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Radio stations help Hispanics

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■ Dr. Mayda Watson of FIU's Department of Modern Languages emcees a segment of the Marathon at WQBA.

REY QUINTANA
Sunblazer News Writer

Students, faculty and administration took to the airwaves last Thursday as the annual FIU Hispanic Scholarship Radio Marathon netted over \$100,000 for the second consecutive year.

From six in the morning until midnight, four of Miami's leading Spanish-language radio stations - WQBA, Radio Mambi, WRHC and Union Radio - donated air time to programming that was conducted by members of FIU's Hispanic Faculty Association. Students and alumni spoke of their ex-

periences at the university while encouraging listeners to call in their pledges.

"The students are a very important part of this marathon," said Toni Bilbao, Assistant Vice President of Community Relations and Coordinator of the Radio Marathon. "When they go on the air and speak about the value of an education, it really gets the point across."

FIU President Mitch Maidique organized the Radio Marathon last year as a means of providing scholarship money to Hispanic students who might otherwise not be able to afford a college education. Recipients are awarded \$1,000 per year of full-time

study (\$500 in the Fall and \$500 in the Spring). For some students, this money is the difference between hitting the books and staying home.

The first few hours of the event were slow, but this was due in part to technical difficulties (only five of the sixteen lines at WQBA were working). By mid-morning the Cuban coffee had done its job; collections at 10:30 am totaled \$12,500.

"The morning hours are always the slowest," commented Juan Martinez, a Burger King Corporation engineer who stopped off at WQBA on his way to work and answered a few phone calls. "Things don't really get going

until the afternoon. And at night it really picks up."

Martinez was right on the money. Miami Mayor Xavier Suarez visited WQBA at noon and made a special request on the air for contributions. By that time the total was at \$26,800.

Then came the big bucks. At 4:00 pm the \$37,000 mark was reached, and the Coca Cola Company matched the amount dollar for dollar. Julio Somoza, owner of the Nicaraguan restaurant "Los Ranchos," donated five per cent of the restaurant's gross profit for the day to the Scholarship Fund. The Kiwanis Clubs of Little Havana and South Miami's Latin American Division came up with \$9,500 between them. And businesswoman Mirtha de Perales chipped in \$5,000.

The push for donations continued into the evening. WQBA radio personalities Jaime B. Aldeaseca and Eduardo Gonzalez-Rubio donated their entire time slots to FIU programming. Aldeaseca closed his show with an emotional plea to his listeners: "They can take what you have, but they cannot take what you know." The 9 pm total climbed to \$88,500.

Michael Ruiz, a 17 year-old senior at Miami Sunset Senior High School, has applied for admission to FIU and is looking into the possibility of a Hispanic Fund scholarship to help finance his studies. He visited the university last Summer as part of the school's VIP program, which allows

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■ Toni Bilbao, Coordinator of the Marathon, gladly assists in answering the phones at WQBA.

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■ Jaime B. Aldeaseca: "They can take what you have, but they can't take what you know."

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SGA retreat promotes leadership skills

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The Student Government Association sponsored a weekend leadership retreat at Florida International University's North Miami Campus January 30 and 31.

About thirty-five students attended the retreat, which included educational workshops and presentations by Mitch Maidique, FIU President; Richard Correnti, Vice President of Student Affairs; Adam Herbert, Vice President of Administrative Affairs, North Miami; and Mike Friedman, State Representative.

Two previous presidents of the Florida Students Association, John Sowinski and David Corey, coordinated most of the retreat, and led most of the discussions and activities.

Students arrived at the North Miami campus Saturday morning between nine and ten carrying knapsacks, suitcases, sleeping bags and books. The group appeared apprehensive and isolated, uncertain about what the weekend would involve.

Introductions and ice-breakers commenced the retreat. Each student got together with the person he knew least and they discussed several questions: who has had the biggest influence on their life, where did they learn to ride a bike, what is their biggest accomplishment, and what is their ultimate goal. After ten minutes, each person had to introduce their partner to the entire group.

Quickly the group began to integrate; friendships developed and bonds formed.

President Maidique was the first guest speaker to address the group. Basically, Maidique summarized in ten minutes the business courses he had taught for five years at Harvard and Stanford universities and discussed the fundamental principles of business management.

Maidique constructed diagrams which showed students how to accomplish their goals: Analyze the opportunities available, determine the strengths and weaknesses, and find a strategy for achieving objectives, goals and subgoals. On the more personal side of business, Maidique discussed five tools for success: active recruitment, team-building, continuous training, philosophy/values and the ability to listen.

"SGA helps students to combine the analytical skills they learn in the classroom with the people skills required of any effective leader," Maidique said.

After Maidique answered various questions, Correnti addressed the students. His topic: the qualities and principles of a leader. Correnti asked the students for their input on the topic and the presentation

turned into an informal conversation, a healthy exchange of ideas.

"Learning to describe a leader assured me that, if ambitious enough, I could exhibit the leadership qualities I always knew I possessed," said Ralph del Rio, newly elected senator of the College of Business.

"What you are doing here today is important to the institution because it allows us to know what you're thinking; but it is also important to your educational experience," Correnti said.

Herbert briefly welcomed the group to the North Miami campus and discussed some of his goals for that campus, such as increased student enrollment to be brought about by Hospitality Management's move North and expanded class schedules.

After students had lunch with the administrators, Sowinski introduced a label exercise. Corey placed an adhesive label on each person's forehead. Information was typed on the label which students read and reacted to accordingly. The labels contained phrases such as, "Ignore me," "I'm wealthy and attractive," or "I smell." Students responded to these labels as they were trying to find corresponding information in a handout they received. The point of the exercise was to demonstrate that stereotypical labels and preconceived ideas about people can impede the cooperation and team work necessary for accomplishing a task.

"Girls would constantly tell me 'no' or 'maybe someday'; it was a nightmare," said Richard Spellman, whose label read, "Will I ever graduate?"

"I liked the label exercise best because it forced us to interact with people as artificial personalities, and we had to overcome that obstacle," said Del Rio.

State Representative Mike Friedman visited the retreat to discuss the responsibilities of leadership. "A university is the place for the clashing of ideas," Friedman said. He encouraged students to be tolerant of different people and ideas. He also reminded students that as elected officials they are responsible to the people who voted them into office, as well as those who voted against them. Friedman's presentation ended in a heated debate over the Florida Public Interest Research Group, because Friedman strongly supports it while many SGA senators voted to change its means of funding.

The night was set aside for Michelob and dancing to the sounds of a Hot 105 disc jockey. Students were able to continue their discussions and become better friends in a more relaxed, festive atmosphere.

The next day consisted of

various workshops on negotiation skills, planning effective meetings and value assessments.

The retreat ended with a goal-setting exercise. Students brainstormed ideas for the SGA to later develop. Goals discussed included an activity-free hour, more parking, dead week, extended library hours, cafeteria/bookstore improvements, finals crisis hotline, a review board for grades, teacher evaluations and more outside lighting.

"The retreat was successful because we got the students together, enabled them to become more of a unit and emphasized team-building for a

more effective working environment," said Sowinski.

"The strengths as well as the weaknesses for this SGA are one and the same: its diversity and its strength of conviction," said Corey. "However, there is definitely enthusiasm. People really care."

"It was a kind of personal retreat for me. I learned more about myself, and the people in SGA. The things I've learned here I can carry with me wherever I go," said Russ Copley, Senator of the School of Hospitality Management.

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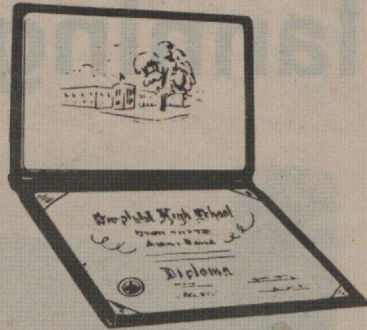
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Grad date changes

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The good news for seniors is that they do not have to cut classes to graduate. The bad news is that their graduation may take place next to a used car sale.

The commencement ceremony originally scheduled for Friday, April 22, the last day of classes, has been officially changed to Friday, April 29 at 8:30 in the morning at Tamiami Park. April 29 is still a final exam day but professors claim they will accommodate graduating students. Myrtle Huggins, who works in the Graduation Department, said, "We understand that some students have exams on that day, and professors will arrange for students to take exams earlier."

Another topic of concern among some students is the

location of the commencement. There was some discussion among the Administration about booking the Miami Beach Convention Center, but apparently there was not a hall available that was large enough for the function. Tamiami Park was then confirmed as the site for the graduation.

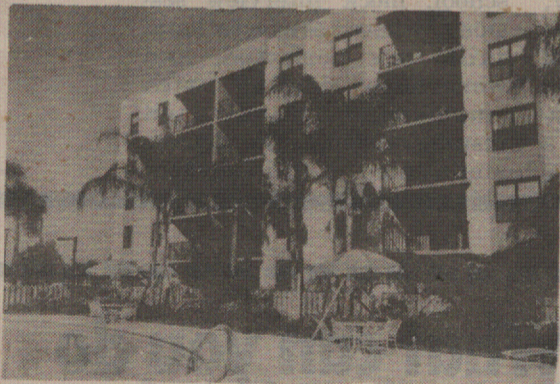
Leslie Dish, an accounting major at Florida International University, is one student who is disappointed with the choice of location. She would like to do something about it, along with the help of other FIU students. Dish feels that a commencement at Tamiami Park will not bring back pleasant memories for the students. "The people I have spoken to seem to prefer the Hollywood Sportatorium because it is not really that long a drive."

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Career Planning & Placement helps

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TOM JELKE
Sunblazer Staff Writer

If you are having any problems finding a job off campus or are unsure of what career you wish to pursue in the future, the Career Planning and Placement Center can help. Located in UH 340, the Center is headed by Acting Director Olga Magnusen. "Our offices are always ready to lend a helping hand to students in need," she remarked.

The Career Planning and Placement Center is divided into four sections to handle any specific need a student may have. The first division deals with career aspirations and planning. "Helping students shape their future is a task that requires careful attention," Magnusen said. Counselors meet with students to find out their interests in the professional arena. Skills are identified and values are clarified. The counselors then try to match the needs of a particular student with an available job opening.

One of the tools used to help find a career for an applicant is the System of Interactive Guidance and Information Test, affectionately known as the SIGI plus test. Students who take the exam choose the six to eight careers they would most like to pursue, and further counseling is given as required.

A second division of the Center, known as Cooperative Education, grants academic credits for employment in a career-related profession. Students wishing to work full-time have alternating semesters of work and classes and earn three credits. Part-time jobs which offer one credit per semester are also available. "Fifty-five per cent of the students who enroll in the co-op program remain with their employers after graduation," said Magnusen. "We cannot guarantee employment to everyone because the employers have the final say, but at least the opportunity is being provided." Approval from an academic advisor is required for enrollment in the program.

A third division of the Career Planning and Placement Center is the Job Locator and Development Program. This program is designed to



■ Perla Sole, Student Assistant at the Career Planning & Placement Center. The office can help you find a job.

help students look for a job even though it may not be related to their long-term plans. "This program is very widely used," said Magnusen. "Employers call on a daily basis to list their part-time and full-time job openings, and we find students to fill the positions. If a student does not enjoy the assignment he/she is given, it is always possible to reapply for another position."

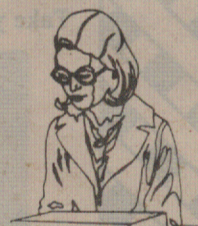
The largest division of the Center is the Career Placement Program. This division is involved with on-campus recruiting for outside employers. "Between the Fall

Semester of 1986 and the Spring Semester of 1987, 117 employers came to FIU looking for people to incorporate into their business," Magnusen said. A major responsibility of this department is the upcoming Career Fair. Over 100 employers come to FIU and give out information about their firms to interested students. This year's Fair is scheduled for Tuesday, February 23, and it will be located on the second floor of the UH building. Magnusen suggests that students attending the Fair dress in a business-like manner and have

resumes prepared. "They should also request business cards from those employers they wish to follow up on," she added. Among the companies sending representatives to the annual event are American Express and Ryder Systems.

Other services offered by the program include information for those students looking into law, medical and graduate school, mock interview sessions where conversational skills are perfected, and workshops dealing with employment trends and resume writing. The department also holds several

publications, reports and video recordings that can help job seekers. "In short, we are here to help the students with any aspect of employment," Magnusen remarked. "Unfortunately, many students have the misconception that our office is primarily for business students. It's not. We are here for all FIU students."



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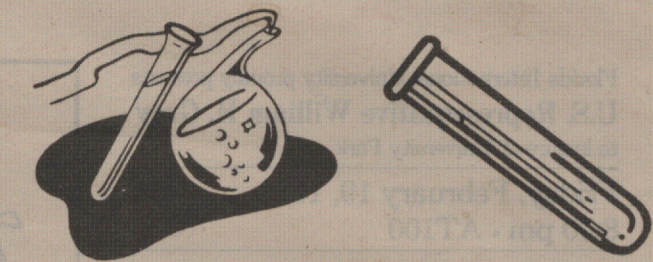




the day...

Elke Larios and Steve Isaacs warm up for Valentine's Day.

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**the week...
DRUG AWARENESS
WEEK**

February 8-12, 1988

The Drug/Alcohol Center, with the help of BACCHUS, has organized several presentations to increase the student's awareness of America's serious drug problem. The following projects are scheduled for the week:

"What is being done to combat the drug problem?" Open Forum

Monday, Feb. 8, 12pm
UH 150

Discussion on drug use and abuse: Guest speaker - Lt. Roy, Florida Highway Patrol

Tuesday, Feb. 9, 12pm
UH Small Ballroom

Community Service Day: Several community organizations will have a table on display where students will be able to get more information about their programs.

Wednesday, Feb. 10,
11am-1pm

UH Pit Area

For more information please contact Jeannie or Rosa at 554-3437.



the month...

BLACK HISTORY MONTH AT FIU

Black History Month offers a schedule of activities designed to promote understanding of Black culture throughout FIU and the South Florida Community.

Performing Arts Showcase: An evening of dance, drama and music featuring Miami talent including actress/poet Margaret Joyner, the Melton Mustafa jazz musicians and the Chiumba Imani African Dance Company. General Admission \$2.00. For information contact Jim Finn at 554-2139.

This week's calendar of events:

Black History Brain Bowl: High school competition featuring: Central, American, Norland, Northwestern, Edison, Jackson, and Carol City Senior High Schools. For more information contact David Cole at 940-5680.

Friday, Feb. 12, 8pm
UH 211, University Park Campus

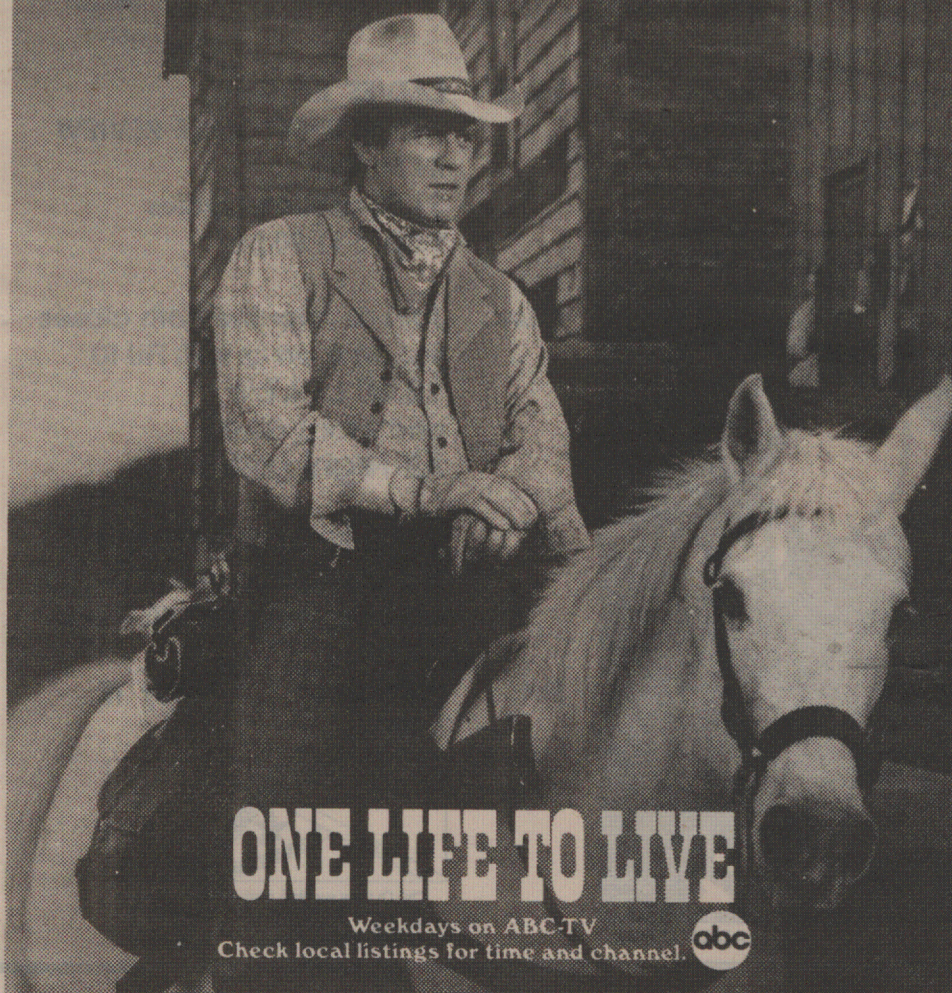
Wednesday, Feb. 10,
10am-1pm
SC 320, North Miami Campus

Art Exhibit Reception: A reception celebrating the exhibition of literature from French-speaking Africa, featuring photographs of the countries from which the authors drew their inspiration. The exhibition will continue on display in the Library until the end of February.

Monday, Feb. 15, 7pm
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■ Diana Cordoba, Vice President of the FIU Law Society.

Law Society determined to be active

ANDREA MASON
Sunblazer Staff Writer

The "Happenings" calendar carries the names of over 100 student organizations at FIU. Some have been very prominent in student activities. Others haven't had a meeting in years. The FIU Law Society was added to the calendar on October 14, 1987, and members of the club are determined to make their society a prominent one.

Diana Cordova, Vice President and co-founder of the club, explained that the Society was organized because prospective law students at FIU had no university-based group to support them. "Our goal is to prepare students for law school," she remarked. "Since there is no pre-law major at the University, the club aims to provide valuable information on such topics as the LSAT, law schools around the country, and internships available to help students prepare for the demands of a legal career."

The Society's first activity was the presentation of Janet Reno, Dade County State Attorney, last November 17. On the agenda for guest speakers this semester are Miami Mayor Xavier Suarez and Chief Judge Wetherington, who is scheduled to speak at FIU this coming February 17. Bennett Brummer, the State Public Defender, will visit the campus during the month of March.

Headed by Luis Novoa, President, the twenty-seven member group meets on Wednesdays at 8:00 pm in UH 317. A budget has been submitted to SGA but approval is pending. Until then, the club relies on fundraising to pay for their guest speakers. "We're the ones always selling the hot dogs during lunch time," said Cordova. "Our budget request was for \$698.00, but it looks like we are not going to get all of it."

Long-range goals for the Society include a plan to gain national recognition by establishing official contacts with the deans of several law schools nationwide. Anyone wishing additional information about the FIU Law Society should contact Diana Cordova, Vice President, at 221-3865.



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UH Forum | ----- | FASHION SHOW |
| 7:30 p.m.
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| Thurs., Feb 18
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UH Forum | ----- | SOUL FOOD LUNCH |
| 7:00 p.m.
Library | ----- | ART EXHIBIT RECEPTION |
| 8:00 p.m.
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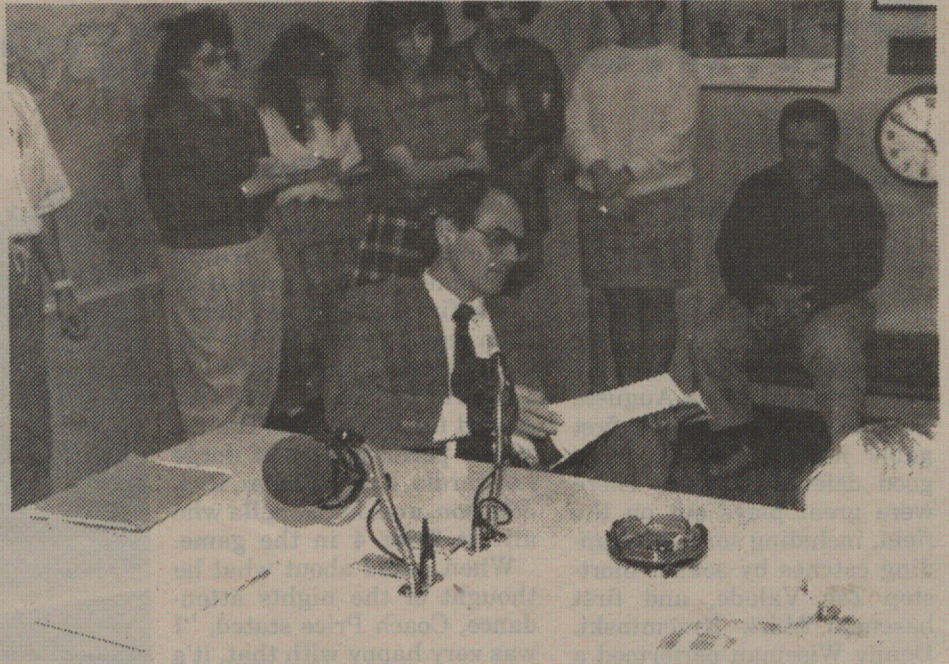
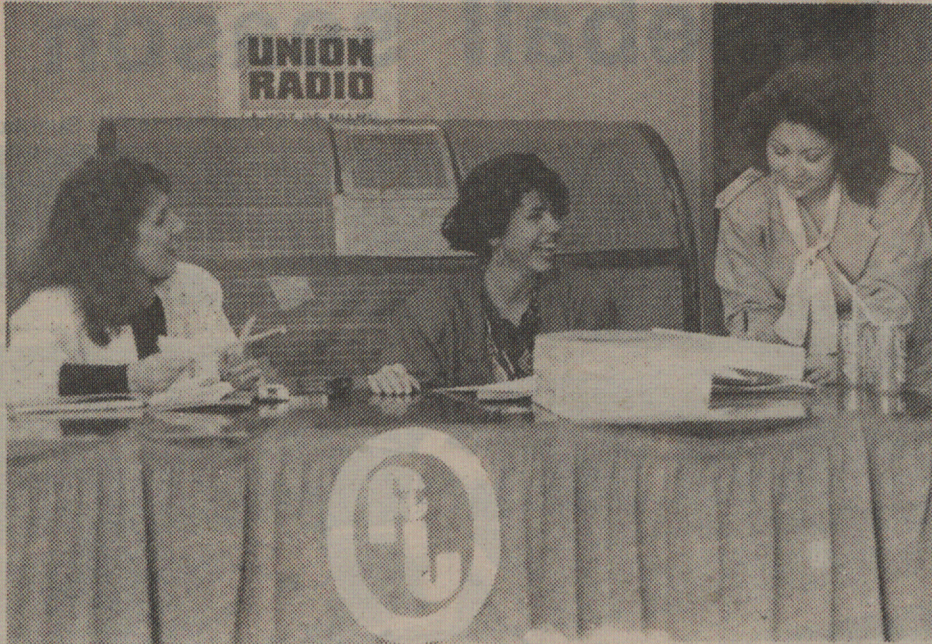
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■ Sofia Adover, Tere Lantigua and Ana Sarasti share a laugh in the lobby of Union Radio.

■ Dr. Manuel J. Carvajal, Economics Professor, gets ready to go on the air at Union Radio.

Marathon, from page 1

high school students to enroll in summer courses to get them used to university life. "Without this money, it would be really hard for me to pay for school," he said in an on-the-air interview with Gonzalez-Rubio and Uva Clavijo, Information Specialist at FIU's Office of Media Rela-

tions. "It's important that students be given every available opportunity to complete their education." During the Marathon's final hour, while a cleaning crew busily disposed of the dozens of empty Casino's Pizza boxes, President Maidique quietly slipped into the kitchen at WQBA and had a bowl of soup for dinner. At 11:24 pm, he

heard the announcement-\$100,000 had been collected. He was obviously pleased with the grand total: "Thanks to the community's generosity, 100 kids will receive the opportunity to study at FIU without any financial worries."

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Panthers blow open baseball season

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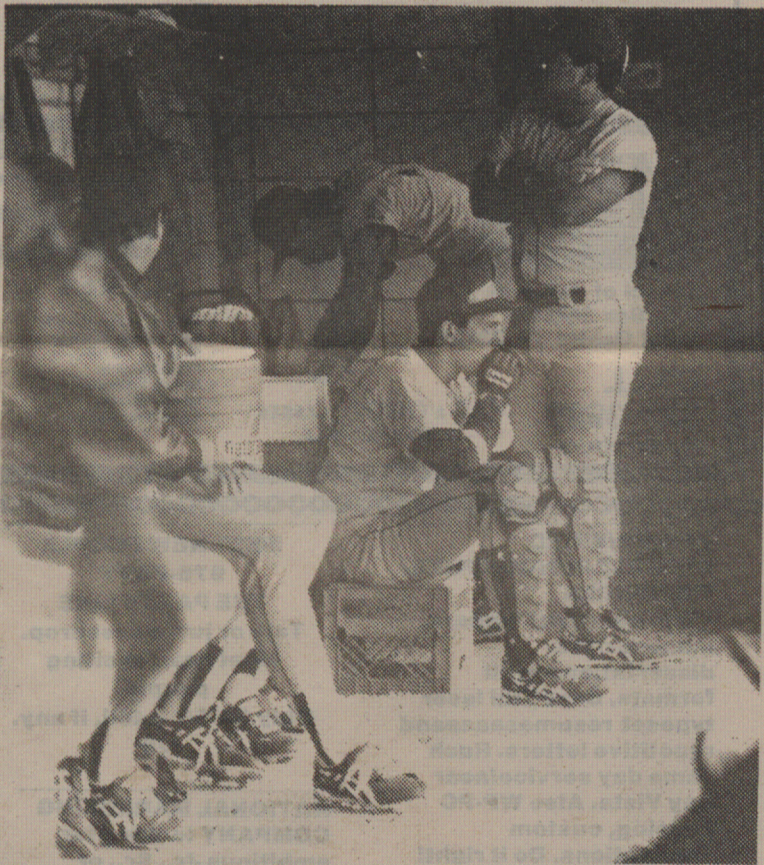
JAVI MARISCAL
Sunblazer Sports Writer

Last Friday night The Golden Panthers kicked off their baseball season with a 7 to 2 victory over the Augusta Cougars. Excluding a few first game jitters, FIU played a good defensive game. There were great plays out on the field, including some outstanding catches by senior short-stop Zac Valade, and first baseman Mark Krzeminski. Denny Wiseman performed a good job on the mound much to the delight of Head Coach Danny Price who said, "He pitched a hell of a ball game". Wiseman pitched all 9 innings, giving him the FIU record for most innings pitched in a career, being 208. Coach Price is counting on Wiseman to be

his ace pitcher. When asked what he thought about his coaches expectations, Wiseman said he would welcome the pressure.

The first game jitters didn't even seem to influence the hitting. After six innings of a 1 to 1 tie, The Golden Panthers exploded for three runs, thanks to the performances of Jorge Laguardia, Jose Vazquez, Rick Johnson, and Joe Gonella who all hit 2 for 4 in the game.

When asked about what he thought of the nights attendance, Coach Price stated, "I was very happy with that, it's been increasing every year." The team has set some big goals set for themselves. They are looking for country wide recognition as a contending Division I ballclub. In the coaches own words, "National attention, that's what we're after."



February

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- 7 (Sun) Augusta College
- 8 (Mon) Mercer University
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