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Bishop Speaks About Cuban Prisoners

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In 1987 the longest prison takeover in the history of the United States occurred in Louisiana and Georgia federal prisons. Augustin Roman, auxiliary Bishop to the Roman Catholic Archbishop McCarthy of Miami, was asked by the FBI at the time to intervene in an attempt to bring about a peaceful outcome to the crises. It was of this experience that Bishop Roman spoke at a lecture held at the Bay Vista Campus on October 13, sponsored by the Catholic Campus Ministry at this campus.

The Bishop was instrumental in pacifying the crisis with the Cuban prisoners, who were a small percentage of the greater than 1,000,000 Cuban immigrants who have sought political asylum in the United States in recent years. When the Cuban government announced the opening of the Port of Mariel for people wishing to leave the country, the Cuban people responded in the hundreds of thousands, and America responded through Jimmy Carter with open arms.

"The massive exodus was humiliating the Cuban government," said Roman, continuing that "in order to discredit the event they began to empty out their jails as well,

getting rid of persons who were a burden to the Cuban society."

Roman classified the prisoners into four groups. The first group consisted of individuals who had completed their sentences for whatever charge in the U.S., in most cases for many years, although they were still serving an indefinite sentence.

"Detentees waited for years for their cases to be reviewed by two INS representatives with no judicial experience behind closed doors, no records kept," said Roman.

Those approved for release often remained for months or years behind bars awaiting en-

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--Bishop Roman speaks about the Cuban prisoners in Atlanta.

Rat Cracks Down On Minors

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Rathskellar employees are working with Federal Agents to keep under age students from purchasing beer at the University's only hang out. The laws state that no person under the age 21 is allowed to purchase alcoholic beverages, and most students are not 21, therefore this creates a problem.

Rathskellar manager, Nita Bernier, opened a pub similar to the Rat, at FSU called "Down Under." Then, laws were different. At 18 years of age, students were allowed to enjoy the facility. Ten years later, the laws have changed but the situation remains the same. "We want students to have a place to go and have a good time, without having to drive," said Bernier.

Federal agents have made several arrests outside the Rat in the last two weeks. Young students are buying beer elsewhere, and they're bringing it on campus.

"Students don't realize that they fall under their parents liability," said Jeff Lachter,

Director of Dining Services. "People have to be extremely careful, the state is not fooling around, and the consequences are severe."

"We are contacting other Rathskellars to work out a system, together, to help the state carry out its laws," said Bernier. "Mainly because, we want to keep the Rat open for students to enjoy."

By using a three-step-check system, Rat employees are keeping minors from purchasing beer, while allowing them to participate in the night's events.

First, students must present a picture ID at the door (a drivers license or a student ID). Students 21 or older, who wish to drink, are given a band to wear on their wrist. This band is not transferable. Employees will not serve students with stretched or broken bands.

Second, there are two employees inside the Rat, making sure that each student who leaves has a band on his wrist and only one beer in hand. Also, no bottles are allowed outside the Rat. A sign at the door reads, "ONE BEER, PER BAND, PER

CUSTOMER."

The Rathskellar is getting a lot of help from other campus organizations. BACCHUS (Boost Alcohol Consciousness Concerning the Health of University Students) is presently designing a manual with guidelines for university pubs to be approved by the state. They are also providing Rat employees with a lecture on "how to be a responsible bartender."

Florida International University's Public Safety provides the Rat with a campus police officer at the door to help check IDs. Concerned distributors are also helping keep order. Mike Higgins, Budweiser Distributor, often helps to check IDs at the door.

Presently, the Rathskellar employees are working on a "Designated Driver Program," where the designated driver is given as much soda as he can consume-free. "We're really trying," said Bernier.

It all comes down to the responsibility of the students. Enjoy the dancing, enjoy the music, and take responsibility for your Rat.

Alvarez-Guedes Performs At FIU

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Guillermo Alvarez-Guedes, the only latin stand-up comedian renown throughout the Americas, performed at Florida International University in the Sunblazer Arena on the 21 of October. The proceeds for his concert were donated entirely to the Hispanic Scholarship Fund.

The Cuban comedian claims to have literally launched his career at the age of five. A Chemist by profession, he has never exercised his command of the subject, but instead has lived off of his talents in radio, television, theater, orchestra, and even the circus.

"Humor is everywhere," he claims. "I find it everywhere I am!"

Alvarez-Guedes invents his own jokes and adopts most of his short stories from univer-

sal stories. He never improvises, although he likes to.

He is in the process now of creating his own television show on Chanel 23, Univision. He will be the host of this entertainment-comedy-talk show which will air on November 2 for the first time in over 465 Spanish stations on television.

"I think TV has to give a certain time to give a cultural message," said Guedes. "People have to be guided somehow; I would also like to incorporate the youth in my program--Spanish television at this point is only for old people."

When asked what he perceived to be the difference between American and Latin comedians, he responded: "American comedians are very different. There are a lot of comedians in this country; anybody who thinks they can

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FIU Helps Miami Feed Miami

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Florida International University will soon help feed Miami's hungry, and hopefully, Miami's hungry will feed the student body with an awareness of the poverty and need in the city. The Student Dietetic Association (SDA) and the Inter Organizational Council (IOC) are sponsoring a food drive in the University as part of the fourth annual "Miami Feeding Miami" project.

"The awareness is a big step in the right direction," said Yoli Ramirez, SDA Historian and coordinator of the project. "The amount of need," she added, "scares me."

The effort started when the SDA learned about a food drive planned by the IOC. SDA member Karen Besterman found out about MFM by watching channel 10. She called, and Channel 10 put her in touch with the MFM people. Gayle Dietz, SDA president

and IOC member, put the two organizations together.

Last year, MFM fed about 12,500 families in the Dade area. The project, which is a sub-division of the "Miami's For Me" program, targets families that aren't covered by other social programs. Volunteers will deliver the food door to door during the week of Thanksgiving to families taken from a list provided by the Daily Food Bank. Dietz hopes that the FIU drive "will fill a couple of van loads." Ramirez says, however, "that if all it will accomplish is awareness, that's important."

The drive will last until November 15th, when the donations will be counted in the IOC meeting room at the University Park campus.

There will be collection boxes around campus. Only dry and canned goods will be accepted, and organizers ask that no glass or perishables be included. Clubs and departments are urged to participate. Cash prizes will be offered to those clubs that donate the most.

The funds for the prizes are to be drawn from the IOC Activity and Service fund. The sorority or fraternity that donates the most can earn a cash prize of \$70 and \$60 can be earned by clubs in the North Miami campus, while a third place prize of \$40 will be offered to clubs in the University Park campus.

"If it takes a cash incentive to get people involved, then that's fine," said Ramirez, who lived in the Dominican Republic and Venezuela and gained an awareness of poverty from the social conditions in those countries.

"It's a reality that some people in our community can't afford feed themselves, and I'm glad someone in the community is doing something about it," commented Dietz. "I don't know that whoever wants to help, will, regardless of it. But a few clubs might help because of it."

SGA President Tackles Financial Aid

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Tim Benjamin, current President of the Student Government Association (SGA), feels extremely concerned over the continued problems which students face when they become involved with the financial aid process. During his campaign, Benjamin was approached by numerous students with gripes about their continued need for financial aid and what they perceived as a long, cumbersome, and complicated process to obtain it.

"Students need help with the financial aid application process, as well as with financial aid procedures. They feel frustrated and abandoned since the financial aid office, due to limited funding and personnel, is unable to provide them with all the services they need," said Benjamin. "It is the job of Student Government to step in and provide that much needed service for all Florida International University students."

Since he was elected, Benjamin, along with the Florida Students Association, has con-

tinuously lobbied legislators against tuition increases. He plans to continue his lobbying efforts along with the Director of Government Relations, Ralph Patino, against the raising of tuition as well as for further aid from the state of Florida to meet student financial aid needs.

"Federal cuts on financial aid have placed all college students around the nation in a precarious position," Patino said, "and it is obvious that students are experiencing increasing problems in financing their education."

Both Benjamin and Patino realized that efforts had to begin right here at F.I.U., and this is the philosophy behind the establishment of a Presidential Task Force on Financial Aid and an office of Student Welfare.

The task force is chaired by Benjamin's Director of Student Welfare, Zeida Comesanas, and has participated in a presentation given by the Director of Financial Aid, Ana Sarasti, on financial aid application processes and procedures. Consequently, the group is overseeing the continued administration of the SGA scholarships and is available by appointment to

aid students that have problems with the financial aid process.

Comesanas, who is very enthusiastic about the project, will be the SGA student representative on a University committee on financial aid. She is also being considered for the student representative position on the Florida Council on Student Financial Aid Advisors and is working to propose to the SGA Senate and their Social and Cultural Committee a plan to hold a benefit concert during Homecoming in which proceeds will help fund further SGA scholarships. "It has taken and will continue to take long hours of work but in the end it will be worth it," said Comesanas. "F.I.U. students will be able to acquire a service that had previously not been available to them."

Both the task force and the office of Student Welfare are part of SGA's continued commitment in catering to the needs of F.I.U. students. Anyone interested in participating in the task force is asked to contact the SGA office in UH 311 or call 554-2121. Any students with financial aid problems are urged to call the same number.

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Water Conservation Project To Take Place At Bay Vista

A \$455,000 water re-use project joining Florida International University with state and county water agencies will have far-reaching environmental effects and financial benefits, according to Bradley Biggs, assistant vice president at the North Miami Campus.

Water lines will begin to be laid next summer. "Pipes will carry treated water from the plant into the FIU irrigation system, thus eliminating the need to use fresh water to irrigate the 100 developed acres of the campus," said Biggs.

FIU, the South Florida Water Management District and the Metro-Dade Water and Sewer Authority have agreed to a pioneer project that will link the North district Waste Water treatment Plant with FIU North Miami Campus on Northeast 151st Street and Biscayne Boulevard.

It is estimated that once the system is completed, FIU will save 25,000 gallons of fresh drinking water annually that would have been used for irrigation. Also, vital ground water will be replenished, ac-

ording to Roberto Narbaitz, a civil engineering professor at FIU.

"Ground water is the source of water used for drinking and irrigation," remarked Narbaitz. "By using treated water for the irrigation," he added, "the amount of water pulled out of the ground water is reduced."

"If the ground water is not maintained at a certain level, salt water can infiltrate the supply, and once that happens the fresh water is gone."

The approximately \$46,000 a year savings in water bills also makes the project attractive to Biggs. "That is a conservative figure," he said. "With rate hikes, the actual savings most likely will be much more."

University and water agency officials have spent a year ironing out details and finalizing financial arrangements. Funding for the project will be provided by a \$250,000 allocation from the South Florida Water Management District, \$80,000 from FIU plant operations, and \$125,000 from FIU utilities conservation savings.

Student Wins Design Award

Unique creativity and attention to extraordinary detail earned Harold Pezzi, a fashion design student at Florida International University, the first scholarship award presented by a prestigious Hispanic designers organization.

Pezzi, 23, recently received a \$1,000 scholarship from Hispanic Designers Inc., an internationally respected organization with a membership of such top designers as Adolfo, Oscar de la Renta and Carolina Herrera. The presentation was made last month in Washington D.C.

A native of Colombia, Pezzi and his sister, Shelly, design and manufacture activewear under their own label. Working out of a warehouse in Northwest Miami, the two use sleek fabrics with splashy, vivid colors to create their own

brand of work-out wear.

"I don't get my ideas from magazines," Pezzi said. "Strange as it sounds, I come up with my best designs by looking at shoes. Some have so much style and pizzaz."

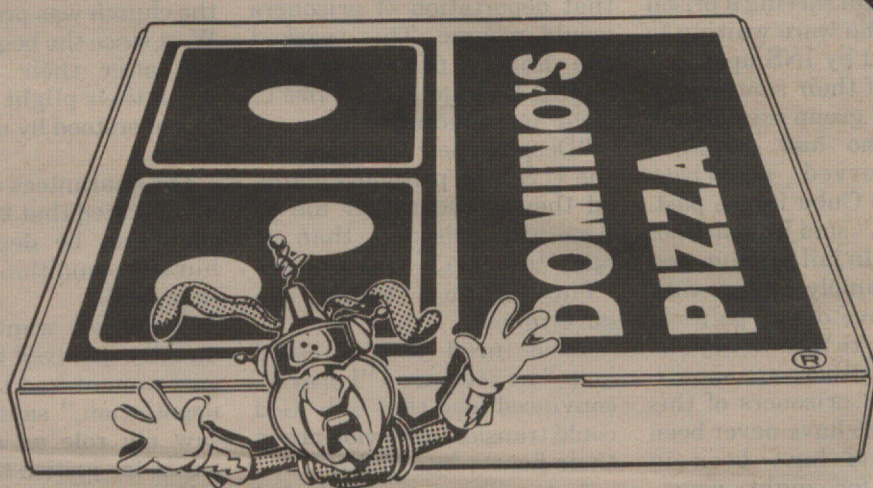
For the time being, Pezzi specializes in activewear but plans to turn to daytime and evening wear as soon as it is financially feasible.

Going into clothing takes a lot of money, but I really don't mind sticking with activewear," he said. "This allows me to be more creative."

According to Adele Smith, one of Pezzi's professors at FIU, the youthful designer will be successful with any line.

"He's maintained a 3.5 grade point average and is such a creative person," said Smith. "We feel he's on his way."

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--Bishop Roman
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try to a half-way house. "One of the worst aspects for the prisoners and their families is the indefinite nature of their sentence," added Roman. "The knowledge that upon termination of their sentence they regain their freedom is the most important element for any prisoner."

The second group consisted of persons still serving a prison sentence who were waiting to be reviewed by INS upon termination of their sentence.

The third group consisted of persons who had confessed having served a prison sentence in Cuba in the past.

"In Cuba," said Roman "not all persons in jail are common criminals—simply because they don't approve of the political system they're thrown in jail."

To this day there are approximately 123 prisoners of this category who have never been released and have been in detention for eight years, although the U.S. still doesn't have any record of their conviction.

The fourth group consisted of people suffering from mental illness.

"This was an act of extreme cruelty by the Cuban government," claimed Roman. "They were kept in detention by the U.S. and treated as prisoners instead of patients."

In December of 1984 it had been almost thirty years that

the U.S. held a policy of not signing any agreement with Cuba to deport unless human conditions improved. Without any indication that conditions had improved, however, in that year the U.S. went ahead and signed an agreement allowing for Cuban nationals to be deported. In 1985 150 Cubans were deported.

On November 20 of 1987 the State Department announced that deportation of prisoners would resume. This sparked the anger; prisoners took guards hostage and set fire to their surroundings.

"Despite their treatment in the U.S., the prisoners claimed they would rather die as American prisoners than go back to Cuba," said Roman. "They didn't trust the government."

"Convinced that I could help," he continued "I prayed, convinced also that only God could transform the violence in their hearts into peace."

A resolution was adopted demanding that the prisoners stop their violence and granting them due process from the government. Bishop Roman, the U.S. attorney for the south district of Florida and another attorney offered their services to help bring about a peaceful solution to the crisis.

"They said thanks, but no thanks," said Roman. "They said the government had a professional team handling the situation. Meece assured us

that upon termination of the crisis each prisoner would have a full review of his case and would be released."

Two days later the FBI called to request Roman's presence at the scene. The detainees had tentatively conceded to an agreement but would not sign until the bishop himself gave it his blessing.

"They trusted me, because the church was present in Key West since the beginning looking after their needs even when their plight was not fully understood by others," said Roman.

The guarantees in the agreement stated that the prisoners could not be deported until human conditions in Cuba improved.

"I did not want to become directly involved between the government and the detainee negotiation," said Roman. "I saw my role as a bishop to assist for justice to prevail."

He continued, "It was a long and difficult day for us—a day of prayer. Finally the agreement was made, and I made a video to them approving of it. The response was positive. As soon as the detainees saw me they ran to the fences that divided the us. They knelt and cried, saying thank God, we knew you wouldn't abandon us."

"They looked like lost sheep in search of a shepherd," he added. "I asked to speak to them,

and I invited them to pray. I was not a professional—I was a priest, an instrument for Christ."

Roman continued, "I said I understood their suffering. I told them men who asked for freedom could not hold others as hostages—I asked them to release them to me; they did. After, when the agreement was signed, we celebrated mass."

Roman claimed that his strategy relied on five factors. First of all, personal and community prayer. "I was moved to see the families of the hostages praying together with those of the prisoners," he said. The second factor was that "the Mariel detainees saw in the Church a mother who cared in a time when all others turned away from them—they trusted us." The third factor was a community who rose to the occasion, who responded, according to Roman, with unselfish determination to bring about a "peaceful and honorable solution to the crises." In the fourth factor Roman gives credit to a "dedicated group of FBI officials who remained calm when any move could have proved disastrous consequences." The fifth factor was the total support of the Archbishop, his prayer and his counsel.

Today over 2,300 detainees have been released. However, 2,500 prisoners who have com-

pleted their sentences still remain in jail.

"The spirit of the agreement was good," said Roman. "It's not easy at the high level to get things done."

Roman attributes the slowness of the process to the fact that the prisoners are scattered among thirty or more prisons throughout the country. Many prisoners also become approved for release but remain in jail pending entry into a halfway house.

"At the church level," he affirmed, "we are at the grassroots. We know the wives and the children, the situation. It's best for the prisoner to come back and start living with his family again, to start working right the next day; a human person can change—the best halfway house is the family."

"We are not asking not to say no to deportation, but to defer the deportation until human rights improve," he said. "We are not asking for one criminal to be let out to society, but for due process."

"I urge you to pray for our government to expediate the review and release of these detainees that remain in prison," pleaded Roman. "Our laws give the power to the attorney general to defer deportation until human conditions are restored. Pray that the power is exercised wisely and that one day we can close this sad chapter in history."

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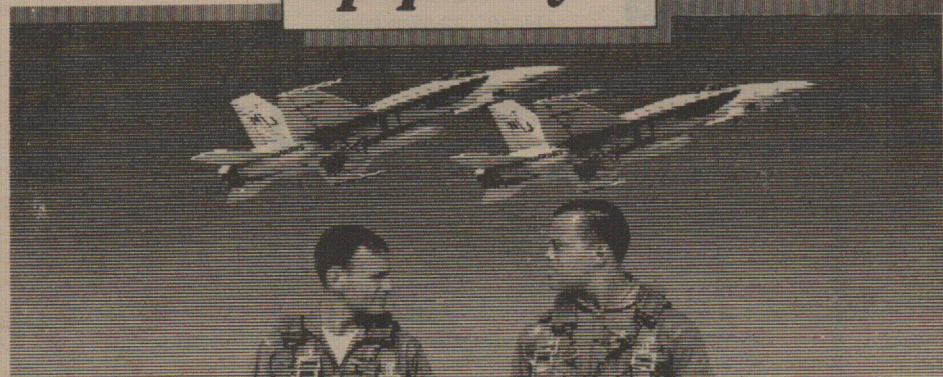
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Profile: Miami Bridge Youth Center

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I'm Laura, I'm 14. My father has sex with me. I know my mother knows, but she's afraid to do something. I love my daddy very much, but I don't want to do it with him anymore. I'm scared.

I'm Ron, I'm 16. My father used to beat me in the stomach every time I came home. He can't do that anymore because I ran away. I sleep on the streets and work at a car wash during the day. I'm looking for a place to live.

According to authors Bruce Fisher and Jane Bardie, (Adolescent Abuse and Neglect: Issues of Incidence, Intervention and Service Delivery. Pergamon Press, 1978) the above are the kind of problems that plague the children arriving at the Miami Bridge Youth Emergency Center, 1149 NW 11th street. It is impossible, however, for the untrained eye prying around the shelter for a few hours, to detect signs of deep emotional distress. These children hide their emotional wounds as if they were hiding embarrassing wrongdoings



--Children from Miami Bridge draw pictures.

that they themselves committed. It is likely that they see themselves as guilty. Rarely do they think of blaming the chaos of their lives on the real conspirators and wrongdoers that to often materialize in the faces in the adults governing their lives. These children come to the Miami Bridge to

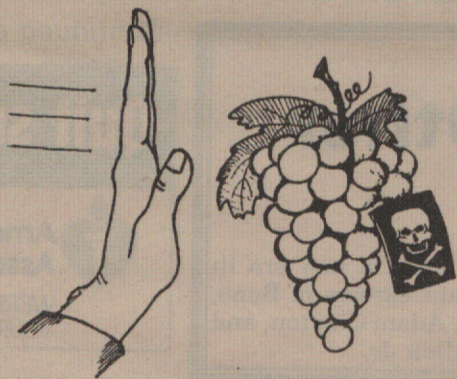
find relief. Whether they stay for a few days or for several months, they exhale here an air of gratitude and perhaps hope. Many of the youths that arrive here have gone without any schooling for up to two years in some cases; for these kids in particular, going back to classes offered in the shelter

is in itself a reason to feel better about themselves. For some, just putting food in their stomachs and having a bed to sleep in is a luxury hard to come by when they're on their own. Others, just come to get away from ugly crises at home. Put simply, by just reaching the Miami Bridge, children in

need of help will find here a temporary relief from immediate danger. Ask Robin Evans, coordinator of volunteer services at the Miami Bridge, what immediate dangers threaten these children and she will, in a soft voice, explain: abuse, neglect, crises at home and street-roaming vulnerability. Some walk in on their own, others are brought in by police and still others are sent here by other social service offices.

The Miami Bridge gets children from all walks of life; a ten-year old immigrant all on his own who steps off a plane with a non-existent address scribbled down on a piece of paper. Pretty, young, middle-class girls from Pittsburgh who leave the shambles of their family lives behind them and, with five dollars to their name, head south via the long and dangerous highway of uncertainty. Some arrive at the center for the first time, others come back as many as five or ten times. Evans explains that their is a vicious cycle in the system. Young kids who get caught in this cycle are very likely to keep bouncing from shelter to shelter and from foster home to foster home.

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Catholic Campus Ministry Reaches Out To Them

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Migrant farmers are those people who pick the fruits and vegetables that we eat. They are mostly immigrants with no political status in this country, or people who simply do not have the skills, language or economic advantage to qualify for better jobs. There are migrant farmers all over the United States—they pick our grapes in California, our tomatos and lemons in Florida.

"Anyone who has ever had salad has been in touch with a migrant farmer," said Patricia Stockton, who has been in touch with the plight of the migrant farmers for ten years as Director of the Farm Ministry and Rural Affairs at the Archdiocese of Miami. Quoting the words of Cesar Chavez, the president of the United Farmworkers she said "It is ironic that these people who feed us do not have food for their children."

The Catholic Campus Ministry at Florida International University, an organization of Catholic students, is dedicating itself to helping their migrant brothers in Florida. They began by bring-

ing a former migrant farmer, German Martinez, to speak at a lecture together with Patricia Stockton on October 26 at FIU. Their goal was to bring an awareness to the student body of why the migrant farmers are, as John Steinback put it in the "Grapes of Wrath": "A sorrow that weeping cannot symbolize...A failure that topples all our successes."

Martinez is from El Salvador. He had to quit school in the eighth grade when his mother ran out of money to further his education.

"In my country we're very classified," he said. "There are the middle class, the lower class, and the down people—I come from the down people."

He immigrated to California and later moved down to Florida and found himself working in the tomato fields. "They were cherry tomatos," he said. "You had to fill a big bag with those little tomatos for \$1.25. The first day I filled two. I worked my way gradually to eight."

He continued, "One day I almost made \$35.00 working from 6am to 7pm—the bad thing is when you're in the fields, when you're a farmer nobody will come to you to give you an opportunity to work

anywhere else. I asked an American one day where I could learn English. He said why do you want to learn, this is your job—you don't need English. I said I wanted to meet a 'gringa'—we joked about it, but I never found out where I could learn."

Stockton and Martinez went on to discuss the poor conditions under which most migrant farmers work and presented a slide-show to support their discussion. The farmers, be they men or women, work very unstable hours, sometimes long and harsh, other times short and unprofitable, depending on the conditions, in an uncomfortable bent over position picking fruits or vegetables to fill a bucket for which they may only receive small change for. There are no bathroom facilities in the fields where they work, which means the women have to walk long distances and have a difficult time simply going to the bathroom. Water is provided, but many times there are no cups.

"There are two important things you're worried about when you're a farmer: where you're gonna work and where you're gonna run when immigration comes to get you,"

said Martinez, "in motorcycles, on horses, or even with dogs."

Martinez pointed out how immigration had a history of harassing the migrants, namely in Homestead where groups of migrants walking down the street are frequently taken in to be checked for papers when no offenses have been committed. "To live in this constant fear of being caught causes all kinds of damage psychologically," he added.

One of the greatest evils that these people suffer through are the effects of pesticides. Ranch owners tend to spray pesticides over their crops in incredibly large quantities from special jet-planes which spray out the poison. The residue of these poisonous insect repellants in turn soaks through the skin of the people who spend their days toiling in the fields.

"The plastic bags carried by workers are impregnated with all types of pesticides," claimed Stockton.

Sickness is common among the farmworkers; infection, cancer and death are frequently faced. Not only the farmworker, but the family as well is affected by the dangerous consequences of being exposed to poisonous repellants. When they are sprayed on the crops a large portion of the deadly li-

quid is carried away in the air and inhaled by the children and wives living nearby. The outcome: a large percentage of physically handicapped or terminally ill children whose condition can possibly be attributed to the effect of insecticides on their organism. "Women of migrant families have histories of numerous miscarriages and defective babies," added Stockton.

The effect of the insecticides reach beyond the farmers themselves—any person living close enough to the affected areas can become contaminated with the poison, and many have throughout the years. The consumer is also at risk when buying a fruit or vegetable if the pesticide is strong enough to have soaked through; thus the great emphasis on the grape boycott, an attempt by the United Farmworkers to force the agricultural industry to re-evaluate their use of pesticides through the consumer.

In California farmworkers have the highest incidence of death due to job-related illness. "One third of the pesticides used are lethal—and all of these crops could be grown without pesticides," said Stockton.

The Catholic Campus Ministry held a Halloween

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U2 Rattles and Hums Like No Other

JULIO LORA
Sunblazer Features Editor

U2 albums get better the more you listen to them. This is very true of "Rattle and Hum", the Irish band's new twin disc set. At first this collection of live and studio tracks may appear to be the final stage of U2's metamorphosis into an American blues rock band. Most bands, such as the Beatles and Rolling Stones, started out playing basic blues rock and then expanded to other fields of experimentation. U2 has done the opposite, pulling it off in rip-roaring fashion.

After listening to "Rattle and Hum" several times, the messages and melodies become clearer and more infectious, and one understands why "Rolling Stone" proclaimed them the band of the decade and the best live band in the world.

Lead-singer Bono opens the album by telling a Colorado concert crowd, "Charles Manson stole this from the Beatles and we're stealing it back." The band then proceeds to churn out their version of "Helter Skelter". Gone is the Edge's clanging soaring guitar and in its place is a rougher

blues sound that lasts through most of the album. Up next is "Van Dieman's Land", a song written and sung by The Edge in tribute to poet John Boyle O'Reilly. It is followed by a tiny snippet of an interview with the band which leads into "Desire", the LP's first single. Side one closes with a studio track "Hawkmoon 269", a bluesy, almost country sounding love song.

"All Along the Watchtower" gets side two off to a roaring start. This live version of Dylan's classic rivals Jimi Hendrix's at his best. A live version of "I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For" follows, recorded in Madison Square Garden with the gospel group New Voices of Freedom. Up next is a short tune performed by a couple of New York City street musicians featured in "Rattle and Hum" the movie. An excellent live version of the anti-apartheid "Silver and Gold" follows with a careening guitar solo by The Edge. The final track on side two is an emotional live performance of the U2 classic and Martin Luther King tribute "Pride (in the Name of Love)". Bono delivers a full blooded performance of this song which more than any embodies the spirit of U2, pacifism and belief in the power of love to

conquer all.

The very appealing "Angel of Harlem" begins side three a song recorded at the now legendary Sun Studios in Memphis in honor of the late great soul singer Billy Holiday. Its followed by two more Sun Studio tracks, "Love Rescue Me", a collaboration with Bob Dylan, and "When Love Comes To Town" featuring vocals and guitar by the great blues man himself, B.B. King. Up next is the charming "Heartland" recorded in Dublin and reminiscent of "The Unforgettable Fire" era. Side four begins with "God Part II", a new rocking song with a mean Adam Clayton bassline. The finest moments of the album begin with The Edges version of "The Star Spangled Banner" which leads into a riveting venomous version of "Bullet the Blue Sky", a song which speaks out against the senseless war in Central America.

During the performance Bono takes time to criticize such things as televangelists, "stealing money from the sick and the old" while The Edge provides a back drop of screaming, explosive guitars. The album closes out with the beautifully arranged "All I Want Is You".

"Rattle and Hum" marks

the beginning of a new era in the brilliant careers of Bono, The Edge, Adam Clayton, and Larry Mullen Jr.

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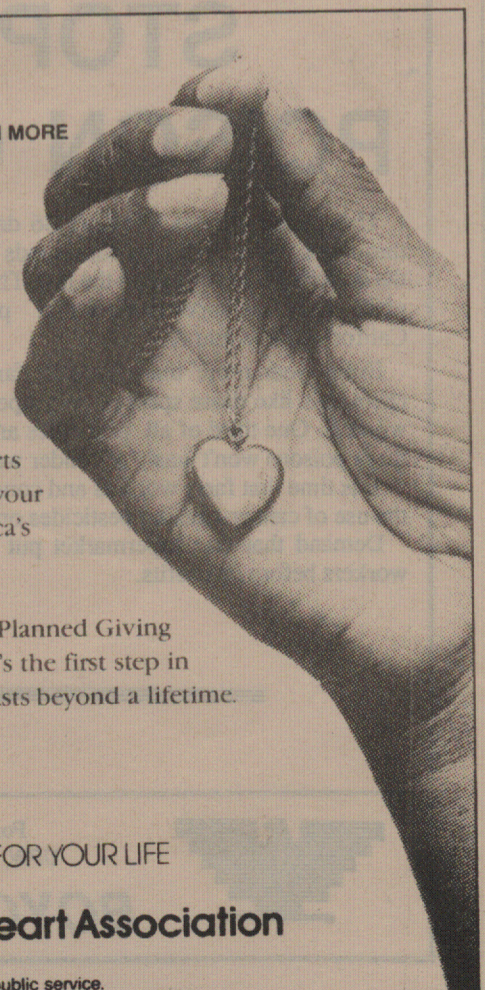
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The following contains corrected information from our last issue concerning the changes that have taken place in the FIU parking lots...

The OE parking lot has been partially closed due to construction, displacing faculty and students.

Extra faculty spaces have been allotted in the UH parking lot to accommodate faculty, while students can park in extra spaces allotted behind the DM lot.

Students can also take advantage of the parking spaces available in the fairly new Sunblazer lot located between the VH and the Sunblazer.

The rest of the OE lot will be eliminated by April when the expansion of the UH building begins.

On Big Country...

JULIO LORA
Sunblazer Features Editor

Big Country has gone through big changes since they burst on the music scene in 1983 with their debut album "The Crossing". Their brand of optimistic, guitar driven music was a refreshing change from the gloom and doom synth-pop of the time. Big Country and U2 are given credit for bringing big guitars and big hearts back into music. Both bands shared the same producer, Steve Lillywhite, for their first couple of albums.

Big Country is now hoping to claim their deserved share of fame with the help of producer Peter Wolf. They have always been very dependable, and each of their albums has received much critical praise. Their new release "Peace in Our Time" delivers.

First of all, this Scottish band is composed of some of today's best musicians. All you

have to do is hear albums by the Pretenders, David Bowie, Peter Townshend, Bryan Adams, or Eric Clapton to understand why these guys are some of the most in demand session musicians around. Lead-singer, guitarist Stuart Adamson, lead-guitarist Bruce Watson, bassist Tony Butler, and drummer Mark Brzezicki open up this release with "King of Emotion", with a sound that's a big departure from their traditional style, yet infectious. It's followed by the haunting "Broken Heart (Thirteen Valleys)" which tells the tale of lovers wandering miles in search of love. Up next is "Thousand Yard Stare" all about a young man forever emotionally scarred by war. Also on side one are two more love songs, "From Here to Eternity" and "Everything I Need", both fine examples of this bands perfected craft.

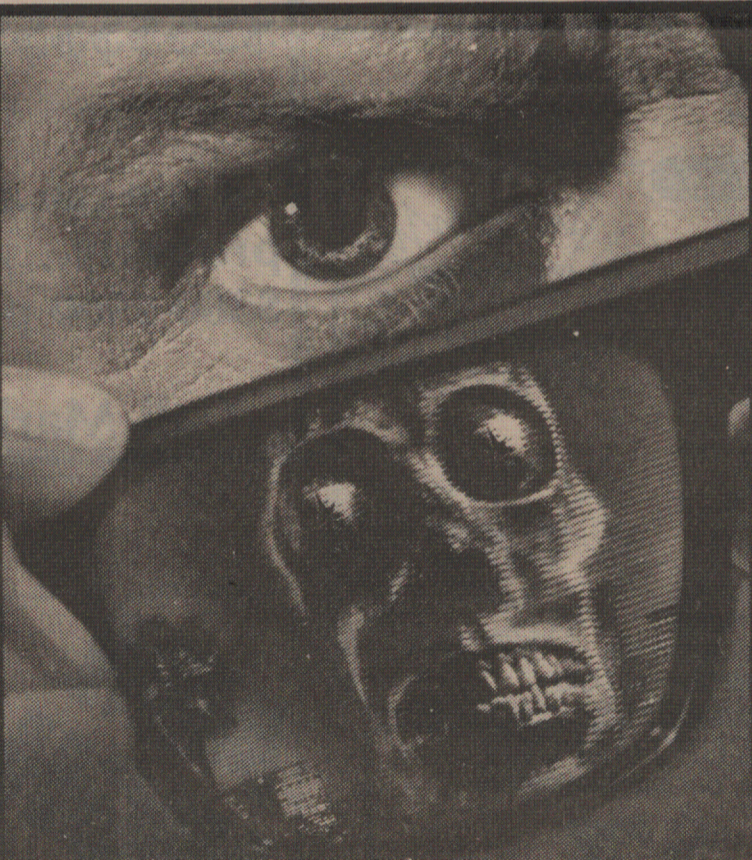
Side two begins with the title track "Peace in Our Time", a thought provoking commen-

tary on our troubled times. "Time for Leaving" is a very interesting song. Big Country has often sung about the dying factory towns of Scotland and on this track they are apparently washing their hands of this hopeless situation. Although on another track "In This Place" they recall the town they grew up in, they now display an attitude of "Packing up my things and heading on down to Australia" and starting over. This new sense of freedom is also displayed in the albums best tune entitled "River of Hope" which features the type of celtic war-cry and mysticism the band has become famous for. This impressive collection ends with "I Could be Happy Here" a stylish love song elevated by soaring dual E-bow guitars.

This is a thoroughly enjoyable album that you won't be able to forget after hearing once.

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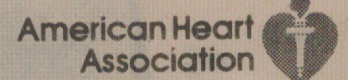


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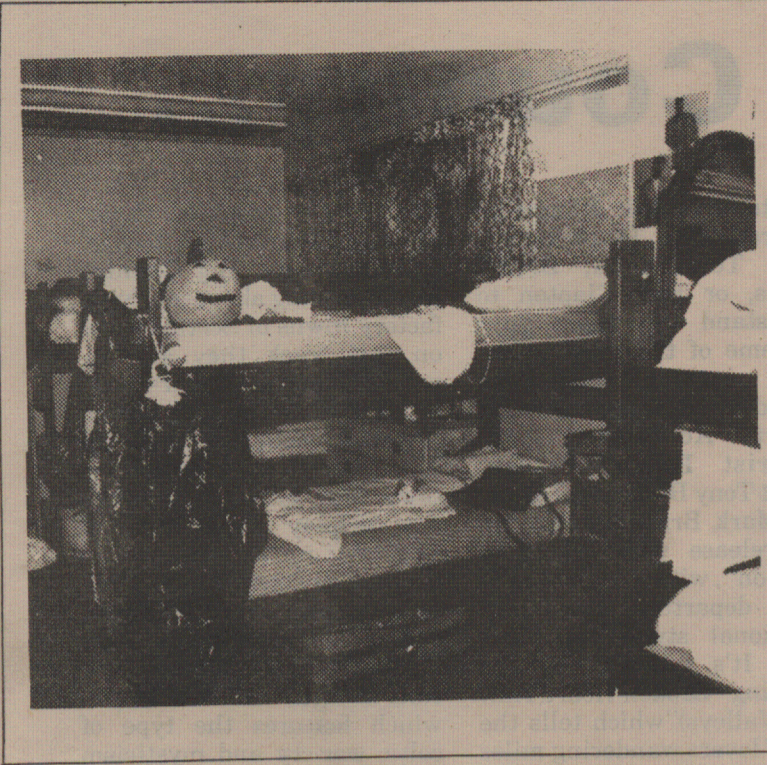


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--A place to sleep for the children of Miami Bridge.

--Miami Bridge
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home until they reach the legal age of 18.

The Miami Bridge is a community based social service agency that provides a full range of services to runaway, abused, abandoned and dependent children between the ages of 10 and 17. The center holds twenty-four beds and has run almost always fully booked since it started its services in 1975. Even though it is partially supported by the United Way, and licensed by the State of Florida, the shelter depends almost entirely on voluntary services and donations provided by private individuals and

private industry.

The shelter, a white, one story building with flat roofs, sits almost directly under the metro rail overpass in downtown. Inside, the first thing that a visitor notices is the downtrodden, old stereo system accompanied by a sofa, chairs and a coke dispensing machine at 25 cents a drink. The walls are heavily decorated with bulletin boards and color-marker paintings made by the youths. Deeper inside the building, there is the school room, the boys and the girls dormitories, the kitchen and a single room that serves

as a living, study, and sewing room. The youths are everywhere. A blonde suffering from pinkeye is sprawled lazily across the sofa. Another kid walks around wearing one boxing glove and swinging casually at an invisible contender. He's all smiles and sly looks. In the boys dormitory a 17-year old works with weights. The punched-in holes in the walls are perhaps the only signs of aggression that the males display in the shelter. Apologetically, Evans explains that sometimes they get really frustrated. For the outsider it is hard to imagine the kind of life that these children have been subjected to. They show no pain, but inside you know they are hurting.

On a Friday night, the same pretty girls who came from Pittsburgh, sit at a table in the living room and with color markers draw pictures of each others faces. They joke, laugh and listen a little to the radio. I can't help thinking of how anyone could consider hurting or abusing them. Cat Stevens' words flash to mind, "it's a wide, wide world and you can't get by just upon a smile." But, I think children ought to. The girls are waiting for a bus ride that will take them back to Pittsburgh. It is a vicious cycle. For now, they continue to joke and laugh. And I must get back to my busy and almost plush college career.

--The Migrants
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party at FIU on October 29 where approximately \$700 were raised, all to benefit the migrant farmers. On November 12 there will be a walk-a-thon, a "Farmworker Walk for Justice" at Tropical Park sponsored by the Archdiocese of Miami and advocated within FIU by Catholic Campus Ministry.

The purpose is to support better living and working conditions for the migrants, to raise public awareness of their plight, and to raise funds for them to organize their efforts.

"We get health benefits, workman's compensation, and a steady salary--the farmworkers are excluded from our country's laws," said Stockton.

In the agricultural industry, where in 1984-85 a profit of 353.8 million was made in Florida, for example, an average migrant family made from \$7,500-9,000 per year.

"Looking at these figures there's an indication that something is not right," claim-

ed Stockton. She added, "Everyone goes into business to make money, but profit motivation becomes wrong if it's at the expense of the people, human beings who don't even have the basics."

If you're interested in providing the migrants with the basics, sign up for the walk-a-thon. By walking with the farmers you'll be promoting their best interests by also supporting the ideals of the United Farmworkers Coalition headquartered in California and headed by Cesar Chavez, who is striving for option contracts which will provide health insurance and other benefits for the farmworkers. Or look for the Catholic Campus Ministry food and clothe drive that will take place within the next few weeks which will benefit them for Christmas. For more information on the Catholic Campus Ministry call Natasha at 223-5982. For more information on the migrant farmers call Patricia Stockton at 757-6241, extension 195.

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Profile on President Maidique

ROBERT JACKSON
Sunblazer Staff Writer

Two years ago in October, Dr. Modesto Maidique was appointed president of Florida International University. We have then chosen this week's editorial column to offer a profile on the man who has - ever since his arrival - injected new life into the veins of Florida International University.

Modesto Maidique Jr. was born on March 20, 1940 in Havana, Cuba. His father, Modesto Maidique Sr. - who came from Czechoslovakia to settle in Cuba-died one year later. Hilda Rodriguez remarried and the family then moved to New York.

At the age of 18, Maidique was enrolled at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he concentrated in electrical engineering until earning a Ph.D. In the meantime he worked for Transiron Inc.. But not for long, because while still in school he - together with three other engineers - founded Nova Devices Inc.

Later, in 1975 Maidique completed the Harvard Business School Program for Management Development and began his teaching career at Harvard's Business School at the age 39. Two years later he headed west to California where he tenured until 1984 as an Associate Professor at Stanford University. In 1981 and somewhere between Harvard and Stanford he married Ana Margarita. From this union came Ana Teresa and Mark Alex - now 21 and 15 respectively.

In Stanford, Maidique went from Associate Professor to Program Director of the university's AEA Executive Institute, the nation largest training for senior executives. From 1980 to 1986 Maidique was listed in Who's who in Finance Industry.

Perhaps Maidique's biggest accomplishment came in 1984 when as a general partner in the San Francisco based Hambrecht & Quist Venture he invested over \$10 million among high-tech companies in the 12-state southeast region of which he was in charge.

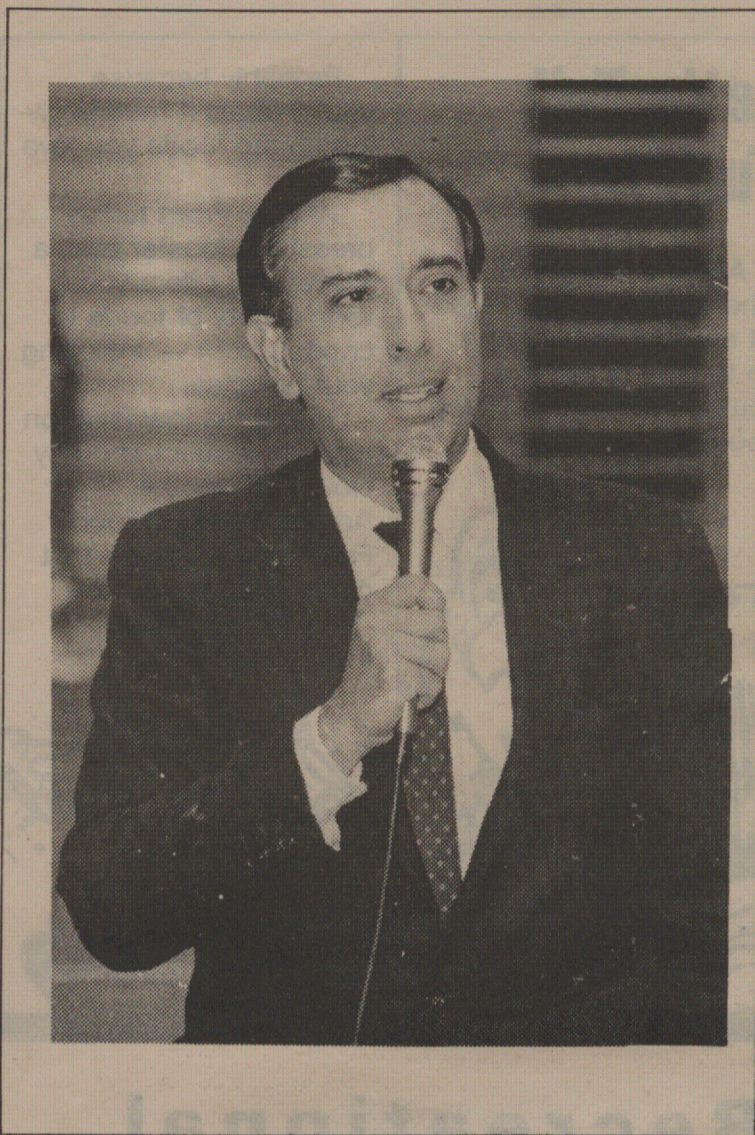
Currently Maidique is

seated in the Board of Directors of Encore Computer Inc. and Electronic Systems of Florida. He's also a member of several Editorial Boards such as The Journal of Business Venture. He has provided management consultancy to 22 multi-national firms, among them Gould Inc. and Rockwell International.

Locally, Maidique is an active member in the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce, the Beacon Council and the United Way.

He's is also the co-author of Strategic Management of Technology and Innovation (1987).

When former Secretary of Education William Bennett resigned his post, Maidique's name was among those considered for the new job. But fortunately for us, he's still the President of Florida International University.



--The president of the university gives a speech.

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--Alvarez Guedes
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make people laugh can do it--it's very easy. In Latin countries it's very difficult, moreso than here--there's no place to be, to expose yourself."

This might explain why he is the only really famous Latin comedian outside of his own country, which is Cuba.

Alvarez-Guedes is famous for the use of common dirty language in his jokes. "I have always thought that those words that have been used in literature, in theatre, by King Solomon and Quevedo are alright for me--there's nothing more natural than those words when we talk."

To university students, he had the following advice: "Everything is much more difficult today than it used to be when I was young; there's more people, more competition. My suggestion--stay in school!"



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Recreational Sports Update

JUAN GONZALEZ
Sunblazer Sports Editor

There is a new and improved Recreational Sports Program at Florida International University and it's growing by leaps and bounds.

The program includes the Sunblazer Fitness Center and Racquet Sports Complex. An important division of the program is intramural sports. While softball and flag football are its most popular sports, volleyball, soccer, and basketball are gaining in popularity. Other activities such as bowling, running events, swimming, and conditioning on the program's exercise trials also are very popular.

"Intramural sports allows the students an opportunity to participate in sports at a leisurely level with their peers," explained John Pederson, Director of Campus Recreation. The Recreational Sports Program at FIU is leisure activity oriented. Nevertheless, for those individuals who want to get more insight, there are a series of "Working at Wellness" lectures each semester offered by Student Health Services. These lectures include Strength Training Principles, the Basics in Starting Up Your Own Running Program, and an Overview of Recreational Sports at FIU.

Non-credit courses are also offered through the FIU Recreational Sports Program. Courses such as aerobics, tennis, racquetball, and swimming fall under this category. Along

with Student Activities events such as powerlifting competitions and tug of war contests are also held.

Now active in club sports are the Sailing, Lacrosse, Scuba, Tae Kwan Do, Fencing, Karate, Cheerleaders Spirit and Sunblazers Fitness Clubs. Also, the Recreational Sports Program offers a gameroom with table tennis, billiards, pool, and video games.

For more information on the FIU Recreational Sports Program, contact Freddy Pinedas or John Pederson at 554-2575 or 554-2255.

FIU BASKETBALL NIGHT AT THE SPORTS ROCK CAFE!

At 7pm Wednesday Nov. 2 Coach Walker along with the players of the FIU basketball team will be present at the Sports Rock Cafe to sign autographs and meet the public. Following the presentation of the FIU basketball team, the FIU radio sports show will go on air live at 8pm from the Sports Rock Cafe. The show will be on the air on WUCG 1080 AM, hosted by Daniel Oudinot. All students along with the general public are invited to participate.

Oscar Robertson Visits FIU

Former college and NBA superstar Oscar Robertson will be the featured guest at the sixth annual FIU Stone Crab Tip-Off Dinner to be held on November 10.

The dinner will take place in Sunblazer Arena on the University Park Campus and tickets are available to the public. Tickets are only \$30.00 and also entitles the bearer to free admission at the exhibition opener, when the Golden Panthers host the Swedish National Team on Saturday, November 12 at 8:00 pm.

The dinner will give most people the first opportunity to see the 1988-89 Golden Pan-

thers players and coaches. Head Coach Rich Walker made the squad available to the public for the first time with a "midnight madness" practice to start the season on October 15.

Robertson, who led the University of Cincinnati to a collegiate national championship, also led the Milwaukee Bucks to an NBA crown.

"Oscar Robertson is a tremendous attraction and his appearance is a real plus for our program," said FIU athletics director Dr. Dick Young.

Head Basketball Coach Rich Walker echoed Young's

statements. "We are very fortunate for having someone like Oscar consenting to come to promote basketball at Florida International University," he said. "It should be an enjoyable evening for anyone who is a fan of basketball."

Anyone wanting further information on the Stone Crab Tip-Off Dinner, contact Rich Kelch in the athletics department at (305) 554-2756.

New Leadership For Panthers

Frank Baiamonte and Oscar Fernandez have been named president and vice-president of the Golden Panther Club for the 1988-89 year.

Baiamonte is the president of American Bankers Insurance Corporation. He was appointed to that position in May 1988, after serving as executive vice-president. Baiamonte also serves on the

Board of Directors of the Florida Zoological Society.

Fernandez is the general manager of Concord International Forwarding. He has been involved over the years with Christopher Columbus High School. He was president of the Tamiami Colts Football Team and was commissioner of the Tamiami Baseball League.

Jan Allen, executive director

of the Golden Panther Club, is excited about the prospects for 1988-89. "Our goals for the coming year are to double our membership and increase our income by \$100,000," she stated.

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ACROSS

- Noah's boat
- One who mimics
- Funeral stand
- Hawaiian necklace
- Outer garment for women (India)
- Leeward side
- School of whales
- Wanderers
- Smell
- Design with intricate figures
- Never
- Moist
- Clinched hand
- Though (Inf.)
- Auricle
- Windy
- Exclamation
- Pig pen
- Slippery fish
- Press service (abbr.)
- Field of conflict
- Tree
- Time
- Was (p.t.)
- Black fluid
- Ante meridiem (abbr.)
- Direction
- Drama set to music
- Frightening
- Neither
- Unencumbered
- Great lake
- Condition of being (suf.)
- Undesirable plant

DOWN

- Aquatic plant
- To the back
- Japanese robe
- Thin man dog
- Equal
- End of pencil
- Bolt
- Fateful
- Capability of (suf.)
- Ever (Poetic)
- Point in law
- Print measurement
- Midwest state (abbr.)
- Method; direction
- Island (abbr.)
- Adult male deer
- Sort
- Unfreeze
- Rabbit
- Greek 7th letter
- Opal
- Smirked
- Large N. Amer. deer
- Person who lives in (suf.)
- All
- Corrects
- Very small island
- News agency (abbr.)
- Near
- S-shaped, double curve
- Base
- Johnson
- Stitch
- Prong of a fork (Scot.)
- Indicates an enzyme (suf.)
- None

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