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From A Different Angle

"Vision Is
Not Seeing
Things As
They Are,
But As They
Will Be"

-Anonymous



During the Welcome Week celebrations, the Division of University Advancement and Student Affairs welcomed FIU students back to a new academic school year. *Photo By Isabel Garces*



If Charles Perry were alive today, could he possibly believe his eyes at what has become of FIU since its inception almost 30 years ago? When FIU first opened up its doors in 1972, its main purpose was to create a public educational institution for students in South Florida that could not afford to go away to school. In the process of doing so, FIU has attracted not only students in the area, but also students of different ethnic, religious and cultural backgrounds from all around the world. All of these students have entered FIU seeking an education, but have left unified in a diverse community to prepare for tomorrow's world. Each day over 30,000 students cross both



After four months of being away from her sorority as a Rho Chi, Sophie Alvarez is reunited with her sisters of Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority. *Photo By Jose Otero*

At the Moonlight Madness pep rally, members of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity & Delta Phi Epsilon sorority cheer when members of Panther Rage toss FIU souvenirs into the bleachers. *Photo By Jose Otero*

Modeling this year's trends, Suyen Martinez & Raul Mederos stand together at the FIU Fall Fashion Show. *Photo By Juan Carlos Del Valle*

During the Homecoming Comedy Show, Cedric McMinn, Jennifer Owens and Jose Guerrero entertain the audience with their dance moves. *Photo By Jose Otero*

Getting ready to strike, Sasja Odenyo kicks the ball across the field to score a goal. *Photo By Geoff Anderson*

Construction can be seen all over the University Park campus. The President's house was one of many buildings expected to open in the Spring of 2001. *Photo By Beacon newspaper*



campuses and over 2,500 faculty members teach and lecture these students not only in the area of education but about life as well. Over the past two years, FIU has benefited from such potent combinations of ethnicity, diversity and hard work. We acquired a new public Law School and new football team. We were honored to establish a Phi Beta Kappa Chapter and to be announced as a Research One school. This year, FIU continued with expanding a school that can fit its ever-growing student population. Among the buildings that are being constructed are the Health Science building, The University House, Parking Garage Two, additional housing, and last but not least, Greek Row. The social landscape of FIU has grown to include 180 different clubs, 25 Greek organizations, 30 honor societies and 12 athletic teams that give 110 percent each time they play. The Greek Community went on to establish several new chapters. Alpha Omicron Pi, Lambda Chi Alpha,

“Photography records the gamut of feelings written on human faces”

-Edward Steichen



During sorority recruitment week, Maria Arbiol from Delta Phi Epsilon sorority, is caught eating a chocolate delight. *Photo By Jose Otero*

“Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life”

-Confucius



Finally, the day has arrived. Don Strock the new head coach for the football team announces the official first game on September 14, 2002. *Photo By Jose Otero*

Sigma Lambda Gamma

and Omega Beta Phi colo-

nized its chapters this year,

while Pi Kappa Phi com-

pleted the chartering of its

chapter. FIU has benefited the community as

well by not only staying committed to its goal of

excellence, but by also giving back to the com-

munity from where the majority of their students

have migrated. FIU students raised \$48,531.51

for the Dance Marathon, participated in The

Make A Wish Foundation, United Way and other

national philanthropies. The pages and pictures

inside this book tell the story on how it all

happens. Each person, word and celebration

reflect the abstract thought over 29 years ago

when FIU opened its doors. Our theme from a

different angle covers our life, love, dedication,

commitment and struggle of what made FIU

what it is today and what it will become tomor-

row. We ask you to take the time to read this

book and enjoy the story of our lives.

-Jose Manuel Otero



Working hand in hand, Student Government Presidents Sergio Tigera and Tito Omaghomi handle the issues presented by the students of FIU. *Photo By Juan Carlos Del Valle*

During the first Men's basketball game of the season, Pete the Panther entertains the crowd. *Photo By Jose Otero*

Saying goodbye to all her friends, Adeline Lubin gets into a car to go home for the weekend. *Photo By Jose Otero*





“Reaching New Heights”

Student Life

Eighteenth century literary writer William Cowper coined the famous phrase, Variety is the very spice of life. That gives it all its flavour. Although Cowper wasn't referring to the city of Miami (Miami wasn't founded yet), the quote would fit perfectly when describing it. Miami offers students something that not very many places can offer... variety, multi-ethnicity and tropical weather. Coco Walk and South Beach are examples of the array of relaxing places that Miami brings. It hasn't snowed in Miami since the mid-70s and while cities up state like Tallahassee and Jacksonville have endured some of the coldest nights in recent memory, Miami stays warm, beautiful and effervescent. Sometimes students get caught up in this relaxing and tempting atmosphere. Another facet of student life is the independence one is given to pretty much do what they want to. In high school, independence was fought for each and every day from your teachers, from your parents, etc. But student life is different in college and that variable in independence is what makes students vulnerable to trouble. With all of these pleasures and freedoms at our disposal, students often forget the real reason why they're here and that is to learn. Often students spend too much time enjoying these pleasures and inevitably, this could lead students down a road of failure. Student life also includes studying, tests and projects and many nights students are stressing out wondering what's on a test, or how will the professor grade the project. Is there a curve that the professor will use and will I be privy to it? The only way to combat these two complications, temptation vs. work, is to balance one's schedule. Students face that unenviable task when coming to college. Statistics show that students who don't plan a schedule, or have a daily planner are less likely to succeed in college than those who do. The purpose of the planner is to make sure that things that are supposed to be done, are done and to map out time for possible relaxation. Student life mirrors the real world because the key to both is balance, if one supersedes the other, problems could be ahead, but if a balanced equilibrium is kept, one could get the best from both worlds.

By Derik Deliard

Mariela Campuzano, Danny Fernandez and Veronica Paredes show off their FIU spirit. Photo By Jose Otero



Melinda Hugh enthusiastically gets the crowd excited. Photo By Fox-Mar Studios

Jesus Rodriguez cheers with excitement during the Homecoming Game. Photo By Fox-Mar Studios



The Ladies of Sigma Sigma Sorority proudly demonstrate their cheering skills during the Homecoming Game. Photo By Fox Mar Studios



Ana Morales and Michelle Ramos proudly hold their Homecoming banner during the Brigade. Photo By Jose Otero

At what event did you find the most spirit?



Jenny Canals
Junior

"The Homecoming Game is where I found the most school spirit."



Cedric McMinn
Senior

"You can always find the most school spirit at the Homecoming Parade."

SPRIT

"Spirit was at an all time high this year"

Among the many things FIU excels in, Spirit for one undoubtedly stands out. The great Panther Pride roaming on and off campus is unsurpassable. Activities such as Moonlight Madness, basketball games, weekly celebrations in the GC Forum and Homecoming 2001 exemplified the immense amount of pride in FIU students. "You have to show pride for your future alma mater. It's where you become who you will be in the real world," states sophomore Veronice Paredes. Wearing blue and gold, many students take it upon themselves to create an even more spirited atmosphere. The letters "FIU" became a trademark in different rhythmic cheers, chants and banners throughout the 2000-2001 academic year. Students, alumni and parents alike gathered to cheer on Panther spirit at all times. With a student body like this, there was little work in getting FIU's Panthers fired up for almost anything!

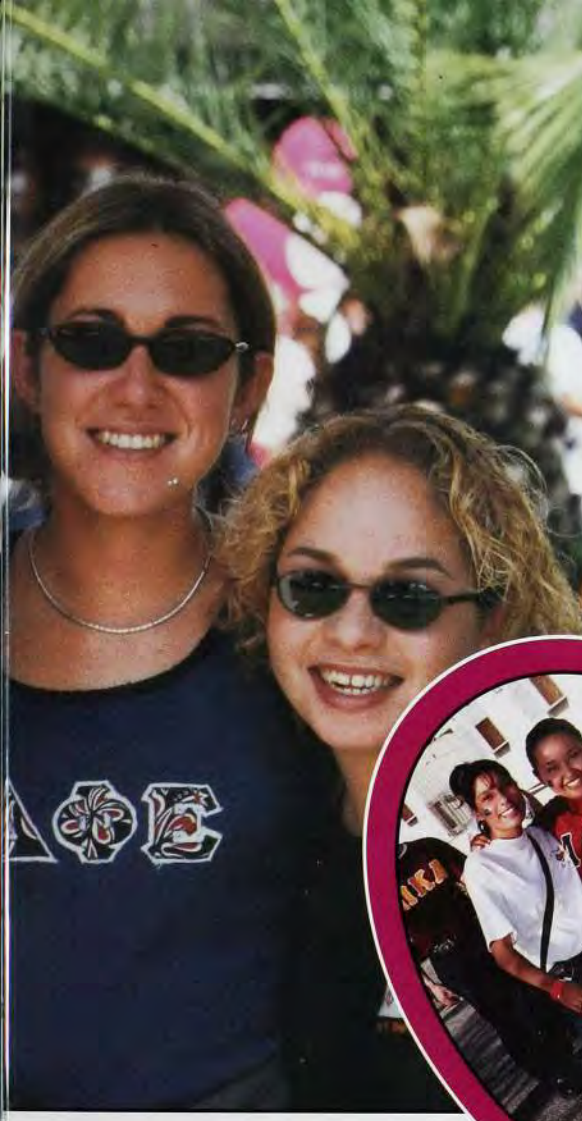
-Mariela Campuzano

Jose Otero and David Mesas cheer loudly during the Homecoming cheer contest. Photo By Fox Mar Studios



After a sorority meeting, Elena Crego discusses an upcoming mixer with one of her sisters. Photo By Maria Navas

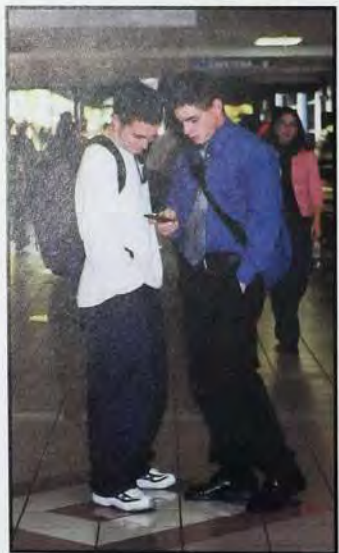
During the Welcome Week festivities, members of Delta Phi Epsilon sorority reunite for a new school year. Photo By Jose Otero



FRIENDSHIP is the greatest gift to have "FRIENDS"

Cicero once wrote what many students could relate to, "A friend is, as it were, a second self." With the company of friends on campus, either the transition into college or the continuation thereof was facilitated for many. Jenny Araneda, freshman, explains it as "a comforting sense of your past helping you with your future." She like many, find it a privilege to be able to continue her studies next to friends whom she grew up with. Dave Schehkter, sophomore, has enjoyed meeting new people and building friendships. "I'm from Daytona, and to have so many friends I can rely on, in and out of my fraternity is awesome. It just adds to the learning experience," he says. On campus it is inevitable to see groups or pairs of friends eating, studying or just conversing together. It lays a more soothing environment in which FIU's students can count on daily, to relieve some of the classroom stress.

-Mariela Campuzano



After class, Rico Iribarren and Danny Fernandez wait patiently for their friends. Photo By Maria Navas

What do you most enjoy about your friendship?



Monika Soto
Sophomore

"That we can do the most craziest things together."



Danay Diaz
Junior

"I can always count on her like a sister."



During American Heritage, Danny Vinat reads a note left to him by one of his friends from the SPC committee. Photo By Jose Otero



At the Homecoming Parade, Sandra Mira and Karen Khan hug each other after a long day of festivities. Photo By Fox-Mar Studios

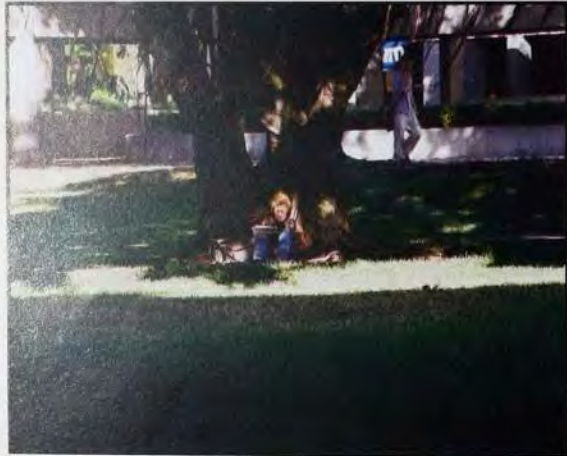
Fraternity brothers Jose Merilien and Youseff Rouisef get together for a picture after a week at IM-PACT. Photo By Jose Otero

Concentrating on her notes, this student highlights important facts. Photo By Mireya Alfonso



On a Saturday, students can be seen walking out of the library after studying for an exam. Photo By Jose Otero

After class, Jessica Jamanca plans a day to study for Financial Management with a friend. Photo By Jose Otero



Around FIU, you can always find a comfortable place to study. Photo By Mireya Alfonso



Working on a project, Rico Iribarren and friend use the internet for research. Photo By Maria Navas

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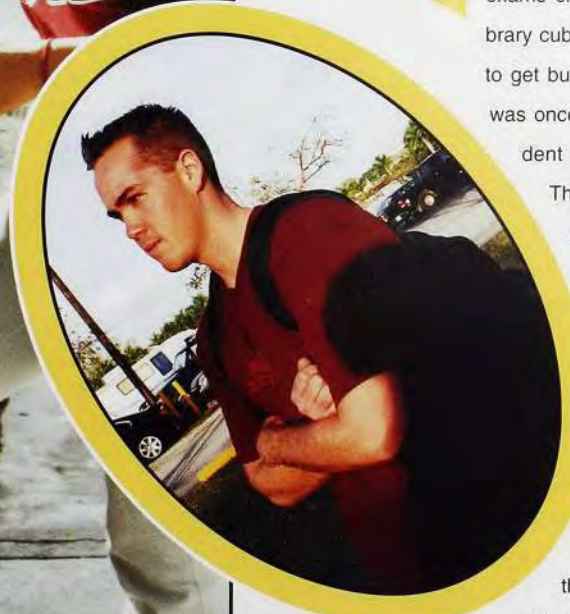
STUDY

"Studying was found daily in a student's life"

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Walking to class, Brian Fonseca is prepared for his midterm exam. Photo By Campus Life Publication

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At the Campus Life Retreat, Yesenia Pinto and Jeldrys Agra compose various types of music on the piano. Photo By Campus Life Publications

At the Biscayne Bay Campus, members of the Rowing Team glide through the water. Photo By the Beacon Newspaper



Battling as gladiators, this student strategies her next move. Photo By Fox-Mar Studios

What is your favorite hobby?



Elaine Figueredo
Junior

"I enjoy taking pictures."



Javier Hernandez
Freshman

"My favorite hobby is to play and compose music."



Right before they skydived, Clemente Bornacelli, Mike Belaustegui and Andres Fortun plan their jump. Photo By Clayton Solomon



At Gracies's Grill, DJ Robert Santana gets ready to play another song during lunch time. Photo By Mireya Alfonso

Members of the Judo Club demonstrate their skills during Homecoming. Photo By Fox-Mar Studios

HOBBIESTO THE FULLEST

Everybody needs entertainment. One can only go so long before boredom kicks in. Here at FIU, students have a wide range of hobbies. While many enjoy the nightlife of clubbing or bar-hopping, others enjoy writing, working out or simply sleeping. Popular hobbies also include kickboxing, dance lessons from swing to casino salsa, traveling, diving or drawing. FIU freshman cheerleader Alex Escobar enjoys skydiving as well as bike-riding. He says "If it gives me an immense thrill, I enjoy it. Skydiving definitely does that for me. It's worth every minute and every penny." Junior Angie Zafirris takes on scuba diving during and after school. She is a certified scuba diver and also helps with marine biology projects as part of her favorite hobby. Regardless of how active or exciting a hobby may be, the best part is it fits each individual and it all makes FIU as diverse as it is.

-Mariela Campuzano

Enjoying the Miami weather, Paola Rojas and Bettina Inclan had a great time at the beach *Photo By Carlos Arriesque*



In the streets of South Beach, many attractions can be seen such as this fire eater. *Photo By Carlos Arriesque*

On a beautiful Miami day, FIU students can be seen walking on the sand at South Beach. *Photo By Jose Otero*



At the Biscayne Bay Campus, FIU students help save a dolphin's life at the marine laboratory. *Photo By The Beacon Newspaper*



At the Key Largo Marriott, many FIU students gather in the pool to relax during the summer. *Photo By Liz Bello*

What part of Miami do you enjoy?



Raquel Lange
Junior

"South Beach"



Stephen Pereira
Sophomore

"Coconut Grove"

Miami The City of Magic



A city as populated and reknown as Miami is, holds various attractions and hot spots to enjoy. Ranging from its beautiful sunny beaches to its fine dining and dancing, there is much to do everywhere one goes. Senior Michelle Toral, an avid beach goer, says she enjoys the beach because it is the "better part of Miami that doesn't die down." Coconut Grove and South Beach are popular areas at night, especially Thursday nights, college night in numerous clubs and bars. Newly premiered Valentino's became a ritual gathering spot for many FIU students at night. Restaurants such as Mezzanote, Cheesecake Factory and Bennigan's also brought in many FIU students on a daily basis. For those who could not get enough of shopping and sight seeing there were also several museums and malls to attend, including FIU's very own Wolfsonian Museum in South Beach, and current new neighbor, Dolphin Mall. Concerts at Bayside, American Airlines Arena and National Car Rental Center added to the variety of Miami life residents and out of state students could experience.

-Mariela Campuzano

Girls' night out, members of Phi Mu Sorority enjoy themselves at Jillians Billiard. *Photo By Mariela Campuzano*

On the weekend, members of Sigma Tau Delta honor society help beautify Downtown Miami. After the Homecoming Parade, members of Phi Mu Sorority relax on the field. *Photo By Jose Otero*



TIME

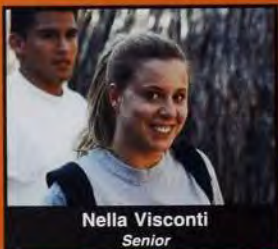
"What Did Students Do With Their Spare Time?"

With time between classes, a job on campus or just lounging time, FIU students found it easy to find something to do on campus. The gameroom hosted several matches between friends, as did Gracie's Grill with extensive domino games. If one did not attend either, there was always GC to spend time with friends, gazebos for fresh air or the piano gallery room for some relaxing music. "Whenever I needed to cool off from studying or take a break from work, I always went to GC to meet with friends or to pick up something to eat," states Senior Eric Pfaffel, who also works in the FIU Student Government Association. According to each student's hectic or mellow day schedule, one could see every student doing something different, taking advantage of all FIU has to offer.



At the Graham Center game room, this student plays at one of the many arcade games. *Photo By Jose Otero*

What did you do with your spare time?



Nella Visconti
Senior

"I spent most of my time with my sorority sisters."



Alex Madrigal
Freshman

"I'm usually studying or working. I never have any spare time."



At Panther Hall, many of the residents enjoy themselves at the pool in between classes. *Photo By Maria Navas*

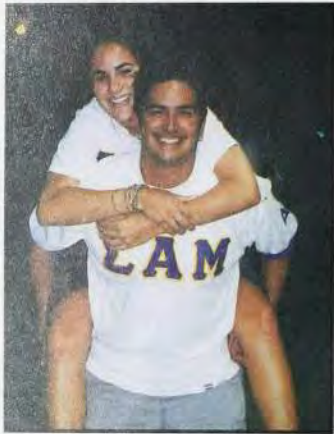


After class, this student plays billiards at the Graham Center game room. *Photo By Mireya Alfonso*

Giving back to the community, members of Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity donated toys to children. *Photo By FIJ*

-Mariela Campuzano

Right before going to their chapter meetings, Jesus Rodriguez give his girl friend, Judy Chanying, a piggy back ride into the Graham Center. Photo By Jose Otero



After class, Jose Garcia-Silverio listens to Natasha Merino describe her day. Photo By Jose Otero

On vacation in Spain, Paulina Munoz and Tommy Duenas embrace each other in front of a monument. Photo By Paulina Munoz



At Cirque de Soleil, Sergio Fuenzalida and Yvette Ayala spend some quality time with each other. Photo By Mariela Campuzano



Right before the Homecoming cheer contest, Alain Sanchez paints Danay Diaz's face. Photo By Jose Otero

What do you most enjoy about each other?



Evie Battillo
Junior

"He is always there whenever I need him."



David Mesas
Sophomore

"She understands me."

DATING "Finding Someone Special"

Throughout the course of college, you come across many forms of relationships; however, having a boyfriend or girlfriend can be a big part of a student's life. Couples are seen throughout both campuses of Florida International University, sharing special moments, or just enjoying each other's company during lunch. However long a couple may have been together, the love or lust that is shared between two people of any age is always special and magical. Most people long for a storybook romance filled with hearts and flowers, but a relationship, however long it has been going on, needs to be nourished with love, patience, kindness, understanding and much honesty. Love is a wonderful thing people can share with one another, however they decide on sharing it.

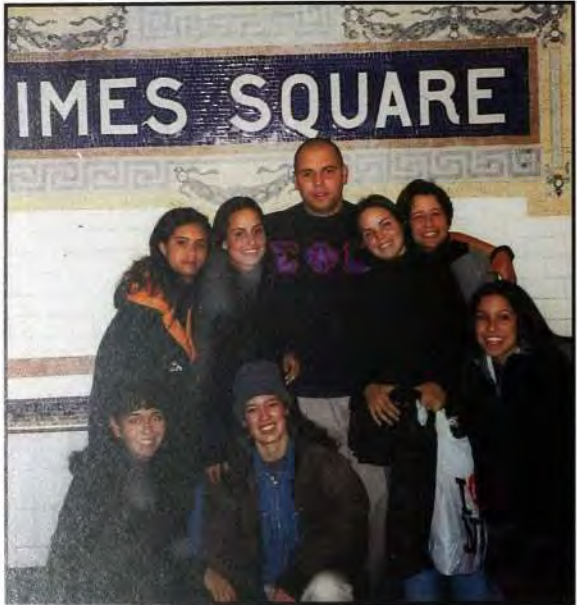
-Giselle Hernandez



During the homecoming Dance, Isabel Rodriguez-Ojea hugs George Hernandez right before her coronation. Photo By Fox-Mar Studios

During Spring Break, some FIU students visited Times Square in New York. Photo By Carolina Palacios

Visiting other chapters during the Mid-Year Leadership conference, members of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity hung out with brothers from other chapters. Photo By David Mesas



VACATION'S

"On the road to Relaxation"

"Where do we go?" stated students when heading out on the open road. Students of Florida International University had the opportunity to visit various places during the school year. Whether you were involved in a club, sport or just wanted some time off, you can honestly say that you shared the best or worst moments of life on the road. Going on vacation with friends can give you the opportunity to get to know someone and their habits. From the way they eat to the way they keep the hotel room clean. FIU

students could be seen in various theme parks such as Walt Disney World, Islands of Adventure or Busch Gardens. Other students traveled the country to see different states representing our school in a positive and prestigious manner. Whether it was going to an amusement park or getting on a plane to visit another country, when you arrived at your final destination you relaxed and enjoyed life.

-Jose Otero



After a long flight, Vanessa Valencia waits patiently for a taxi to arrive. Photo By Jose Otero

What do you enjoy about your vacations?



Patrice Wassouf
Junior

"Vacations helps my stress go away."



Adeline Lubin
Senior

"I get to visit different places."



Relaxing on their break, Antonella Visconti and Silvia Usategui watch different types of animals. Photo By Jose Otero

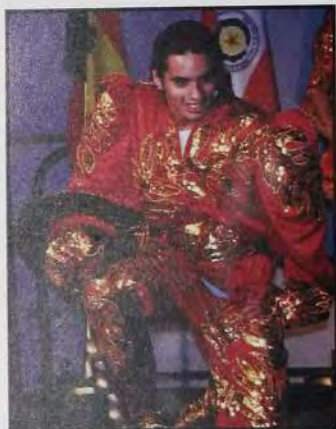


Picking up Silvia Usategui, Clayton Solomon carries her back to her chicki at Billy's Swamp Safari. Photo By Jose Otero



At Universal Studios Mardi Gras, members of Sigma Phi Epsilon showed the great time they were having. Photo By Jorge Escobar

At the Hispanic Heritage "Latinos Unidos" night, this FIU student performed his native songs. Photo By Isabel Garces



At the American Heritage celebration, native American dancers entertain students and faculty at the Graham Center Pit. Photo By Jose Otero

During the Homecoming game, Geo Nieves and Cedric McMinn hug Pete the Panther showing everyone can get along. Photo By Fox-Mar Studios



DIVERSITY

"Welcome to FIU"

There are no two identical people in this university. Yet, FIU is a place where various groups of students come together to study, "hang out", pray and to just spend some time on their own. Florida International University is one of the most culturally diverse universities in the nation. It is host to students from more than 25 nations and many more cultures. Although there are many different backgrounds and traditions in the student body, there is no great divide among us. In fact, many of us have learned about other cultures and practices through the people at FIU. Yet, there is also a sense of keeping our backgrounds alive. We see many religious groups who hold prayers during the day. At times we see fellow students dressed in traditional attire or wearing traditional head garments. These characteristics only add to the richness of our diversity and knowledge of other cultures.

-Alex Campuzano

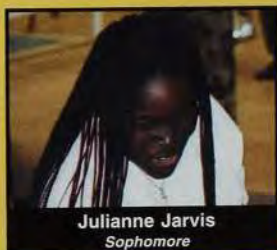


Representing the Free Cuba Foundation, Helen Castro stands in front of a Free Cuba sign. Photo By Free Cuba Foundation.



During the Presidential Election Week, the Gospel Choir sang the Star Spangle Banner. Photo By Jose Otero

What cultural activity did you enjoy?



Julianne Jarvis
Sophomore

"I enjoyed the Pan-African celebration."



Patrice Scipio
Junior

"I enjoyed all the different cultural celebrations."



At the Pan-African fashion show, Janelle walks on the runway with her cultural outfit. Photo By Jose Otero

During the Epcot Parade, Venus Goicoechea works at her Disney internship. Photo By Jose Otero

At Epcot Center, Mickey Mouse and Winnie the Pooh wave to all their fans. Photo By Jose Otero



DISNEY
 "Students had the opportunity to enjoy the Wonderful World of Walt Disney"

As you walk into the Disney theme parks, you sense the beauty of your imagination flow with every step you take into the wonderful world of Walt Disney. Reminiscing the first time you watched a Disney movie, be it "Sleeping Beauty" or "Cinderella", you remember that wonderful grin on your face. As you walk more and more you realize that this really is the happiest place on earth. If this was the first time you ever walked into a Disney theme park, you look back and realize what a great time you had. From singing to the passengers on the shuttle bus all the way from Epcot to Downtown Disney, singing such songs as "It's a Small World" and "A Whole New World" while tourists stared at you. Seeing that little girl run to Eeyore, Winnie

the Pooh or Mickey Mouse reminds you of the cartoons you watched as a child. Rushing from store to store, seeing the different toys, t-shirts, mugs and other paraphernalia was overwhelming. You wanted to purchase everything in sight. Perhaps it was wishing that you were in the parade, or the person behind the counter working as an intern for the Disney Institute that motivated you to pursue your career in the Disney industry. Whether it was going shopping or meeting characters when you enter the Wonderful World of Disney, it was like entering a whole new world.

-Isabel Garces



Standing tall, the Cinderella Castle is one of the symbolic symbols in Walt Disney World. Photo By Jose Otero

What do you most enjoy about Disney?



Jorge Fernandez
Freshman

"I enjoy everything about Disney."



Elizabeth Diaz
Freshman

"I love going into the gift shops and looking at all types of Disney paraphernalia."



At a Disney gift shop, Madelyn Garces and Jose Otero clown around by putting stuffed characters over their heads. Photo By Elizabeth Diaz



In front of the Cinderella Castle, a statue of Walt Disney and Mickey Mouse greet all the guests. Photo By Jose Otero

In Downtown Disney, FIU students shop and visit different stores. Photo By Jose Otero

After class, this student walks to her room in Panther Hall. Photo By Maria Navas



Even when you live on campus, students still have the extra responsibility to maintain their household. Photo By Maria Navas

After buying groceries, this student walks to her home at Panther Hall. Photo By Maria Navas



At Moonlight Madness, residents of 3 West in the University Park Towers, show their Panther Pride. Photo By Jose Otero



In between classes, these students grab a bite to eat and watch television. Photo By Maria Navas

Where did you live on campus?



Stephanie Pruitt
Junior

"I loved living in the New University Park Towers."

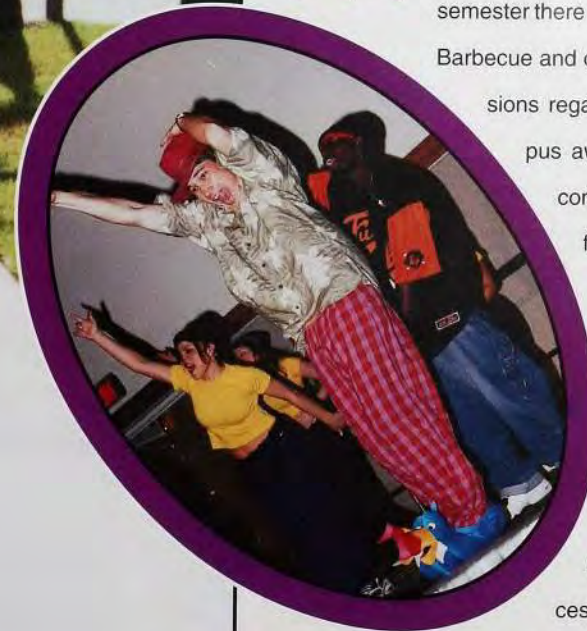


Roxana Cozma
Senior

"Living in Panther Hall was a great experience."

Living on campus has its benefits

Although most of FIU's student body resides off campus, there are a number of students that have made FIU their home away from home. These students reside in Panther Hall, the newly built University Park Towers, the University Park Apartments and Bay Vista Housing at BBC. "These three residence halls have made it easier to adjust to college life and have provided students the opportunity to meet new people," said Casey McArthur who resides in the Towers. The residence halls, however, are not just a place to live but a place where numerous activities take place. At the beginning of the semester there was a "Meet and Greet" Barbecue and other informational sessions regarding safety and campus awareness. As the year continued, there was the first annual University Park Towers Pageant, as well as the Singled Out game. These events were planned and hosted by the Resident Assistants. Each proved to be successful as well as rewarding for the staff and students.



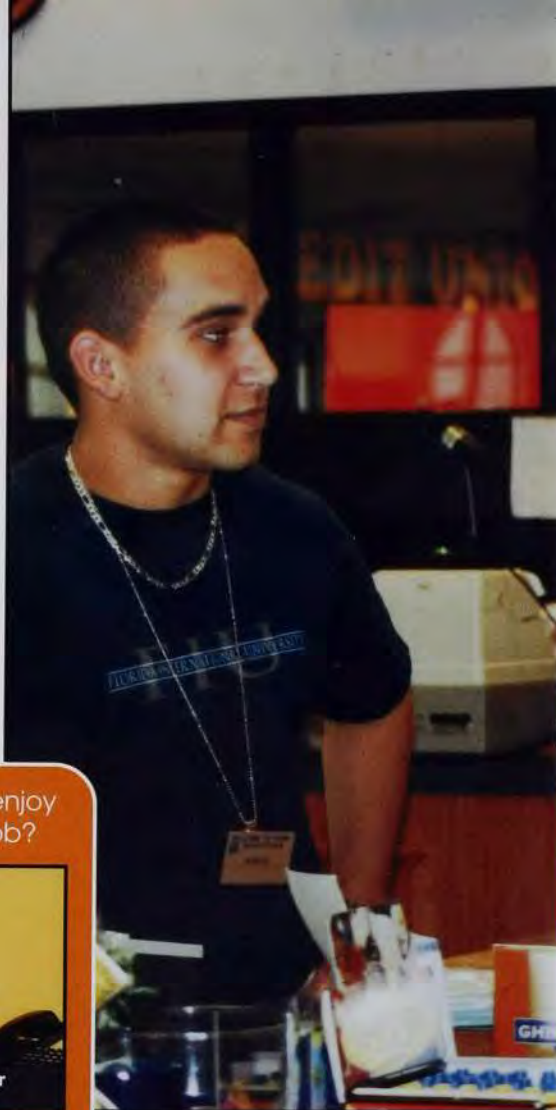
During the annual Lip-Sync contest, Justin Low entertains the audience. Photo By Fox-Mar Studios

-Alex Campuzano

At the graduation send off party, Penelope Aquino and Oscar Grau promoted the FIU Alumni Association. Photo By Jose Otero



Answering a customer's question, this student directs her to the supplies she was looking for. Photo By Maria Navas



At Santi's hair salon, Rina Soloizano charges an FIU student for a manicure. Photo By Jose Otero

What do you enjoy about your job?



John Parmentar
Senior

"Working at FIU was a great experience."



Anne Arocha
Junior

"Working in the orientation office has let me meet many people."



Reporting in the morning, Jose Garcia-Silverio picks up the scheduled events for the Audio Visual department. Photo By Maria Navas

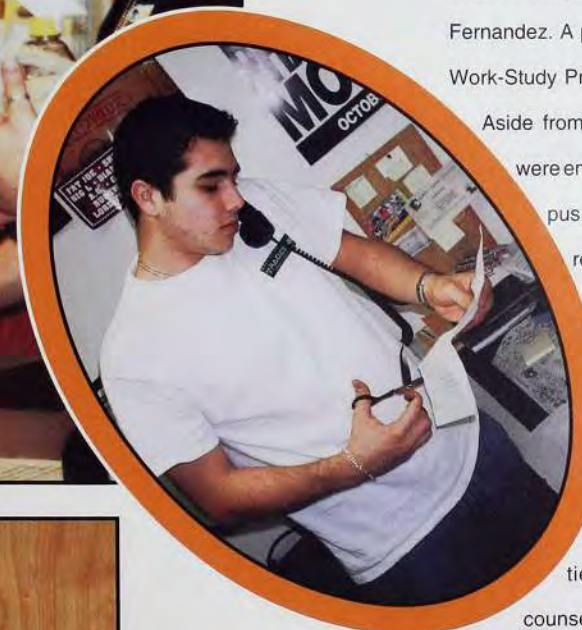


At the FIU Radio Station, Hikmat Kilzi answers a phone call. Photo By Maria Navas

Working hard, Yesenia Pinto files requisition forms for the A & S Business office. Photo By Jose Otero

Students have extra responsibility

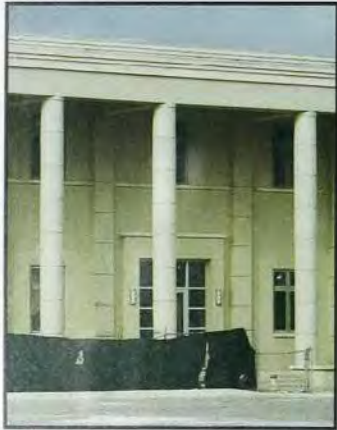
Like food and water, money became a necessity as we continued our studies. While some students chose to work on campus, others chose to look elsewhere for a part time (or full time) job. On campus, one could see students serve as receptionists in faculty offices, cashiers in the bookstore and cafeteria, scanners in Property Control and as Public Safety staff. These and other on campus jobs offered flexibility and commodity for most students. "It was a convenient way to earn money and not have to leave campus," commented Daniel Fernandez. A portion of students used the Work-Study Program to help earn money.



Aside from jobs on campus, students were employed outside the FIU campus. Some students worked as receptionists for architecture firms, law firms and advertising firms. Others chose to take on different types of jobs. Students worked as DJ's, party host, or hostess for young children's parties and recreational park counselors. While all these jobs contributed to the experience process, they also aided students in attaining better time management skills as well as enhancing their interpersonal skills.

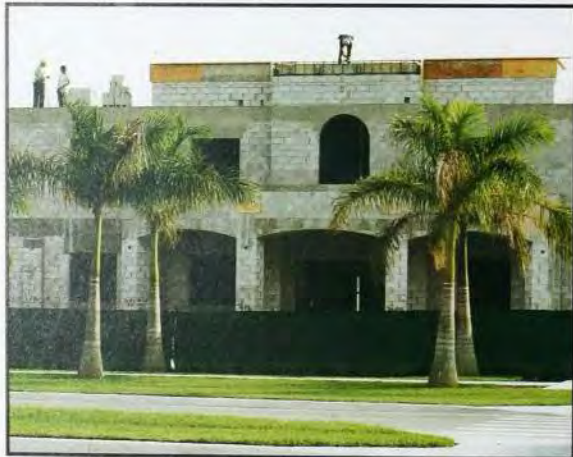
-Alex Campuzano

The University House stands near the front entrance at 16th Street and 107th Avenue. Photo By Jose Otero



When construction of parking garage two is finished, students and faculty will have an easier time finding parking. Photo By Jose Otero

When walking out of the Charles Perry building, you can see construction at every corner. Photo By Jose Otero



The Phi Gamma Delta House is the first fraternity house at FIU. Photo By Jose Otero



Near the Graham Center, the Health Sciences building was under construction. Photo By Jose Otero

How did the construction effect you?



Betty Zahlene
Junior

"Parking was very difficult to find with all the construction."



Jonathan Gaviria
Junior

"With all this construction it is only going to make FIU a better place for the students."

CONSTRUCTION

Building a Better School!

In the past year, the FIU Family has seen FIU expand and gain new additions to its already successful campuses. Among the new additions were approval for the College of Law, our Golden Panther football team and the building of Greek housing. In addition we are seeing the construction of a second parking garage and a new building for the College of Health Sciences, as well as the College of Law. Although these additions are taking FIU to a new level, the process of getting there has not been so simple. The construction of a new parking garage has proven to be a "headache" as some students phrased it. "It may be a benefit in the future, but right now, it has caused more problems with the parking situation," stated Veronica Paredes. An entire lot had

to be closed off in order to build the second garage. A new building on campus

is the College of Health Sciences. This new building will enhance the learning opportunities for incoming as well as graduate students. Although the building process is a long one, it is a process that will only be an asset

to our university.

-Alex Campuzano



The new traffic circle makes a new elegant entrance for FIU. Photo By Jose Otero

Standing with a graduate, Dr. Modesto Madique smiles for a photograph. *Photo By Jose Otero*

Commencement was the day to celebrate all the hard work and dedication that an FIU graduate has gone through. *Photo By Jose Otero*



GRAD DAY has finally arrived!

As the fall semester came to an end, there was an air of excitement and accomplishment among our seniors. This December, more than 1,100 students graduated. To some it is an accomplishment that has taken a lifetime to achieve, while to others it is a stepping-stone for what is to come. The graduates were able to sport their cap and gown this December. For most it was their first college graduation while others were there to receive a second degree. They were able to enjoy the fruits of sleepless nights,

long hours of studying and determination.

Proud parents, spouses and friends filled the Golden Panther Arena while the graduates sat patiently to receive their degrees. It

is an emotional and memorable moment to say the least. As

each year goes by, FIU

is able to provide a better

education and grant hard-earned

diplomas to their undergraduates. This graduation, like all others filled many with a sense

of completion, achievement and satisfaction.

-Alex Campuzano



Commencement was a day filled with inspirational speakers who motivated the graduates with their speeches. *Photo By Jose Otero*

What will you remember about graduation?



Rachel Breslof
Senior

"The motivational speakers."



Tanesha Sewell
Senior

"Everyone's happiness when we received our diplomas."



Waiting patiently, graduates from the College of Education anticipate the closing of commencement. *Photo By Jose Otero*



After four years of hard work, Phoebe Moll walks on stage to receive her diploma. *Photo By Jose Otero*

At the December graduation, Dr. Modesto Madique and Dr. Mark Rosenberg present the first Pillar Award to Congressman Jose Diaz-Balart. *Photo By Jose Otero*



“Overcoming The Odds”

Events

The year after the millennium didn't disappoint or provide any letdowns in regard to events. On the FIU front, the university ascended into the ranks of one of the best institutions of higher learning when it received several accolades. First of all, FIU football will become a reality in future years. Former Miami Dolphin quarterback Don Strock was named the head of football operations as well as the coach of the team. Thus the football team started its first of many years recruiting high school talent. FIU basketball welcomed a new face when Donnie Marsh agreed to become its new basketball coach and FIU welcomed Rick Mello as its new Athletic Director. Also, FIU was voted to become a part of Phi Beta Kappa, an esteemed and prestigious honor society that is well respected for its academic integrity throughout the world. The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching gave FIU the broadest, most comprehensive rating awarded to research universities. The foundation reclassified FIU as a Doctoral/Research University-Extensive. The Public Relations Society of America (PSRA) announced FIU Professor William C. Adams as the top educator. No event was greater this past year than the presidential controversy between Al Gore and George W. Bush, which eventually was concluded when Bush was declared the winner. As Bush took office, we said goodbye to President Bill Clinton who served as president for eight years and left with the highest approval rating since President Ronald Reagan left office in 1989. On the sports front, the Marlins announced plans to build a stadium in Miami. This recent development opened the way for hometown hero Charles Johnson to sign a lucrative deal with the Marlins and helped pave the way for major league baseball to be saved in South Florida. While Alonzo Mourning shocked the South Florida community with the discovery that he had kidney disease, the Heat's coach Pat Riley celebrated his 1,000 win of his career. As this year winds down, more events will become a part of FIU's history because of the dedication that it has made to the South Florida community and to its students.

By Derik Deliard

Welcome Week

The Campus Life Board planned a week-long celebration to greet new students and welcome back returning students. "Welcome 2000" Week included a wide variety of activities such as games, prizes, music, shows and films that were presented in the Graham Center and the AC I lobby the following week. The week kicked off August 29 with the Welcome Day Celebration, a Greek Step Show and music played by Toshi Reago. Additionally, a pep rally, food, games and activities were also part of the day's events. "It is a celebration for all of FIU's accomplishments, that is, College of Law, sponsored research and a football program," said Ruth

Hamilton, director of the Graham Center and Campus Life. Welcome 2000 Chair David Diaz said, "We agreed to play the films: 'Jerry Maguire' and 'The Firm' . There was also an opportunity to meet coaches at the football pep rally, as well as FIU dignitaries such as the president of FIU, Dr. Modesto Madique. The movie showings were at two, seven,

and at 10 p.m. Entertainment attracted a large audience and increased school spirit on campus. "The 90 minute play by Toishi Reagan and Big Lovely was a main feature at the opening, as well as the music and announcements by our FIU radio station, WRGP Radiate 88.1 FM," said Ana Oliveres, student marketing coordinator for Campus Life. Students looked forward to Welcome Week 2000. "We've had Welcome Week before," engineering student Che Joseph said. "I expected it to be just as good a time." Religion student Manny Gallo said he had put the celebration on his to do list. "I thought it was a good thing," Gallo said. "I'll definitely check it out because I needed to get back in the school spirit.

By Katia Fuminaya



Hi, FIU! Himself, Cadric McMinn, never gets tired of greeting the friendly students as they are on their way to class. Photo By CampusLifePublications



Nadia Fernandez
Junior

"Being a part of Campus Life has helped me become more involved at FIU."

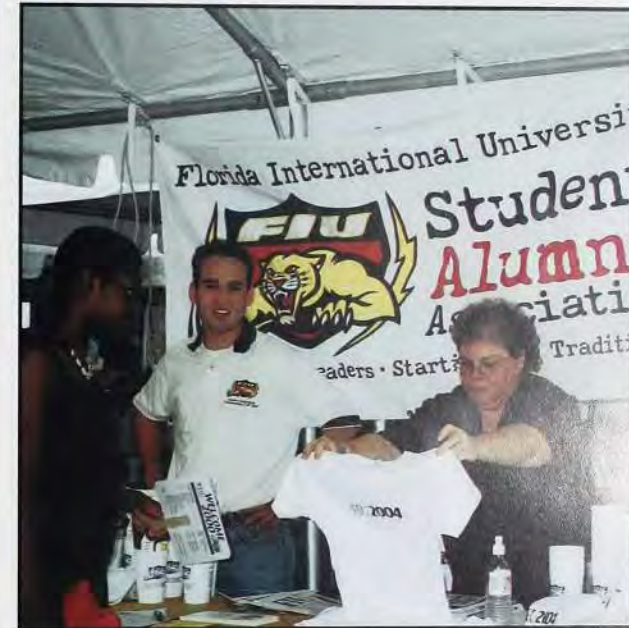


Sharda Kampsasad
Senior

"Welcoming new freshmen to FIU was exciting."



This FIU student is trying out the Astronaut Training Simulator in hopes of having a little fun before real studying begins. Photo By Jose Otero



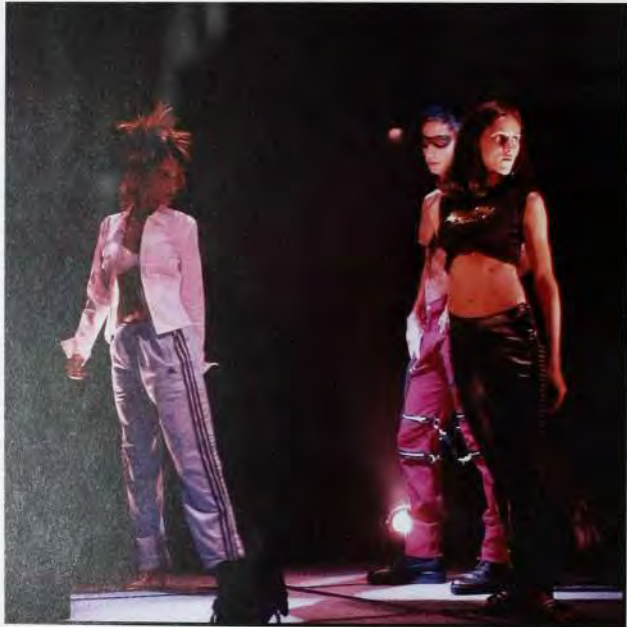
Oscar Grau and Karen Siegal are helping the Student Alumni Association by selling T-shirts with this freshmen class' future graduation dates. Photo By Campus Life Publications

The Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity performed a step show wowing the crowd with their talented footwork. Photo By Campus Life Publications

For some students, the first day of school was a nightmare, but the Campus Life Department was right on the threshold of the Graham Center opening its friendly arms to newcomers. Photo By Jose Otero



Lorenzo Arca models a very serious look on the fashion show runway. *Photo By Jose Otero*



During the dress rehearsals, the models practiced their routines. *Photo By Juan Carlos Del Valle*

Guest star "Felix" steals the show with his amazing flexibility, muscular physique and gravity defying twists and turns. *Photo By Jose Otero*



These models show off their wild outfits leaving their audience speechless. *Photo By Jose Otero*



Clarisbell Diaz
Freshman

"Knowing that the money raised from this fashion show went to Dance Marathon made it worthwhile."



Raul Mederos
Junior

"The FIU Fashion Show is one of the best events during the Fall semester."



Fall Fashion Show

Funk, punk and rock n' roll, razzle, dazzle and glamour described this year's FIU Fashion Show. Formerly known as the Greek Fashion Show, the FIU Fashion Show was open to all FIU students for the first time. Raul Rodriguez, the mastermind behind the whole production, was thrilled with its outcome. "I'm very pleased with how it turned out. The models did great," he said. If you weren't in the audience when the clock struck 12, you missed a great opening. Coming down two suspended runways with graffiti sprayed all over them, models, guys and girls, strutted their stuff, wearing vicious hair and make-up and sporting an "I'm bad" attitude. Everything from leather pants and ripped jeans, to straps and whips, zippers and diamond studded belts, to fishnets and furs, and gold hoops and stilettos, to wedding gowns and schoolgirl uniforms, were all elegantly displayed. If it was tight, ripped, torn, trashy but funky, if it left your mouth open as it passed you by, if it reminded you of how your older brother or sister used to dress back in the old days, you bet it was in the show. It was a treat to see these models bring the '80s back to life. Half way into the show all the lights went off. Suddenly four beams of light came together at the middle of the runway and reflected off a very muscular acrobat. Felix, as he is known, shocked the audience with his gravity defying twists and turns. His five-minute performance relied strictly on his flexible aptitude and two pieces of white fabric hanging from the ceiling. Besides performing at club openings and private parties, Felix also likes to perform for good causes. "When Raul approached me about doing the show I gladly accepted. The show is a fund raiser for a good cause and I'm glad I could help." Combine the models and Felix's performance, add to that the cool workmanship of Santi Hair Salon and MAC Cosmetics, and top it off with clothes from Structure, Rampage, The Limbo Lounge, Sacks and Bloomingdale's and you got one hot Fashion Show that rocked the evening of October 26, 2000. Knowing all this, one must wonder, what's Raul got up his sleeve for next year?



Right before the Fashion Show began, Director Raul Rodriguez admired his set. *Photo By Juan Carlos Del Valle*

By Roxana Cozma

Hispanic Heritage

FIU was hot, hot, hot in October. Celebrating Hispanic Heritage in style required the skillful planning of the SPC, Hispanic Heritage Committee and Campus Life Administration; and in this fiesta, everything was included. There was the Piñata party, Salsa dancing, the Noche Dominicana, Venezolana, Portoriquena and Colombiana, the Comedy Show, the Carnaval, the Latinos Unidos, poetry, lectures, arts and crafts, movies and so much more. FIU was literally "Calle FIU." Each day of the week of October 13th through the 24th, students had an array of activities to participate in. Those who liked dancing, got a chance to move along with the Folkloric dancers of Spain, Bolivia, Ecuador and Argentina. The

two most entertaining events which provided an enjoyable and meaningful experience, were Carnaval and Latinos Unidos. "Carnaval was an event to make the housing students feel more a part of the University," said Betty Inclan. This outdoor evening event provided entertainment for the young and the young at heart. Great music, plenty of Hispanic cuisine and dancing spiced up

the night. The second event that brought many Hispanic and other nationalities together was Latinos Unidos. Its purpose was for FIU students to come together and showcase some of their best dancing, singing, poetry, writing and even write about what it means to be a Hispanic in the year 2000. Awards were given out to the essay contest participants, and plenty of cheers and applause were given to the performers on stage. Sara Vargas, whose group performed a number representing the Housing residents, was glad to participate. "I think it's great that Hispanic students put so much effort into preparing for this event. Hopefully next year the turnout of performers and spectators will be even greater," she said.

By Roxana Cozma

During Hispanic Heritage, the Dominican Choir sings different native songs from their country. Photo By Jose Otero



George Corton
Junior

"Winning this award was a great honor."



Bettina Inclan
Junior

"Being one of the chairmen of the Hispanic Heritage committees was hard work, but at the end it paid off."



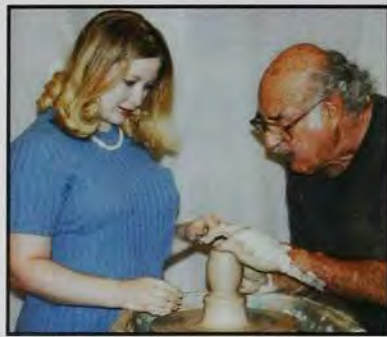
At Festival de Bailes Folkloricos, dancers from Bolivia performed some traditional dances for FIU students. Photo By Campus Life Publications



At the Piñata party, students rushed to catch some of the sweet rewards that come with breaking a piñata. Photo By Jose Otero

No Hispanic Heritage is complete without the Flamenco dancers doing one of the oldest dances in the Hispanic culture. Photo By Campus Life Publications

During the Salsa competition, Danay Diaz's and Alain Sanchez's right moves earn them a second place at Carnaval's "Calle FIU." Photo By Jose Otero



In the Graham Center Forum (PIT), students had the opportunity during American Heritage Week to make clay pottery. *Photo By Jose Otero*



Mariel Garcia
Freshman

"I enjoyed the different activities during American Heritage."



Maria Garcia
Freshman

"Getting together with my friends during the luncheon was a great feeling."



By midweek of American Heritage, many showcases had taken place in the Graham Center Forum (PIT). *Photo By Jose Otero*

The week ended with the annual Thanksgiving luncheon. This is when students and faculty get together for an exciting afternoon of food and shows. *Photo By Maria Navas*



Build a scare crow. Students from the Athletic Training department decorated their scarecrow as a FIU Football player. *Photo By Jose Otero*



American Heritage

Every year FIU proudly celebrates American Heritage Week. As this event approaches, students all over campus get excited. Not only was this year's event very educational, it was also filled with entertainment, food and fun. The festivities opened with the Piscataway Nation Singers and Dancers, performing traditional Native American songs and dances while displaying some of their arts and crafts for everyone to enjoy. Then, the celebration switched over to Country Line Dancing with Man George. One fun activity that got many organizations involved was the Scarecrow competition. Students were awarded cash prizes for their creations. That same day, historical demonstrations of pottery making, colonial quilting and weaving, showed students some of the oldest traditions in the American culture. But food and fun go



hand in hand, so to help celebrate Thanksgiving, Campus Life welcomed everyone to FIU's Traditional Thanksgiving Luncheon. As attendees filled their bellies with all kinds of goodies, Edgar Cruz provided a symphony of sounds with his melodic guitar tunes. Last but not least, the weeklong celebration could not be complete without a tribute to our Star Spangled Banner. Our own ROTC flawlessly conducted a "Patriotic Presentation of Our Flag". Wrapping up the week was a presentation of "The Patriot" at Movie Mania.

By Roxana Cozma

After unveiling the American Heritage logo, many students were excited with the balloon drop that kicked off the festivities. *Photo By Jose Otero*

Moonlight Madness

Moonlight Madness was really "mad" this year. The Golden Panther Arena was filled with FIU students and staff supporting the kick-off of a new basketball season. The cheering crowd got louder and louder as the FIU cheerleaders performed some of their finest routines, not to mention the crowd's increasing volume during the many contests put on by the organizers. Whether it was shooting hoops or cheering the loudest, Panther Rage volunteers gave out many prizes like T-shirts, sports bottles, hats and bandanas. If it had the FIU logo on it, for the right amount of pep, they gave it

way. Radiate 88.1 FM helped fuel the fire by displaying some of their best DJ-ing skills. Besides the FIU colors seen in the stands, sororities and fraternities proudly displayed their letters. Everyone was waving balloons, shaking noise makers and stomping their feet. The program went on with a skit, in which the characters were wearing Star

Trek outfits and comically acting as if they were inside a spaceship. In the end, it was the introduction of our own men's and women's basketball teams and their coaches that made the students feel as though they were hosting an NBA game. The main lights in the arena went out as beams of light circled around the room. The cheerleaders lined up making a hall-like path and the fog machines engulfed everyone in a thick rising fog. The loud voice of the announcer rose above the lung-bursting shouts, and began introducing our own FIU Panthers. "Ladies and gentlemen, standing at 6 feet 5 inches tall, one of our best defensive players, please welcome..."

-By Roxana Cozma



Glowing at the Panther Rage Pep Rally Sydney Machado and friend stand up to show their school spirit. Photo By Jose Otero



Juan Carlos Del Valle
Graduate

"Nothing can beat the Golden Panther spirit."



Sharon Hart
Campus Life

"Moonlight Madness was great!"



During the Moonlight Madness pep-rally, one of the FIU cheerleaders gets the crowd excited. Photo By Jose Otero



Glowing at the camera, Pete The Panther and David Mesas get together at the Moonlight Madness pep-rally. Photo By Jose Otero

After an amazing performance by the FIU cheerleaders, University Park Tower residents show their support for the team. Photo By Jose Otero

Mesmerized by Pete The Panther, this child gave his balloon to our mascot. Photo By Jose Otero

Inside one of the Chicki huts, Claton Solomon lifts up Illian Villegas and places her on top of the wooden log. *Photo By Jose Otero*



At a session of IMPACT, members of the Greek community hug each other as they set out their goals for the new semester. *Photo By Jose Otero*

During a presentation, this IMPACT group plotted out their goals for the Greek community at FIU. *Photo By Jose Otero*



Inbetween sessions, Suzette Hernandez speaks to Joshua Martin about different ideas and events for the Greek Community. *Photo By Jose Otero*



Miguel Orozco
Sigma Phi Epsilon

"The accomplishments of this weekend is only the beginning for Greek Life at FIU."



Jessica Morfii
Alpha Xi Delta

"The unity I felt about this weekend was amazing."



I.M.P.A.C.T

A National Interfraternity Conference program, IMPACT, was the first of its kind for the many FIU fraternities and sororities. This year, IMPACT was held at Billie Swamp Safari in the Everglades. About 40 to 50 Greeks participated in this event and all of them said it was an experience like no other. A Phi Mu, Alex Campuzano, stated that the weekend was a total bonding experience. "We all went knowing very few people. However, by the time it was over, everyone knew each other." IMPACT stands for Influence, Motivation, Purpose, Action, Community and Trust, and helps fraternity and sorority communities establish an agenda for the future and achieve great success. It is designed to foster the already improved relationships among Greek leaders, through an intensive and very interactive two-day program. At the Billie Swamp



Safari, these leaders got a chance to team up and orient their focus toward areas, which had room for improvement i.e. becoming better leaders and creating new paths for the generations to come as well as nurturing reputations. The atmosphere of the Everglades gave these leaders a very relaxing environment to work in and also provided an educational outdoor plethora of natural beauty. We all wish them good luck in making an IMPACT in our own FIU community.

After a long day of workshops, Suzette Hernandez, Nick Garcia, Sorel Cortopassi, Mike Blanco, Jose Otero and Illian Villegas, stand on the dock to relax. *Photo By Steve Whitby*

By Roxana Cozma

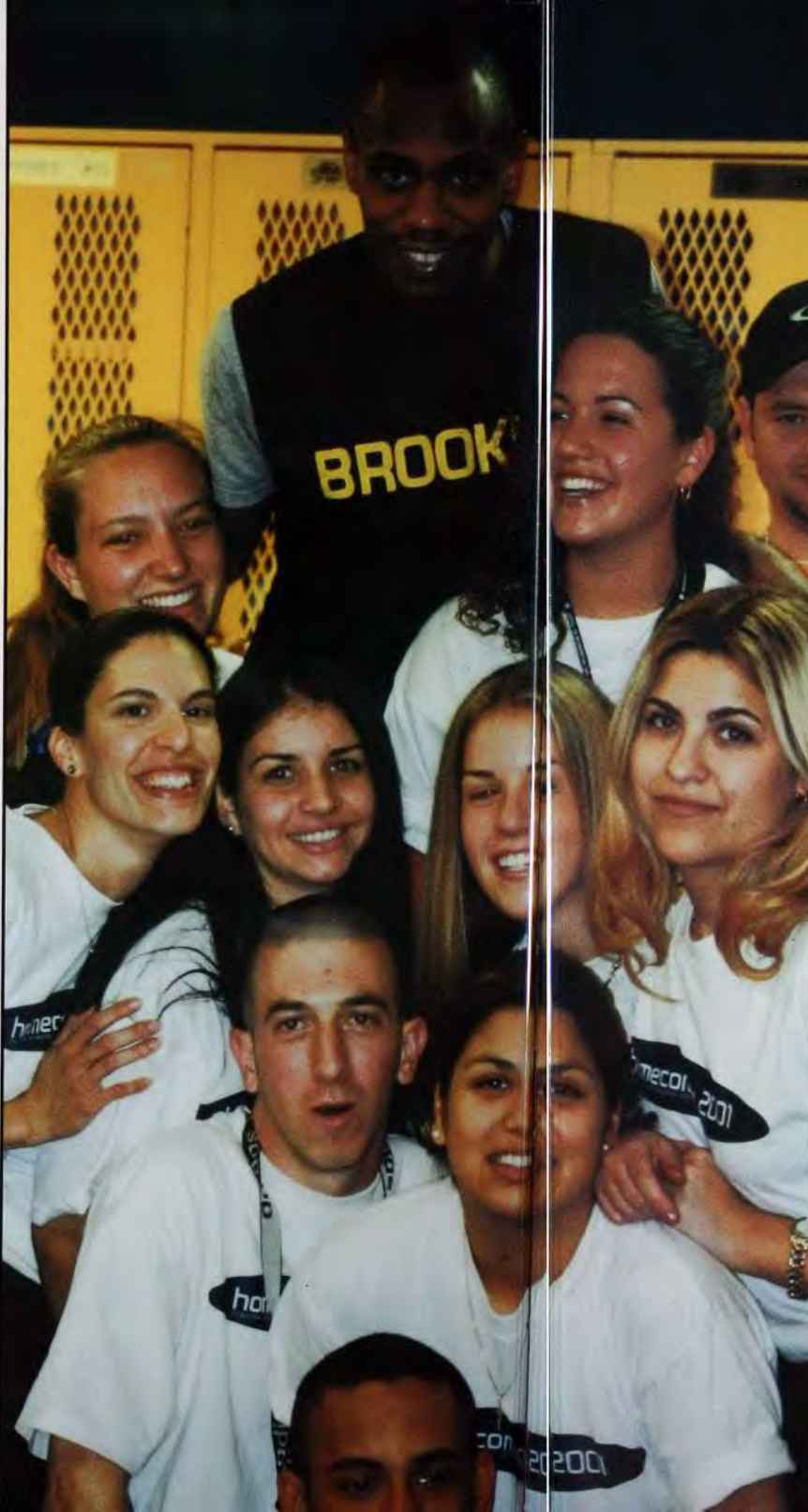
Homecoming 2001

"See the paw, feel the claw," was this year's FIU Homecoming theme. The week started off with banner competitions, Homecoming court elections, decorating the buildings and ended with a lip-sync contest, a few games, introduction of our own future football team, a huge pep rally and a float parade. It was fun, eventful and gave students the chance to recharge their school spirit. Most of the sororities and fraternities entered the banner competition and were required to carry out the Homecoming theme throughout their creations. First place winners were Pi Kappa Alpha and Alpha Omicron Pi. In second place were Pi Kappa Phi and Delta Phi Epsilon. And for third, we had Phi Sigma Kappa and Alpha Xi Delta. At the same time, preparations to introduce this year's Homecoming court went as planned. One by one, candidates intro-

duced themselves and shared a few of their goals to the student body. Voting booths were then set up in the GC Pit for everyone to come and vote for their favorite king, queen, prince and princess for the 2001 FIU Homecoming Court. Later in the week at the Women's basketball game, the winners of this year's Homecoming Court were announced, Isabel Rodriguez-Ojea for Queen, Justin Low for King, Sorrel Cortopassi for Princess and Lorenzo Arca for Prince. But the excitement didn't end there. Half-way into the most spirited week of the year, Greeks teamed up to compete in the decorating of the buildings around campus. That day, students attended class in decorated UP (con't to page 55)



During the opening ceremony of Homecoming Week, banners were hung across the west wall of the Graham Center. Photo By Jose Otero



Lazaro Rodriguez
Junior

"Homecoming gave me the opportunity to show FIU how much spirit I have."

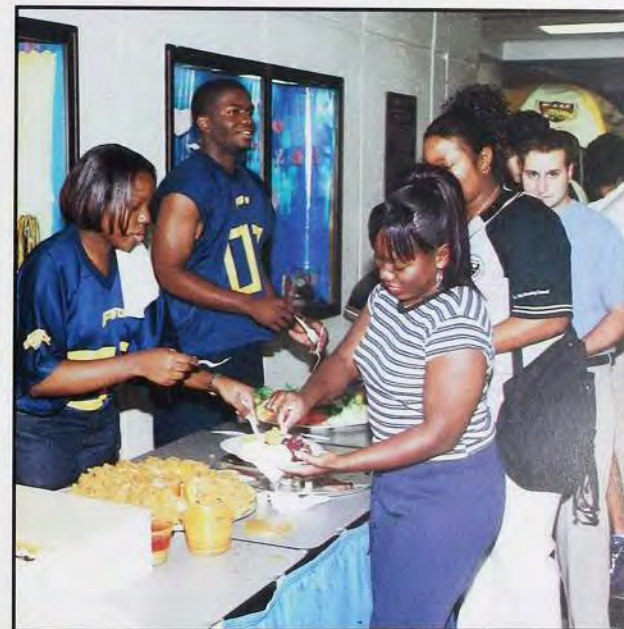


Shannon Young
Sophomore

"Running for Homecoming Princess was very memorable for me."



During the dedication of the new baseball stadium, Coach Danny Price and Tommy Duenas stand with their honorable guests. Photo By Fox-Mar Studios



After the Homecoming Comedy Show, the Homecoming Committee gathered with David Chappel. Photo By Jose Otero

At the Biscayne Bay Campus, members of Panther Power gave free food during the pep rally. Photo By Fox-Mar Studios

At the Graham Center Forum, Homecoming Court nominees wait patiently until their names were called. Photo By Jose Otero



At the Homecoming Dance, FIU Students gathered for a group shot. *Photo By Fox-Mar Studios*



University Park Homecoming Court: King Justin Low, Queen Isabel Rodríguez-Ojea, Prince Lorenzo Arca, and Princess Sorel Cortapassi. *Photo By Fox-Mar Studios*

During the Homecoming Parade the Biscayne Bay Campus Homecoming Court smiled to the spectators. *Photo By Fox-Mar Studios*



Performing to the song "Time of our Life", are Alpha Xi Delta members Angela Torrents and Rebecca De Quesada. *Photo By Fox-Mar Studios*



Jorge Escobar
Junior

"My favorite competition during homecoming was the Lip Sync contest."



Andrew Silvia
Junior

"Homecoming gave me the opportunity to work with other students."



Panther Prowl

buildings. GC, DM, PC, CP, PH, UPT, OE and ECS were filled with blue and gold balloons, ribbons, paper mache, glitter and so much more. Every building had a theme that gave each a unique personality. "It's fun to come to school and see the buildings so made up. It's like they got a face lift and more spirit," said one of the students walking into PC. Winners for the building decoration competition were, in first place were Phi Sigma Sigma, Phi Sigma Kappa and Alpha Xi Delta coming in second and in third were Pi Kappa Alpha and Alpha Omicron Pi. Then, the mother of all pep rallies roared with excitement, laughter and more laughter. Radiate 88.1 was in the house jamming everyone's favorite hip-hop songs. The FIU Dancers and Cheerleaders pumped up the crowd of over 2,000 students as well as performing some of their



finest routines. Our own sports teams made an appearance introducing themselves to the students too. In the end, a funny Dave Chappell made everyone laugh nonstop for an entire hour. At the Biscayne Bay Campus, the Homecoming events were just as fun. The campus hosted its own Pep Rally and Homecoming Formal. This year's dance theme was Atlantis. But the fun didn't stop there. The next day, the Lip Sync contest, which was held in the GC Ballroom, packed in a full house. Performances ranging from the Disco Era to Country to Rap and R&B were all very entertaining. The students participating in the competition went all out, sporting costumes and make- (con't on page 56)

During the annual Lip-Sync contest, members of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity performed to a song from the movie "Full Monty". *Photo By Fox-Mar Studios*

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up from top to bottom. First place was given to Sigma Alpha Mu and Phi Mu. Second place was won by Phi Sigma Kappa and Alpha Xi Delta and in third place came Phi Sigma Sigma. The final competitions of the week were the Float, Brigade and Cheer contests. The theme of Homecoming in the float parade was best represented by Phi Sigma Sigma, which was followed by Sigma Alpha Mu and Phi Mu, and in third came Phi Sigma Kappa and Alpha Xi Delta. In the second contest, students were judged based on how well they marched with the band, how much spirit each group had and who was the most coordinated while marching. Here,

the judges awarded first place to Pi Kappa Phi and Delta Phi Epsilon. Second place was awarded to Sigma Alpha Mu and Phi Mu and third was awarded to Phi Sigma Sigma. This most spirited week ended with a wild Fan Fest Barbeque with a live band and fireworks display. Soon after the fireworks display ended, FIU students walked over to the Golden

Panther Arena for the annual Homecoming game. Even though the Panthers lost to the Pirateers, the excitement of the students along with the performances of the FIU Cheerleaders and the Golden Panther Dancers led the way to the Cheer contest. In first place came Sigma Alpha Mu and Phi Mu. In second, Phi Sigma Sigma and in third Pi Kappa Phi and Delta Phi Epsilon. During the 2001 Homecoming Week, FIU saw participation from many organizations and students alike. Spirit was at its highest and the week was filled with events everyday and competitions that Campus Life, Student Government and Alumni Affairs worked hard together to make it happen.

By Roxana Cozma



At Homecoming Week came to a close, students carry the Homecoming banner at the annual parade. Photo By Fox-Mar Studios



Christina Kumar
Junior

"The cheer contest brought out the spirit for the student body."



Maria Campos
Junior

"Homecoming was a week of hard work, but at the end it paid off."

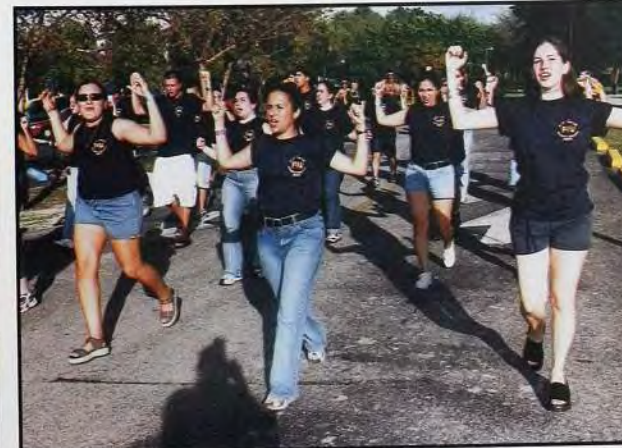


At the annual alumni barbecue, Dr. Patricia Telles-Irvin, Ruth Hamilton and Dr. Paul Gallagher show their excitement during the celebration. Photo By Jose Otero



During the cheer contest, Susie Carreras and Leidys Madruga of Phi Sigma Sigma sorority show off their blue and gold spirit. Photo By Fox-Mar Studios

Go F...I...U, chanted the ladies of Phi Mu sorority during the Homecoming parade. Photo By Fox-Mar Studios



During the Homecoming parade, members of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity and Delta Phi Epsilon sorority stood on their interactive float. Photo By Jose Otero

Each year, different clubs and organizations raise money for the dance marathon. *Photo By Jose Otero*



FIU students kept dancing until they could not dance anymore. *Photo By The Beacon Newspaper*

After dancing for several hours, these FIU students still kept going for Dance Marathon. *Photo By The Beacon Newspaper*



Standing on their feet for 25 hours, these students dance to the last song before they are allowed to sit down. *Photo By Jose Otero*



Manny Casmire
Junior

"Dance Marathon is one of the biggest events at FIU."



Danny Flores
Sophomore

"Knowing that we did this for the kids made this an incredible event."



Dance Marathon

Dance Marathon is FIU's largest charity event. For the last three years, students have gathered in the Golden Panther Arena as dancers, moralers, staffers or volunteers to help raise money for children with medical needs that are financially less fortunate than others. "This money will go to help the kids at Miami's Children's Hospital," said Cedric McMinn, Morale chair for Dance Marathon. For 25 hours straight, over 250 students showed up to help out. The dancers' tempo was kept up by music from the '60s and '70s and by deejay Tracy Young and deejay Irie from the radio station 99 Jamz. Our own deejays from Radiate 88.1 FM provided the night's soundtrack. Besides dancing, there were also other activities like board games, to entertain those not dancing. The members of Dance Marathon, which prepared for the event



months in advance, handled all the behind-the-scenes work. According to SGA, this function raised about \$48,500; this was way over last year's amount of only \$33,000. The Student Organization Council also gave a big hand during the event, assisting at the First Aid Station. President Modesto Maidique kicked off the first song that marked the beginning of the dancing. In his speech he stated that such an event shows FIU's charitable involvement in helping out the community.

-Roxana Cozma

Keeping everyone's spirit up, the Moral Captains entertain the dancers. *Photo By Jose Otero*

Pan African

Numerous events have been planned as part of the Pan-African celebrations. The ninth annual Miss Pan African Collegiate Pageant was held in the Graham Center ballrooms. The pageant's theme was "Evolution of Excellence": showcasing intelligence and talented women of African descent. The Moko Jumbie Stilt Walkers provided entertainment in the

Graham Center Forum (PIT). Clubs and organizations also had displays set up throughout the Graham Center. The Association of People of African Ancestry and Culture presented a

fashion show on February 20, 2001. Comedian "Sommore" entertained students during the comedy show. An after show party was sponsored by the Student Programming Council, the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity and Gracie's Grill. The Pan-African celebration ended on February 23. Motivational speaker Mawi Asgedom spoke that day.

-The Beacon Newspaper



Cedric McMinn
Senior

"Being involved with the Pan African celebration was an enjoyable experience."



Julianne Jarvis
Sophomore

"Exploring the diversity in the African Diaspora is an exceptional experience."



During the Pan-African celebration, students and faculty members enjoyed the Gospel Extravaganza. Photo By Jose Otero



During an evening event, guest speaker Mawi Asgedom from Harvard University spoke to guests about his life. Photo By Jose Otero



Posing on the Runway, Fredgy Noel and friend show off different African culture outfits. Photo By Jose Otero

After the Fashion Show, the models gather together with their clothing designers. Photo By Jose Otero



Outside the Graham Center, Hawaiian dancers performed for students and faculty during the Spring Luau. *Photo By Jose Otero*



Serving food to students and faculty members, Amanda Khan smiles for a picture. *Photo By Jose Otero*

FIU students and faculty enjoyed trying out different types of Hawaiian food. *Photo By Jose Otero*



Performing to an Hawaiian song, this dancer entertains the audience. *Photo By Jose Otero*



Jenny James
Senior

"I enjoyed myself at this year's Spring Culture Fest."



Danny Vinat
Senior

"I think Spring Culture Fest was a big success this year. We made a lot of new changes and the students liked it."



Spring Culture Fest

The loud Taiko Japanese Drummers attracted an enormous crowd at their Thursday, March 8th performance in the GC Pit. Banging with force, but gracefully moving their arms in the air, they synchronized each movement to produce awesome, head-bopping rhythmic beats. This was just one of the many acts the Student Programming Council, with the help of many student associations, included in their Spring Culture Fest itinerary. FIU's Spring Culture Fest literally went "Around the World in Nine Days." The week opened with some jazz numbers, whose music reminded us of an International Coffee House and an International Flag Parade, where international students from around the world came together and presented their diverse nationalities. Then, as the week unfolded, the entertainment moved in. Europe was represented at the Biscayne Bay Campus by a Greek belly dancer. Her well-controlled moves made everyone blush. Meanwhile, at University Park Campus, Caribbean Culture was celebrated along with Monty's "Island Jammers," Miss Caribbean FIU Pageant 2001, Miami's Reggae sensation "Johnny Dread" and some Puerto Rican food and entertainment. Latin America brought FIU students more acquainted with some Nicaraguan, Dominican, Mexican and Cuban culture and entertainment. Back at BBC, the Afro-Brazilian Samba and Pagode dancers showcased some of their tiny Carnival costumes and expressive native dances. The closing ceremony consisted of a Multicultural Expo of food, poetry, music and the presentation of the Homecoming Court, Miss Pan-African and Miss Caribbean 2001 and much more.



During the opening ceremonies of the Spring Luau, Co-Chairman Rene Formosa and Chairman Judy Narvaez present the Hawaiian dancers. *Photo By Jose Otero*

By Roxana Cozma



A University is a learning community following a tradition more than 1,000 years old. Florida International University is such a community dedicated to generating and imparting knowledge through excellent teaching and research, the rigorous and respectful exchange of ideas and community service. As a member of this community:

I will respect the tradition of academic inquiry, the University's rules of conduct and its mission.

I will respect the opinions and differences of all members of the FIU community.

I will practice civility and avoid behavior that undermines the normal functioning of the University.

I will respect the rights and property of the university and its members.

I will be diligent and honest in my personal and academic endeavors.



“Beyond Expectations”

Graduates

Philosopher Eric Hoffer once stated, “Every new adjustment is a crisis in self-esteem.” Imagine what could possibly be the biggest adjustment of all in life’s audacious cycle. No, it’s not the jump from elementary school to college, because unless you’re a pure genius, that transition is impossible to accomplish, but how about going from the university level to that of the desired actual career. Remember the baby steps that took place before this. From elementary came middle school, a huge transition in its own right, but there were facilitators who helped you make the jump and above all things, you were shielded from the real world. From middle came senior high school, again a huge transition in its own right... from puberty to maturity, but yet, shielded from the real world. But then before you know it after four priceless years, no more high school and college is on the horizon. The Real World? Well, sort of more like a taste. But now here comes the real thing after commencement, and after all the blue hats are thrown into the air, opportunity will come knocking. Will it be at your door? Will you hear it knocking? Or will you be suffering from delusions of grandeur? Well, those are the trials that are awaiting the seniors, the future graduates of JIU. Hoffer was right when he said that the crisis will be in the area of self-esteem when a new adjustment is here. Freud once said that work is the key to maintaining equilibrium. And let’s face it, it is. Could you possibly imagine not getting a good paying job after so many years attending a university? It couldn’t be possible, right? Well, let’s hope not. The Real World could dampen the hopes and raise fears after graduation but it also has the power to send wild euphoria to one’s being. The key is taking everything step by step and not getting too high or too low. You went through almost 20 years of schooling for this big day, so obviously patience is a virtue at this point. Some famous philosopher once said that the key to life is seeing it from the best possible point of view. So look at graduation in this light. No more finals, no more midterms, a consistent paycheck, well, keep your fingers crossed on that one and no more parking problems. Was that worth the wait of graduation? Let’s hope so. Congratulations seniors, you earned those diplomas and best of luck.

By Derik Deliard

"Educating The Future"

VISION Spotlights:

Janisse Abijalil



PROFILE

Full Name: Janisse Abijalil
Birth Location: Miami, Fla.
Major: Elementary Education
High School: Miami Senior High School
Class of: 1998

High School Activities: Student Government President, Future Educators of America Vice-President, Future Educators of America Historian, Honoria Service Club Treasurer, Mijonettes, Let's Make A Difference Leader, Student Life Editor of MIAH Yearbook, Quill and Scroll Recording Secretary, Historical Honor Society, Center for the Teaching Profession Magnet Program, Magnet Steering Committee.

High School Honors: MIAH Hall of Fame, MIAH's Most Dedicated Member, Richard de Agosero Humanitarian Award, Most Dedicated Majorette, Singaree Honor Roll, Blue and Gold Honor Roll, Principal's Honor Roll, Outstanding 10th and 11th grade Magnet Student.

FIU Activities: Kappa Delta Pi President, Future Educators of America Historian, Orientation Peer Advisor, Student Ambassador, Student Alumni Association, Advertisements Editor for VISION Yearbook, Dance Marathon Mural Captain, College of Education Dean's Student Advisory Committee, Student Council for Exceptional Children, Golden Key Honor Society.

FIU Honors: College of Education's Dean's List for Fall, Spring, Summer, Nominated for Outstanding Student Leadership Award.

Quote I live by: "I am the captain of my fate. I am the master of my soul."

The people who made a significant impact on her life: "I feel that all of the people that I came in contact with in my life have had a significant impact on me. My parents have taught me right from wrong and why college is so important in my life. My friends have helped mold me into the person I am today. My boyfriend Armando has had the most significant impact on my life. We've been together for four years and he's taught me what true love is all about. He's also taught me what sharing, caring and true friendship can do to a person."

Defining a true leader can best exemplify who Janisse Abijalil is. Janisse graduated from Miami Senior High School in 1998, where she was involved with Student Government, Future Educators of America, Honoria Service Club, Historical Honor Society, the MIAH yearbook and much more. After graduation Janisse entered FIU. She became active with Kappa Delta Pi, Future Educators of America Historian, Future Educators of America member, Golden Key Honor Society, Student Council for Exceptional Children and many other organizations. Janisse majored in Elementary Education. "I am the captain of my fate, I am the master of my soul," said Janisse. After graduation, she plans to get a teaching position and return to school to work towards a Masters degree. Enthusiastic, humanitarian and an overachiever describe Janisse Abijalil.

As Janisse's graduates from Florida International University she exhibits the spirit of a student, friend and colleague. Her endless contribution to FIU and the community will never be forgotten especially to the people she has helped.



Top: Janisse Abijalil stands with her Kappa Delta Pi officers for a group picture. Right: Janisse Abijalil leans on the gazebo's post before going to a Future Educators of America meeting. Photos By Jose Otero

-Joanna Jo



Johan M. Arquelles
Special Education



Louis Angulo
Business Management



Maria S. Anduiza
Hospitality Management



Alain Abad
Accounting



Ya'Aqoub Abdullah
Television Production



Janisse Abijalil
Elementary Education



Danilo S. Andino



Yalil Aguinoga



Gustavo Alfonso
Finance



Ali Alvarino
English



Orlando L. Amorin
Marketing



Olga A. Arguello
International Business



Vanessa Barblt
Liberal Studies



Jamaïne Barr
Chemistry



Rosemarie Barredo
Special Education



Oded Behar
Sociology



Novelette Beharie
Management Information Systems



Carlos Benitez
Criminal Justice



"Going Against The Past"

VISION Spotlights: **Gus Alfonso**

A true leader can describe Gus Alfonso. Gus was the captain of the FIU baseball team leading them to an incredible season, winning the Regional Championship and taking his team to the Super Regional for the first time in FIU history. Gus graduated from Christopher Columbus Senior High School in 1997 where he was actively involved in many organizations such as Campus Ministry, Class offices, football and of course baseball. When Gus graduated from high school he started his college career at the University of Miami and then transferred a year later to FIU. Originally Gus wanted to major in a medical career but instead decided to major in Finance. Gus's most cherished memory is when he hit a homerun in his first at bat against UM, the team where Gus started his college career. Gus believes that people generally view him as easygoing, upbeat, assertive, genuine and caring. Throughout his time at FIU, he remained successful on the field and in the classroom. Passionate, dedicated and driven can define Gus Alfonso.

His determination and commitment for baseball has made him stand out among other athletes in FIU history. When we look back at Gus Alfonso his attributes as a leader will live within his peers and fellow baseball players.

-Jose Otero



Left: During his first year playing baseball for FIU, Gus Alfonso scores the winning homerun against his former school, the University of Miami. Top: At Christmas time, Gus Alfonso spends quality time with his family. Photos By Gus Alfonso



PROFILE

Full Name: Gustavo Alfonso
Nickname: Gus
Birth Place: Miami, Fla.
Major: Finance
High School: Christopher Columbus High School
Class of: 1997

High School Activities: Baseball, Football, Campus Ministry and Vice President Senior Class

High School Honors: First Honors, MVP Football, Most Outstanding Running Back, Sportsmanship Award, MVP Baseball, All-Dade, Honorable Mention All-American, Member USA Baseball Jr. National Team, Ford Salute to Academics (Visual Art), Art Excellence Award and DAANS Distinguished Student Athlete

FIU Activities: Baseball Team, Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC) and Academic Integrity Subcommittee (MCA)

FIU Honors: Florida Merit Scholar, Dean's List, MVP Baseball Team, Baseball Team Captain, All South Regional Tournament Team, Pre-Season All Conference, Sun Belt Sportsmanship Award Representative for FIU

Quote He Lives By: "I do not claim that I have already succeeded or have already become perfect. I keep striving to win the prize for which Christ Jesus has already won me to himself. Of course, my brothers, I really do not think that I have already won it. The one thing I do know, however, is to forget what is behind me and do my best to reach what is ahead. So I run straight toward the goal in order to win the prize, which is God's call through Christ Jesus to the life above." - Philippians 3:12-14

The People Who Made A Significant Impact on His Life: His parents have given him the unconditional support and love that without it would have made it hard to accomplish what he has. He feels fortunate to have them and knows that when things go bad, they believe in him more than anybody.



Vanessa A. Bhan



Peggy J. Bodero
Finance & MIS



Andres Bonaita
Accounting



Eldo Damian Bori

"Reaching New Heights"

VISION Spotlights:

Carlos Arroyo



PROFILE

Full Name: Carlos Alberto Arroyo Bermúdez
Nickname: LOS
Birth Place: Santurce, Puerto Rico
Major: Liberal Studies
High School: Colegio Santiago Apóstol
Class of: 1997

High School Activities: Basketball, Volleyball

High School Honors: MVP in Several Tournaments

FIU Activities: Basketball

FIU Honors: All Conference Sunbelt (2001), Scoring Leader (2001)

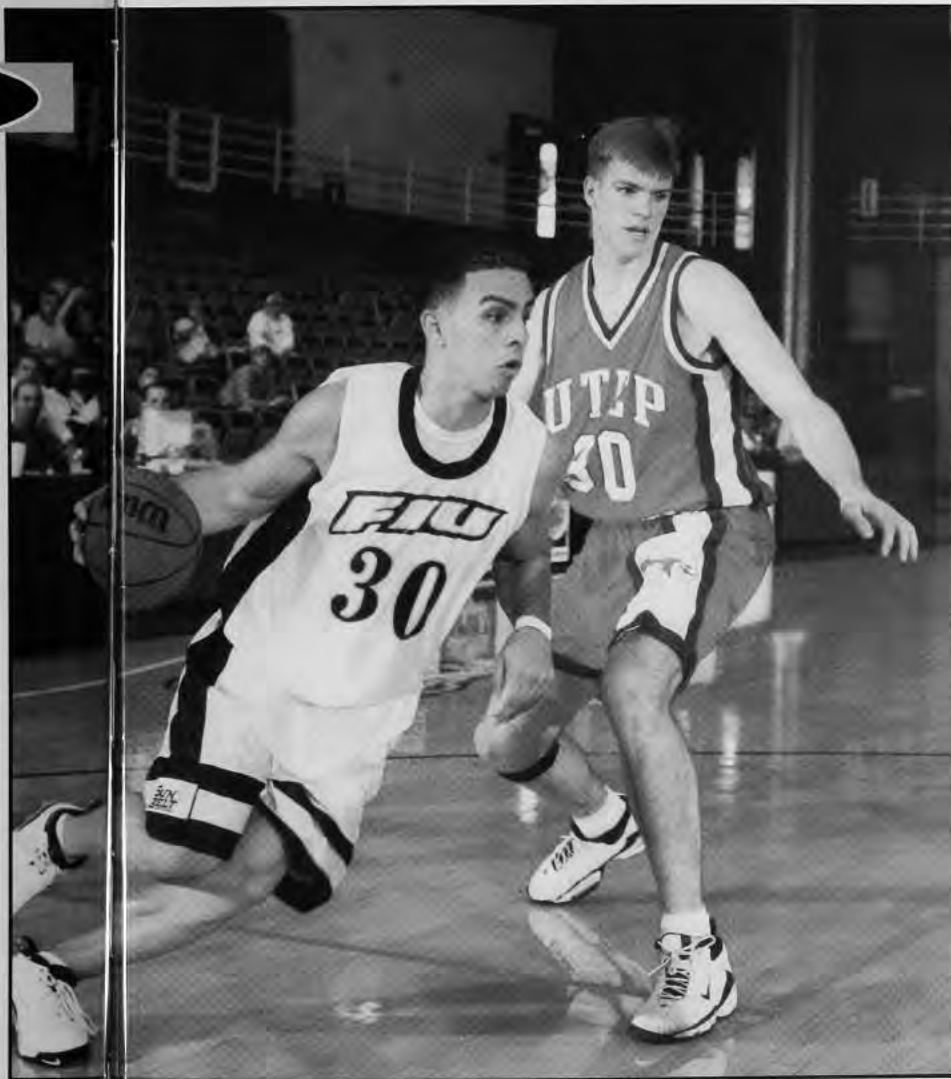
Quote He Lives By: "Only trust in those who really care about you." "Nothing is easy in order to be successful."

The People Who Made A Significant Impact on His Life: God for helping him understand that if he believes in Him, He will help him finish. His family for truly caring for him; his love for them is unexplainable, everything with your heart."

Hard worker, dedicated and persistent are the words that describe Carlos Alberto Arroyo Bermúdez. Carlos graduated from Colegio Santiago Apóstol in 1997, where he was involved in numerous activities such as basketball and volleyball. After graduation, Carlos entered FIU in the fall of 1997. Right from the start this motivated Golden Panther became active in basketball. In four ever powering years at FIU, he was MVP in several tournaments. "My most cherished memory was the day my little brother came home from the hospital when he was born," said Carlos. He majored in Liberal Studies. After graduating, Carlos sees himself playing basketball professionally. Carlos's tireless efforts and commitment has made him the person he is today and has paved the road of success for him and his professional career as an athlete.



Right: Carlos Arroyo drives past his opponents. *Top:* Carlos Arroyo dribbles the ball down the court. *Photos By* Geoff Anderson



-Elizabeth Diaz



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Yasenny Camejo
Visual Arts



Lourdes Calvo
Biology



Giselle Brau
Elementary Education



Karen A. Brooks
Marketing



Teresa Brooks
Sociology & Anthropology



Tony O. Brown
Civil Engineering



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Advertising



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Public Relations



Fritz J. Calixte
French



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Computer Science



Lisette M. Carreras
Sociology



Nicole Carter
Social Work



Michelle M. Castro
International Relations



Yesenia Cejas



Grace Cheah
Hospitality Management



Jennifer Chen
Hospitality Management



Tae H. Choe
Hospitality Management



Jose A. Cisneros
English



Reynaldo J. Cobo
Computer Science



Margaret Cofre
International Relations



"Capturing The Moment"

VISION Spotlights: Yasenny Camejo

"Everything happens for a reason," a wise proverb that Yasenny Camejo has lived by throughout FIU and life. Yasenny graduated from the New World School of the Arts in 1997 where she found the opportunity to expand on her artistic skills in drawing, sculpting and photography. Yasenny was involved in many organizations in high school such as Amnesty International, National Art Honor Society and Cultural Heritage Club. After Yasenny graduated from high school she entered FIU in the fall of 1997 majoring in Finance and Computer Science. After taking some courses in those majors, Yasenny realized that she wanted to major in Visual Arts. Yasenny became involved with Campus Life Publications, using her artistic gift for the visual for various publications at FIU. Yasenny was also the Photography Editor of the Beacon Newspaper, a member of the Fine Arts Student Association and helped with the visual aspects of the Fall Fashion Show. When asked what she will most miss about FIU Yasenny stated "The social and academic atmosphere that motivates you." Energetic, friendly and understanding can best describe Yasenny. Her ability to create, her ability to relate to others and to make the



Left: Yasenny Camejo spends quality time with her friends on the weekend. Top: During yearbook photo week, Yasenny stood with Silvia Costa-Pasquini and Nadia Fernandez. Photos By Yasenny Camejo & Jose Otero

best out of any situation is what has made her an inspirational graduate. When we look back through the pages of the VISION yearbook we can remember a graduate who has dedicated herself to her true love of art.

-Jose Otero



PROFILE

Full Name: Yasenny Camejo
Nickname: None
Birth Place: Hialeah, Fla.
Major: Visual Arts
Minor: Art History
High School: New World School of the Arts
Class of: 1997

High School Activities: National Art Honors Society (1993-1997), National Art Honors Society Treasurer (1997), Amnesty International-Treasurer (1996), Cultural Heritage Club Member (1996-1997)

High School Honors: Achievement/Excellence Award for Photography (1997)

FIU Activities: FASA, Beacon Newspaper, Photo Journalism, Fall Fashion Show

FIU Honors: None

Quote She Lives By: "Everything happens for a reason." "Do everything with your heart."

The People Who Made A Significant Impact on Her Life: Her mother for being the most understanding and supportive person while encouraging her to pursue her career and studies.



Ligming Delgado
Biology



Junie Desbrunes
French



Zuany Diaz
Social Work



Suzanne H. Decobo
Accounting



Mark Dolam
Computer Science



Nicha M. Douglas



Devon Issac Edie
Construction Management



Tera R. Eggleton
Psychology



Achraf C. Elchurafa
Architecture



Ana Escobar
Biology



Raul R. Estrada Jr.
Education



“Enjoying The College Experience” VISION Spotlights: **Roxana Cozma**

Perceptive, observant and nice are words to describe Roxana Cozma. Roxana graduated from Wolfson High School in 1995, where she was involved with the Soccer Team, French Club and Drama Club. After she graduated from high school, Roxana entered FIU in 1998 where she became active with the yearbook, International Relations Club and FIU Model United Nations Representative. Roxana majored in International Relations and minored in Mass Communication. “Ever since I was a young girl I’ve enjoyed geography. That’s why I majored in International Relations.” Roxana came to the United States from Romania in 1989. “I’m an unusual case. I came to this country not knowing English or anything else about the American way of life. My first two years I got teased a lot and I didn’t have many friends. But I was able to overcome that period and went on to high school where I quickly integrated. Now I have many friends and I have met many influential people

and have graduated from college while learning not only English but Spanish as well,” said Roxana. When looking back at her college years Roxana said, “She wants to be remembered as an active leader and a person who enjoyed the college experience.”



Top: During Moonlight Madness, Roxana Cozma proudly supports both FIU basketball teams. Left: On the Student Media retreat, Roxana relaxes after a long day of workshops. Photos By Jose Otero

-Jose Otero



PROFILE

Full Name: Elena-Roxana Cozma
Nickname: Rox
Birth Location: Romania
Major: International Relations
Minor: Mass Communication
High School: Wolfson High School
Class of: 1995

High School Activities: International Students Club, The Soccer Team in '93, French Club, Drama Club, Miss Wolfson contestant and “Carousel” musical play in 1995

FIU Activities: Vision Yearbook Gallery Editor 2000, Vision Events Editor 2001; PR Officer for International Relations Club and FIU Model United Nations Representative.

The Person Who made A Significant Impact on Her Life: My mother, she read many books on just about everything, making her a well rounded person. Her knowledge of various subjects and her natural instinct as a fighter in life has given me courage and inspiration to always strive for better.

"Mastering The Art of Service"

VISION Spotlights: **Juan Carlos Del Valle**



PROFILE

Full Name: Juan Carlos Gonzalez Del Valle
Nickname: J.C.
Birth Place: Passaic, New Jersey
Major: Public Administration and Business Administration
Minor: None
High School: Christopher Columbus High School
Class of: 1993

High School Activities: Student Activities Council, Columbian Squires and Spanish Honor Society Vice President

High School Honors: Dean's List for Four Years, Academic Honors

FIU Activities: SGA Graduate and College of Health and Urban Affairs, Finance Committee, Dance Marathon Morale Captain, Panther Rage, Chit Chat at Chow Facilitator, Alpha Epsilon Lambda President, Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce Leadership Miami Graduate and Volunteer Coordinator

FIU Honors: Campus Life Award-Outstanding Service, Outstanding Leadership (Graduate)-Finalist, Kaplan Award-Finalist, Golden Key National Honor Society

Quote He Lives By: "Go to the People. Live among them. Love them. Learn from them. Serve them. Plan with them. Start with what they know. Build with what they have. And when the best leaders leave, the people will say: 'We have done it ourselves.'" -Lao Tzu

The People Who Made A Significant Impact on His Life: His daughter, Chrystie, who taught him to appreciate all God's gifts and his mother, Frances, for guiding him through the toughest times in his life.

Passionate, ambitious and understanding are the words that describe Juan Carlos Gonzalez Del Valle. J.C. graduated from Christopher Columbus Senior High School in 1993, where he was involved in numerous activities such as Student Activities Council, Colombian Squires and Spanish Honor Society Vice President. After graduation, he entered the University of Miami, where he received a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration. J.C. entered FIU in the fall of 1999. Right from the start this motivated Golden Panther became an active member in the following: SGA Graduate and College of Health and Urban Affairs representative, Finance Committee, Dance Marathon Morale Captain, Panther Rage, Chit Chat at Chow Facilitator, Alpha Epsilon Lambda President and Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce Leadership Miami Graduate and Volunteer Coordinator. In two but everpowering years at FIU, he received the Campus Life Award-Outstanding Service, Outstanding Leadership (Graduate)-Finalist, Kaplan Award-Finalist, Golden Key National Honor Society. "My most cherished memory was when I was nominated for the Student Life Award," said J.C. "It was such an honor to be recognized for things that I enjoy doing." J.C.

majorred in Public Administration and Business Administration. After graduating, J.C. sees himself pursuing his political aspirations by seeking employment with the Miami-Dade County Mayor's Office. Many say that a positive and honest individual can clearly define J.C. His efforts as a student and as a leader will remain engraved in the hearts of peers at Florida International University.

-Elizabeth Diaz



Right: Juan Carlos Del Valle hugs his daughter. *Top:* Juan Carlos spends quality time with his mother on the weekend. *Photos By* Juan Carlos Del Valle



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Jonathan A. Ferguson
Management & International Business



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Physical Therapy



Michelle Fernandez
Health Information Management



Javier Ferreira
Finance



Julie M. Figueredo
Psychology



Olga Y. Filatova
Hospitality Management



Candice B. Fong
Marketing & Management



Lydia T. Fonseca
English



Oscar M. Galo
Management Information Systems



Julie M. Garbalosa
Special Education



Noreen C. Garcia



Gerardo A. Gomez
Exercise Physiology



Marlene Gomez
Management



Arturo Gonzalez
Criminal Justice



Giselle Gonzalez
English



Jeannette Gonzalez
MIS & International Business



Jacqueline S. Gueits
Political Science



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Sonja K. Hall
Health Service Administration



"The Spirit Of A Leader"

VISION Spotlights:

Julie Figueredo



PROFILE

Full Name: Julie Marie Figueredo
Birth Location: Miami, Fla.
Major: Psychology
Minor: Business
High School: G. Holmes Braddock Senior High School
Class of: 1997

High School Activities: Braddock Child Care Program, J.V. Cheerleader, Co-Captain Varsity Cheerleading Squad, Top Gun All-Star Cheerleader, President of the Junior Class, Vice President of Student Government

High School Honors: National Honor Society, Principal's Honor Roll

FIU Activities: Alpha Xi Delta, Athletics and Activities Chair, New Member Educator for the Panhellenic Council, Peer Educator for the Victim Advocacy Center, Vice President of Alpha Xi Delta, President of Alpha Xi Delta, Marshal for Dance Marathon, Rho Chi (Panhellenic Council)

FIU Honors: Deans List (School of Arts and Sciences), 2001 Panhellenic Sorority President of the Year

Quote You Live By: "For All The Right Reasons"

The Person Who Made A Significant Impact On Her Life? My mother has made an impact on my life and has made me the person I am today. Watching my mom go to school full-time, work full-time and raise a family showed me that anything is possible. She set a goal for herself and she knew that she was going to reach that goal. Not only did my mom show me strength and courage, but also she showed me love and how to love back.

"For all the right reasons" is a phrase that can describe the timeless attributes of Julie Figueredo at Florida International University and throughout her life. Julie Figueredo graduated from G. Holmes Braddock Senior High School in 1997. In high school, Julie was actively involved in several organizations such as Braddock Bunch Preschool, Student Government, Class President and Cheerleading. With all the activities Julie was involved in she remained in the top 10 percent of her graduating class, was on the Principal's honor roll and was inducted into the National Honor Society. After graduating from high school, she entered FIU in the fall of 1997 where she decided to major in Psychology and minored in Business. In addition, Julie decided to enhance her college experience and join Alpha Xi Delta Sorority. Throughout her four years at FIU, Julie was Athletics and Activities Chair, Vice President and President of Alpha Xi Delta and was awarded sorority President of the year for 2001. Julie was also involved in Dance Marathon, the Panhellenic Council and a Peer Educator for the Victim Advocacy Center. When asked who has motivated her to become so involved Julie stated, "My mother has made an impact on my life and has made me the person I am today. My mother worked for Eastern Airlines for 20 years and unfortunately was without a job once the company closed. At the age of 40, my mom decided to go back to the university and pursue a degree. Watching my mom go to school full-time, work full-time and raise a family showed me that anything is possible. She set a goal for herself and she knew that she was going to reach that goal. Not only did my mom show me strength and courage, but she also showed me love and how to love back. With her busy schedule she never told me once that she did not have enough time to spend with me. I am so proud of my mother and all of her accomplishments. Not only did she get a bachelors degree but decided to pursue her

master's degree. Today she is a successful assistant principal for an elementary school. Watching my mom has taught me to set goals for myself and that if I have enough strength, pride and love I will reach those goals. I've reached my first obstacle in my life graduating from Florida International University, but that definitely is just the beginning." A true leader can best describe Julie Figueredo. She's always there when you need her and always giving 100 percent effort. Her dedication, love and commitment will always live within the people she has helped.

-Jose Otero



Left: Julie Figueredo participates with her sorority sisters in the Homecoming Lip-Sync contest. Top: Julie receives an award during the Greek Awards ceremony. Photos By Jose Otero

"A Glorious Archon"

VISION Spotlights: Michelle Irizarry



PROFILE

Full Name: Michelle Irizarry
Nickname: Michi
Birth Location: Miami, Fla.
Majors: International Business & Marketing
Class of: 1997

FIU Activities: Phi Sigma Sigma Sorority

FIU Honors: Archon of Phi Sigma Sigma

What can define a leader? Staying up late nights, making sure everything runs smoothly, being organized and participating in school events are some traits that can define a true leader. Michelle Irizarry was the Archon (or president) of Phi Sigma Sigma sorority this year. Michelle spent her college career making sure that her sorority can be the best it can possibly be at Florida International University. Michelle was actively involved with Panhellenic recruitment of Phi Sigma Sigma, Homecoming and other Greek events. Michelle entered FIU in 1997 where she doubled majored in International Business and Marketing. Michelle leaves a legacy to her sisters so they can follow in her footsteps setting a new stepping-stone for Greek Life and for future pledge classes of Phi Sigma Sigma.



Top: During Homecoming, Michelle Irizarry stands with sorority sister Giny Santamaria. *Right:* Michelle helps recruit potential members for Phi Sigma Sigma Sorority. *Photos By Jose Otero*

-Jose Otero



Jenny James
Liberal Studies



Jessica R. Jamanca
Marketing & International Business



Jessica J. Jarr
Marketing



Miriam Harel
English



Jose L. Hernandez
Architecture



Tara L. Hnatiuk
Dietetics & Nutrition



Anyesha C. Hosein
Business Management



Nunzio E. Ingrassia
Journalism



Italo A. Intriago
Electrical Engineering



Michelle M. Irizarry
International Business & Marketing



Mari Ishikawa
Hospitality Management



Daphne M. Jasmin
Elementary Education



Alexander A. Jorge
Management Information Systems



Fernande Joseph
Health Services Administration



"Honoring Her Commitment"

VISION Spotlights: **Julia Jungmayer**

"I want to save the world, and for that I had to know how today's problems arise," stated Julia Jungmayer. Julia knew what she wanted to do and that was to make a difference in today's society. Julia left Germany in 1998 to pursue a degree in International Relations at Florida International University. "My husband told me to study in the United States and get a degree," said Julia. When Julia arrived in Miami, she had to create a new life thinking she would not have the opportunity to go to college. Three years later, she graduated with distinct honors. While at FIU, Julia was involved with the Golden Key Honor Society, the International Relations Club, Student Government Association and President of the Honors Council. When asked what activity at FIU has significantly impacted her life Julia said, "Being president of Honors Council. It has taught me how to organize events, manage people and coordinate activities." Adventurous and outgoing can best describe Julia Jungmayer. Julia in her spare time can be seen



Left: Julia Jungmayer relaxes on the beach. Top: Julia sits patiently after a week of classes and responsibility. Photos By Julia Jungmayer

going out with friends, traveling or walking her dogs. Her positive and helpfulness has paved a new road for all honor societies at FIU. She will be remembered as a true leader and prove that as long as you set your goals, anything is possible.

-Jose Otero



PROFILE

Full Name: Julia Maria Jungmayer
Nickname: Julie
Birth Place: Germany
Major: International Relations
Minor: Business Administration
High School: Anjela Fraunderter Real Schule
Class of: 1995

High School Activities: Editor of Yearbook, President of Student Government and Coordinator of Carnival Event for Online School

FIU Activities: President of Honors Council, Discussion Group Coordinator and Officer in INR-Club

FIU Honors: Golden Key

The People Who Made A Significant Impact on Her Life: Her husband who told her to start studying in the United States and get a degree.



Michelle Joseph
Biology



Julia M. Jungmayer
International Relations



Fadi Yousef Kablawi
Chemistry



Robyn Kaine
Hospitality Management



Daouda Kante
Economics



Kipton M. Ketchum
Hospitality Management



Daniel B. Koller
Liberal Studies



Kjersti Konglevoll
Hospitality & Tourism

"Involving Herself Within FIU"

VISION Spotlights:

Jessica Leon



PROFILE

Full Name: Jessica Aurora Leon
Nickname: Jecca or Jes
Birth Location: Miami, Fla.
Major: Special Education-Emotionally Handicapped
High School: St. Brendan High
Class of: 1995

High School Activities: Basketball (co-captain), Debate Club, FBLA, Editor of the Yearbook, National Honor Society, National Art Honors Society

High School Honors: Honor Roll

FIU Activities: Phi Sigma Sigma Fraternity Inc., Panhellenic Council.

FIU Honors: College of Education Deans list 2000-2001

Quote You Live By: "To thy own self be true"

The People who have made a significant Impact on her life: My Parents. Watching their struggles in this country have shown me that with hard work, I can be anything I want to be. They have always been there for me to support me and help me along the way, and for that I will never forget that I owe who I am and what I become in a large part to them.

Preparing a new generation for tomorrow's world is what Jessica Leon decided to do for the rest of her life. Jessica Leon is an Exceptional Student Education Major. Jessica graduated from St. Brendan High School in 1995 where she was involved with basketball, debate, FBLA, yearbook, National Honor Society and the National Art Honors Society. After she graduated from high school Jessica entered FIU in the summer of 1995. While at FIU Jessica was involved with her sorority Phi Sigma Sigma where she became Archon. In addition she was active within Campus Life, the Graham Center and of course the Panhellenic Council. Between working, being an active student leader and interning Jessica was constantly of the Dean's list. "To thy own self be true" are the words that Jessica Leon has lived by at Florida International University and throughout life. She owes her success in college to her family. Without them she felt she could not have accomplished this goal. Caring, loving and always there when needed can describe Jessica. Her commitment and helping others has proved to be an asset to all.

-Jose Otero



Top: Jessica Leon stands with the Panhellenic Council. *Right:* On sorority bid day, Jessica Leon rejoices with other members of Phi Sigma Sigma sorority. *Photos by Jose Otero & C.L Publications*



YoIna Loriston
Health Information Management



Monica M. Loo
Special Education



Adela M. Lopez



Laura V. Lambert
International Business



Claudia M. Lamus
Civil Engineering



Kathy Lavrich
Finance



Jodi Lawrence



Jannell Leal
English



Heabin Lee
Music Performance



Jessica A. Leon
Special Education



Oiva J. Lloyd
Marketing



Voltaire P. Lysius
Computer Science



Andres Marquez
Business



Elizabeth Marrero
Management Information Systems



Pedro Martinez Del Rio
Finance & International Business



Juana M. Martinez
Chemistry



Sherika A. McElroy
Psychology



Kerry Ann Marsha McLean
Management Information Systems



"Presenting Mr. FIU"

VISION Spotlights: Cedric McMinn

Fun-Loving, incomparable and unique are the words that describe Cedric A. McMinn. Cedric graduated from South Miami Senior High in 1996, where he was involved in numerous activities such as Senior Class President, Social Studies Honor Vice President, English Honor Society President, Math Honor Society Treasurer, Science Honor Society Secretary, National Honor Parliamentarian, Homecoming King, SGC Rep, Key Club, Civitan, Bible Club, JROTC Color Guard Captain, Jr. Class Vice President, and Sophomore Class Vice President. After graduation, Cedric entered FIU in the fall of 1996. Right from the start this motivated Golden Panther became active as a Peer Advisor, Orientation Intern, Resident Assistant, SGA Rep, NRHH, Homecoming Co-Chair, Sigma Phi Epsilon Vice President, Interfraternity Council President, Golden Panther Dancer, FIU Cheerleader, Panther Rage, Welcome Back Celebration, Pan-African, FIU Fashion Show, Housing Pageant and Greek Week Committee. In four powerful years at FIU, he was Freshman, Sophomore, Junior and Senior of the Year Recipient, Leader of the Year 2001, Peer Advisor of the Year, Resident Assistant of the Year, Mr. Sig Ep and Greek Man of the Year. "My most cherished memory was performing with the Golden



Left: Cedric McMinn motivates the crowd during the Homecoming comedy show. Top: Cedric performs in the Lip-Sync contest. Photos By Fox-Mar Studios.

Panther Dancers for Homecoming's Panther Prowl event 2001," said Cedric. He majored in Liberal Arts. After graduating, Cedric sees himself attending graduate school and pursuing a master's in Higher Education. Many say that being very positive, self-motivated, dedicated, balanced, spirited, dependable and outgoing are words that define Cedric McMinn.

-Elizabeth Diaz



PROFILE

Full Name: Cedric A. McMinn
Nickname: Mr. FIU
Birth Place: Miami, Fla.
Major: Liberal Arts
High School: South Miami Senior High
Class of: 1996

High School Activities: Senior Class President, Social Studies Honor Vice President, English Honor Society President, Math Honor Society Treasurer, Science Honor Society Secretary, National Honor Parliamentarian, Homecoming King, SGC Rep, Key Club, Civitan, Bible Club, JROTC Color Guard Captain, Jr. Class Vice President, Sophomore Class Vice President

High School Honors: Senior Class Salutatorian, Silver Knight Nominee, Student of the Year in 1996, First Inductee of SMSH Hall of Fame, Harvard Book Award Recipient, Voted "Most Likely to Succeed", Who's Who Among High School Students

FIU Activities: Peer Advisor, Orientation Interns, Resident Assistant, SGA Rep, NRHH, Homecoming Co-Chair, Sigma Phi Epsilon Vice President, Interfraternity Council President, Golden Panther Dancer, FIU Cheerleader, Panther Rage, Welcome Back Celebration, Pan-African, FIU Fashion Show, Housing Pageant, Greek Week Committee

FIU Honors: Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior of the Year Recipient, Leader of the Year 2001, Peer Advisor of the Year, Resident Assistant of the Year, Mr. Sigma Phi Epsilon, Greek Man of the Year, Homecoming King & Prince

Quote He Lives By: "Everything happens in life for a reason." "No day but today." -Rent Musical

The People Who Made A Significant Impact on His Life: His parent's guidance, support and love have been his greatest strengths throughout life, not only to him but to his four younger siblings as well. His goal is to make them proud of him.



Heidi C. McGann
Marketing



Cedric McMinn
Liberal Studies



Henry E. Medina
Accounting



Michelle M. Medina
Health Services Administration

"Striking Out Her Opponents"

VISION Spotlights: **Monica Pardo**



PROFILE

Full Name: Monica Pardo
Nickname: None
Birth Location: Miami, Fla.
Major: Early Childhood Education
High School: Gulliver High School
Class of: 1997

High School Activities: Softball, soccer and volleyball

High School Honors: All Miami-Dade First team, Miami Herald Player of the Year, Gulliver Prep Tri-Sport Athletics Medal for volleyball, softball and soccer.

FIU Activities: Softball

FIU Honors: First Team All-SunBelt Conference

To be an athlete takes time, commitment and dedication. These words can describe Monica Pardo's college career at Florida International University. Monica graduated from Gulliver High School in 1997 where she was actively involved on the volleyball, soccer and off course softball teams. While playing all three sports, she was awarded Player of the Year by the Miami Herald newspaper, won the Tri-Sports Athletic Medal and made the All-Miami-Dade First Team. After graduating from high school, Monica was scouted by major universities such as Notre Dame, Florida State and Villanova. Monica decided to stay in her hometown and entered FIU in 1997 where she decided to major in Early Childhood Education. Monica in her spare time enjoys shopping and being with friends. Monica's softball statistics are in the top 10 in seven conference categories, including total bases, slugging percentage, triples, walks and on base percentage. Monica was also named to the Sunbelt Conference First Team this year. Monica's leadership and commitment as a student athlete has proven to her peers and teammates what dedication is all about.



-Jose Otero

Top: Celebrating at their last game, Monica Pardo stands with other senior Softball players. Right: Monica practices on her throws. Photos By Geoff Anderson



Hisea Motooka



Henry A. Moronta
Health Services Administration



Ana C. Morales
Business Management



Mario R. Mendez



Elysi Menendez
Management Information Systems



Samuel Mercedes
Finance



Martha A. Mesa
Mathematics Education



Eliette Miranda
Medical Technology



Nancy Miranda
Medical Technology



Virginia B. Molas
Hospitality Management



Luis Miguel Montero
International Relations



Terri A. Myrie
Management



Maria Valentina Navas
Architecture



Mila M. Nelson
Marketing & International Business



Wendy-Ann Nesbeth
Statistics



Lia Nicholls
Jazz Performance



Laura K. Nicolaidis
International Business



Jennifer Nieto
Special Education



Mayra I. Ortiz
Public Relations



Melanie S. Ovakit
Criminal Justice



Luis F. Oviedo
Management Information Systems



Jennie A. Pacheco
Construction Management



"Hard Work Does Pay Off"

VISION Spotlights:

Eric Pfaeffle

Happy encouraging and dependable are words to describe Eric Pfaeffle. Eric graduated from American Nicaraguan in 1997, where he was a member of the high school baseball team. After graduation, Eric entered FIU in the fall of 1997. From the start this student became active with Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, Vice President of Public Relations Club, Campus Involvement chairperson, Financial Activities chairperson, Financial Management Association, College Republicans member, Student Ambassador Council Treasurer, Scholarship chairperson, SGA Elections Commissioner, Assistant Director of Student Lobbying, Student Services chairperson, Comptroller, Student Organizations Council and Special Events Coordinator. Eric majored in Finance. "If you love what you do you will never have to work a day in your whole life," said Eric.



Left: On the weekend, Eric Pfaeffle enjoys himself in Key West. Top: During a SGA meeting, Eric Pfaeffle gives his report. Photos By The Beacon Newspaper and Eric Pfaeffle

Dedicated, encouraging and an asset to any group can clearly define Eric Pfaeffle. His contribution as a leader will remind us what hardwork can do.

-Joanna Jo



PROFILE

Full Name: Eric Pfaeffle
Nickname: Waffle
Birth Location: Miami, Fla.
Major: Finance
High School: American Nicaraguan
Class of: 1997

High School Activities: Baseball

FIU Activities: SGA Elections Commissioner, Assistant DSL, Student Services, Comptroller, SOC, Special Events coordinator, Pi Kappa Alpha, Treasurer, Scholarship chair, Alpha Kappa Psi, VP of Public Relations, Campus Involvement chair, Financial Activities chair, Financial Management Association, College Republicans member and Student Ambassador

Quote You Live By: "If you love what you do you will never have to work a day in your whole life"

The People Who Have Made A Significant Impact on his life: My Father. He is my greatest inspiration and role model. My Family for their strong support and my friends for all the great times and strong support.

"Challenging All Obstacles"

VISION Spotlights:

Miguel Quintana



PROFILE

Full Name: Miguel Orestes Quintana
Nickname: Mike or Q
Birth Place: Miami, Fla.
Major: Advertising
Minor: Marketing
High School: G. Holmes Braddock Senior High School
Class of: 1997

High School Activities: Junior Varsity Baseball, Varsity Baseball and The Braddock Times Newspaper

High School Honors: Top 10 Percent of his Graduating Class, Four year Varsity Letter winner for Varsity Baseball

FIU Activities: Baseball

FIU Honors: Dean's List, Honor Roll, First-Team All Conference (2000 & 2001), Pre-Season All Conference (2001), Ranked #41 out of the top 50 seniors in the country (Baseball America, 2001), Drafted to the Cleveland Indians, Mayhoming Valley Scrappers Minor League (Summer 2001).

Quote he lives by: "The measure of a man is not when he stands in comfort and convenience; but rather the times he is faced with challenge and controversy" -Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The People who made a significant impact on his life: His Family for always believing in him and having patience with Mike. His father Orestes Quintana, for having trust in him with whatever decision he made.

Determination, consistency and overachieving describe the accomplishments that Miguel Quintana has achieved while at Florida International University. While working toward his Bachelor of Mass Communications in Advertising, Miguel became interested in the advertising field when he visited his sister Ana Quintana at her advertising firm. "I like what she did, and I knew this is what I wanted to do," stated Miguel. From the time he graduated from G. Holmes Braddock Senior High School in 1997, many significant changes occurred, such as his optimistic look at life and the respect earned by his peers. When Miguel entered FIU in the summer of 1997, he remained faithful to his love for baseball. One of his earliest childhood memories was at age 4 when Miguel picked up a baseball bat for the first time, a true sign of destiny. Conditioning and practicing each day was what kept Miguel's aspirations high enough to make the FIU Baseball team. "I remember the moment when I made the team," stated Miguel. "It was considered the best one of my life." Ranked #41 out of 50 seniors in the United States never stopped Miguel's perseverance and commitment to his family and friends. The support he has received from his family especially from his father, Orestes Quintana, created the person he is today. In his spare time Miguel can be seen on the golf course with his brother Manny Quintana, relieving stress with his newfound hobby. When asked about his future goals, Miguel stated "If I do not make it to a professional baseball career, I'll go into the family business (Build America Inc.).

"Never judge a book by its cover" can describe Miguel. Underestimated by those who do not know him and inspirational to those who do. We will look back and remember his leadership and greatness to get along with different personalities on and off the field. His optimism and positive attitude toward others was an asset to the lives he touched and to his graduating class at Florida International University.



Top: Mike Quintana spends some quality time with his family. Right: Surpassing all his opponents, Mike Quintana is about to hit a homerun. Photos By Mike Quintana & Geoff Anderson

By Jose Otero



Jennifer S. Posner
Management Information Systems



Miriam Rebeca Plaschinski
Television Production



Eric A. Pfaeffle
Finance & International Business



Christina C. Palenque
English Literature



Lisa-Ann Palmer
Computer Science



Miguel A. Paniagua
Hospitality Management



Tsuji Parchment
Management Information System



Monica L. Pardo
Early Childhood Education



Lei Pei
Finance



David Perez
Elementary Education



Luc Andre Petit
Criminal Justice



Reasey Praing
Computer Science



Carol J. Prather
Specific Learning Disabilities



Michael Price



Teresita Puig
Elementary Education



Miguel Orestes Quintana
Advertising



Lizbeth Ramon



Alferedo A. Ramos



Sandra Maria Rampersad
Masters Business Administration



Dmitre S. Raposo
Computer Engineering



Tenille Saskia Redman
International Business & Marketing



Adrian K. Reynolds
Spanish & International Business



"Crowning The Homecoming Queen"

VISION Spotlights: Isabel Rodriguez-Ojea

Outgoing, persistent and humble are the words that describe Isabel Cristina Rodriguez-Ojea. Isabel graduated from Our Lady of Lourdes Academy in 1998, where she was involved in numerous activities such as President of School (Student Council President), National Honor Society member, Spanish National Honor Society Member, Life Club Treasurer and Malta Youth Corp. member. After graduation, Isabel entered FIU in the fall of 1998. Right from the start this motivated Golden Panther became active as FIU Student Ambassador, Alpha Xi Delta Member, Alpha Xi Delta Academic Chair, Victim Advocacy Board Member, and Judicial Committee Student Representative. In four great years at FIU, she was part of Phi Beta Kappa-Epsilon Chapter member, Honors College member, Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Honor Society member, Phi Kappa Phi Academic Honor Society member, Golden Key member, Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society member, Political Science Book Award (2001), Finalist for Outstanding Senior Award (2001), Outstanding Academic Achievement Award, English (2001), Outstanding Student Award, Honors College (2001), Outstanding Senior Award, Honorable Mention - Honors Council (2001), FIU Homecoming Princess (1998-1999), FIU Homecoming Queen (2001-2002), Alpha Xi Delta 1999, 2000, 2001 Outstanding Scholar-Highest GPA Award, National Golden Key Award, University Scholar and Florida Bright Futures Scholar. "My most

cherished memories were winning Homecoming Princess and Queen," said Isabel "and becoming part of FIU's first chapter of Phi Beta Kappa." Isabel majored in Political Science. After graduating, Isabel sees herself heading toward law school to pursue a law degree. She is known to be friendly, social, well-educated, respected and well-rounded.



Left: Isabel Rodriguez-Ojea is crowned Homecoming Queen. Top: Isabel takes a picture with Pete the Panther. Photos By Fox-Mar Studios

-Elizabeth Diaz



PROFILE

Full Name: Isabel Cristina Rodriguez-Ojea
Birth Place: Miami, Fla.
Major: English
Minor: Political Science
High School: Our Lady of Lourdes Academy
Class of: 1998

High School Activities: President of School (Student Council President), National Honor Society member, Spanish National Honor Society member, Life Club Treasurer, Malta Youth Corp. member

High School Honors: University of Miami Book Award, Dale County Outstanding Student Award

FIU Activities: FIU Student Ambassador, Alpha Xi Delta Member, Alpha Xi Delta Academic Chair, Victim Advocacy Board Member, Judicial Committee Student Representative

FIU Honors: Phi Beta Kappa - Epsilon Chapter Member, Honors College Member, Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Honor Society Member, Phi Kappa Phi Academic Honor Society Member, Golden Key Member, Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society Member, Political Science Book Award (2001), Finalist for Outstanding Senior Award (2001), Outstanding Academic Achievement Award, English (2001), Outstanding Student Award, Honors College (2001), Outstanding Senior Award, Honorable Mention - Honors Council (2001), FIU Homecoming Princess (1998-1999), FIU Homecoming Queen (2001-2002), Alpha Xi Delta 1999, 2000, 2001 Outstanding Scholar-Highest GPA Award, National Golden Key Award, University Scholar, Florida Bright Futures Scholar

Quote She Lives By: "To share often and much... In know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded." -Ralph Waldo Emerson

The People Who Made A Significant Impact on Her Life: Her parents have embedded her morals and values within her. Her sister has been her example throughout life and a true role model. Finally, God has been her "partner" throughout her life; for when she was in doubt, she has always turned to Him.

"Teaching A New Generation"

VISION Spotlights: Lisa Shapland



PROFILE

Full Name: Lisa Marie Shapland
Nickname: Shappy, Munchkin, Liv', Scrub, Flaca
Birth Place: Miami, Fla.
Major: Elementary Education
High School: St. Brendan High
Class of: 1997

High School Activities: President of Environmental Awareness, Secretary of Future Educators of America, Co-Secretary of Pan American, Key Club, Students Against Drunk Driving, Aids Awareness, Campus Ministry, Pep Club, Amnesty International, Youth for Life, Office Volunteer, Conservation Club and Computer Club

High School Honors: Second Honors, Biology II Honors and Anatomy/Physiology Honors

FIU Activities: Member of Future Educators of America (1999-2000), President of Future Educators of America (2000-2001), Secretary of Student Organizations Council (2000-2001), Committee Member - Relay for Life (American Cancer Society)

FIU Honors: Nominated for Outstanding Student Leadership Award - Senior Status College of Education Dean's Lisa (Honor Roll)

Quote She Lives By: "Live Your Life With No Regrets, But Don't Do Anything You'll Live to Regret."

The People Who Made A Significant Impact on Her Life: Those special faculty and administrators who took an interest in helping her in her classes, and demonstrating how important educators are along with the role they play in children's futures.

Genuine, strong-willed and loyal are the words that describe Lisa Shapland. Lisa graduated from St. Brendan Senior High in 1997, where she was involved in numerous activities such as President of Environmental Awareness, Secretary of Future Educators of America, Co-Secretary of Pan American, Key Club, Students Against Drunk Driving, Aids Awareness, Campus Ministry, Pep Club, Amnesty International, Youth for Life, Office Volunteer, Conservation Club and Computer Club. After graduation, Lisa entered FIU in the summer of 1997. This motivated Golden Panther became an active participant member of Future Educators of America (1999-2000), President of Future Educators of America (2000-2001), Secretary of Student Organizations Council (2000-2001) and Committee Member - Relay for Life (American Cancer Society). In four fabulous years at FIU, she was Nominated for Outstanding Student Leadership Award - Senior Status College of Education Dean's List (Honor Roll). "My most cherished memory was having both my parents together and supporting me at the F.E.A. conference this year," said Lisa. "Having them witness my hard work and how it paid off." Lisa majored in Elementary Education. After graduating, Lisa sees herself in graduate school at FIU or in New York. Many say that "overachiever, overambitious, loyal and dedicated" clearly define Lisa. Her efforts and dedication will help build tomorrow's world.

-Elizabeth Diaz



Right: During her internship, Lisa Shapland stands with her students. *Top:* On the weekend, Lisa takes a picture with celebrity Pauly Shore. *Photos By Lisa Shapland.*



Richard Eric Rojas
Political Science



Isabel Rodriguez-Ojea
English



Tania Marie Rodriguez
Mathematics Education



Cherice Rivera
Nursing



Alysha L. Robinson
Marketing & International Business



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Exceptional Student Education



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Specific Learning Disability



Claudia A. Rodriguez
Electrical Engineering



Jennifer Rodriguez
Psychology



Jose L. Rodriguez
Management Information Systems



Michelle Rodriguez



Shawn E. Roller
Sociology & Anthropology



Dianne Roque
Special Education



Michael R. Rosengaus
Criminal Justice



Ricardo A. Rubiales
Psychology



"A Victory Long Shot"

VISION Spotlights:

Michelle Simpson

Throughout the year, Michelle Simpson's name has made several headlines in the Beacon Newspaper's sports section for a remarkable season. Michelle Simpson has broken numerous records and set a new reputation for the FIU Women's Golf team. Michelle graduated from New Smyrna Beach High School in 1997. Michelle was a member of the prep football team and the golf team. During her freshman year of high school, Michelle was voted most improved player on the team. For the next three years, Michelle won the Most Valuable player award. When she graduated from high school, Michelle entered FIU in the fall of 1997 where she decided to major in Sport Management. During her college career Michelle won several awards in the Sunbelt Conference in which she made first team for three consecutive years (1999-2001). As a student



athlete and a role model for her peers, Michelle's perseverance, commitment and dedication have set a new tradition for our athletic program.

-Jose Otero

Top: Michelle Simpson discusses her techniques.
Left: Michelle looks at how far she hit the ball.
Photos By Geoff Anderson



PROFILE

Full Name: Michelle Simpson
Nickname: None
Birth Location: Jacksonville, Fla.
Major: Sport Management
High School: New Smyrna Beach High School
Class of: 1997

High School Activities: Golf and prep football

High School honors: Most improved Freshman, MVP for three years

FIU Activities: Golf

FIU Honors: SunBelt First All-Conference (1999, 2000 & 2001), SunBelt Second team conference (1998), American Athletic Conference first team



Ester Sagaille
Urban & Public Affairs



Jason Samaroo
Food & Beverage



Angel Sanchez
Education



Joe M. Sanchez
International Relations



Luis A. Sanchez
Finance



Barbara Schpilberg
Advertising

"Always There For The Students"

VISION Spotlights: Sergio Tigera



PROFILE

Full Name: Sergio Tigera
Birth Place: Miami, Fla.
Majors: International Business and Marketing
High School: Miami Sunset Senior High
Class of: 1996

High School Activities: Baseball, Volleyball and Student Government

FIU Activities: Student Government Association, Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity and Panther Rage

FIU Honors: Junior of the Year, Shining Star Award and Representative of the Year

Quote He Lives By: "It's better to regret something you have done than to regret something you haven't done."

The People Who Made A Significant Impact on His Life: His parents have guided him in the best way possible. They supported him through difficult times, elections, heartbreaks and successes. In all aspects, they have been the backbone of his life and taught him how to believe in himself.

"It's better to regret something you have done than regret something you haven't done," are words that have motivated Sergio Tigera to accomplish his goals at FIU and throughout life. Sergio graduated from Miami Sunset Senior High School in 1996. Sergio was involved in baseball, volleyball and Student Government. Sergio always motivated his classmates to have school spirit and take pride in their school. Sergio entered FIU in the fall of 1996, where he became active with Student Government and Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity. Sergio also became the founding president of Panther Rage, a group to promote spirit at athletic events at FIU. Sergio's tireless efforts were rewarded at the 2000 Student Life Awards where he won Junior of the Year and was the recipient of the Shining Star Award. Sergio was elected Student Government President in the Spring of 2000 to serve the student body during the 2000-2001 school year. Unfortunately, Sergio decided to end his term by the winter and spend more time in academics. Sergio double majored in International Business & Marketing. Ambitious, persistent and personable can best describe Sergio. His extensive involvement at FIU gave him the passion to make things better. He was someone who came into FIU and left it better than how he found it. He was someone who left his mark.



Right: Sergio Tigera gathers with other SGA members. *Top:* Supporting his Golden Panthers, Sergio shows off his spint. *Photos By Sergio Tigera*

-Jose Otero



Jacqueline Solano-Gueits
Political Science



Mary E. Smith
Management



Renata Simoes
Psychology



Brett Serpe
Management & Entrepreneurship



Tatiana Serrano
Hospitality Management



Jasmin M. Sevgi



Leyla Steir
Television Production & Psychology



Lisa-Marie Shapland
Elementary Education



Eric Shea
Mechanical Engineering



Aisha L. Sherrad
Criminal Justice



Ahsanuddin Siddiqui
Computer Engineering

VISION Spotlights:

Michelle Toral



PROFILE

Full Name: Michelle Toral
Nickname: Twigz
Birth Place: Miami, Fla.
Major: Elementary Education
Minor: none
High School: St. Brendan High School
Class of: 1998

High School Activities: National Honor Society, Varsity Cheerleading

High School Honors: All American

FIU Activities: Panhellenic President, Golden Panther Dancer, Phi Mu, Rho Lambda Honor Society

FIU Honors: none

Quote She Lives By: "People can only put you down if you let them!"

The People Who Made the Significant Impact on Her Life: Todd Sullivan's words of advice kept her going and to make it through hard times

"I love kids," stated Michelle Toral, when she decided to major in Elementary Education. Michelle entered FIU in the Summer of 1998 after graduating from St. Brendan High School. Michelle was involved with such organizations like Phi Mu Fraternity, the Golden Panther Dancers, Rho Lambda Honor Society and the Panhellenic Council. When asked about which activity has impacted her life Michelle replied, "Being the President of the Panhellenic Council. I have been able to achieve my goals, meet many people, as well as develop my skills as a leader." In her spare time, Michelle spends quality time with her friends and going to different places in Miami. After graduation, Michelle sees herself working as an Elementary teacher in Miami-Dade County Public Schools. Strong, vulnerable and unique can describe Michelle. Her timeless efforts and optimistic view toward Greek Life will have a lasting impression. Michelle's charismatic personality towards her peers at Florida International University is the concrete evidence what hard work and determination can do.



-Jose Otero

Top: The Panhellenic Council smiles for a group shot at a conference. *Left:* Michelle Toral sits with senior friends Luli Smalter and Geo Nieves at Alpha Omicron Pi's colonization. *Photo's By* Greek Affairs



Jose Toca
Management Information Systems



Sergio Tigera
International Business & Marketing



Resa D. Teproff
Hospitality Management



Violeine St. Hilaire
Health Service Administration



Neal B. Stayton



Francine Stewart
Travel & Tourism



Sunny C. Surliff
Dietetics & Nutrition



Carolina Tejada
Marketing



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Finance



Ryan C. Tempro
Management



Eugenis S. Toneva



Michelle Toral
Elementary Education



Venessa E. Torrales
Business Management



Jenny Torres
English



Gerasimos Toumasis
Hospitality Management



Fausto D. Uriquen



Ana M. Vargas
Industrial Engineering



Darlene Vascos



Lorelle B. Vascos
Physical Therapy



Julian A. Vasquez
Industrial Engineering



Yarelys Vega
Logistics

"Giving Back to Those In Need"

VISION Spotlights: **Monica Velasquez**

Always giving back to the community can best exemplify Monica Velasquez. Monica has made a significant impact at Florida International University ever since she arrived in the fall of 1997. Monica has been involved in organizations such as Intersivity Christian Fellowship, Sigma Tau Delta Honor Society, Student Ambassadors, Student Alumni Association, Salsa Kings and Catholic Student Union. In Monica's spare time you can find her at her church working with kids. "My kids are my life," stated Monica. After graduation, Monica sees herself teaching literature as a teaching assistant in the master's program. A few years later she hopes to do some missionary work. She became interested in majoring in English after her ENC 1101 professor Suzy Fernandez convinced her. Originally Monica was a Biology major. Faithful, loving and happy can best describe Monica Velasquez. Her



Left: Monica takes a group shot with her friends after graduating with a Bachelor in English. Right: Monica and Biju Vells spend quality time together at the Catholic Student Union picnic. Photos By Monica Velasquez

efforts and commitment to others will never be forgotten. She is someone who truly cared about others and will move out into the world to make it a better place.

-Jose Otero



PROFILE

Full Name: Monica Maria Velasquez
Birth Place: Hialeah, Fla.
Major: English
Class of: 1997

FIU Activities: Catholic Student Union, Intersivity Christian Fellowship, Student Ambassador, Student Alumni Association, Salsa Kings

FIU Honors: Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Tau Delta - English Honor Society, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, Golden Key Honor Society, Phi Eta Sigma Freshman Honor Society, National Dean's List, FIU Dean's List, Magna Lem Laude, Honorary Mention for "Outstanding Honors Graduate"

Quote She Lives By: "The Only Love You Keep Is the Love You Give Away." -Anonymous "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, on your own intelligence rely not; In all your ways be mindful to Him, and He will make straight your paths." - Proverbs 3:5-6

The People Who Made the Significant Impact on Her Life: God for being her maker and guide, her mom for being her inspiration and support and her friends who always kept her focused on higher goals.

VISION Spotlights:

Melissa Viana



PROFILE

Full Name: Melissa Viana
Nickname: Mel, Meli, Shorty
Birth Place: Miami, Fla.
Major: International Business and Marketing
Minor: None
High School: St. Brendan High School
Class of: 1998

High School Activities: Cheerleading, Student Council, Key Club, Honor Societies, Yearbook Editor

High School Honors: Top of the Class

FIU Activities: Cheerleading, Student Ambassador, Peer Advising, Student Alumni Association

FIU Honors: Nominated for Student Life Awards

Quote She Lives By: "If you can dream, dream out loud" - U2 "Live your life as an exclamation, not an explanation."

The People Who Made the Significant Impact on Her Life: Her family, always lending a helping hand when needed and offering support no matter what she did or what decisions she made.

"If you can dream, dream out loud." These were the words that Melissa Viana has lived by throughout college and life. Melissa entered FIU in the Summer of 1998 after graduating from St. Brendan High School. She has a double major in International Business and Marketing. Melissa was involved with such organizations as Peer Advising, Student Ambassadors, Student Alumni Association, the Fall Fashion Show and of course the FIU Cheerleading team. When asked about which activity has impacted her life Melissa replied, "Cheerleading, it has made me a team player, be disciplined, respected and a good athlete." Melissa in her spare can be seen coaching her All Star Cheerleading squad "Step Ahead All-Star Squad", a highly ranked squad in the United States. During the summer of 2000, Melissa worked as an intern in the Capital in Washington, D.C. Melissa's greatest influence is her older sister, Mercy Viana, an alumna of Florida International University. "It was thanks to my sister that I have accomplished these goals," stated Melissa. "When I got to FIU I had to fill in those shoes after my sister graduated." After Melissa graduates from FIU she sees herself getting a Masters in Business, and finding a job working for MTV Latina's entertainment and marketing department. Dedicated, outgoing and over-achieving can describe Melissa. Her commitment and time to FIU will never be forgotten. Students like Melissa are the foundation that has helped FIU become the school it is today.

-Jose Otero



Top: Melissa shakes hands with President George Bush during his campaign in the Fall semester. Right: Melissa performs a liberty stunt at a Men's basketball game. Photos By Melissa Viana & Jose Otero



Nicole Yarmine
Psychology



Matthew C. Williams
Sports Management



Daniel Walsh
Hospitality Management



Monica M. Velaquez
English



David Velez
Geology



Terriann Venece
English



Melissa E. Viana
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Architecture



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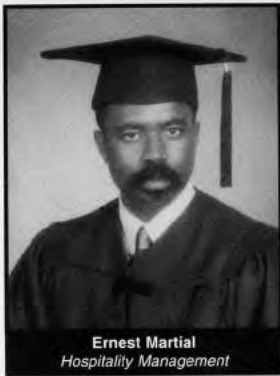
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Special Education



Andrea Walkes
Exercise Physiology



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Psychology



Ernest Martial
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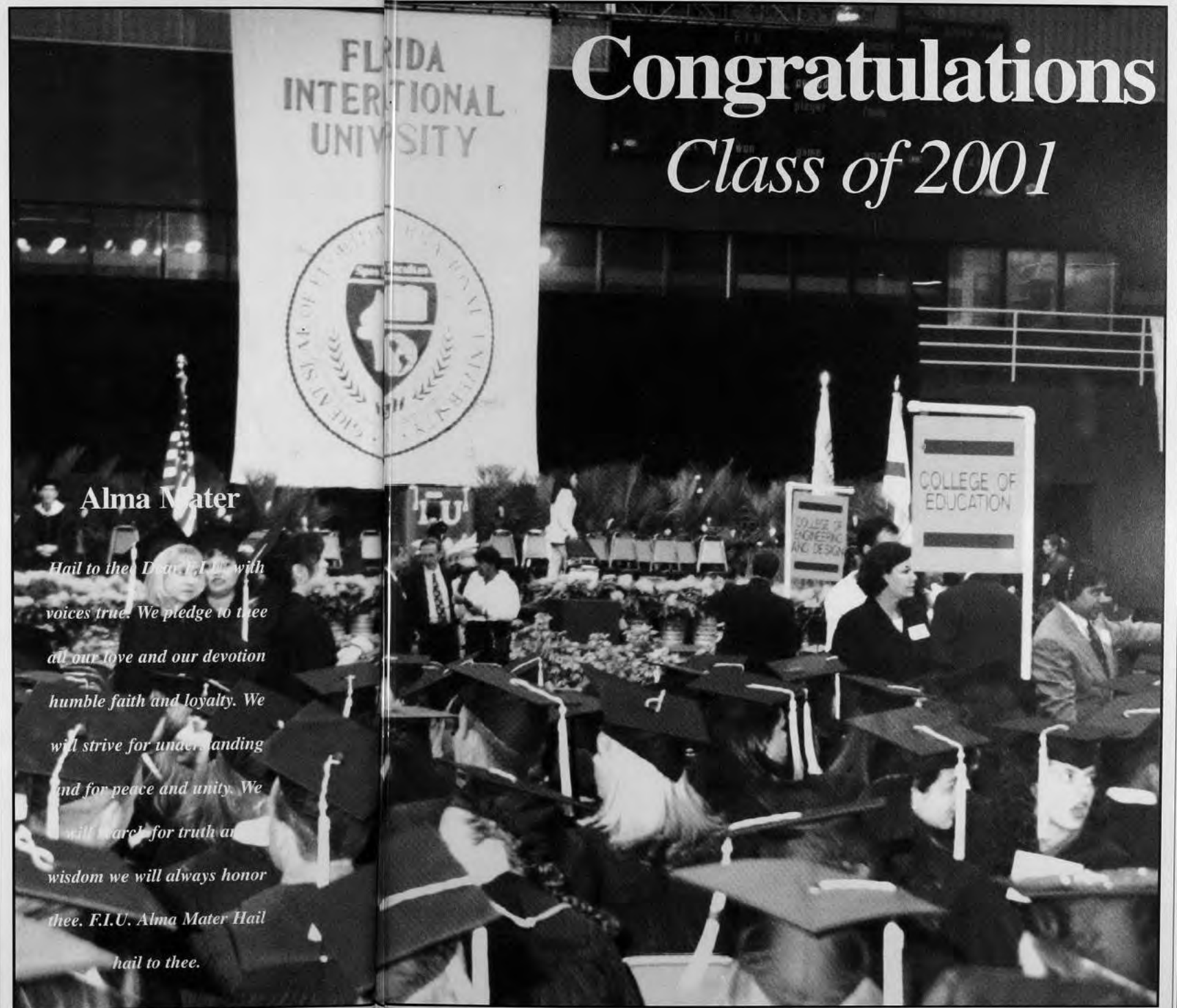
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Alberto Savas



Chris Lisboa
Management Information Systems



Congratulations *Class of 2001*

Alma Mater

*Hail to thee, Dear F.I.U. with
voices true. We pledge to thee
all our love and our devotion
humble faith and loyalty. We
will strive for understanding
and for peace and unity. We
will search for truth and
wisdom we will always honor
thee. F.I.U. Alma Mater Hail
hail to thee.*

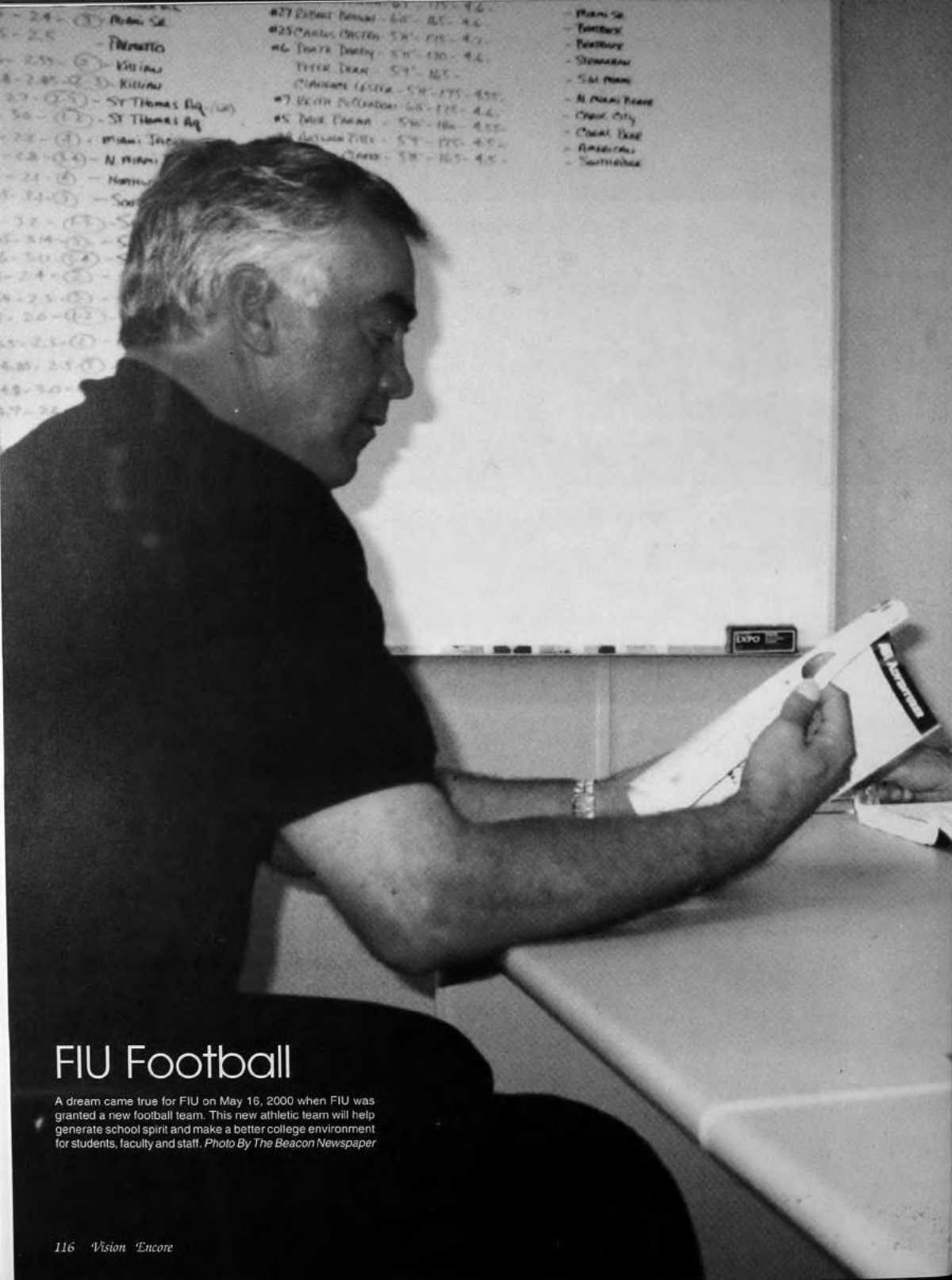


“A Year of Triumphs”

VISION Encore

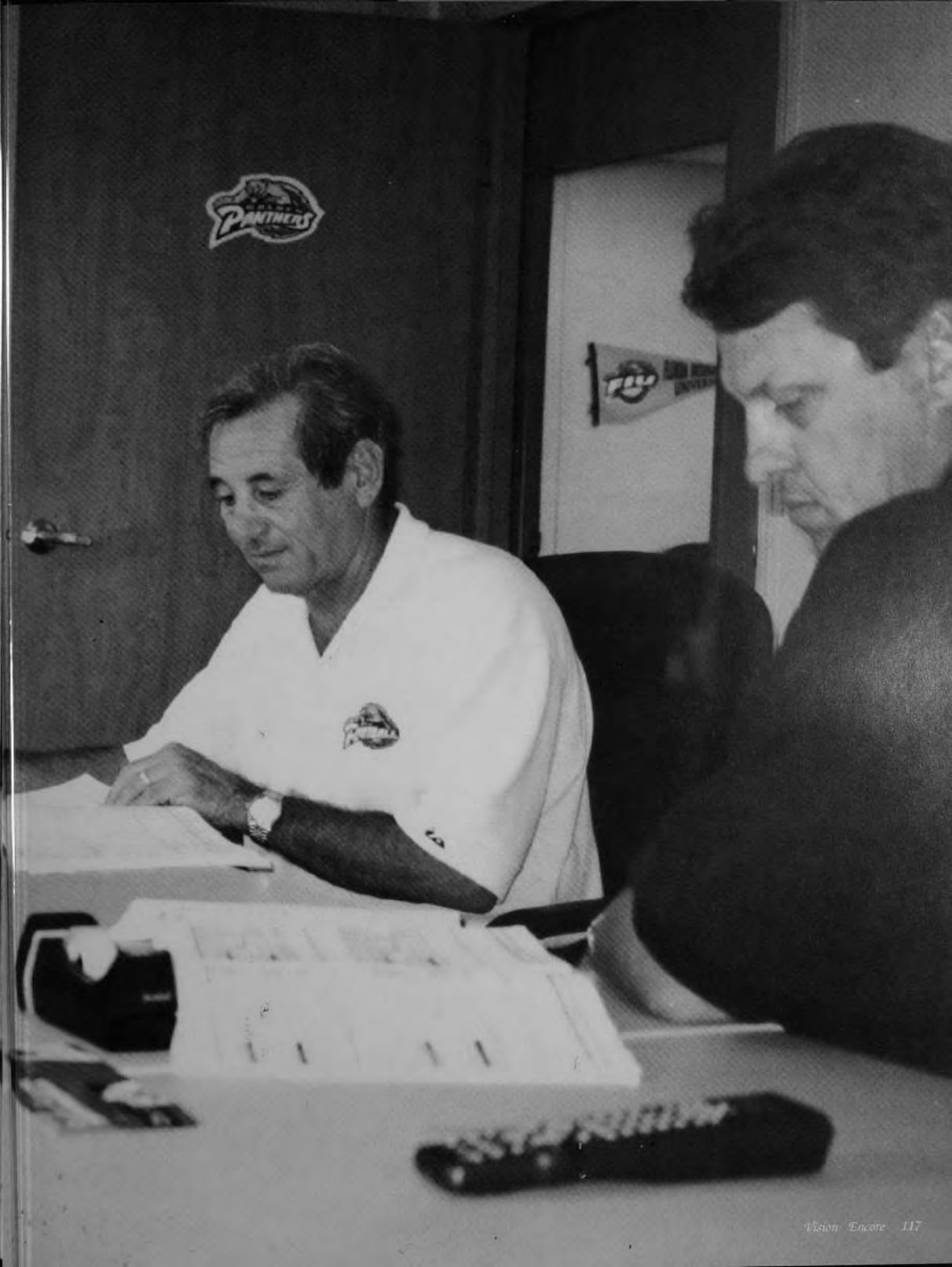
An intense battle can describe the challenge the FIU Baseball team had to face to bring home the Regional Championship title. After their defeat at the Sun Belt conference in Lafayette, Louisiana, this sparked an intense energy within the players to give all they had to win a championship. In 50-degree rainy weather the Golden Panther baseball team successfully beat UC Santa Barbara 17-4, magnifying their spirit for the following day victory against Notre Dame. With only one more day to go, the Panthers battled it out with Notre Dame for two more games. The Panthers were defeated in game one, but successfully took the title when Willie Collazo pitched the final game against Notre Dame striking them out. Most schools had been eliminated in the state of Florida, but only three remained standing. Florida State University, the University of Miami and our own Golden Panthers of Florida International University moved into the Super Regionals. With success in hand, the team arrived back home as heroic athletes giving our school a prestigious name across the country. Getting off the bus, the players were swamped by newscasters and reporters asking them about their expectations for the Super Regional. In the background you could hear the exciting cheers of the students, coaches and administration of FIU. This just intensified the burning desire to win the championship. Just stopping in for barely 24 hours to spend quality time with their friends and families, the baseball team left for Los Angeles for the Super Regionals. With the knowledge they have earned and experience they have gained, the team flew for six hours until they arrived in Los Angeles. For the senior players, Gus Alfonso, Willie Collazo, Barry Paulk, Brad Eldred, Daniel Bustamante, Raul Pujol, Steven Jimenez, David Credeur, Matt Huntingford, Tino Burgos, Jerry Courtney, Paul Zervas, Bredan Hines, David Mittauer and Miguel Quintana, knowing this might be the last time they will ever wear their uniforms and play together on the same team, empowered them to play their hardest and give 100 percent effort. Unfortunately The Golden Panthers did not win the Super Regional, but this did not disappoint the students, faculty and administration of Florida International University. The baseball team earned the respect, love and admiration from everyone, showing that they did win it all the way!

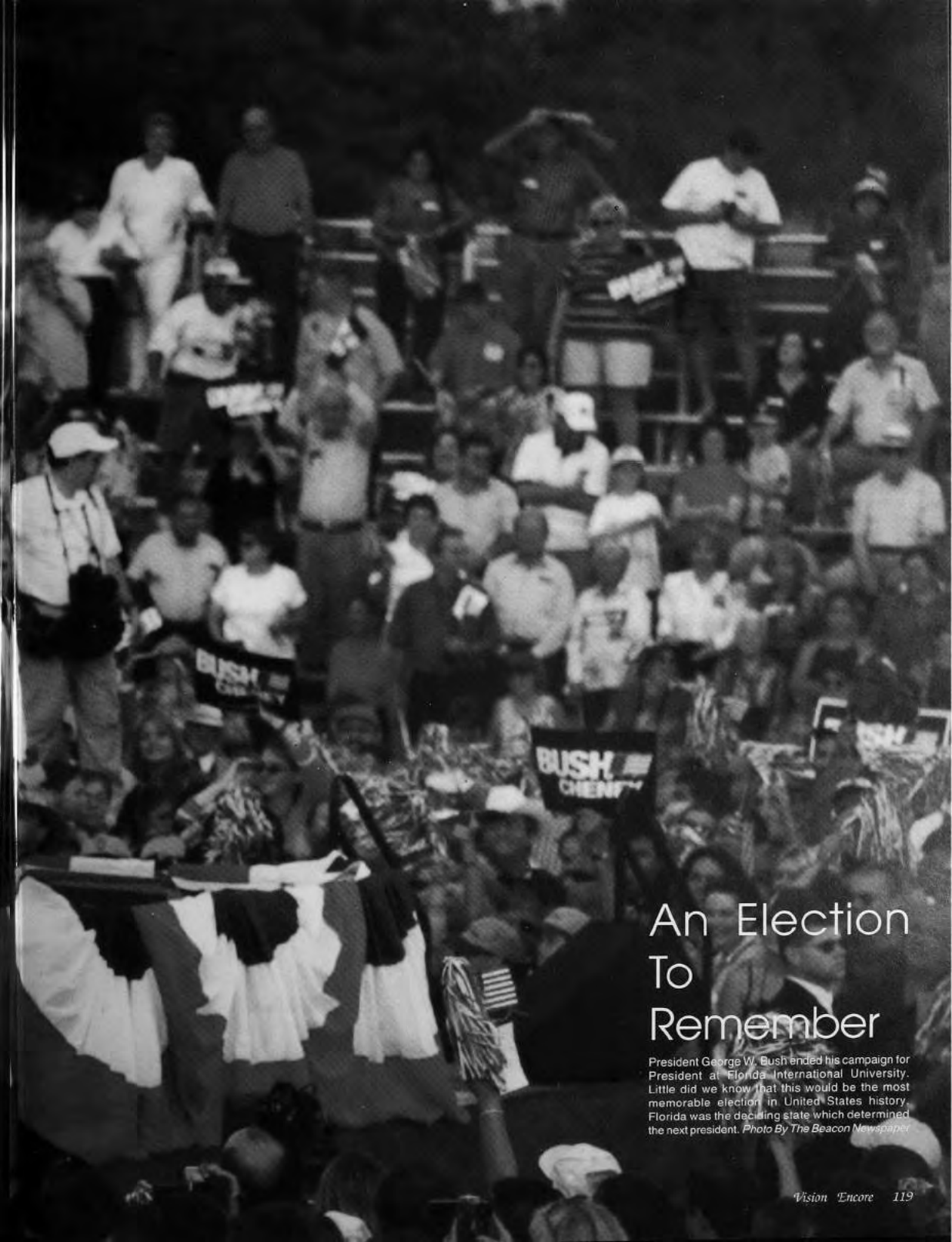
-Jose Otero



FIU Football

A dream came true for FIU on May 16, 2000 when FIU was granted a new football team. This new athletic team will help generate school spirit and make a better college environment for students, faculty and staff. Photo By The Beacon Newspaper





An Election To Remember

President George W. Bush ended his campaign for President at Florida International University. Little did we know that this would be the most memorable election in United States history. Florida was the deciding state which determined the next president. Photo By The Beacon Newspaper

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Phi Gamma Delta's Future Home

Phi Gamma Delta is the first fraternal organization to build a house at FIU. This help establish the future of Greek housing. Photo By The Beacon Newspaper

Phi Gamma Delta Groundbreaking Ceremony June 24, 2000

Introduction

Dr. Paul Gallagher
FIU Senior VP for Business & Finance

Dr. Patricia Telles-Irvin
FIU VP for Student Affairs

Dr. John Bonanno
FIU Assistant VP of Student Affairs

Todd Sullivan
FIU Assistant Director of Greek Affairs

Jimmy Cefalo
Director/Anchor for WPLG/TV

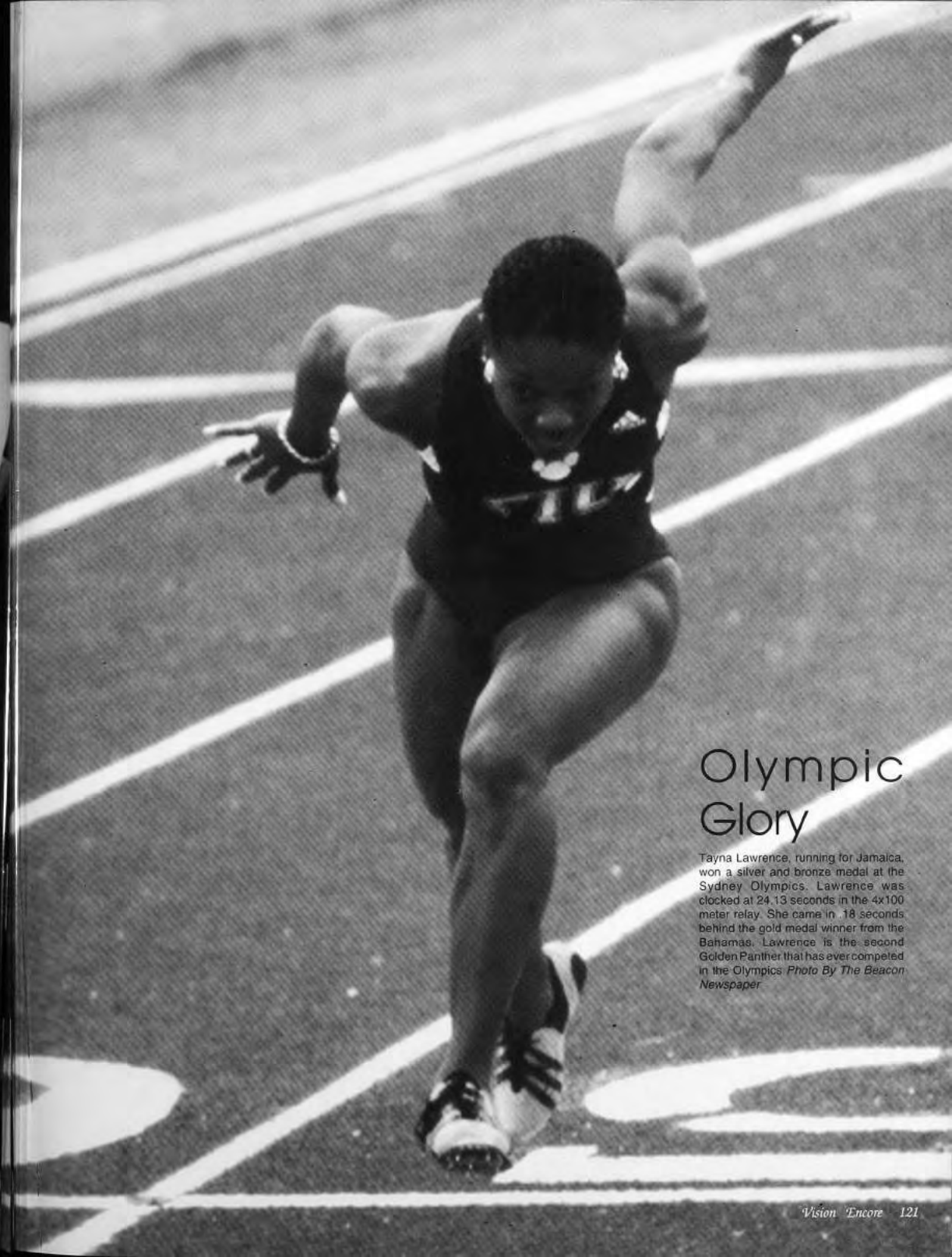
Terrence Dunne
Association President

Roberto Aviles
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Groundbreaking

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Olympic Glory

Tayna Lawrence, running for Jamaica, won a silver and bronze medal at the Sydney Olympics. Lawrence was clocked at 24.13 seconds in the 4x100 meter relay. She came in .18 seconds behind the gold medal winner from the Bahamas. Lawrence is the second Golden Panther that has ever competed in the Olympics. Photo By The Beacon Newspaper



Lending a Helping Hand

The residents of Panther Hall went to Key Biscayne Bay to help pick up trash and clean the beaches and forest of Cape Florida. Photo By Andrew Silvia



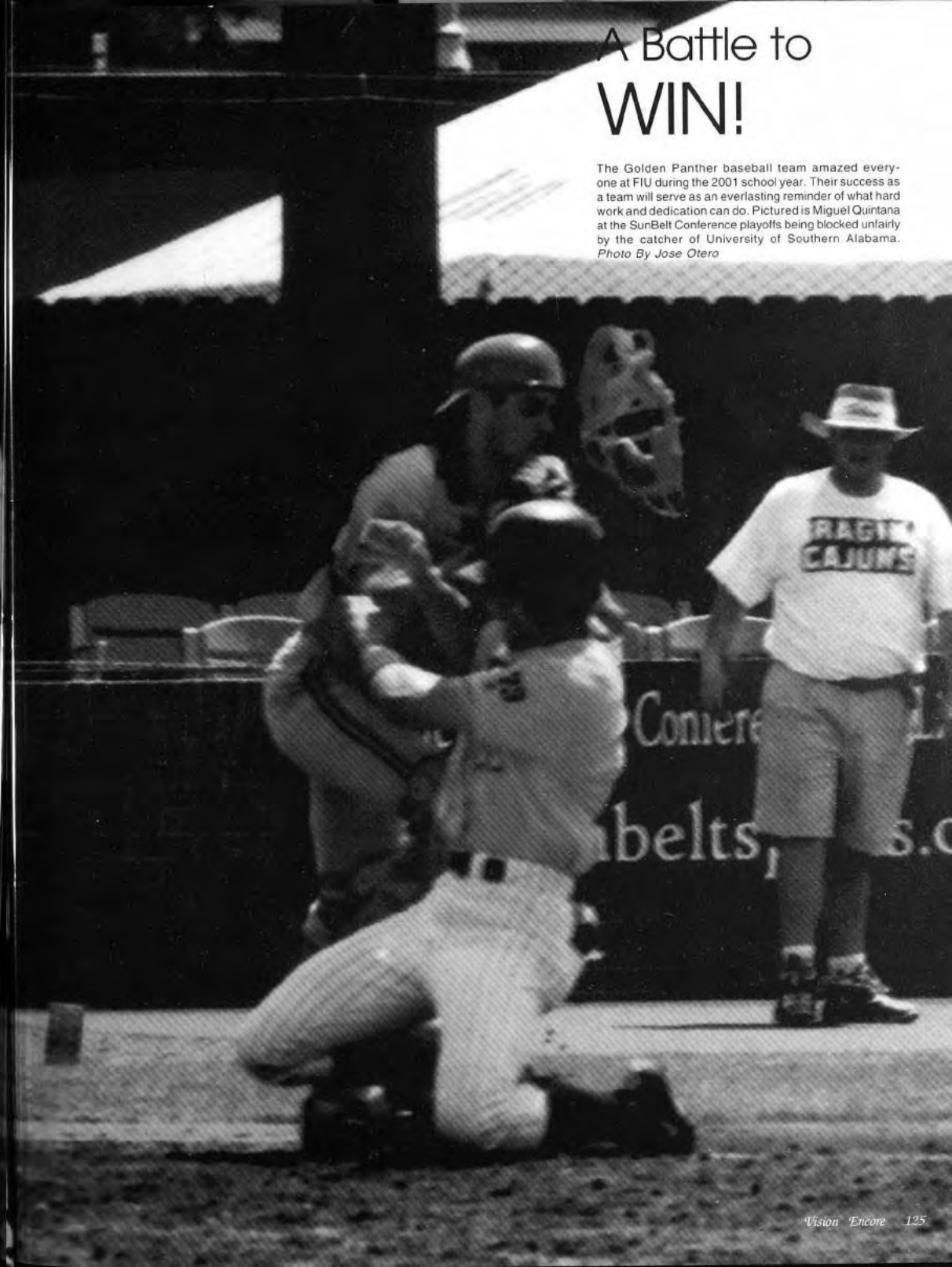
Sun Belt Champions

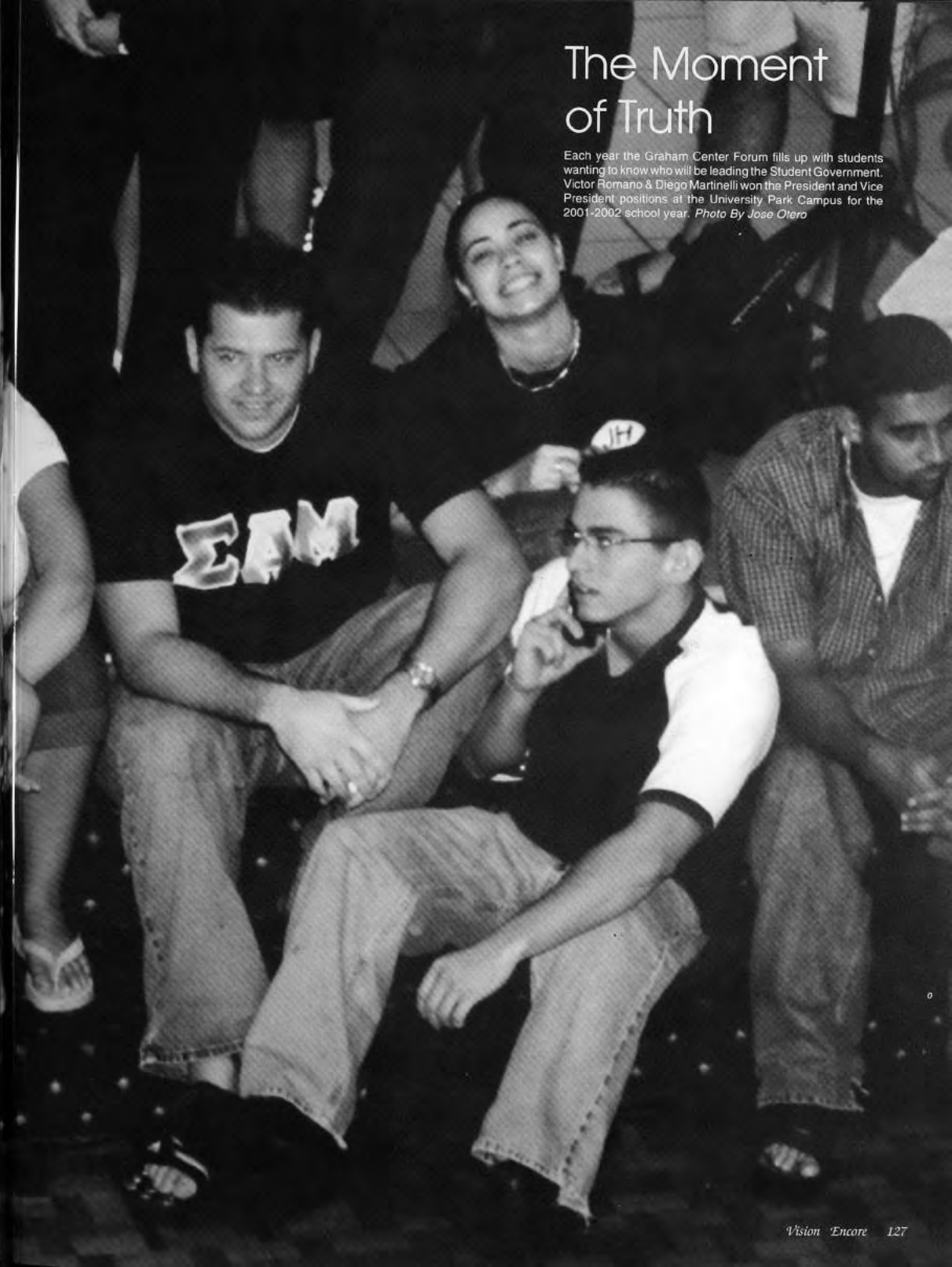
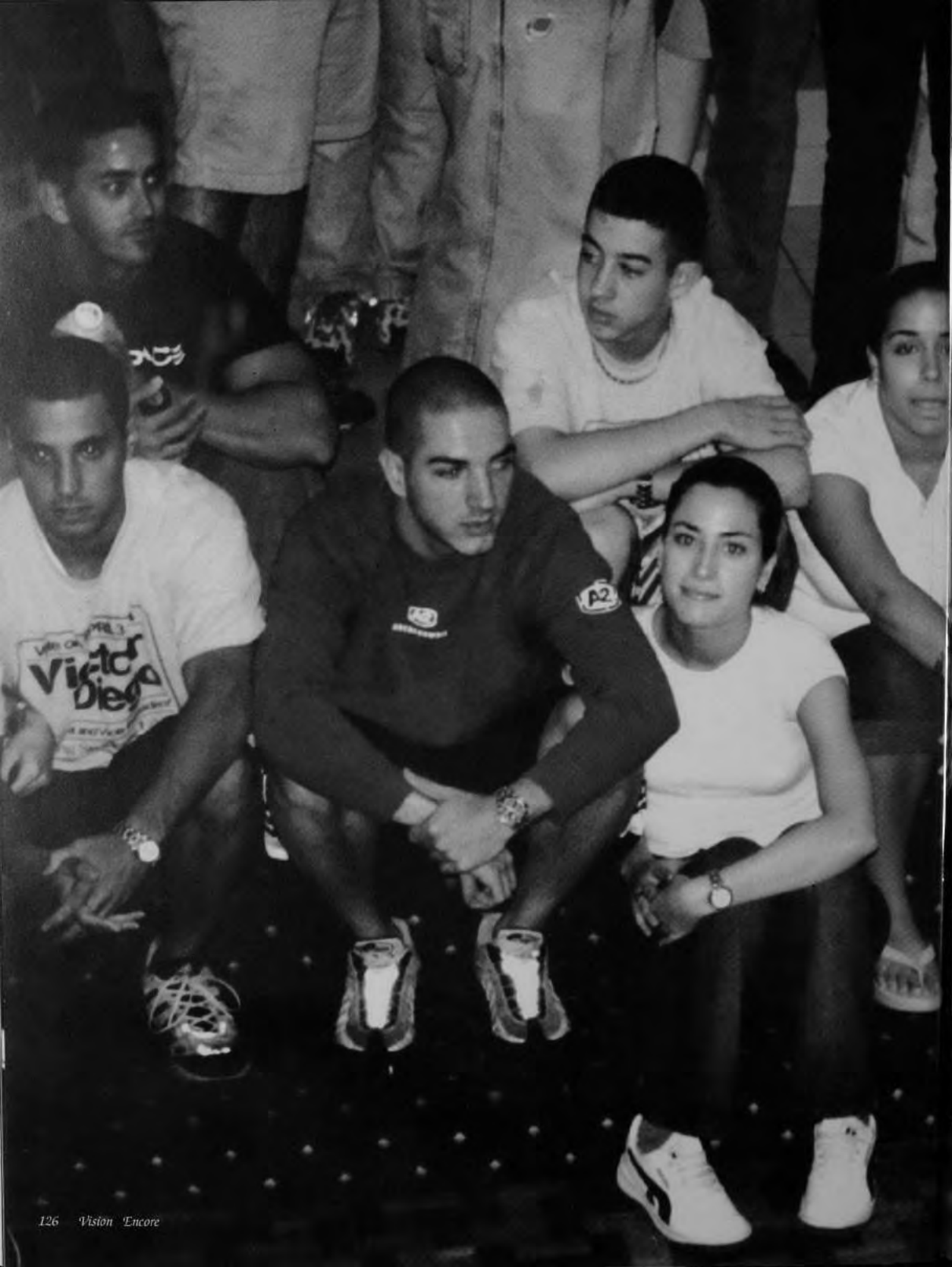
After an intense season, the Women's Soccer team led by Coach Everton Edwards, won the Sun Belt Championship.
Photo By Geoff Anderson



A Battle to WIN!

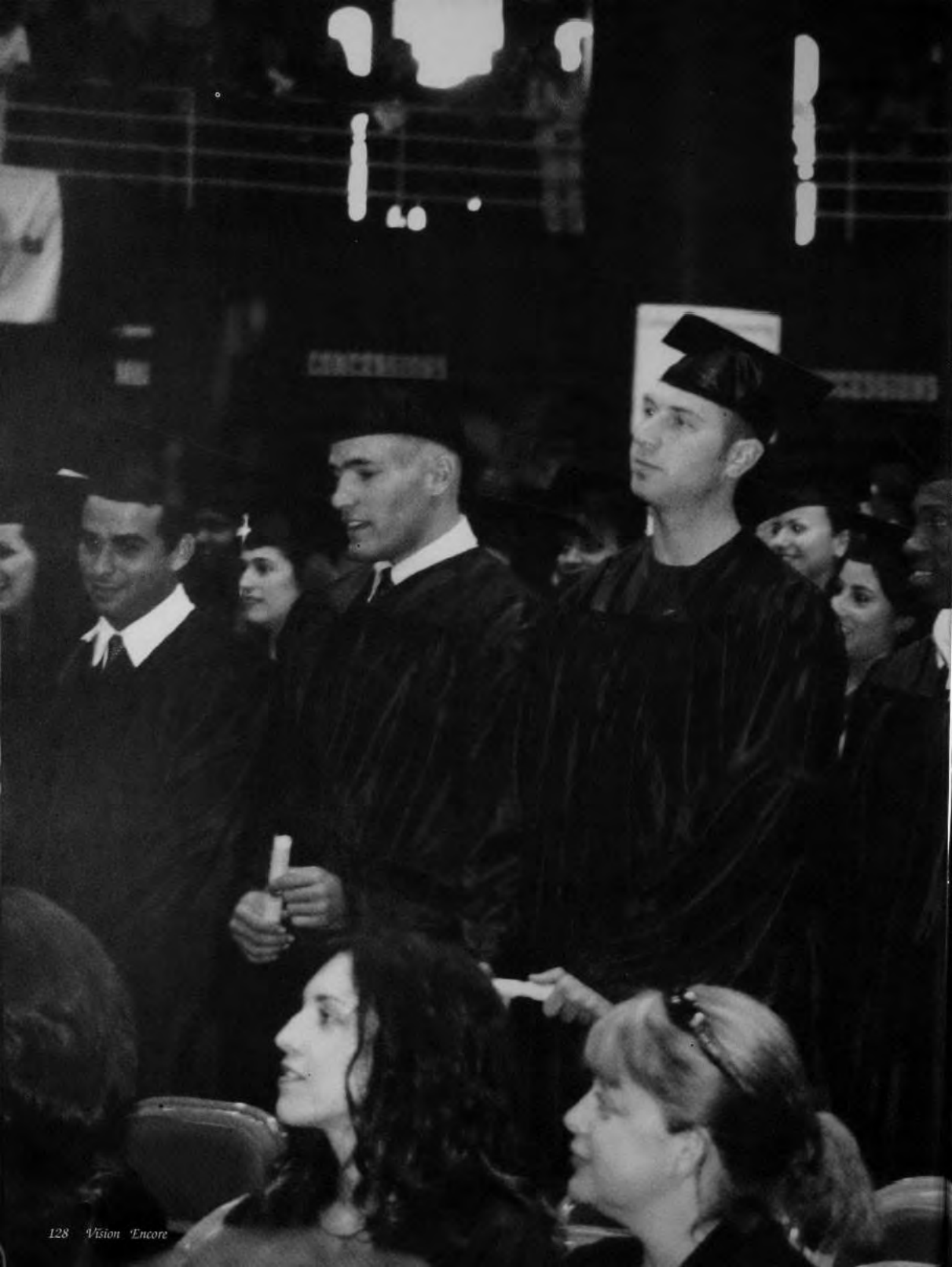
The Golden Panther baseball team amazed everyone at FIU during the 2001 school year. Their success as a team will serve as an everlasting reminder of what hard work and dedication can do. Pictured is Miguel Quintana at the Sun Belt Conference playoffs being blocked unfairly by the catcher of University of Southern Alabama.
Photo By Jose Otero





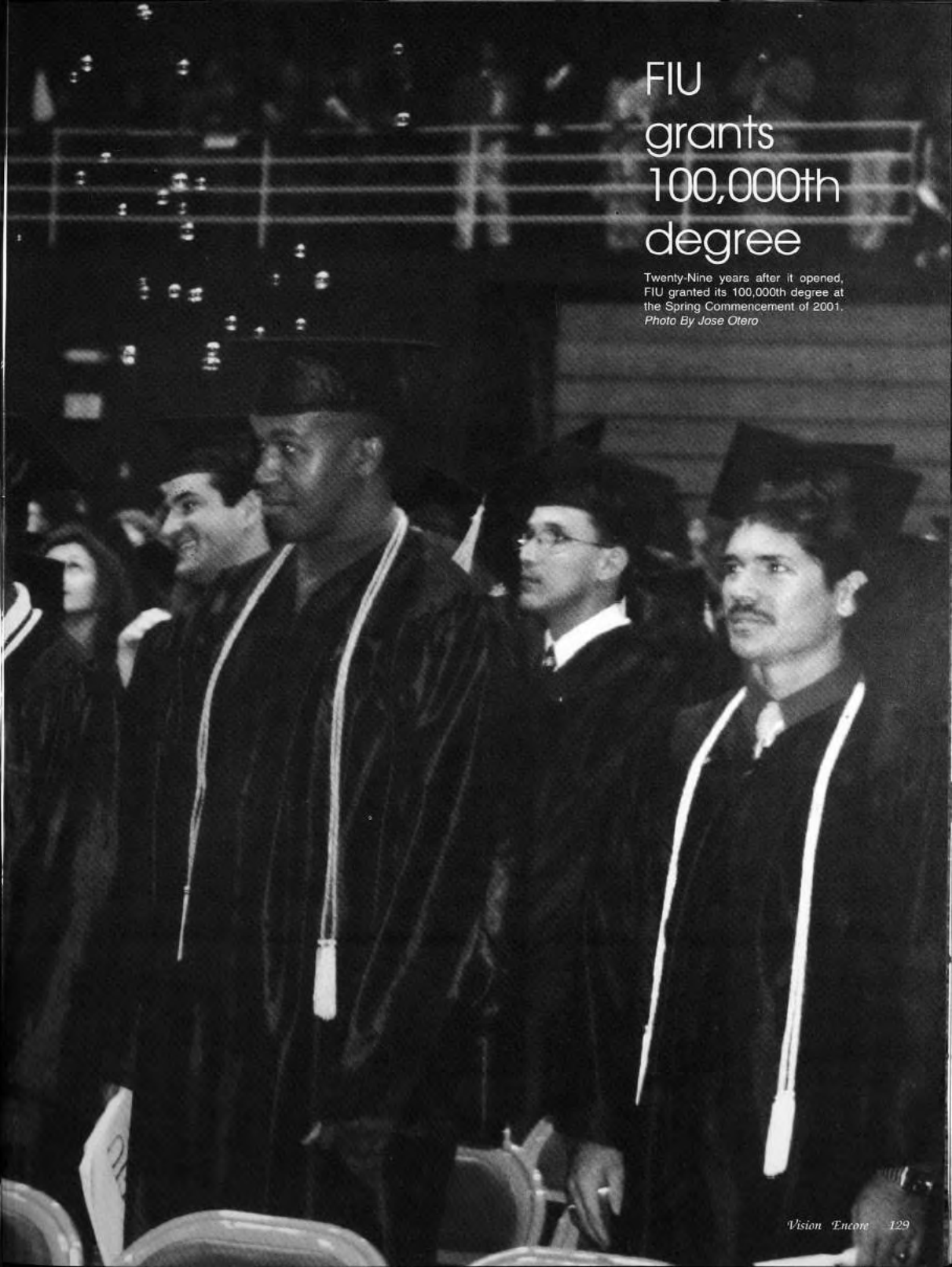
The Moment of Truth

Each year the Graham Center Forum fills up with students wanting to know who will be leading the Student Government. Victor Romano & Diego Martinelli won the President and Vice President positions at the University Park Campus for the 2001-2002 school year. Photo By Jose Otero



FIU grants 100,000th degree

Twenty-Nine years after it opened,
FIU granted its 100,000th degree at
the Spring Commencement of 2001.
Photo By Jose Otero





“Beyond The Classroom”

Academics

Hey, wait a minute! Here's a trivia question for you. If I were to give you four schools: Harvard, Yale, Stanford and FIU and ask you "Which school has improved the most in the least amount of time?" What would be your answer? Harvard perhaps, some of the greatest and most intuitive people of our time have studied there. But sorry, the answer is no. Perhaps Yale, or even Stanford could suffice as the answer. Every kid in their wildest dreams would love to have the opportunity to study at a prestigious school like Stanford. But sorry, the answer is still no. And NO, this isn't a trick question. The answer is FIU. You may ask yourself, "How could this be?" This school isn't even 30 years old yet. But with hard work and endless determination, FIU has maximized its potential in a fury of continuous growth. The growth jumped last spring when the Florida State Legislature approved the establishment of the FIU College of Law. It simmered during the humid month of July when the university publicized the fact that there was a record amount of almost \$60 million in research contracts and grants, an increase of 32 percent over the previous fiscal year. In August, it heated up when the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, gave FIU the broadest, most comprehensive rating awarded to research universities. The foundation reclassified FIU as a 'Doctoral/Research University-Extensive. When the season of autumn captured FIU, it capped off its spectacular year with the addition of a special new accolade to hang on the belt of the academic chapter of FIU. Phi Beta Kappa voted in October to include FIU in its illustrious list of chapters. Phi Beta Kappa is a prestigious honor society that is well known throughout the world. Having received the vote to become a part of their chapter in only 30 years, catapulted FIU to be amongst the elite of its class. "Receiving a Phi Beta Kappa chapter at FIU validates the hard work of many dedicated academic leaders and faculty at this university – chief among them, Arts and Sciences Dean Art Herriott – and further enhances the value of an FIU degree," FIU president Modesto Madique said. Fellow Phi Beta Kappa member and FIU Provost Mark Rosenberg was equally as glad as Madique to achieve this high status. "The honor of having a Phi Beta Kappa chapter at FIU tells our current and future students that they have chosen to study at one of the 'United States' most respectable institutions of higher learning."

By Derik Delaird

ARCHITECTURE

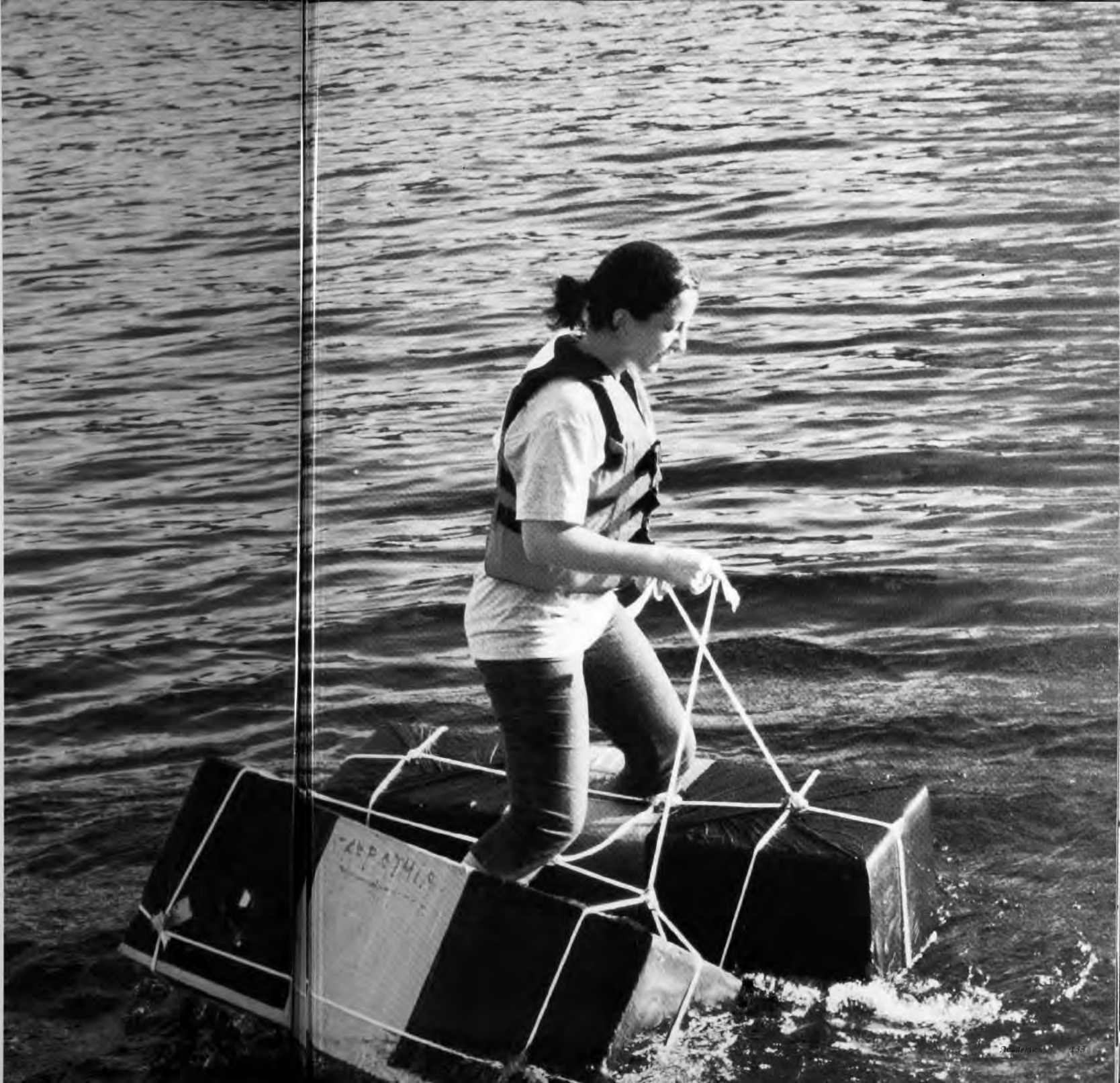
There is an old adage, which claims, "If it can be dreamed, then it can be realized." Personifying this cliché is FIU's School of Architecture, which is backed by some of the most proficient educators in this country. The school maintains its unwavering promise to uphold only the highest standards of excellence in education for all qualified students. Presently, the six year architecture program is enjoying the prestigious status of having been fully accredited by the NAAB or National Architectural Accrediting Board. Most recently, the school was honored yet again when the Master of Architecture program was granted full accreditation this past January. The School of Architecture proudly shares the benefits of this latest recognition with the alumni of the Master of Architecture program who may now return and apply for the state-licensing exam.

Keeping pace with these increasingly technologically based times, the School of Architecture has, along with the inception of two contemporary computer facilities, devised courses which would incorporate computers into the classrooms. This in turn, allows for higher learning not only in student's lives but, inevitably their careers.

Being regarded "as the largest gift ever given to any university in the state of Florida," it is therefore imperative that there be some mention about the Wolfsonian Collection of Decorative and Propaganda Arts, our newest addition to this school's family. This one of a kind museum/library is located on Miami Beach and will no doubt provide those with a thirst for design, a vast array of invaluable information and essential resources.

Lastly, the desire to travel and expand one's academic horizons has been listed by the School of Architecture as two quintessential elements found in most well rounded graduates. Reinforcing this belief is the school's decision to extend their programs to various parts of the world, thus granting students the rare opportunity to learn their prospective professions in a more tangible setting. Only through indomitable perseverance and persistence of this caliber are programs such as these made possible. For, it is this same ideology which assures all enrolled students, that in regard to the future of architecture the sky is not the limit, it's just another obstacle waiting to be overcome.

By Cassandra Caballero



The folks at FIU's College of Arts and Sciences have been spotted doing quite a bit of boasting of late. Fortunately, it seems they're not just full of hot air, but instead beaming with pride at the high level of overall success their programs have been fostering. Expectant freshmen, interested in becoming CAS majors, might well heed the words of this school's esteemed dean, Dr. Arthur Herriott, who informs us of some of the "extraordinary accomplishments CAS alumni have demonstrated." Included among those accomplished individuals are a United States Representative, a cabinet-level secretary, a federal judge, a state secretary, numerous local and state officials, college professors, administrators and physicians.

Most noteworthy instructors, upon hearing how well their graduates were faring, would graciously bask in the luminous glow of contentment, but here at FIU's College of Arts and Sciences, news such as this serves not only to empower, but to motivate. Ask any member of FIU's CAS faculty what they want most for the future of this program and the answer will be a resounding: "BREAK COMMON STUDENT STEREOTYPES." FIU alumni and meritorious associate dean, Dr. Gisela P. Casines, believes that Florida International University will lead the way in breaking the common assumption that teachers are apathetic towards their student's academic futures. She has, since day one of her long and prestigious career with the university, sought to create and implement programs that would instill students with the understanding that teachers ultimately share their same objectives and only through laboring together can they truly triumph.

In addition to working hard toward one's goals, students are also urged to employ the various resources around them, including each other. The introduction of study groups into the classrooms is another avenue that is currently being used to shepherd students throughout their scholarly journey and simultaneously, promote the elusive utopian feeling of unity that comes from a community's challenge rather than the uncertainty of singular problem solving. Dr. Donald Watson, head of the English Department in the College of Arts and Sciences, strongly encourages the formation and utilization of such study groups, citing how invaluable the various views expressed may be when they are able to shed some light on otherwise perplexing material.

By Cassandra Caballero



BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

If you're a born leader, then chances are your birthplace was the College of Business Administration at Florida International University. But, none of the freshman or future enrollees are expected to accept a statement as weighty as this at mere face value. They can listen instead to the dozens of accolades by distinguished journalists nationwide who consistently rank this school in the top percentile.

As the second largest college of this exceptional university, the school is constantly expanding on its resources to assist the increasing demand for their undergraduate programs. CIBER was established by the school when it was presented with a generous grant by the Department of Education. The College was honored by this latest gift, as it has only been awarded to fewer than 30 schools.

The school has credited most of its success to its "dedicated multicultural faculty of more than 80 scholars, business leaders and teachers," and the students whom they prepare for the obstacles of a "rapidly changing, technology-driven global business environment."

By Cassandra Caballero



EDUCATION

The College of Education was founded on many admirable principles but its most revered is also its most basic: to prepare prospective students by aiding them in acquiring a plethora of knowledge which would not merely hone their skills, but shape their lives. Being book-savvy though, is just a brief snapshot of the bigger picture for this school's destiny, as it wishes to broaden its influential horizons way past the confines of the customary classroom and right into the developing minds of all its students. The College mission profile clearly states that the academic goals that are set up for their students are closely intertwined with a noble humanitarian effort to destroy the barriers that spring from ignorance and expose the common grounds of enlightenment that link us all.

It seems, this that line of thinking has been quite successful for the College of Education. It runs 60 fully accredited programs with over 3,500 students and approximately 100 faculty members. Not only is it the third largest school in the university, but 80 percent of all their teacher education graduates can expect immediate employment from Miami-Dade County Public schools. Another noteworthy accomplishment came in February, 1998 when the College won the "Teacher Education Best Practices Award" by the American Association of Colleges. These rewards, as humbling as they are though, pale in comparison to the students themselves. They are eager to learn and are taught by their instructors to embrace the act of educating first and revel in its many triumphs later, regardless if that success comes in the form of an illustrious plaque or just a juicy red apple.

By Cassandra Caballero



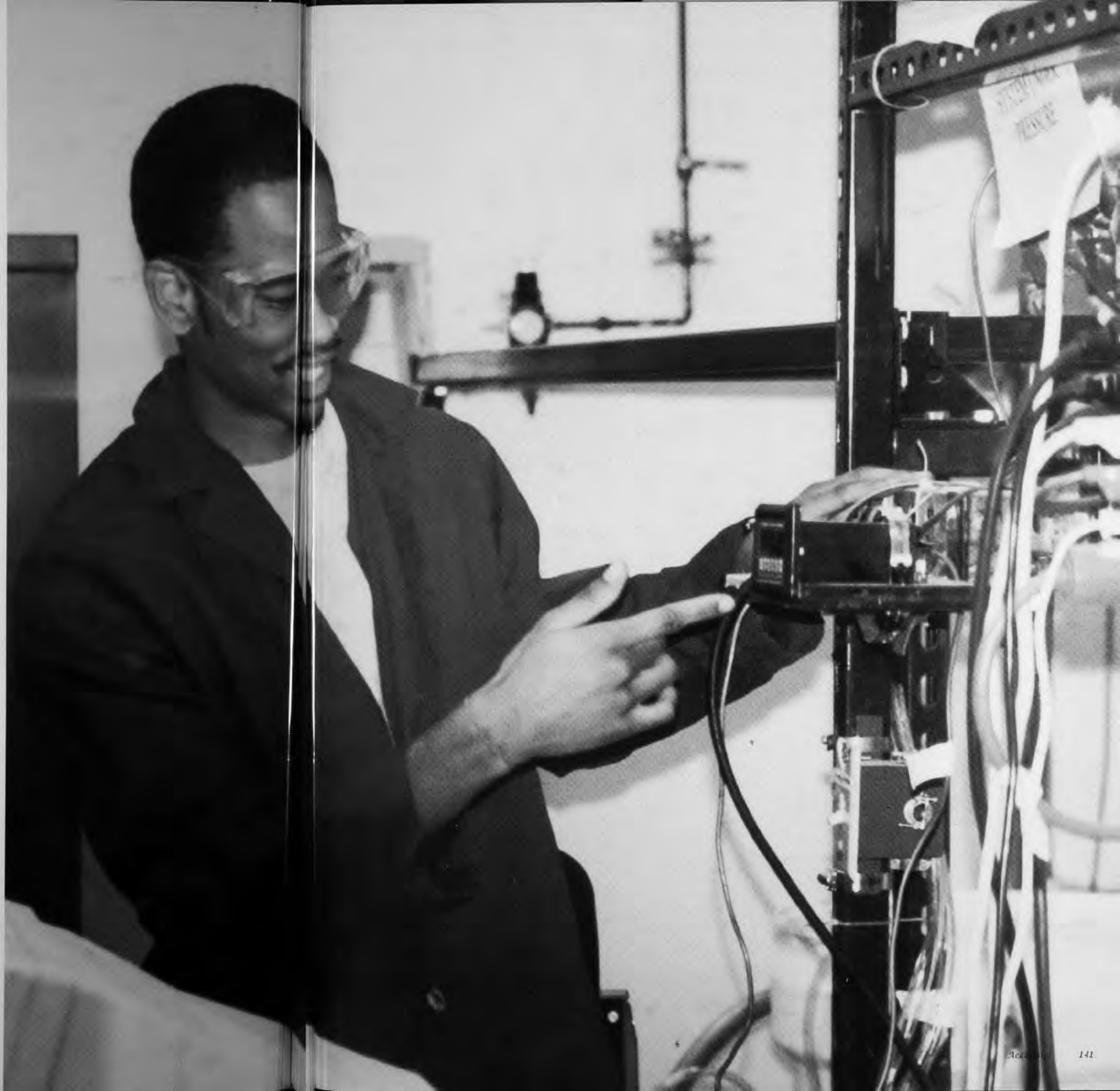
ENGINEERING & APPLIED SCIENCES

More than 1,500 enrolled students at FIU are majoring in what has been judged "the number one best profession in the world." This is due perhaps, much in part to the job market's great demand for engineers and the extravagant salaries offered to obtain them. But inevitably, it is this career's high level of satisfaction that motivated most graduates. Lego Leagues, robotic wars and the recruitment of high school students are just some of the innovative projects blasting off from the launch pad known as the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences.

U.S. FIRST, a high school competition of engineering robotics that is held at Epcot Center in Orlando, Florida, is one example of these inventive projects. High schools from all over the U. S. work in teams to construct their own robots. Then, in a three-arena setting, these same robots are pit against each other in an exciting game of offense and defense. The college heavily supports this competition and similar projects alike by providing participants with free consulting, lab equipment, multi-media presentation, actual labs to work on their respective machines and even a university hosted regional competition. For example, the Ramtech Robotics Team is composed of faculty and students from both Miami Coral Park Senior High as well as Florida International University. This team and many like it were founded on the hope that these types of programs could act as a virtual gateway for students to explore subjects like math, science and technology.

A vital component in keeping the mainframe of these beneficial operations from short-circuiting is the charitable time, energy and effort exerted behind the scenes by many generous volunteers. One such volunteer is project coordinator Nola Garcia, who is selflessly devoted to this cause and spends most of her time either promoting these competitions or recruiting high school students to participate in them. It is therefore little surprise that Mrs. Garcia's greatest aspirations for the kids involved in these programs is invariably one in the same with the college's ambitions for all its enrolled students. The goal is simply that every student allow the engineering aspect of themselves to be exposed and brighten this world, for there is a "solution finder" in all of us just waiting to shine, no batteries included.

By Cassandra Caballero



HEALTH SCIENCES

Students enrolled in the College of Health Sciences won't have to wait for graduation to put their knowledgeable skills to the test. One of this school's very goals is to provide students with clinical settings which would enable them to experiment freely and improve their level of training. Another unique aspect of this school is that it wishes the process of learning to be a shared experience. For example, both faculty and staff members devote much of their time and effort on research that will benefit the various programs, so in other words, students are not the only ones busy with homework.

Continuing with the running theme shared by the university as a whole, the College of Arts and Sciences takes advantage of a simple truth: South Florida is a "dynamic multicultural area."

With that little pearl of wisdom in mind, health students can appreciate the obvious benefits that come from working in over 300 technologically advanced diverse urban settings.

By Cassandra Caballero



HONORS

Webster's dictionary defines the word "honor", as high regard or respect. But, for FIU's Honors College, the word honor refers to tradition, as in a tradition of students who have proven that with hard work, dedication and pride, one can excel beyond even the most stellar of expectations. Exemplifying this prestigious heritage of success best is the recently established Faculty Advisory Board whose membership is comprised of faculty who are both old and new to the Honors College.

Nearing the college's 11th year offering what most call "only the very best in undergraduate education," this college with its over 500 members, has recently initiated an extensive internship program, as well as expanded its study abroad options to better serve its students. Seniors can even opt to have beautiful Italy as the scenic backdrop for their summer studies via this innovative study abroad program.

They will not only have satisfied their six-credit requirement for graduation, but also have experienced the delights of such wonders as the Roman Forum, the Vatican and the Renaissance cities of Florence and Pisa, to name a few.

By Cassandra Caballero



The demand for Hospitality Management has increased abundantly with the boom of tourism all over the world and especially here in South Florida. This curriculum was originally installed 27 years ago when FIU first opened its doors in 1972, but since that time it has grown into one of the nation's top-rated hospitality management programs recognized by industry leaders nationwide. Alumni from the first graduating classes are now achieving corporate leadership and executive positions with major lodging companies, food service groups, cruise lines and tourism organizations.

The school of Hospitality Management is located at FIU's Biscayne Bay campus, whose 200 acres simulate a resort-like setting which is instrumental in creating just the right ambiance. Hospitality Management offers both Bachelor's and Master's degrees as well as certificate programs that employ hands on experience within a classroom setting. This unique experience allows students to receive the myriad of skills, techniques and knowledge that better prepare each individual to achieve their personal goals in the hospitality industry. The school has created internship programs with industry executives that give students the opportunity to utilize hotels, resorts, restaurants, clubs, airlines and travel agencies as practice labs in their preferred field. The advanced phase of this internship provides students with a structured management training that is not normally available to them until he or she enters the field after graduation.

By John Otero



JOURNALISM & MASS COMMUNICATIONS

The School of Journalism and Mass Communication has various guidelines, regulations and outlines. But, it is the famed golden rule of learning to “read between the lines” that best sums up this school’s wishes to filter out anything that would hinder students in their arduous quest for academic and professional success. With the distinguished status that comes from running an accredited program whose emphasis is placed mainly on quality, this school truly reflects the miscellaneous components that are involved in preserving an acclaimed reputation.

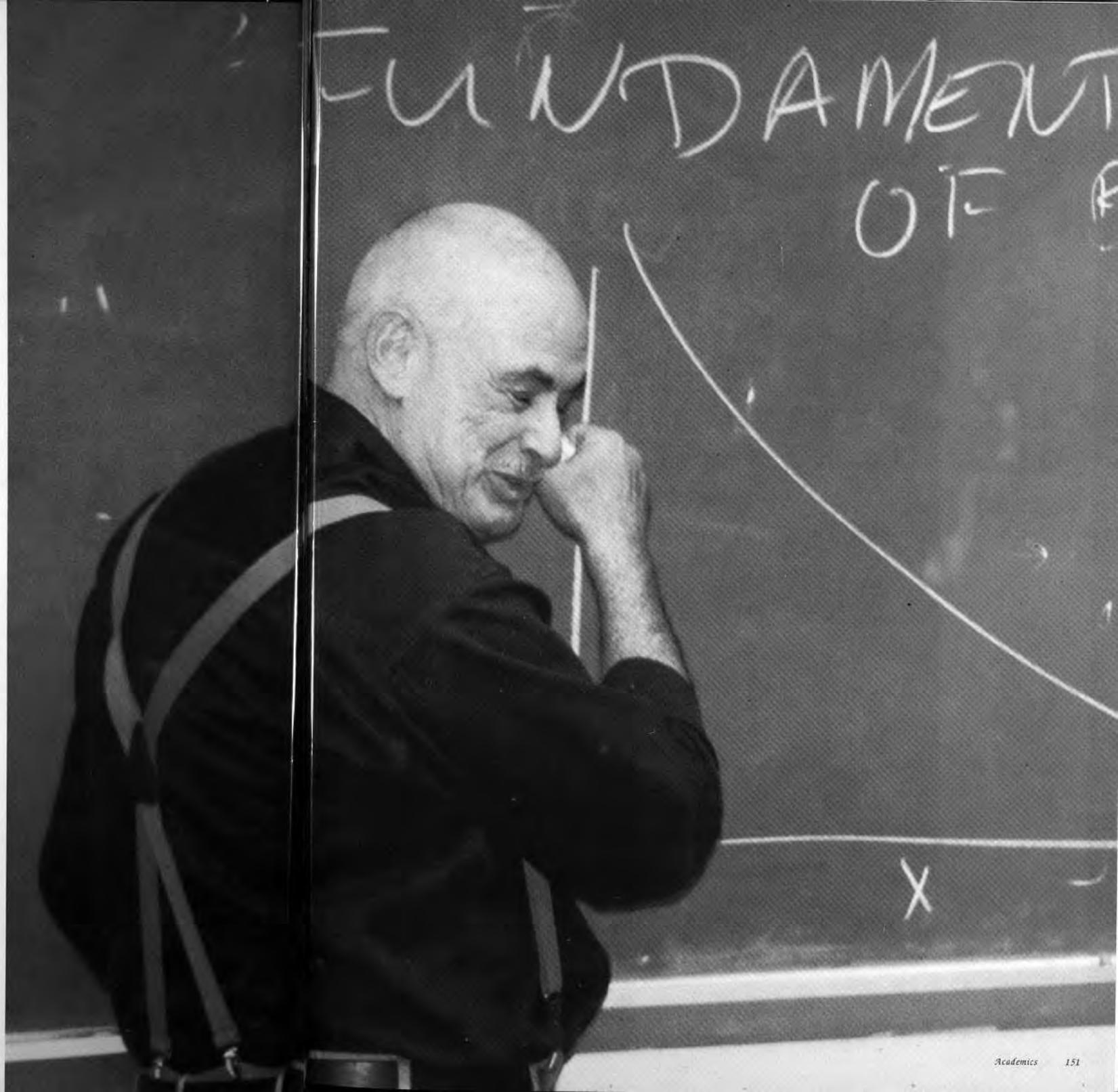
They say, “practice makes perfect,” and the School of Journalism and Mass Communication proves it’s no exception. Today, students can expect to be exposed to superior hands-on training, along with courses that improve their writing ability by vigorously reinforcing basic grammatical skills. The School of Journalism and Mass Communication has no qualms about what goals they set for themselves as well and have always been very vocal about one in particular which is “preparing professionals.” A professional, according to the school, is an individual who has successfully mastered not only the underlying theory, but the practice of Journalism itself, thus allowing for educated, independent and focused, bias-free reporting.

By Cassandra Caballero



CUPA, or the College of Urban and Public Affairs, which was formally established in 1994, evolved from its predecessor, the School of Public Affairs and Service. Even today, the college is broken down into two schools: The School of Policy and Management and the School of Social Work. The College has such a strong desire to see its respective students succeed that like many of the schools in this prestigious university, it has outlined a mission statement. This seems ideal because it encourages new applicants and reinforces currently enrolled students by allowing them firsthand knowledge of what they can expect from these programs, as they view for themselves the school's detailed objectives. One of the points made clear by these objectives is the importance the College places on teaching students how to widen their views to include a more global understanding of their social environment, which is no doubt, essential for tackling even the most minor of urban challenges. To further this cause and improve the community we're all a part of, the school has made several adjustments for both minorities and working students by increasing their educational opportunities, thus opening doors to a career driven society that many believed they had long been shut out of.

By Cassandra Caballero





“Building Tomorrow’s Leaders”

Faculty & Staff

The key to any good university is not only the academic curriculum that it develops and executes to enrich student learning, but it’s also in the faculty that it chooses to head up this process. For example, in all other forms of schooling, a teacher is a teacher, but on the collegiate level a professor is more than just a teacher. A professor is someone who must administer the curriculum to the students while preparing students for their future endeavors. He or she is also someone who must continue to do research on that subject to make sure he or she is teaching the most up to date material. In order for professors to maintain their effectiveness in teaching their subject areas, other key people within the university must endeavor to hold up their end of the school’s most important tasks, student learning. You may not think about it but the faculty all over the school help maintain the school’s effectiveness. From the clerical assistant in PC to the janitor in the hallways, all are vital key pieces in maintaining effectiveness throughout the school. This has been a banner year for the FIU faculty. Along with the schools’ academic accolades, FIU has stepped up its search to provide students with one of the best faculty staffs in the country. FIU announced this year that Leonard Strickman, a graduate of the Yale Law School and former dean of the University of Arkansas School of Law, would head up FIU’s College of Law program. Strickman is a seasoned guy with expertise in legal education and law school accreditation. Three new faculty members were added in the sports department to help oversee the athletic sector and to make sure that not only our collegiate athletes strive on the court, but off it as well. Rick Mello was hired to be the new FIU athletic director while Don Strock, a former Miami Dolphin, was signed on to become FIU’s first ever football coach. Along with coaching the new Golden Panther football team, Strock will be in control of all football operations. Donnie Marsh was hired to become the men’s new basketball coach this past year taking over for dismissed Marcos “Shakey” Rodriguez. Marsh was a former collegiate athlete and was drafted into the NBA from a division three college. The new faculty members, who have found a home at FIU, were hired because they fit the mold of the current faculty, which goes by the credo of hard work and determination in making FIU a successful campus for higher learning.

By Derik Deliard

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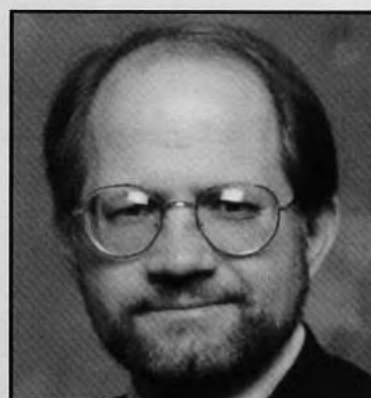
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A Home Away From Home



Members of the Sigma Tau Delta honor society gather for a group shot with Associate Dean Dr. Gisela Casines in front of the Graham Center. *Photo By: Sigma Tau Delta*



Smiling proudly, Makeba Davis stands with her oldest child after the Pan-African Pageant in February of 2001. *Photo By Jose Otero*



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We Work Hard For
The Money



During Final Exams, Esperanza de La Torre and Joshua Hou prepared coffee and snacks for the students at FIU. *Photo By Jose Otero*



In the afternoon, Cassandra Caballero diligently types up the directory of the student government officers. *Photo By Jose Otero*



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Campus Life

In High Gear



Guiding Roxanne Lalla-Maharajhat her job, Betty Wright instructs her on the upcoming events for the Fall semester. *Photo By: Jose Otero*



Meeting deadline, Mary Alice Manella receives the comedian contract from one of the Student Programming members. *Photo By Jose Otero*



Maria Leviste
Tiger Li



Jennifer Linkletter
Chunhua Liu



Patty Lively
Carmen Lomando



Doris Lopez
Woody Lovinsky



Esther M. Lugo
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Raul Rodriguez
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Camilo Rosales
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Leandro Ruiz
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Philip Sakomsin
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Mario Valbuena
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Betty Wright
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Miguel Zambrana
Rafael Zapata III



Ruth Hamilton, Dr. Telles-Irvin and Dr. Bonanno honor Michelle Perez for establishing the leadership development department. *Photo By Jose Otero*

At the student media retreat in Key Largo, Tere Perez is caught from a different angle. *Photo By Jose Otero*



“Throughout The Years”

Alumni

Next year FIU will be 30 years old. Although FIU is still considered a young and growing university compared to its brethren at University of Miami, Florida State and University of Florida, it has legitimized itself to be mentioned in the likes of the aforementioned universities. But over the past 29 years, a bunch of students have come through the doors of FIU and have left with diplomas in tow. These students, who according to studies comprise the largest number of university based citizenry in Miami, are the alumni of FIU. They didn't have GC, the new education building or Panther Hall to call home as we have today and they didn't see 32,000 fellow students running about, but they did receive the same quality of education as we did. The only thing other than the quality of education that could compare us to the students of the past is the Charles Perry building (PC) because it still exists today after all these years. FIU continues to grow and more students begin to fill the hallways. We will be ushered out because of our graduation and become alumni of the university. Then we will become apart of the huge base FIU has that is working hard to build a stronger and better Miami. Thanks to new university accolades such as the Doctoral/Research University Extensive given by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the emergence of Phi Beta Kappa, a prestigious honor society, the diploma of FIU will have new significance in a growing and ever changing society. Therefore we as FIU alumni will, as Theodore Roosevelt once said 'Speak softly and carry a big stick.' As alumni we will automatically become apart of the FIU Alumni Association, which was founded in 1974 for students to maintain their relationship with the university. The association chairs such events as golf tournaments and career seminars and creates networks, which can offer new opportunities for graduates. By becoming active in the Alumni Association, a bond of communication is developed to keep ties strong between the university and its graduating scholars. This organization is just an example of what a degree from FIU means, a good education and a life-long bond that endeavors.

By Derik Deliard

Alumni Association

Every student body needs their alumni for support, to increase school spirit and to keep traditions alive. Here at FIU, Alumni Relations works together with alumni to provide mentorship programs for students and to raise money for major University events. The Student Alumni Association works hand in hand with Alumni Relations and Career Services to provide students with the opportunities of a lifetime. Students involved in this association are able to interact with alumni at events that take place during the school year such as Welcome Back Week, Homecoming, the FIU Film Festival and much more. Any student can be a part of the Student Alumni Association by filling out an application and paying a \$10.00 fee. "FIU is expanding as we speak. This is the time to get involved in all student activities. The football team and the law school are going to need alumni support. We are going to try our best to reach out to them and make them part of the Student Alumni Association", Interim Director Carlos Bacerra said.

-Ana Olivares



Alumni celebrate the holidays at the association's 2000 Annual holiday party held at Venetian Pool in Coral Gables. Photo By Alumni



Richard and Mary Tuttle '88, Gayle Bainbridge '75, Anna Falber '75 and Cira Perez enjoy the lecture and exhibit at Alumni Night at the Wolfsonian. Photo By Alumni



Alumni Association Board members Ralph A. Espinosa '89, Henry F. Sori '88, Carlos B. Castillo '88 and Interim Director Carlos Becerra '98 compare notes at the 2000 Annual Meeting. Photo By Alumni



The Alumni Association commencement reception just outside the Golden Panther Arena. Photo By Alumni

Alumni learn how to dine like a diplomat at the association's Business Etiquette Dinner held at the Globe Restaurant in Coral Gables. Photo By Alumni



Board members and university staff record the Alumni Association occasion at the board of directors retreat. Photo By Alumni

2001 Alumni Association



Turner Construct
Superior Electrical Contr
Bacardi USA, Inc. Peps
Miami/Ft. Lauderdale BM
South Motors BMW Braman BMW

Outstanding Achievement Award

Carmen Argamasilla Class of 1987

Vice President of Corporate Communications at HBO Latin America Group, Argamilla has conceived and implemented a strategic communications plan that standardized and maximized all publicity and branding-related issues. Her enthusiasm, energy and talent establish her as a role model for other Hispanic-American women who seek to succeed in today's multi-cultural business environment.



Eric E. Pfeffer Class of 1977

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Cendant Corporation's Hotel Division, Pfeffer is responsible for the strategic direction of the company's hotel division, the world's largest lodging franchiser. Pfeffer combines a multi-cultural background with business acumen and more than 20 years of experience in the industry.



Manuel R. Garcia Class of 1990

The lead investigative reporter for The Miami Herald, Garcia headed a group that uncovered voter fraud during the 1997 City of Miami mayoral election. The series of articles that followed the investigation earned The Herald a Pulitzer Prize. Additionally, Garcia's work helped lead to 50 arrests and the overturning of the election results.

Charles E. Perry Visionary Award

Ivan J. Parron Class of 1994

President and co-founder of Ritmoteca.com, Parron has established the world's first online source for digital Latin music and entertainment. He oversees the development and implementation of the site and negotiates new partnerships and alliances. As a consultant, he helped design and launch Internet strategies for MTV Latin America.



Gabriel A. Rincon-Mora Class of 1992

Senior integrated circuit designer for Texas Instruments and an adjunct professor at the Georgia Institute of Technology, Rincon-Mora, at only 28, holds several patents and has authored a soon-to-be-published textbook. The recipient of many engineering honors, Rincon-Mora was recently named one of the 100 most influential Hispanics-Americans by Hispanic Business magazine.



Rachelle H. Weiss Class of 1993

Founder and president of the Physicians Diagnostic Systems, Weiss has realized her dream of making critical healthcare services available to Florida's rural and low-income residents. Her company deploys state-of-the-art mobile diagnostic services to physician's offices and medical facilities throughout the state. Weiss started the company in 1997 which now records annual revenues of more than \$2 million.

Community Leadership Award

Jayne Harris Abess Class of 1977

Director of Community Affairs for City National Bank, Abess has chaired Goodwill Industries of South Florida and served on the boards of the United Way and Mount Sinai Foundation's Cancer Lifeline. She is a Junior League past president and has been recognized by many organizations for her work in the community. She and her husband have contributed generously to local causes.



Marleine M. Bastien Class of 1986

Founder and President of FANM, Bastien is a political activist and social worker. She has devoted herself to helping Haitians adjust to life in the United States and teaching Americans about her people. Described as a "voice for the voiceless," she fought for passage of the Haitians Immigration Refugee Fairness Act of 1998 and continues to work to empower Haitian women socially, politically and economically.



Allen B. Susser Class of 1978

Chef and restaurateur, Susser has been a culinary force in South Florida for more than 20 years. A James Beard Foundation Best Chef in America award winner and the author of three books, he has distinguished himself almost as much for his work outside of the kitchen as within. He has undertaken extraordinary efforts on behalf of such causes as homelessness, hunger relief and prenatal care, among others.



Carlos Castillo Class of 1988

An attorney with White & Case, LLP Castillo worked tirelessly to promote the establishment of the FIU College of Law. Despite opposition by some sectors of the legal community, he maintained the conviction that the people of South Florida deserve access to a public law school. A lifetime member of the FIU Alumni Association, Castillo has been active on its board of directors.

Gerald C. Grant Class of 1978

Regional Vice President of AXA Advisors, Grant's personal philosophy of helping others is reflected in both his professional and civic involvement. A past president of the FIU Alumni Association and a current member of its board of directors, he initiated FIU's entry into Miami-Dade County's annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade. Grant mentors adolescents through his involvement with 100 Black Men of South Florida.



Mary Lou Pfeiffer Class of 1986

A member of the College of Arts & Sciences Dean's Board of Advisors, Pfeiffer has committed herself to improving the academic unit from which she earned her bachelor's degree. In 1999 she made a groundbreaking gift-the largest from an FIU graduate-that allowed the college's Department of Religious Studies to establish an endowment in support of a new program in Native American religions.





“Striving To Attain Their Goals”

Sports

Some people believe that being a collegiate athlete has all of the advantages. Let's look at what they see. You have to figure that most of them probably have the most tranquil professors in the university and the best schedule. They participate in game trips which require the athletes to miss some class time. You have to figure into the equation that being an athlete also means that the personal calendar is always filled. Every fraternity would love to have one of them representing them especially during Rush Week. And let's not forget the other perks, like the old Cheers song, 'a place where everyone knows your name'. For you nay sayers out there, do you honestly believe that being a collegiate athlete could be that easy? Do you honestly feel that all collegiate athletes live the most charmed life in the university? Well, I hope you don't because here is the other side of the argument. Most athletes do not have the luxury of sleeping in or deciding to take the day off because every day is an important day of trying to secure some kind of future. Have you ever seen the Cross Country runners train in the middle of the heat in the afternoon or in the wee hours in the morning? They don't do that to show off their abs, they do it to get better and impress the coaches. In all honesty, any trip that offers the chance to get away from the University would be nice, but would you want to be in a place like Jonesboro, Arkansas or Bowling Green, Kentucky to face thousands of screaming fans that shout out all sorts of obscenities to try to get into your psyche. Perhaps if we were there and coming to FIU, a different argument could be made... imagine walking into a place like Golden Panther Arena to play FIU in a building that could hold 5,000 plus only to see less than 100. But that's another issue for another time. And in parting, perhaps "everyone knows their name," and perhaps Greeks would like them to be part of their fraternity but look at it this way, if you could stop on a dime like Carlos Arroyo and drain a three pointer in someone's face, or run like the wind like Michael Reed, be as dominate in the paint as Gergana Slavtcheva or throw a fastball like Jerry Courtney, shouldn't you get some recognition for your talents? It's just like earning a four point zero and making the Dean's List.

By Derik Deliard

“A Milestone Victory” Football

In 2000, FIU announced the start of the football team. A pep-rally was held in honor of the upcoming football program. After a long, and hard battle, the fall semester of 2001 brought the anticipated news to the FIU community. The first ever FIU football game would take place on September 4, 2002. When FIU heard this news at a press conference held by Don Strock, there were banquets, pep rallies and other events held to celebrate this long awaited program. The football team will start as a Division I AA team. Strock announced early in February some of the players who have been chosen to represent FIU. Strock, along with the athletic staff, want FIU football to help reunite alumni. Rick Mello, athletic director said, “If we can bring back our students and our alumni, then we’ll have a successful football program.”

By Carolina Palacios



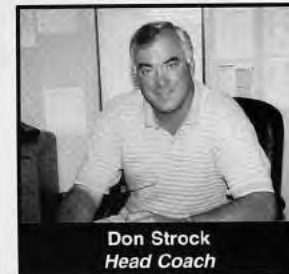
Pete the Panther cheers with excitement when FIU finally was approved for a Division AA football program on May 17, 2000. Photo By Jose Otero



On February 8, Don Strock held a press conference to introduce the new football players. Photo By Jose Otero



Assistant Coach Bruce Hardy times Daniel Rodriguez as he sprints across the finish line of the 40-yard dash. Photo By Geoff Anderson



Don Strock
Head Coach

“We have a tremendous opportunity to build this program from the ground up, and we’re going to do it right.”



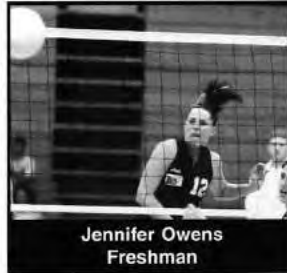
FIU Football Coaching Staff
Left to Right: James Colzie, Bruce Hardy, Don Strock, Joe Barantovich, Curt Wiles.



Going for the perfect set, Adriana Fundora hits the ball. Photo By Geoff Anderson

After calling the ball, Debra Amundson attempts to score. Photo by Geoff Anderson

"This season was very exciting. We learned a lot from the coaches, and our record and achievements are soon to improve."



Jennifer Owens
Freshman



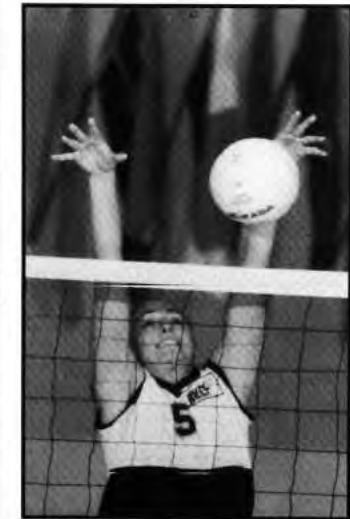
2000-2001 Women's Volleyball

Top Row: Trainer Andre Tucker, Charlyn Ball-Llovera, Melissa Olivera, Gaminá Steele, Nirvana Kos, Melissa Byrus, Jennifer Owens, Debra Amundson, Equipment Manager Rich Pareja, Media Relations Brian Smatt Bottom Row: Assistant coach Heather Foster, Iris Gonzalez, Rachel Willoughby, Head Coach Cookie Stevens, Elizabrth Baldwin, Sareh Seyed Kazemi, Adriana Fundora, Promotions Lisa Schwartz



With many new faces this season, the volleyball team seemed to be heading in the right direction. The newcomers came in with lots of energy and talent to help bring the team to the top. Some of these players included two Miami-Dade County Players of the Year, Charlyn Ball-Llovera and Adriana Fundora. With all the obstacles this season brought, the team finished with 16 wins at the Sun Belt. The game that brought many celebration and hope was played against Middle Tennessee State. The team stood out during this Sun Belt match winning five consecutive times. Defeating Tennessee gave a new vision for next season. "This is the best feeling in the world, right now," said Nirvana Kos. "It is the new FIU. There is real promise."

By Carolina Palacios



Rising above the net, Charlyn Ball-Llovera blocks the spike. Photo By Geoff Anderson

"Paving The Road To Success"

CrossCountry

"Running Against Time"

Gasping for breath, the cross country team keeps running for the win. This sport is one of long hours, of dedication and perseverance. It involves running everyday for more than one hour in order to improve time and break records. The 2001 season for the cross country team brought not only good times, but also disappointments. The season was off to a great start when the team won three consecutive invitationals, but they did not finish as they intended to in the Sun Belt. This, however, did not stop the women's team for senior Liz Borrell managed to finish in 11th place. She was one of nine runners from FIU that finished in the top 50.

By Carolina Palacios



Liz Borrell tries to beat her opponent to the finish line. *Photo By Geoff Anderson*



Out of breath, Mary Formosa keeps running to finish the race. *Photo By Geoff Anderson*



At an invitational meet, Shannon Hening outruns her opponent. *Photo By Geoff Anderson*



Sean Prospect
Junior

"We had a challenging season, but it was great to win."



2000-2001 Cross Country Team



With much intensity, Connor Collins heads the ball for the goal. Photo By Geoff Anderson

Driving to midfield, Ben Tocco searches for an open teammate. Photo By Geoff Anderson

"This season was great but it could have been better. The best thing about it was winning the conference."



Ezequiel Romero
Junior



2000-2001 Men's Soccer Team

Bottom Row: Connor Collins, Russell Vreeland, Ezequiel Romero, Simba Harris, Andres Echaverry, Juan Rivera, Wendell Collymore Top Row: Head Coach Karl Kremser, Burt Burris, Wendell Collymore, Steven Craig, Alex Casabielle, Ben Tocco, Daouda Kante, Collin Anglin, Reginald Pierre-Jerome, Munga Eketebi



For the men's soccer team the 2000-2001 season was filled with goals and expectations but those dreams were shattered after falling to a record of 10-5-1. "It hurts. I've been working hard this year, but I don't know. I can't explain it," senior captain Daouda Kante said. "Things happen." Coach Karl Kremser returned for his 21st season with FIU determined on restoring the glory to Golden Panther soccer, but after losing in the NCAA Tournament to St. Mary's College, he could not understand his players. "It's lack of discipline. The guys know where they are supposed to be," Kremser said. Despite a challenging season, FIU soccer had some highlights. The team played eight new opponents, and for the first time in two years FIU soccer returned to play in the Sun Belt Conference.

By Carolina Palacios



Damien Charlton leaps up to defend the goal from the opposing team. Photo By Geoff Anderson

"Making The Goal"

“Keeping The Winning Spirit”

Hitting goal after goal, no one seemed to stop the FIU women's soccer team this year. They not only went to the Conference and beat four consecutive teams, but they also took home the Sun Belt title leaving them with a season record of 15-6. Sasja Odenyo was one of the tournament's most valuable players. "We felt we had something to prove because North Texas was the only conference team to beat us," Odenyo said. Aside from capturing the title, the soccer team also broke the record of most goals in a season. Michele O'Brien broke this record when she scored her 17th goal of the season against Howard. Coach Everton Edwards was extremely excited about the season's outcome. "The girls played hard. I told them to play every game as if it was their last and they did that [against Denver]," Everton said.

By Carolina Palacios



Keeping a look out for the ball, Adrienne Williams blocks any shot from the opposing team. Photo By Geoff Anderson



Jen Serverdo drives the ball down the field to setup a goal. Photo By Geoff Anderson



Using her strategy to keep the ball away from the opposing team, Sasha Odenyo takes a chance and kicks in a goal. Photo By Geoff Anderson



Michele O'Brien
Junior

"It was a great feeling to have a winning season and to be the Sun-Belt Conference Champions. We worked hard the entire season and we deserved it."



2000-2001 Women's Soccer Team

Patricia Perez, Jen Serverdo, Rosy Lopez, Annelie Lindborg, Carmen Lopez, Francesca Erigo, Nicola Bell, Michele O'Brien, Julie Berg, Coach Everton Edwards, Sasja Odenyo, Katherine Sund, Emilia Drogo, Margery Kraus, Siri Meckelborg, Julie Rehberg, Lorette Vascos, Julie Unger, Adreinne McWilliams, Michelle Torre, Erika Jaderblom, Frankie Delgado



During the Welcome Week Celebration, Melissa Lantza performs a leg lift. Photo By Jose Otero

Performing in front of a crowd, Alex Escobar and Melissa Lantza got the crowd the excited for the David Chappelle comedy show. Photo By Fox-Mar Studios

"Being a cheerleader has given me the opportunity to bring out the school spirit in everyone."



Leo Chavez
Sophomore



2000-2001 Cheerleading Team

Left to Right: Alex Escobar, Melinda Hugh, Vanessa Scarani, Jennifer Morales, Melissa Lantza, Felipe Ramirez, Nancy Vento, Melanie Canevero, Kristin Lantza, Robert Burns Not Pictured: Leo Chavez



The FIU cheerleaders worked very hard this season despite some tough challenges they faced. From practicing routines endless hours, to going to athletic events, they always managed to keep the athletic teams and crowds motivated. The cheerleaders would show support, by saying chants like Go Team Go, to F....I....U, and De-Fense. This squad not only represented FIU on a national level by attending events at other universities, they also became National Champs in cheerleading competitions.

By Stephen Michael Pereira



Being lifted by Robert Burns, Melanie Canevero cheers to the crowd of spectators. Photo By Fox-Mar Studios

Three Cheers For FIU's cheerleaders

TOTIP "Giving A Helping Hand"

The Department of Sports Medicine is one of the most important divisions within FIU athletics. Athletic trainers help keep student athletes in tip-top shape, help them recuperate when injured and help them meet the peak of their athletic ability. Student trainers are some of the most professional students at FIU and are a vital part of the athletic department. Trainers go through extremely tough examinations, have to attend multiple sporting events and have an unmatched knowledge of the human body. Their importance is one that is growing at an infinite rate and will continue to have a major importance as FIU becomes a major player in NCAA Division I athletics.

By Stephen Michael Pereira Jr.



Athletic trainers are always available to help athletes recuperate. *Photo By The Beacon Newspaper*



Trainers need to keep in shape as much as athletes in order to be able to keep up with them. *Photo By: Beacon Newspaper*



Trainers plan the games each will cover. *Photo By The Beacon Newspaper*



Lana Walters
Senior

"Being a trainer helps me feel that I am helping the FIU athletic community."



2000-2001 Athletic Trainers



Waving her pom-pom in the air, Karolin Luna attempts to get the crowd going at a men's basketball game. *Photo By Jose Otero*

During a time-out, Melissa Hubicsak shows her latest dance moves. *Photo By Jose Otero*

"This year we had a very dedicated and talented team. With our new coach we were able to come together more than in the past."



Paulina Munoz
Captain



2000-2001 Golden Panther Dancers
Top Row: Elizabeth Ferradas, Kari Farch, Michelle Toral, Lucy Pineda, Lisa Baladati, Leslie Morris, Melissa Collar Middle Row: Marissa Rodriguez, Melissa Hubicsak, Karolin Luna, Paulina Munoz, Michelle Funez Bottom Row: Aimee Lopez, Maribel Morejon



It was a great year for the FIU dancers. With a new advisor and a new attitude, they brought much excitement to FIU student life. The dancers played a key role at pep rallies, basketball games, Homecoming, SPC events and other campus sponsored activities. The Dancers could be found around the GC Pit area during the midday breaks just lighting up student life. This season brought the dancers a brand new name. Formerly known as the Dazzlers, they are now called the Golden Panther Dancers. This change helped bring a new attitude to the team.

By Carolina Palacios



Showing off her school spirit, Maribel Morejon cheers on the FIU basketball team. *Photo By Jose Otero*

“Moving To The Rhythms”

“Going For That Lay Up”

Snatching the ball from their opponents, the women's basketball team overall had another impressive season. Some games were lost, but most were won despite this being one of the youngest teams. There were no seniors on the team this year but that did not stop the Panthers. They dribbled aggressively up and down the court pushing their way to the top of the Sun Belt Conference. The team finished with a 20-10 record in 2000-2001. Coach Russo felt strongly about her lineup of young players. "The younger players got a lot of valuable playing time. We look for them to be a bigger part of the team next year," Russo said.

By Carolina Palacios



Cormisha Cotton jumps up attempting to score a point. Photo By The Beacon Newspaper



Gergana Slavtcheva looks to pass or attempt a shot. Photo By The Beacon Newspaper



Before a game the team gathers in a huddle for good luck. Photo By The Beacon Newspaper



Ivelina Vrancheva
Sophomore

"This year we have the talent, potential and dedication to bring the team to the top."



2000-2001 Women's Basketball Team
Front Row: Cheryl Moody, Gergana Slavtcheva, Ivelina Vrancheva, DeCole Shoemate, Anita Heller, Mandy Shafer, Karen Roxborough Back Row: Andrew LaPlant, Didi Cotton, Inge Nissen, Cormisha Cotton, Silvia Mesa, Vera Perostiytska, Ajsa Kadric, Coach Cindy Russo, Lorna Hanley, Rich Pareja



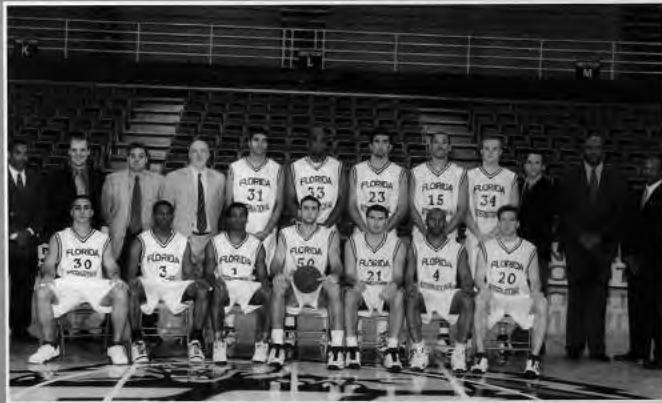
Carlos Arroyo makes a shot despite an attempted block by an opposing player. Photo By Geoff Anderson

Karel Rosario goes up for a shot. Photo By Geoff Anderson

"This team has grown together since the first day, and they continue to work hard and improve in spite of our record."

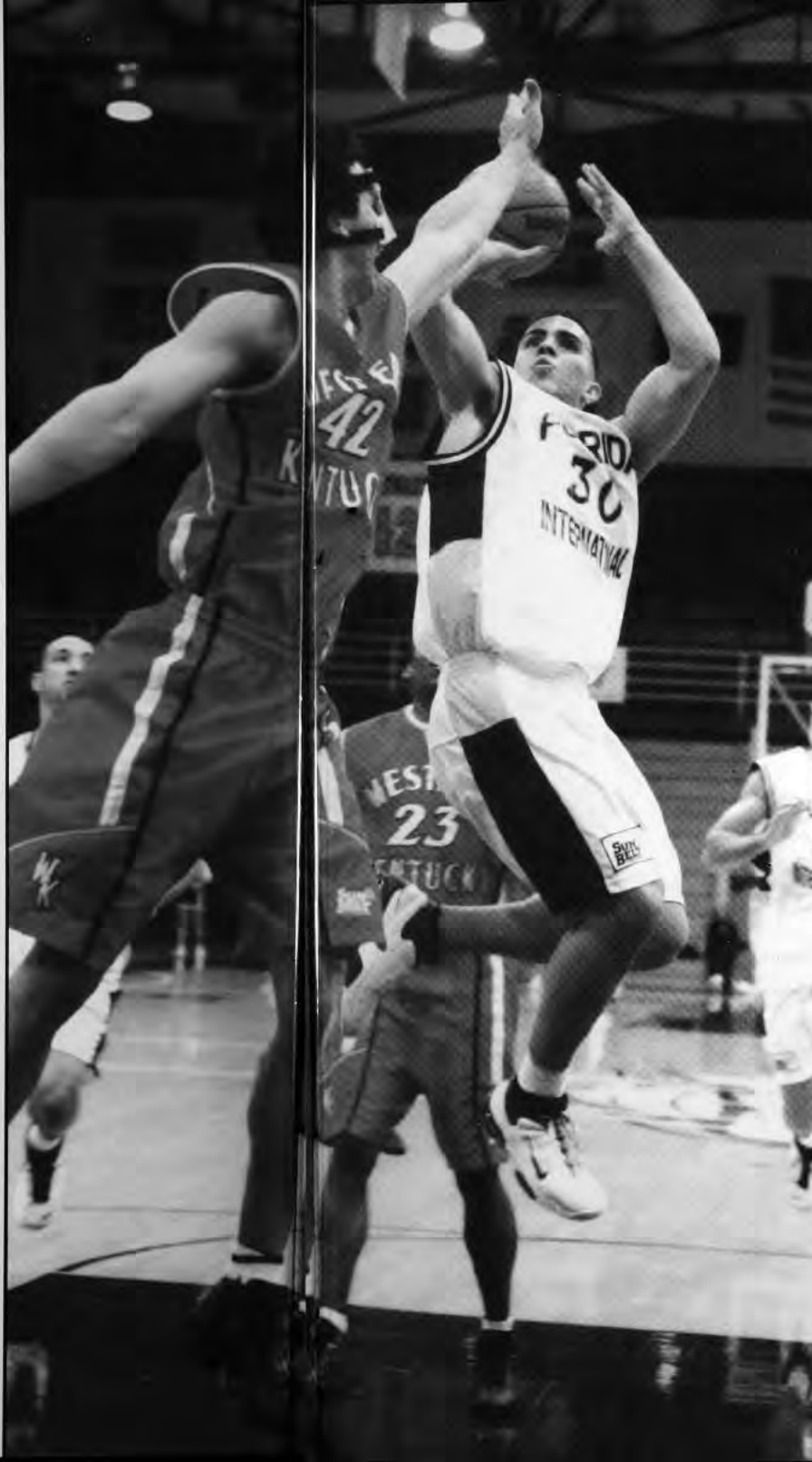


Donnie Marsh
Head Coach



2001 Men's Basketball Team

Front Row: Carlos Arroyo, Akin Joseph, Fab Fisher, Karel Rosario, Slavcho Slavtchev, Haven Jackson, Jason Doan Back Row: Tony Fryer, Matt Holstege, Sergio Rouco, Don Kelbick, Javier Cuenca, Stephen Haven, Carlos Fernandez, Chris Carler, Ben Schifferer, Courtney Young, Lonnie Williams, Donnie Marsh



This year brought a new coach to the men's basketball team along with a new attitude. The coach came with many new plays and styles, determined to make the team the best it could be. Transferring from Virginia Tech, Donnie Marsh's mission was to make the Golden Panthers victorious. This year the team had some very valuable players like point guard Carlos Arroyo, who led the SunBelt Conference in scoring. Arroyo became the fifth Golden Panther player ever to score over 1,000 points in his career. Another player that led the team during most of the season was Karel Rosario. These two teammates were the perfect combination to propel the team.

By Carolina Palacios



Carlos Fernandez steals the ball from New Orleans, and attempts a lay up. Photo By Geoff Anderson

“Overcoming Obstacles”

“On your Mark, Get Set, GO!”

A new assistant coach, Jonathan Carter, has joined the Golden Panther Track and Field staff. With many awards and an extensive track career, Jonathan, along with head coach and wife Jessica Carter, and assistant coaches Sean Roach and Ryan Dall expect to bring the track and field team to the top and surpass all the records they held in 2000. This season brings many top returning athletes. Jehu Portier who held last year's record of 22.03 in the 200-meters, is expected to be a conference scorer in the sprints. Record breaking outdoor competitors Liz Borrell, Anita Edwards, Farah Jean-Pierre, Sadie Wells and Wronique Wilson will help the team tremendously in achieving new records this year. The Track and Field team has a positive attitude and determined athletes and coaches who will attempt to make the 2001 season one of the best for FIU.

By Carolina Palacios



During a track meet, Mike Felsberg goes over the hurdle. *Photo By Geoff Anderson*



If Gambetta competes in the pole vault at an FIU invitational. *Photo By Geoff Anderson*



Giving all that she can, Farah Jean-Pierre competes in the high jump. *Photo By Geoff Anderson*



Alex Shaw
Sophomore

“We began the season like Champions and ended like champs”



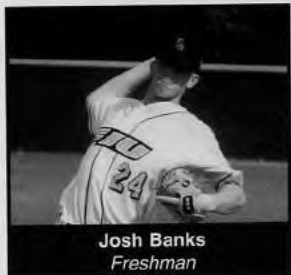
2000-2001 Track & Field Team



Luis Gazitua pitches in hopes of winning the game. Photo By Geoff Anderson

Mickey Torello catches the ball to tag out the opponent. Photo By Geoff Anderson

"This season was like no other because we were able to play in a brand new stadium."



Josh Banks
Freshman



2000-2001 Baseball Team
Back Row: Mark Calvi, Danny Price, Jerry Beverly, David Mittauer, Bernie Gonzalez, Miguel Quintana, Michael Now, Matthew Crandall, Joshua Banks, Luis Gazitua, Brad Eldred, Jerry Courtney, David Credeur, Keith Chives, Rolando Casanova. Middle Row: Mike Pardusiak, Billy Abrams, Gus Alfonso, Alex Ansoleaga, Matt Huntingford, Raul Pujol, Paul Zervas, Steven Jimenez, Brendan Hines, Hector Nunez, Ozzie Lugo, Michael Baluja, Tino Burgos. Front Row: William Collazo, Mickey Torello, Barry Paulk, Michael Mendez, Tommy Duenas, Arthur Santos, Daniel Bustamante, Todd Sherbinsky, Alan Clark, Gregory Birch, Peter Kocur



In 2001, FIU's baseball team was privileged enough to play in the new and remodeled baseball stadium. After playing all their home games in Homestead last season, the new stadium brought renewed hope and confidence for this year. To start the season on the right foot, they split their first two games against Miami and went 23-5 v. non-conference opponents. Adding to the team's confidence, FIU baseball was picked to finish first in the league's preseason SunBelt poll. The team this year was headed by some talented returning seniors including Jerry Courtney, Willie Collazo, Miguel "Mike" Quintana, Paul Zervas, Gus Alfonso and David Mittauer. Alfonso feels proud to be a part of FIU baseball. "This is one of the best teams I've ever been on," he said.

By Carolina Palacios



Barry Paulk steps up to bat determined to drive in a run. Photo By Geoff Anderson

“Striking Out All Their Opponents”

Softball "Catching Success"

The softball season began with an eye-opening double-header win against USF. These wins gave the softball team its first ever sweep of South Florida. In March, the team was ranked number 25 nationally for the first time ever. This season, Coach Kim Gwydir returned for the fourth FIU softball year. Coach Gwydir was determined to surpass the 38-28 record of the 2000 FIU season. This year the softball team was excited in competing in its first full year in the SunBelt Conference. The 12 returning players and talented newcomers brought a lot of excitement to the team. Coach Gwydir said, "For the first time ever, we are coming back with consistency. This season has a new focus for us, in that we have a conference schedule."

By Carolina Palacios



Tania Somoano has been a four-year leader of the team. Photo By: Geoff Anderson



Monica Pardo throws to second base attempting to erase a would be base stealer. Photo By Geoff Anderson



Crystal Boyer quickly throws the ball to get an out. Photo By Geoff Anderson



Mila Nelson
Senior

"The core of the team has been here from the beginning and we have joined together to build one of the top ranked teams in the country."



2000-2001 Softball Team

Front Row: Mila Nelson, Stephanie Wolter, Sabrina Smith, Melissa Fleitas, Kelly Nicosia, Vanessa Ocampo
Back Row: Crystal Boyer, Leah Barnes, Meagan Dontrich, Kristen Perry, Jennifer Owens, Laura Lambert, Vanessa Preston, Kendra Laminack, Lesley Gillen, Monica Pardo, Shannon Carey, Tania Somoano



Ecuador's Cristina Campana played 5 singles, winning more than 20 matches this year. Photo By Geoff Anderson

Anneliese Rose is rated among the best in the nation by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association. Photo By Geoff Anderson

"We are looking to improve a little every year. I have added a couple of freshmen in the singles lineup, hoping to break into the top 25 in the country."



Ronni Bernstein
Head Coach



2000-2001 Women's Tennis Team
Left to Right: Maria Montoya, Mei Ly, Mari Toro, Cristina Campana, Karolee Jones, Mariana Faustinelli, Nazly Elswaf, Anneliese Rose, Alexandra Guzman, Coach Ronni Bernstein



The tennis team played one of its best seasons in 2000, and was even better in 2001. The team was ranked as high as number 19 in the nation at midseason with an assortment of players from around the world. Anneliese Rose and Alexandra Guzman returned for another top year. Coach Bernstein felt confident that the team would elevate their standards this season. "I'm really looking forward to working with this team and am extremely excited about its potential for success," she said. This year the coach set her sights on being invited for the first time to the NCAA Championships.

By Carolina Palacios



One of the only two seniors on the squad, Argentina's Mariana Faustinelli has played all four of the top singles spots during the course of the season. Photo By Geoff Anderson

"Obtaining Victory"

“A Victory Long Shot”

High goals were placed on the 2001 golf team. Finishing second in the Sun Belt Conference last season, the team returned with a positive attitude. With several ranked returning players including Ellen Dunne and leading golfer Michelle Simpson, the team had its sights set on winning the SunBelt crown, despite tough competition. “The Aggies are a tremendous powerhouse”, says Coach David Pezzino. “They were in the top 10 in the nation last year. We will have to step up another level to compete.” In order to prepare for each tournament, Pezzino said that team members would have to play each practice as if it were a match to gain a tournament spot.

By Carolina Palacios



During a game, Ellen Dunne drives the ball. *Photo By Geoff Anderson*



With great technique, Michelle Simpson hits the ball with all her might. *Photo By Geoff Anderson*



Laura Korus lines up her putt. *Photo By Geoff Anderson*



Heidi Lowe
Senior

“I feel that with the dedication the team has this year, we can win the SunBelt Championship.”



2000-2001 Women's Golf Team
Left to Right: Laura Korus, Cindy Pilat, Coach David Pezzino, Heidi Lowe, Courtney Burdick, Ellen Dune, Michelle Simpson

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“A Lifetime Bond”

Greeks

Greeks are well known for social activities, such as social gatherings and parties, but there is more to the Greek society than just parties and fun. Most people use stereotypical clichés against Greek organizations like accusing them of having premarital sex and drinking alcoholic beverages, but it's funny how the bad things always seem to live and develop a life their own, while all of the good things stay submerged under the bad things. For example, people don't seem to realize that Greeks play an important role in many aspects of college life. Greek members have been very active in our Student Government Association. In fact, Sigma Alpha Mu members were elected president of the SGA during a span of eight consecutive years. Greek organizations encourage their members to work for good grades and they stress participation in athletic, cultural, political, social and other activities. Greek life provides experience in self-government and develops skills in cooperation, leadership and relations with other people. Greeks aid charity programs, extend hospitality to students from other countries and provide funds for scholarships to fellow students and for summer camps for children. When they enter college, most people lack friends and a social gateway. Greek organizations provide stability for those members who need it. But probably the best thing that a Greek organization can provide is the spirit of brotherhood and sisterhood. Once you become initiated into an organization, you are a sister or a brother to that particular organization for life. Menander of Athena once said, “To live is not to live for oneself alone; let us help one another.” In the future at JIU, most Greek organizations will be able to have their own houses on campus where members can live. Some of the houses will be built on the outskirts of campus, while the site of the other houses hasn't been determined yet.

By Derik Deliard



2001 Greek Picture



Pan-Hellenic Council is a governing body consisting of women representing the many sororities at FIU. This group of selected women has the duty of running the Pan-Hellenic system that governs and supervises national female Greek organizations. These women must show talent and skills that will lead to the success of Pan-Hellenic Council. Duties of the Pan-Hellenic Council require they facilitate relationships between sororities, the university and the community. Goals within the Pan-Hellenic Council are based on qualities such as friendship, academic excellence and community service among the diverse sororities they govern. The Pan-Hellenic Council is now involved in matters concerning locally founded sororities such as the recently unveiled Omega Beta Phi. Pan-Hellenic Council hosts a formal rush week where women interested in joining a Greek organization are encouraged to meet all members of the sorority they show interest in. Pan-Hellenic Council encourages women to be a part of the history of women that sororities represent.

By: Mario Sarria

Panhellenic Council



After the first night of Fall Formal Recruitment, the 2000 Rho Chi's gather for a group picture. *Photo By: Jose Otero*

2000-2001 Panhellenic Council
Front Row: Berta Icabalceta, Michelle Toral President, Carolina Cervera *Back Row:* Gina Grandchamp, Melissa Colon, Ella Elias, Todd C. Sullivan *Photo By: Jose Otero*

After the Homecoming Parade, Alpha Xi Delta and Phi Sigma Kappa supporters crowd around the float to praise and congratulate each other on a job well done. Photo By: Fox Mar Studios



At a sister's house on Christmas Day, sisters of Alpha Xi Delta join Santa for a holiday picture. Photo By: Michelle Arean

"Having the time of their lives," sisters of Alpha Xi Delta put on a great performance at the annual Lip Sync Contest. Photo By: Fox Mar Studios



Alpha Xi Delta, a sorority founded at FIU in January of 1990, is a Greek organization with well rounded, involved and academically successful women. The sorority was established on a foundation of sisterhood that promotes collegiate success and service to the community. Proof of Alpha Xi Delta's commitment to collegiate success and service to the community are in the positions its members hold. Current members of Alpha Xi Delta hold positions in Student Government, as well as Yearbook Greeks editor and Dance Marathon Director as well as chairs. Sisters of Alpha Xi Delta have also represented FIU as Peer Advisors, Student Ambassadors, members of Honor Societies and participants in Dance Marathon. Alpha Xi Delta members have been named Homecoming Queen, Homecoming Princess, and the prestigious Panhellenic Council Woman of the Year. Alpha Xi Delta demonstrated its pride in the many events they participated in during Homecoming 2001. The sorority placed second in the Lip sync competition, second in the building decoration competition and third in the float competition. Members of Alpha Xi Delta were chosen to be the 2001 Homecoming Queen and Pi Kappa Alpha's Dream Girl. Alpha Xi Delta, which encourages women who want to become part of an organization that instills love, respect, compassion for one another and unconditional sisterhood, challenges you to choose a Greek organization, "For all the right reasons".

By Mario Sarria

Alpha Xi Delta



Front Row: Kathy Penton, Bettina Inclan, Maria Mann, Jessica Morffi, Allison Choban, Maggie Milan, Lissette Carreras Second Row: Karen Quadreny, Angela Torrents, Annette Rojas, Natasha Merino, Karolyn Luna, Jassie Vilela, Aileen Grosz, Rebecca de Quesada Third Row: Jennifer Jaynes, Cristina Samitier, Melissa Crutchfield, Vanessa Martin, Gina Welsch, Gilnett DeLeon Fourth Row: Pam Guerrero, Michelle Arean, Laura de la Pena, Tracy Whittaker, Clarisbelle Diaz, Amy Harmon, Veronica Alvarez.



Raising money for the Family Resource Center as part of their philanthropy, Choose Children, Alpha Xi Delta sisters Maria Marin, Angie Torrents and Cindy Demestre sit at the bake sale table. Photo By: Jose Otero

Showing their support for the FIU Men's basketball team, sisters of Alpha Xi Delta cheer with enthusiasm and dedication for the team as well as the school. Photo By: Fox Mar Studios



After being crowned the 2001 Pike Dream Girl, Alpha Xi Delta sister Jennifer Canall smiles excitedly at her supporters. Photo By: Jose Otero



Delta Phi Epsilon

Delta Phi Epsilon is a sorority based on trust, love and respect. Besides promoting good fellowship among sorority women, Delta Phi Epsilon, whose motto is "Esse Quam Videri", to be rather than to seem to be, is made up of five ideals that include, self, scholarship, sisterhood, social and service. The sorority demonstrates these ideals through the many awards the sorority has received. Awards include Outstanding Community Service, Campus Leadership Involvement, Outstanding Risk Management and New Member Programming. Socially, the sorority has been awarded Greek Community Relations, Panhellenic Council Chapter of the Year, and Greek Week Champions. Members of Delta Phi Epsilon have been awarded SigEp Sweetheart, Greek Goddess and FIU Homecoming Queen and Princess 2000. Delta Phi Epsilon proudly demonstrated its dedication with Pi Kappa Phi during Homecoming 2001. The sorority placed first in the Brigade, second in the banner and third in the cheer competition. The sorority provides support for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders and the Delta Phi Epsilon Education Foundation.

By Mario Sarria



Bottom Row: Ingrid Garcia, Maria Campos, Collette Papa Second Row: Maly Hernandez, Carmen Roca, Alejandra Debuc, Ayleen Barbel Third Row: Berta Icabalceta, Danay Diaz, Danielle Rosen, Maritza Hernandez, Gabriela Icabalceta, Frances Lopez Fourth Row: Michelle Mendoza, Melissa Alvarez, Rosmary Posada, Ana Morales, Michelle Ramos, Paola Rojas, Karla Rojas, Ceci Jauregui Fifth Row: Carolina Yera, Jenny Hernandez, Maria Garcia, Darlene Perez, Yvette Fonte, Shannon Young, Lorraine Quintana, Tiffany Noriega, Arianne Britt, Melissa Delgado



Cheering for the Men's basketball team. Diana Dore shows her dedication for Delta Phi Epsilon Photo By: Fox Mar Studios

Posing for the camera on Philanthropy Night during formal recruitment, sisters of Delta Phi Epsilon smile proudly. Photo By: Jose Otero



Sitting on the sidelines of the Phi Gamma Delta v. Sigma Phi Epsilon soccer game are Delta Phi Epsilon sisters Ayleen Barbel, Gabriela Icabalceta and Danay Diaz. Photo By: Jose Otero

Posing for the camera on their Homecoming float, sisters of Delta Phi Epsilon show their Homecoming spirit. Photo By: Fox Mar Studios



Awaiting the arrival of the 2000 fall pledge class, sisters of Delta Phi Epsilon hold their banner proudly on Bid Day. Photo By: Jose Otero

At the Lip Sync contest during Homecoming Week, the sisters of Delta Phi Epsilon pose with the brothers of Pi Kappa Phi. Photo By: Giselle Hernandez

Being "sisters", the sisters of Omega Beta Phi joke around in the GC "Pit" after taking their group shot. *Photo By: Jose Otero*



While walking through the third floor of the Graham Center, Omega Beta Phi sisters crowd around Pi Kappa Phi brother Jose Otero to take a picture. *Photo By: Giselle Hernandez*

Omega Beta Phi sisters show off their Homecoming float shared with the brothers of Phi Gamma Delta. *Photo By: Fox Mar Studios*



The Alpha Chapter of Omega Beta Phi was founded on October 3, 2000. The chapter is trying to establish chapters nationwide to establish a new national Greek Organization. With an Open Motto "L.A.D.Y.S. (Leadership, Academics, Dedication, Yourself, Sisterhood)", the sorority has participated in many FIU events and extra curricular activities. Active members have participated in Student Government, yearbook, the Beacon and other organizations. Known as spirited and outgoing, the sorority participates in many FIU events such as Homecoming and other cultural celebrations. The ladies of Omega Beta Phi participated with the brothers of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity in the homecoming events this year. Omega Beta Phi offers community service to its members by participating in its philanthropy, The Make A Wish Foundation. Whether it's creating new traditions or helping the community, Omega Beta Phi offers its members the power of friendship and originality.

Omega Beta Phi

By Jose Otero



Bottom Row: Kania Barbot, Carolina Palacios, Elizabeth Diaz, Dyana Nieto Second Row: Helen Moy, Isabel Garces, Sharon Caldera, Elida Arias, Michelle Natera Third Row: Johanna Jo, Monika Soto, Madelyn Garces, Stephanie Palacios Not pictured: Adviser Tere Perez



Omegas present Pi Kappa Phi brothers with a cake to of congratulate them on their chartering. Photo By: Jose Otero

Sisters of Omega Beta Phi stand in a circle holding hands during one of their meetings. Photo By: Jose Otero



Omega Beta Phi sisters pose for a historic picture around their greek letter "Ω" and their balloon arc. Photo By: Jose Otero



Phi Mu

Phi Mu, Theta Gamma Chapter, founded locally in 1988, includes dedicated members who follow three ideals, love, honor and truth. The sorority has been involved in many school activities including Homecoming, Greek Week 2000, sports tournaments and Dance Marathon. During Homecoming 2001, Phi Mu placed first in the cheer and lip sync competitions and placed second in the float competition. The sorority currently has active members in Golden Key, Kappa Delta Pi, Psi Chi, Rho Lambda and Omicron Delta Kappa honor societies. Phi Mu provides personal and academic development to its members as well as service to others. The sorority has been awarded the Outstanding Philanthropic Achievement award for its work involving The Children's Miracle Network and Project HOPE. Phi Mu is a Greek organization committed to excellence that offers its members lifelong friendships through a shared tradition.

By Mario Sarria



Phi Mu sisters, old and new, pose for a formal group picture while attending a sisterhood event. Photo By: Phi Mu



Taking a break at Universal Studios, Phi Mu sisters Gracie Menendez and her little sister stop and pose for a snap shot. Photo By: Phi Mu



During one of their sisterhood retreats, Phi Mu sisters spend time getting to know each other better. Photo By: Phi Mu



Bottom Row: Nathalie Gonzalez, Danielle Aragon, Priscilla Rivera, Yvette Ayala, Michelle Toral, Ellie Pol, Lauryn Raphael, Carolina Cervera Second Row: Elisa Pratts, Marilu Santa-Cruz, Susette Couso, Francine Rumayor, Evelyn Batillo Third Row: Giuliana Casanova, Luisa Ramos, Kimberly Brown, Elizabeth Cueto Fourth Row: Jeldrys Agra, Julie Leos, Cary Acosta, Rina Solorzano, Alexandra Campuzano, Kasey McCarthy, Lauren Swerdloff, Gabriella Oviedo, Nereyda Morales, Liz Bello



Enthusiastically cheering during the Men's basketball game, Phi Mu sister Elizabeth Cueto shows her school pride. Photo By: Fox Mar Studios



During a "girls night out", sisters of Phi Mu shoot pool at a local pool hall in celebration of the 2000 fall pledge class. Photo By: Phi Mu
Phi Mu sisters Ellie Pol and Michelle Toral share a moment of bonding at a formal sisterhood event. Photo By: Giselle Hernandez

While performing to "Devil Went Down to Georgia," sisters of Phi Sigma Sigma impressed the audience enough to place third in the Lip Sync Contest. Photo By: Fox Mar Studios



Sisters of Phi Sigma Sigma proudly show their school spirit while riding in the Homecoming Parade and modeling their sorority jerseys. Photo By: Fox Mar Studios.

Phi Sigma Sigma sister Michelle Castro poses with her little sisters in support of the brothers of Pi Kappa Phi by attending their spring rush events. Photo By: Jose Otero



The Phi Sigma Sigma sorority, Delta Kappa chapter, features the open motto "Diokete Hupsula", which stands for aim high. The sorority, founded on the basis of sisterhood, service and scholarship was founded nationally in 1913 and colonized at FIU in April 1984. Last year, their National charter recognized the FIU chapter as the best Phi Sigma Sigma Chapter in the US. Members of the sorority are involved in many activities at FIU such as Rho Lambda Honor Society and FIU extracurricular organizations such as Peer Advising, Student Government, Beacon Newspaper, Dance Marathon committee and Panther Rage. Phi Sigma Sigma members show their pride in FIU social events such as Greek Week, Homecoming and Intramural Sports. Recently, Phi Sigma Sigma placed first in both the Homecoming building decoration and float competition, second in the brigade and cheer contests and third in the Lip Sync competition. The Phi Sigma Sigma sorority dictates bonds that last a lifetime and life-long friendships to women who would like to be a part of a Greek organization offering the following motto, once a Phi Sigma Sigma always a Phi Sigma Sigma.

Phi Sigma Sigma

By Mario Sarria



Bottom Row: Michelle Castro, Sofia Guerrero, Suzie Carreras, Natalie Inchaustegui, Michelle Inzarry, Daisy Fumero, Elizabeth Gomez Second Row: Natalie Vega, Gotmar Giron, Kati Morris, Victoria Fernandez, Illian Villegas, Jovanka Basulto, Melissa Schumacher, Ana Mari Calleja, Jacky Thompson Third Row: Gina Grandchamp, Leidys Madruga, Haluma Dalai, Amanda Durst, Janessa Barfus, Vivian Treto, Cristy Marquez, Carol Pineda Fourth Row: Silvia Mangas, Angie Quintero, Maria Salazar, Jackie Cabrera, Vanessa Gauty, Cindy Hernandez, Debra Espinosa Fifth Row: Isabel Muniz, Marissa Leighton, Maria Goas, Monica Garcia, Kristina Lageyre, Olivia Lozano, Kira Grossman, Nicole Hill



While hanging out at the Graham Center, sisters of Phi Sigma Sigma pose for a quick picture sporting their letters proudly. Photo By: Vicky Fernandez

Posing in front of the balloon display during 2000 fall formal recruitment, sisters of Phi Sigma Sigma smile excitedly at the camera. Photo By: Jose Otero



Cheering wildly at the Men's basketball Game, Phi Sigma Sigma sisters prove their sisterhood and school spirit. Photo By: Fox Mar Studios



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Sigma Lambda Gamma

The Sigma Lambda Gamma sorority at FIU is one of the new greek organizations on campus. The sorority colonized on campus in the spring of 2001. These women are united by the ideals of sisterhood, academic as well as moral support and culture. Sigma Lambda Gamma was founded nationally at the University of Iowa on April 9, 1990. Nineteen women united to form a bond of the same ideals and principles, thus forming this national organization. Sigma Lambda Gamma's expansive growth in just one decade has earned them the respect of other national greek organizations. At FIU, Sigma Lambda Gammas have the same respect. Even though they are the smallest chapter recognized and represented by the Panhellenic Council, these women are represented just the same. Their ideals are quality, not quantity. Sisterhood, culture, tradition and lifetime friendships are what keeps these women bound for life.

By: Giselle Hernandez



Left to Right: Maclovia Arguello, Carol Duenas, Gloria Bryan



With much Greek Pride, sisters of Sigma Lambda Gamma and a brother of Lambda Theta Phi show the organization's hand symbol. Photo By: Sigma Lambda Gamma

Hanging out at a sister's apartment, sisters of Sigma Lambda Gamma show their bond as sisters. Photo By: Sigma Lambda Gamma



Sigma Lambda Gamma sister Maclovia Arguello and another Sigma Lambda Gamma sister from another university have a girls night out. Photo by: Sigma Lambda Gamma

On the sidewalks of University Apartments, Sigma Lambda Gamma sisters wear their colors proudly. Photo By: Sigma Lambda Gamma



Sisters of Sigma Lambda Gamma share a bonding moment while doing their sisterhood hug at the volleyball courts on campus. Photo By: Sigma Lambda Gamma

Sigma Lambda Gamma sisters have a girls night out with sisters from another chapter. Photo By: Sigma Lambda Gamma

After the Homecoming Parade, Sigma Sigma Sigma sisters pose for the camera for a job well done. *Photo By: Fox Mar Studios*



During a semi-formal, Sigma Sigma Sigma sisters Ashley, Denise Recinos, and Michelle Bishop bond with Jonathan Gaviria (Sigma Phi Epsilon). *Photo By: Sigma Sigma Sigma*

Sigma Sigma Sigma sisters, old and new, gather for a night out at the Chili Pepper Club. *Photo By: Sigma Sigma Sigma*



The Zeta Epsilon Chapter at FIU of Sigma Sigma Sigma was founded in 1991. The chapter is part of a national Greek organization that is built on 103 years of sisterhood with over 100,000 sisters nationwide. With an Open Motto "faithful unto death", the sorority has participated in many FIU events and extracurricular activities. Active members have participated in Student Government and Pan Hellenic Council. Known as spirited and outgoing, the sorority participates in many FIU and Greek events such as Greek Week, Homecoming and Intramural Sports. Sorel Cortopassi of Sigma Sigma Sigma recently was named Homecoming 2001 Princess. Sigma Sigma Sigma offers community service to its members by participating in "Sigma's share a story" which gives members an opportunity to read and interact with hospitalized children and commit to their philanthropy, The Robbie Page Memorial Foundation. Whether it's mixing with fraternities or reading to children, Sigma Sigma Sigma offers members sisterhood and friendship for a lifetime.

By Mario Sarría

Sigma Sigma Sigma



Bottom Row: Kari Farach, Christina Costanz, Amy Hill, Mor Adri Second Row: Valerie Tsigelnitskaya, Michelle Bishop, Lisa Mallard, Carolina Bustamante, Elena Crego, Cindy Linares Third Row: Diedra Cullen, Tanzie Hickory, Jessica Connaughton, Tracy Herce, Stephanie Pruitt, Devanna Hall Fourth Row: Sorel Cortopassi, Monica Cadena, Ariane Vidal, Anna Garcia, Francisca Polencia Fifth Row: Anna-Christie Fuentes, Nadia Qureshi, Denisse Recinos, Michelle Cintron, Sofy Saavedra, Adrian Morales



Taking a break after the strenuous activities of formal recruitment during the fall of 2000, Sigma Sigma Sigma sisters express smiles of relief. *Photo By: Jose Otero*

Posing for a group shot, Sigma Sigma Sigma sisters and their dates show they are having fun on the 2000 Date Dash day cruise. *Photo By: Sigma Sigma Sigma*



Marching thru the Homecoming Brigade, Sigma Sigma Sigma sister Michelle Bishop waves her pom-pom in the air with excitement. *Photo By: Fox Mar Studios*



National Pan-Hellenic Council

National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) similar to Pan-Hellenic and the Inter-Fraternity Council, is an official governing body of a selected group of Greek organizations. The selected group consists of nine historically black Greek lettered fraternities and sororities referred to as the divine 9. Among the nine different Greek organizations NPHC represents, seven of them are active. NPHC strives to increase its presence in the FIU community and develop stronger relationships with the Inter-fraternity Council, Pan-Hellenic Council and the entire FIU community. NPHC would like to welcome students to come and learn about the nine Greek lettered organizations they represent. Students interested in becoming involved in any of the nine Greek lettered organizations can look forward to community service, leadership and teamwork development, time management skills and make life-long friends just to name a few.

By: Mario Sarria



During a retreat, members of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. gather for a group shot. Photo By: Alpha Phi Alpha

2000-2001 National Pan-Hellenic Council
 Left to Right: Erika Fuller, Treasurer; Ms. Janice Spann-Givens, Faculty Advisor; Mina Riley, President; Liona Pierre-Louis, Vice-President. Not Pictured: Wood Clervaud, Secretary Photo By Jose Otero

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National Pan-Hellenic Council



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 Delta Sigma Theta Zeta Phi Beta
 Phi Beta Sigma



Alpha Kappa Alpha is the first Greek letter organization established by black women. The sorority features 160,000 women in over 900 chapters across the US and the Caribbean. The sorority's main goals are to improve social and economic conditions. Alpha Kappa Alpha focuses on this goal by introducing and guiding its members through education, health care, economic empowerment, family, the arts and global leadership development. The sorority is very active on and off campus. Nationally, Alpha Kappa Alpha has participated or provided support to the math and science summer youth camps, the Cleveland Job Corps Center, Mississippi Health Project, Leadership Fellows Program and the African Village Development Project. On campus, the sorority hosts and or participates annually in Breast Cancer Awareness Month, community clothing drive and Black Family Can Food Drive. The sorority builds character in its members like distinction, leadership and excellence. Alpha Kappa Alpha members can be seen matriculating or working in areas such as academics, medicine, business, entertainment and law.

Alpha Kappa Alpha

By: Mario Sarria



On their way home from a trip, Alpha Kappa Alpha sisters Tamarie Bradley and Quiana Powell show their AKA hand sign. Photo By: Alpha Kappa Alpha

During their Spring Step Show, AKA sisters Quiana Powell and Tamarie Bradley entertain their young audience. Photo By: Jose Otero



First Row: Quiana Powell, Leighanne Ellis Second Row: Tamarie Bradley, Liona Pierre-Louis, Almartha Forbes Third Row: Clare Rene, Pierrela Jean Baptist

Alpha Phi Alpha

Alpha Phi Alpha, the first intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for African Americans, was founded at Cornell University on December 4, 1906 by seven college men who recognized the need for a strong brotherhood among African descendants in this country. The visionary founders are known as the "Jewels" of the Fraternity. The Fraternity initially served as a study and support group for minority students who faced racial prejudice, both educationally and socially at Cornell. The "Jewel" founders and early leaders of the Fraternity succeeded in laying a firm foundation for Alpha Phi Alpha's principles of scholarship, fellowship, good character and the uplifting of humanity. The Tau Delta chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha at FIU is a major sponsor of the March of Dimes as a community service project.

By: Giselle Hernandez



Left to Right: Chivison Caffy, Felix Mc Ewan, Kirk Whitfield, Karlvin Dvuperval



Standing together, members of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. show their hand signs. *Photo By: Alpha Phi Alpha*
After receiving their paddles, brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha proudly display them. *Photo By: Alpha Phi Alpha*



Delta Sigma Theta was founded on the principles of sisterhood, scholarship and service. Due to their dedication to these principles, their chapter has received numerous awards at the Greek Awards Banquet. They have received awards such as Greek and Community Leadership as well as the Greek Leader Award, NPHC Officer of the Year and NPHC Sorority of the Year. Members of Delta Sigma Theta have held various leadership positions including BBC Student Government Association Representatives, UP Student Government Association Cabinet members, NPHC President, Village Council President and BBC Homecoming Queen. The pattern of excellence that Delta Sigma Theta was founded on continues in today's Iota Pi city-wide Chapter.

By: Giselle Hernandez

Delta Sigma Theta



During a workshop, members of Delta Sigma Theta get together for a group shot. *Photo By: Delta Sigma Theta*



Left to Right: Somone Washington, Erika Fuller, Ashawnte Smathers, Mina Riley

At the Biscayne Bay Campus of FIU, members of Delta Sigma Theta stand by one of the art pieces. *Photo By: Delta Sigma Theta*

Kappa Alpha Psi

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Incorporated was founded on January 5, 1911 on the campus of Indiana University by 10 men. The fundamental purpose was "Achievement" in members' respective communities and in their academic pursuits. The Iota Chi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi, based at the University of Miami but whose members are enrolled at both the University of Miami and FIU, has won awards such as NPHC Chapter of the Year at both universities. Kappa Alpha Psi has also won awards for outstanding Community Service. Their philanthropies consist of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the Guide Right Program and the Kappa League.

By: Giselle Hernandez



Phi Beta Sigma is an historically African American fraternity that was founded in 1914. The fraternity was founded by three men whose names are Abraham Langston Taylor, Leonard Francis Morse and Charles Ignasius Brown. The fraternity was founded on the principles of brotherhood, scholarship and service. There are over 100,000 members worldwide that strive to uphold these three principles and to live up to the fraternity motto which is "Culture for Service, Service for Humanity." These gentlemen participate annually in the NAACP as well as the March of Dimes. Being the oldest greek organization at FIU, Phi Beta Sigma continues to lead the greek community in a direction of respect for one another and as role models for the entire student body of the University.

By: Giselle Hernandez

Phi Beta Sigma



Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Incorporated



Preparing to step, members of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. form a line. Photo By: Kappa Alpha Psi
Spending time on the weekend, members of Kappa Alpha Psi display their Fraternity hand signs. Photo By: Kappa Alpha Psi



Stepping in front of an audience, members of Phi Beta Sigma display their skills. Photo By: Jose Otero
At a retreat, members of Phi Beta Sigma relax in the hotel lobby. Photo By: Phi Beta Sigma



Left to Right: Dominice Jeannot, Wood Clervaud

Sigma Gamma Rho

The Omicron Theta chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho is bound by the same strong beliefs of its founders in 1922, "Greater service and greater progress." This national organization first began in 1922 in Indiana. These women are committed to the Miami Aids Walk, Habitat for Humanity and the Sickle Cell Foundation. Annually, the sisters of Sigma Gamma Rho dedicate their time and efforts to support such philanthropies. These women feel that the success of their chapter is due to the founding principles of the sorority, their dedication to community service, scholarship and their undying sisterhood.

By: Giselle Hernandez



Left to Right: Amanda Skinner, Mawi Skinner



After their step practice, sisters of Sigma Gamma Rho show their hand signs. *Photo By: Sigma Gamma Rho*

During the 2000 Fall Semester, sisters of Sigma Gamma Rho gave an informational session about their organization. *Photo By: Sigma Gamma Rho*



By: Giselle Hernandez



Showing much excitement, sisters of Zeta Phi Beta stand together for a group picture with their hand signs. *Photo By: Zeta Phi Beta*

At a National Pan-Hellenic Council conference, Adeline Lubin stands proudly with an alumni of her organization. *Photo By: Zeta Phi Beta*

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. is a community conscious, action oriented organization which dedicates itself to the ideals of service, scholarship, sisterhood and finer womanhood. Their organization was founded nationally in January of 1920 at Howard University in Washington D.C. Zeta Phi Beta was the first Greek-letter organization to charter a chapter in Africa (1948). The organization is constitutionally bound to a brother group, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. The women of Zeta Phi Beta are bound by the common understanding of the betterment of women in the modern world. These ideals of service, scholarship and sisterhood are what allow Zeta Phi Beta to stand apart from the rest.

Zeta Phi Beta



2000-2001 Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. alongside members of their brother fraternity Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.



Interfraternity Council

The Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC) is the official governing body of the fraternities that make up FIU's male Greek system. IFC consists of diverse men representing the different male fraternities currently active. In order to maintain sovereignty among the male Greek population during rush and social activities, IFC enforces regulations fraternities must follow. IFC is not all regulations; the council provides programs designed to develop social interaction, academic, athletics, leadership and service. The number of active fraternities at FIU has increased with the recent addition of Lambda Chi Alpha. Currently IFC represents 10 active fraternities on campus. The council is always developing new concepts towards rushing, interaction between the fraternities themselves and unity. IFC encourages male students to become involved in a male Greek organization through its formal recruitment, Rush Week. Benefits of Greek life according to the IFC include lifelong friendships, academic support and social functions.

By: Mario Sarria



Finally after all their hardwork, Pi Kappa Phi fraternity receives its charter as the new Theta Delta Chapter. *Photo By: Fox Mar Studios*

Interfraternal Council 2001
Slaggered: Patrice Wassouf, Casper Machado, Todd C. Sullivan, Jason Simson, Phillip Holden, Armando Rodriguez, Luis Moreno Photo By: Jose Otero

Lambda Chi Alpha

Lambda Chi Alpha International Fraternity is one of the largest men's general fraternities in North America. Founded in 1909 at Boston University, it has more than 227,000 initiated members at more than 300 universities. They were founded on the ideals of leadership, scholarship, community service and a positive social experience. They were the first fraternity to eliminate pledging and remain the leader in the fight against unnecessary abuses like hazing that plague the world of fraternities. With an alternative to "pledging", Lambda Chi Alpha offers associate membership, which puts its new members on the same page as the older brothers. Colony 330 at Florida International University was started with 32 members in the Spring of 2001. Lambda Chi Alpha is unique in that it is so young. They see themselves as a block of clay constantly being molded as we create our identity through each new member, mixer, meeting and experience. Lambda Chi Alpha is constantly in search of men who are willing to help maintain the standards they have set as academic and campus leaders.



On the road, Pi Kappa Phi member Jose Otero & Lambda Chi Alpha member Derik Deliard went to visit their brothers at The University of Central Florida. Photo By Isabel Garces



At the FIU apartments, brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha gather for a barbecue. Photo By Isabel Garces

At the first Lambda Chi Alpha information meeting, Rob Walker welcomes potential new members. Photo By Jose Otero



The Founding Fathers of Lambda Chi Alpha FIU colony



During the Lambda Chi Alpha information session, members of the international organization answer questions from potential new members. Photo By Jose Otero



Discussing new business, members of Lambda Chi Alpha begin working on upcoming social events. Photo By Jose Otero

After a chapter meeting, members of Lambda Chi Alpha members meet up at Gracie's Grill for dinner. Photo By Giselle Hernandez

At a national convention in New York, members of different Lambda Theta Phi chapters gather for a picture with some sorority sisters. Photo By: Lambda Theta Phi



Members of Lambda Theta Phi gather to display their hand signs. Photo By: Jose Otero

While in New York, members of Lambda Theta Phi show they had a great time one night at the Improv Comedy Club. Photo By: Lambda Theta Phi



FIU currently features Lambda Theta Phi, Alpha Kappa chapter, the University's only Latino Greek organization based on Latino unity. The non-profit service and social fraternity promotes Latino unity and celebration of the Latino culture through its members. Lambda Theta Phi believes that in unity there is nothing that is impossible to accomplish, according to the fraternity's belief that "En la union esta la fuerza", which means in union there is strength. Lambda Theta Phi, besides being a Latin fraternity, emphasizes the respect for all cultures and brotherhood. The fraternity was founded nationally in 1975 and currently features over 70 chapters across the US. The fraternity also became the first nationally accepted Latino fraternity in the country in 1992 at the National Interfraternity Conference. Through the fraternity's philanthropy, Lambda Theta Phi emphasizes community service. Lambda Theta Phi's philanthropies are the National Hispanic Scholarship Fund, ASPIRA Inc. and the American Red Cross.

Lambda Theta Phi

By Mario Sarria



2000-2001 Lambda Theta Phi Fraternity, Inc.



At a Tug-o-war tournament, brothers of Lambda Theta Phi pull against brothers of Phi Gamma Delta. Photo By: Jose Otero

During the fall semester of 2001, members of Lambda Theta Phi hold an informal session to recruit new members. Photo By: Lambda Theta Phi



During a volleyball game, brother Arturo Lara spikes the ball to the opposing side. Photo By: Jose Otero



Phi Gamma Delta

Phi Gamma Delta, known as FIJI, is the first Greek organization to begin construction of its Greek house. The fraternity, founded in 1848 nationally, is based on friendship, knowledge, service, morality and excellence. Featuring the snowy white owl as their mascot, Phi Gamma Delta promotes many ideals in its members. The fraternity promotes high ethical standards and values while fostering personal development in the pursuit of excellence to its members, like the fraternity's very successful alumni. Phi Gamma Delta is committed to provide each brother opportunities as well as lifelong friendships. Responsibility, leadership and social skills are developed in each member so that they become a fully contributing member of society. The fraternity participates in many FIU events such as the Homecoming 2001 Lip Sync contest and Greek Week 2000 events and intramural sports. Phi Gamma Delta encourages the education of its members by offering scholarships such as four \$500.00 Kirk Landon Leadership Scholarships and a \$250.00 pledging scholarship.

By: Mario Sarria



First Row: Carlos "Casper" Machado, Dan Brown, Gabe Cubides, Erik Kobrin, Marco Lojo, Alex Delgado Second Row: Humberto Pino, Jorge Mendez, Frank Delgado, Wil Almarales Third Row: Hadrien Touret, Mike Lowry, Jose Silva, Juan Bracerias, Vladimir Berrios Fourth Row: James Everly, Ed Tunan, Mike Fink, Alex Acosta



Brothers of Phi Gamma Delta show pride in being the first fraternity on campus with a fraternity house. Photo By: Phi Gamma Delta



Singing their hearts out, members of Phi Gamma Delta entertain potential new members during recruitment week. Photo By: Phi Gamma Delta



At their annual family picnic, brothers of Phi Gamma Delta and friends gather for a group shot at Tropical Park. Photo By: Phi Gamma Delta



During the Homecoming Parade, Dan Brown and Omega Beta Phi sister Elida watch the other Homecoming floats pass by. Photo By: Jose Otero



At the groundbreaking of their fraternity house, members of Phi Gamma Delta gather with their proud alumni to celebrate. Photo By: Jose Otero

At the Lip Sync contest during Homecoming Week, brothers Steve Perrira, Jeffrey Nuñez and Mike Lowry perform a number from the Full Monty. Photo By: Fox Mar Studios

During the Phi Kappa Sigma National Convention, members of the Delta Delta Chapter had the opportunity to display their crest. *Photo By Phi Kappa Sigma*



During the national convention, members of Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity play pool. *Photo By Phi Kappa Sigma*

Right before their chapter meeting, members of Phi Kappa Sigma gather for a group shot. *Photo By Phi Kappa Sigma*



On the weekend, members of Phi Kappa Sigma get together to watch movies. *Photo By Phi Kappa Sigma*

After a chapter meeting, members of Phi Kappa Sigma fold their flag. *Photo By Phi Kappa Sigma*



During the Phi Kappa Sigma Convention, members had the opportunity to visit the Alpha chapter house. *Photo By Phi Kappa Sigma*



The Delta Delta chapter of Phi Kappa Sigma began in 1996 at FIU and nationally in 1850. Nationally, the fraternity is over 150 years old. Since 1996, Phi Kappa Sigma has been in the Greek community at FIU participating in many events such as Rush Week at the beginning of every semester. Honesty and scholarship are some of the many components that make up the members of Phi Kappa Sigma. The fraternity emphasizes quality and commitment as well as brotherhood. Phi Kappa Sigma features two philanthropies nationally and locally. Nationally, the fraternity benefits the Leukemia Society of America and locally features the March of Dimes. With over 100 years of tradition, these men feel that brotherhood, quality and commitment are the fibers that bind them together. They live by the understanding that the guidelines of their founders from 1850 is what keeps them on the paths to better and more productive lives.

By: Giselle Hernandez



First Row: Corey Rush, Jose Merilien, Lenny Ardilles Second Row: Sacha Didier, Mike Barrios, Youseff Rouisse

Phi Kappa Sigma

Phi Sigma Kappa

Phi Sigma Kappa is a Greek organization that has strong ideals of brotherhood. The fraternity promotes scholarship and character among its members. Phi Sigma Kappa is involved in many events at FIU in the Greek community. The fraternity benefits the Big Brothers/Big Sisters and the March of Dimes organizations. Phi Sigma Kappa participated in Homecoming 2001 with Alpha Xi Delta and intramural sports. The fraternity placed second in the Lip Sync contest and building decoration competitions and placed third in the banner and float competitions. During Greek week 2000, the organization participated in many intramural sports such as basketball and activities such as tug of war and the cheer contest. These gentlemen hold dear these ideals of brotherhood and show their unity in many aspects. The brothers of Phi Sigma Kappa excel in academics, leadership, philanthropic achievement and many other aspects of Greek life. The fraternity was founded locally in 1991 and nationally in 1873. Currently, Phi Sigma Kappa can be found across 93 campuses nation wide.

By: Mario Sarria



First Row: Frank Padilla, Dave Bertot, Luis Palma Second Row: Manny Tobenas, Nelson Montes, David Argote, Alex Montoya Third Row: Jaime Silva, Jorge Rodriguez, Patrice Wassouf, Johan Schmid, Danny Lopez, Roy Hallak



Trying to surf, Danny Lopez attempts to stay on the board rather than fall. Photo By: Fox Mar Studios

At their annual Winter Formal, members of Phi Sigma Kappa gather for a brotherhood group shot. Photo By: Phi Sigma Kappa



After the Homecoming Parade, brother J.C. Castro cheers with pride at the hard work his brothers and Alpha Xi Delta put into their float. Photo By: Fox Mar Studios

After dinner and dancing, members of Phi Sigma Kappa stand alongside their dates to celebrate the new year. Photo By: Phi Sigma Kappa



At Walt Disney World, members of Phi Sigma Kappa "arrest" some of their fraternity brothers. Photo By: Phi Sigma Kappa

On the Intramural sports field, the 2001 Phi Sigma Kappa soccer team poses for a group shot before their game vs. Tau Kappa Epsilon. Photo By: Jose Otero

After the Pike Dream Girl Pageant 2001, brothers of Pi Kappa Alpha pose for a group shot with Alpha Xi Delta Jennifer Canals. *Photo By: Jose Otero*



At the 2001 Pike Dream Girl Pageant, Alpha Xi Delta sister Jennifer Canals is crowned by Pi Kappa Alpha president Richard Barbara. *Photo By: Jose Otero*

Brothers of Pi Kappa Alpha celebrate winning first place at the Moonlight Madness basketball challenge. *Photo By: Jose Otero*



Pi Kappa Alpha is a Greek organization at FIU that instills characteristics of a scholar, leader, athlete and gentlemen in its members. The fraternity, which was founded nationally in 1868, is based on fostering friendships, leadership and community involvement. With over 200 chapters and colonies across North America, Pi Kappa Alpha believes in scholastic excellence, service to the community, athletic competition, leadership opportunities, success beyond undergraduate years and lifetime friendships. Pi Kappa Alpha recently participated in Homecoming 2001 and placed first in the banner competition and third place in the building decoration competition. The fraternity is heavily involved in many intramural sports and has received many awards such as Sports Cup champions. The national Greek organization recognized the Kappa Gamma Chapter as Chapter of the Year. The fraternity has also received awards such as the Academic Cup, Campus Leadership and Involvement, new member-programming award and outstanding IFC Delegate. Currently members are involved in many aspects of Campus life such as Inter-fraternity Council (IFC), Student Ambassadors, Student Government Association (SGA), Summer Peer Advisors, Mortar Board, Order of Omega, Omicron Delta Kappa, Honors College, Children's Miracle Network Dance Marathon, Adopt a Highway and College Republicans.

By: Mario Sarria

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Pi Kappa Alpha



2000-2001 Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity



Marching in the Homecoming Parade, brothers of Pi Kappa Alpha show their pride in their organization by wearing their jerseys. *Photo By: Fox Mar Studios*

Brothers of Pi Kappa Alpha show their Homecoming spirit by dressing as pirates in conjunction with their Homecoming Parade float. *Photo By: Fox Mar Studios*



During the Homecoming Lip Sync contest, a Pi Kappa Alpha brother does his performance with a sister of Alpha Omicron Pi. *Photo By: Fox Mar Studios*



ΠΚΦ Pi Kappa Phi

Colonized in 2000, Pi Kappa Phi was recently chartered by their National Greek organization to become the Theta Delta chapter at FIU. Nationally founded in 1904, Pi Kappa Phi built a Greek organization on C.L.A.S.S. - Character, Leadership, Athleticism, Scholarship and Service. Since their beginnings at FIU, members of Pi Kappa Phi have become involved in all aspects of student life at FIU. Brothers of Pi Kappa Phi can be seen actively involved in Student Government Association, Editor In Chief of the Yearbook & Greek magazine, Student Alumni Association, Peer Advising, Student Ambassadors and Athletics. Participating in Greek Week 2000, intramural sports and Homecoming 2001, Pi Kappa Phi stands to make an impact in the Greek community and establish a fraternity comprised of a high level of respect and integrity. Nationally, Pi Kappa Phi has raised over \$6 million towards its philanthropy, Push America. The fraternity recently participated with Delta Phi Epsilon in Homecoming 2001 in which they received first place Brigade, second place banner and third place in the cheer competition.

By: Mario Sarria



First Row: Clayton Solomon, Danny Sanchez, George Corton, Jose Garcia, Alex Abaunza *Second Row:* Scott Mallard, Seth Marks, Andy Benoit, David Mesas, Jose Otero *Third Row:* Geoff Johnson, Andrew Silvia, Clemente Bornacelli, Carlos Chaparro *Forth Row:* Carlos Moreno, Ronny Lindsay, Alain Sanchez, Salo Gorin, Robert Martinez, Alex Carreno *Fifth Row:* Jason Castro, Carlos Arriesseq, Alex Madrigal, Raul Arguello, Javier Hernandez, Tim Greeson



Throwing George Corton, the brothers perform the legendary Yoyi toss during their Spring Recruitment. *Photo By Jose Otero*

After receiving their Charter, the brothers of Pi Kappa Phi celebrate with excitement. *Photo By Jeff Pujals*



During the Pi Kappa Phi chartering Banquet, the brothers serenade Michelle Castro as their first Rose Queen. *Photo By Fox-Mar Studios*

At IMPACT, the brothers of Pi Kappa Phi stand with their Academic coach Maggie Sanchez for a picture. *Photo By Steve Whitly*



After the homecoming Parade, the brothers of Pi Kappa Phi pose with their homecoming partners, the ladies of Delta Phi Epsilon sorority. *Photo By Georgina Otero*

On Bid Day, the Brothers of Pi Kappa Phi stand with their new Associate member class. *Photo By Sharon Caldera*

During the Homecoming Cheer contest, brothers of Sigma Alpha Mu cheer and hold their banner proudly. Photo By: Fox Mar Studios



Brothers of Sigma Alpha Mu gather for a group shot in the middle of the Graham Center. Photo By: Sigma Alpha Mu

Sigma Alpha Mu brother Jesus shows his school spirit as well as pride in his organization by his costume. Photo By: Fox Mar Studios



The Delta Zeta chapter of Sigma Alpha Mu was founded at FIU in 1989. The Greek organization is based on manhood, democracy and humanity. Nationally founded in 1909, the only Sigma Alpha Mu chapter in South Florida was the University of Miami chapter that colonized FIU. Known as Sammies, one can see members of Sigma Alpha Mu actively involved in campus life, intramural sports and the Student Government Association. The Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity actively participates in Greek events such as in Greek Week, where the fraternity was declared Greek Week 2000 champions for placing first overall. The fraternity recently participated in the many events of Homecoming 2001 the Phi Mu sorority. The Greek organization received first place in the Lip Sync and cheering contests and second place in the float competition. Active in community service and philanthropic activities, Sigma Alpha Mu benefits the Pediatric AIDS Foundation, the fraternity's philanthropy. Sigma Alpha Mu is very proud of its brotherhood. The fraternity emphasizes that the diversity of men and brotherhood are the most important aspects of a fraternity. The fraternity adds that Sigma Alpha Mu is "not just a four year fraternity, it's a lifelong achievement".

By: Mario Sarria

Sigma Alpha Mu



Sigma Alpha Mu brothers show their sportsmanship by gathering for a group shot wearing their team jerseys. Photo By: Jose Otero

Brothers of Sigma Alpha Mu stop shooting pool to take a picture at one of their rush events held at Jillian's Billiards. Photo By: Sigma Alpha Mu



At the Lip Sync contest during Homecoming week, Anthony Cotorelo performs "Thriller" with Phi Mu. Photo By: Fox Mar Studios

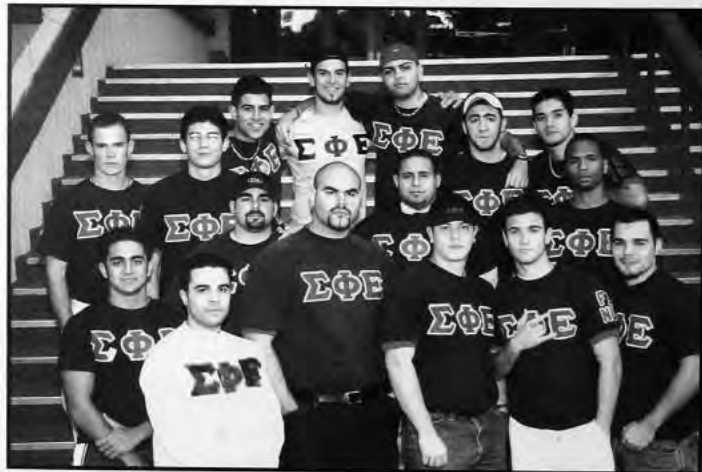


First Row: Gregory Acevedo, Alex Bayol, Nelson Eguirola Second Row: Brian Vega, Danny Alvarez, Leo DaSilva, Armando Rodriguez, Tito Collado, Richard Ferreyra, Danny Linares, Ivan Osorio Third Row: Armando Yero, Javier Siervo, Nick Garcia, Bert Martinez, Ralph Robina, Albert Castro, Greg Trujillo Fourth Row: Robert Fuentes, Frank Consuegra, Danny Mehler, Marc Silver, Alfredo Ramos, Arturo Ortega, "Cobose" Fernandez, Mark Colon Fifth Row: Anthony Cotorelo, Scott Sklar, Gus Bello, Jesus Rodriguez, Frank Arbelaez, Raymond Galles Sixth Row: Ceasar Quinzedo, Nelson Flores, Mike Pieters, Miguel Lora, Charles Long, Ahmed Quintera, Gabriel Aviles, Pablo Urbendt, Baloo Ashton Frans

Sigma Phi Epsilon

The oldest fraternity on campus, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Florida Nu Chapter, is already in its 14th year at FIU. Members of the fraternity can be seen getting involved both on and off campus. Sigma Phi Epsilon members participate in many FIU activities such as football, baseball and other intramural sports. Members volunteer at social events and work in Campus Life participate annually in the Dance Marathon, Diabetes Walk and Aids Walk, that proves Sigma Phi Epsilon members get involved in all aspects of FIU. Homecoming King and Prince have been awarded to Sigma Phi Epsilon members 11 times in 13 years. The fraternity builds its members for all walks of life by instilling goal setting, community service involvement and academic growth. The Greek organization also set up for the first time its Balanced Man Project, as an alternative to traditional pledge programs to deal with the stigma of hazing.

By: Mario Sarria



First Row: Alex Corzo, Yamil Piedra, Jonathan Gaviria, Lorenzo Arca, Tony Balboa
Second Row: Mario Chaluha, Alex Rey, Victor Garcia, Tomas Bello
Third Row: Matt Berning, Sergio Fuenzalida, Rick Guerrero, Jairo Villela
Fourth Row: Lionel Rodriguez, Rey Perez, William "Billy" Vance



During the Fall mixer Jungle to Jungle with Alpha Xi Delta, brothers Mike Godoy and Jorge Escobar pose for a fun picture. Photo By: Sigma Phi Epsilon

Sigma Phi Epsilon brothers pose next to the fountain proudly holding their fraternity banner. Photo By: Sigma Phi Epsilon



In its performance in the Lip Sync contest, Sigma Phi Epsilon did an interpretation of a baby's view on life. Photo By: Fox Mar Studios

After taking the 2001 Greek picture and their individual group shots, brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon pose for a fun picture. Photo By: Jose Otero



During the annual SigEp Fashion Show, Sigma Phi Epsilon brothers old and new pose for a group picture before the show. Photo By: Sigma Phi Epsilon

Having a bonding moment with his brothers, Jorge Escobar shares a cigar. Photo By: Sigma Phi Epsilon

Brothers of Tau Kappa Epsilon old and new, pose for a group picture after a formal meeting. Photo By: Tau Kappa Epsilon



During a brother bonding event, brothers of Tau Kappa Epsilon enjoy spending time shooting pool. Photo By: Tau Kappa Epsilon

Tau Kappa Epsilon brothers do their hand signs for a picture at their formal event. Photo By: Tau Kappa Epsilon



Tau Kappa Epsilon is a Greek Organization committed to excellence, personal growth and leadership development. Members are promised a network of lifelong friendships and contacts. The Sigma Alpha chapter was founded in 1988 at FIU. Tau Kappa Epsilon members participate in a variety of events at FIU such as Homecoming and intramural sports. Reynaldo Morales, a Tau Kappa Epsilon member, hosted the revival of Greek Week 2000. Greek Week was FIU's own version of the Greek Olympics where all Greek organizations compete in many activities such as the cheering contest, tug of war, basketball and other types of intramural sports and activities. Tau Kappa Epsilon is committed to the essential elements of love, charity, esteem and a strong brotherhood. In 2000, the IFC voted John Parmenter IFC Greek Man of the Year. Tau Kappa Epsilon emphasizes its commitment to excellence, personal growth and leadership development.

Tau Kappa Epsilon

By: Mario Sarria



First Row: Raphael Cuevas, David Aguilar, Reny Aguiar, Jorge Ramos, Frank Castro Second Row: Chris Steinmann, Luis Cal, Fabio Gonzalez, Gabriel Di Raddo Third Row: Mike Parmenter, David Morales, William Villanueva, Brian Brink Fourth Row: Garry Julian, Luis Lopez, Shaham Segal, Anthony Jackson-Pownall Fifth Row: Ehren Hollander, Vincent Carranza, Jaime Manjarres, Derek Capo, Chris Ruszczuk



Brothers of Tau Kappa Epsilon pose for a picture at a recruitment event. Photo By: Tau Kappa Epsilon

Tau Kappa Epsilon brothers proudly hold awards in their hands after receiving them at their semi-formal event. Photo By: Tau Kappa Epsilon



Brothers David Aguilar and Chris Ruszczuk pose for the camera with their dates during a Tau Kappa Epsilon sponsored event. Photo By: Tau Kappa Epsilon





“Going Beyond The Call Of Duty”

Clubs & Organizations

Statistics show that students who are in activities are more likely to stay in college and graduate than students who are not. FIU has many activities that foster student interests and needs. These often take shape in the form of clubs. The clubs that are established cater to the needs of students everywhere in the university. Therefore, no student feels left out of the process. Clubs offers a gateway for students to become involved in extracurricular activities to their liking. Over the past few years, students have taken the initiative to broaden the club landscape at FIU. New organizations are being introduced every year, therefore opening up new doors to students who have those particular interests. Just a couple of years ago, the Boxing Club opened the doors for students to learn the forays of boxing and exercise. This semester, the Wrestling Club started passing out fliers offering students the chance to grapple. Clubs like these are offering students the opportunity to broaden their perspective and open newfound doors to search for stimulation of the psyche. Although clubs comprise themselves with members who either share the same interests or ideals, it's important for all clubs to make sure that no clubs supercedes the power of one. The SOC, which is comprised of club presidents and vice-presidents, has as its main goal, to maintain this uniformity. The SOC sets standards and goals that each club must adhere to. The standards and goals translate into points that each club must receive in order to make sure that they receive their funding. One of its standards is that each club must do some sort of community service. Community service is very important when building points within SOC but it is also important because it emphasizes the reason clubs come together, not because of similar interests but to help each other and to befriend the community. Community service is also important because it unifies the club in the power of teamwork just like French classical author Duc Francois De La Rochefoucauld said, 'The trust which we put in ourselves causes us to feel trust in others.'

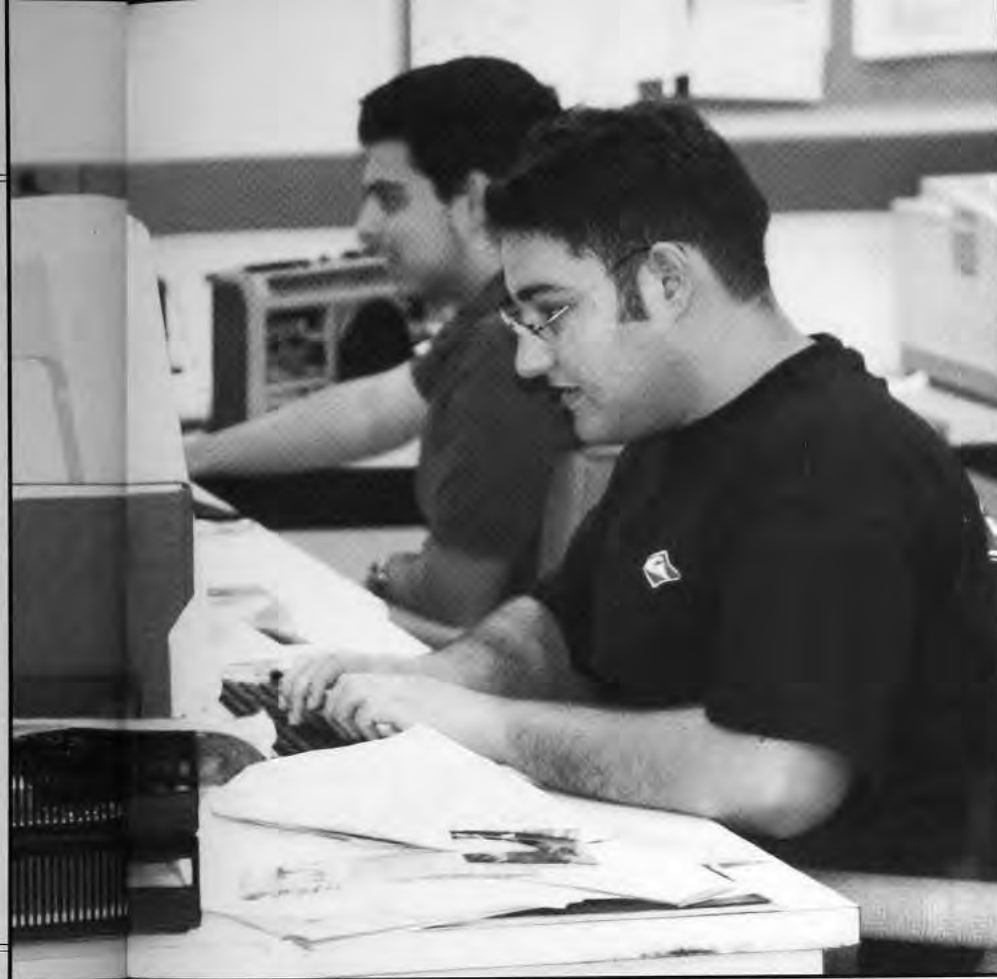
By Derik Deliard

"In Search for the Truth"

Beacon Newspaper

By Sharon Caldera

From Monday to Sunday, a race to beat the clock takes place at The Beacon, the university student newspaper. The trick for these young journalists was to gather information, write comprehensive stories on a deadline and still make it to class on time. For staff members of the Beacon, the hectic pace, tight deadlines and ever-present stress, gave them a taste of what it would be like to work full-time on a newspaper. In order to gain journalism or management experience, members of the Beacon put in long hours on top of their full time class schedules. Reporters come into The Beacon office early, sometimes before their 8:00 a.m. class. Their main purpose is to produce a newspaper that is respected not only by their fellow students, but by the school (faculty and staff) and the community. The school newspaper has been recognized nationally as one of the top University newspapers in the nation. For example, The Beacon was a finalist in the Pace Maker competition. One can see how much dedication and perseverance is needed in order to produce their informative newspaper. The Beacon keeps students informed of all the news that goes on at FIU, from what movie is showing in the Graham Center to what is going on in SGA.



On production day, Hatzel Vela looks over some of the pictures for the front page of the Beacon. *Photo By Jose Otero*

Working throughout the night, Christian Tejedor and Jorge Montes type diligently until they make their deadline. *Photo By Jose Otero*



Alex Segura Jr.
Editor in Chief

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Hatzel Vela
Managing Editor

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Chris Font
Production Manager

"If you want a career in journalism, be it broadcast, print or whatnot, there's no excuse not to work for your college newspaper. Without clips, you won't get hired. True."



Alternative Spring Break



Association for the Advancement for Recreational Therapy
Top Row: Christel Griffin, Diana Chung, Timothy Grumbly, Jessica Zamora, Salemi Ross
Middle Row: Martha Laboriel, Darlene Acevedo, Latoya Spells, Kaywana Simpson, Libby Pimental, Lina Chong
Front Row: Elizabeth Gongora, Ivette Perez, Zulay Castro, Ania Gonzalez



Alpha Kappa Psi Business Fraternity



Alpha Epsilon Delta
From Left to Right: Robert Castellanos, Ignacio Badiola, Debbie Urraca, Ken Guie, Jahanzeb Khan



Members of the Caribbean Students Association gather around the mike to announce the winners of the Knowledge Bowl. *Photo By CSA*

Enjoying themselves at the Knowledge Bowl, Asa Seally, Lisa Ligaro, Kaheil Whittaker and Maxine Hylton gather for a group picture. *Photo By CSA*



"Experiencing Diversity"

Caribbean Student Association

By Sharon Caldera

Preliminary work on the Caribbean Students Association began in the summer of 1990 by Marlon Hill and his administration at Florida State University. One year later in the fall 1991, the dream for a Florida Caribbean Students Association became a reality. Dwight Powell, then president of the Caribbean Students Association at Florida State University, and his administration found success when seven institutions accepted FSU's invitation to come to their campus to help form the association. The organizational session of the Florida Caribbean Students Association was held on October 18-19, 1992. In attendance were representatives from Florida A&M University, Florida Atlantic University, Florida International University, Florida State University, University of Central Florida, University of South Florida and Tallahassee Community College. The purpose of this organization is to provide a medium for interaction between Caribbean students throughout the State of Florida and to act as a representative for Caribbean students on issues such as education, tuition and cultural and political awareness, as well as providing orientation services to Caribbean students entering the State University System. And finally, to act as a lobbying force on issues of minority interest including minority empowerment.



Maxine Hylton
Advisor

"I'm very proud of these students in what they have accomplished."



Lisa Ligaro
Club Member

"This club has enhanced my college experience."



Rhessa Montes
Club Member

"Contributing to this organization is what I enjoy doing."



Anime Club



Asian Student Union



Associated General Contractors

From Left to Right: Andrew Hernandez, Jim Rhinehart, Jenny Pacheco, Andres Del Toro, Luis Caribauell, Marco Ferreira, Pedro Portela, Ryan Treco, Frank Stout, Brian Powell, John Vallate, Joseph Chennoor



Beacon Newspaper

Front Row: Andy Diaz *Second Row:* Venus Goicoechea, Alex Segura Jr., Illian Villegas *Third Row:* Robert Irizarry, Chris Font *Fourth Row:* Hazel Vela, Sara Wellman, Chyastian Tejedor *Fifth Row:* Kitalee Secharan, Jorge Montes, Robert Sens

"Putting Service Above Self"

Catholic Student Union

By Sharon Caldera

They visit the old to give them comfort and to let them know they are not alone. One can talk to them and they will always lend a hand. The Catholic Student Union is an organization of students gathered to speak the words of the Lord. The Catholic Student Union exists to foster the holistic well-being of all students by providing: religious, social, recreational and community service opportunities within the framework of the Catholic tradition. The Catholic Student Union endeavors to provide a climate in which everyone is accepted as a unique and unrepeatable image of God and where living for others is recognized as the path of authentic human existence. The members of CSU are devoted to the word of God. They teach others to remember the Lord's message and to acknowledge His work and wisdom. Members of CSU are involved in many activities and events such as visits to Camilla's House or feeding the homeless. Each holiday, members of CSU go to Camilla's House and volunteer to serve those who are less fortunate. Being part of the CSU not only gives the students the opportunity to help out their school and community, but help them become better people.



Monica M. Velazquez
President

"The CSU is our family on campus and our heavenly father, he showers us with blessing."



Biju Vells
Treasurer

"Being a part of the CSU has helped me see Christ in everyone."



Teresita Cutts
Advisor

"CSU is where we grow together in knowledge and in faith. It's Catholic Christian values in action."



Entertaining her audience, Nancy Nunez plays religious music during one of their club meetings. Photo By CSU

Right before the Catholic Student Union members have the Jubilee celebration lunch, they gather for a prayer. Photo By CSU



Billiard Club



Campus Bible Fellowship



Campus Life Publication
From Left to Right: Raul Rodriguez, Ronnie Mittleman, Ana Olivares, Silvia Costa-Pasquini, Yasmy Camejo, Nadia Fernandez, John Parmenter.



Caribbean Students Association



Members of the Free Cuba Foundation went to Washington D.C. to protest the government action with the Elián González case. *Photo By FCF*

Each year the Free Cuba Foundation gathers around the FIU fountain in memory of the 41 men, women and children who were massacred by Cuban Government agents. *Photo By FCF*



“United to Serve Others”

Free Cuba Foundation

By Sharon Caldera

The Free Cuba Foundation is a nonprofit and nonpartisan organization whose purpose is to work toward the establishment of an independent and democratic Cuba using non-violent means. The FCF provides information on the situation inside Cuba and the international community's relationship with the island. They provide a platform for human rights and democracy activists to get their message out to the rest of the world and provide a means for the Internet community to engage in campaigns to obtain the release of political prisoners or improve their conditions inside Cuba's prisons. Concilio Cubano was designed to be a permanent forum where all participating organizations could fashion joint proposals while maintaining their own identity. The students believe that the systematic denial of human rights and human dignity in Cuba cannot be tolerated. They believe that the moral and pragmatic solution is nonviolent resistance to the intolerable situation in Cuba. March 13, 1997 marks the 40th anniversary of the assault on the Presidential Palace. On that day the blood of Cuba's university students was spilled in the cause of freedom. On Feb. 24, 1996, our generation of Cuban youth had its first four losses in this struggle. Mario De La Peña, FIU alumnus Armando Alejandro, Carlos Costa and Pablo Morales were of our generation. The FCF seeks to follow the lead of the internal opposition, embrace the principles of non-violent resistance, speak out on behalf of Cuba's political prisoners and issue a call to educate the children of the Cuban exiles about the history and reality of the ongoing tragedy in Cuba.



Helen Castro
President

“The Free Cuba Foundation is an organization that believes in human rights.”



Liz García
Club Member

“Being a part of the Free Cuba Foundation has made me a more active student at FIU.”



Javier Ulset
Club Member

“My goal in this organization is to make people aware of the problems in Cuba.”



Catholic Student Union
Left to Right: Monica Velazquez, Biju Vells, Angel Malhonado, Delin Bautista, Lydia Fonseca, Joaquin Fernandez, John Roche, Karen Matthew, Nancy Nunez, Caroline Alexander, Carlos Taja, Sister Sagrario, Christina Fonseca, Teresita Cuita



Colombian Student Association



Dance Marathon
Front Row: Javier Pino, Danny Flores, Marlon Font, Collette Papa, Cedric McMinon, Sara Lewis, Juan Carlos, Jessica Morillo, Bettina Inclan, Lissy Carreras, Jennifer Canals *Back Row:* Alex Zarut, George Casas, Diego Marinelli, Ana Mohamad



Future Educators of America
Left to Right: Linh C. Ly, Jenny Rice, Kathleen Rice, Giselle Brau, Alex Suarez, Indiana Lopez, Indiana Lopez's Mother, Lisa Shapland, Dania Vazquez

"Lending A Hand"

Intervarsity Christian Fellowship

By Sharon Caldera

In years past, the University was seen as a place young adults could seek truth; however today's students are presented with the belief that absolute truth does not exist. Endless choices combined with information overload and few moral guidelines have left students overwhelmed with the loneliness and pressure of life decisions. The longing to not be alone in this journey has produced a desperate need to be in a relationship to both give and receive love. The purpose of the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship is to establish and advance at colleges and universities witnessing communities of students and faculty who follow Jesus as a Savior and Lord: Growing in love for God, God's Words, God's people of every ethnicity and culture and God's purposes in the world. FIU's members carry this with them at all times. Here at FIU the word is spread from University Park Campus all the way to the Biscayne Bay Campus. Intervarsity Christian Fellowship is an evangelical and interdenominational campus ministry. As a basis for their interdenominational community, every staff member, trustee and student leader is required to sign InterVarsity's statement of faith. One of the beliefs that they follow are The only true God, the almighty Creator of all things, existing eternally in three persons—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—full of love and glory.



Gary Cameron
Advisor

"Working with these students has made my experience as advisor an enjoyable one."



Jesse Osborn
Club Member

"Being a member of the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship club has made me a better person."



Monica Aguilar
Club Member

"We have worked very hard this year and accomplished many goals."



During their Summer retreat, members of the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship participate in a canoe race. Photo By ICF

The Intervarsity Christian Fellowship joined 20,000 other students at the University of Illinois to glorify God and exhibit teaching and worship gathering workshops during the Fall semester. Photo By ICF



FIU Hockey
Top Row: Paul Shoshath, Ralf Stocki, Daniel Stocki, Uned Correa, Lionel Ruiz, Francisco Tudela, Hernan Sannesteban. Front Row: Carlos Tudela, David Garcia, Eddie Angelotti, Luis Quintana.



Free Cuba Foundation
From Left to Right: John Suarez, Robert Linares, Jose Raul.



Health Occupation Students of America



Hispanic Student Association
From Left to Right: Gustavo Rodriguez, Neffi Coello, Jorge Castillo, Carlos Medina, Nick Perdomo, Adina Lossiceyk, Angel Garcia.



During an Student Council Intern meeting, Lisa Marie Figaro and Omar Castillo listen to what upcoming events FIU is having. *Photo By Sharon Caldera*

Damion Dunn and Maria Garcia express their opinion and a student government issue. *Photo By Sharon Caldera*



“Leading A New Generation”

Student Council Interns

By Mario Sarría

Student Government Association interns are students who intern and form a mentor relationship with students who hold office in SGA. Members of SGA, such as officers, chairs and representatives, work closely in a mentor relation with interns who mimic their duties. In return, SGA interns are allowed to participate in trips or projects the mentor is in charge of. As a requirement, SGA interns are allocated a \$3,000 budget to create a project. Some of the allocated funds go to the retreat SGA interns attend at the beginning of the fall semester. Depending on their performance or the mentor’s performance, there are awards that distinguish mentors and SGA interns such as SGA Intern of the Year and Mentor of the Year. This year, the SGA interns are working on Voting Awareness, a project to let people know about voting for the upcoming SGA elections as well as promoting elections after Spring break.



Lisa Marie Figaro
Intern

“Being a member of this council was a great experience.”



Natalie Inchaustegui
Intern

“We worked very hard and planned many events.”



Alicia Almansa
Intern

“The Intern Program has opened many doors of opportunity for me.”



Honors Council



Intervarsity Christian Fellowship



Judo Club Executive Board



Kappa Delta Pi



Student Organization Chairman Brian Fonseca goes over the budget request for the Spring semester. *Photo By Jose Otero*

During the Fall Club Fair Week, students from the SOC give out free food in the Graham Center Forum. *Photo By Jose Otero*



"Building a Strong Foundation"

Student Organizations Council

By Sharon Caldera

The Student Organizations Council at Florida International University is the governing body of all clubs and organizations and guides students into finding the extracurricular activities that might be of interest to them. Entering college is a very hard transition for freshmen here at FIU. SOC helps those students who feel a need to meet other students and find the right organization to make them feel more at home. There are over 100 clubs that are registered under SOC on the University Park Campus plus much more that are located on the Biscayne Bay Campus. For example, they have the Caribbean Students Association (CSA) and Intersivity Christian Fellowship (IVCF) plus many more. The Student Organization Council's purpose is to provide a wide variety of clubs on campus to meet a student's professional, community service, athletic, social and cultural interests. These societies enhance the student's creativity and personal growth, affording students the opportunity to augment their formal education with experiences outside the classroom.



Brian Fonseca
Chairman

"The SOC has had an incredible year and only good things are yet to come."



Sandra Ochoa
Event Coordinator

"Hard work is the only that comes to mind when you hear about SOC."



Eduardo Valenzuela
Treasurer

"This year has been a milestone for the council."



Psi Chi
Left to Right: Lynda Humaran, Lourdes Moras, Grettel Fernandez, Haana Ali, Frank Pages, Rona Carter, Jenifer Compain, Diana Rodriguez



Salsa Kings



Sigma Lambda Chi
From Left to Right: Brian Powell, Luis Carbonell, John Villate, Andres Del Toro, Jenny Pacheco, Ryan Trico, Andrew S. Hernandez, Pedro Portela, Marcos Ferreira, Jim Rhinehart.



Sigma Tau Delta
Left to Right: Monica Velasquez, Isabel Rodriguez-Ojeda, Giselle Gonzalez, Carolina Perdomo, Jenny Torres, Lynn Young, Dr. Gisela Casines

"Honoring the Elite"

Student Ambassadors

By Oscar Grau

The Florida International University Ambassadors are a select group of students who serve as hosts and hostesses for visiting dignitaries at numerous university and community functions. These events include Commencement, Convocation, Fund-raisers and Board of Regents meetings. The Offices of the President, Vice Presidents, Deans, Alumni Relations and other prominent areas within the University work with the ambassadors for their various needs. Ambassadors also provide university tours to visitors and prospective students. These functions are vital to the mission of the university. To be selected as an Ambassador is an honor and an excellent opportunity for personal and professional growth. Students who are selected as Ambassadors possess strong interpersonal skills, leadership qualities, a genuine interest in meeting new people and a sense of school spirit and pride. Graduation Send-Off: To bid farewell to the graduating class in an effort to make it LESS HASSLE FOR THE TASSEL. PantherLink Mentorship: Students involved in the ambassador program are involved in programming this mentorship program that pairs up current students with alumni in their same field of studies.



Oscar Grau
Ambassador

"Ambassadors gives you the chance to get to know the university, which helps put you more in touch with the campus."



Penelope Aquino
Ambassador

"Ambassadors give students a chance to network throughout FIU."



Isabel Rodriguez-Ojea
Ambassador

"Being a Student Ambassador has been an honor."



After the Winter Commencement, Student Ambassadors enjoy some food at the Alumni tent. Photo By Jose Otero.

The Student Ambassadors gather for a group shot on the graduation stage. Photo By Monica Velaquez.



Student Council Interns
Jennifer Perez, Sharda Rampersad (Intern Coordinator Administration), Lisa Maria Figaro, Claribelle Diaz, Natalie Inchaustegui, Lorraine Rosario, Maria Garcia, Alicia Almansa, Omar Castillo, Armando Rodriguez, Damion Dunn



Sky Diving Club
Back Row: Nick Perdomo, Maria Andre, Dimitri Ekht, Deborah Kramp. Front Row: Victor Sutter, Helena Poleo, Camila Gonzalez.



Stone Wall
From Left to Right: Yamilet Hurtado, Mark Martell, Daisy Aguilar, Venus Garcia, Maron Toscano.



Student Organizations Council
Front Row: Samir Qurcahi, Maggie Rivera, Eduardo Valenzuela, Lisa Shapland Back Row: Sandra Ochoa, Brian Fonseca



At the Radio Station office, Robert Santana, Michael Young and Kaheill Whittaker look over next week's schedule. *Photo By Sharon Caldera*

During her weekly show, Ayleen Barbel tells her audience about what's going on at FIU. *Photo By Isabel Garces*



"For your Listening Enjoyment"

WRGP Radio Station

By Sharon Caldera

This past year was a groundbreaking year for the station as they went FM in the midsummer of '99. They have been broadcasting college music since the station's inception on 540 AM. Having their station located in the culturally diverse South Florida area, Radiate 88 has been able to provide a wide variety of music that appeals to so many listeners. Radiate 88 considers it a privilege to represent Florida International University and to be the main media outlet for the school. Feel free to check out our top 35 and get to know our staff a little better. The station's wide variety of music is not only for the listening pleasure of FIU students. WRGP's wide variety of music ranges from rap to jazz and international music for all of the community to tune in to. Of course music is a big part of radiate 88 but there is also another side, in which the radio goes out to the community to help out. Every so often WRGP has a clothing drive to benefit the community. Having the microphone really does help them get the word out.



Orlando Machado Jr.
General Manager

"The FIU Radio Station has always strived to be as unique & diverse as the students themselves. We are the voice of FIU."



Chuck O'Neal
Programming Director

"Students' voices can be made forceful through the power of radio."



Asa Sealy
Promotions Director

"Who controls the past controls the future. WRGP. One vision. One station. One love!"



Student Programming Council
First Row: Nermari Faria, Dawn Stoutt, Jennifer Allvard, Evelyn Acosta, Amanda Khan, Ellie Zambrano *Second Row:* Nelly Linares, Lisa Demestrios, Andrew Roberts, Stephanie Principe, Johanna Medina, Sanjay Thawari *Third Row:* Luis Camacho, Danny Vinat, Judy Narvaez, Teresa Camacho, Rico Iribarren, Damion Dunn *Fourth Row:* Armando Rodriguez, O.J. Camero, Mark Lopez, Bill Wilson, Philip Golbin, Julio Linares, Rinnie Hollis, Julianne Jarvis, ReneFormosa, Mary Alice Mannella



Student Ambassadors
Front Row: Eric Pfaeffe, Juan Rojas, Carlos Ferreira, Brian Peterson, Oscar Grau *Back Row:* Monica Velaquez, Janisse Abifajil, Itabel Rodriguez-Ojes, Izabela-Zalewinski, Julia Jungnickel, Jessica Morffi, Penelope Aquino, Maribel Toro



Student Alumni Association



Volunteer Action Center
Left to Right: Javier Pino, Jessica Morffi, Patricia Temino, A. Monty Ahmad

"Leaving our Legacy Behind"

VISION Yearbook

By Jose Otero

The VISION Yearbook staff worked very hard this year to put out its award winning publication. Not only did they have to overcome a debt but they also had to change the format of the publication, due to lack of funds. The yearbook staff had to deal with many obstacles that had to be overcome in order to complete the book. That meant many late nights, and weekends were spent in the office at Graham Center 317. In addition to informing the graduates and faculty about taking their pictures, the staff sold yearbooks, advertising and covered both FIU campuses. The Vision yearbook also won numerous awards, such as Jostens National Yearbook Sample award, first place in the American Scholastic Press Association, first class in the Associated Collegiate Press, DaVor Photography Gallery award for best photography/design and a silver medal in the Columbia Scholastic Press Association Critique. It is so fortunate that FIU has such responsible students to take on this volunteer job. Without such incredible editors, the 2001 VISION Yearbook would have not become a reality.



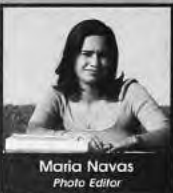
Trying to meet a yearbook deadline, Associate Editor Sharon Caldera and Copy Editor Derik Deliard search through different pictures for the yearbook. *Photo By Jose Otero*

Elizabeth Diaz, Editor In Chief Jose Otero, Isabel Garces and Sharon Caldera catch some shur-eye after meeting their first deadline. *Photo By Canon Sure shot*



Roxana Cozma
Events Editor

"This year was awesome, we won many awards and created an outstanding yearbook."



Maria Navas
Photo Editor

"Being on the yearbook staff was a great experience and I can't wait until next year to create another yearbook."



Giselle Hernandez
Greeks Editor

"Hard work, dedication and commitment are what describes the VISION yearbook staff."



West Indian Student Association



Womens Center



WRGP Radiate 88.1 FM
Back Row: Lou Conrad, Gabriel Couriel, Chuck O'Neal, Johenny Rivera, Hikmat Kizi, Orlando Machado Jr., Ayleen Barbel, JC Portueles, Victor Escala Front Row: Asa Scaly, Michael Young Not Pictured: Kahell Whittaker



VISION Yearbook
Top Row: Isabel Garces, Sharon Caldera, Michelle Toral, Michelle Castro Bottom Row: Mariela Campuzano, Mariela Brito, Carolina Palacios, Jose Otero. Not Pictured: Janisse Abijail, Roxana Cozma, Elizabeth Diaz, Derik Deliard, Giselle Hernandez, Maria Navas, Jorge Fernandez, Tere Perez (Our Honoree Advisor)



“For Student Rights”

Student Government Association

“If men were angels, no government would be necessary,” James Madison said. But since the Framers knew that people were not angels, they knew government had to establish some basic principles under which all people could live. Those principles are stated in our United States Constitution. The rules laid down in the Constitution have shaped our national life for more than 200 years. While the rules have grown and changed as the United States has changed, the basic principles have stayed the same. But you have to wonder whether or not they thought that these doctrines and principles would manifest themselves in other constitutions and doctrines. You also have to wonder whether or not they thought that government itself would take on a personified, mirrored image in organizations and institutions. FIU, whose Student Government Association has been in service since 1972, isn't the only college campus that has mirrored our national government by having it's own student legislative body. Other collegiate campuses such as the University of Florida and Florida State University respectively, have student legislative bodies that adhere to the concerns and needs of the student body. The money that funds the Student Government Association, also known as SGA, comes from the students. In essence, the students are like the taxpayers that endow the national government. Students also participate in yearly elections. By participating in elections, students are guaranteed the right to make changes or retain the legislators that they feel are doing the job. In the first election of the millennium, students came out in record numbers in support of the legislators that they felt should be elected. The election marked the first time in FIU history that a student government election surpassed the 3,000-vote mark. Over 2,500 students voted at University Park and about 500 more voted at the Biscayne and Broward campuses combined. The increase was 40 percent more than last year's student election. The vote total was about 10 percent of the FIU student population. The 2000 election only raises the bar for future FIU elections.

-Derik Deliard

Student Government Association



Sergio Tigera
President Summer / Fall 2000



Patrice Scipio
President Spring 2001



Jeldrys Agra
Student Services



Juan Carlos Del Valle
Graduate Representative



Justin Low
Representative at Large



Felix Rodriguez
Honors College Representative



Orlando Amorin
Judicial Board



Alejandro Diaz
Lower Division Representative



Carlos Machado Jr.
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Lazaro Rodriguez
Election Board



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Vice President



Carlos G. Hernandez
Special Events



Lisa Mallard
Lower Division Representative



Victor Romano
Representative at Large



Michelle Castro
Clerk Assistant



Bettina Inclan
Representative at Large



Maggie Millan
Campus Life



Kirk Weiss
Student Union Board



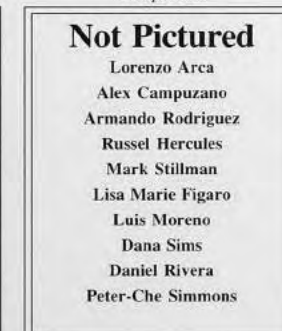
George Corton
Director of Student Lobbying



Fadi Y. Kablawi
Arts & Sciences Representative



Eric Pfaeffle
Comptroller



Not Pictured

- Lorenzo Arca
- Alex Campuzano
- Armando Rodriguez
- Russel Hercules
- Mark Stillman
- Lisa Marie Figaro
- Luis Moreno
- Dana Sims
- Daniel Rivera
- Peter-Che Simmons

Student Government Association



Top Ten Reasons why FIU needs to continue the yearbook!

- 10- To serve as a historical document.
- 9- To serve as a public relation vehicle.
- 8- To honor the memory of students and faculty who have passed away.
 - 7- To serve as a public document
 - 6- It has taken eleven years to reestablish.
 - 5- To serve as a memory book.
 - 4- To serve as a reference source.
- 3- To serve as an educational tool to the student body.
- 2- The Beacon Newspaper, Campus Life, Greek Affairs and the office of Student Affairs have benefited from its photographs.
- 1- So we can never forget one another.



“Working Hard For The Money”

Advertisements

Famous English poet, Aphra Behn once said, “Money speaks sense in a language all nations understand”. Some people have said money is the root of all evil, while others think it’s how the world goes around. Some people worship money as if it was their god. Perhaps money is more important to us than the air that we breathe, the water that we drink and the clothes that we wear. If everyone was successful or had means to money, would the divorce rate be 50 percent? Would we still have war in certain parts of the world? To a lesser degree, could we sell yearbooks if we didn’t receive the green bills? We’re not solving world hunger or the pollution in the environment by posing the question. But lets’ face it, money pays the bills. What else pays your college tuition? So, with that point in mind, the aforementioned question deserves some exploration. There are two ways that yearbooks can make money. The first and most desirable means of making money is if the students, administration and faculty are so enamored with the book that sales go through the roof. It would show that the hard work that went into the yearbook was well appreciated by the customer. That’s the reason why it’s desirable. Another way of making money is through the sale of advertisements. Yearbook ads may not make as much as the channel on which the Super Bowl is being played, but it’s money nevertheless. The ad revenue helps the yearbook as well as the advertisement. It’s a relationship in which both of the participants prosper. For the advertiser, the yearbook is a means of getting the word out about their product. Also, some people who may buy ads may do so for personal reasons. A yearbook is a historical text of what has happened throughout a particular year. A graduating senior, for example, may buy an ad and place pictures and other artifacts to remember that specific year. A club, for example, could purchase an ad displaying the various activities that it accomplished throughout the year. The money benefits the yearbook because if the book brings in more money than it originally sought, it could help bring forth a bigger and better book the following year or at the very least, some more colorful pages. In the world of bucks, the yearbook only abides by its rules. IOU’s don’t pay the bills you know.

By Derik Deland

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Campus Life provides programs, activities and leadership opportunities to develop caring and effective leaders, as well as responsive citizens who embrace diversity.

Administrative and Support Staff



SPC



Student Programming Council
Provides opportunities to plan a variety of educational, cultural, recreational, social and entertainment programs.

Campus Ministry IVC



Seek your spiritual leader and find faith.

VAC



Volunteer Action Center
Invest in yourself by serving your community.

Greek Life



Twenty-three fraternities and sororities provide outstanding opportunities for students in the areas of leadership, scholarship, service, athletics, and social relations. Greek students are involved in nearly all aspects of campus activities.

Leadership



Center for Leadership Development and Civic Responsibility
Provides all students with exciting and interactive leadership, skill-building opportunities.



RHA



Residence Hall Association
Serves residents with any issues or concerns and it gives students the opportunity to participate in various housing programs.

Panther Rage



Builds the Golden Panther spirit and supports FIU Athletics.

SGA



Student Government Association
Is the voice of the student body of FIU.

SOC



Student Organizations Council
Comprised of over one-hundred clubs and organizations to choose from.

GSA



Graduate Students Association
Facilitates and enhances the graduate student experience by advancing the University's academic goals; assists in the expansion of graduate programs; promotes quality teaching; and expands research efforts.

Honors



Honors Council
Further the academic mission of the university by serving as the governing body of all honor societies.

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Graham University Center At a Glance

Mission:

The Graham University Center, located at University Park Campus of Florida International University, is essential to campus life and to the University's mission of providing experiences that expand knowledge, develop skills, and clarify values for individual and community growth.

As the "living room" of the campus, the Center offers facilities, conveniences, services and amenities needed in the daily life of our vibrant University community.

Its beautiful surroundings and splendid spaces radiate a sense of pride and belonging. It is the focal point for formal and informal gatherings; the stage for presenting social, educational, cultural and recreational programs; and provides the ambience for quiet reading and lively conversation with friends.

Students enjoy the benefit of leadership and practical business experiences by participating in governing bodies, student organizations, and employment opportunities.

The Graham University Center's prime real estate houses retail operations that generate valuable financial returns to support a wide-range of University programs.

Ruth Hamilton, Director
Graham University Center

"A total community environment at the heart of campus"



Historical Facts:

The original building, "University House", opened in June, 1974, with a square footage of 85,006. It housed food services, administrative and student services, bookstore, game room and meeting rooms.

The major addition and renovation of 54,424 S.F. was completed in September, 1991, housing ballrooms, cafeteria, Grace's Grill, Faculty Club, game room, and Student Affairs Offices. On this date, the building was renamed in honor of the late Florida Senator Ernest R. Graham.

The most recent addition of 67,320 S.F. was dedicated in September 1997. It offers a mini-mall, food court and 23 academic classrooms.

Facilities:

The Center's space and facilities of approximately 222,675 S.F. are used primarily for the enrichment of student and University life and offer a myriad of social, cultural, recreational, and educational programs. It houses ballrooms with capacity for 900 people; a Faculty Club for 180 persons; a Panther Suite for 100 persons; two auditoriums, five meeting rooms, 23 academic classrooms, 120 offices, food services, food court, and a mini-mall.

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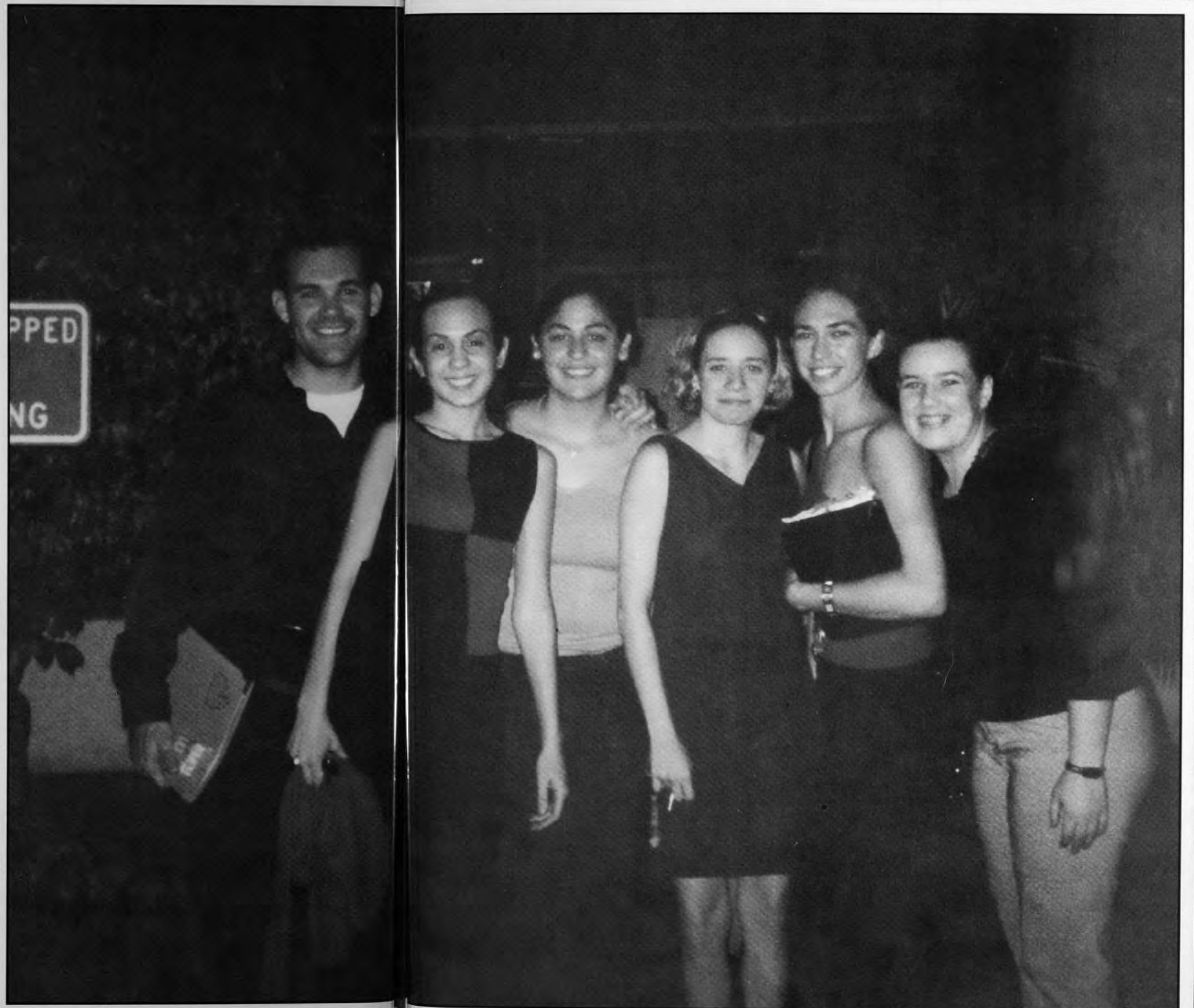
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With love,
Janisse

Janisse Abijalil

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Dear Janisse,

Congratulations on your graduation! We are very proud of you. You are a precious bundle of joy that entered into our lives. It seems like only yesterday that God blessed us with you. Through the years we have watched you grow into a courageous, ambitious, talented, and beautiful young woman, striving to be the best, both mentally and physically. We thank God for you because of the joy and happiness you've brought to us. You have shown us that you're a positive person that can accomplish any goal and overcome any obstacle. We love you very much and don't forget that you will always be our little girl.

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All my love,
 Janisse

My dearest love,

Congratulations, you are finally graduating and now this is where all your hard work and sleepless nights pays off. It's really incredible how you manage to go to school full time and still join different charity organizations as well as many other clubs and honor societies, and still graduate with honors. You're amazing. You've shown not just your compassion for others but your dedication and ability to just make things happen. It really causes no surprise to me how much you have achieved. I always knew you had it in you. There's nothing you can't do. I love you baby, I can't wait to spend the rest of my life with you.

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Carlos A. - Thank you for making my job easier. I want you to know that I will always remember you as a nice guy, and as the best FIU Basketball player, hope you make it the NBA.

Monica V. - Too many memories. To name a few Mississippi and New Jersey. Thanks for reminding me that "Our God is an awesome God". Love you girl, best of luck always.

Li Bro Gary - Congratulations!!!!!! Thanks for cheering me up all those times I was down, and for introducing me to Silvia. I love you and hope God guides you with success in all you do. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE CLASS OF 2001 IN ALL THAT YOU DO. To those I mentioned you guys held a significant memory in my college life.

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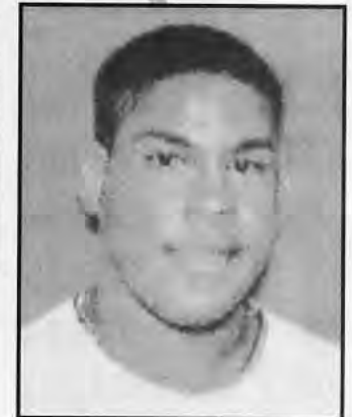
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"Good Night Isabel"



"Everything Is
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"The Turkeys KNOW!"



"We are going to start
our own sorority."



"WOW..cool dude!"



"I'll get it...BAHH!!..My
hip! My hip!"



"Sorry guys I had to
move again, that makes it
five times this semester."



"Yes, hello I lost my
yellow shirt and
AHHHH!"



"Jose, NO!"



"I finally got to meet
my UCF sorority
sisters!"



"DUDE!"



"Oh, great. Guess what
town we are in!"



"Sorry, I can't work in
that office."



"Prepare to meet your
DOOM!"



"You can't miss
UCF...it's surrounded
by trees."



"One time at yearbook
camp...!"



"You guys, for the last
time what do you need
me to take pictures of!"



"F@#%, the movie...!"
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"Good Luck Gigi!"

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From A Different Angle

"College graduates are a dime a dozen. Today you must make yourself stand out."

-Robert Frost



During the Walk on Water competition, the students of the School of Architecture built several types of walking shoes to cross one of the lakes. *Photo By Maria Navas*



As students of Florida International University, we find ourselves asking the questions. Have we set our standards? Have we accomplished our goals? Did we meet our destiny? As college students we are faced with different obstacles and challenges. From the way we eat, to the way we dress. We are overshadowed and underestimated by many. Each day when entering FIU, we are surrounded by different cultures and lifestyles. With such a variety, it is no surprise that FIU is one of the most progressive universities in the country.



During Homecoming, Orlando Amarin and Ana Olivares enjoy themselves on one of the caravans. *Photo By Fox-Mar Studios*

Surpassing his opponent, Carlos Arroyo scores against a player from Florida Atlantic University. *Photo By Geoff Anderson*

At the Lip-Sync Competition during Homecoming Week, this student performs a skit from the Rocky Horror Picture Show. *Photo By Fox-Mar Studios*

After a year of hard work, the ladies of Omega Beta Phi establish the Alpha Chapter of their sorority at FIU. *Photo By Jose Otero*

During a Track and Field meet in the Spring, Sadie Wells jumps as far as she can in the long jump competition. *Photo By Geoff Anderson*

The year brought many new additions the Dazzlers officially changed its name to the Golden Panther Dancers. *Photo By Jose Otero*



FIU has accomplished the impossible. Established a College of Law, a new football team, enhanced the college life and added new dormitory apartments, just to name a few. As the year progressed, so did the students and faculty. The VISION Yearbook placed in five national awards, while the athletic program ended ranking top in the SunBelt Conference. Some changes came into play this year. The Student Government Association decided to change its logo originally created in 1974. The Dazzlers changed its name to the Golden Panther Dancers and the Office of Student Affairs merged with Academic Affairs creating a powerful combination for a student's academic success. In addition, The College of Health Science also joined the College of Urban

“Some people succeed because they are destined to, but most people succeed because they are determined to.”

-Anonymous



During sorority Bid Day, Mariela Campuzano and Evie Battillo anticipate their turn to announce which sorority they chose. *Photo By Jose Otero*

“Don't be afraid of pressure, remember that pressure turns a lump of coal into a diamond.”

-Anonymous



After winning the regional championship in South Bend, Indiana, Miguel Quintana is interviewed by local news reporters on his successful season. *Photo By Carolina Palacios*

and Public Affairs to create a new school. As the year came to a close, we look at what we have accomplished as a team. Whether it was playing baseball or being Greek, each person contributed something unique to FIU. We live in a society that judges people by appearance and overlooking the qualities that people possess. Take the time to get to know someone. Do not assume or judge someone by their appearance, because at the end you will be in for a big surprise.

-Jose Manuel Otero
2001 VISION Editor In Chief

...and the students and faculty of Florida International University lived happily ever after.

THE END
:-)



The Day has arrived, the class of 2001 celebrates with a balloon drop after receiving their diplomas. *Photo By Jose Otero*

Showing true brotherhood, the gentlemen of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity celebrate their Founder's Day. *Photo By Eduardo Rodriguez-Perez*

During a men's basketball game, Melissa Lantza performs a Liberty to enthusiastically get the crowd motivated. *Photo By Geoff Anderson*



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Through the pages of CONCOLOR, ENTHEOS and VISION, I had the opportunity to meet a variety of different people. They affected my life and helped me create the person I am today. How can I ever forget Ms. Melville's love to her students, Gigi's compassion, Jorge's great attitude, Vanessa's guidance, Isabel's commitment, Sharon's support, Elizabeth's friendliness, Tere's sincerity, Carolina's determination, Mariela's good heart and Mr. Monaco's teachings. This has been a very difficult year for me, losing my friend Kathy to suicide, my grandfather passing away, and sacrificing everything to complete this yearbook. But out of the Darkness a light shines bright shattering the evil and coldness that have surrounded my life. At the end of the light I just see my true friends standing there always believing in me no matter what. Even at the worst moments of my life, my friends & family came to my side just either to hug me or let me know that, "Jose, if it wasn't for you I wouldn't have ever have done yearbook", "Thanks to you that I can remember that special moment" and "You are the reason why we have a yearbook". Knowing the respect I have earned from my friends and peers cannot compare to any award I have ever won. Mom, Dad, Julie, John, Cassy, Tere, Isabel, Sharon, Elizabeth, Carolina, Gigi, Jorge, Mariela, Hatzel, Kryz, Alex Orly M., Carlos B. and Mike Q. thank you for standing by me and always believing in me. I promised all of you that this book would happen at whatever sacrifices needed to be made. Knowing that I had all of you made this a true reality for everyone. Each year I have the opportunity to dedicate my yearbook to one special person, this year I decided to change that and dedicate it to everyone who has been an influence on my life. Without the people we encounter, we do not have memories, without memories, we have no yearbook, without a yearbook there is no record. To those who made my life very difficult this year or said that this yearbook was not going to happen. Well guess what? It did! As the year comes to a close, I end my Final volume as Editor In Chief. I know that I have given everything I can to the yearbook and I have never ever regretted any of it. Yearbook will always be a part of me. Yes it is sad that I will no longer hold the name as Editor In Chief, but I know the time I have served has been an experience that will never be forgotten especially to myself and the people who I had the opportunity to touch. I no longer stand-alone anymore, I realized my self-worth and no one will ever take that away from me. Like the words I used at the end of my Senior Yearbook "Only Time Can Tell." No it's not time that can tell, it is you who can. You're the judge of your own destiny. Make every moment worth living and you can look into a happier and much more fulfilling life. As long as there is love, faith and friendship in this world we can look into a beautiful and brighter future.

*I Will Always Remember All Of You,
Jose Manuel Otero
Editor In Chief*



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