight slots and the second place team in each region takes slots 9-16 in the poll. FIU, despite a power rating of 2.9, is second to third-ranked Delta State in the Southeast region. Both Delta State and FIU are undefeated in the region. Unfortunately for the Sunblazers, the ranking committee broke the tie by con-

sidering FIU's playoff loss to Delta State as the tie-breaker.

FIU probably won't be ranked in the top eight for the remainder of the season unless Delta State loses, Larry Rosenberg, assistant basketball coach, said.

The power rating is calculated by assigning a point value to the NCAA division

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