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## Hazardous chemicals near NMC concerns EPA

ANN HILL  
Sunblazer asst. news editor

Signs at the edge of the trees on the west side of the tranquil FIU North Miami campus warn passersby not to enter the woods. Danger: Former Landfill, the signs proclaim in bold lettering.

The federal Environmental Protection Agency is concerned with more than just hikers stumbling on old junk in the woods. Officials are disturbed with the level of contaminants, such as ammonia and lead, found in 1984 tests of the groundwater and soil near the 291-acre, North Miami-owned tract of land that used to be a dump site.

The EPA used those tests to put the site, once under the direction of a company called Munisport, on its National Priorities List -- a roster of the nation's worst hazardous waste sites.

## Bomb threat scares FIU

MICHAEL SHELLEY  
Sunblazer news editor

"I planted a bomb at FIU, and it will go off in half an hour," an anonymous male said in threatening phone call to the Continuing Education department at University Park, October 8 at 2 p.m.

Continuing Education secretaries immediately notified Public Safety.

"We take everything seriously," said Lt. Donald Fowler of the university police department. "He didn't specify which campus, or even which building. Usually, when they call as a warning, it's a prank. They usually call

after it (a bomb) happens."

Fowler notified the president's office, so key officials in the university could meet and decide what action to take.

No action was necessary, however, because the call was a hoax. But you can sure bet everyone on the PC fifth floor was sweating it out as the clock approached 2:30.

"We get these things around exam time--they (callers) just try to disrupt the university," Fowler said.

Fowler stressed that any such incident is treated extremely seriously, but "when it's not specific, there's little you can do."

Despite three years of protests from the city of North Miami, which contested the site's placement on the national listing, the EPA began its first phase of intensive in-

vestigation at the end of June this year.

Two monitor wells were drilled on the west side of the North Miami campus. The EPA will conclude sampling of

the groundwater and Biscayne Bay marine life by this weekend.

Lab tests will determine what effects, if any, the contaminants have had on the en-

vironment. Results won't be completed and released until February.

"We're concerned with the existence of ammonia and heavy metals in the groundwater," said Eve Zimmerman, remedial project manager at the EPA's Atlanta office. "The chemicals can be very damaging to marine life and vegetation if found to be above a standard level."

North Miami, state and FIU officials all say the former landfill is not a public health threat, though it was never properly closed. Residents don't drink the groundwater, they say, and well fields that did supply water to homes closed years ago.

"We thought the EPA was walking a fine line," said John Willis, project manager at the Department of Environmental Regulation, a state agency in Tallahassee. "We felt they

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## Thunder-by-FIU Indy Challenge returns

MICHAEL SHELLEY  
Sunblazer news editor

The race is on. During the weekend of October 30, Florida International University/Tamiami Park will be transformed again as the site of the Nissan Indy Challenge.

The race is being covered live by ESPN this year, and will be televised on tape by ABC. Hoping to muster publicity, Dr. Walter Strong, vice-president for external affairs and a member of the Miami Indy Committee, has arranged with Miami Motorsports to utilize ten barriers that line the track for promotion of FIU. In addition, the two Diamond-Vision screens that will dominate the area around the course will also display promotional spots of FIU. A clip on national television similar to what college football teams air during halftime is also being worked on.

A student discount of 25% is available with presentation of a valid FIU identification, and tickets must be purchased by October 28. Anita Holloway, assistant director of information for university relations, has received those discount tickets from Miami Motorsports, instead of sending students to its' offices (7254 SW 48th street). Students will be able purchase the tickets from the BASS ticket outlet on the second floor of the University House building. Included in the price of the ticket is admission to a concert by the Charlie Daniels' Band.

As with the last two years of the race, it will cost to park on FIU grounds: three dollars on Saturday and four dollars on Sunday. According to Holloway, this money, which generated \$14,785 for the university after paying university police to work during the



### Hot Wheels!

Students outside the Rathskellar admire one of the cars racing in the Indy Challenge the weekend of October 30th.

Guy Shir/Sunblazer Photo Editor

event, will go into a "special funds" account administered by Paul Gallagher, acting vice-president of business and finance. This year, the Administration Council has recommended that half of the

revenue go to the FIU foundation, and the other half for environmental issues.

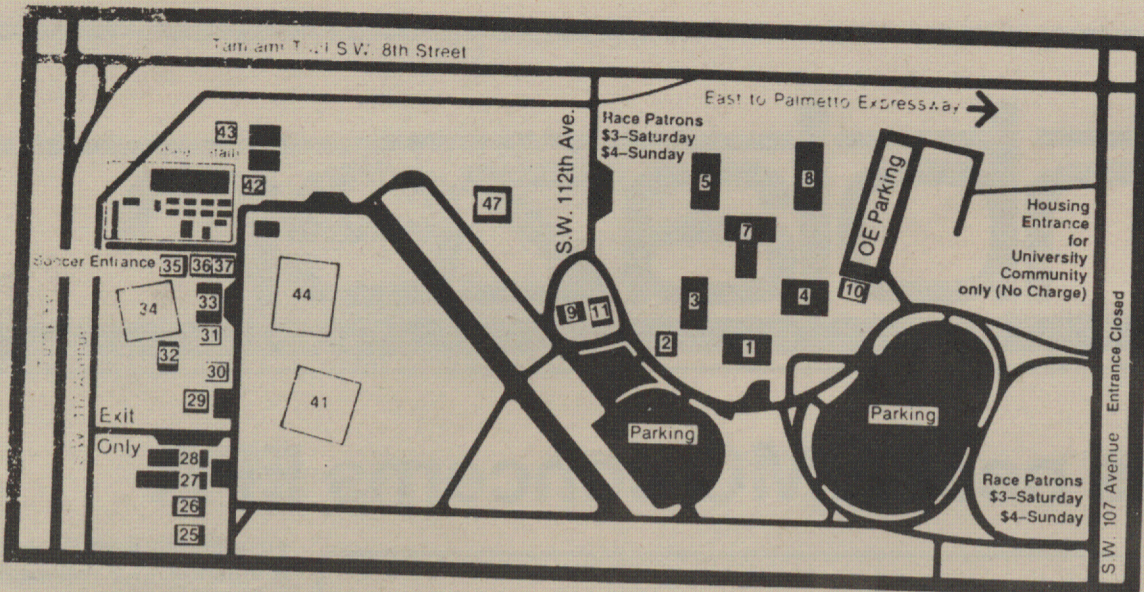
Since the inception of the race, Ralph Sanchez, chairman of Miami Motorsports, has donated money to FIU for the

R.A. Sanchez scholarship fund. In 1985, he gave \$10,000. Last year, \$12,500. And this year

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# Parking altered for Indy weekend

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■ Access to the university is only available through the housing entrance (Sunblazer Boulevard and 107th avenue) and SW 117th avenue. The main entrance to the university will be closed.

the amount will be \$15,000. Holloway said that parking will be affected as in the past two years of this event. On Friday, October 30, the university's parking spaces will be open to the university community, but for October 31 and November 1, access will be restricted. "We're not anticipating a large crowd for the trials on

the 30th, but from 7am to 6pm on the weekend we expect heavy traffic," said Holloway. Anyone who wants to enter FIU on university business will have to enter through the housing entrance on Sunblazer Boulevard (SW 12th street). From there, cars will be directed to the parking lot adjacent to the Owa Ehan building. All automobiles

entering here must have a valid FIU parking decal. There is also a Gatorade soccer tournament that weekend, and access for those games will be north of the 117th avenue entrance, next to the W-10 building. Both entrances from housing and the soccer field will not have access to the parking lots for the race.

# VP Butto wins essay contest

MICHAEL SHELLEY  
Sunblazer news editor

"I've always dreamed of working in some aspect of diplomacy," Natalie Butto, Student Government vice-president said. Butto' dream

the country were selected to go to France for a week-long visit. In return, the French government asked for advice in the form of 2000 word essays to improve tourism between the U.S. and France.

"I thought France had a lot to offer, and needed to launch a massive media campaign. I thought some of my recommendations were good," Butto said. Nevertheless, the announcement of victory surprised her. "It was just that the odds were so much against me. These weren't just 200 students, but 200 of the best." Twice a year Butto, with Mark Myers of Northwestern, the other winner of the contest, will meet with the board, including Tourism Minsiter for France Jean-Jacques Descamps. Already she met in New York last week, when she was announced a winner. Next Spring, Butto will be returning to France.



"Ambassador" Butto

just became a reality. She will now serve on the French Ministry's Board of Tourism for the United States as part of her winning a national essay contest sponsored by the French government. In July, Butto, and 225 other college students from across

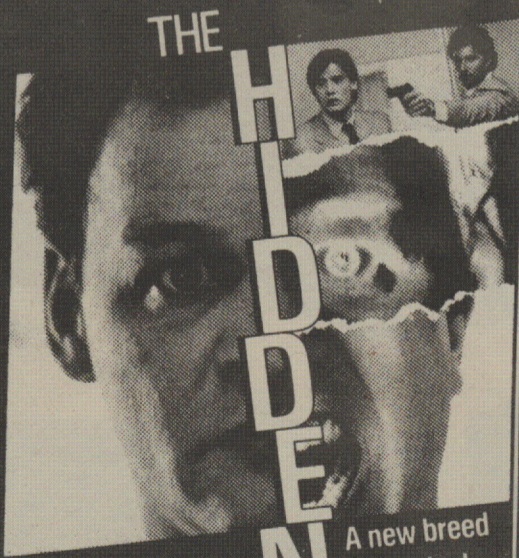
Any stereotypes Butto had about rude French waiters and terrorists lingering in the Eiffel Tower were erased during the trip. "When people see you're friendly, they're friendly, too. You just have to try," Butto said.

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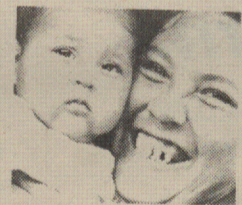
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# "We know there's no hazard," says Arrowsmith

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listed the landfill based on the presence of two well fields in the area, which were not operational at the time of the testing. The EPA thought they were."

"We know there's no hazard," said Ron Arrowsmith, FIU's vice president of administrative affairs. "We are interested in seeing the EPA's recommendation, but we're not scared of the existing conditions because we did our own tests before the North Miami campus was built."

Regardless, the testing and evaluation have to be done before the Munisport site can be taken off the priorities list.

"Once it's on the list, that's it," said Jim Orban, who's with EPA's hazardous waste section in Atlanta. "We have to test before we can clear it."

The testing was paid for through Superfund, established by Congress in 1980 to give EPA authority to clean up waste sites they deem threatening. EPA could turn around and sue North Miami for recovery costs, Zimmerman said, because the city is responsible for the site. But that position has not yet been determined, she said.

If test results show that contaminants have damaged the environment, either EPA or North Miami will have to pay for clean up. At the very least, North Miami is required by a 1985 state law to properly close the landfill. Posted warning signs are not enough.

DER worked with the city to develop a closure proposal, which involves placing a polyurethane cover over the fill and revegetating the area. It will cost \$9.7 million to implement if EPA decides the plan is sufficient.

The impermeable cover will keep rain from mixing with wastes in the soil above the water level. The combination can cause decomposition products to leach out into the groundwater, Zimmerman said.

The Munisport site has been nothing but bad news for the city of North Miami from day one.

In 1951, the state created the Interama authority, which was to build a trade and cultural center on 1,700 acres of waterfront property. The only tangible product of these original plans is the now-FIU Trade Center.

The rest of the visions, which included hotels and a revolving restaurant atop a cultural tower, faded along with funds in 1970.

North Miami, eager to see revenue-generating plans realized, floated the state \$12 million in bonds. The salvage plan failed, but the city got 350 acres of the land for its pains.

Planners decided to build a recreation complex and enlisted a company called Munisport in 1972 to do the work. But Munisport first had to fill the wetlands before they could build, so they got a permit to dump construction debris, yard refuse and domestic garbage.

The landfill operated eight hours a day between 1972 and 1981. Records show that Munisport violated DER regulations and could not get additional permits. Then Munisport pulled out of the

project, leaving North Miami with 291 acres of junk.

The state was going to buy the land back, but those plans fell through. The city can sell the land if the site is taken off the Superfund list.

"We're like to see the state buy the land so the university could help develop the proper business environment," Arrowsmith said. "I'd hate to see helter skelter private development."

Even if the EPA gives the land a clean bill of health, DER's Willis thinks North Miami will have trouble selling it.

"You can't build just anything over a landfill," he said. "There will always be restrictions."

## Legal services available to students

MICHELLE DRESERIS  
Sunblazer Editor

Thursday, November 12  
3:00 - 6:00 p.m.  
UH 314

FIU students will now be able to receive free legal counseling on campus, thanks to the volunteered services of attorney Juan Rodriguez and free legal service clinics that are being sponsored by the Student Government Association.

Rodriguez will meet with students on a monthly basis on campus to give about a half hour of free legal advice. He will be available to students at University Park on the following dates:

Thursday, October 29  
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Students in need of legal advice on those dates should call his office and make an appointment. Be sure to tell the receptionist that you are an FIU student so that you will not be billed later on.

"After students have met with Juan Rodriguez, the SGA would appreciate any feedback on the service," Joel Montgomery, SGA Senator said.

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## CAREER CORNER

Career Corner is designed for those of you who are planning a career, looking for a job, or changing a career.

If you are contemplating these things, you may have questions--so why not send them to us:

Career Corner, Career Resources Center, c/o Olga Magnusen, UH 340, University Park, or SC 264, North Miami, or BCC Central Campus, B-9, Rm. 224. Your questions and answers will be printed in a future issue of the Sunblazer newspaper.

**Q: This is my first semester as a freshman at FIU. What steps can I take now to prepare for my career?**

**A:** Career planning is not a single event that happens when you graduate from college. It is an ongoing process of gathering information, making informed decisions, and acting on them, and NOW is prime time for career planning. While you are studying take time to explore and question all the possibilities around you.

Begin with learning to articulate self-information, such

as - what you like and dislike, what you do well, what motivates you to work, etc.. Gather the same type of information about career fields - what are the pluses and minuses involved, what skills are required, what payoffs do they hold?

Much of the career information can be collected from reference material such as the Dictionary of Occupational Titles (DOT), Occupational Outlook Handbook (OOH) and CHOICES computerized guidance system - all located in the Career Resources Center in UH 340 and SC 260.

Reading about careers is fine, but nothing beats some first hand experience. Consider participating in the Cooperative Education Program. Co-op enables you to test career options through supervised periods of work in a career related position. Students receive on-the-job training and a work performance evaluation to help in the career development process. Plus, you earn academic credits and a salary, too!

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For more information, contact: Beverly Dalrymple, Co-op Coordinator, 554-2423.

**Q: Is it necessary to include a job objective on my resume?**

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\* Omit the job objective and tailor each cover letter to the particular employment opportunities available with each employer.

\* Identify your key skills, what you know you can contribute

no matter what employer you address. Write the objective in terms of the skills you have to offer the employer.

These transferrable skills usually can be applied in a variety of employment settings. This way you are making a definite statement to the reader about what you want and what you can do, ie: A position which would utilize my design and writing skills in the advertising field.

\*If you have targeted several different employment fields that utilize different skills, develop several specific job objectives to address each area.

Good luck with your employment options and remember, we're here to help you. Come see us soon.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with Section 240.235 Florida Statutes, the University Fee Committee will hold a public hearing October 22, 1987 at 11:30 a.m. in UH 241.

At this hearing the Committee will hear proposals for increases to local fees (Activity and Service, Athletics and Health fees). The hearing will be open to students and other interested individuals.

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# FOCUS-ON THE A.M.A.-UP

REY QUINTANA  
Sunblazer staff writer

Now in its fifth year at FIU, the American Marketing Association (AMA) has become one of FIU's busiest student organizations.

The AMA is a national organization with chapters all across the country, including one in each of FIU's two main campuses, University Park and North Miami. The main objective of the association is to keep students abreast of the latest issues and developments related to the field of marketing research.

The AMA's University Park Chapter has more than sixty members. "Most of our members are marketing majors, but we also have other students in the College of Business. Membership in our association is open to any student who is interested," President, Annemarie Yoham says. Dues for membership in the

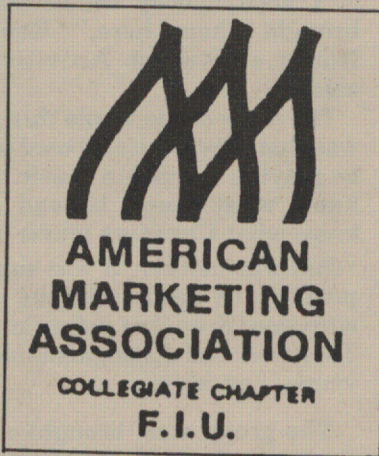
AMA are \$50.00 for two years, which includes membership costs for both the collegiate chapter and the national AMA organization.

To carry out its mission, the AMA invites marketing executives from major corporations to its biweekly meetings, held on Tuesdays at 12:15 pm in UH 140.

Guest lecturers speak on the latest marketing research techniques employed by such corporate giants as IBM and the Burger King Corporation.

"They also let us know what's out there as far as job opportunities," Yoham said. "This information is of great interest to our members."

Guest speakers scheduled for November include representatives from Bacardi Imports (Nov. 3), and Eastern Airlines (Nov. 17). An evening reception is also being planned for Friday, November 20, with a representative from Jordan Marsh.



"This reception will give students who have classes during the noontime hours a chance to attend one of our lectures," Yoham said.

AMA students at University Park are also active in market research. Last year they conducted a survey for FIU of all high school seniors who had applied to FIU, to get their impressions of the school they were about to attend. The survey polled students

throughout the United States. "We wanted to get an idea of how FIU is perceived in other parts of the country," Yoham stated.

The AMA-University Park Chapter is set to begin a cooperative effort with the Marine Council of Miami which will examine ways to increase both the circulation of the Marine Council's Newsletter and its advertising revenues.

What's in store for the future? A project currently in the planning stages is "Market Search," a service which will provide marketing research studies for local corporations.

"We'll be conducting surveys for large firms and charging a lot less than what major marketing research organizations would ask," Yoham said.

This Saturday, October 24, from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., the AMA-UP chapter will be presenting its annual "JOB SEARCH 87" in DM 100. The

event is sponsored jointly by Burdines, the American Marketing Association - UP chapter, and the Finance Association. Everyone is invited to attend. You should R.S.V.P. if you are planning on attending - 554-2751.

FIU students are encouraged to check out this rapidly expanding organization. Members get to meet with executives in the marketing field and work on marketing projects for major corporations, as well as having the opportunity to develop leadership skills.

For further information on the American Marketing Association - University Park Chapter, contact: Annemarie Yoham, President at 261-7805; Frank Lodge, Vice-president in charge of membership, at 223-3685, or Anne Fiedler, Faculty Advisor to the AMA, and Assistant Dean in the College of Business at 554-2751.

## Art, stories wanted:

"Bayside", the FIU literary magazine, is currently accepting submissions for the Fall 1987 issue. Students are invited to submit short stories, poetry, sketches, and photography for this issue.

Drop off your work at either ACI 338, North Miami or UH 311 at University Park. Please be sure to include your name and telephone number with each piece.

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FIU's Art Museum will present a survey of the work of Louise Bourgeois, considered one of the most innovative sculptors of our generation, from October 23 through November 18 in the gallery at PC 112.

To inaugurate the exhibition, New York art critic, Robert Storr, will present a lecture on the life and work of Louise Bourgeois during the opening reception on Friday, October 23, at 8:00 p.m. in AT 100 of the Library complex at University Park.

Storr is a frequent contributor to "Art in America" and is currently writing a book on Louise Bourgeois.

## Sunny Says Let's "Party on the Patio"

- Oct. 22 . . . Framework (Halloween)
- Nov. 5 . . . . . New Impact
- Nov. 12 . . . . . Pep Rally w/Simon Sez (Homecoming)
- Nov. 19 . . . . . FIU Studio Jazz Ensemble (Thanksgiving Luncheon)
- Nov. 26 . . . . . THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY (University Closed)
- Dec. 3 . . . . . FIU Singers (Christmas Holiday Program)

The Party On The Patio mini-concert series is a free activity held every Thursday, 12:15pm, UH area.



# Commentary: hurricane Floyd

ANN HILL  
Sunblazer asst. news editor

Where were you when hurricanes Bob, Fred, David and Floyd didn't hit Miami?

Oh, I know. The media told us one or more of these hit Miami, but I can't remember which. If these were hurricanes, I'm bummed.

I was prepared for David, Fred and Bob, my imagination fueled by those disastrous news clips farmed out every season showing flooded cities, debris-strewn streets and trees bent double under Force 5 winds.

Then I watched all three sidestep our city, home of the University of Miami Hurricanes and the National Hurricane Center's headquarters, and pound cities to the north and west.

So when the media warned us about Floyd, I didn't even look up from the crossword puzzle. I did what any self-respecting native Miamian who's never actually witnessed one of these debacles would do: Nothing.

I have to admit it -- I'm disappointed. I used to harbor a closet passion for hurricanes, but years of near-misses have dampened that lust. Now I'm just plain bored with Hurricane Season.

This is embarrassing. Here we are with the Gulf of Mexico to our left and the Atlantic Ocean to our right -- a prime touchdown spot for a whirlwind hurricane gaining speed over the waters -- and we haven't had one in 22 years.

I'm worried, too. At the rate we're going, Miami might not see a hurricane for several more years. By that time, the

last of the old-timers who reminded us of the 1935, 200-mph Keys hurricane will have died. Hell, even Neil Frank, former director of the National Hurricane Center in Coral Gables, left us for Texas, which actually gets hurricanes. Big ones.

If the rest of us Miamians see any more "live coverage" of a fizzling storm, in which the reporters tell us winds are buffeting the Keys when we see trees gently swaying in a light breeze, we're not going to respect these hurricanes any more.

Bring on the disaster films. We need to be reminded of the worst that can happen. Stern-faced media persons warn us against getting too lax about preparedness, but how many times will these hurricanes cry wolf?

Did anybody meet Floyd? I

saw him dampen Dade streets and send officials scurrying to close schools, but I was not impressed.

Floyd was the papal visit of hurricanes, as a friend noted.

Who could respect a hurricane named Floyd, for heaven's sake? First rule change: any hurricanes that have a chance of hitting land should be given names like Bertha, Jake and Butch.

We need a good storm to put the scare back in all of us. We should ask our local media to stop their alarmist reporting when it's obvious their lead story is a dud. We need updates on any potential threat, but do we need entire newscasts devoted to a wimp of a storm?

Remember Fred and Dave -- the hurricanes that weren't -- back in '79? We had our tubs Cloroxed and filled with water,

our canned goods lined up in the cabinets, our candles and matches at the ready, our windows taped. I awoke to find a light drizzle and schools closed. We saw a movie.

Then Bob threatened us last year. Copy editors at newspapers summoned their thesauruses for words like plummeted, buffeted and pounded, and the rest of us flocked to the supermarkets to witness man's inhumanity to man.

We stood in long lines at Publix, consulted our hurricane preparedness lists and clawed one another for the last of the tuna fish and size D batteries. All this to be jilted by Bob as well.

So, I spit in the eye of the next hurricane that "threatens" Miami. Until I see some good old-fashioned ravaging, you can find me hosting the next hurricane party.

# Pain and penance in the UH Pit: The Lead

MICHELLE DRESERIS  
Sunblazer Editor

The only word to describe the concert (if you can call it that) in the Pit at University Park on Monday, October 19 was PAINFUL.

A group called "The Lead" boomed screeching monotone noise at innocent students, and penetrated the walls of all the offices in the three-storey UH building.

"What the \*!l is THAT?" everyone asked, with pained expressions on their faces. Several students actually covered their ears or stuck their fingers in them to try to block out the assault. I am not exaggerating. I have NEVER

heard anything like The Lead before.

The sweetest music flowed when they stopped playing, but the reprieve only lasted a minute or two. Then the pain began again, and a lot of people wanted to pull the plug quite literally. Some of us had the urge to shoot the socket out the wall (well, almost).

The Student Union received so many complaints in that one hour that you know which group will probably not be playing here again. Carlos Carrasco, Associate Director of the Student Union, checked their decibel levels to see if they were exceeding the limits. Ruth Hamilton, Director of the Student Union, took over the master console before the end

of the concert.

"I hope nobody thinks we brought them here," Rosa Duran of Student Activities said.

The irony of the whole thing was that they were supposed to be playing Christian music. I know what music is, and I know what Christian music is - that was neither. It was supposed to be hard rock, but it surpassed even that definition. There were no distinguishable words, just noise.

The group was brought on campus by Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship, and I hope that they did not have to use student money to pay for that event. In fact, students and staff who were trying to work

in UH should probably be compensated by The Lead for pain and suffering.

Thursday concerts in the UH building have been attracting two hundred to four hundred students. I've counted them. I counted a total of thirty-eight who stopped and stared, most of them in shock, while The Lead played.

On the positive side, The Lead has been an exception to the rule. Student groups and the SGA have brought many bands and tastes in music to

the UH pit with sounds from jazz to reggae to rock, and it has been money well spent.

To call that noise 'Christian music' is almost blasphemous.

On the other hand, if you didn't believe in hell before hearing The Lead then you might now be totally convinced that it exists. So maybe there was something religious about the experience. Then again, I'm trying really hard to play the devil's advocate here.

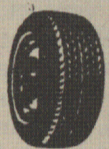
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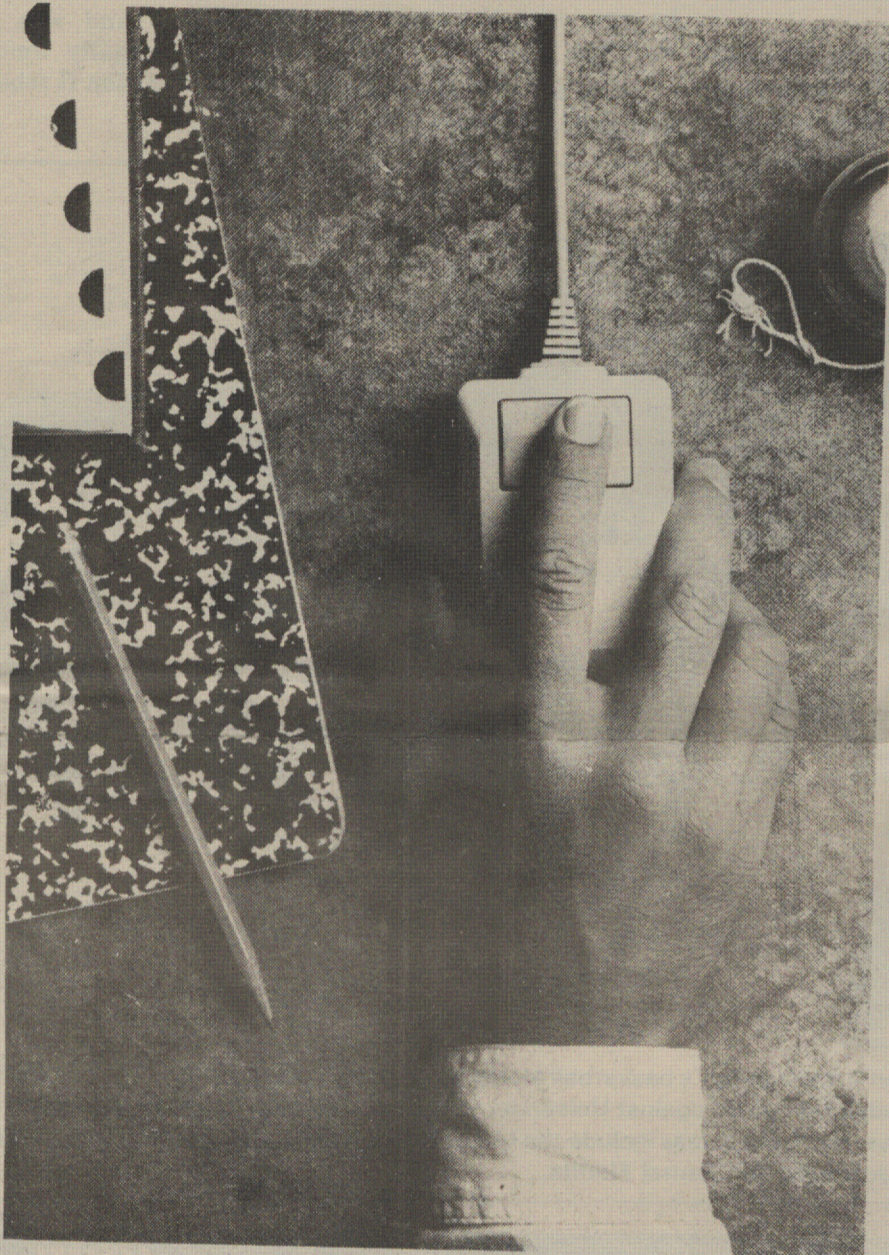
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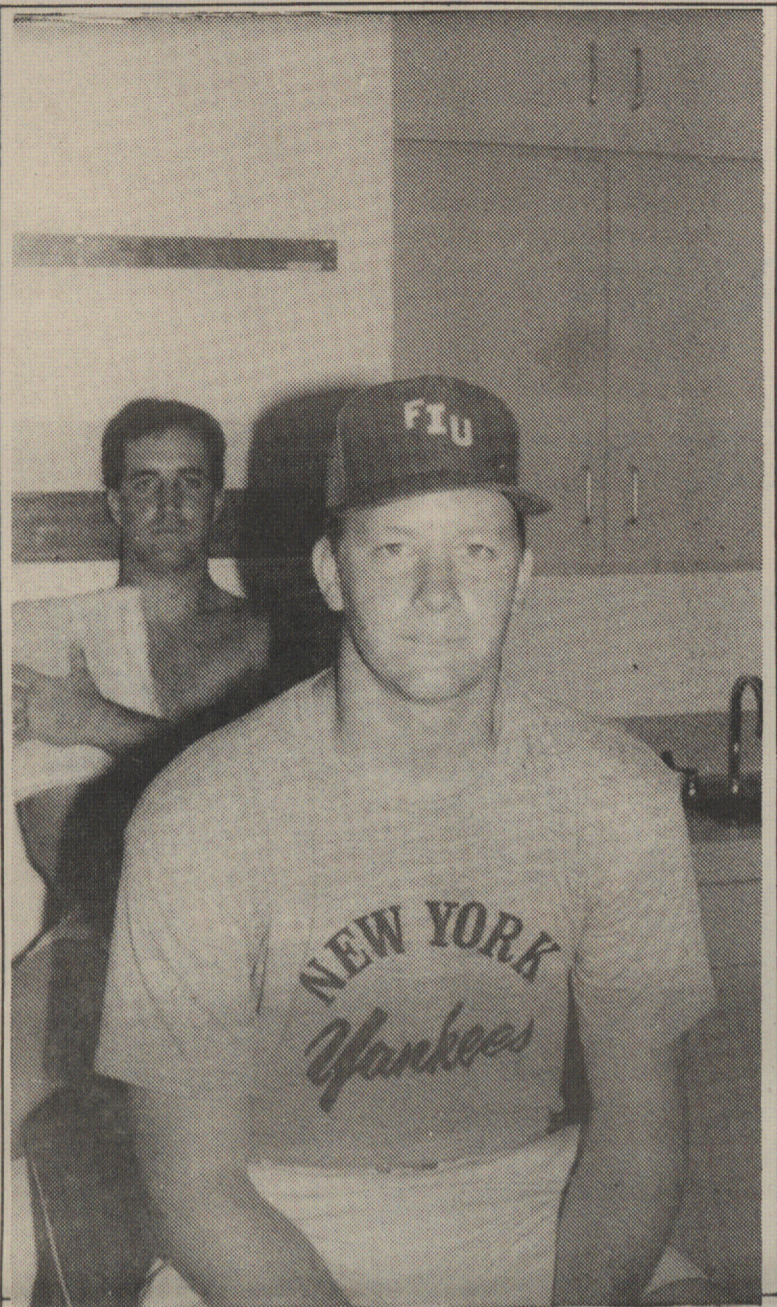
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■ Tim Reker was named a full-time assistant baseball coach by Head Coach Danny Price. Reker was a part-time coach last season.

## Reker named assistant

RICH KELCH  
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FIU Head Baseball Coach Danny Price has announced the hiring of Tim Reker as a full-time assistant.

Reker, 25, enjoyed an outstanding two-year career at FIU finishing with an overall 19-8 record. He was a recipient of the program's Outstanding Pitcher award following a 12-4 in 1985.

Over the next two summers, Reker played in the New York Yankees organization and was a member of the Florida State League champion Ft. Lauderdale club in 1985.

Reker returned to FIU and obtained his degree in Business Management last spring. He also assisted Coach Price on a part-time basis in

1987 as a pitching coach. Under Reker, the Golden Panthers staff had a combined earned run average of 2.48 in 528 2/3 innings of work ranking it as the top Division I program in that category.

A native of Miami, Reker played both baseball and football in high school. As the starting quarterback at Westminster Christian High, he was selected All-Dade County, All-Conference, All-District, and third-team All-State as a senior in 1980.

"Tim Reker is a great asset to our program," Coach Price said. "He did an outstanding job with our pitching staff last season and has shown great interest in the program at FIU since he finished his playing days here."

### Brief

The FIU men's golf team has begun its fall season and Head Coach Bobby Shave is optimistic. The team started off with a disappointing sixth-place showing at the Paradise Island Tournament in the Bahamas, but rebounded with a fourth-place finish in the 27-team Yale Invitational last month. The Golden Panthers were led at Yale by freshman

Bill Kennedy, who shot rounds of 74-78-74 for a 230 total. The Golden Panthers will finish the fall season by hosting the FIU Sun and Fun Intercollegiate November 15-17 at the Fontainebleau Golf Club. The Golden Panthers will host such perennial national powers as Houston, Kansas and last year's Division II national champ, Tampa.

## Basketball practice begins

FIU Head Basketball Coach Rich Walker welcomed back nine returnees and five newcomers to the opening practice Oct. 15, at 6:30 a.m.

Walker and his assistants Ed Riggan and Sergio Rouco began 46 days of workouts in preparation for the Golden Panthers 28-NCAA Division schedule which begins on Mon., Nov 30, at home against U.S. Interanational University.

While anticipation is high as FIU enters its first season as an NCAA Division I-AAA par-

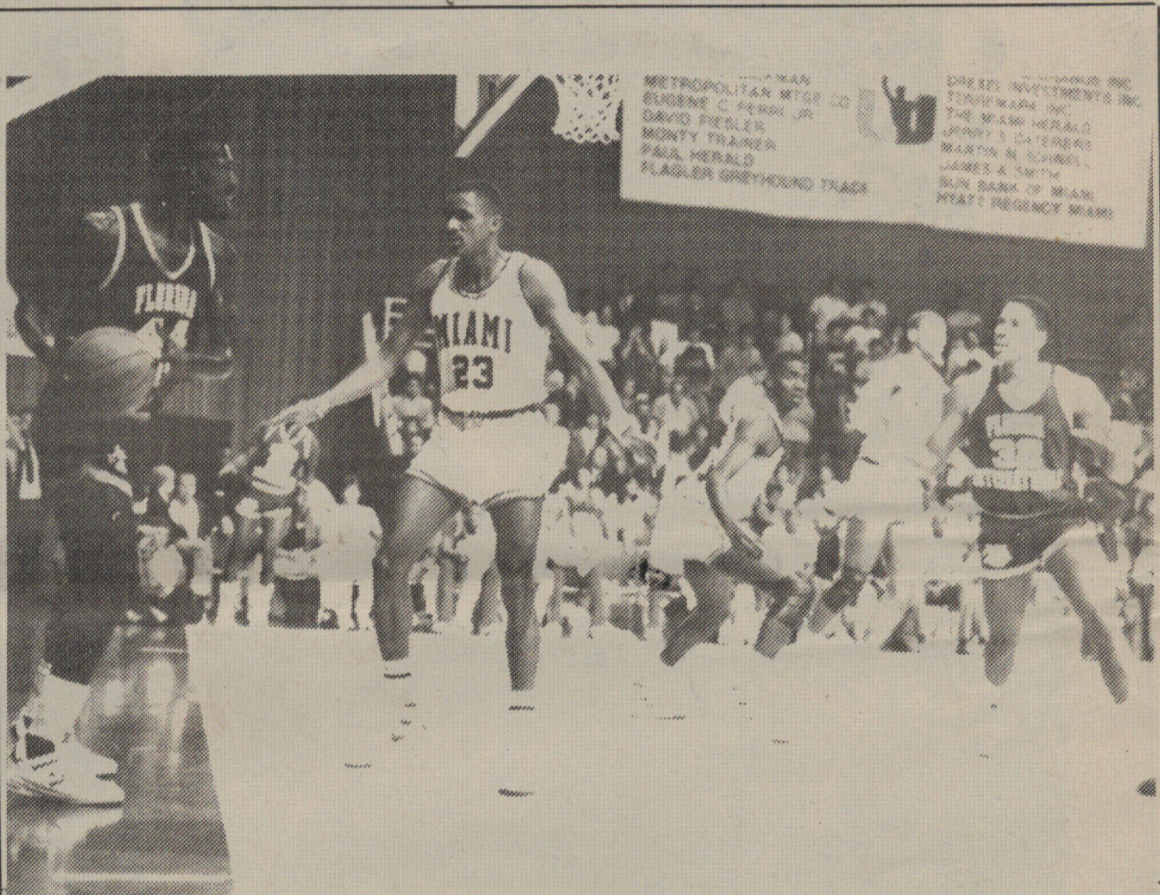
ticipant, Walker remains realistic about the task ahead of him.

"If we hope to be successful this season, we'll first turn obstacles into opportunities," Walker said. "But the most important aspect for our people to understand is keeping things in prospective. We'll be setting some short-term, reachable goals for success this season and realizing we won't be conquering the world all in one year.

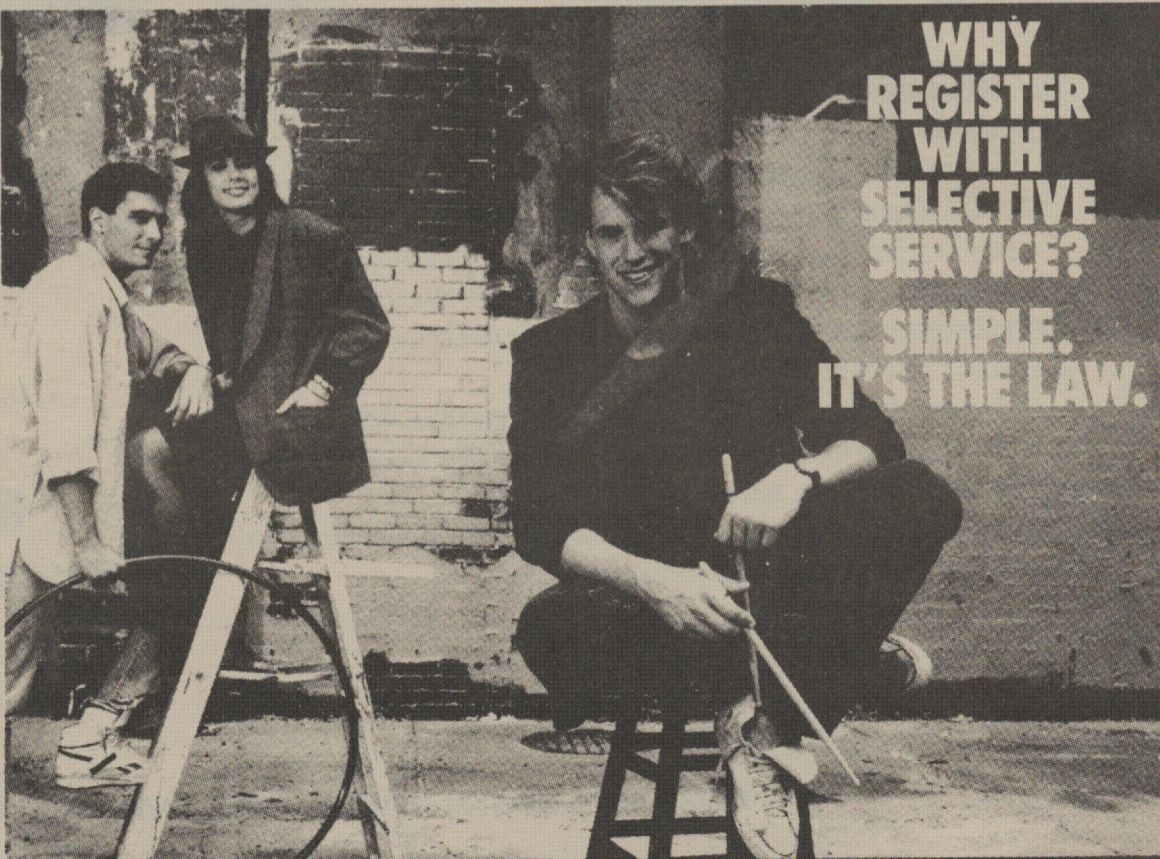
"As far as actual execution is concerned, there are three in-

gredients for success that I'll be stressing to this team. First is rebounding; second, making our lay up attempts; and third, hitting 70-75 percent of our free throw chances."

Leading Walker's returnees is senior forward Carlton Phoenix from West Palm Beach (Twin Lakes H.S.). Phoenix was the teams second leading scorer a season ago (14.1 ppg) and was ranked tenth nationally among all NCAA Division II rebounders (11.7)



■ Both the men's and women's basketball teams started to practice on Oct. 15. The men's schedule includes big games against University of Miami, Georgetown and Xavier University. While the women's big games include the University of Miami, Georgia Southern University and the University of Central Florida.



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