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School of Hospitality Management moves to North Campus

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Sunblazer Staff Writer

Striving to capture the number two ranking behind Cornell University, Florida International University's School of Hospitality Management is moving to the North Miami campus in August of 1989, according to the School's dean, Anthony Marshall.

The School will occupy a new building with offices, computers, food laboratories and classrooms, Marshall said.

Marshall said the desperate need for space and the desire to provide state-of-the-art equipment are the two main reasons for the move. Currently, he said, Hospitality Management is limited in the number of classes it can offer due to a lack of space.

"We are number one in faculty, but our faculty exceeds our facilities," Marshall added.

Since the construction of the new library at the North Miami campus was completed in January, the Trade Center—where the library was previously located—has been vacant. The Florida Legislature allocated \$1.4 million for converting the Trade Center into a teaching gymnasium, said Paul Gallagher, acting vice president for business and finance at FIU.

After careful consideration, administrators decided the School of Hospitality Management could make better use of the building, according to Marshall. The legislature is expected to re-allocate the funds no later than May of this year, and then renovations can begin, said Gallagher.

However, Marshall said another one million dollars is needed to provide "prima" or prime classes. The extra money is expected to come from both public and private sources, he added.

"The School of Hospitality Management will clearly have a substantial impact on the North Miami campus," said Adam Herbert, vice president of Academic Affairs at the North Miami campus.

"We anticipate student population at North Miami will increase from 3,500 to 5,000 within the next two or three years. The entire North Miami community is very excited about the School of Hospitality Management moving to this campus," Herbert added.

"Hospitality Management's move to the North Miami campus will give that campus more credibility. It is a confirmation of President Maidique's desire to make North Miami important in the overall scheme of where FIU is going," Marshall said.

In addition to classrooms and food laboratories, the Hospitality Management building will also include an interviewing area for students and potential employers, a reception suite and possibly a yacht, said Marshall.

Marshall said he hopes the university will provide the School with a yacht docked on the bay to serve as a seaside restaurant specializing in Floridian and Caribbean seafood. He added that he has offered to name the yacht after President Maidique to show his appreciation.

Maidique said of Marshall's proposal: "Actually, we are looking into the possibility of making available some type of craft to all the students that would transport them from our campus to the beach and back. But it's all very tentative right now."

Marshall said his students will be "the focal point of academic and student life at the North Miami campus." He has even requested the exclusive use of three dormitories for Hospitality students. "We will solve most of North Miami's problems by providing 900 highly motivated, enthusiastic, daytime students," Marshall said.

80 million gallons of sewage a day. Signore said the plant puts the sewage through a series of processes that convert it into 92 percent clear water. The water then travels through a three-mile pipe into the ocean where it is released, Signore said. He added that in the case of a water shortage, that wastewater could be turned into 100 percent clear water.

As for the smell, Signore said deodorizing is the only solution.

Levin agreed: "For me to say that [the odor] can be done away with completely is a little far-fetched."

which is similar to air fresheners used in homes, that kills the odor. In addition to the spraying, which is done two or three times weekly, he said they install a solid deodorizer inside the pump, like the ones put in toilets.

Signore said the odor can be caused by the marsh gas that escapes from the ground. World Book Encyclopedia describes marsh gas as another name for methane gas. Methane is formed when vegetation decays in places where there is little oxygen.

Joe Levin, superintendent of physical plant at FIU, said he is not 100 percent sure the odor can be attributed to the lift station. The fact that there is a sewage lift station and a foul odor in the same area is not concrete evidence, he added.

Al Diaz, superintendent of the North District Wastewater Treatment Plant, said that hydrogen sulfide could also be responsible for the "rotton egg" smell. Diaz said he went to the campus at the request of the university to measure the concentration of hydrogen sulfide in the air.

To detect hydrogen sulfide, it would have to measure at least .1 parts per million (ppm) on the meter. And for it to be harmful, it would have to measure 10 ppm. At that point, the symptoms may be headache, nausea, or nose or throat irritation. It would take 1,000 ppm to kill someone, Diaz said.

"I went to tour the building as a favor to Mr. Levin about a month ago. I brought my meter to detect hydrogen sulfide. That day I did not find

any-zero," Diaz said.

Levin, who has been employed by FIU since the campus was built, said that to his knowledge, that was the only time anyone has measured the concentration of any gas.

Diaz said hydrogen sulfide and methane can both be produced by decaying vegetation and are both combustible as well as harmful if inhaled. Hydrogen sulfide is particularly characteristic of areas where there is sewage.

"Any gas can be harmful or fatal if it is inhaled in large enough concentrations, but I doubt your campus has that much," Diaz added.

Signore said the sewage in the lift station builds up until it reaches a certain level. At that point the waste triggers the pump to shoot it to the treatment plant. He also pointed out that very often, there are two or three feet of sewage backed-up waiting to be pumped out. Pumping out the sewage before the pump is full would be harmful to the equipment, he added.

The treatment plant collects sewage from all of north Dade County. Located less than a mile from the campus, the plant has the capacity to treat



Ray Murgueyio and Luis Valladares get in the spirit of FIU's International Festival which opened last Thursday and will run through March 5.

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What is that awful smell?

LOURDES RIVERA
Sunblazer Assistant News Editor

Gagging students at Florida International University's North Miami campus are stuck with the stink, officials say.

The campus is the home of a sewage lift station that is thought by university officials to be the origin of what many have called a "terrible smell" around campus.

The lift station, which pumps five to six thousand gallons of sewage a day from the North Miami campus area to the Metro Dade North District Wastewater Treatment Plant, is located on the northwest corner of the Academic II building. It is a fenced-in area partially camouflaged by bushes.

Gerald Meyer, director of physical plant, said the lift station was on the premises before the North Miami campus was built in 1976. "All the sewer systems and lift stations were put in first so they had to

build [the campus] around them or move them, which would have been very expensive," he said.

The original plans for the current FIU campus also included an international trade center called the Interama Authority. This is where the Trade Center building got its name, said Dan D'Oliveira, director of physical planning. When the project was "de-authorized" by the legislature, he added that the State gave FIU the Trade Center building and some of the land that was originally intended for the Interama Authority.

Meyer said that when his office gets complaints about the smell, he calls the City of North Miami Water and Sewer Company's Public Works Department, and they take care of it.

"Periodically, we get complaints and we try to treat [the odor] with a perfume we have," said Al Signore, director of the Public Works Department. He said they spray a deodorizer,

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SASS-y advising at FIU

TERRY PENARANDA
Sunblazer Staff Writer

Tim Benjamin, President Pro-Tempore of the Student Government Association, said he has heard Florida International University students complain about the academic counseling system. He's looking forward to the day when the system will change.

The student body at FIU is approximately 16,005. How can advisors review so many records and not err? By using SASS.

The Student Academic Support System, a new data base which compiles student records, is what Benjamin said will make a difference in the misunderstandings between students and advisors. Benjamin said he first heard about this at the last Florida

Students Association's Leadership Conference.

"I took some classes I was just put into because of incorrect advising," said Benjamin. "Whatever an advisor does for you, get things in writing. If you get things in writing you cover yourself if they make a mistake," said Bill Bochte, a senior in Construction Management.

Presently, students at FIU receive counseling before they register for their classes. The department advisors review students' records, and they suggest to students to take certain classes. Some classes are electives. Some classes are required.

This new system will allow professors to pinpoint classes which are in demand and thus provide a supply," said Benjamin. For example, if seniors

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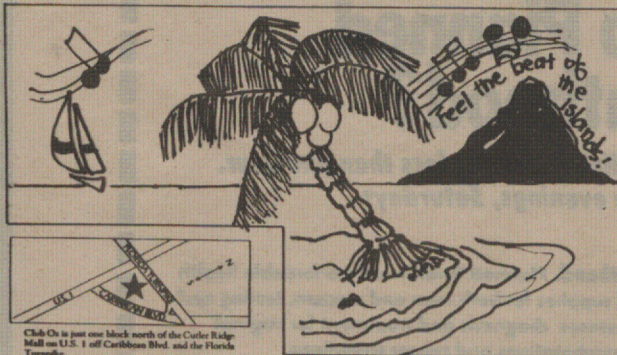
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FLORA SCHULE
Sunblazer Staff Writer

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Adolfo Leyva - Vigil '88

MICHAEL MALONE
 Special to the Sunblazer

If Adolfo Leyva seems a little fretful these days there is good reason. For five years he has carried on the responsibilities of coordinator for the Latin American Caribbean Center (LACC) of Florida International University. Recently, however, he has expanded his efforts monumentally. Leyva is now coordinator for the "Human Rights Vigil '88," a national and international coalition of organizations and associations seeking to obtain a favorable vote in the United Nations forum in Geneva that will call for an investigation of human rights violations in Cuba. Given the time limitations for finding supporters for the vote and the costs at stake if the effort fails, the demands are unceasing.

"Human Rights Vigil '88," was originally conceived as a youth group movement. Now the participation in the project includes 99 percent of the Hispanic groups in Miami, as well as organizations in some twenty cities in the United States and three other continents. This "Rainbow Coalition," as Leyva refers to the groups participating, is sponsoring peaceful demonstrations in front of consulates in Miami, holding a vigil in Tropical Park (March 3), placing advertisements in important Latin American newspapers, and staging a multitude of other activities...all to try and persuade other countries to vote for the investigation on Cuba. The Miami community recently responded by donating more than \$30,000 in a fundraising effort on local media stations.

Leyva also reported that both FIU and University of Miami students, via the Federation of Cuban American Students, have been very helpful in many areas.

Yet the group has not escaped criticism. Spain, probably the most accosted country due to the pivotal role it plays with most of Latin America, has complained that the group is pressuring the Spanish government to alter its foreign policy stance. An Iberia Airlines plane was recently forced to return to Miami International Airport due to a bomb threat, reportedly because of Spain's vote last year and their position on the issue up to this point. Spain has continually defended the condition of human rights in Cuba before the other European Parliaments.

Leyva, and others, sense that if Spain "cracks" many of the Latin American countries who voted not to conduct an investigation of Cuba last year will change their ballots in the upcoming vote. Many of the "no" votes, in the past, have been votes against the United States; primarily for intervening in affairs of that region. Leyva would prefer that these countries stand up to the US in economic decisions or against supporting political candidates for office. In short, on any issue except human rights suffering.

The LACC coordinator said that obtaining a favorable U.N. vote is a first step. Leyva feels that the vote would focus national and international attention on the situation in Cuba and though it "would not have a drastic effect overnight," it would require that the Cuban government, pending an investigation, would have to make desperate changes to improve the situation.

The most important work still lies ahead for the group. Leyva only hopes that when the United Nations takes its vote in early March, the symbolic yellow armband, worn to draw attention to the cause, will take on a new significance.

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 need a certain class to graduate and their advisors are not aware of it because of all the paperwork involved in counseling, the new system will highlight the students' required class.

Benjamin said he thinks SGA should be promoting this information to the students because it's for their benefit.

The Board of Regents said SASS will be implemented in nine state universities in three phases. FIU is part of the first phase.

The project at FIU began in the fall of 1986. The Board of Regents allocated \$334,439 and FIU matched \$145,637 to upgrade the system in the 1986-1987 meeting.

This "top of the line" system will consist of a main frame in each of FIU's campuses. Terminals and laser printers will also be added in most of the buildings.

Since February of 1988, University Park has had 11 terminals and 10 printers installed, and North Miami has had four terminals and five printers installed, said Benjamin.

SASS is expected to be completed by the fall of 1990. The project takes time because a lot of groundwork needs to be done: wiring, laying pipes down, and connecting the network under all the buildings.

"We're kind of in the dark ages here at FIU because we're a young university. We're starting from scratch," said Benjamin.

Anne Fiedler, assistant dean for the College of Business Administration, said, "We're already testing SASS out for the next registration period."

Business majors will be the first 1,500 students to reap the benefits of SASS because the College is so big. "We'll do less paperwork, but we'll still deal with the students one on one for counseling," said Fiedler.

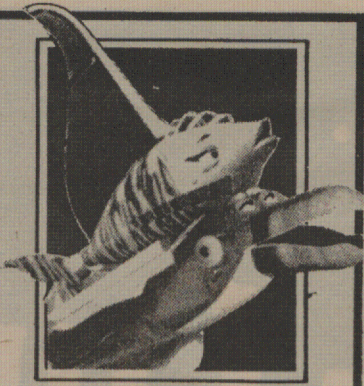
Eleanor Polster, undergraduate counselor and instructor for the College of Business said, "It sounds like a good idea - the concept sounds good." Because many students barge into the counselors' offices a day or two before registration, this system will give them both more time to discuss the important things quickly, she added.

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Until recently Miss Sills was the National Chairman of the March of Dimes' Mothers' March on Birth Defects, and she helped to raise over 70 million dollars for the cause in the ten years that she held the post. She is a member of the board of directors of R.H. Macy, Inc. of Warner Communications, Inc. She holds Honorary Degrees from 14 leading academic institutions including Harvard, Dartmouth, Columbia, and Smith.

Miss Sills has had spectacular success with her three books. *Bubbles - A Self-Portrait* was published in 1979 and became a bestseller, followed by *Bubbles - An Encore* in 1982. Her latest book, *Beverly - An Autobiography*, published in May 1987 was almost immediately on the bestseller list.

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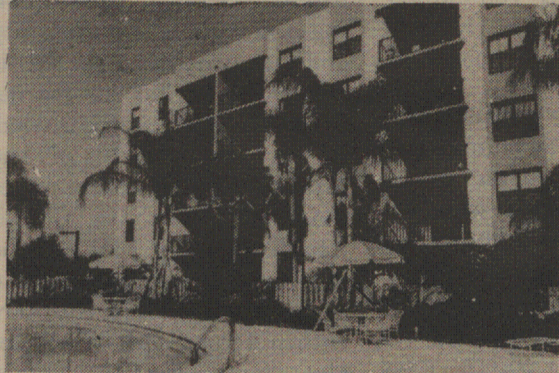
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Aquatic Center: FIU's best kept secret

JON MOSS
Sunblazer sports writer

David Duda, the Manager of the FIU Aquatic Center at North Miami Campus, refers to the aquatic facilities as "FIU's best kept secret." Duda wants the FIU community, especially the one at University Park, to know about this secret.

The Aquatics Center offers an olympic size swimming pool with nine 50 meter course lanes, each eight feet wide. Adjacent to the pool is the diving well, which is equipped with two diving boards. The center also has a hydraulic sling and built-in steps which were designed to accomodate handicapped people who wish to use it.

Recreational activities available at the Aquatic Center include water basketball, water polo, water volleyball and innertube racing. Windsurfers, for use at the beach, are also available to students who want to check them out. In order to do so, a \$50 deposit must be left.

Besides providing recreation, the center also offers classes for swimming instruction, life saving, scuba diving and aquaerobics.

Despite all that the Aquatic Center has to offer, many FIU students have never used the facility. When asked why, some students said they didn't even know that FIU had such a center.

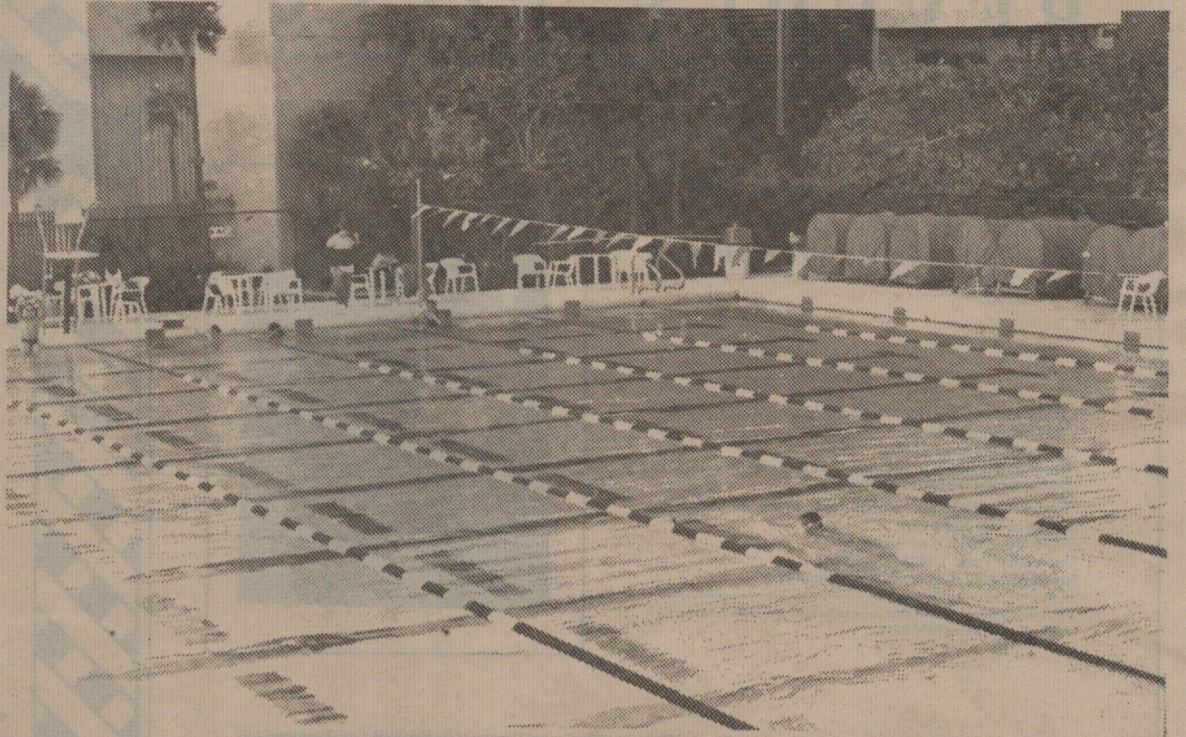
"The problem," said Duda,

"is a lack of communication with the other campus." The two FIU campuses tend to act independently of each other. This, in turn, causes a breakdown in communication between them.

Another problem is exposure. Until recently the Aquatic Center has been isolated from the community and the entire country. FIU is just beginning to receive national exposure, which is needed for the growth of the Aquatics Center. Last summer the YMCA Training Center was held here at FIU and the organizers are looking to hold a national swim meet here within a year. Other colleges also use the facility to train their swim teams during the winter.

If enough exposure is achieved, then perhaps an aquatics program would be implemented so as to offer an aquatics major where students would be educated to run a parks and recreation pool as a manager. Other possibilities may exist as well, including the possibility of an FIU swim team.

Employment opportunities are also available for students who are certified lifeguards. The center is open from 12 to 8 p.m. seven days a week during the spring and summer. An SGA committee reported that exterior lights could be set up by this July to allow for night time use of the center. For information about the Aquatic Center, call David Duda at 940-5800.



■ FIU's Aquatic Center: fun in the sun, if you can find it

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SGA promotes attendance

MANNY PEREZ
Sunblazer Sports Editor

Attendance has always been one of the factors that FIU's athletic games have been lacking. Only the more important games tend to get the fanfare that our dedicated players surely deserve. During any regular season game, spectators are never in abundance.

FIU's Student Government has decided to do something about this. Their solution is an incentive program designed to increase the attendance of FIU baseball games. The program is directed toward those people

who like sports, but only want to attend the "big games". During this season, their first as Division I, the Panther Baseball team is in definite need of encouragement. Unfortunately, The Panthers have really had trouble trying to get people to come out and watch their games.

One of these so called 'big games' is coming up on March 12. This big event is a men's basketball game between the University of Miami and FIU at 7:30 pm in the Knight Center. SGA plans to give away some 100 tickets during the Sun Bank/FIU Baseball Classic, which runs from

March 4th through the 10th. Four tickets will be handed out per game to the individuals who show the most spirit. Also the club or organization that shows the most spirit at the games throughout The Classic will receive free tickets to the basketball game for all of it's members.

During the game itself, SGA will also give \$75 to the rowdiest individual and the club with the most spirit will also receive \$200. So put on your cap and head out to the ballgames!

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