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## FIU graduates biggest class amid cheers, protests

MICHELLE DRESERIS  
Sunblazer editor

FIU President Mitch Maidique thanked SGA President Ed Iturralde for making him realize that the tradition of marching onstage at graduation was important not only to the students, but also to their parents. He then proceeded to shake hands with each of the 3,529 members of FIU's Graduating Class of 1987 at the Miami Beach Convention Center on April 28, and to present mock diplomas to each.

Secretary of Education William J. Bennett spoke to the Class of 1987. His appearance at FIU's Commencement ceremony had stirred

disagreement among many of the students. Prior to entering the graduating hall, students were advised that if they wanted to protest Bennett's appearance they could do it in one of two ways: one, place their mortar-board in front of their faces when he began to speak, or go outside of the convention center and march with the protestors outside.

A few students held up flyers or held their mortar-boards over their faces when Bennett began to speak. The majority of the Graduating Class of 1987 did not protest the speech that had brought media coverage to FIU's largest-ever graduation.

Honorary degrees were awarded to Secretary Bennett, Florida Supreme Court Justice Rosemary Barkett, and Aime Cesaire, poet, philosopher and founder of the Negritude movement, a philosophical affirmation of black cultural history.

FIU's first two doctoral graduates, Helen Leitch Diehl and Leandro Ramos-Ledon, received their degrees.

Earlier in the semester, Maidique had planned to eliminate the customary individual handshake and mock diploma. Maidique later changed his stance when Iturralde explained to him that the ceremony was important to the students and their students.

## BOR OK's campus name changes

A state Board of Regents committee approved the change of the names of the University's two campuses May 14.

Tamiami Campus will now be known as University Park. Bay Vista will get its original

name back, the North Miami campus. Bay Vista held the original name from the campus' opening in 1973 until 1979.

At presstime, the full BOR

had not met to approve the change, although it was almost

certain it would. A more detailed report will appear in the next issue of the Sunblazer, on the stands June 30.

## Panther's stalk to begin this Fall

The panther will be the official athletic symbol and mascot for the University when classes and sports competition resume this Fall.

University President Mitch Maidique announced last week that he has appointed two senior University officials to prepare the University and the community for the change, including the assessment of the needed changes, costs and implementation by the time the Fall semester starts Aug. 24.

Dr. Judy Blucker, acting vice president for student affairs, will be responsible for the internal changes while Dr. Walter Strong, the University's new vice president for university relations, will handle the marketing and public information campaigns necessary to make the community aware of the new symbol and mascot.

"The University is taking a more visible, aggressive, deter-

mined stance in all areas—academic quality, community involvement, student recruitment, fundraising and attracting dollars for sponsored research and training. And the panther very effectively portrays this new attitude," Maidique said.

He said that another advantage of the panther image is that it provides a point of identification for everyone.

"The image of the panther focuses on an easily explainable, shared value. All people can identify with the motion and strength of the panther," he said.

"We wanted to develop something that our nearly 17,000 students, 33,000 alumni and 2,000 employees could understand immediately, to bond us together, leading to a closer identification with the University, our sports teams and our academic programs,"

see PANTHER, p.4

## Radio Free FIU

New station under construction

DAVID COLODNEY  
Sunblazer news editor

The University's new radio station will open bids tomorrow to award a contract to construct a studio on Tamiami Campus.

Radio station planners say that this is the first of several steps the station must take this summer to get WFIU on the airwaves.

"We're hoping to start construction June 1, and have it done by the end of June," said Stuart Blanck, SGA radio station subcommittee chair. In addition, the station's broadcast equipment will be installed in July and August.

When WFIU hits the air this fall, only Bay Vista Campus and parts of Tamiami campus will receive the signal.

However, when the station receives its FM frequency, the signal will cover from the northern Keys to South Broward.

"When we go FM, we'll be heard all over Dade County," Blanck said. "We won't be like WVUM (the University of Miami's FM-radio station) where you can only get it a

couple of miles from campus."

Negotiations for obtaining space on WCIX-Channel 6's tower have fallen into limbo due to that station's recent sale. Blanck says WFIU can hope to be FM in "a year to 18 months."

For now, the station will operate on carrier current, a low wattage AM frequency that relies on the wiring of a building to act as an antenna.

"It's a great start for a college radio station," Blanck said.

All of BVC, including the dorms, will get the carrier current. Only UH, the fitness center, Sunblazer Arena and the dorms will be wired on Tamiami.

With the more technical aspects of the station ironed out, Blanck now faces one more problem: staff.

"We're looking for anyone interested in music, sports or news. We're looking for an entire staff of a radio station," he said.

A meeting will be held for anyone interested in joining WFIU May 21 at 12:30 p.m. in UH 241.



## Stop, thief

### FIU cops see '101 ways' to steal cars from university lots

LISSETTE CAMPOS  
Sunblazer assistant news editor

Asking an FIU police officer about car thefts may save your car.

"There are 101 ways to steal a car," said Bruce Fisher, an FIU state university police officer. "We police officers know every one."

The police academy teaches them.

FIU students who've had their cars stolen from the University parking lots, however, are more concerned with the who, what, when and

where involved in their car thefts than the how.

The how-to knowledge, however, is important to FIU's approximately 30 state university police officers when telling victimized students about preventative measures they should know living, working and studying in a county with a high rate of car thefts. Dade County alone boasted 40 percent of all Florida car thefts in 1986, according to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE).

"If someone wants your car, they get it," said Fisher, 26,

The numbers agree with him: business is booming with a 16.9 percent increase in car thefts since last year, the FDLE reported.

Fisher, an police officer for 6½ years and a former pharmaceutical salesman, spoke of the tools of car thefts as if he were still selling products. "The hot-wiring method, slim-jims, and lock-guns, which shoot the steel locks right out of the doors," are the most popular tools-of-the-trade, Fisher said.

"Camaros, Trans Ams, and RX 7's are popular," said

Fisher, pointing from his police car to these car models parked in the Academic II lot at Bay Vista. "There they are, sticking out like a sore thumb...saying, 'here, take me'."

"Sometimes even old cars are stolen," said Harvey Gensen, public safety director. Gensen said that mostly happens when the old cars have expensive parts inside.

In Bay Vista's two major parking lots, "a spruced-up plain car with all the extras" or a "brand new Vette" has a 30 percent higher chance of be-

ing stolen than any other parked car on the BVC lot, Fisher guessed.

Contrary to BVC's two parking lots, Tamiami Campus has five. Here, the chances are highest in the PC, DM and OE lots, Gensen said.

Thursday nights are particularly troublesome for police, mostly due to the increased numbers of cars on campus.

The police know how thieves do it, but they don't know when.

"We can't be everywhere," Fisher said.

## Four FIU students lobby against tuition jack-up

MICHELLE DRESERIS  
Sunblazer editor

Four FIU students traveled to Tallahassee last week to lobby against a proposed tuition increase that would become effective Fall semester.

Under the plan, graduate students would suffer the largest increase in tuition - 13.09 percent. Freshmen and sophomores face an increase of 12.35 percent when they go to pay for classes in the Fall. There will be no increase for

juniors and seniors. If the measure is approved by Governor Bob Martinez, students would see an average across-the-board tuition increase of 4.7 percent.

"We went up there with the intention of rounding out a year of lobbying efforts, and we were able to apply the FIU agenda to many of our appointments," said SGA President Fred Jorgenson.

The lobbying effort is coordinated by the Florida Student Association (FSA), which is

subsidized by the SGA's in each of the nine state university. Out-going SGA President Ed Iturralde, who lead the FIU contingent, is the present chairperson of the FSA.

The group also lobbied in support of a proposed Florida Pre-paid Post Secondary Education Plan - a program that would allow families to prepay their children's college education. "It would be like a Christmas Club Plan," Jorgenson said. "Parents could start the day that their children are

born, and make monthly payments until the child's education is paid in full." The payments could be applied to any university in the state. If the plan is approved, payments would be pooled and invested by private sector contractors (banks, savings and loans), and the money would earn interest at a specified rate.

The group, which includes SGA Senators Tim Benjamin and Adam Underwood in addition to Iturralde and Jorgenson, said that a lot of work still

remains to be done.

"Many of the educational issues are so far apart that they will have to go to a joint committee of the House and Senate, to come up with a budget to present to the Governor," Jorgenson said.



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# 'Greek Challenge' nets \$5,621 for MS

## Sigma Phi Epsilon raises nearly \$4,000 in fraternity fundraiser

NICOLE LINSALATA  
Sunblazer features editor

"We're very concerned about university issues. Now people don't see us as just going out to get drunk," said Manny Rodriguez, 1987-88 President of Sigma Phi Epsilon, the largest fraternity at FIU. The Greek organizations united to raise money for Muscular Dystrophy research as part of a semester-long competition.

"The Greek Challenge" began in January and ended May 8 with Sigma Phi Epsilon winning the competition. The fraternity raised \$3,957 for Multiple Sclerosis of a total of \$5,621. The second-placed Phi Delta Theta fraternity raised \$620.

Every Tuesday night throughout the semester the fraternities and sororities met

to compete in such events as pie-eating, ping-pong, lip-sync and air-band competitions.

According to John Bonanno, Associate Dean of Student Affairs, the Greeks raised the money through "car washes, bake sales...things like that. Part of the competition was fund-raising." Sigma Phi Epsilon also used "road blocks" to collect money and Tau Kappa Epsilon held a raffle. The raffle was held at Laurenzo's Supermarket in North Miami, and attracted local media attention. The "Tekes" raised over \$600 for MS.

Bonanno added that the competition, sponsored by the Rathskellar, will continue every year. The winning fraternity or sorority each year will have its name placed on a trophy that will remain in the Rathskellar.

The fund-raising effort for MS research was part of a national campaign focused on college students. S.A.M.S. (Students Against Multiple Sclerosis) was sponsored nationally by MTV, Ford Motors and Fuji film. According to the local MS representative at the Awards ceremony, "For some reason people feel less for a disabled adult than for a disabled child." MS strikes primarily young adults and there is no certain cure, treatment or diagnosis.

Approximately 150 to 200 people showed up at the Greek Challenge Awards ceremony on May 8. "Greeks are uniting," said Manny Rodriguez. "We are generating

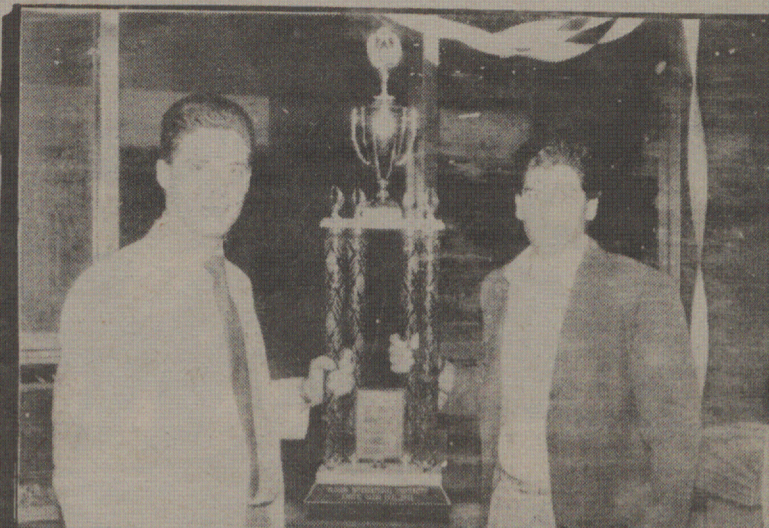


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Manny Rodriguez, President of Sigma Phi Epsilon accepts the Greek Challenge Trophy at Awards Ceremony in Rathskellar.

spirit and getting the students involved. All the Greeks worked very hard on the Greek Challenge."

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# 25 STUDENTS TO GO TO PARIS FOR FREE?...OUI!

TERE LANTIGUA  
Sunblazer staff writer

The chance to study in a foreign country is rare. The chance to study in a foreign country compliments of that country is practically unheard of. The French Minister for Tourism, in an effort to promote French culture, tourism and civilization, is sponsoring an all-expenses paid study-trip for 25 Florida International University students.

Eight other American Universities will also be sending 20-25 students to France for free. The participating universities are Columbia University, Yale University, Auburn University at Montgomery, University of Texas, University of California-UCLA, Northwestern University of Chicago and University of Illinois-Urbana.

This unique program will take

place June 29 thru July 4. During this time, students will be exposed to almost every aspect of French culture. The students will be flown to Paris via Air France. In Paris, they will spend two days attending various conferences on political science, technology, arts and culture. Accommodations will be arranged with a Parisian hotel.

After two days in Paris, the 200 American students will be separated into nine groups. Each group will visit a different region where they will experience the picturesque countryside, learn about historical and cultural characteristics of the region. They will also visit economic, industrial and scientific sites within each region. Students will be living with French families during their stay.

The week's events will culminate in a celebration at Versailles with all 200 students, the

French Minister for Tourism and representatives of the American community in Paris. Students will be provided with an open ended return ticket and a Eurail pass. They will be able, even encouraged, to stay in Europe longer than allotted study-trip time.

Students were chosen on the basis of academic excellence, community and school involvement, letters of recommendation and an interview with the French Selection Committee. The Committee Chairperson was Olga Magnusen, Acting Director of the Career Resource Center. Sixty-one students applied for the program.

"The French Government," Olga Magnusen says, "is trying to establish mini-ambassadors to France within higher education institutions around the country. In

particular, they are trying to promote an awareness of French culture, history and technological advances."

Once in Miami, students will write a 500 word essay on their perceptions of France and on any suggestions or ideas they may have on how to promote France in the United States, particularly in the area of higher education. From the 200 students who go to Paris, two will be chosen to serve on the advisory board for French tourism. This position involves visiting the French Tourism Office in New York and another trip to France sometime in 1988.

In order to prepare the students for the trip to France, the two French members of the select committee and the Cultural Attache for the French Consulate General

in Miami will offer an orientation. The orientation will serve as an introduction to French life and culture. It will also provide a code of ethics to ensure that FIU representatives abroad will enhance the reputation of our university.

On June 22, the Hotel Sofitel will be sponsoring a reception for the selected students, FIU faculty, deans, vice-presidents and President Maidique. Also in attendance will be Dominique Bland, a representative of the French Tourism Office in Paris; J.M. Janailac, Director of the French Government Tourist Office in New York; and representatives from the Alliance Francais, a worldwide non-profit organization that teaches conversational and specialized French.

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## Making history

### History profs strike gold in literature

The history department faculty made a little history of its own recently when six of the nine faculty members received major book contracts from distinguished university presses during the 1986-87 academic year.

"Departments two and three times our size would be more than pleased with this record," said Howard B. Rock, history department chairperson.

Mark D. Szuchman, professor of Latin American history, will have his latest book, "The Quest for Order in Buenos Aires: Essays on Family and Community, 1810-1860," published by Stanford University Press. The volume is an extensive treatment of the relationship between the public and the state in Argentina prior to the institutionalization political and

judicial mechanisms. The study is a result of eight years of research in the national and provincial archives of Argentina and Uruguay, and in the libraries of the United States.

"American Automobile Workers, 1900-1933," by Joyce Shaw Peterson, the first book to offer a fully rounded history of American auto workers in the period before they were unionized, will be published by the State University of New York Press. Using material found in company, union and municipal archives, Peterson has described and analyzed the early history of automobile workers learning to adjust to mass production.

A more spiritual aspect of United States history inspired Susan Curtis Mernitz to write "A Consuming Faith: The Social Gospel and Modern

American Culture." The book, which will be published by Johns Hopkins University Press, explores how the social gospel movement at the turn of the century transformed Protestant thought and practice in America.

The Oxford University Press has contracted the publication of "A Southern Daughter: The Life and Times of Margaret Mitchell," by Darden Asbury Pyron. This major biography, by an author who has published extensively on the subject, places the author of "Gone With the Wind" in the context of southern literary, cultural and political history.



## Florida panther on endangered species list

DAVID COLODNEY  
Sunblazer news editor

There may soon be more pink panthers in Florida than Florida panthers.

The Florida panther, the same animal that University President Mitch Maidique named as FIU's new mascot, is in danger of extinction, according to the Florida Fresh Water and Game Commission.

"It is definitely an endangered species," said Tom Logan, Bureau of Wildlife Research chief. The panther is on the federal list of endangered species.

Estimates on the number of panthers still in existence vary. Experts do agree, however, that there are probably not more than 100 left.

"There never was a real concentration of the panthers anywhere," said Rick Borongi, curator of mammals at Metrozoo. "There are less than 100 still around."

"When we talk about numbers of the cats, we don't talk in hundreds, we talk in dozens," Logan said.

The panther, which is basically a smaller version of the western mountain lion, was believed extinct by 1976. The Bureau of Wildlife Research opened a clearinghouse of sorts to gather the various reports of panther sightings. "It wasn't certain that they even still existed," Logan said.

By 1981, researchers had determined that the cat was alive, but not well. Most of the cats were believed to be located in Collier County. In January, 1981, the bureau began a program of monitoring the cats by radio collars. After six years, no more than two dozen panthers have been instrumented, Logan said.

He estimated that \$340,000 would be spent this year alone researching the extinction of the panther.

Metrozoo does not have any of the panthers in captivity, Borongi said. The animals, when fully grown, weigh between 70 and 120 pounds, although one of the panthers that has been instrumented weighed in at 142 pounds.



Photo: Michelle Dresaris

FIU students celebrate as M/S Scandinavian Sun sails from Miami for Freeport on the Seascape Graduation Cruise.

## Panther takes over this Fall

PANTHER, from p.1

Maidique said.

"When I first came, people asked me what a Sunblazer is," Maidique said. "They said they wanted something they could identify with. I found no strong base of support for the Sunblazer nickname."

The President's response to the adoption of the panther has been met officially with approval, Maidique says.

"When I mentioned it to (Board of Regents Chancellor) Charles Reed, he immediately said, 'The Florida panther...I love it,'" Maidique said.

"I am respectful of protecting nature and the natural habitat. We are part of this region, the Florida panther is

also part of this region, and we take particular interest in the

adoption of the panther as our mascot."

All sports teams will carry

the FIU Panthers name and logo when Fall competition begins. There has been no official announcement on whether the University will retain its blue and gold colors.

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## BRIEFS

### FIU Press Release

FIU Graduating senior, Gustave Bergnes, was one of three students in the nation to be awarded a National Science Foundation Minority Graduate Fellowship in Chemistry.

Bergnes, who began as a freshman at FIU, selected the University of California at Berkley as his choice of school for the \$12,300 per year fellowship for the next three years.

In addition, FIU will be awarded \$1,000 in Bergnes' name to be given to another student for excellence in Chemistry.

### FIU'S FIRST TWO DOCTORAL STUDENTS GRADUATE IN 1987.

Helen Leitch Diehl of a Hialeah earned FIU's first doctoral degree. She received her degree at the Commencement Ceremony held on April 28 at the Miami Beach Convention Center. Diehl was a student in the community college teaching doctoral program, and did her dissertation in learning style and brain hemisphere dominance.

Leandro Ramos-Ledon earned the second doctoral

graduate degree to be awarded by FIU. He was also in the community college teaching doctoral program, and completed his dissertation work this spring. Ramon-Ledon was awarded a Ph.D in Biology.



### SUN TAN JAM BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

SUN TAN JAM 1987 will return to FIU's Bay Vista campus on Sunday, June 7, from Noon to 5:00 p.m..

FREE BEVERAGES (soda and beer) will be provided, along with hamburger and hot dog plates for only \$1.00. Proof of age will be required. Wear your swimsuit or shorts, and come for the sun and fun!

"Rough Diamond" will appear live by the Bay. A number of sand and surf activities are planned for the Bay-side and FIU Pool area.

SUN TAN JAM is sponsored by the Social and Cultural Programming Committee (SCPC) of Bay Vista and the Student Government Association. For more information, contact the SCPC office of the Student Government at 940-5680, or call Student Activities at 940-5813.



FINALISTS ARE FINISHED. NOW IT'S TIME TO PARTY! Over 700 students danced and ate all day at the Graduation Pool Party by the Bay. The pool broke all attendance figures as students played water volley-ball and danced to the Rock and Roll music of the Sunland Rythm Band.

Everyone stuffed themselves with free ham-

burgers, hot dogs, cake and sodas - compliments of the Social and Cultural Programming Committee (SCPC) of Bay Vista and the Student Government Association. Tau Epsilon Phi, one of FIU's newest fraternities co-sponsored the

event.

If you missed the Spring Fling Pool Party, plan to bring your swimsuit and suntan oil to SUN TAN JAM BY THE BAY - Sunday, June 7, from Noon to 5:00 p.m. at Bay Vista.

### 300 USHERS NEEDED FOR POPE JOHN PAUL II'S VISIT TO MIAMI.

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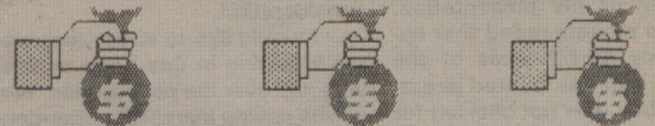
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## the Editor

MICHELLE DRESERIS

Someone asked me this week whether I was a liberal or a conservative. He said that people like to know where editors of newspapers stand. I told him that I was a conservative on some issues and more of a liberal on others. He smiled and said that sounded like a diplomatic answer. It is however, the truth.

The student newspaper at FIU has had different names in the past few years. Each new editor and editorial board has brought a different perspective and philosophy to the direction that the newspaper has taken. I have worked with seven of the editors of the FIU student newspaper since I started at FIU - some more closely than others. The newspaper has had three different names in that period: The International, The New International and The Sunblazer. It has been an award-winning student newspaper and it has had its problems. It has also had much to be proud about.

A national survey of College Media advisors in 1984 found that only 4.6 percent (12) of the college and university papers in the

survey were totally funded by advertising. Student activities fees funded more than half of the other campus newspapers in the country. The survey that was published in *College Media Review*, also found that nearly one-fourth (62) of all papers receive money from the university or college; 4.6 percent (12) receive their total revenue from this source and nearly one-fifth (40) received more than half of their funds from the college.

The Sunblazer's only source of revenue is advertising. The staff consists of students who dedicate long hours and late nights to running a small business every week. We are not subsidized by the University or the Student Government Association. FIU bills us for office space, telephones and supplies. We have to pay for equipment and to have the newspaper printed. It is distributed free on campus but it is not free to print. Deadlines must be met each week or we will lose advertising revenue. Sometimes classes and studying come in second to

finishing a story, selling advertising space or doing typesetting and layout for the editorial and advertising pages. We know that if we don't do our jobs, they just won't get done.

This week, Ms. Nancy Green, a nationally-known university media advisor, is scheduled to be on campus for two days. The Division of Student Affairs has invited and is paying her to examine the University student media productions, i.e., the yearbook, the literary magazine, the radio station and the newspaper.

The literary magazine and the yearbook are both funded by the Student Government Association. The radio station, when it goes on the air, will be initially funded by SGA with a long term plan of becoming independent. The Sunblazer Newspaper is the only media of the four which is established as an independent non-profit corporation. While the student media at FIU will be examined as a group, there are definite differences.

The Sunblazer offers students challenges as well as real opportunities for personal growth and experience which cannot be found in a classroom. As Editor, and along with my staff, I have begun to reorganize the newspaper and to begin making long-range plans so that when we are gone, other students will be able to benefit from what we have learned and are learning.

Our door is open to any student who would like to be a part of the adventure and the challenge. I am confident that the end result will be a better, stronger newspaper that can only benefit the students at FIU as well as the University itself.

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*Editor's note: The following letter is in response to an article that appeared in the April 7 issue of THE SUNBLAZER entitled "Pssst, hey buddy, wanna buy a campus?". The article referred to a Miami News report that suggested that University President Mitch Maidique had asked the Board of Regents for permission to sell all or part of the Bay Vista Campus.*

## BV Debate: MAIDIQUE REPLIES TO SUNBLAZER ARTICLE

To the Editor:

The Miami News contained an article on Bay Vista which misrepresented what took place at the Board of Regents meeting on April 2. The author of the article was not at the meeting nor did he contact me regarding the story prior to printing. He wrote that I was considering the sale or lease of all or a portion of the Bay Vista Campus. To assure that there is no misunderstanding, I would like to share what actually took place.

At the meeting of the Committee of the whole of the Board, I presented the University's long range facilities master plan. The plan calls for the growth and development of both the Tamiami and Bay Vista Campuses. At the completion of my presentation, one of the regents noted that approximately 40-50 acres of the Bay Vista Campus located directly on the bay was not charted for use. He raised the question as to

whether FIU should consider the sale or lease of the property with generated funds being used for development on both campuses. I indicated that we could be willing to consider such an action if the effort would afford the University the opportunity to increase our endowment. The discussion was purely speculative and spontaneous in response to the questions of the regents. It is my position that it would be in our best long range interest if the University could raise approximately \$40,000,000 from the lease of land which we have no plans for the next 15 years. Any such action, however, would necessarily take a great deal of thought and consideration.

I would like to stress that we are investing in Bay Vista at this time and over the next decade. We will be paying increasing attention to the campus so that the Univer-

sity can respond to the needs of the North Miami area. Indeed, I recently appointed the first vice president for the campus, Dr. Adam Herbert. The new library will be opening shortly and another academic building is in the plans for the next decade. The student body is increasing with accompanying support services. Finally, regular meetings with political and business leaders of the community are being held to develop a greater base of community support leading to a much needed endowment.

Sincerely,

Mitch Maidique  
President  
Florida International  
University

## FIU STUDENTS: "Let us in, UM Library!"

To the Editor:

As I was standing at the Circulation Desk of the University of Miami Library recently, I overheard one blond, tan, well-dressed young man say to another, concerning a rather scruffy student who was passing by, "That must be an FIU student. They shouldn't let them in here." I thought to myself, "Beachboy, you're wrong on two counts: FIU students are terrific dressers and aren't allowed in here anyway."

The reality is that undergraduate and master's degree students at FIU cannot use the University of Miami Library. Only doctoral students and faculty from FIU can use it.

This is unfair. At least one-third of the \$358 million annual budget of UM comes from the government, whether state or federal. Taxpayers dollars buy many of the books for the UM Library. FIU students, as taxpayers, should be entitled to use those books.

UM's library is seldom

crowded, while FIU's Libraries are frequently so packed with students that people have to sit on the floor. This says something about the relative seriousness of students at the two institutions, but also suggests the need for wider library access.

This is all the more important in that FIU gives a low priority to the development of its own Library, particularly to the most important aspect--the purchase of books and scholarly journals. FIU should spend far more

on the Library, but even if it did, UM's Library contains materials which we will never be able to replicate.

The Florida Legislature considered a bill last year which would open UM's Library to FIU students, but the bill did not pass. I believe that the SGA should lobby harder for such a bill, and if lobbying alone doesn't work, perhaps we should picket the UM Library, demanding access. I and many other faculty members would be glad to join such a line, since it is important to

faculty members that their students have wide access to study materials.

Sincerely,

Brian Peterson  
Associate Professor  
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MAY 7-8 103min  
Cast: Matthew Broderick; Mia Sara; Alan Rack  
Director: John Hughes  
Ferris Bueller proves that life at 17 can be fun...if you just don't take it all too seriously. A most beguiling U.S. fantasy!

**COOL HAND LUKE** NR  
MAY 21-22 \*129min  
Cast: Paul Newman; George Kennedy; Strother Martin  
Director: Stuart Rosenberg  
A hard-bitten, independent loner refuses to buckle under and give in to the prison bosses. His cool contempt and sheer courage finally win him the admiration and respect of his fellow prisoners.

**IRON EAGLE** PG-13  
JUNE 4-5 116min  
Cast: Louis Gossett, Jr.; Jason Gedrick; Tim Thomerson  
Director: Sidney Turie  
A fearless teen-ager with an obsessive love of flying, commandeers an F-16 fighter plane...staging a daring mission to rescue his dad.

**MR. MOM** PG  
JUNE 18-19 116min  
Cast: Michael Keaton; Teri Garr; Martin Mull  
Director: Stan Dragoti  
Can a proud male successfully swap his pin-striped suit for a gray stained apron? Find out in this side-splitting comedy.

**DIRTY DARRY** R  
JULY 2-3 101min  
Cast: Clint Eastwood; Andy Robinson  
Director: Don Siegel  
From its chilling opening (a young, beautiful swimmer is murdered by the film's psychotic villain) to the mesmerizing final confrontation, this film maintains an explosive level of tension.

**YEAR OF THE DRAGON** R  
JULY 16-17 \*114min  
Cast: Mickey Rourke; John Lone; Ariane  
Director: Michael Cimino  
A tough N.Y. cop assigned to crack down on Chinatown's violent gangs, is opposed by a Chinese Mafia leader. The two clash violently in this explosive and controversial film.

**VOLUNTEERS** R  
JULY 30-31 106min  
Cast: Tom Hanks; John Candy  
Director: Nicholas Meyer  
A very chaotic comedy involving two guys that wreak havoc as Peace Corps volunteers in the jungles of Thailand - a laugh a minute!

**9½ WEEKS** R  
AUG. 6-7 110min  
Cast: Mickey Rourke; Elna Bastener  
Director: Adrian Lyne  
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## Baseball team denied bid for second year

MICHAEL SHELLEY  
Sunblazer sports editor

If the FIU baseball team was an abused child, its parents would have to be the NCAA. For the second year in a row the Sunblazers have been denied an invitation to the regional playoffs.

"We really are very disappointed, but not shocked. They (the NCAA) did it to us last year," said assistant coach Rolando Casanova.

Many admit last year's ball club was better, but the records were identical for the last two seasons with 41 victories. It was once thought that in order to get an at-large bid to the tournament, a team must win 40 games. It appears FIU is the exception to that rule.

"We're probably the best kept secret in baseball. I was told they considered us, very shortly," said Casanova. Looks like the NCAA can keep a good secret.

Early in the season team captain Hector Fernandez was irate about the team not being ranked. He said "if we beat Maine, Miami, and Rutgers, we should be ranked. If not, something's wrong!" Unfortunately the Blazers never got a chance to see if Hector was right: FIU went 0-4 against Miami this season, lost to

Maine in their only contest, and split a two-game series with the Scarlet Knights. The NCAA asked, "Who did you beat?", implying FIU's schedule was too weak.

"They will always look at our schedule because we're an independent," said Casanova.

FIU needs to get into a conference.

"I don't see us getting into a conference for at least 2 years, but it's a necessity. Not just for us, but for the other athletic teams here," said Casanova.

This doesn't mean we will have to wait another two years before FIU will in the playoffs. With most of the squad returning next year, and the signing of some highly touted recruits, the team looks strong for 1988. However, coach Casanova laments for the seniors

"We feel bad for the seniors. They're graduating, and now for two years they can't go to the regionals."

Perhaps the only benefit from this year's injustice is that the program is continuing to make strides to get its first bid. A tougher schedule is in the making, with fifth-ranked Florida State already signed, and a desire to play more road games.

"They're (NCAA) really making us earn our first bid," said Casanova.

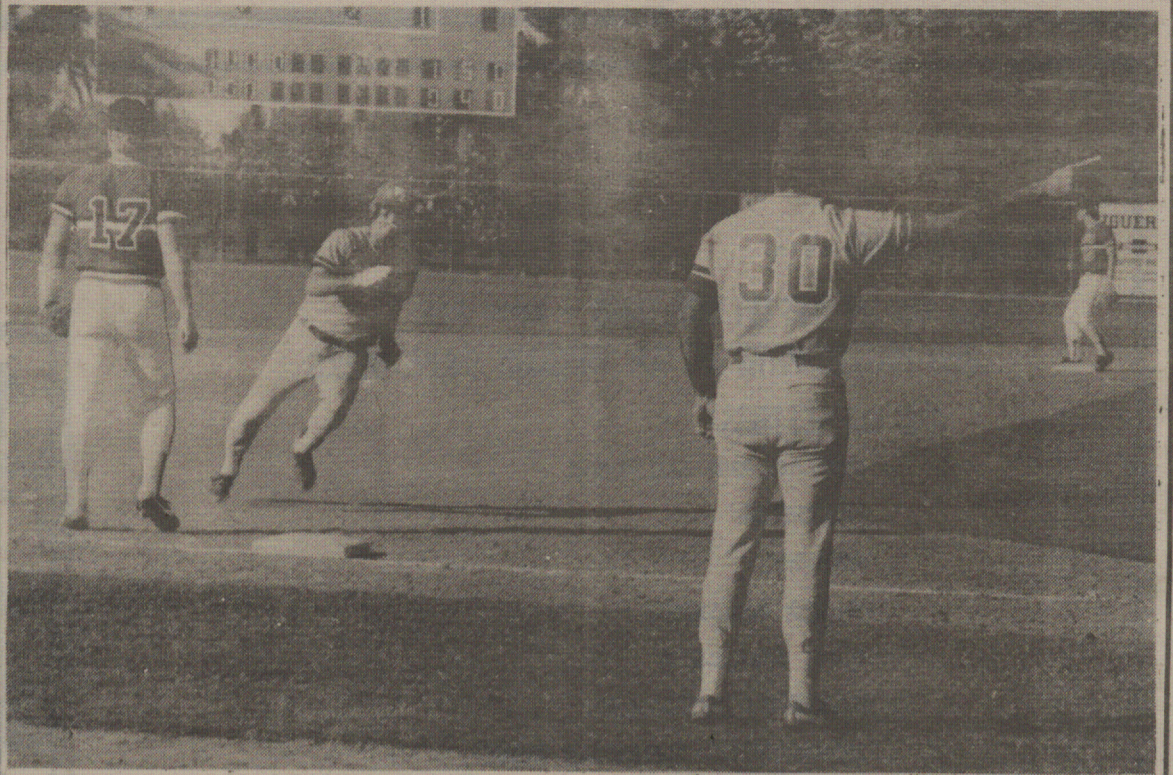


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Where is Victor Rivera running to? Thanks to the NCAA, it's not to the regionals.

## Bowling Blazers go to Omaha

### Women finish tenth in the nation

*The FIU women's bowling team competed in the National Championship tournament in Omaha, Nebraska. The Sunblazers ended the tournament in tenth place out of twelve teams. There are 340 collegiate bowling teams that bowl competitively throughout the country. The following is an account of the events by captain Michelle Brenner.*

We arrived in Omaha on Wed., April 22. We were greeted at the airport by our sponsors for the week, the American Legion, Post Number One. They had a banner with our name on it and they announced that Florida International University had arrived. There also was press talking to the different teams as they arrived. American Legion wasn't the only sponsors. Another team had Miller Brewing Company while others had local television stations and bowling associations. Each school exchanged gifts with the sponsors, we gave shirts, buttons and teddy bears with FIU printed on it. Other schools exchanged lounge chairs with the schools name printed on it. In return the sponsor gave us a hat with American Legion printed on it and they took care of us for the week. Other sponsors gave jewelry, bowling balls, and the Miller Company gave free liquor for the week to their

team.

In Nebraska, the NCAA and the sponsors did everything for us. Not like at our other tournaments where we had to do everything for ourselves. They even gave us twenty-five dollars for meals, even though they fed us most of our meals. That night there was a dinner and the welcoming ceremonies.

The next day we had a nice brunch and then we departed for the bowling alley for a group photograph for our sponsor. There was also a big group shot with every team in the tournament, women's and men. We then had a practice session in which we were allowed to go throughout the bowling alley to practice. The press was also allowed to go anywhere on the lane. I came close to breaking a couple of legs on a couple of practice shots. We then bowled our first three-games. We then had dinner at the alley, and had opening ceremonies. We then completed the day's bowling by bowling three more games. After the day, we were in tenth place and the overall champion West Texas State Lady Buffaloes were in first place.

The next day we were up early to go to the bowling alley for three-games at 9 a.m. then we had lunch and then we bowled three more games. This was the end of the tournament for us, as we did not make it to the

cut of six.

Overall, we might not have bowled to our capability, we were nervous because of the circumstances. A very young team at the national tournament. The people in attendance were shocked that we even finished tenth. All-in-all the whole team had a great time.

The averages for the team were as follows:

1. Michelle Brenner, 177.
2. Veronica Costero, 172.
3. Crystal Hern, 170.
4. Cindy Melfa, 165.
5. Danell Carroll, 160.

The Top Twelve.

1. West Texas State
2. San Jose State
3. Penn State
4. Wichita State
5. University of Illinois
6. Indiana State
7. Erie Community College
8. Temple University
9. Morehead State
10. FIU
11. Washington State
12. Vincennes University

*This marked the first time that the FIU bowling program went to nationals. The program has been competitive for only two years. The feat of making it to nationals had never been achieved before by a second year program. FIU has set another record*

## Could Irving Thomas be the star FIU searches for

MICHAEL SHELLEY  
Sunblazer sports editor

In six months the season will begin for the FIU men's basketball team. The Panthers, as all FIU teams will affectionately be called come 1987-1988, will make the move to Division I, and Coach Rich Walker is optimistic. For one, the basketball program has received a "substantial increase" in scholarships that can be awarded from the school to new recruits. And, just this week, FIU was visited by one of the premier recruits in the nation: Irving Thomas. If you remember, Thomas was an All-American at Carol City Senior High in Miami, and led his team to the state championship his graduating year of 1985. He now wants to transfer from the University of Kentucky, but is also being recruited by the University of

Miami and Florida State.

"I felt it was a positive visit," said a restrained Rich Walker, not wanting to show his obvious excitement about bringing a player who could put FIU on the map. Walker likens Thomas choosing FIU to when his son was born. It's heavy-duty.

But Coach Walker is very philosophical in this situation. He points out three reasons you can't let recruiting in the big-time go to your head: 1-You never know if he's coming to your school until you sign him. 2-You know you're not doing your job unless he's also doing well in class, and 3-You never know it was the right choice until he graduates.

Walker is also enthusiastic about getting a player from the "neighborhood", and wants to establish a rapport with local high-school basketball players and show them that "FIU is

the school of the future. The only school."

Coach Walker is proud of his team's academic performance. Six members of the team earned a 3.0 GPA or better for Spring semester, and the team has cumulative GPA of 2.410.

The season opens November 30 against U.S. International

University, in which what will be billed "The Battle of the Internationals."

Walker is busy putting together a schedule that will get FIU established in Division I. He also is looking forward to getting more fan support. He doesn't want fans who would just be attracted to a

winning program, but rather the winning attitude he is molding in his team. By bringing out more fans, the media

will give FIU the attention it deserves, and thus more fans will come out. Easier said than done with FIU's history of myopic fan support.