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Herbert named acting Bay Vista vice president



■ "[Bay Vista] has an important role in FIU's mission to serve the region." -- Dean Herbert

Maidique selects Public Affairs dean to head BVC

NATALIE BUTTO
Sunblazer staff writer

FIU President Modesto "Mitch" Maidique named Dean Adam Herbert as acting vice president for Bay Vista Campus, the first person appointed to the newly established position.

Maidique made the announcement Thursday, Feb. 12, at a meeting of Bay Vista faculty, staff and students in the Ruth Foreman Theater.

"I have a great deal of respect for his integrity and his ability as an administrator," said Maidique, who added, "So now when you have a problem

at the Bay Vista Campus you'll know exactly who to call."

A search and screen committee has yet to be named to find a permanent vice president; however, Herbert anticipates being a candidate.

"I am interested in the position, in part because of the exciting opportunity for providing leadership in the development of this campus," said Hebert.

He is currently serving as acting associate vice president for academic affairs and has been dean of the School of Public Affairs and Services since 1979.

The new acting vice presi-

dent will join five others as a member of the Council of Vice Presidents, who along with Maidique constitute the officers of the University.

Referring to the new position at Bay Vista, Herbert said, "It assures that the problems, needs, aspirations and accomplishments of the Campus are articulated at the highest levels of the University."

He said his priorities include:

- Effectively representing the interests of the Campus
- Identifying and further developing the activities, programs and services available for faculty, students and staff

■ Representing the campus and the university in the community

■ Improving the quality of student life

■ Making a more exciting environment for on-campus residents

■ Assuring that more courses are available at Bay Vista

■ Enhancing registration and admissions services.

Herbert emphasized the last priority by saying, "If a Bay Vista student wants to get a transcript, he or she must go to Tamiami. We should have a

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State senator tracking down non-fluent faculty members

Sen. George Kirkpatrick, D-Gainesville, is seeking help in enforcing a state law requiring university faculty and teaching assistants to be fluent in English, according to a statement released by his office.

All State University System faculty members, except those teaching primarily foreign language courses, are required by Florida Statute to speak English fluently.

The law, sponsored by Kirkpatrick in the Florida Senate, passed during the 1983 legislative session and was signed into law by then Gov. Bob Graham.

"I want to hear personally from any student that [sic] can't understand his or her instructor," said Kirkpatrick. "There will be a follow up on each and every complaint to



make sure students are not being denied the education they have paid for and are legally entitled to receive."

Students with complaints can call Kirkpatrick's office in Gainesville at (904) 377-3800, and provide the university, course number, department

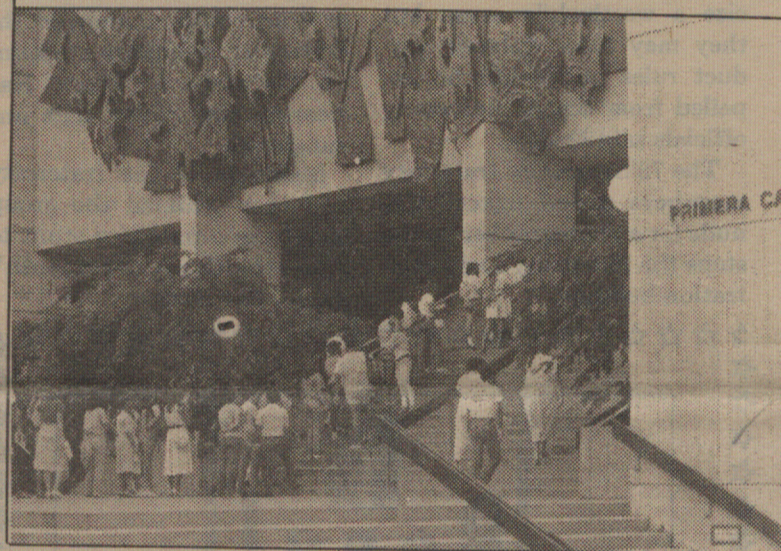
and instructor's name.

Student government offices have made their SUNCOM toll-free lines available for students to call the senator's office.

Kirkpatrick said he has received several complaints and is concerned that the law isn't being enforced.

The law states:

"The Board of Regents shall adopt rules requiring that all faculty members in the State University System, other than those persons who teach courses that are conducted primarily in a foreign language, be proficient in the oral use of English as determined by a satisfactory grade on the 'Test of Spoken English' of the Educational Testing Service or a similar test approved by the board."



■ If all tests go well, the new telephone registration system could end long and frustrating lines during registration days.

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MICHAEL SAUNDERS
Sunblazer news editor

450 accepted. The students dialed the system telephone number, entered their student number, entered an access code, entered the four-digit reference numbers of their classes and the desired grade or credit option, if applicable.

The system then told the students their total number of credit hours, the fees required and the payment deadline.

Most of the students found the system to be convenient and trouble-free, according to evaluation questionnaires completed by the participants.

But even with the new system, students who wait until the last minute to register will continue to experience delays and difficulties, according to the Vistas report. The long lines may be replaced by busy signals.

The system's next test is scheduled for the summer session. About 6,000 to 8,000 students are expected to be invited.

The University is testing a new registration system which will allow students to register for classes over the telephone, eliminating the most of the hassle of the current registration procedure.

The Voice Response Telephone Registration System was tested for the first time during the spring semester registration and is scheduled to become operational by fall of this year, according to a report in Vistas, an official FIU publication.

In most instances, students who would have needed from one to four hours to register the normal way (including travel time to and from school) obtained their desired courses in two to five minutes by using a tone-dial phone.

Of 1,300 students invited to participate in the test, about

Students yearning to learn new skills find ample room at retreat

NICOLE LINSALATA
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The SGA-sponsored 1987 Spring Leadership Retreat was a success, according to the organizer, despite a disappointing turnout.

Twenty-four students participated in the retreat, held Feb. 6, 7 and 8 at the Bay Vista Campus; however, the SGA had allocated funds to allow for 60 people.

"It would have been nice to have more people," said retreat organizer Joel Montgomery. "But it was a more intense experience for those who were there."

A prominent guest at a celebratory dinner the first night of the retreat was FIU President Maidique, who made a brief appearance.

A few of the retreat participants went door-to-door at the Bay Vista dorms in an attempt to encourage other students to attend the event.

Montgomery said the purpose of the retreat was to allow students to experience building effective teams, develop leadership qualities and work as leaders within a group.

According to SGA President Ed Iturralde, it "helped pad up your weak spots, to grow beyond them, and to strengthen your strengths."

Montgomery said he has been a management consultant for more than 15 years and is working toward a doctorate in human resources development at FIU.

A former SGA senator representing the College of Education, Montgomery currently serves as president of the Doctoral Students Association. He plans to conduct three leadership workshops at the upcoming Leadership Conference in Tallahassee, sponsored by the Florida Students Association.

The retreat was "exercise-based rather than lecture-based," said Montgomery.

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full-service registration and admissions office so that Bay Vista students can receive those services on their home campus."

Although most students take classes at the Tamiami Campus, Herbert feels that Bay Vista has a special part in the development of all FIU

students.

"Bay Vista has a small-college atmosphere. There is a community identity. The vice president can play a role in enhancing that type of environment," said Herbert. "This campus has an important role in FIU's mission to serve the region."

News briefs:



FIU's Environmental Studies Program is sponsoring a newspaper recycling drive in an effort to help conserve the nation's forest resources.

Cindy Dwyer, assistant coordinator of the program, emphasized the importance of the drive by noting several reasons why students, faculty and staff should help conserve paper.

"Less energy is used in recycling than by making newspaper from virgin trees, and the amount of solid waste dumped in landfills or incinerated is reduced" said Dwyer.

To store bundled newspapers, the Environmental Studies Program is providing a large, walk-in bin located at the Southwest 117th Ave. (west) entrance to the Tamiami Campus.



A group of fraternity brothers at the University of Florida dropped their pants to publicize a worthwhile cause but they may have violated conduct rules and could be expelled from school, university officials said Friday.

The 75 Sigma Chi fraternity members posed practically nude for a photographer on the steps the university's administration building.

The picture, which appeared on the cover of Shout Magazine, a tabloid distributed around campus, showed the fraternity members standing on the steps of Tigert Hall wearing only shoes, hats and sunglasses.

Members of the fraternity said they planned the group picture as a publicity stunt to draw attention to next month's Sigma Chi Derby.

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During the group exercises, he said, participants became aware of the orientations they take with them into a group situation. The students also worked on "active listening," which Montgomery described as "verbal and non-verbal behavior... how you take in information through visuals, hearing and touch."

On the last day of the retreat, students examined personal goals, values and plans. "Their whole goal was to graduate," said Montgomery. "Now that they are [graduating], the question is 'What am I going to do with my life?'"

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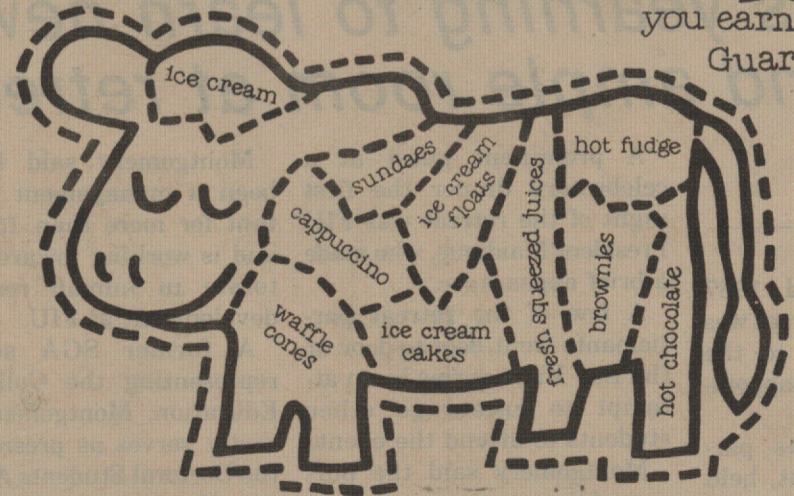
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FIU losing streak hits eight with loss to Nova

JEFFREY BRENNER
Sunblazer sports editor

In a game that saw the men's basketball team rally from a 16-point deficit in the second half go astray, the Sunblazers lost for the 11th time in 13 games, 90-89, to Nova at Sunblazer Arena, Feb. 14.

The loss extended the Sunblazers' losing streak to eight.

When Nova's Jamie Lovett hit a three-pointer with 11:35 left, the Knights took a 16-point lead, 68-52.

This is when it got exciting.

Jerry Nash, who finished the game with 28 points, scored six in a row to cut the Knights' lead to 68-58. He had 20 points in an eight minute span. Nova responded to FIU's comeback by scoring four consecutive points to boost their lead back up to 12, 74-62, with 8:06 left in the game.

Nash then scored five more points to cut the lead to seven. After a Knight basket, Gus De Ribeaux (who has been in a shooting

slump of late), hit a three pointer, and then a seven-foot jumper cut the lead to just four points, 76-72, with 6:29 left. As Nova brought the ball down court, FIU stole the ball and got it to Nash. Nash then drove into the lane for a lay up, and was fouled by Nova's Maurice Wynter. The shot counted for two and Nash made the ensuing free-throw. With those three points, Nova's lead was down to one point with six minutes still left to play.

The game looked to be going FIU's way.

FIU finally tied the score, 86-86, on a Ronnie Bryant jump shot with 2:36 left. But FIU could not take the lead until eight seconds left in the game, when James Thomas was fouled in the process of shooting. Thomas made only one of the two foul shots, which gave the Knights one last chance.

Nova inbounded the ball and got it to Lovett, who took the ball down court, then drove into the lane. Go-

ing out of control, Lovett sent up a prayer shot that sank with three seconds left. As Lovett shot, he was fouled by Bryant, but it didn't make a difference as the Knights had a one point lead. Lovett missed the free throw, and time ran out before FIU could take a shot.

Carlton Phoenix scored 21 points for FIU. Phoenix also grabbed 13 rebounds, which brings his season total to 233.

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worked at perfecting his outside shots, 10-15 feet from the basket. In the last four games, Kelch has seen an improvement.

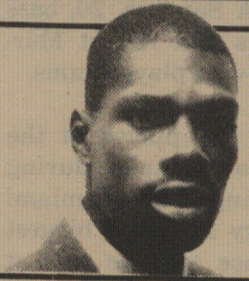
Despite the hoopla surrounding the Sunblazers' move to Division I next year, Nash doesn't feel the team is ready. "We're a real good Division II team, and if we played a Division II schedule, we'd have a great record."

Nash, co-captain of the team, describes the players as victims-- victims of a Division I schedule. Since mid-December, they've had to play 10 out-of-town games, eight of them outside of Florida.

"Traveling causes a lot of strain on our bodies and our academics, said Nash, a criminal justice major. "Sometimes they're gone three or four days at a

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-- Jerry Nash



time," Kelch said. "They have to work harder than the average student."

And for all their hard work, student support for them team is very low. FIU's largest home crowd this season is 800, which is only a speck compared to the 10,000 at Iowa State and 3,000 at Tampa. But Nash says he is "grateful" for those who do turn out.

Unlike much of the University community, Nash isn't obsessed with playing Miami. He says that when the Sunblazers beat the Hurricanes Wednesday, it will be "just another page turned."

"I love the sport," says Nash, who has been playing basketball since he was 10 years old. If it wasn't for basketball, I wouldn't be here (at FIU). Nash is also grateful to Walker, who not only is giving him plenty of playing time, but is starting him. "I thank him for giving me the chance to play-- and for bringing me down here."

Miami's weather is what Nash enjoys the most. "The weather here has me spoiled. I don't think I could go back, he said. "It snows a lot in Iowa. Nash enjoys all the things to do in Miami and the people he's met. Miami Vice? "That, too," he said.

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ROB VESSCHEMOET
Sunblazer staff writer

The first thing you notice when you look at the members of Y Knot is that they look determined. When you hear them play, you notice that they have the talent to succeed.

If this group gets the break they deserve, you will definitely hear them on vinyl in the near future.

A nine month old band from Miami, Y Knot consists of Steve Bergman, 21, keyboard; Joel Summers, 20, guitar and vocals; Rik Sanchez, 20, bass and vocals and Albert Martinez, 21, who plays drums.

Y Knot has played at the Bay Vista Campus during Homecoming and on Tamiami on January 15. Their biggest performance to date was at The Button South in Hallendale.

Right now they do a combination of live gigs and recording. The demo tape they are working on includes their own compositions which have a *Rush* and *Yes* feel to them. Their performances combine their originals with covers of songs by *The Police* and *Cory Hart* among others.

Y Knot is a band with confidence in themselves. As Joel Summers puts it, "We are most interested in leaving a mark somehow and not just burning in and burning out."

A lot of artists have one hit and then you never hear from them again. We don't want to do that. If we wanted to do that we'd do what everyone else in Miami is doing--going disco.

I want us to be a lasting band."

One thing is certain, Y Knot has the talent and integrity to do just that. Once they get a recording contract they should be around for quite awhile.

Tamiami dorms are all wet

SANDA KURTZ
Features Editor

Every morning at 2 a.m. it starts. Through the heavy silence of the early morning hours, when any self-respecting college student is flipping through the channels for those late night re-runs of "Maverick," a sound breaks through which is at once both familiar and yet scary. Yes, I'm talking about Tamiami housing's highly ineffectual sprinkler system.

Ineffectual not because it waters the grass, but because it waters the walkways... and the mud, and the laundry room and any unsuspecting students trying to get from point A to point B.

I love greenery as much as the next person, but is it necessary to have a spout of water gushing five gallons of water per minute off the top of the laundry room?

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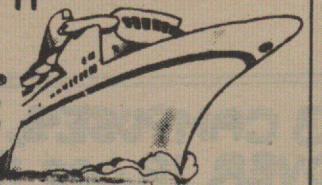
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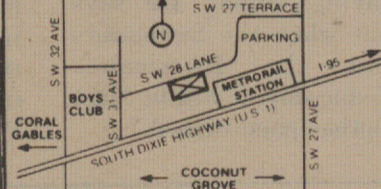


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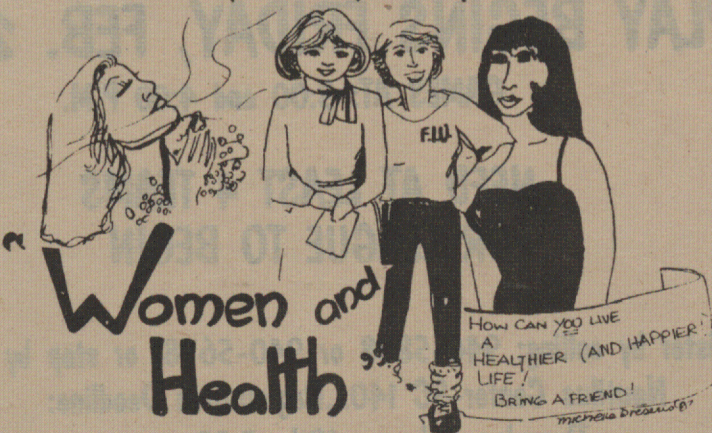
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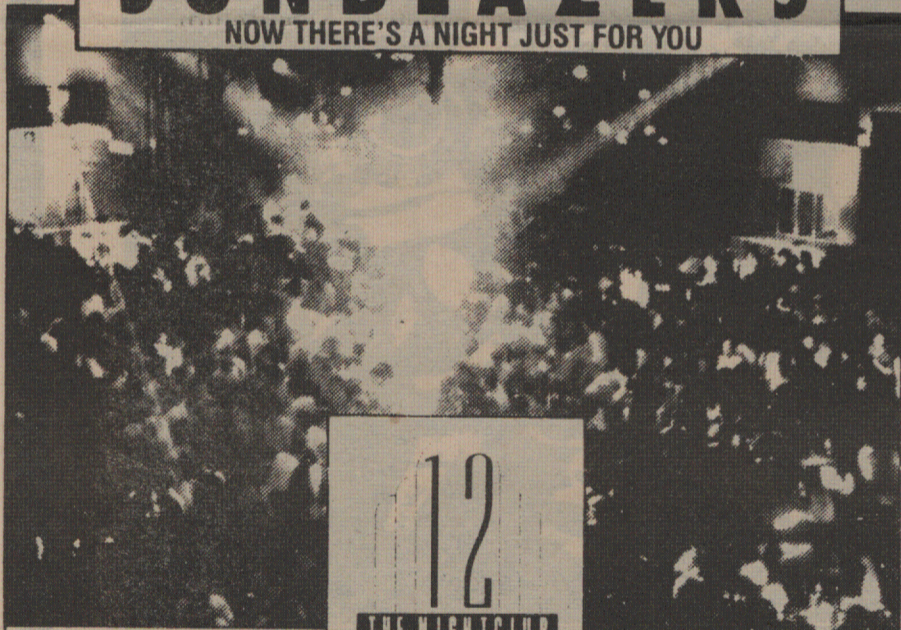
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DAVID COLODNEY
Sunblazer sports editor

Earlier this season, men's basketball coach Rich Walker said he was looking forward to playing the University of Miami and "kicking some ass."

Wednesday night at the James L. Knight Center, he'll get his chance as the Hurricanes play host to FIU in the first meeting of the crosstown schools.

Neither team has had the season they were hoping for. Miami is stumbling along at 11-13, NCAA tournament hopes all but vanished. An NIT bid looms as a possibility, but the Jeckel and Hyde Hurricanes still have tough road games against long-time rivals Florida and Florida State left.

In short, you never know which Miami team will show up on any given night, the one that knocked off traditional power Marquette, or the one that blew a one-point game to mighty Winthrop College.

For FIU, this surely is its season of discontent. The Sunblazers, who lost their

three top scorers from last season, took a bunch of transfers and freshmen and leaped to a 4-1 start. They were beating Division I opponents, and, sure, while they couldn't win on the road, they played tough at home.

Now they don't win at home or on the road and ride an eight-game losing skid into the Miami game.

"Throw both teams' records out the door," Miami assistant head coach Clint Bryant said.

"It's going to be an exciting game with the Sunblazers. When you play a crosstown team, the potential rivalry is greater than with teams like Florida or Florida State because of the distance."

Bryant is impressed with FIU, despite a 6-15 record. "They're not big, but they play a pretty tough defense. And they play their rear ends off for 40 minutes."

Both teams enter the Wednesday night game with a whimper. Miami dropped a 92-78 decision to Dayton and the Sunblazers lost a heartbreaker to Nova, 90-89.

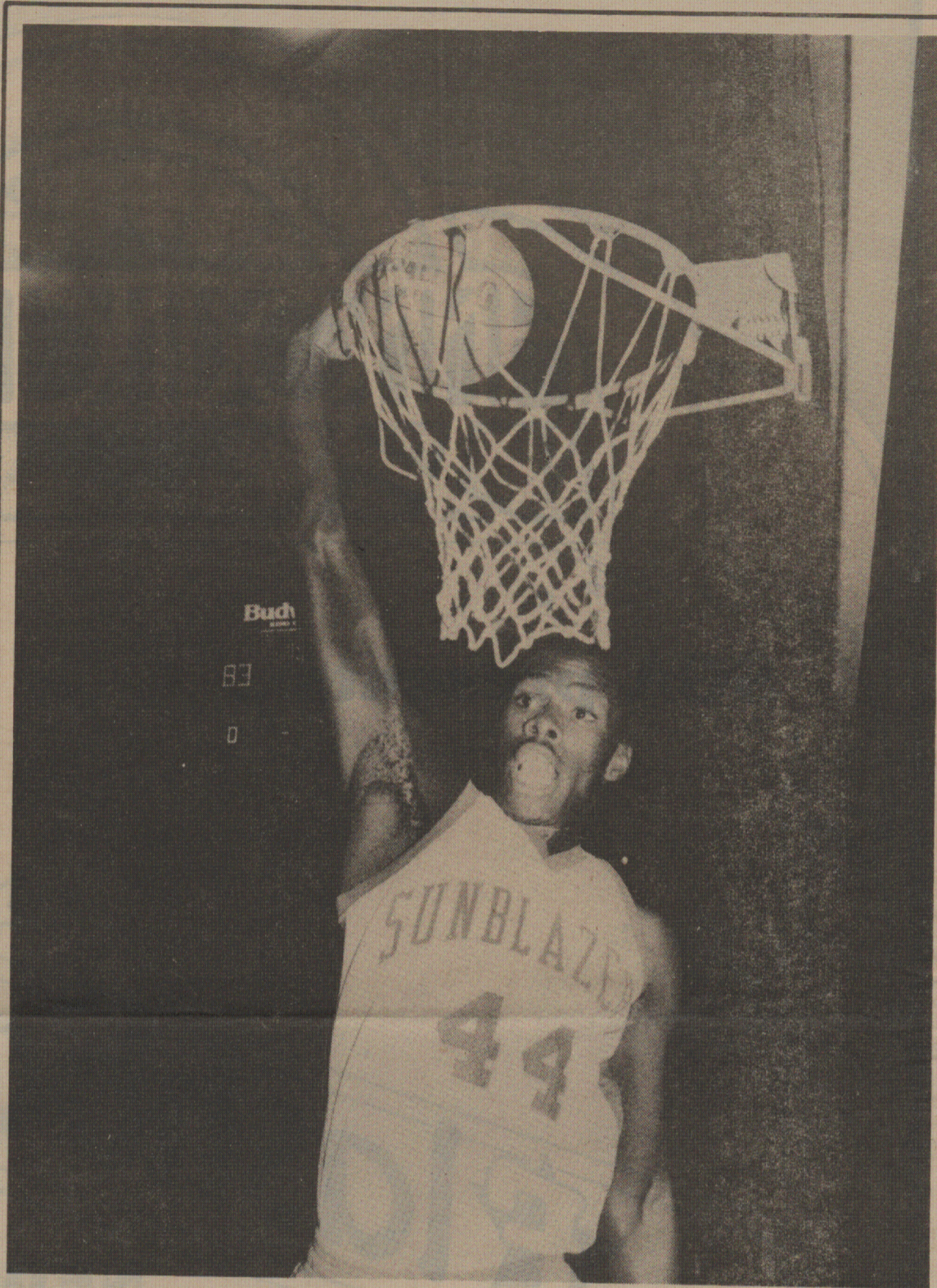


Photo courtesy FIU athletic dept.
■ "Jammin' " Jerry Nash stuffs one for the Sunblazers against Palm Beach Atlantic.

'Small' U-M women improving, coach says

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FIU's women's basketball team wraps up a five-game road trip against crosstown rival Miami, Wednesday at 6 p.m.

The Hurricanes are led by All-America candidate Maria Rivera. The 5'5" guard averages 22 points per game. She is supported by a pair of forwards--5'9" Hope Butler (18 ppg.) and 9 rebounds per game) and 5'9" Toni Smiley (10.0 ppg).

"We have played the best we can with our size disadvantage," said Lin Dunn, Miami head coach.

At 10-12, Dunn pointed out that UM has beaten Notre Dame and Florida State on the road, while losing to tough teams such as 12th-ranked Ohio State. "Notre Dame has eight or nine All-America recruits,"

Dunn said. "It is always nice to go there and beat them on their court."

Miami is hurting physically. "We only dress out nine players," Dunn said. "Our starters are only 5'6", 5'5", 5'7", 5'9" and 5'9".

"For a small team, defense is the only way to neutralize taller teams. We use a full-court press, drops and make taller teams do things they usually don't do," Dunn said.

"FIU is a fine team. They're ranked in the Top 10. They're a senior-oriented team. We have no true seniors on our team, so the edge in experience goes to FIU," Dunn said. "Size wise they're not much taller, but in leadership this might be FIU's finest team ever."

Jammin'!

After sitting out a year, Jerry Nash rebounds to lead team in scoring

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Jerry Nash sat out an entire year of basketball before rebounding to become the men's basketball team's leading scorer. Averaging 13.4 points per game, "Jammin'" Jerry Nash is making up for his time on the bench.

Nash, a forward, has played in every game for the Sunblazers so far this season. Rich Kelch, sports information director, describes him as one of the power players on the team. "He should be home!" ex-

claimed Eldon Miller, Northern Iowa head coach, after the Iowa-native Nash's 21 points in a losing cause against Northern Iowa. "How did we ever let him get away?"

The one-time St. Ambrose College most valuable player originally wanted to transfer to FIU after attending Northern Iowa Community College, but Coach Rich Walker "already had everyone he needed," Nash said. He enrolled at St. Ambrose and Walker got him here for his senior year.

NCAA rules dictated that Nash sit out a year before regaining eligibility. Sitting

out made him hungry. When he practiced, he dunked "a lot." That's when they started calling number 44 "Jammin' Jerry."

But he doesn't really like the nickname. "It's embarrassing," he said.

Despite his flashy nickname, Kelch says that Nash concentrates on the points and not the dunk. "He's a team player," Kelch said.

Nash is 6'5" while most of his opponents average 6'9". "He can't go to the basket as much as he'd like," Kelch said. To compensate, Nash