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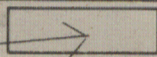
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## "Recommendation to change funding will force group off campus," FPIRG says.

The Florida Public Interest Research Group (FPIRG) fee of \$2.50 has been included in the tuition. To refuse the fee, initial the box.



Submit this form to the registration area of the office of Registration and Records.

TERE LANTIGUA  
Sunblazer staff writer

The SGA Senate last week passed a resolution that encourages President Mitch Maidique to change the Florida Public Interest Research Group's current means of funding-- a decision FPIRG leaders say may cause the group to leave campus. The Senate asked Maidique to consider a switch from a negative check-off at registration to a positive check-off. What that means for students is that they will no longer be automatically assessed the \$2.50 FPIRG fee if they forget to initial the box on the registration form.

Maidique, however, said that he is not inclined to change anything due to the closeness of the Senate vote.

FPIRG received a total of \$73,187.00 for Fall, 1985 through Fall, 1986, according to the Registrar's office. This means that an average of 7,180 students paid the fee each semester. Students can obtain a refund of their fee by contacting a FPIRG representative.

The Public Interest Research Group [PIRG] was founded in 1972 at the University of Oregon by consumer advocate Ralph Nader. Students at Oregon obtained a ma-

majority of the students' signatures in support of the PIRG. PIRG's have spread to 27 other universities.

"PIRG was set up by students to participate as citizens in the political process, to be effective and to win on issues," said Elise Jacque, executive director for FPIRG.

Sharon Painter, FPIRG's campus organizer at FIU, says FPIRG has maintained a legislative agenda that is determined "by students for citizens." There are 57 FPIRG members at FIU, she said. Some of their most recent projects revolve around toxic waste clean-up, offshore oil drilling, bank check holds and voter registration.

FPIRG leaders say they are unsure why the issue was brought up. "This is a democracy," Jacque said. "If the majority of students want something, they should get it."

"President Maidique may have been influenced by outside interests, maybe from the oil industry or bottle manufacturing industry. These groups are opposed to FPIRG's lobbying efforts for a 30-mile buffer zone for off-shore oil drilling and their campaign to recycle bottles," Painter said. Her biggest concern with bringing the

vote before the Senate stems from the students' misunderstanding of the issue.

"Students may think that whether or not the fee system changes, FPIRG will still be here.

That's not true," she said. FPIRG maintains that history has proven that they are not able to sustain their funding on a donation basis. "It's a fee. You're supposed to pay it," Jacque said.

Maidique said the issue was brought to SGA because "Petitions do not necessarily reflect the will of the student body. Better representation would come from selected representatives, like the SGA or from a secret ballot. Because there was a substantial number of signatures, the issue was worth further attention."

SGA President Fred Jorgenson is in favor of the positive check-off.

"If 51 percent of our students signed the petition, and if these students are as sensitized to the issue as FPIRG claims, then these same students will continue to support FPIRG. If the students do not continue to support FPIRG, then it means either they don't understand the check-off at registration because they are too preoccupied with the registration process, or they are not sure of the FPIRG issues or they do not support the issues," Jorgenson said.

The controversial fee was brought to the Senate on June 24. The meeting had all the elements of a staged production: drama, action and lots of surprises. Senator Jack Gordon expressed his support for FPIRG and their present source of funding. Gordon said students would "learn a lesson" if they paid the fee without realizing it. Senator Ileana Ros-Lehtinen's legislative aid, Adolfo Lantigua, supported the positive check-off. "This is a fairness issue," he said. State representative Mark Friedman, FPIRG advocate, was also at the meeting. Other FPIRG advocates see FPIRG, p.4

## Young to head athletics



JEFFREY BRENNER  
Sunblazer sports editor

In a most critical time for FIU, a new athletic director has been chosen. Richard A. Young, currently athletic director at Washington State University, will take his new position at FIU starting July 13.

Major reasons contributing to Young's decision to take the job

were FIU's upward mobility, a positive academic system, and a stable base to work with. He is coming from a university with an athletic budget of \$6.2 million to FIU, where the athletic department budget is \$1.6 million. Nevertheless, Young is optimistic, and says the budget of \$1.5 million is reasonable for a school without football.

"Football costs about \$3-4 million a year, so that is somewhat of a reasonable budget," Young said.

He also cites FIU's entrance into Division I athletics as a positive factor.

"The institution (FIU) has shown considerable growth and the move to Division I status is a very positive aspect. The Division I aspect is the first major bite, to see if we can handle the program."

When Young arrives, he will begin to implement many of his long range goals.

"I would like to provide the program with integrity, make the performance the best it can be, and I want the program to be as broad as we can have it," Young said. "There are five goals. I want to give the program: integrity, performance, activities, solvency, and an admission to a credible conference." see p. 8

## Pope's visit brings major preparations

MICHELLE DRESERIS  
Sunblazer Editor/Publisher

All classes scheduled for Friday, Sept. 11, on all of FIU's campuses have been cancelled. FIU's University Park campus has been chosen as the host site for Pope John Paul II's visit to Miami. Between 300,000 and 500,000 people are expected to see the Pope and attend Mass on FIU grounds and adjacent Tamiami Park.

"Never before in Dade county's history have we tried to move this amount of people," said Fred DeLucca, liaison to the Governor's office and the Department of Transportation, in a special video presentation. "It's a similar size crowd to moving the Olympics," he said.

The University's papal visit planning committee has been meeting for the past eight months, and has been coordinating the event with federal, state and local

government agencies; including the National Guard and the Secret Service.

While the event is being held on FIU's grounds, the University will not be bearing any of the costs involved, according to Ron Arrowsmith, chairperson of the papal committee, and vice president of Administrative Affairs.

"All construction and security costs are being paid for by a \$1.5 million bill passed by the State of Florida. All of the other costs are being borne by the Archdiocese of Miami," said Arrowsmith. "The cost for this one day is about \$160,000," he said.

There will be a total of nine first aid stations in the park. The Dade County Fire Department will be in charge of the medical needs of the crowd and will staff the first aid stations. Plans are being made to handle 1,500 handicapped people and their escorts. As many as 2,000 national guard may be working on the Papal visit.

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New FIU students get a firsthand look at the University at Orientation at University Park, June 26. Orientations were held simultaneously on both campuses. The next one is for freshmen and transfers and is on July 24.

**BRIEFS**

--Compiled by Lisette Campos and David Colodney

**Maidique says no to federal post, Herald reports**

University President Mitch Maidique has refused an offer to be the Department of Education's "No. 2 man," the Miami Herald reported last week.

U.S. Secretary of Education William Bennett asked Maidique if he was interested in filling the position of education undersecretary, the Herald reported Maidique as saying.

Maidique, who has been president since October, turned down the offer, giving priority to his commitment to FIU -- a commitment that has brought a change in the university's mascot and nickname, two new campus names and seven new administrators.

Ultimately, the new undersecretary will have to be appointed by President Reagan.

**BOR gives nod to Division I**

It's finally official: FIU's athletic program will compete in NCAA Division I when play resumes again this Fall.

The Panthers will compete in Division I-AAA, a classification for schools who compete in Division I in everything except football. FIU will also be immediately eligible for post-season tournaments, having the standard two-year wait waived because of FIU's compliance with Division I standards in the transition period.

**United Way contest deadline July 6**

Creativity is on the rise as high flying banners are in the making for this year's United Way Banner Contest. Artists may get silly, zany, or bizarre as long as they do it within a 6' x 3' banner.

These banners, celebrating the United Way's 100 Year Anniversary, will benefit an expected 350,000 elderly living in Dade County.

Competing banners by departments, clubs, and individuals must be submitted by Monday, July 6, to Jim Finn [UH 211 at University Park] or Paul Franzese [SC 260 at the North Miami Campus].

**University launches new graduate study program in economics**

A doctoral program in economics will be offered beginning this fall semester. The on-campus degree program will give students an in-depth analysis of the various fields of specialization in economics, advanced workshops to attend, and the opportunity to conduct research and complete a dissertation.

Fields of specialization under the program are economic development, international economics, urban and regional economics, monetary economics, economics of human resources, advanced economic theory, and economics of Latin America and the Caribbean.

After completing 48 hours of graduate level coursework, students will choose a specific area of doctoral research and begin work on their dissertations.

Among the admission requirements are a bachelor's degree from an accredited university or college, a minimum GPA of 3.0 from the last two years of undergraduate education, and completion of the following courses: intermediate micro and macro economics, statistics, and undergraduate level calculus.

The economics department, 554-2316, will provide added information to those interested.

**Upcoming**

Registration Day Blues...and Jazz: SCPC will be sponsoring live jazz music in the AC I Patio from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. on Aug. 20, Registration Day, at North Miami campus. Classes begin Aug. 24.

Welcome Back, Campus: No, not a crummy TV series of the 1970's, but a big celebration welcoming back students to North Miami campus, Aug. 27, in the SC Patio, from 1:00-6:00.

Live reggae music, organization displays and recruitment, student interest forms, and a special "Thursdays By the Bay," which starts at 9 p.m.



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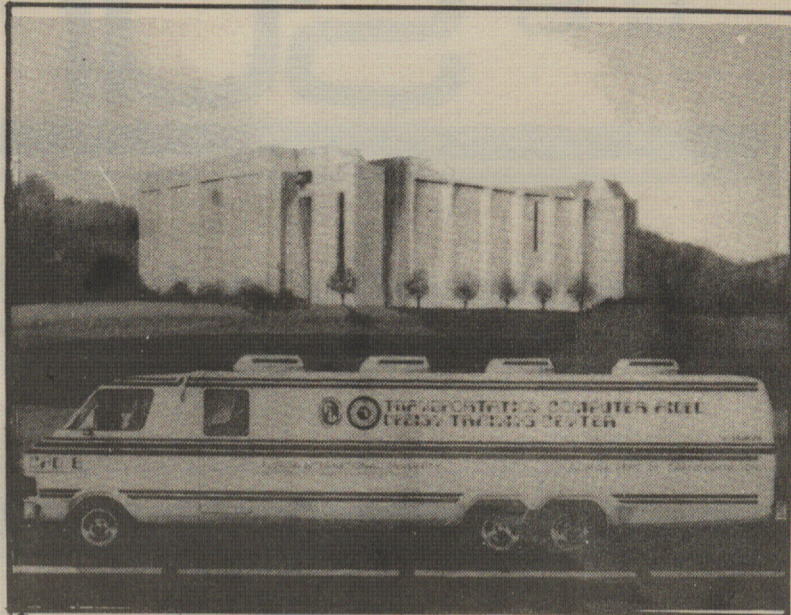
President Mitch Maidique, Representative Claude Pepper and State Senator Jack Gordon are on hand at the inauguration ceremonies of CAD (computer aided design and drafting), two motorhome-sized vans of sophisticated computer equipment.

**New equipment to take FDOT and FIU throughout Florida**

U.S. Rep. Claude Pepper was one of the guests of honor at FIU on June 26 for the inauguration ceremony of two motorhome-sized vans which are equipped with state-of-the-art computer equipment for computer aided design and drafting.

The project, which is a collaborative effort between FIU and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), is funded by a \$1.5 million grant to FIU from the state of Florida.

Intergraph Corp. of Alabama is training the trainers who will travel with the units around Florida. The FDOT is now using Intergraph equipment in Tallahassee.

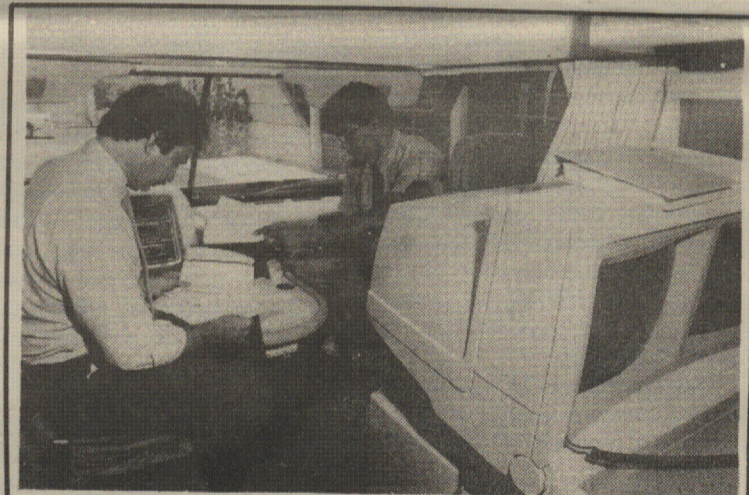


Computer aided drafting literally on the road.

and blue prints are just two of the engineering products of the CADs.

FIU is the first in the country to take computer aided design and drafting education

The units will travel to Fort Lauderdale, Bartow, Lake City, Deland, Chipley and Miami bringing higher education to the people.



Inside the CAD van.

**Maidique: No intent to sell North Miami**

LISSETTE CAMPOS  
Sunblazer asst. news editor

Simply stated the North Miami Campus, formerly called Bay Vista, is not for sale or lease. It never was.

In an April 4 article of the Miami News, a simple story got all mixed up, according to President Mitch Maidique. The article, headlined "FIU President Asks to Sell Bay Vista Campus", said Maidique had asked the Board of Regents for permission to sell all or part of the campus in an effort to "consolidate" the university at University Park.

"For them [News] to say 'President asks to sell or lease campus' is ludicrous," Maidique said angrily, pointing to the article clipped out in his album of newspaper clips. "If I were planning on selling [North Miami Campus], why would I change the campus name

or appoint a new vice-president," continued Maidique, referring to the newly appointed Dr. Adam Herbert.

"A member of the Board of Regents asked 'Do you have land?' He used the word 'sale'. I used the words 'investigate', 'could be'. Contending that he proposed no such deal, 'He [Chancellor Charles Reed] is my boss! When someone suggests, I look into it.'"

"The irony of all this," continued Maidique, "is that the News was the first to see the final draft of the planning document to be presented at the meeting." This planning document, better known as the 15 year master plan, had no proposals of "liquidating, selling, or leasing" any land. The \$8.1 million dollar library under construction at NM campus was, so too are the various academic buildings that are planned for in later years.

The land in question was an area of 40 to 50 acres of waterfront

land, directly on Biscayne Bay, which would represent an estimated \$50 million dollars to the university if sold. This state land is not scheduled for use in 15 years, yet if plans did arise, Governor Bob Martinez and a six member state cabinet would have to be consulted first.

Maidique believes that the North Miami Campus does need a "boost" that recognizes its needs as a separate campus. At present, FIU is not funded by the state as separate campuses. "What goes into one campus must be taken out of the other," explains Maidique agreeing that, consequentially, the NM campus has been the most to lose in this relationship.

"Any activity would be to raise funds for the campus, not sell it," Maidique concluded.

## THE POPE'S VISIT...

### Things you need to know.

#### CLASSES CANCELLED ON SEPT. 11 ON ALL CAMPUSES.

- \* Except for the cancellation of classes, the North Miami and Broward campuses will operate a normal schedule of activities.
- \* Special credentials and identification will be required from everyone whose presence is required at University Park during the period between midnight Thurs., Sept. 10, and late afternoon Fri., Sept. 11. These credentials will be needed in order to get past the roadblocks that will be established, and onto campus.
- \* University Park will be closed to all faculty, students and staff, except those who perform essential services needed in conjunction with the event, or who for some other reason must be on campus that day.
- \* Anyone who has not been issued the special credentials and who may be attending classes or working late at the UP campus Thursday evening, Sept. 10 MUST be off campus by midnight. ANY CARS REMAINING in the parking lots AFTER MIDNIGHT WILL BE REMOVED and placed in storage.
- \* Volunteers and employees who must work at the UP campus on Sept. 11 will be required to park in the OE parking area, east of the OE and the UH buildings. No other parking will be allowed on the Mass site, except for charter buses.
- \* Roads from SW 97 Avenue, between Flagler and Bird Road, and west to and including the Florida Turnpike will probably be closed to all traffic except for shuttle buses, taxis, charter buses and emergency vehicles.
- \* For security reasons, people who are working Sept. 11 on the UP campus will not have access to the Mass site and cannot leave from the University to attend the Mass.
- \* The between campus shuttle will NOT run on Sep. 11, due to the closing of roads around the UP campus.
- \* In order to be in compliance with Federal and Board of Regents regulations, employees of FIU must make up the Sept. 11 workday during the workweek which falls between Sept. 11 and Sept. 17.

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An estimated 100,000 live near enough to the site to walk both there and back, according to the Archdiocese of Miami. If you are one of those 100,000, it is suggested that, where practical, you should walk. You may also bicycle part or all of the way to the site. A bicycle parking lot will be available at Tamiami Park, just west of the SW 112 Avenue entrance off Coral Way. If you are planning to drive part way, you are encouraged to park your car north of State Road 836; east of the Palmetto; south of Miller Road; or west of 137 Avenue, and then continue on bicycle to the site.

Bicycles will not be permitted into the Mass site; they must be locked and left in the designated parking lot.

If you would like to be more involved with the Pope's visit, you can volunteer to be an usher or a steward at the Mass. Contact the SGA office on the University Park or North Miami campus for more information. Hundreds of volunteers are needed for this historic event.

Because of the magnitude of this event and the impact that it will have on the students, faculty and staff at FIU, The Sunblazer newspaper is allowing the Univer-



sity to place additional information in its distribution boxes on both the UP and NM campuses. You can pick up a copy of the newsletter, "Inside" from The Sunblazer stands during July and August, when The Sunblazer will not be published. Full coverage of the event will resume with The Sunblazer's first issue at the beginning of September.

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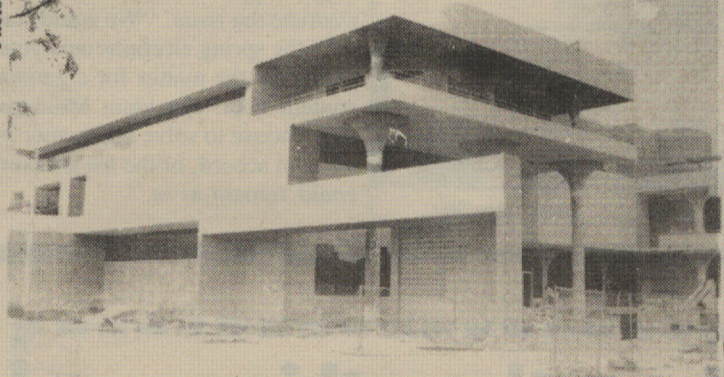
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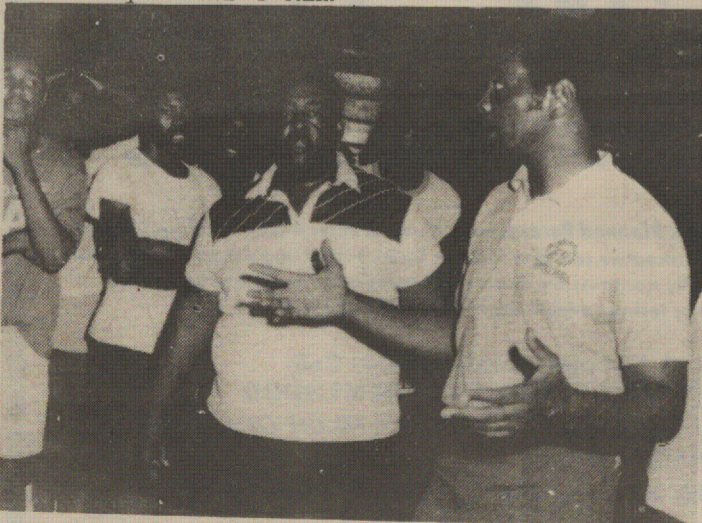


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The new library on North Miami Campus offers students a nice atmosphere; but the same old books.

Photo by: Chai C Kim



Coach Walker discusses strategy with Carol City head coach Ernie Bell.

# New library: new chairs, same old books

ANN HILL  
Sunblazer staff writer

When Florida International University's brand new, \$8.1 million library on the North Miami campus officially opens in spring 1988, students will be greeted with landscaped interiors, plenty of space, coordinated color schemes, eight new classrooms, more plentiful seating -- and the same old books.

The only change in the move from the Trade Center will be the scenery. The staff, book collection, equipment and anything not nailed

down in the Trade Center will be moved to the new facility with no additions, except for more chairs.

"The quantity and quality of seating will be the single biggest improvement," said Laurence Miller, director of FIU libraries. "We hope an attractive study environment will radically increase library use."

Miller said he and other FIU officials were more concerned that the Trade Center, serving as the North Miami library since the campus opened in 1975, be replaced by a building more suited for library purposes.

Funding for new books is

separate from construction funding, so the university had to first concern itself with getting the new library built.

"I think people underestimate what our library has available," Miller said. "We have a complete range of on-line reference services, a state-of-the-art inter-library loan system and access to almost any journal available."

"I was hoping they'd expand on the materials," said Brenda Adams, a graduate student at the North Miami campus. "But at least the new place will be quieter."

The Trade Center, built by the now-defunct Interama Corp., was

intended for use as an exhibition center. Its metal beamed ceiling, noisy atmosphere and cramped quarters do not create an intimate library setting.

"The air conditioning is enough to drive you crazy," Adams said. "I might as well study in the cafeteria."

The new library, almost twice as big as the Trade Center, promises lots of space and lots of quiet. It has room for 250,000 volumes and 716 seats and is designed with future expansion in mind.

The Trade Center is slated to open as a teaching gym sometime

in 1989. Conversion to a facility complete with bleachers and new flooring will cost \$960,000, according to the 1981 library building program.

Dan D'Oliveira, FIU's physical planning director who's had a hand in the library project since its inception in 1981, says construction is running just about on schedule. The only hassle so far has been the budget.

"It's been tight," D'Oliveira said. "We presented that budget to the Board of Regents in 1981 and our needs have increased since then."

# Maidique gives rationale for name change

Says change was to make FIU like more other universities

LISSETTE CAMPOS  
Sunblazer asst. news editor

When Mitch Maidique came to FIU last October, he brought with him a wave of change. Proposals to change the 15-year-old University name, changes in the University mascot, a move to Division I status in athletics and two campus names have all swept across the

FIU community in a matter of eight months.

The FIU name is here to stay, for now, but the Sunblazers are now Panthers, and the Division II athletes are now Division I. Most students, however, have noticed the change in campus names the most. On May 14, Tamiami Campus became University Park, and Bay Vista Campus became the

North Miami Campus.

Maidique believes the new names will allow for a better identification of the University in both local and national circles. Locally, the names indicate a more clear geographic reference, identifying their surrounding communities. Nationally, FIU would be following "well-established national practices," Maidique said

"In the case of University Park, it is common for major multi-campus universities to incorporate the word 'park' into their names," said Maidique, citing the University of Maryland's College Park as an example. In the case of the North Miami Campus, "the naming of additional campuses according to their locations is also a part of American university tradition," he continued, citing USF's Sarasota campus and UCF's Melbourne campus.

FPIRG, from p.1

were easily identifiable with their FPIRG t-shirts, buttons, posters and brochures.

As the senators prepared to cast the deciding vote on the positive vs. negative check-off, FPIRG representatives passed around binders with petitions which reflected thousands of signatures, to remind the senators of their duty to represent their constituents. The vote was 17-14 in favor of positive check-off. FPIRG's future is still unsure. When this story went to press, FPIRG was without an office or telephone. Maidique wants to discuss the matter with Jorgenson. Jorgenson predicts that one of four things could happen. Senators could re-evaluate the issue. "We could wait until the spring elections next year, and leave the matter for a general student vote. President Maidique may choose to solve this matter by his own accord, or the fee structure could remain as is."

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# FACES OF FIU

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Raphael Pizarro came to FIU with unique qualifications -- 36 years of refrigeration experience and 36 years of dealing with "international kids".

"My house was always full of kids from all over the world," recalled Pizarro of his home in Queens, New York, "It was like Epcot Center."

Pizarro and his wife of 39 years, Gladys, were frequently called by a New York adoption agency to take care of children while their natural parents were located. "Most of the time the kids would stay for 6 to 7 months," Pizarro said.

Working at an international university has brought few surprises to this Puerto Rican native who at one time had 38 foster children from different ethnic backgrounds in his Jamaica, N.Y. home. The air conditioner mechanic enjoys talking to students on his rounds while checking the machinery in the Academic I and II buildings of the North Miami Campus.

"The students remind me of my foster kids," said Pizarro, 62, smiling.

After the Pizarros moved to Miami eight years ago, life has not been as unpredictable. There are no

more calls from the New York adoption agency soliciting vacancies for more foster children. Lisa, 11, John Raphael, 19, and Deeter Maurice, 19, are the only foster children that remain with the Pizarros. All three are adopted now, occupying equally significant places in Pizarro's picture wallet -- next to his two natural daughters.

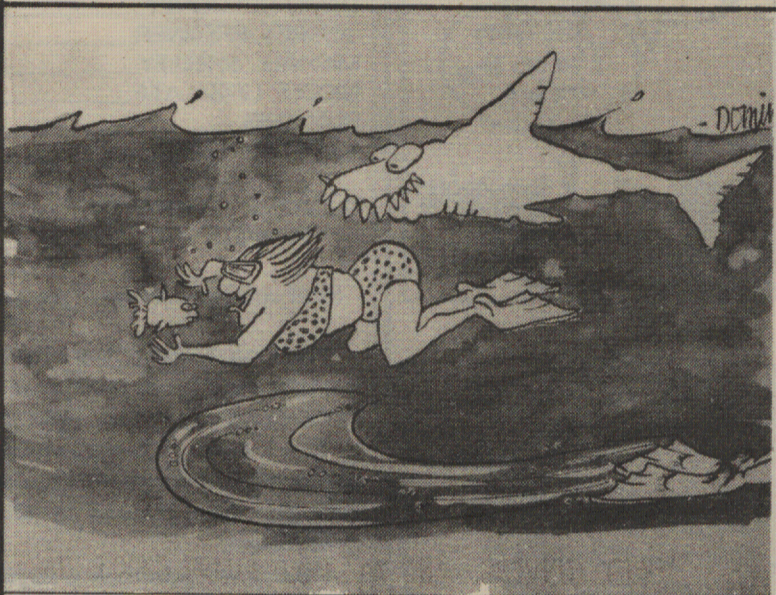
In a narrow mechanical equipment room of Academic II, Pizarro checks the belt on one of the 48 air conditioner machines he has check-

ed today. In these cramped eight feet of room space, control boxes, and machinery, Pizarro maintains a world view.


"I have a kid in Switzerland and another in the Panama Canal that are engineers," he said, also recalling a Brazilian child and two Chinese children that were also his foster kids for a while.

"I still here from them every now and then," continued Pizarro. Reminding him of his international foster kids, FIU students help fill the gaps between calls.

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## SUMMER '87 FILMS

**DIRTY HARRY**  
JULY 2-3  
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. R 101 min

**YEAR OF THE DRAGON ★**  
JULY 16-17  
Cast: Mickey Rourke; John Lone; Ariane.  
Director: Michael Cimino  
A tough N.Y. cop assigned to crack down Chinatown's violent gangs, is opposed by a Chinese Mafia leader. The two clash violently in this explosive and controversial film. R 134 min

**VOLUNTEERS**  
JULY 30-31  
Cast: Tom Hanks; John Candy  
Director: Nicholas Meyer  
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## For the birds

ANN HILL  
Staff writer

Pope John Paul II's Sept. 11th mass at Florida International University's University Park campus is guaranteed to ruffle a few feathers.

For four winged residents of FIU, the concern is neither religious affiliation nor matters of church and state. It's a question of space.

When an expected crowd of 600,000 spills onto campus to hear the pope, they'll be trampling right over the homes of two pairs of burrowing owls -- the last of 17 families that have nested on Tamiami grounds even before the birth of FIU.

But at least 200 members of FIU's Internal Committee on the Pope's Visit are looking out for the interests of the owls and of the environmentalists who fear extensive damage to the grounds and wildlife from the Sept. 11th crush.

Donn Ashley, director of Tamiami's physical plant, has proposed that areas around each of the two known owl burrows -- located south of the Primera Casa building near the fence closest to Tamiami Park -- be enclosed by chain link fencing.

"We can't guarantee the owls will stay, but at least they won't be trampled," Ashley said.

He hasn't encountered any opposition to the proposal.

Also, members of the Tropical Audubon Society of Miami have volunteered to stand near the burrows and keep people from jumping the fence.

"We're happy to help out," said Bob Kelley, the society's president.

The entire Tamiami campus is a designated Tropical Audubon Society sanctuary. "This means FIU agrees to try to protect the wildlife there," Kelley said. "The trees and open space are vital to wildlife."

Dr. Ken Gordon, a vertebrate zoologist and associate professor of biology at FIU, agrees with the necessity of protecting the grounds.

"I call this crisis management," he said. "We're going to try our best to minimize the impact of the crowds on birds and mammals." Gordon is also the only faculty member on the internal committee.

Much of the campus, including seven acres of lush vegetation recently dubbed an official wildlife area by the National Wildlife Federation, will be protected by fencing. But a large area south of the main campus has to be left open for seating.

"They'll be right on top of the owls," Gordon said.

Fencing the owls will at least keep visitors from throwing debris down the burrows and defiling the nests, which is what happened after the last Indy Challenge at Tamiami, he says.

The long-legged, crop-tailed burrowing owl is a Western bird that has a small breeding population in Florida. The sand scrub areas burrowing owls like to call home have largely disappeared, so they've taken to nesting at airports where large, cropped grassy strips are plentiful, Kelley says. He doesn't think the masses will scare the owls as long as the burrows are

protected.

"Any animal that can nest between runways shouldn't be afraid of noise," Kelley said.



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## From the Editor's Desk

This issue of The Sunblazer was going to be black. Black blocks of type that you would not be reading now. It was also going to be twelve pages - four devoted to our new freshman class with lots of nice advice on how to find their way around and what to do when they got lost. It was going to have wonderful tips for them on surviving the registration process, moving into the dorms, and lots more. That was the plan.

That was the plan, until our processor started feeding us black sheets of film. At about three a.m. this morning (last night?), I decided we had to cut out four of our pages if we were to make it on the stands at all.

It's now nearly 8:30 p.m. of the next day as I hurriedly type this column and finish printing out the long strips of film that will become the pages you are now reading. My advertising manager and photo editor are at the North Miami campus shooting halftones to fit into this adjusted issue. My news editor and business manager left the office with me after three this morning. My sports editor, assistant news editor and staff writers all do what they have to do to get their copy out.

Our standard answer to, "When will you be home?" is, "When I'm finished." The next question is usually, "Yes, but when will that be?" And the reply is usually, "I don't know. When I'm finished."

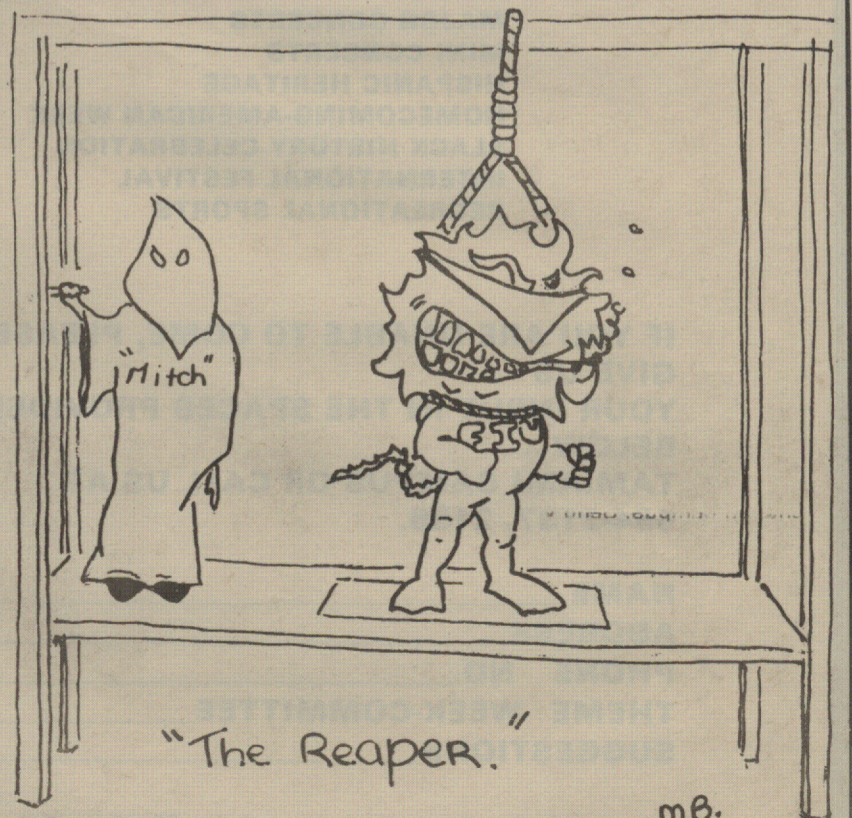
Twelve hour days are not uncommon on this newspaper, and when emergencies overlap with deadline, sometimes we ask ourselves, "Why?... Why are we doing this?". We don't get paid, and yet we support the midnight delivery restaurants around North Miami. And then the type prints out black.

That brings me to Zip Press in North Miami and the owner, Terry Percy, who has given us the time we needed to print out the copy for this issue. We met some months ago when his system was in trouble and we helped him out. And maybe that's what this editorial is all about - people working together and overcoming obstacles by combining forces and ideas, even when it would be easy to say, "Let's give up." This is about getting involved and making a difference by being involved.

And if you are one of the new students who is reading this, this is what FIU is all about. Get involved. You can make a difference.

With very special thanks to Zip Press and Terry Percy from all of us at The Sunblazer.

## To the Editor:



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# FIU obtains many top recruits

**Baseball**

Dale Alexander (LHP, 6-2, 170, Jr., Plantation HS/Broward CC). A crafty left hander with a good variety of breaking pitches...had a combined 9-9 record in two seasons at Broward CC...was 7-2 with a 1.86 ERA while a senior prep at plantation HS...first-team All-Broward county that season...Coach Price: "Dale has alot of savvy on the mound. He'll be used either as a starter or in relief. He'll definitely be a plus to our pitching staff."

Ed Cruz (OF, 5-9, 200, Fr., Miami, FL, Columbus HS)

Capable of playing either in the outfield or at first base but his real value lies with his hitting...led Columbus with eight home runs this

past season...an All-Dade County selection...Coach Price: "Eddie would have been in our everyday lineup this past year simply because of his power he's able to generate at the plate. He was one of, if not the best, power hitter among Dade County High School players in 1987."

Ron Flury (OF, 5-8, 160, Jr., Hollywood, FL, South Broward HS/Broward CC)

An outstanding defensive center fielder with good foot speed... a first-team All-Broward County prep selection at South Broward H.S. in 10th, 11th, and 12th grades...Coach Price: "Ron is a candidate for our lead-off hitter next season. He's a line drive hitter who knows how to steal a base. He possesses outstanding base running instincts."

Jeff Krueger (RHP, 6-4, 200, Jr., San Diego, CA, Poway HS/Texas Tech University)

Posted a 3-0 record last season with a 5.30 ERA at Texas Tech...second-team All-League as a prep player at Poway H.S. (CA)...Coach Price: "Jeff has real good command of his pitches. He's played against some of our present players at the amateur level and he comes very highly recommended."

Aaron Vasquez (RHP, 6-3, 180, Jr., Albuquerque, NM, West Mesa HS/Trinidad State JC)

The No. 1 pitcher on Trinidad State staff that is once again participating in the NJCAA National Tournament...a second-team All-

America prep player at West Mesa...Coach price: "Aaron is a hard thrower with plenty of ability."

Jose Vazquez (INF, 5-10, 175, Jr., Miami, FL, Columbus HS/Miami Dade CC North)

Hit .401 for the Falcons last season and led the team in four offensive categories...one of two Dade-North players named to an All-Conference team in 1987...a junior college shortstop who will be moved to second base next season...Coach Price: "Jose is another capable leadoff hitter. He's shown some occasional power at the plate. He's got a good head on his shoulders. Overall, he's a very good ball player."

**SOCCKER**

Dennis Brose (Fwd/Mid, 5-10, 160, Jr., Hughsonville, NY, Ketcham HS/Ulster, CC)

A NJCAA All-Tournament player in 1987 who led his team with 25 goals and seven assists from the left wing position...played on the New York under 14 and under 19 state teams...a member of the Empire State Games Men's Open soccer teams of 1985 and 1986...scored 37 goals and 21 assists over a three-year high school career...Coach Kremser: "Dennis is a very quick and skillful player who should make an immediate impact. He will play a prominent role on our team this coming season."

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Martha Rodriguez, a 5-8 guard, comes to FIU after a most successful career at Miami Southwest High School. She led her team in scoring (19.5 ppg) and was named Most Valuable Player both her junior and senior years. She shot 52 percent from the floor and led the team in free-throw percentage (.760). She also averaged 8.2 rebounds per game.

Another freshman, Tresa Hill, is from Randolph, Massachusetts. The 5-11 forward scored 25 ppg, pulled down an average of 11 rebounds and added 11 assists per game during her senior season at Cathedral High School in Boston.

Rounding out the list is Adrienne Jackson, a 5-5 junior point guard from Oklahoma City, OK. She played for St. Gregory's College (OK) and averaged 6.8 points and 7.2 assists per game. She helped her team to a 38-2 record and second-place national finish.

"I believe we've maintained our perimeter game with the additions of Giovonne, Tresa, Martha, and Adrienne and have helped fill big vacancies left by the graduations of Sandra Bogan, Angela Hill, and Janet Hollack," said FIU Assistant Head Coach Larry Rosenberg. "Lisa Williams will hopefully provide enough inside strength to replace the graduated Teresa Baker."

KIDS, from p. 8

we are of being successful. We're giving these youngsters an opportunity to try something and really feel good about themselves. I've found that at all of these clinics, regardless in what section of the city they're held, the kids have really gotten into them," Walker said.

And just what's in these clinics for Walker? "As South Florida's state university, our role is to give something back and to educate the community," he said. "Hopefully, by planting these seeds, four or five years down the road, we will have cultivated basketball fans—Florida International University basketball fans."

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Coach Rich Walker rolls up his sleeves to help underprivileged children at Carol City.

## Walker helps kids

RICH KELCH  
Sunblazer contributor

In athletics, as in life, there are those who say and those who do. Florida International University Basketball Coach Rich Walker is one who does.

When Walker first came to FIU in 1981, he immediately let it be known that he was no three-piece suit coach. In fact, he's continually proving just the opposite. Walker has shown he's not afraid of hard work, rolling up his sleeves and promoting the sport of basketball throughout South Florida.

Perhaps his most successful promotional venture has been to persuade Steve Eckhardt, the executive vice president of Florida Restaurant Development for Church's Fried Chicken, to sponsor a number of free basketball clinics at area high schools. Walker would supply the basketball expertise while Church's supplied food and beverages, as well as prizes for the participants.

"In shaping the development of Florida International basketball, we've tried to include every segment of the community," explained Walker. "Church's Chicken allowed us to put on these clinics for the second straight summer and the response has been better than either Mr. Eckhardt or I could have imagined. The more of these neighborhood clinics we put on, the more other area schools have called asking if we could do one for them."

Walker and his staff have traveled from the south end of Dade County up into Broward. Clinics were scheduled for Southridge, Northwestern, Edison and Carol City High Schools in Dade. And at Dillard they had close to 100 participants.

These clinics have proven more than that for the youngsters in attendance. A visitor at one of the stops marveled at the fact Walker was able to involve a group of boys and girls from the ages of 6 through 16 in total participation. No one sat idly along the sidelines. There was no taunting. Just a group of youngsters pulling and cheering for one another regardless of athletic abilities.

"Of course, basketball is the main reason for these clinics," Walker said. "We want each student to leave the gym realizing the kind of talent, hard work, and dedication it takes to excel in the sport. Once these young people have a better understanding of what it takes, they'll have a deeper appreciation for basketball regardless of whether they continue to participate or simply are spectators."

"But an underlying reason for these clinics, and maybe the more important one, is that we're just trying to make these young people feel good about themselves. To often, we all just sit back because we're most afraid of failure than

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## Recruits coming to FIU

JEFFREY BRENNER  
Sunblazer sports editor

Florida International University Men's Basketball Coach Rich Walker announced the signings of three junior college graduates who will be transferring to FIU for the 1987-88 season. Teammates Doug Johnson and Mark Manning from Triton C.C. (Il) inked national letters of intent as did Damon Armstrong from Kilgore Community College (Tx).

Johnson, a six-foot-five forward from Chicago, Il led the trojans in scoring average (14.8) and field goal percentage (.563). He also averaged eight rebounds per game. The brother of former 13-year NBA veteran Mickey Johnson, Doug was a second-team All-North Central Community College Conference performer and was selected to the 1987 All-Region IV squad during the NJCAA playoffs.

At Providence St. Mel High School in Chicago, Johnson was a member of that school's 1985 Class A championship team. He participated in three Illinois state high school state championship games teaming with University of Illinois player Lowell Hamilton.

Manning is a six-foot-nine center/forward from Chicago known for his abilities as a shot blocker and defender. He averaged 3.6 points and four rebounds per game last year at Trinton that finished with a 28-4 record.

Manning played prep ball at Taft High School in Chicago where, as a senior, he was an All-Conference selection averaging 12 points, 10 rebounds and six blocked shots per game.

Walker was not alone in yearning for Manning and Johnson.

Manning was being recruited by American University and Alcorn State while Johnson was on the most wanted list of Eastern Illinois and San Jose State.

"Doug was the best offensive player on the team," Walker said. "He's a very talented young man in terms of his skills and abilities. He will be expected to provide instant offense for us."

"I consider Manning a diamond in the rough," said the coach. "He can run, jump and with his size, brings instant physical help to us. He has good hands, good feet, and can run the court. In my book, he was a must player for our young program."

"Mark is a late bloomer who is just now beginning to realize his potential on the floor," Walker said.

"Both of these players are somewhat deceiving with regards to their statistics," Walker said. "Triton had a wealth of talent last year with six players scoring in double figures. We would have taken any player from that team, but chemistry-wise, I believe we got the best two."

If there has been one type player who has eluded Walker over the past six seasons, it has been the post player who could be counted on for 10 points and 10 rebounds game-in and game-out. Walker believes he has found that player in the form of six-foot-eight Armstrong, who averaged 11 points and a team leading 11 rebounds for the

14-14 Kilgore Rangers. Armstrong has been sought by Division I program's Villanova, Rutgers, Brooklyn, and St. Francis (Ny).

"Damon is a true power forward who can rebound and pass the ball with the best of them," Walker

said. "But he can also do a good job at the center position. He's a strong Wes Unseld-type player."

"I would rank our recruiting this year between a B<sup>5</sup> and an A-," evaluated Walker. "We may not have gotten everything we wanted, but we didn't get everything we needed."

The Florida International University women's basketball program signed five athletes to national letters of intent for the 1987-88 season, including a top transfer from St. Thomas University in Miami.

Lisa Williams, a 6-foot senior from Saline, LA transferred from the now defunct St. Thomas program, which dropped the sport after only one year. Williams was the leading rebounder on her team last season with 14 per game, ranking her fourth nationally in that category. She also led the Bobcats in scoring with 22.3 points per game, and was named All-Sunshine State Conference first-team.

Another signee, Giovonne Tullis, comes from Oklahoma City, OK. The 5-9 guard averaged 19.0 points per game at Eastern Oklahoma State Junior College and contributed 6.2 rebounds and 4.2 assists per game.

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## YOUNG ACCEPTS FIU POSITION

from p.1

The need for an athletic conference is overwhelming. FIU's teams are consistently overlooked when regional bids are offered, because of not being in a conference.

"I only know of two conferences down in the area; the Transamerica and the Sunbelt. I have spoken to the commissioner of the Transamerica already and I hope to speak with the commissioner from the Sunbelt soon. There is also the possibility of starting our own conference with teams in the Southeast."

To get many of his goals across, the Athletic Department must raise more money from private contributions. And the only way of doing that is by going into the community.

"The way I look at raising money is that people give money

to people, so you've got to go out into the community and just keep asking for money," Young said.

"As I believe, the athletic department has raised \$75,000 cash effort. That is very modest for an institution that has 18,000 students and 30,000 alumni. We have got to go out and be more aggressive. And if we can raise more money, we can have more sports so we can reach our goals," Young said.

Young has had many contacts with the FIU community even before the vacancy in the athletic department. Young started at Bowling Green University, and stayed there for 19 years. There he made contact with Charles Perry, who went on to become FIU's first president. Young succeeded Doyt Al Perry (no relation) as athletic director at Bowling Green, who

went on to become FIU's first athletic director. When men's basketball coach Rich Walker was a player at Bowling Green, Walker sat on the committee that hired him as athletic director.

After Young's tenure at Bowling Green, he became athletic director at Oklahoma State, and took OSU to prominence in the Big 8 conference and in the nation. Through the Big 8, Young traveled to Miami for the Orange Bowl Classic.

"I had the most enjoyable times in Miami when I came down for the Orange Bowl. I hope that it won't be any different, now that I'm working at FIU," Young said.

Another factor in Young's decision to come to FIU is family. He has a daughter living in Miami, and other family members throughout the state.