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FPIRG campaign pays off Students opt for negative fee

MICHELLE DRESERIS
Sunblazer Editor

On Thursday evening, several students crowded around the door to the SGA office in UH 311 as the results of the SGA Fall 1987 elections were posted.

The winners of senatorial positions for each college were listed, but the hot item taped to the wall were the results of the referendum on the FPIRG funding issue.

A total of 1,332 students voted on the positive/negative option fee system, out of a total student body of 16,500.

732 students voted to fund FPIRG using a negative fee system, while 601 students voted to fund FPIRG under a positive fee system.

While students at University Park and North Miami voted in favor of a negative funding for the group and to continue their funding, students at Broward/University Park voted for a positive funding system and voted against continuing funding for FPIRG on campus. There was very little lobbying by either group on the Broward/University Tower campus in Davie, while FPIRG posters wall-papered columns, walkways

and hallways on both the UP and NMC campuses.

FIUSA President, Richard Spellman, has lodged an official complaint against FPIRG, and the group is contesting the results of the election based on 5 points:

1. That the FPIRG flyers exceeded the maximum width allowed under the election guidelines of the Student Government Association.

2. That FPIRG violated election rules which prohibited distribution of campaign materials to the dorms.

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Michelle Dreseris/FIU Sunblazer
Students receive ballots for SGA elections on Nov. 17th outside the UP library. A total of 1,333 voted.

FIU hosts forum on homeless

The United Nations has proclaimed 1987 as the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless, and FIU is supporting the proposal by hosting a symposium on the homeless from Nov. 23 - 25.

"The symposium is a part of an overall plan in which community leaders and organizations are working together to make Miami a model city in its treatment of the homeless," said Joel Montgomery, president of FIU's Doctoral Student Association.

"The symposium will be the first time community leaders have gathered in a public forum ... to increase public awareness and acceptance of the needs of the homeless," Montgomery said.

Sponsors for the event are the Doctoral Student Association, SGA and the Center for Labor Studies and Research.

In a Nov. 12th memo to FIU President Mitch Maidique, Montgomery wrote: "In 1986, the City of Miami spent no money on feeding and shelter-

ing the homeless. The estimated number of homeless in Miami ranges to a high of 10,000.

"Major concerns regarding the homeless and the impact of homelessness on the community come from the area of health care. Miami has a very high incidence of tuberculosis in its homeless population, which is at very high risk for AIDS."

The symposium is one of a series of community events that will culminate in a concert in the Orange Bowl

KFIU to broadcast in spring

Student radio station KFIU hopes to be broadcasting by mid-January if construction crews complete work over the holidays, station manager John Villate said.

"The construction workers are in the last stages now -- they're making the door airtight and laying down carpeting," Villate said. "It's 95 percent done."

Villate wants to have all the wiring done over the

Christmas break -- if the crews finish -- so the equipment can be set up.

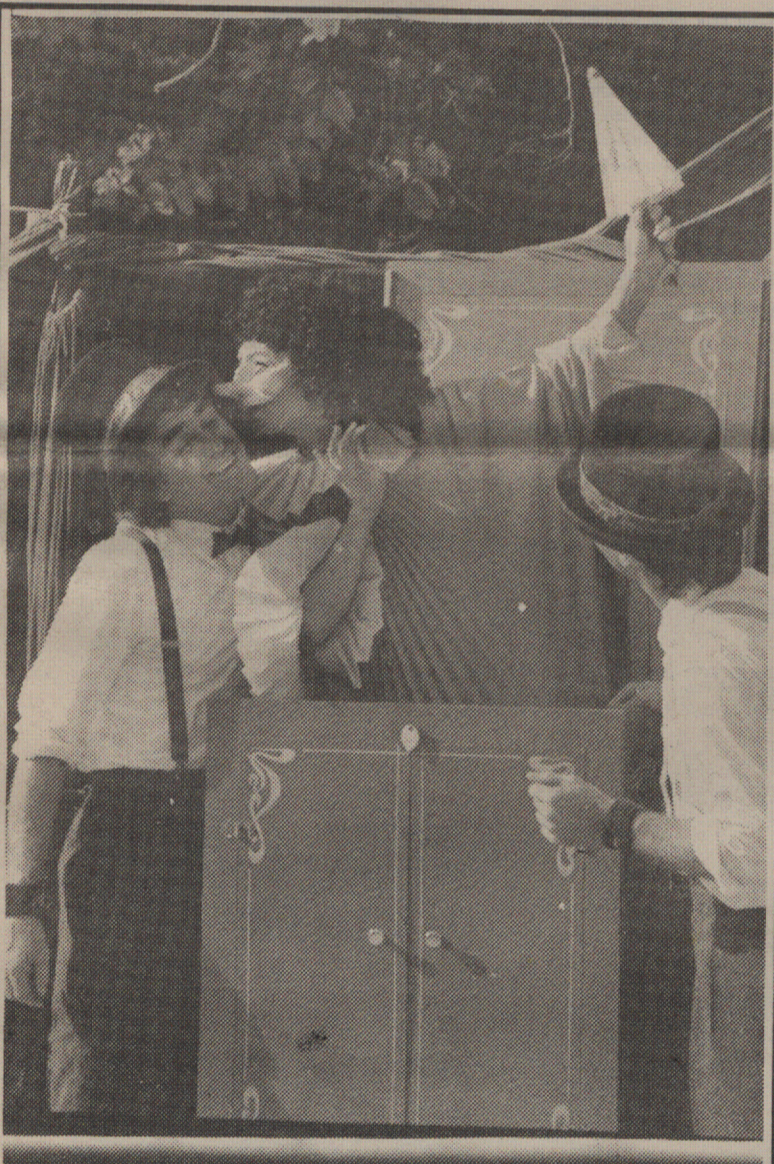
The SGA-funded radio station, housed in UH 212-D, will be broadcast over 530 AM to both campuses and hopes to get on FM in the future, Villate said.

Three years in the making, KFIU plans to have time slots for hard rock, jazz, new music, educational messages and university advertising.

"We're hoping to have slots for local bands, too," Villate said.

His six staff members have been working with the station manager to iron out the odds and ends.

"We'd like to work with the Communication department and the outside community to make this radio station No. 1."



Guy Shir/FIU Sunblazer

■ Fantasy Theatre Factory performers entertain children on Panther Day, Nov. 14th, at University Park.

FIU libraries offer new computers

Terry Penaranda
Sunblazer staff writer

Within the new, gray walls of the University Park library, new computers are waiting to help students plug into a wealth of information.

Dr. Laurence Miller, director of libraries at both campuses, said that because SGA has been working with the library to provide more sources of information for students, the library is now able to give students the opportunity of using computers and printers.

"I've been very pleased with SGA and the library rela-

tions," Miller said.

Sherry Carrillo, assistant director for Reader Services, said the awareness of the need for more computers began when LUIS, the computer which contains the library's card catalog, was introduced.

"LUIS is a lot easier than the card catalog. You don't have to take a sheet of paper and write down all the information about a book. All you need just comes up on the screen," said marketing major Anabel Martinez.

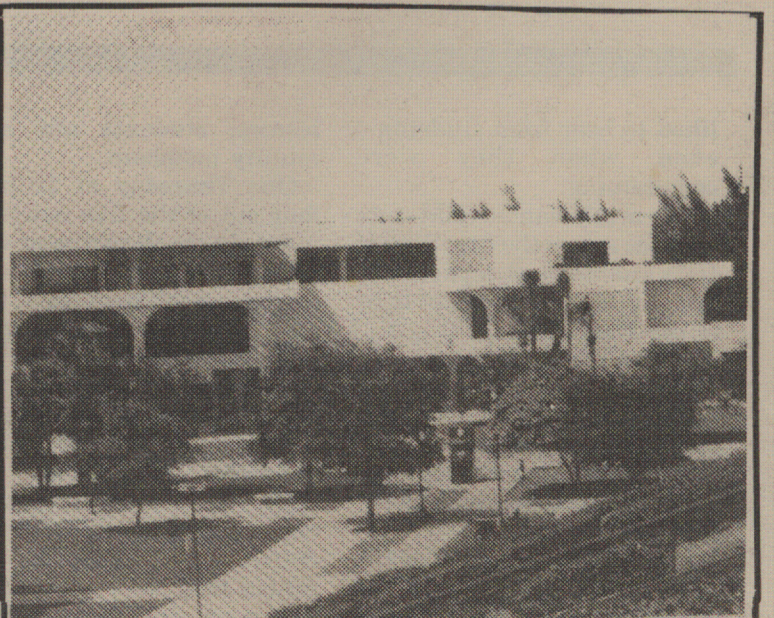
SGA gave both libraries five new computers: three for University Park and two for

North Miami. Challenged to match SGA's gift, the university supplied two more computers to UP and three more to North Miami, Miller said.

SGA Comptroller Ralph Patino said the total amount for the five computers SGA donated was \$8,600.

Miller said he wanted to have more computers put in the library for a long time. The demand for more computers grew and students let Miller know about it; however, Miller didn't mind because he said he

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Michelle Dreseris/FIU Sunblazer

New computers will be waiting for students when the North Miami campus library opens in spring.

FIU's SGA president elected Chair of FSA

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FIU Student Government Association President Fred Jorgenson has been named chairman of the board for the Florida Student Association, a group composed of all 9 state university SGA presidents.

Jorgenson, elected Nov. 14th in Orlando by the other eight members of FSA, will act as chairman until next April, when a new election will be held. The group actively lobbies the state for more university funding.

"I'm responsible for overseeing the staff and the implementation of lobbying

strategies and making sure that the strategies are carried out in the way the board decides," Jorgenson said.

As chairman, Jorgenson, 23, must attend all the Board of Regents' meetings and FSA monthly meetings.

Here is a partial list of lobbying priorities for FSA during Jorgenson's 6-month term:

PEPSI funding (Post Secondary Educational Planning

Commission): The commission has a great deal to say about funding for the state, Jorgenson said. "We are attempting to get more money for FIU for nursing and engineering."

KEEP state education dollars in the state university system, as opposed to sending state money to private universities.

MORE financial aid for state university students

EQUITY funding -- FSA wants funding for all state universities to be more equitable.

MONITOR the progress of the state lottery and ensure that proceeds will go to education and that the money generated is an addition to existing educational funding, not a replacement.

Jorgenson and nine other FIU students were in Orlando also for the National Student Round Table, which lobbies on a federal level for things FSA lobbies for on a state level.

RESULTS OF SGA FALL ELECTIONS 1987

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REFERENDUM RESULTS OPTIONAL FEE:

TOTAL VOTES BY CAMPUS.

NEGATIVE FEE: 731

University Park _____ 520
North Miami _____ 171
Broward/UT _____ 40

POSITIVE FEE: 601

University Park _____ 434
North Miami _____ 101
Broward/UT _____ 66

TOTAL VOTES BY CAMPUS:

YES -KEEP FPIRG: 742

University Park _____ 496
North Miami _____ 197
Broward/UT _____ 49

NO -GET FPIRG OFF CAMPUS: 424

University Park _____ 277
North Miami _____ 88
Broward/UT _____ 59

ELECTIONS, from p.1

3. That FPIRG conducted exit polls too close to the voting area to get an idea of how people voted in the election.

4. That "Posters, banners and flyers were hung in areas that were not officially designated, in violation of Chapter 223 of the election guidelines," Spellman said.

5. That banners were hung

without reserving space with the director of Student Activities, violating the SGA constitution - Statute 223.01

FIUSA's petition has gone to Faith Graham, Elections Commissioner. The group wants to have the election results invalidated, and have the issue brought to the students again in the Spring 1988 semester for a re-vote.

liked to hear from students -- even when they were complaining.

The much-wanted IBM compatibles are on the first floor of UP's audio/visual department and, for now, on the first floor of the North Miami library.

The AV department, open seven days, provides such materials as videotapes, multimedia kits, transparencies, microcomputer software, and now new computers with printers.

Mayra Nemeth, head of the AV section at UP, said the computers are in demand and are always being used by pro-

fessors, students and community members.

One Thursday at 10 a.m., four out of the five new computers in the department were in use. And students were coming in and out to check if they could finally type their papers.

"I still think they need more (computers). It seems like they do because the AV department is always full," said finance major Mario Gonzalez.

Rossana Ruiz, a library student assistant working on a double major, said, "The computers help me to keep up to date with this new computer era we're living in.

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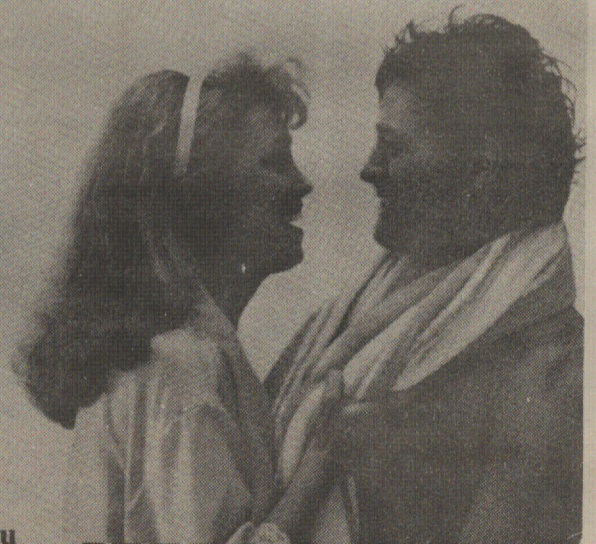
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Disabled student services could use improvement

DIANA COSCULLUELA
Special to the Sunblazer

For Randy Crutchfield, an FIU senior confined to a wheelchair, pursuing an education is not easy.

Getting up the stairs is impossible; he must use the elevator. He has limited use of his hands, so opening doors is a problem.

Crutchfield is just one of nearly 300 FIU students who require special disability services. While he appreciates the university's effort to aid the handicapped, he feels there's room for improvement.

"Transportation is the biggest obstacle on campus," said Crutchfield, who attends classes on both campuses. "The university buses are not wheelchair-accessible."

"The university is required by law to make all programs accessible, and if that requires special vans for the wheelchair students, then they should be made available."

Crutchfield currently pays up to \$10 a day to Dade County's Special Transportation Services to take him to both campuses.

"Last year a student couldn't attend an awards ceremony for

honors students at North Miami because the van at University Park, which brought students to the ceremony, was not wheelchair-accessible," said Jennifer King, coordinator of disabled services at University Park.

"It is very sad for someone not to be able to participate in an event because of his or her disability," King said.

King and Crutchfield want to get some special vans on campus. Crutchfield said most of the colleges he's checked have transportation for the handicapped, such as the University of Florida's "handy van."

Crutchfield said it could take years before the disabled get a van because the proposal must go through at least eight departments before the project can be approved by the university.

Aside from the transportation problem, many disabled students are in need of other special equipment not provided by FIU.

The Occupational Therapy Department has proposed a plan for next term to develop adaptive devices for the handicapped students.

Professor Sue D'Agati wants

her occupational therapy students to construct such devices as adapted handles on doors and equipment for students who lack a strong grasp.

Other devices include phone holders, book holders, adapted writing surfaces, and special tongs for chemistry students.

"We have a student in a wheelchair who has trouble inserting coins into pay telephones, so we would like to create a portable device to assist him," D'Agati said.

The money for the equipment would come from the department's fund for learning materials and will be thoroughly checked and approved by D'Agati before release.

D'Agati says the department can't fix the larger flaws in the university's design.

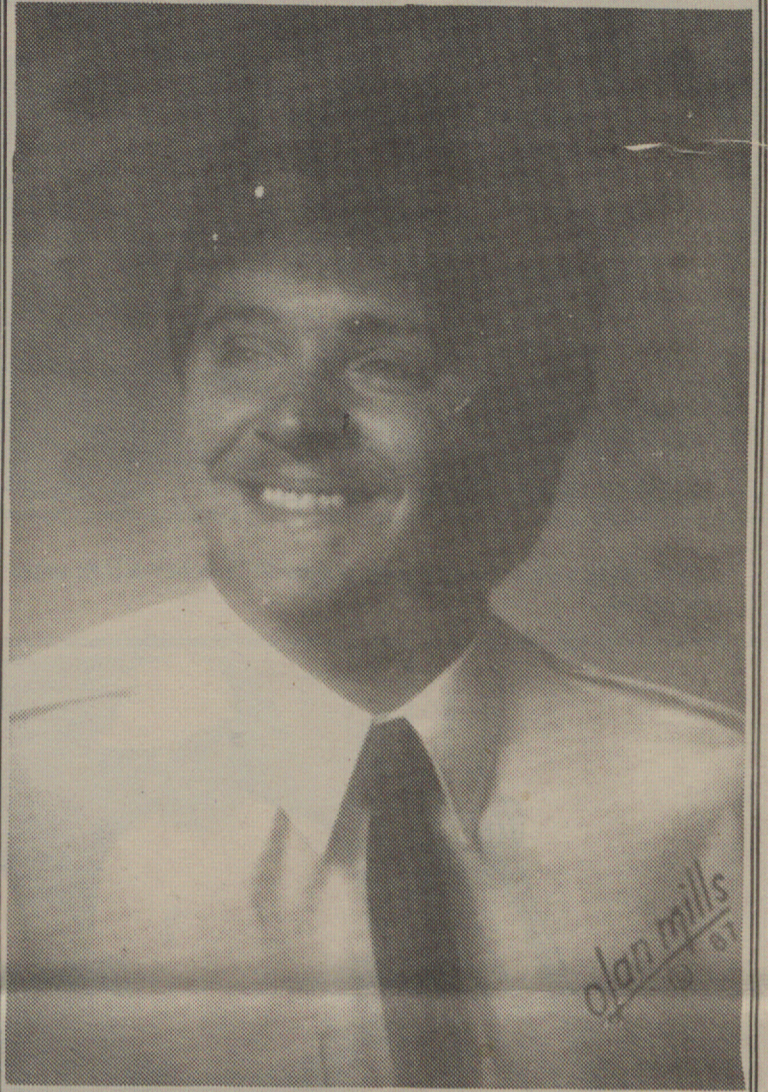
"We don't have the money or the ability to construct projects such as automatic door openers," she said.

King said the department is submitting a study to the Equal Opportunity Office that asks for improvements.

"The Disabled Student Office should be the first place to have an automatic door opener and it doesn't," Crutchfield said. "The door must be kept open."

"The university will not do anything until we show something," King said. "We have to show an interest."

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FIU student Randy Crutchfield

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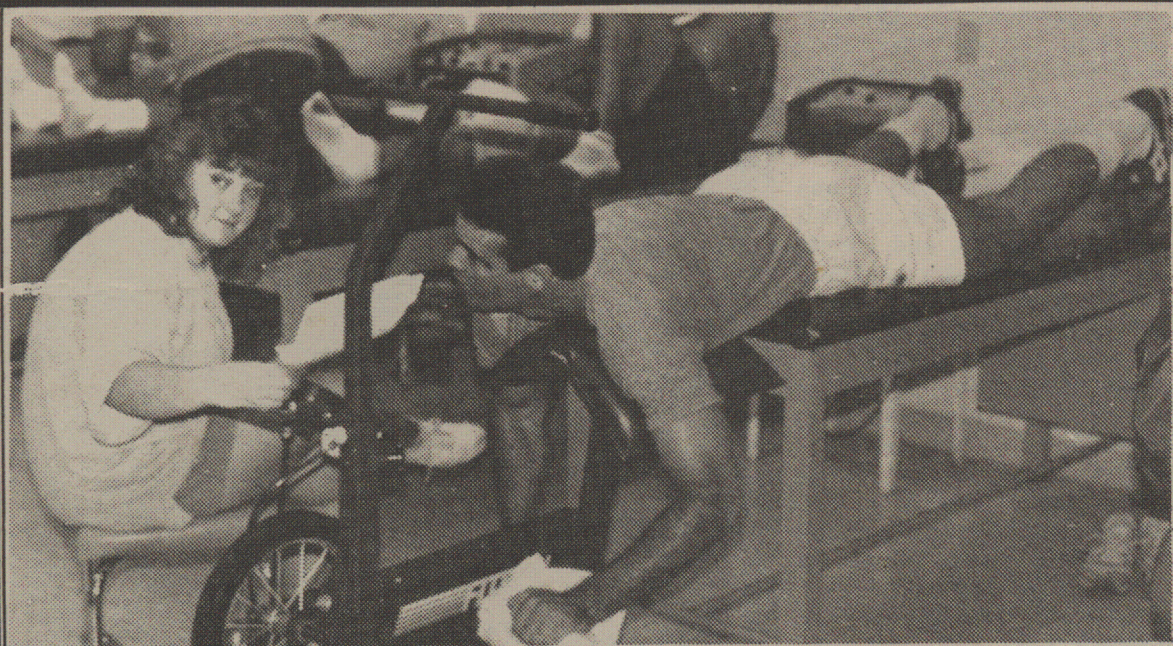
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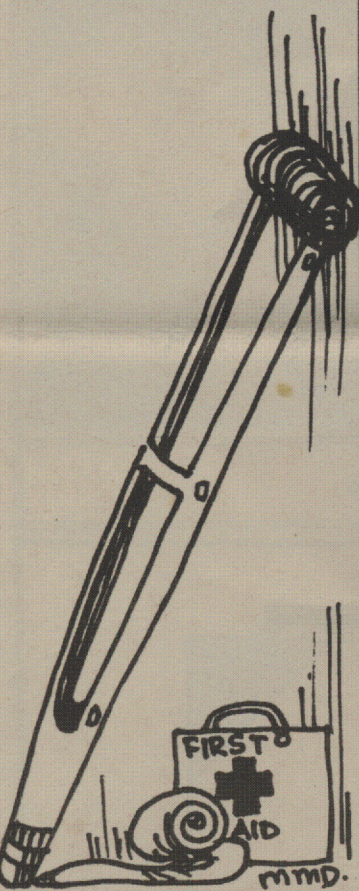
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Closeup: Healthcare for FIU's athletes

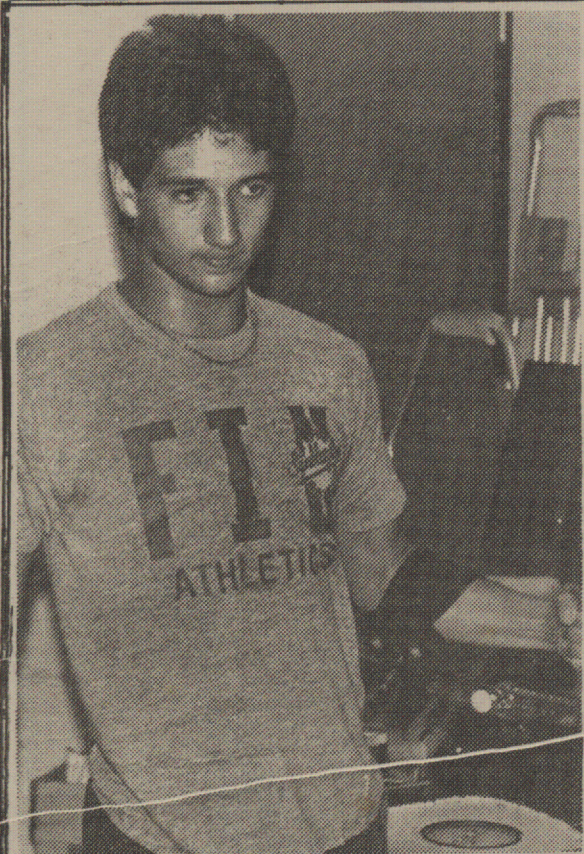
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Photos: Jose Lopez/FIU Sunblazer
■ Student trainer Tracy Flemmer puts FIU pitcher Jeff Krueger through an upper body pedaling workout.



■ An intern looks on as Rey Jaffet, Head Athletic Trainer (standing right), examines the knee of soccer player Robin Fraser.



■ Pitcher Mandy Bertematti strengthens his throwing arm on a Cybex machine.



■ 1st Baseman Mark Krzeminski needs ice treatments due to major knee surgery.

Athletic competition can be exhilarating and fast-paced. Unfortunately, it can also be very painful. Participation in sports is often accompanied by the inevitable injuries - sprained ankles, dislocated shoulders, pulled groins - that can render an athlete useless for an entire season.

Careful rehabilitation is required before an injured athlete can resume physical activity. FIU's rehab program is masterfully supervised by Rey Jaffet, Head Athletic Trainer, and his staff of student trainers. "Our job is the prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation of athletic injuries," Jaffet said. "We're the unsung heroes of FIU athletics. We work behind the scenes."

After completion of his undergraduate studies at the University of Puerto Rico, Jaffet packed his bags and, on New Year's Eve in 1978, headed for Florida. He finished his Master's Degree in Physical Education at FIU while working as a graduate assistant trainer at the university and as an intern with the Miami Dolphins during their summer training camp. In 1981 he enrolled at Eastern Michigan University, hoping to complete a second Master's Degree in Sports Administration. "I lasted only ten months up there," said Jaffet. "The weather was too cold. I have to be near the sun belt."

He returned to Miami and was hired as the Head Athletic Trainer of the Fort Lauderdale Strikers soccer team. When the team was relocated to Minnesota 2½ years later, Jaffet stayed behind. He took a job as fitness coordinator of Norwegian-Caribbean Cruise Lines, and six months later came two offers-an assistant trainer's position at Louisiana State University, and the FIU position he now holds.

"The money was better at Louisiana State, but the challenge was bigger here," Jaffet said. "I had already worked in this setting, so communication with the coaches was easy. Besides, I was already used to being head trainer. I didn't want to have to start all over again as an assistant. FIU is a young, growing institution. As the athletic program develops here, my area should gain some recognition."

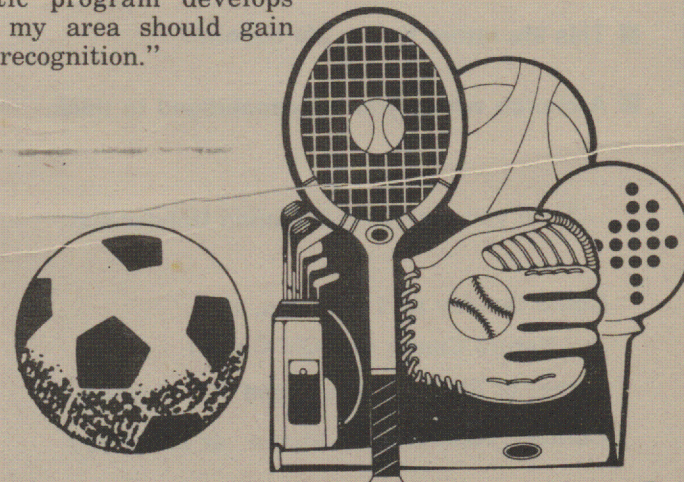
Sixty per cent of an athletic trainer's job is prevention. Jaffet works closely with FIU's coaches to devise conditioning programs that will maintain athletes in top physical form and thus minimize the risk of injury. "There has to be effective communication between athlete, coach, trainer, and physician," Jaffet stated. "As far as that goes, this is the best setting I've ever worked in. Everyone here is treated with respect - and that's very important."

For those times when injuries do occur, the Training Room at FIU's Sunblazer Arena is stocked with complete First Aid Emergency supplies as well as several physical therapy modalities which help restore injured body parts to functional capacity. "Most of the traffic in this room takes place in the early afternoon, right before practices," Jaffet told us. "Athletes come in to tape weak ankles, wrap swollen knees in ice, and exercise to strengthen their upper bodies. There is also a lot of psychological exercising that goes on in here."

The seven student trainers under Jaffet help monitor the workouts. "Without them, this place couldn't operate," Jaffet said. The trainers will work under supervision for two to four years, and when Jaffet feels they're ready, he will recommend them to the National Athletic Trainers' Association for certification.

The highest incidence of injury in FIU athletics is among soccer players, but Jaffet's main responsibility is the men's basketball team. "They are the top revenue producers and thus a priority," he said. "However, we take care of all our athletes, no matter what sport they play." Our visit to the Training Room proved his point: four baseball players and a defender on the soccer team were in for treatment.

Jaffet is very pleased with the progress his department has made in recent years. "The athletic trainer's program at FIU is definitely moving in the right direction," he says. "The quality of healthcare for student athletes is increasing. In a few years, our program will be as good as that of any Division One School."



Review: Madonna's latest album-short but good

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Sunblazer Features Editor

Madonna's latest album, titled "You Can Dance," revives some of the pop superstar's greatest hits in all-new extended remixes. The problem with the LP is that it's not long enough.

Since hitting the American music charts in 1984, Madonna has made one of the speediest climbs of any performer in history (she came up with six number one records faster than any other woman in the rock era). All fourteen of her last releases have made the Top Five in Billboard Magazine's Hot 100 Chart, six of them skyrocketing all the way to the top. With so much material behind her, this album could easily have been a two-record collection. A couple of the songs included in the recording were never even hit singles.

Nevertheless, if you're into party music, this one's for you. Side one features her new release, "Spotlight," remixed by turntable genius Jim "Jellybean" Benitez. Benitez also worked on the new version of Madonna's first chart hit, "Holiday," and these two cuts are clearly superior to anything else on the album. The tempo is upbeat and the transition between songs is nice and smooth.

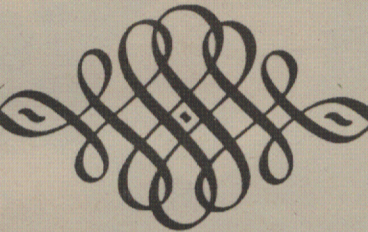
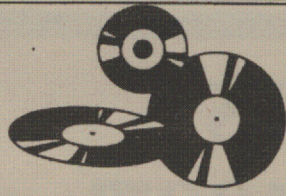
The one disappointment is "Everybody," Madonna's very first hit (the song was a megahit in the dance clubs although it never made it to Billboard). The fabulous keyboard instrumentation in the original version has been

replaced by percussion instruments in the remake, and the result is not at all pleasing. The first side ends with "Physical Attraction," another club hit, which remains largely unchanged here.

The flip side contains my personal favorite, "Into the Groove," in a terrific 8-minute version. I could listen to this song for hours. There are some wonderful sound effects using echoes, drums, and harmonies. The song also provides an excellent lead into the last cut on the album, "Where's the Party," from Madonna's third album, "True Blue." Here again, the new version outclasses the original. The percussion instruments that ruined "Everybody" improve this cut, largely because the original instruments are left in. The final contribution is an extended version of "Over and Over," from the album "Like a Virgin." This song is also largely unchanged and although it is cute, I still wonder why classics like "Material Girl" and "Dress You Up" were left out.

Listening to "You Can Dance" made me hungry for more. Hopefully, a second volume will follow. In the meantime, here's a trivia question for you Madonna buffs: Can you name all six of Madonna's number one records? Answers below.

Answers: Like a Virgin, Crazy for You, Live to Tell, Papa Don't Preach, Open Your Heart, Who's That Girl



FIU Apparel design students showcased their concepts of design through exclusively created collections at the Radisson Mart Plaza Hotel on Friday, November 13, 1987. "Metropolis" was presented by Apparel Design students and the Department of Apparel Studies.



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■ Showstopper: Swimsuit wedding dress by Harold Pezzi



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■ Student designers and organizers of "Metropolis"

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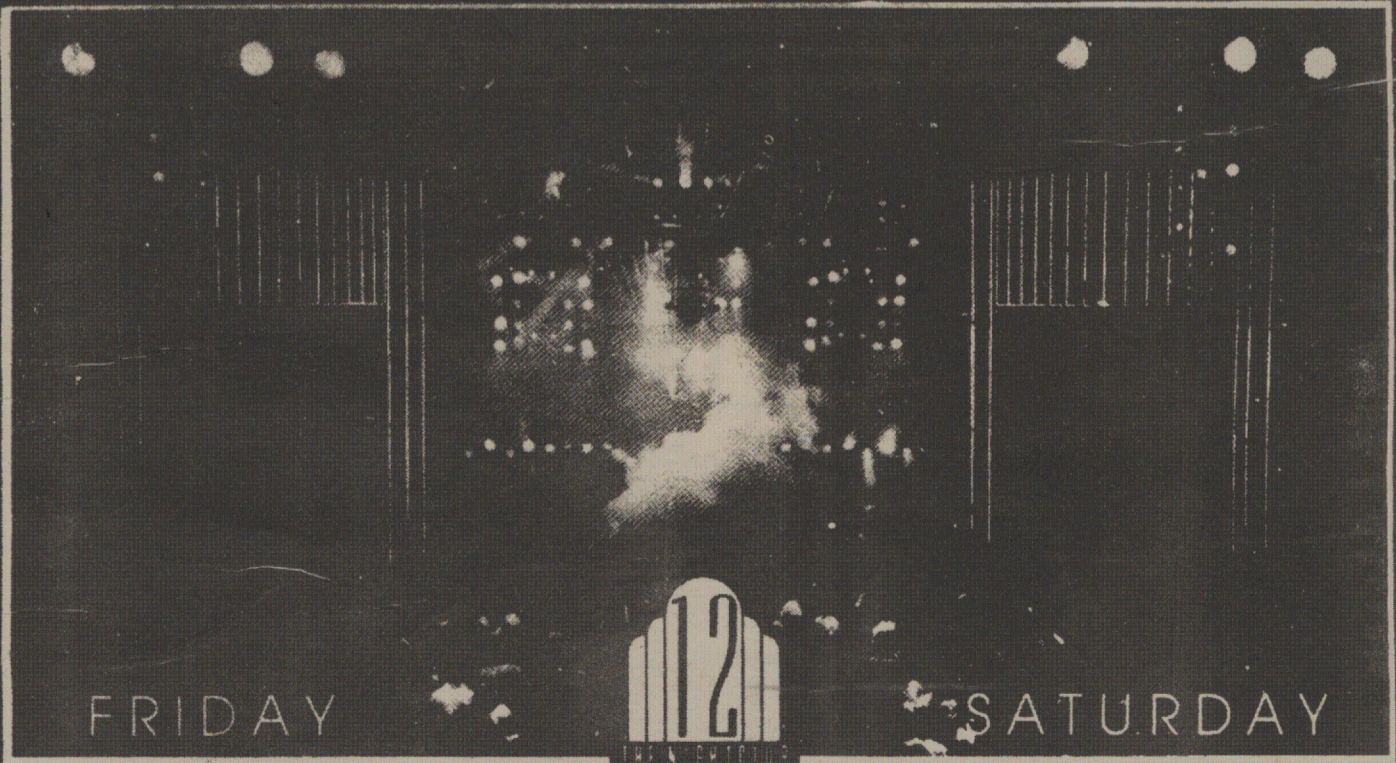
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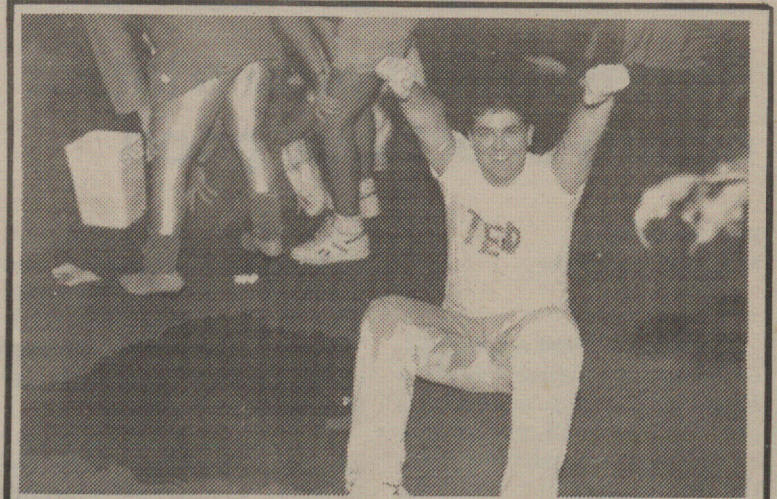


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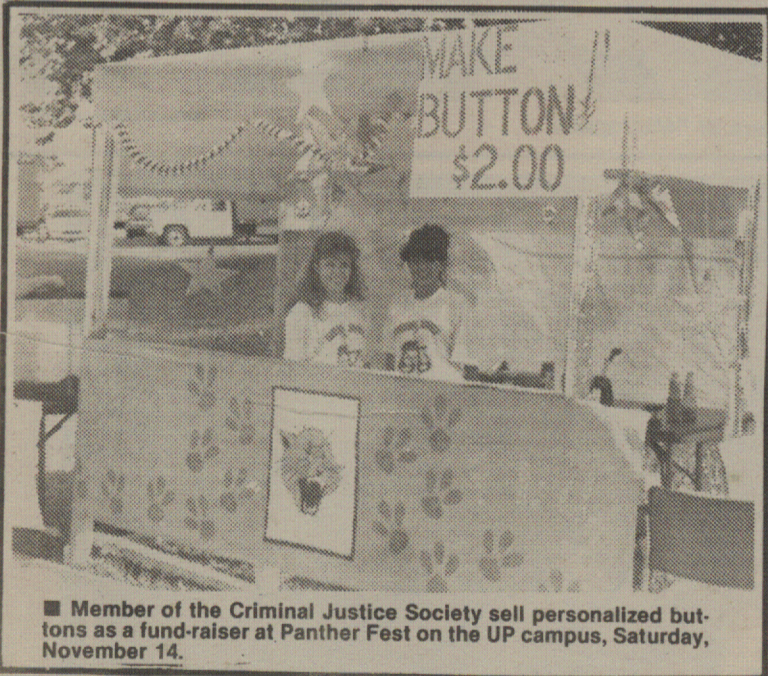
■ TEP member, Jeff Brenner, was supposed to be using a spoon to fill a bucket with water. Instead he ended up on the floor soaked at the Homecoming All-nighter.



■ Perla Sole, Chairperson of the 1987 Homecoming Celebrations.



■ Tau Epsilon Phi members show banner support for the Golden Panthers at the Homecoming basketball game on November 19 in the Sunblazer Arena at UP.



■ Member of the Criminal Justice Society sell personalized buttons as a fund-raiser at Panther Fest on the UP campus, Saturday, November 14.

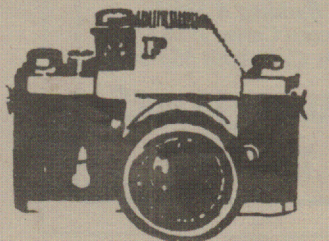
Photo: Guy Shir



■ Students pay to take out their frustrations at Phi Beta's car smash booth at Homecoming's Panther Fest day.



■ Panther costume contestant shows off her whiskers and tail at Homecoming.



■ Ana Maidique, President 'Mitch' Maidique, SGA President - Fred Jorgenson, Homecoming Queen - Tina McLeod, and KFIU's, John Villate on hand to support FIU's basketball team in the Sunblazer Arena on November 14.

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double figures in both points (11) and rebounds (11) at Kilgore (TX) C.C..

At center, Walker will entrust 6-11 senior Jon Gordon, who didn't become eligible last season until the morning of the opening game then struggled against some of his more physical opponents. Gordon did, however, show positive signs of improvement as the year progressed and it's hoped that he will become a more consistent player in 1987-88.

The most improved area on the squad should be in the back court. Returnees include 6-0 senior David Banks, an excellent three-point shooter who averaged 10.8 points last year. Banks came on late in the year by scoring double figures in four of the team's last five games. It's hoped that success will carry over at the start of the 1987-88. At 5-9, senior point guard Ronnie Bryant started all 25 games last season and led the team with 2.4 assists per contest and 38 steals. Junior Charles Payne at 6-2 showed he can play defense or knock in the outside shot when asked. Senior Kevin Latimer was a walk on last season who should contribute coming off the bench.

New to the program are 6-3



senior Sylvester Whigham, who was the second leading junior college scorer in the state two seasons ago. A top outside shooter and dangerous three-point threat, Whigham's scoring will be needed to offset the loss of graduate Jerry Nash, the team's leading scorer a season ago. Junior Michael Lofty lettered in track at the University of Maryland before transferring and could possibly be the best all-around athlete on the squad despite standing just 6-3. Junior Robert Rowe,

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Russo looks for her team to play an up tempo game this season. "We will look to press and run, under control," she said. "We have some people who can really run the floor, including our big people, and that can prove to be a real benefit. Once we have Duncan in the lineup our half court game should really be solidified. She is a talented post player and will be a key inside threat. The only thing that can affect this team is injuries. We are only going with

eight players right now, so as long as we stay away from injuries we will be o.k."

Russo looks at every season as a new one in which the team will have new players and a different look that the opponent will see. In 1987-88, FIU will have a very new look, having replaced four starters, but they should have one thing in common with past Russo coached teams. They should be strong on the defensive end and should be a team that can run the fast break.

Overall, Russo is optimistic with the move to Division I and believes the Golden Panthers will find success at that level as long as they continue to work hard. Coach Russo has a simple philosophy that has paid dividends thus far:

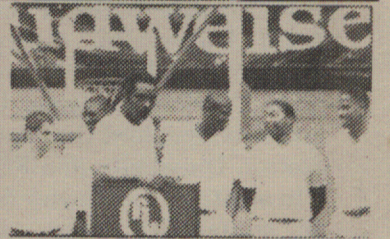
"If the players give everything they have, success will follow." Having won over 68 percent of her games, Cindy Russo is one who should know what it takes to win.

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will challenge for the starting point guard job. A transfer from Stetson University, he played 54 games for that Division I program over two seasons and led the Hatters with 3.5 assists per game as a freshman. Sophomore Diego Garcia was a starter last season for always tough Miami-Dade C.C North.

"I expect us to play an exciting brand of basketball-very upbeat and very tenacious," said Coach Walker. "As far as actual execution is concerned, there are three ingredients for success that I will be stressing to this team. First is rebounding; se-

cond, making our lay up attempts; and third, hitting 70-75 percent of our free throw chances."



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Women looking forward to year

It will be a year of firsts for Head Coach Cindy Russo and her 1987-88 FIU Golden Panther women's basketball squad. Not only is the university moving to Division I, but it is also shedding its independent status and aligning with the New South Women's Conference made up of the University of Central Florida, Florida A&M University, Georgia Southern College, Georgia State University, Mercer University, Samford University, Stetson University and FIU.

In addition to the heavy dose of conference play, the schedule is highlighted by the Second Annual FIU Sun and Fun Classic, Jan. 2-4, 1988, featuring the University of Houston, runner-up to Southwest Conference champion Texas; Georgia Southern, champ of New South; LaSalle, winner of the Metro Atlantic Conference; James Madison University, champion of the ECAC South; and Radford University, winner of the Big South Conference.

"We have some strong expectations heading into the season," said Head Coach Cindy Russo. "We feel we are one of the top 50 teams in the nation and we would like to make a strong standing in the conference this year. It is exciting to be Division I. Also, we are hoping that the conference gets automatic qualification to the NCAA tournament in the near future. It is a fairly new conference, but we are very optimistic that we will be playing for an automatic NCAA berth very soon."

It may seem that looking towards the NCAA Division I

Tournament is too far fetched considering FIU lost several valuable members from last season's 26-3 top 20 ranked Division II squad. But with the combination of new and returning players, Russo should have herself a well respected team this season.

In the backcourt, junior college transfer Adrienne Jackson (Oklahoma City, OK) will take over at point guard. The 5-5 St. Gregory's alumna averaged 7.2 assist a game last season for a 38-2, national junior college runner-up team. Junior Giovonne Tullis (Oklahoma City, OK), who still holds an Oklahoma state record with 56 points in a high school playoff game, can play either the point or off-guard position. Tullis averaged 19 points and over six rebounds per game as a sophomore at Eastern Oklahoma State Junior College. Russo expects big things from Tullis this season. "She is an excellent scorer and a great defensive player," Russo said. "She will be very important to this team in 1987-88."

Competing at the small forward spot, senior Rosalind Jones (Gilmer, TX) proved last year to be the finest defensive player the program has yet to see at that position. A solid team leader, Jones will also be expected to play a strong rebound game. "She is the sparkplug of the team, both on and off the court," Russo said. "She takes great pride in her hustle and defense." Sophomore Christel Knudsen (Elsinore, Denmark) didn't become eligible until mid-season last year then fought to catch-up with

her teammates and opponents. Being eligible from the start this year, Coach Russo is hopeful Knudsen will step in and show the talent that made her a star in her native country.

At power forwards, look for senior Debra Bullock and senior transfer Lisa Williams to be major contributors to this year's success. Bullock is the top returnee from last year in points scored (16.9), rebounds (9.0) and minutes played (34.7) per game. "We are looking for great things from Debra Bullock this season," Russo said. "She gets the job done consistently and can do many things. She has an awesome talent and a real calm temperament." Williams comes from a St. Thomas program that was dropped after last season. All last year, she was one of the top scorers and rebounders in the NCAA Division II play. She will be counted on heavily for her rebounding and post play.

At center, look for 6-0 sophomore Teresa Boring to start in the middle during the 1987-88 season. Carla Duncan, a 6-3 center from Senatobia, Mississippi is expected to join the team at the semester break. Boring average 3.1 points and 2.0 rebounds last season while seeing action in 23, starting once. "She has had one year of tough college basketball under her belt and we expect to use her in quality time this season. I also expect our post game to become much better when Carla joins us in Dec."

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Senior Charlton Phoenix, who led the team in rebounds and who was second in scoring, will be looked upon as one of the leaders of the men's basketball team.

Men's team ready for Division I play

The pieces of FIU men's basketball coach Rich Walker's giant jigsaw puzzle appear to be finally falling into place. Two seasons ago, the program was given a gymnasium—Sunblazer Arena—where FIU has truly enjoyed a home court advantage. Then last year in anticipation of a move to Division I, a major college schedule was implemented that included postseason tournament participants Clemson, Ohio State and Arkansas State. Now, this year, the dream to join the major college ranks is about to come true and the Golden Panthers will indeed be members of NCAA Division I-AAA.

The anticipation level is high, but Walker remains realistic about the task ahead of him.

"The pieces are beginning to come together," Walker said. "The last few years have been trying at times but we're now beginning to attract some quality student-athletes to our program and we have a very competitive schedule in place. Our long-range goal is to someday attain an NCAA playoff berth. To accomplish that, we've got to continue recruiting athletes and playing the type of schedule that will lead us to that success."

To begin his quest, Walker will rely on nine letter winners

led by senior forward Carlton Phoenix who at 6-foot-5, finished second on the 1986-87 squad in scoring (14.1) and averaged 11.7 rebounds per game which ranked him tenth in the nation among Division II participants. Despite playing against some of the top Division I rebounders in the nation last season like All-Americans Horace Grant (Clemson) and Sam Hill (Iowa State), Phoenix still managed to set university records for most rebounds in a single game (22 vs. Northern Illinois) and most rebounds in a season (293). He pulled down double-figure rebounds in 14 of the 19 contests played against Division I opposition in 1986-87.

Another returnee is 6-4 senior Steven Truiett who dominated play early from a small forward position but looked to wear down as the season progressed. He scored double figures in four of the teams' first eight games last season, but could not score no more than eight points in any game the remainder of the year. It's hoped that a summer of weight training will help improve his stamina and effectiveness.

A new comer up front is junior transfer Damon Armstrong who, at 6-8, averaged

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Nov. 30 (Mon)	Bethune Cookman	Sunblazer Arena	5:00 pm.
Dec. 3 (Thu)	Florida Memorial	Sunblazer Arena	7:30 pm.
Dec. 14 (Mon)	Texas Southern	Houston, TX	7:00 pm.
Dec. 16 (Wed)	Lamar	Beaumont, TX	7:00 pm.
Dec. 20 (Sun)	*Mercer	Sunblazer Arena	2:00 pm.
Dec. 28 (Mon)	Grambling State	Sunblazer Arena	7:30 pm.
Dec. 29 (Tue)	Iona	Sunblazer Arena	6:00 pm.
Dec. 30 (Wed)	U. of Maryland-Baltimore County	Sunblazer Arena	5:00 pm.
Jan 2-4	FIU Sun and Fun Classic		
Jan. 7 (Thu)	*Georgia State	Sunblazer Arena	7:30 pm.
Jan. 10 (Sun)	*Florida A&M	Sunblazer Arena	7:30 pm.
Jan. 16 (Sat)	*Stetson	Sunblazer Arena	7:30 pm.
Jan. 18 (Mon)	*Georgia Southern	Statesboro, GA	7:30 pm.
Jan. 20 (Wed)	*Mercer	Macon, GA	7:00 pm.
Jan. 22 (Fri)	*Georgia State	Atlanta, GA	5:30 pm.
Jan. 30 (Sat)	*South Florida	Sunblazer Arena	5:00 pm.
Feb. 4 (Thu)	*Stetson	DeLand, FL	5:00 pm.
Feb. 6 (Sat)	*Central Florida	Orlando, FL	5:45 pm.
Feb. 8 (Mon)	*Florida A&M	Tallahassee, FL	7:00 pm.
Feb. 13 (Sat)	Miami	Coral Gables, FL	7:30 pm.
Feb. 18 (Thu)	*Georgia Southern	Sunblazer Arena	7:30 pm.
Feb. 24 (Wed)	*Miami	Sunblazer Arena	5:00 pm.
Feb. 27 (Sat)	*Central Florida	Sunblazer Arena	7:30 pm.
Feb. 29 (Mon)	South Florida	Tampa, FL	6:00 pm.
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