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## Condom giveaway promotes safe sex

Irene Secada

Sunblazer staff writer

In less than three hours, 500 free condoms were grabbed up by students on the Tamiami Campus during a condom and safe sex information giveaway sponsored by a coalition of university and community groups.

As part of national Safe Sex Awareness Week, the University Health Clinic donated 100 condoms, instruction sheets and pamphlets on safe sex and AIDS, and the federally funded Health Crisis Network contributed 400 condoms and thousands of pamphlets on AIDS for the afternoon condom giveaway and information exchange in the UH Forum on Feb. 26.

The giveaway followed an hour-long student discussion in UH 314 on safe sex.

Safe Sex Awareness Week was designed to enlighten the public about the threat that AIDS poses and ways to reduce the spread of the deadly disease.

Along with the health clinic and the Health Crisis Network, sponsoring organizations included the FIU Gay Alliance, the Progressive Student Union and the University's NOW chapter.

Hospitality student Leo Ballate, who organized the events with the help of members of the sponsoring groups, said he used events at

**There's so much at risk. AIDS is a serious, deadly disease. I don't want to get it and neither do my friends." -Leo Ballate**

Brown and Dartmouth universities as inspiration. Students at the northeastern colleges encouraged faculty and students to wear condoms on their lapels and passed out fact sheets on the importance of using condoms to prevent the transmission of AIDS and venereal diseases and delay pregnancy.

"We're concerned about our lives," Ballate said. "There is so much at risk. AIDS is a serious, deadly disease. I don't want to get it and neither do my friends."

Responding to a student's charge that the program was promoting homosexuality, a volunteer at the giveaway table said, "Responsibility is what we are about."

Students depleted the supply of condoms in less than three hours, while two doctors, a counselor and a hotline volunteer from crisis networks answered questions about the use of condoms and sexual practices that lead to the spread of disease.

"This is the first time I know of students at FIU organizing in this manner," said Nicola Wong, who represented NOW at the events. "I'm glad we took the first step today. We may do this again at Health Fair Week."



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**Leopold Senghor (right), former president of Senegal and a co-founder of the Negritude movement, speaks to Vashti Armbrister (left), of Miami Dade Community College, and other guests at the Negritude and Ethnicity Conference Feb. 26-28 at the Tamiami Campus.**

## Human League cancels concert

Natalie Butto

Sunblazer news editor

The Human League cancelled its March 11 concert at the Sunblazer Arena, leaving the Student Government Association without a spring concert and out \$9,000 in advertising expenses.

The Human League's management notified SGA last week that singer Philip Oakley had "a sore

voice" and was returning to England.

Anthony McDay, chairperson of SGA's Social and Cultural Committee, said the \$9,000 already spent on advertising for the concert is a total loss, and the committee, responsible for organizing major concerts, is left with only \$6,000 in its budget for the remainder of the semester.

The committee has no plans for

scheduling a group to perform in place of the Human League, McDay said, although SGA is looking into a Spring semester party featuring a less known act that would cost SGA about \$4,000. The party, McDay said, would be free to students.

Refunds for the 672 tickets already purchased for the concert, will be available in UH 318 on Tamiami and SC 125 on Bay Vista

## The Price is right for FIU — and FIU is right for the Price

MICHAEL SHELLEY

Sunblazer staff writer

FIU is lucky to have Danny Price. And Danny Price is lucky to have FIU.

"Three words: I love FIU," Head Baseball Coach Danny Price said.

Born in Nash County, North Carolina, Price dreamed at an early age that baseball would be his future.

"I always wanted to be a major league baseball player," he said.

After starring in the outfield for Northern Nash High, he played two years at Indian River Community College and then transferred to FIU.

Price chose FIU for three reasons: the climate, the scholarship and the chance to be a part of a new program.

"I came here to start the program, I was one of the first recruits. We were on the beginning of something, we were on the right track," Price said.

He played the outfield at FIU, where he was graduated in 1974. At the time, Tom Wonderling was the

Sunblazers' head coach, and he helped Price get the chance to play for the Chicago Cubs. Price didn't make it to the bigs.

"No regrets," Price said. "Coaching has given me a lot of self-satisfaction."

From 1974 to 1978, Price was a physical education instructor and assistant coach for the football and baseball teams at Miami Central High. In 1978, he returned to FIU as a volunteer assistant baseball coach. In January, 1980, Price ascended to the head coaching position.

Despite taking FIU to the Division II World Series that year, he admits he had trouble.

"In 1980, my approach wasn't good. I wasn't very patient. When you're young (Price was 27 that year), your players think you are a player, too. FIU has taught me patience."

Now in his eighth year of coaching (and fifth in Division I), Price has compiled over 300 victories, and his .650 winning

percentage ranks him in the Top 20 among active coaches. But he is modest when it comes to credit.

"Players win, coaches lose. Our kids have to believe in the program, not me," he said.

Furthermore, the values Price instills in his players are a key to victory.

"They have to make a total commitment to academics. I want them to get the most out of the club, academically and athletically. We strive to work as a team," he said.

However, as the coach stresses teamwork, he wants his players to take the initiative individually.

"This world is full of bystanders. I want our kids to be leaders."

Winning isn't everything, Price said. Seeing his players remain serious about baseball, yet having fun and smiling is satisfying to him.

"Young players maturing into respectable people is what I want. I want to know I made

a difference for someone," Price said.

He dreams of FIU playing in the College World Series again, this time as a Division I team.

"We should have been there last year. Some schools got there because they were riding on reputation."

The Sunblazers were ranked 25th in the nation last April, but was not invited to the regionals because of the debacle at the University of North Carolina at the end of the season. FIU was swept by the Tar Heels in the final three games of the campaign.

"To this day, I still don't know what happened."

This season, Price is impressed with his team's performance. Great defense and awesome hitting have been the main factors in the Sunblazers' 10-2 record.

Price thought the hitting would not be as strong as it is.

"I feel we are playing the best ball we ever have for this early in the season. We want

to start strong, get valuable experience and keep getting better.

Price has another family besides the baseball team. He and his wife, B.J., have two daughters, Sandy, 17, and Casey, 7.

Between baseball and home, Price has no leisure time. He is active in the community teaching baseball at clinics for youngsters, and speaking about FIU before local organizations. "Selling" FIU is important in building support, emotionally and financially.

Price has always strived to be the best.

"I always had the ambition to be the best in whatever I did."

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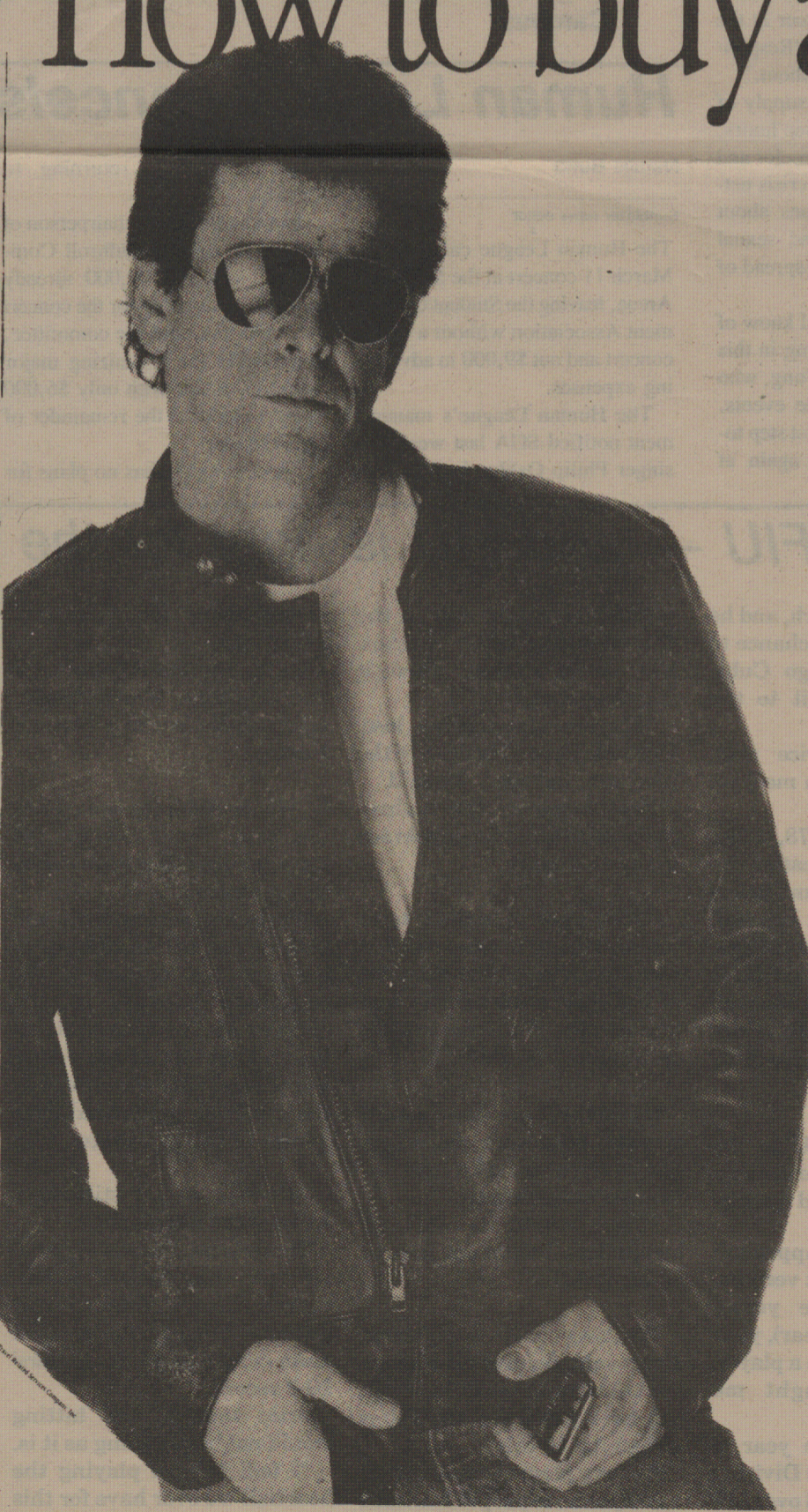
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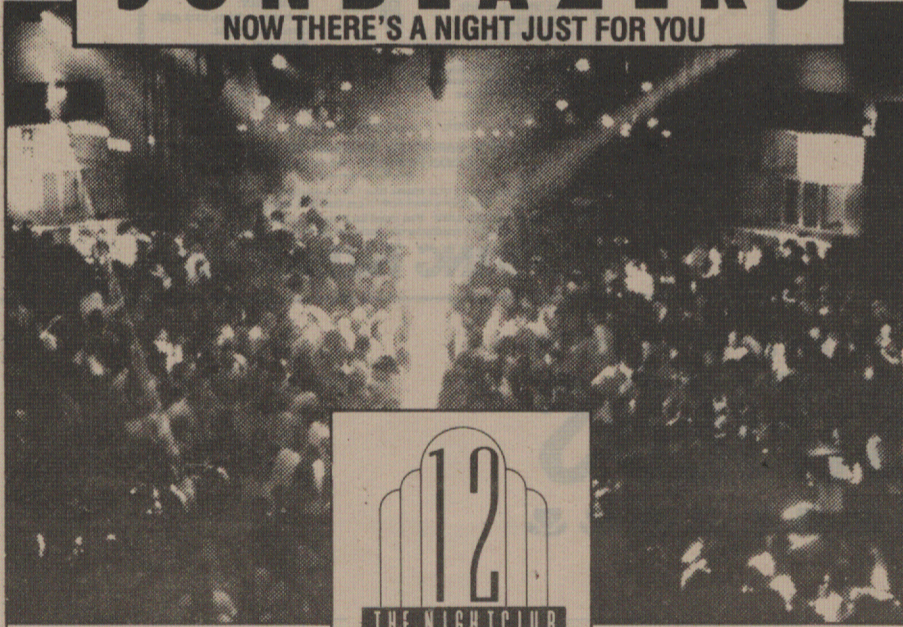


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# Martin Luther King III tells students to work to make a better world

Irene Secada

Sunblazer staff writer

The man from Fulton County came to FIU and told students that racism has no place in America.

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice anywhere. Judge people by character, not the color of skin," said Martin Luther King III to a crowd of FIU and high school students, faculty and administrators on Feb. 23.

King mixed history lessons with moral commentary and political discourse as he challenged the audience in AT 100 on the Tamiami Campus to make a better world.

"We could be the greatest nation. We can't do it if we're all messed up," King said. "Set your own causes. We will prevail."

Gearing his speech to the students in the audience, King cited several cases when students fighting for civil rights were arrested, beaten and killed.

He said our problems will be solved only "if we unlearn that which has been learned. We have too narrow a world scope."

King received roaring applause and a standing ovation following his closing remarks: "You must be and do that which no one else can do — be the best at what you are. Work to preserve the rights of all people."

# FIU bowlers striking success

JEFFREY BRENNER  
Sunblazer sports editor

The FIU men's and women's bowling teams captured more titles last week, as they won the Association of College Unions International tournament at the University of Florida.

Florida, who won the tournament last year, finished second.

The tournament consists of sports played at the different student unions, including table tennis, pool, chess, foosball, spades and bowling.

No other teams from FIU competed except the bowling teams. Rodger Menezes, FIU bowling coach, tried to get teams from FIU to participate in the other events, but the student union wouldn't pay at-

ention, he said.

"I tried talking to the people at the game room, but I didn't have all day to spend trying to convince them to send different teams," Menezes said.

In addition to the team placing first, the two top individual bowlers also came from FIU, Richard Cheney and Veronica Costero. Cheney averaged 200 over the tournament, while Costero averaged 175. Costero won the overall women's competition by three pins.

Cheney and Costero will now move on to the national tournament next month. The men's tournament is being held in Niagra Falls and the women's is at Hartford, Conn.

"They both have a good chance at winning their respective tournaments,"

Menezes said.

If the two win that tournament, they will be participating in the World Cup tournament, which was held at Helsinki, Finland last year.

"If I can get my mental game straight, I think I can win the national tournament," Costero said.

By winning the ACUI's and the NCAA's Southern Division, FIU has shut out another Southern Division team from the sectionals March.

Probably the closest competition for FIU will be Morehead State University.

"It should be a great match at sectionals," Menezes said.

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