

the sunblazer

NY court says PIRGs can't use negative fee

Sunblazer expands - will move equipment south

MAYDEL SANTANA
Sunblazer news editor

The Independent Sunblazer newspaper has expanded its office on the University Park Campus and moved from UH 313 to UH 315. By the end of the semester, the paper's production equipment will be located in the new office.

The editorial board voted to relocate the typesetting equipment from the North Miami campus to University Park for several reasons.

"Our biggest problem has been a shortage of staff," Editor, Michelle Dreseris said.

"For the past three years the Sunblazer's main office and production facilities have been located at North Miami. Moving our equipment to UP will mean that more students will be able to take advantage of the hands-on learning experience that this paper offers, and The Sunblazer will be in direct contact with the majority of students at FIU."

"I have had several students volunteer to work on the paper once the bulk of the production is based at UP. We seem to be getting the support of the students with this move," Dreseris said.

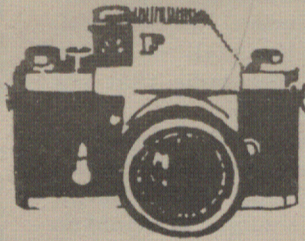
"Now we will be able to expand our staff and our coverage because for the first time in three years we will be right where the events are happening, and where most of the students are located: not an hour's drive away. The North Miami office will still be functional for editors and writers. All that changes is that

section editors will have to be on the UP campus more often and more in touch with events and stories. Our photography lab will remain at NMC. Our advertising department will be moving with the production equipment to UP."

Frank Janisch, Chairman of the board of Governors at UP said "Having The Sunblazer return to the UP Campus will inevitably have positive results. It will give students an opportunity to get involved in writing articles, editorials, taking photographs, and layout. This is definitely a positive move."

During the first part of this semester, the editorial board has been operating with a shortage of section editors. The Sunblazer now has a full editorial board. Dreseris is confident that with the new board and more office space at UP, "We are on our way to becoming a better student newspaper."

Students interested in participating in any phase of the production of the newspaper should contact the Sunblazer at 940-5684 or 554-2315. For a complete listing of department heads please refer to the staff box.



MICHELLE DRESERIS
Sunblazer Editor

The current debate over FPIRG's (Florida Public Interest Research Group) funding that students will vote on this week is not unique to FIU. At several state universities in the nation students have joined together, not only to lobby for a positive fee system, but to take legal action against the PIRGs at their universities.

This summer, William Miller, a former top attorney for the Navy and president of the Southeastern Legal Foundation in Atlanta, wrote Fred Jorgenson, SGA President in

June. In the letter, he told Jorgenson that several FIU students had asked the legal firm to inform SGA about the Third Circuit Court of Appeal's decision in *Galda v. Rutgers*.

"The United State Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit ruled against permitting a PIRG to collect refundable fees from students at a state university in *Galda v. Rutgers*, 772 F.2d 1060 (3rd Cir. 1985), cert. denied, 106 S.Ct. 1375 (1986)," Miller wrote.

Plaintiffs in the case were current and former students at Rutgers Camden College of Arts and Sciences who were

trying to stop to collection of the mandatory but refundable PIRG fee.

The plaintiffs [students at Rutgers] contended that their First Amendment rights were violated because they were compelled to contribute to an organization which promotes ideological causes they oppose, the letter said.

"The court found that the PIRG's educational benefits were incidental to the group's ideological activities...It is our understanding that FPIRG has engaged in activities similar to the Rutgers PIRG...The *Galda* court made it very clear that the elimination of the mandatory fee

see PIRG, p. 2



■ Frank Janisch of Sig Ep and Gino Littlestone of Phi Delta face off at Homecoming pie eating contest.

Jose Lopez/FIU Sunblazer



Jose Lopez/FIU Sunblazer

■ Sunblazer singers open Homecoming celebrations with songs from Broadway musicals.

FIU'S Homecoming officially under way

MANNY PEREZ
Sunblazer Staff Writer

Opening ceremonies for FIU's 1987 Homecoming celebration were held at the UH Pit on November 10th.

The ceremony was hosted by Perla Sole, Chairperson for Homecoming Activities. A large crowd was on hand as Sole officially initiated the celebration with a brief welcoming speech. The ROTC Color Guard followed with the introduction of the flag and the National Anthem.

The candidates for Homecoming King, Queen and Court were then introduced. Students were given one last look at the contestants while the voting took place nearby.

The Sunblazer Singers were featured following the introduction of the court. They performed an original program

titled "The FIU Cabaret" which featured songs from popular Broadway musicals such as "Kiss Me Kate" and "Cabaret."

Alumni Association President Steve Leibowitz was on hand with a few closing remarks. "Make the most of your years here," he told his audience. "You'll have nice memories to come home to later on."

T-shirts were handed out, and then it was on to the Pie-eating contest, held outside on the UH lawn. Sigma Phi Epsilon took top honors, with Beta Psi Delta finishing second.

The opening ceremonies were the beginning of a month-long calendar of events sponsored by the Student Government Association. For further information, contact Student Activities at 554-2137.

PIRGs face legal problems

check-off collection system would not restrict the expression of the PIRG's view on campus, or limit the PIRG's right to 'finance its operations by voluntary contributions from those who agree with its objectives,' Id., 772 F.2d at 1064," wrote Miller.

"Currently there's a case in litigation at the State University of New York at Buffalo," Robert Baker, staff attorney at Southeastern in Atlanta said on November 16. "Students there are challenging the PIRG's use of a negative fee. Two weeks ago I received contact from the University of Rhode Island. They have an even worse situation there. Their fee is a refusable/refundable and they're looking for legal representation," Baker said. "That fee is automatically added, so that even if you oppose the fee, you still have to pay it and then go and apply for a refund."

PIRG took the Galda case to the U.S. Supreme Court, which refused to review it, so the Third Circuit's decision stands. Baker said the ruling is "persuasive."

"This summer FIU students asked us to send Dr. Maidique and the SGA a letter on the Galda decision," Baker said.

Students at Florida State are also upset about the FPIRG negative option fee, Baker said.

The Southeastern Legal Foundation is a non-profit, public interest law firm dedicated to the legal advocacy of individual freedoms and the private enterprise system. The Foundation is headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, and serves the Southeastern United States, including Florida.

"The cases we get involved in have to be relevant to a broad public interest problem," Elaine Thurston, vice-president of SLF said.

FPIRG staff, several of whom have been lobbying on FIU's campuses for the past few weeks, are full-time, paid professionals. They are paid salaries starting at \$10,500 a year, according to Tom Powers, one of the professional staff who has been lobbying for FPIRG. Eighteen full-time staff people work for FPIRG.

Staff people like Powers are not FIU students. They are college graduates, but not students.

Professional staff people work on the issues, and in the case of Powers, even order those posters that paper the cement walls and halls of FIU. A board of directors allocates money for the state organization.

Election results on SGA senatorial positions, also on the ballot, should be in by Thursday of this week.



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PROFILE



■ Ralph Patino, SGA comptroller

Michelle Dreseris/FIU Sunblazer

ANASTASIA GARCIA
Sunblazer staff writer

He probably never thought that at age 22 he would be responsible for 1.5 million dollars.

But since Oct. 7, newly appointed Student Government Association Comptroller, Ralph Patino, is doing just that.

Patino, an accounting major, said he has the qualifications he thinks are necessary to do the job effectively.

"I feel I can handle responsibility well. I think I have integrity to do this job. You can't compromise in this position because the credibility of this office and of SGA is accountable to the entire student body."

"Being an accounting major also helps a lot. I'm able to question things that seem out of the ordinary," Patino said.

But are the qualities Patino describes the same that got him appointed?

Fred Jorgenson, President of SGA, who appointed Patino, said, "I appointed Ralph because I thought he would do the best job. It is a job with tremendous responsibility."

Jorgenson said that after comptroller Carlos Vegas resigned, he interviewed about seven applicants. He is certain that Patino is worthy of the appointment.

"Ralph has proved as a senator in SGA, to be very responsible, responsive, and thorough. But most importantly, he is dedicated to his job," Jorgenson said.

Responsibility is a top priority for both Patino and Jorgenson because of the nature of the comptroller's job: to allocate 1.5 million dollars of the activity and service fees to different clubs, to support various SGA sponsored events, to purchase equipment, and to fund salary increases for university support personnel.

"He [Patino] makes sure money is being spent the way it was budgeted," Jorgenson said. "If the public relations committee wants to buy a Mercedes, someone has to be there to tell them they can't do it."

Jorgenson added that his comment was not a direct

reference to the Public Relations Committee, he said he just used them as an example.

Lobby Annex Director, Adam Underwood, said he was impressed with Patino's perseverance.

"Whenever a project has come up, Ralph has always demonstrated tremendous follow-through. The main thing though, is his eagerness to do the job. Keep in mind that he has to work under a lot of pressure from different groups," Underwood said.

Patino agrees that the job can get very stressful, but he said it is all worth it.

"I appreciate the opportunity to do this. As comptroller, I'm looking out for the entire student body," Patino said.

There are, however, some personal gains.

"I'm gaining experience and knowledge doing a job that an accountant would do in the real business world," said Patino.

Patino just finished coordinating with the university an activity and service fee increase of 25 cents per credit hour, or 75 cents per class.

Patino said that if the increase is approved by the board of regents, it will go into effect for the fall term of 1988. He said he does not expect a negative response from the students.

Jorgenson said that among other things, the activity and service fee sponsors lecture series, the I.D. program, the yearbook, major parties and concerts on campus, the theater program and some of the intramural programs.

But he said most students don't know that by paying the activity and service fees, they automatically become members of the Florida Student Association. Jorgenson said that the SGA, representing FSA, lobbies on the state educational system for students at FIU and for the state system in general.

Patino's goal as a comptroller: "I want to bring stability and control to this office. I want to know where all the money is going. Not to say that there has been any misuse of funds before, but implementing tight control policies is something to always strive for."

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November 24, 1987 7:30p.m.
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Abbie Hoffman has been a political activist for more than two decades. In the early 60's he worked in the civil rights movement organizing voter registration drives in the South. Active against the Vietnam war since 1964, demonstration outside the Democratic National Convention in 1968 brought him to national prominence and made him a key target of Nixon repression. A defendant in the Chicago Seven conspiracy trial (called by the American Civil Liberties Union "...the most important political trial of this century."), he shocked the nation by bringing his guerrilla theatre tactics into the courtroom. In 1973, he went underground, but still managed to stay politically active. When the Army Corps of Engineers proposed a year-round barge canal for the Thousand Islands region where he was living, he managed to organize a successful grass-roots campaign against the project. Without knowing his identity, both the Governor of New York and U.S. Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan publicly praised his leadership. In fact, he was appointed to a federal water resource commission while still a fugitive!

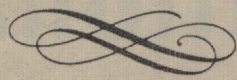
Abbie Hoffman is the author of seven books. His latest, Square Dancing in the Ice Age, is now available in paperback. Recent magazine articles have appeared in Parade Weekly and Esquire magazines.

Abbie Hoffman currently works with several environmental groups throughout the Great Lakes and the Northeast. In addition, he has just returned from Nicaragua and is working to mobilize opposition to U.S. policy in Central America.

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Much has been written about the need to develop leadership qualities. Are there tips for improving and/or developing leadership?

Yes. Here are several that may set you on your way:

Be courageous: Leaders must have strong beliefs to withstand and meet today's challenges and maintain their convictions.

Be a dreamer: President Maidique stated in a recent Miami Herald interview "If you don't have big dreams you don't take the steps necessary to realize the opportunity for greatness you might have." Leaders have a clear definition of their personal goals and have the ability to help others expand their thinking and imagination.

Be a change master: Leaders have the ability to create change, to accept it, handle it, and succeed during the time of change. They learn from the past and then let go.

Be ethical: Leaders have a keen sense of fairness and justice. Leaders are loyal and conscientious in work and expect the same from others

Be persistent and realistic: A leader sets realistic goals and sees them through to completion.

Have a sense of humor

Be a risk taker: Leaders have the courage to begin while others are waiting for better times, safer situations, and assured results. They are willing to fail in order to succeed. They take initiative, are independent, and are not unduly influenced by others.

Be positive and hope filled: Leaders know that 80 per cent of success in life is having a positive mental attitude.

Be a decision maker: Leaders know that not deciding is a decision.

Accept and use power wisely: Leaders do not shrink from power, nor do they seek it unnecessarily.

Be committed: Join the Student Government Association, clubs, sororities, and fraternities, and other activities available to you on campus and in the community.

(Excerpts taken from "Leadership Tips" by Sheila Murray Bethel for Career Guild in the October 1986 issue of MSU Women)

I am a frustrated senior who feels potential employers should not require drug testing. Please explain!

Several students have expressed a similar concern. Let me try to provide you with some explanation. Employers believe there is evidence that those who use illicit drugs do not perform efficiently at work. They are particularly in-



terested in testing the habitual user, not necessarily the occasional one. The purpose of drug screening is to eliminate job candidates whose illicit use of drugs might adversely affect the safety and level of productivity of a work setting.

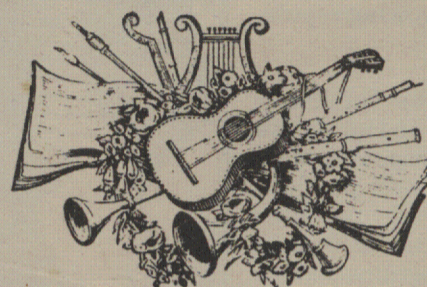
According to a recent College Placement Council survey, nearly 30 per cent of employers of new college graduates now screen job applicants for drug use. Another 20 per cent of these 497 national employers surveyed indicated that they plan to adopt drug screening within the next two years (Drug screening may also be required for part-time, cooperative education or summer employment). Almost all employers with screening programs tested for both marijuana and hard drugs. The great majority of employers who required drug screening said that they would not hire a college-trained applicant who failed a drug test. Also, the majority of employers that screen for drugs said that they notify college applicants in advance that screening was required as part of the employment process. Current legal opinions indicate that pre-enrollment drug screening does not violate any existing State of Common Law Doctrine, if performed reasonably.

For additional information, check with Career Planning and Placement-UH 340, University Park; SC 265, North Miami.

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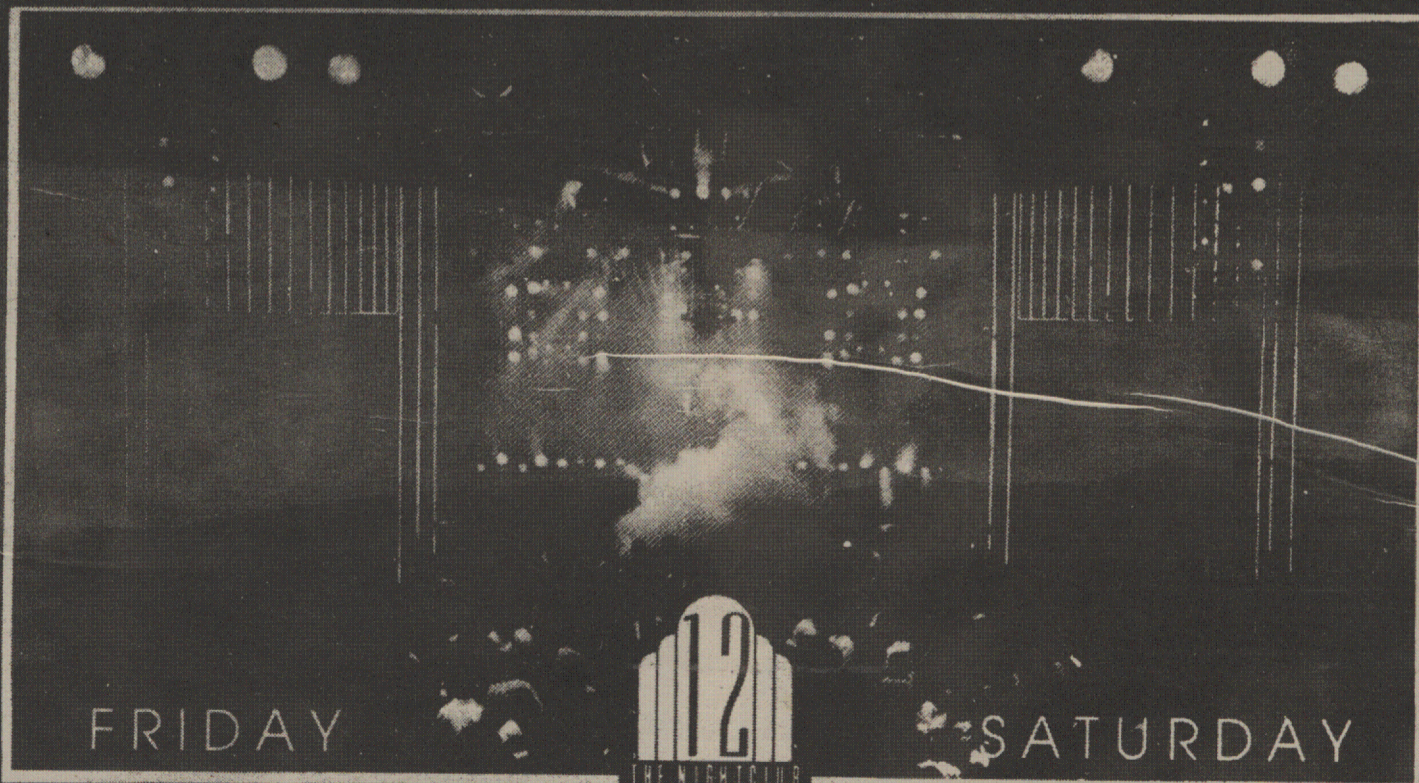
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'88 Student Yearbook is on its way

Olga Figueroa
Special to the Sunblazer

Flashback -- the student yearbook that resurfaced in 1986 after a four-year hiatus -- is back.

In room 313 of the University House, eight full time students are working an average of 20 voluntary hours a week putting together a yearbook for an apathetic student body.

Because last year's 1,000 copies of Flashback didn't sell out, the staff did not increase the order for the 1987-88 book. There will be only 1,000 copies available.

Students who haven't already ordered one can do so at the Student Government Association office.

Flashback staff member Alex Fernandez says this year's staff is committed. "What do you have when you leave here -- a piece of paper? If you don't have a yearbook you have no history," he said.

Tasks are not specialized at the yearbook office. Limited by a cramped office and a tiny staff, each member is a photographer, writer and editor in some sense.

"Usually, whoever has a camera and can afford to skip class is the one who takes the pictures," Fernandez said.

Flashback, as yearbooks go, is a real bargain. The hardcover, 202-page book sells for \$5.

"We are hoping that the low price will help build up interest in the book," said Karel King, former assistant dean of students and yearbook adviser.

Until last year when the 1987 Flashback was published, FIU had been without a yearbook for four years. After the 1982 ELAN yearbook, SGA stopped funding for the publication because of poor management. [Advising for the publication shifted from the Communication department to Student Affairs with the 1986 resurrection of a yearbook on campus]. Leftover copies of the ELAN sat in a room for years and were later trashed.

This year, Flashback staffers are hoping for a renewal of school spirit.

Attending university-sponsored functions is the only way for freshmen, sophomores and juniors to appear in Flashback.

Editor Darma Redondo expects the presence of yearbook photographers to lure students to the events, where they might encounter a camera focused on them.

Flashback will feature individual pictures of graduating seniors only. Seniors who

didn't attend photo sittings will have a chance to do so November 30 - December 4.

Proofs of the photographs will be forwarded to the students, who will select the picture they want included in Flashback 1988.

"There was a good turnout at University Park," King said. "I don't have figures readily available, but we are trying to schedule additional days for sittings."

The yearbook is financed by SGA, which sought and received bids from five different companies for 1,000 copies. The bid was awarded to Walsworth Publishing.

The 1988 Flashback's theme is Change, which the university has undergone this past year.

"We want to focus on where the university is at right now," Redondo said. "All the rapid changes -- the new mascot, ad-

ministration and the radio station -- will be some of the things we'll focus on."

Some copies of the 1986-87 Flashback yearbook have been used for orientation, according to King, who is hoping copies of the 1987-88 book will be "scarce."

The staff hopes the changes at FIU will bring about renewed school spirit among the student body and result in a Flashback sellout.

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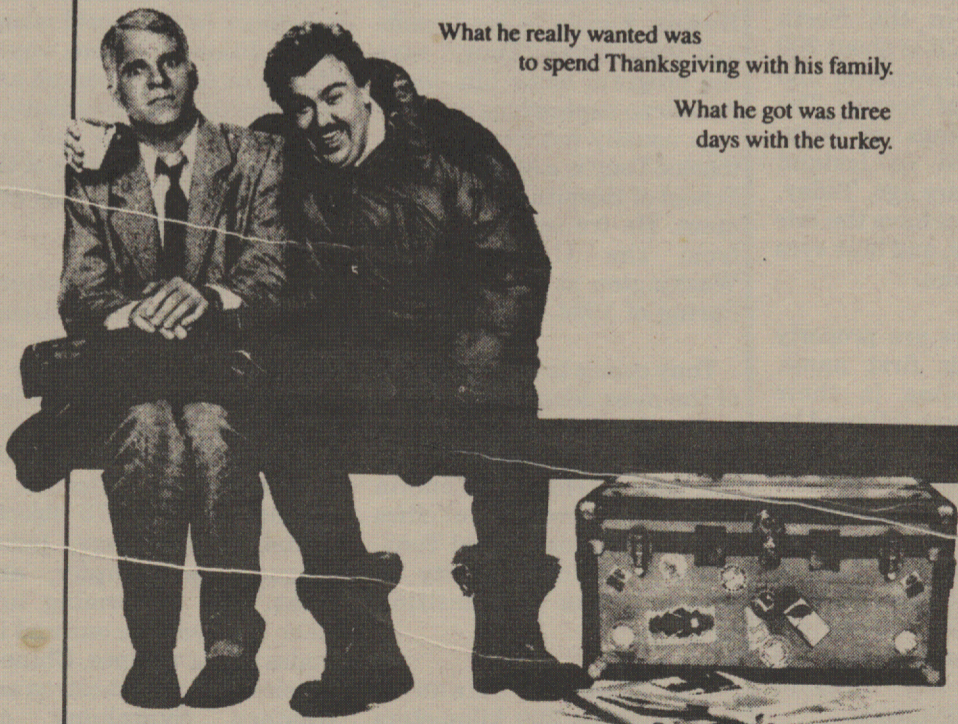
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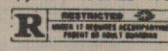
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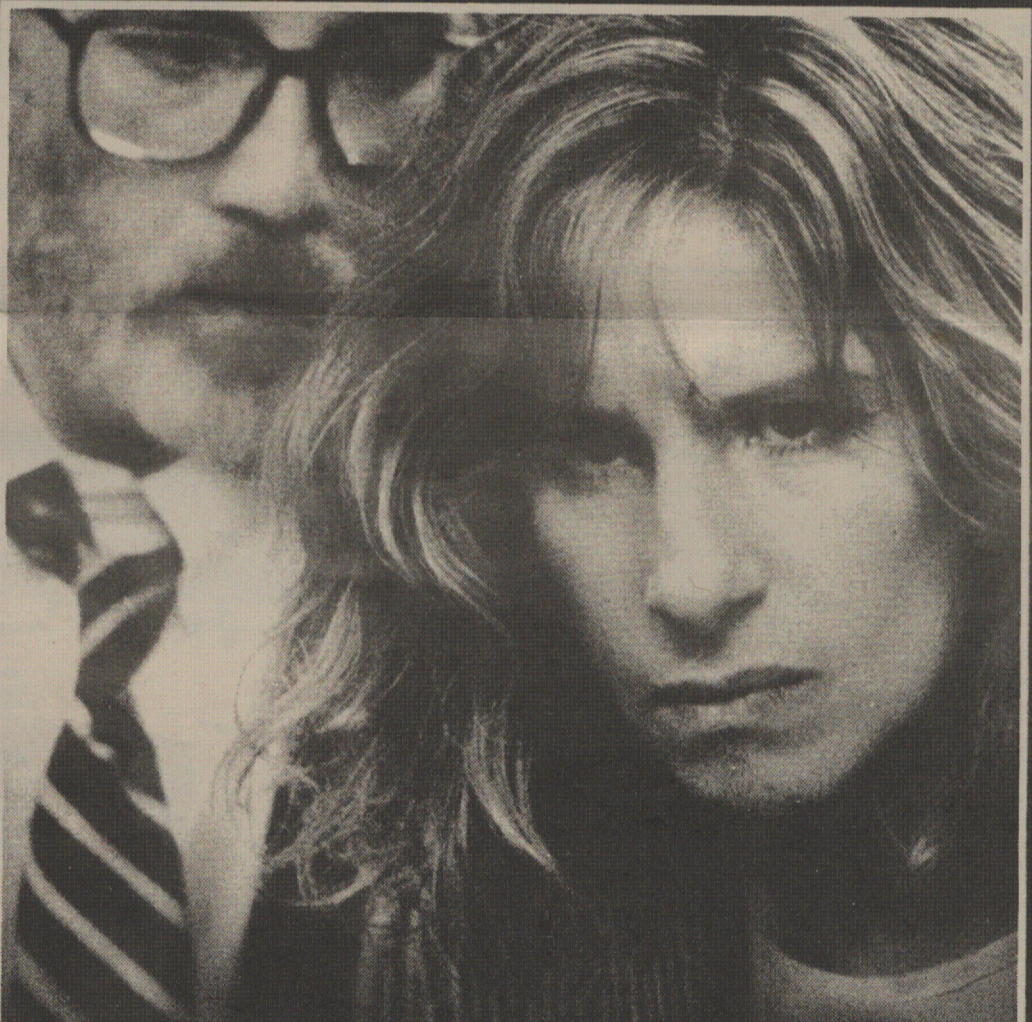
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Walker wows crowd with speech

JEFFREY BRENNER
Sunblazer sports editor

"To be the best in the world," was Head Coach Rich Walker's statement of purpose to the 600 people in attendance at the third annual Basketball Tip-Off dinner at Sunblazer Arena.

With those words, Walker not only had everyone clapping their hands, but nearly had those in attendance ready to don basketball shorts and hit the court.

If you've ever seen a basketball game-- pro, college or high school-- you've heard the cliches about not being emotionally "up" for a game.

After hearing Walker's speech, the Golden Panthers can never claim to be emotionally flat. It was easily the most stirring address delivered by an FIU athletic official to date; it was definitely the best I've ever heard.

Those who have followed FIU basketball have known for a long time that coach

Walker is a great person-- he regularly involves himself in community activities and is always looking to promote the school and his program to anyone within earshot--and this night showed the traits that have made Walker the coach FIU loves.

At the beginning of the dinner, Walker made the rounds and stopped at every table to introduce himself and exchange pleasantries. I'm sure UM Head Coach Bill Foster didn't do that.

In the "greatest speech," Walker talked about how the team will have some troubles this season, but that is not by the lack of heart. "We will get better and we will surprise some teams. We will become one of the best teams in the world, not just this country." These words will stay in my mind probably for the rest of my life.

This year's dinner had all of FIU's top level administrators present, save Vice-President Richard Cor-

renti. This shows the people of the FIU community that FIU is ready to support its athletic teams. Hopefully they will set an example for the rest of the students and faculty.

The athletic department was hoping to sell 500 season tickets before the beginning of the season and this was their official tip-off. With tickets to the dinner being \$25 per person and about 600 people attending, the athletic department should make around close to \$14,500. I wish I could make that much money in one dinner.

With Coach Walker and the administration ready for basketball season, now it is up to the alumni and students to come out and support the Golden Panthers men's and women's basketball teams. Let me leave you with another quotation from coach Walker's speech.

"Cheering fans in the stands does make our team play better. So let's fill the stands at every game."



Guy Shir/FIU Sunblazer ■ Harvey Hyman of TEP, shows the perfect form on how not to run the obstacle course.

Bogan to play basketball in Spain

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Sandra Bogan traveled a long way several years back when she went from Mariana, Arkansas to FIU in order to attend school and play college basketball. It appears traveling hasn't had any negative affect on her.

She will soon begin an even longer journey, one that will take her into the basketball professional ranks. Bogan left for Valencia, Spain two weeks ago to become a member of the Samoa-Betera team in that country's top women's basketball division.

Most universities in the U.S. can't boast of one basketball player in the professional ranks. Bogan will become the third FIU woman playing in the pros. She joins Kim Pelligrini, who just completed her initial season with the English first-division team Avon, and Lynette Richardson champion Miami Tropics.

Bogan doesn't know any of her teammates or coaches yet, and with the season less than a month away, she is anxious to begin her trip overseas. "I don't think it will be a difficult transition," she said. "I've been playing basketball my entire life and I kept in good shape by playing all summer. The team's already begun practicing, so it'll take a little time to learn the system, but I think I'll be OK."

When Bogan finished at FIU in 1986-87, a professional career was the furthest thing from her mind. But thanks to

the recommendation of FIU assistant coach Larry Rosenberg she is now on her way.

Though only interviewed on the telephone, Bogan was chosen from among numerous players for the chance to play overseas. "It's a good opportunity," Bogan said. "I've never been to Spain, but I'll be doing something I really enjoy and that is playing basketball."

Bogan will be the only American on the Samoa-Betera team, and thus far has only talked to the team manager on the telephone. "I would like to have stayed in the United States," she said. "But I'm just happy for the opportunity to play."

She said she is looking forward to an up-tempo international style, and feels all-around game will be a great benefit. "Coach Russo and Coach Rosenberg really helped my game when I came to FIU," she said. "I learned to become a team player. I think playing at a program like FIU's will really benefit me in the future."

Bogan had a tremendous senior season at FIU when she averaged 20.6 points and 5.1 rebounds per game last year. She also set university records for most 30 point games in a season (5), most points by a senior (555), highest field goal percentage in a game (.867 on 13 of 15 shooting), and most free throws made in a game (12). She was also the team's leading scorer during fifteen games of the 1986-87 campaign.

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