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Changes in University alcohol policy possible Tighter restrictions sought on sales of alcohol to students

SELMA RUBIO
Sunblazer staff writer

University officials are considering changes in the present alcohol policy as an effort to promote responsible drinking on campus.

Tom Riley, assistant dean for student affairs, said the University is eyeing changes in the way student organizations sell or distribute alcohol at all student functions.

Although there have been no major alcohol-related problems at FIU, according to Riley, he hopes to curtail any possible incidents through a stricter policy.

"Perhaps we've been lucky," said Riley. "We take precautions for the sake of the students and to prevent these mishaps."

He declined comment on the exact nature of the changes, saying only that they are merely revisions of the present

alcohol policy and are still in the drafting stage.

Before any new policy can be implemented, it must be approved by the Student Union, director and/or vice president for Student Affairs, the Administrative Council, and the president and vice president of the University.

According to Jennifer King, supervisor of FIU's alcohol and drug resource center, the changes would be "minor."

"There's not much of a difference," said King. "From reading it over briefly, I found that it is just more formalized and in tune with state and county ordinances."

The department of Student Affairs surveyed and researched other state and private universities—in Florida and nationwide—comparable in size to FIU. Riley said the result of the survey showed a conservative trend among students in the attempts to reduce alcohol consumption.

The present policy states alcohol cannot be sold at events such as Homecoming or concerts in the Sunblazer Arena. Riley said the new policy would firmly uphold those restrictions.

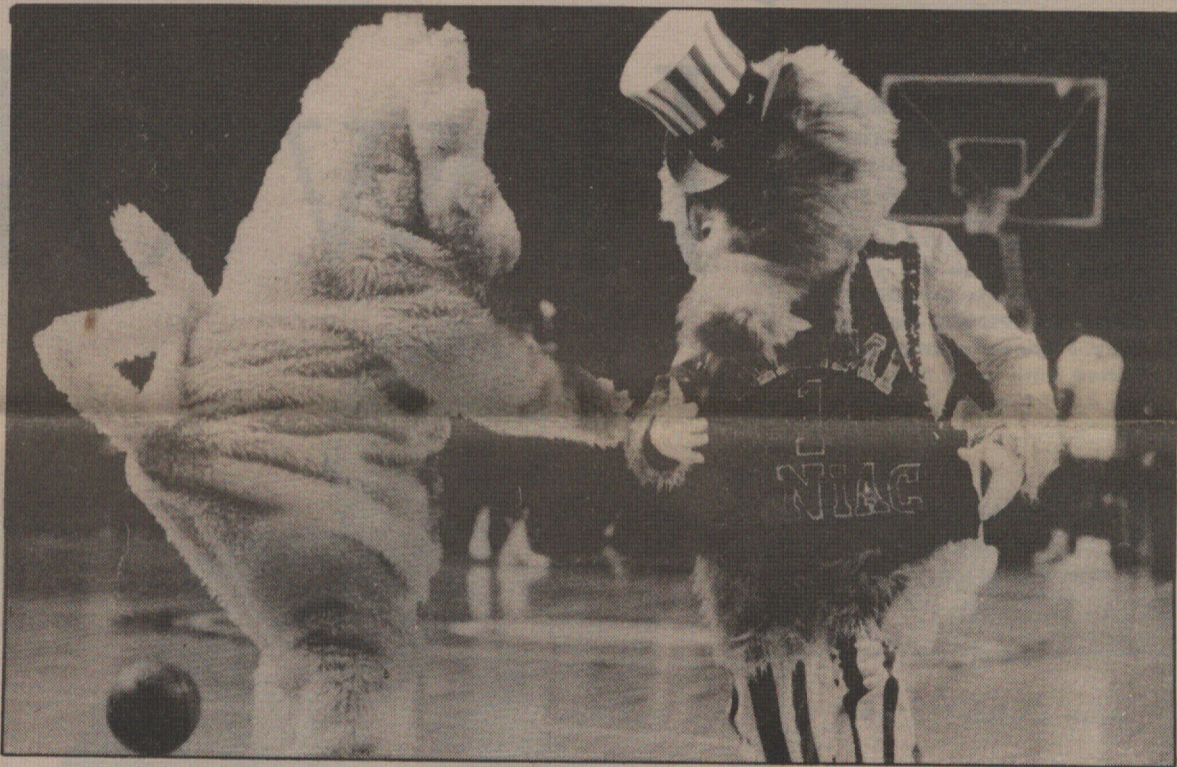
Hard liquor cannot be served on campus, but beer and wine may be served and/or sold within certain guidelines. Stu-

dent organizations cannot sell alcohol as a fundraiser. Total Food Service, the company which services the cafeterias and pubs at both campuses, may distribute alcohol.

Although most students are not expected to be affected by the proposed changes, some have voiced opinions about the

University's tougher stance.

"Control is good, but we're adults and can make decisions," said Ed Iturralde, SGA president. "We should not be discriminated against because we were university students. What's the difference between drinking on campus or off if we're old enough?"



■FIU's mascot, Sun of a Blazer, left, battles arch-rival Hurricane Ibis during halftime of the UM—FIU game.

NOW speaker: Equal Rights Amendment still important issue

IRENE SECADA
Sunblazer staff writer

Molly Yard, political director for the National Organization for Women, told an audience of about 50 celebrants at the Susan B. Anthony Party that "equal rights for women remains an issue until it is finally part of the Constitution."

Yard spoke at an FIU NOW party Monday, Feb. 18, at Tamiami's UH Ballroom.

"It would be very remiss of us to fail to reintroduce the Equal Rights Amendment in this, the bicentennial of our nation's constitution," said Yard. "We must remind citizens that the Equal Rights Amendment still remains to be passed."

According to Yard, one reason the ERA is important is illustrated by Title IX of the

Equal Education Opportunity Acts of 1972. The bill was, said Yard, "one perhaps the most important education law for women."

Because of the law, admission to athletic and graduate programs became more equitable for women. However, a recent interpretation of the law (Grove vs. Bell, 1984) reduced its effectiveness, saying sex discrimination on the basis of sex should be corrected on a program-specific basis as opposed to institution-wide.

"Title IX has been gutted and its impact eroded," said Yard. "There is a serious danger that doors will be closed."

The issues for passage of the ERA include answering arguments against it, said Yard, citing the draft as an example.

Hoops heaven:

Miami may become basketball hot spot

DAVID COLODNEY
Sunblazer sports editor

The man-to-man half-court zone trap.

Not exactly a household phrase in football-crazy Florida, but it is the defense the University of Miami uses most often and the one that worked to perfection in the second-half against the Sunblazers Wednesday night at the Knight Center.

It's also one of many basketball phrases that South Floridians should become familiar with as basketball becomes more entrenched here, UM assistant head coach Clint Bryant said.

"Florida has been a football state for so long, basketball is like the step-child," Bryant said.

"But it's getting better. Coverage is better than it was only three years ago. People are getting a sense of what basketball is about."

This area does not have a very good track record of supporting basketball. The Miami Floridians, a franchise from the old ABA, folded in 1972. UM dropped its basketball program a year earlier.

But as the area has grown, basketball has grown along with it.

Miami is the second-leading candidate for a franchise when the NBA ex-

pands next year; a downtown arena is under construction. Miami revived its basketball program two years ago, and FIU will join NCAA Division I next season.

Bryant cites the climate as the main reason basketball has lagged in popularity here.

"It's the same in all tropical areas. When it's 75 degrees and sunny, there are other things to do besides watching basketball."

"But in Minnesota or Indiana, when it's below zero with a wind-chill factor, you gotta be watching something," Bryant said.



■ Poet Jorie Graham, above, is scheduled to perform a reading of her works at the Bay Vista Campus on Feb. 26.

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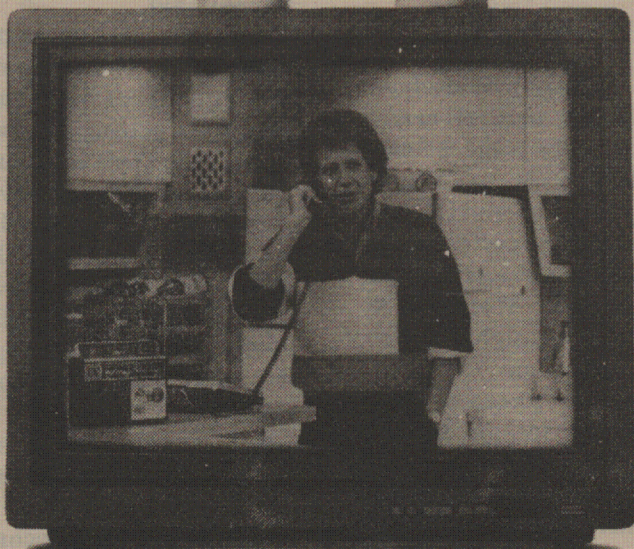


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GREGORY OLSON
Special to the Sunblazer

It was hard to figure what was more deadly: the mosquitoes that swarmed near the creek at the Bay Vista dorms or Larry Goodman's jump shot.

Goodman led a trio of Miami Beach High alumni to the championship of the third annual Bay Vista three-on-three basketball tournament, held at the lone court in the parking lot of the dormitory. A creek runs parallel to the court and, naturally, the bugs were there to play tag with any human

flesh they could find. And there was plenty of flesh. Seven teams and 27 players competed, by far the most in the event's short history.

The Beach alumni defeated All For a Quarter, a team composed of dorm students, 15-12, in the final. All games were contested to 15 with one point per basket. Teams had to win by at least two baskets. Both teams advanced to the finals by winning their quarterfinal and semi-final games.

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Offbeat Hoodoo Gurus blend humor into their rock and roll

DAVID COLODNEY
Sunblazer editorial board

Dave Faulkner, the lead vocalist for the Australian band the Hoodoo Gurus, leaned over the microphone and glanced at the crowd of about 250 who flocked to the Button South last Monday to catch the Hoodoo Gurus' show.

"We haven't played this one for about a year," he said, introducing "Tojo," a track from their debut LP, "Stoneage Romeos," that was their encore for the evening.

"And when you hear it, you'll know why," guitarist Brad Shepherd cut in.

So went the entire show. Faulkner would set up a line and Shepherd would finish it. If they didn't have Fender guitars slung around their necks and a drum kit and

amps behind them, you would have thought it was a long-haired Abbott and Costello.

The two traded one-liners in between songs for an hour and a half. It was funny and it was refreshing. In an age of pompous rock stars, the Hoodoo Gurus proved they were just a bunch of blokes out for a good time.

Concert review

As for the music, it was nothing short of exceptional. Pounding drums and sharp guitar runs combined with the band's frenetic energy to create the Hoodoo Gurus' trademark quasi-punk sound.

In addition to the "Stoneage Romeos" material, they also did some stuff off their second and latest record, "Mars Needs Guitars!", which is now almost two years old. Faulkner added that the band would have a new record out within six weeks.

One of the new songs is entitled "This is Nothing." Previewed at the show, Faulkner introduced it as "short and to the point."

After the opening chord, Faulkner broke a string and the song stopped. Without missing a beat, Shepherd turned to the audience and said, "Told you it was nothing."

"And it sure was short," Faulkner added.

Faulkner's songs are wry looks at life and relationships. In "Dig It Up," an ode to a dead girlfriend, he sings, "I

want her back/ because I look so bad in black."

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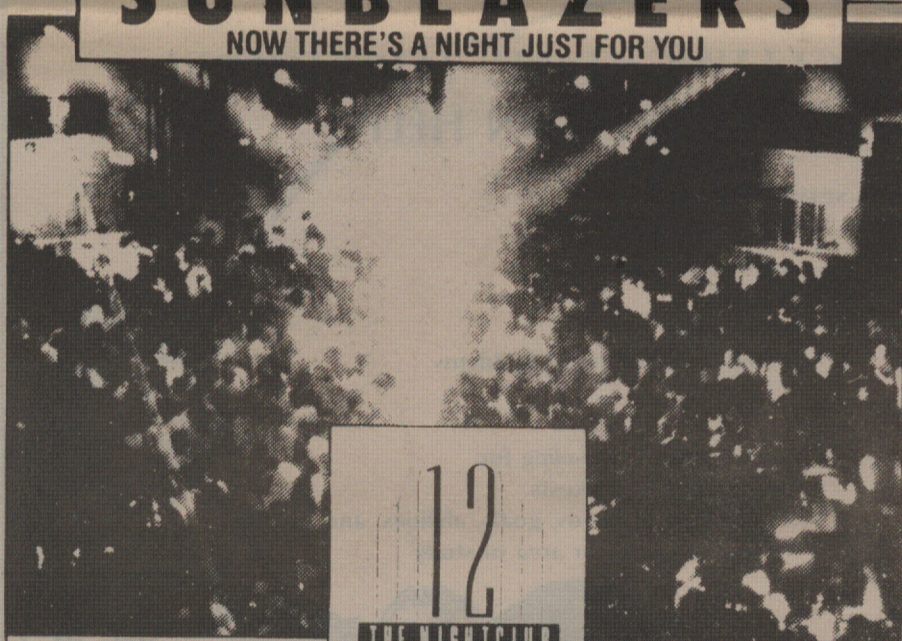
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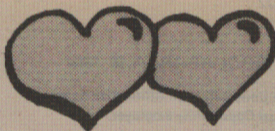
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in the stands to form additional groups of cheerleaders. Sigma Phi Epsilon, Phi Sigma Sigma, Tau Kappa Epsilon and SGA conducted the cheers and waved posters.

On the court, the FIU cheerleaders were all smiles, happy for any extra help they could contribute to the game.

An usher and a security guard cheered for UM. It was an exciting game they said, but to loyal basketball fans, every game is exciting. Sunblazer fans, however, had passed the point of mere excitement by late Tuesday. They were now ecstatic.

"This is it!" an emotional Student Government Association member said at FIU's shot

at city recognition.

For the first half of the game, the Sunblazers played Division I ball. FIU was leading, and 11-year-old Jeremy Friedman was disappointed.

He glanced nervously at the dotted orange sections, "They (UM fans) get loud when they play a good team," Friedman said smiling. "But I think we can still beat them," said the

experienced UM fan who comes to every game with his dad, a UM accountant.

In the first 28 minutes, UM fans may have been nervous by the nine point FIU lead, but they weren't showing it. They were confident.

FIU fans were roaring with nervous excitement, unsure whether the winning ways

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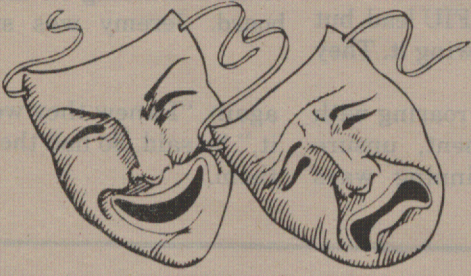
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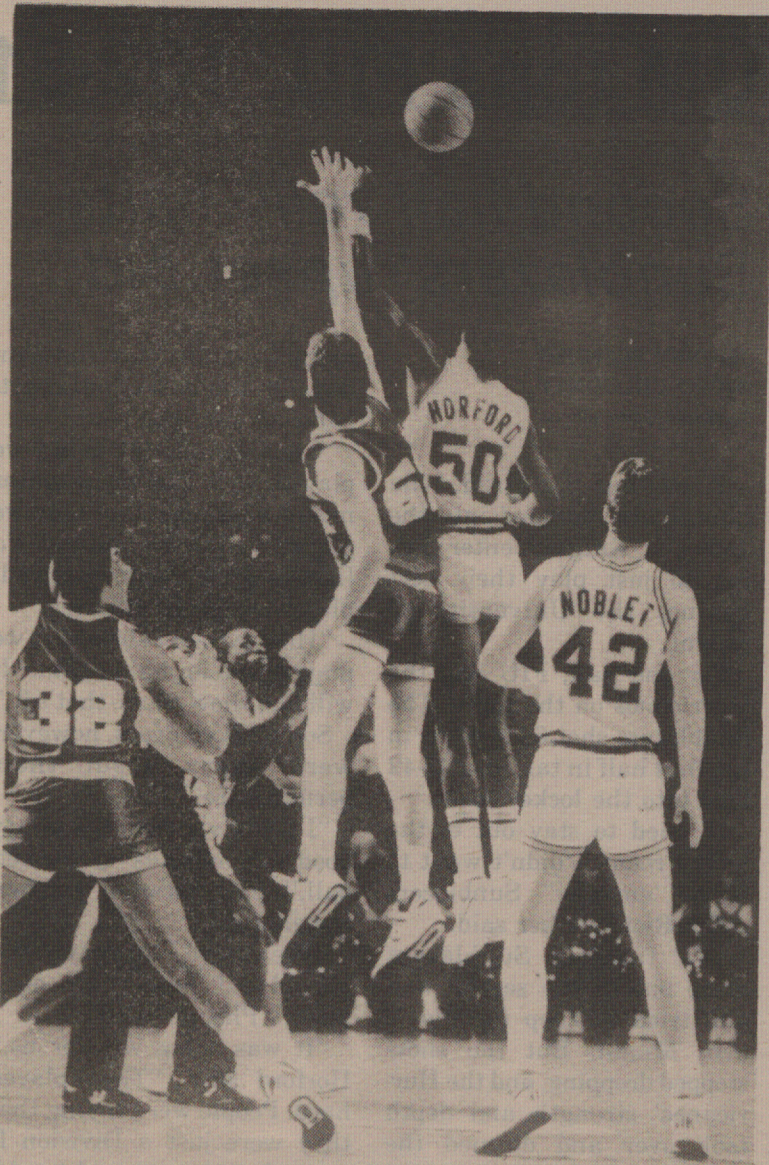


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UM's Tito Horford bats one away from FIU's Jim Hulett. "He's going to be a great player in college and the pros," FIU coach Rich Walker said of Horford, who had 28 points against FIU.

Class

With class, Walker endures tough losses, tough questions

DAVID COLODNEY
Sunblazer sports editor

The spotlight from the cameras captured Sunblazers' Coach Rich Walker's face in the glow. It revealed a tired face, a face that had just witnessed a storybook ending go astray as FIU dropped a 102-81 decision to the University of Miami.

Walker was facing the local media at the postgame press conference at the Knight Center. It must have been strange for Walker. He isn't used to postgame press conferences. Most local media simply don't follow FIU sports, and seldom give it more than one paragraph of attention on page six of the sports section.

He is explaining his side of the loss. UM coach Bill Foster had just finished giving his spiel, and now it is Walker's turn. The lights froze his image.

Red-and-white-striped tie loosened from his neck, Walker sat slumped down in his chair. Running a hand

across his head, he spoke softly.

"What can I say? What'd they score, 100 points?" Walker said.

"I don't think it's a moral victory. I have morals. I go to church on Sunday."

The coach answered more questions, questions he had probably been able to anticipate. Questions that must have gone through his mind 100 times in the days leading up to the game.

"This game reflects the essence of where our program is," Walker said. "I've always said, 'they play as hard as they can, as long as they can.'"

That statement can also say something about the man himself. Walker, 37, is the only men's basketball coach FIU has ever known. He has seen the program from its infancy to the dawn of Division I status. He has seen an on-campus arena built. He has seen UM revive its basketball program and has seen it sweep past FIU.

He is in an unenviable posi-

tion. His team is mired in a nine-game losing streak. He is coaching an excellent Division II team against a schedule of Division I opponents. It's a no-win situation. The basketball program is growing, but a 6-16 record does not outwardly imply growth. The University community and the local community sees a 6-16 record; they don't see the effort that cannot be measured in numbers.

It's been a long season for Walker and for the Sunblazers. It's always that way during periods of transition. But through it all, Walker has faced it and has tackled it head on. Rich Walker is class, pure and simple.

Walker knows basketball. And he knows people. His teams have had success in the past, but it is a new ball game now. He knows losing engenders discontent, and he knows he must produce a winner to divert some of the local attention away from the Hurricanes. He can do it, too, and he'll do it the only way he knows how.

With class.

LISSETTE CAMPOS
Sunblazer staff writer

FIU-UM game to be televised

When FIU met UM on the basketball court, most Sunblazers were counting on the men for a victory, but it was the ladies that pulled it off.

Not only did the women beat UM, they made it on televi-

sion. The women's basketball team beat UM, 78-71. In the lime-light of Gables City Network, a county cable service owned and operated by the city of Coral Gables.

Most of the fans, however, missed the win. Wednesday night's game began for the women at 5:15 pm, but crowds didn't make it to the Knight

Center until 7:30 pm for the men's game.

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UM tops FIU, 102-81

Second-half rally halts Sunblazers' upset bid

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Tired but inspired, the Sunblazers marched into the James L. Knight Center hoping to just play their best against the Hurricanes of Miami.

For one half, FIU had the Hurricanes on the ropes. The Sunblazers shot 62 percent in the first half in taking a 47-42 lead into the locker room.

"I tried to stay out of the locker room. I didn't want to screw 'em up," Sunblazers coach Rich Walker said.

The fired-up Sunblazers came out in the second half and tried to keep the magic over Miami. But the shots stopped dropping, and the Hurricanes' strength and depth took over and doomed the Sunblazers, 102-81.

"For 20 or 30 minutes, they had the better team out there," Miami coach Bill Foster said.

"They shot an unbelievable percentage for 25 minutes. No one can keep that up."

The Sunblazers' shooting percentage dropped to 33 percent in the second half.

Tito Horford led all scorers with 28 points. Jerry Nash paced the Sunblazers with 23.

Walker had mixed feelings about his team's performance.

"We play as hard as we can, for as long as we can," Walker said.

"They had the better athletes. We're two players away from competing with them for the whole game."

Walker refused to concede the Sunblazers' strong performance as a moral victory.

"Moral victory? No. I have

morals. I go to church on Sunday. On the basketball court, I like to win," he said.

"I don't think that to say we played well for 30 minutes means anything other than we played well for 30 minutes. I'd like to think next year we'll play well for 40 minutes.

"History won't show that we played well for half a game. It will just show a loss, that's it."

Some FIU players, however, were happy about their performance.

"I think we played a pretty good 30 minutes of basketball," FIU forward Carlton Phoenix said.

"We were hungry. We played our best game as a team," Phoenix said.

"It was a big win for us," Horford said. "They played hard. People were saying that they were just a Division II team, but they played hard."

A turning point in the game was the foul trouble the Sunblazers were in. Phoenix, Jon Gordon and Jim Hulett each fouled out. Ronnie Bryant and James Thomas ended the game one shy of following them.

"I think they (the Hurricanes) got some of the close calls," Phoenix said.

For the crowd, the game almost seemed secondary. They were having their own fun, yelling, throwing toilet paper and pointing fingers.

Most of the fans are hoping for a rematch next year, but neither side will say anything committal at this point.

"I'd love to play them again," Walker said. "We have a nice little gym over at FIU."

"I'm sure this series will turn into something good," Foster said.

Miami is big enough for two teams, loud fans prove

LISSETTE CAMPOS
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Toilet paper sailed onto the court. Chanting and finger-pointing existed between the student sections. Patches of blue-and-yellow T-shirts, and dots of orange pompons gave color to the stands.

A strong smell of rivalry was in the air.

The Hurricanes would not have scheduled the Sunblazers if their plans for a television game had come through.

Caught short, they opted to play FIU. Yet, by the proud look of Sunblazer fans, you would not have known.

The city showdown was on, and the crowd of 2,501 was louder than any expected 4,500 crowd could have been.

Despite the fact that many in the crowd were for the Hurricanes, the Sunblazers' supporters were more vocal. FIU club members were gathered

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FIU's Jerry Nash (44) sinks two of his 23 points over the outstretched arms of UM's Mike Noblet in the Sunblazers' loss to UM Wednesday.

Photo by Chae Kim

Dig It Up

Offbeat Hoodoo Gurus blend humor into their rock and roll

DAVID COLODNEY
Sunblazer editorial board

Dave Faulkner, the lead vocalist for the Australian band the Hoodoo Gurus, leaned over the microphone and glanced at the crowd of about 250 who flocked to the Button South last Monday to catch the Hoodoo Gurus' show.

"We haven't played this one for about a year," he said, introducing "Tojo," a track from their debut LP, "Stoneage Romeos," that was their encore for the evening.

"And when you hear it, you'll know why," guitarist Brad Shepherd cut in.

So went the entire show. Faulkner would set up a line and Shepherd would finish it. If they didn't have Fender guitars slung around their necks and a drum kit and

amps behind them, you would have thought it was a long-haired Abbott and Costello.

The two traded one-liners in between songs for an hour and a half. It was funny and it was refreshing. In an age of pompous rock stars, the Hoodoo Gurus proved they were just a bunch of blokes out for a good time.

Concert review

As for the music, it was nothing short of exceptional. Pounding drums and sharp guitar runs combined with the band's frenetic energy to create the Hoodoo Gurus' trademark quasi-punk sound.

In addition to the "Stoneage Romeos" material, they also did some stuff off their second and latest record, "Mars Needs Guitars!", which is now almost two years old. Faulkner added that the band would have a new record out within six weeks.

One of the new songs is entitled "This is Nothing." Previewed at the show, Faulkner introduced it as "short and to the point."

After the opening chord, Faulkner broke a string and the song stopped. Without missing a beat, Shepherd turned to the audience and said, "Told you it was nothing."

"And it sure was short," Faulkner added. Faulkner's songs are wry looks at life and relationships. In "Dig It Up," an ode to a dead girlfriend, he sings, "I

want her back/ because I look so bad in black." It was a great evening of original, stylish and tasteful rock and roll created by four guys who love it-- and have a sense of humor about it. Highly touted local band Nuclear Valdez opened the show. They started off really hot and then screeched to a halt as they lost their momentum after about the third song. They have a good, upbeat stage show, but Monday night wasn't their night.

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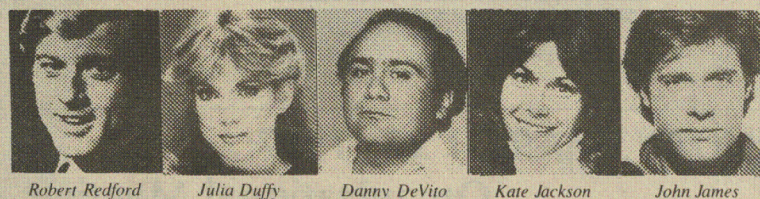
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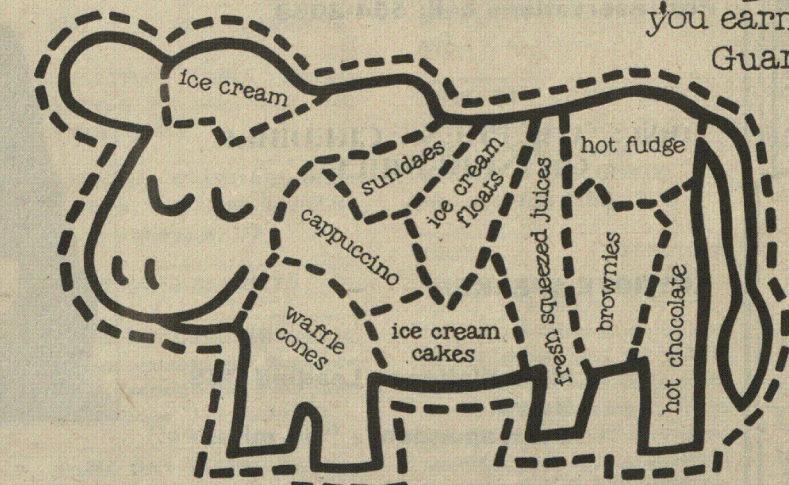
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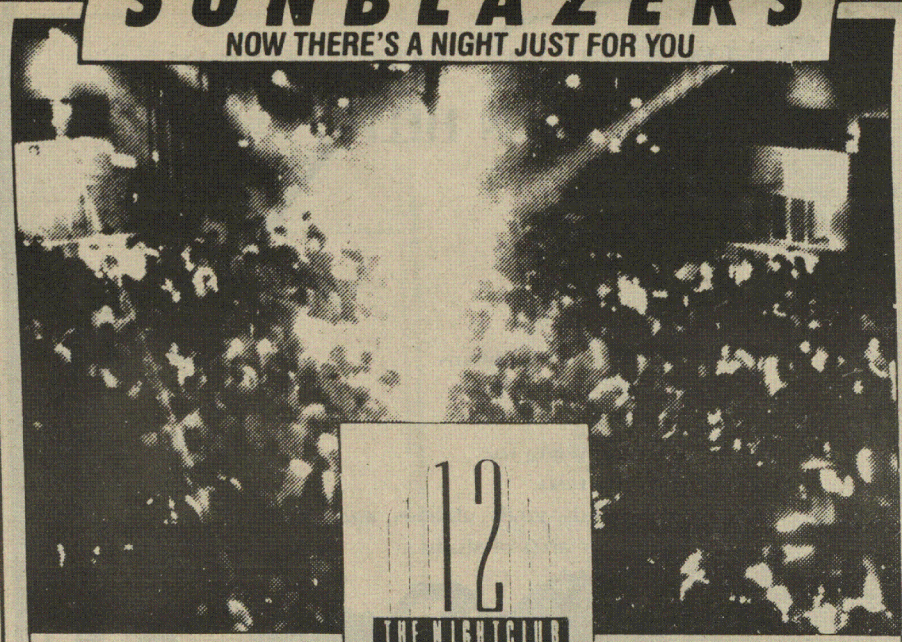


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